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The new forestry truck was purchased on a state bid from a dealer in Maine. Since then it's been fitted out with forest fire fighting equipment.
Photos: Jake Otis

New Forestry Truck is Getting Well Fitted Out

It should be finished and training underway soon

Rene Lefebvre, AFD chief

Thanks to the support of the people of Andover, we were able to purchase a 2016 Ford 550 four-wheel drive vehicle to serve as our forestry truck. The truck was purchased on State bid.

Thanks to the efforts of Stephen Barton, a dealer was found that handles this size truck in Bangor, Maine. Stephen and I made the long trek to the dealer; we signed for the truck, had a great lunch, and headed home. Five-plus hours in heavy rain and driving wind, and a detour, made for an exhausting trip home. Seeing the truck in the station made the trip well worth the effort.

With the help of Stephen and Jake Johnson, the truck was sent to Global Truck Traders in Winchester to have an aluminum platform body installed. The next trip was to Dale's Paint and Place in Newport to be lettered.

As the firemen were leaving for Newport to pick up the truck, we received a fire call. Our thanks to Stephen's wife, Meghan, and his mother, Gail, for retrieving the truck for us. The fire department is very much a family team.

The next installation was the fire skid unit built by Kimtek Corporation in Orleans, Vermont. This is the pump, tank, and hose reel that is mounted on the platform.

After that, teams mounted the tool boxes and wired the skid unit. The next installation is the fire radio, emergency lights, and siren. That should take



The skid unit on the back of the new forestry truck was built in Orleans, Vermont.

place within the next few weeks. Then we will install hose and other forestry equipment and start training to use the pump and other systems that are unique to forestry. The truck will be in service for firefighting soon.

It has been a very exciting journey, from design to requesting funds to the very positive vote and comments of the voters at Town Meeting. Our forest warden Stephen Barton has taken the lead and with the help of the firefighters has made this project a reality.



On May 16, members of the Andover Cemetery Trustees and of Andover's American Legion Post 101 gathered to place a flag at the grave of each veteran buried in Proctor Cemetery. Pictured are (front) Ron Evans, Pat Cutter, Lloyd Perreault, Bill Leber, Skip Powers, (back) John Hanscom, Don Clendenen, and Faith Clendenen. In the days that followed, memorial flags were placed at other Andover cemeteries as well.

Photo: Charlie Darling

Fourth of July Parade to Celebrate "American Heroes"

Rain date for festivities is July 9

Fourth of July Committee

We have about one month to go until the Andover Fourth of July celebration! We are hoping to have a record number of floats this year, thinking that the theme, American Heroes, will inspire people to put something together for the parade.

As usual, the Andover Lions Club will be putting on its spectacular pancake breakfast starting at 7 AM at AE/MS. After a hearty breakfast, head over to the Festival on the Green to check out this year's offerings from vendors and some new features such as games for kids, a photo exhibit, and an old-time engine display.

The committee has also asked the Andover Historical Society to display something special for everyone. Later in the morning, the Kearsarge Community Band will play their selections of patriotic and marching songs.

The Kids Parade will form at a new location and time this year. This is an accommodation for those of you who have found this to be a long, hot wait with young children. The children will gather at the Andover Fire Station at 11:30 AM with judging at 11:45 AM. So don't be late! We can't wait to see what the kids come up with this year!

The parade will begin, as usual, at noon at the Proctor Field House. Leading up to that would be a good time to

grab lunch or a snack from the many food vendors on the Village Green!

We have already confirmed the following previous parade entries: Captain Morrill's Company, the Bektash Drum and Bugle Corp, Leapin' Lena, New Hampshire Pipes and Drums, plus The Lyme Town Band, which will be a new entry. Volunteers will be judging the floats, cars, and animals, with cash prizes awarded.

From 1 PM until evening there will be live music and refreshments on the Village Green. Keep an eye out for other activities, such as softball games, around town.

The fireworks will again be launched from the Proctor Ski Area. The committee has requested high-altitude displays with some big boomers (at the request of some of last year's spectators). Select viewing spots will be Carr Field, the Village Green, and Corson Field (behind the school).

In the case of rain, all the Village Green activities will take place on Saturday, July 9, and there will be no parade on July 4. If the parade is cancelled on July 4, then parade entrants are invited to line up on July 9 at the beginning of Lawrence Street for viewing and judging.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade should call Donna French at 735-6131. Anyone interested in a space on the Village Green should contact Doug Phelps at 802-310-1045 or Doug.Phelps80@gmail.com.

Select Board Seeks Volunteers to Study Noise Ordinance Issue

Wanted: a realistic and enforceable approach

Andover Select Board

The Andover Select Board needs your help!

The Noise Ordinance was resoundingly deemed unacceptable in the format in which it was presented last March. It was agreed, at that time, to set aside the subject and revisit it later in the year.

We all agreed that some form of "noise" control or guideline was necessary; however, the March ordinance

was seen as too restrictive and lacked a common sense, balanced approach to the issue.

With that in mind, the Town Administrator and the Select Board are looking for five volunteers to form a focus group to meet two or three times to discuss and present recommendations for a noise ordinance that is realistic and enforceable. This is especially true and necessary for our Police Department should they be called, providing direction and allowing them the flexibility to react according to the situation.

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Fourth of July Fundraising Continues into June

Nice prizes included in raffle basket

Judy Perreault
Fourth of July Committee

The figures are not in for our town-wide canvas, but the deadline for names in the program was May 31. You can still make a donation up to and on the Fourth of July, but they will be acknowledged in The Andover Beacon instead of in the Fourth of July program.

We hope you will support this celebration. It has been an Andover tradition for 74 years. It is an expensive event to produce. Many towns have given it up due to fundraising issues. Let's not be one of them.

In addition to the canvassing, the Fourth of July Committee is having its annual raffle with some very nice prizes. Grevior Furniture in Franklin has generously donated an oak coffee table with a top that raises to make it higher and allow storage inside. It is valued at

over \$400. There is also a beautiful red, white, and blue crocheted afghan donated by Susan Aste of East Andover and a basket of Made in New Hampshire products.

We actually have a second raffle going. Donna French donated a beautiful bracelet, valued at over \$100.

We have sold raffle tickets at Town Meeting and at the May Swap Shop day. We plan to be at the June Swap Shop day, too. Drop by and take a look at these great prizes and pick up some tickets for yourself and your family. They are \$2 each, or six for \$5. A few raffle tickets would make a nice gift for Dad on Father's Day.

You will also have an opportunity to buy tickets on the Fourth at the Andover Lions Club Pancake Breakfast and on the Village Green. The drawing will be at the end of the day, or on the rain date if necessary.

Remember: Donations are tax deductible!

Andover's Road Relics Car Club Holds Show on the Fourth

Two prizes plus driving in the parade

Judy Perreault
Fourth of July Committee

Plans are just about complete for the Fourth of July Road Relics car show to be held on the Fourth at Pizza Chef. All makes and models of cars are welcome. The show begins at 9 AM and ends at 1 PM. Entrants will receive a ticket for a drawing later in the day.

This year, in addition to the 50/50 raffle we are raffling a tailgate bench.

John Keyser has made two trophies for prizes. These are original sculptures

made out of car parts. One is for Hot Rods and Custom Cars, and the other is for Best Rat Rod.

We have a variety of cars: the old, the new, and the in-between. I bet some of them will bring back memories.

Cars that wish to be considered for parade prizes need to be at the Proctor Field House by 10 AM for judging. Otherwise, cars may join the parade from Pizza Chef.

This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM. For more information, including the meeting place, call Jim Henderson at 735-5448.

Photo Contest Planned for Fourth of July on the Village Green

Indicate your interest by June 15

Press release

The Andover Institute is sponsoring a Photo Contest as part of this year's Fourth of July celebration in downtown Andover. Participants may enter one photo, ready for hanging, and the photo must have been taken within the town of Andover. Entry is free, and the public will get to vote on their favorite photos on parade day.

"The Andover Fourth of July Committee thought a photo contest would be a great addition to the annual festivities," Institute representative Jay Fitzpatrick said. "So we agreed to work with them to organize this contest." The contest is open to amateur photo enthusiasts of all ages.

Images may be printed, matted and framed, mounted on foam core, or printed on aluminum or other substrates such as canvas, wood, or fabric, framed or unframed, with maximum final size of 11" by 14", oriented horizontally or vertically.

Each entry must be ready to hang, with entrants providing hanging wire or hooks on the backs of their entries, as well as their name and phone number on the back. Each participant may

enter one photo, so they are encouraged to carefully select their best!

Those who wish to participate must notify contest coordinator Steve Colardeau by Wednesday, June 15, by simply e-mailing their intentions to SColardeau@tds.net. Upon notification, he will send further instructions.

Submitted photos must be delivered to the Village Green between 8 and 9 AM on Parade Day. The Institute will have a tent set up near the Stone Chapel, where the photos will be displayed throughout the day.

The public will be given ballots so they can vote for their top three choices. Awards will be given based on the popular vote, and a Best of Show award will be selected by a panel of judges. Ribbons will be given to all participants, and the vote-getters will receive special recognition, including having their images published in The Andover Beacon and various other publications and media outlets.

All photos entered into the contest will be on display throughout the month of July in the Andover Town Hall.

For more information or to express interest in participating by June 15, please contact Steve Colardeau at SColardeau@tds.net.

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The First Saturday in May, 2016

The first Saturday in May is arguably the busiest day in Andover every year. This year's activities included:

- Andover Fish and Game Club's Kids Spring Trout Derby
- A plant sale and bake sale at the Andover Congregational Church's Highland Lake Grange Hall
- Clean-up day at the Andover Historical Society's museums in Potter Place

- Softball games at Corson Field behind AE/MS
- Merrimack County Conservation District's sale of plants, trees, and shrubs at the Town Hall, sponsored by the Andover Conservation Commission
- The Andover Service Club's "Welcome Spring" Arts and Crafts Show and Sale at AE/MS

These photos capture some of the bustle in our busy town.



Andover Historical Society volunteers turned out in force on Saturday, May 7 (and in the weeks before and after) to give the AHS properties in Potter Place a good annual spring cleaning. Suzy Norris, pictured here, had plenty to keep her busy in the JC Emons Store and Potter Place Post Office; other volunteers spruced up the grounds, the Potter Place Railroad Station, the freight house, and the caboose. Photo: Charlie Darling



Phil Sargent and his son Finn, son and grandson of Ann Sargent-Henderson, were among the 64 kids and their families who turned out on May 7, a damp, gray Saturday morning, for Andover Fish and Game Club's annual Kids Spring Trout Fishing Derby. Photo: Charlie Darling



At bat, Hannah Churchill lets a pitch go by during an opening-day softball game on May 7 at the AE/MS ballfield. Calling the balls and strikes was umpire Melissa Thompson. Photo: Charlie Darling



The Andover Conservation Commission and the Merrimack County Conservation District together sponsored a plant, tree, and shrub sale on May 7 in front of the Town Hall. The focus was on pollinator plants for bees and insects, though the group also took orders for rain barrels made in the area. Making their plant selections are Margo Coolidge and Lorraine Roberts; helping Margo and Lorraine are MCCD employees Stacy Luke and Harriette Yazzie-Whitcomb. Photo: Charlie Darling



Mary Lloyd-Evans of Highland Lake Farm and Joan Wallen share a light moment at the bustling "Welcome Spring" Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on May 7. The Andover Service Club staged the event to showcase our talented local artists and artisans and to raise money for its Merit Scholarship Fund. Photo: Charlie Darling



The Andover Congregational Church held its annual Plant and Bake Sale at the Highland Lake Grange Hall on May 7. Beth Bellows (foreground) helped Jane Walker and Annette Bashaw with their purchases. Photo: Charlie Darling

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Andover Real Estate Transactions, April and May 2016

April 16 through May 15, 2016

On April 26, Mario Messina sold 216 Plains Road to Zachary Ordway and Erica Bennett for \$164,500. Susan Robinson of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Amherst assisted the seller; Matthew-John Graves of B&B Realty of Concord assisted the buyer. The 920-square foot house has 3 bedrooms and 1 bath and sits on 1.7 acres.

On April 28, Howard Wilson sold 57 Agony Hill Road to Elwin Barton for \$50,000. Art Urie of Lake Farm Realty assisted the seller and the buyer. The 560-square foot house has 3 bedrooms and 1 bath and sits on 6.2 acres.

On April 29, Habitat for Humanity sold 93 Route 4A to Carmen Bates for \$66,800. The house sits on 5.13 acres.

On May 4, the Wilcox Estate sold 22 Morrill Hill Road to Cynthia LaValley and Eric Rickards for \$99,900. Jan Wickens of the Bean Group in Franklin assisted the seller; Sam Wasp of American Heritage Realty assisted the buyer. The 1,347-square foot house has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 1.2 acres.

On May 5, Wilfred Durgin sold 30.7 acres off Plains Road to Christopher Caron for \$20,000.

On May 6, the Roger Hersey Estate sold 2.7 acres in the Dyers Crossing

area to the Viandier Trust for \$6,500. Stacey Viandier of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the buyer.

On May 6, the Silk Trust sold 167 Bradley Lake Road to Karen Cangiano for \$195,000. Stacey Viandier of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller and the buyer. The 1,986-square foot house has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 3.7 acres.

On May 6, the Adams Trust sold 18 Maple Street to Derek Hinkley and Patricia Webster for \$285,000. Charlie McCrave of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller; Doug Peel of Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty assisted the buyer. The 2,916-square foot house has 6 bedrooms and 1 bath and sits on 23.51 acres.

Andover Inventory

There are currently 17 residential properties on the market, plus nine residential properties under contract for sale.

There are currently three land parcels on the market, and no parcels under contract for sale.

There are currently two commercial properties on the market, and none under contract for sale.

Data from NNEREN.com/sold-properties and MerrimackCountyDeedsNH.com for 4/16/2016 through 5/15/2016.

Noise from page 1

It is very obvious that this is an issue of emotion and has many, many points of view. Our intent is to craft an open, effective, and logical protocol, created by a representative group of citizens. Further, we also ask that any resident submit their thoughts via e-mail or note through the office of the Town Administrator, which will be forwarded to the Focus Group unedited.

It is vitally important that this initiative be seen as an effort to properly address an issue that is not going away. A flexible plan with common sense actions is the goal and not an attempt to impose extreme measures that hinder

normal activities for work or pleasure.

Contact the Town Administrator if you want to be a focus group member, and if you have thoughts please e-mail or drop us a note through the Town Administrators' office. Again, all input will be forwarded to the focus group unedited for their review.

The Town Administrator and Select Board are actively seeking locations to publicly post information on this issue as well as other initiatives in a timely manner. Open and timely communications on proposed town activities and actions going forward is our goal. Surprises and misinformation are not partners of good government.

Letters

Herbicides on the Rail Trail

The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Merrimack County (FNRT) Board of Directors have contracted with a licensed applicator for the spraying of herbicides (glyphosate and other chemicals) on a six-mile section of the trail from Chance Pond Road in Franklin to Stirrup Pond Road in Boscawen for vegetation control.

While no date has been set, as it will depend on weather conditions, the spraying will take place before June 15. The FNRT Board has agreed to post signs on this section of the trail on the day of application. The Board is con-

sidering future herbicide application to the remaining 33 miles in Merrimack County.

As a frequent user and lover of the Northern Rail Trail, I feel others would appreciate knowing about the spraying of herbicides on the trail. For more information or to share your concerns, contact Friends of the Northern Rail Trail at Info@FNRT.org or through Facebook at Facebook.com/FNRTnh.

Linda Howes

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Andover Police Department, April 2016

The Andover Police Department handled 442 Calls for Service during April, including:

- Ambulance: 3
- Assist Police: 10
- Assist Social Service Agencies: 3
- Bomb Threat: 1
- Traffic Offense Citations: 12
- Civil Issue/Stand by: 3
- Loose dog: 3
- Neighborhood Disputes: 2

- Noise Disturbances: 1
- Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident: 3
- Traffic Offense Warnings: 155
- Warrant, Criminal/Civil: 3

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Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord, May 2016

Will not run for re-election in the fall

Mario Ratzki, NH Representative

The New Hampshire House of Representatives had two sessions in May, on the 11th and the 19th. The House is in the process of going through Senate bills, while the Senate is dealing with House bills. This is called, accurately enough, Crossover.

If there are any changes made by one or the other body, those changes must be concurred with; or not concurred with, in which case the bill dies; or go to a Committee of Conference which may resolve the differences ... or not.

We will not get a clear picture of which bills make it through the process since, for the most controversial bills, a Committee of Conference is usually proposed. June 2 is the deadline for all bills to be voted on.

Of the House bills sent back to us from the Senate, quite a few were recommended "to concur," in which case the bill will become law, barring a veto from the Governor.

HB 1644, screening and intervention for dyslexia, a bill Representative Karen Ebel of New London worked hard on, passed on a voice vote.

HB 1531, to permit opening the State House on weekends at no cost to the State, passed on a voice vote.

HB 430, allowing towns to adopt a property tax credit for all honorably discharged veterans, passed on a voice vote.

HB 297, protecting private customer data from disclosure by a public utility, passed on a voice vote.

SB 336, obtaining a license to conceal carry, passed the House on a 217 to 132 vote and will likely be vetoed by the governor.

SB 498, reducing the penalties for mari-

juana possession, passed on a 289 to 58 vote.

SB 4, establishing a 30-day domicile requirement to vote, passed on a partisan vote of 203 to 144 and will also likely be vetoed by the Governor.

SB 464, establishing a drug court program for non-violent first time offenders, at a cost of \$2.23 million, passed on a voice vote.

SB 426, establishing an end-of-life choices study commission, failed to pass on a 123 to 174 vote and was found Inexpedient to Legislate.

SB 441, raising the fees charged to seniors for skiing at Cannon Mountain and other state parks, was amended to allow free weekday access and passed the House on a 191 to 96 vote.

HB 1161, prohibiting conversion therapy, will go to a conference committee and is not yet a done deal.

In Merrimack County, we have had our first oversight committee meeting on the Concord County Courthouse. There are two bids to choose from, both under the allocated monies.

The League of Women Voters held a forum in New London of elected office holders: Senator Little and seven representatives, including yours truly. I highly recommend voters attend these forums. They are extremely instructive, with a breadth of knowledge from the participants who belong to different committees.

I will not be running for a third term. It was an incredible honor and a great pleasure to serve in the General Court of our great State of New Hampshire. Our three towns, Andover, Danbury and Salisbury, need good representation in Concord. I am happy to provide advice to any prospective candidate.

I am always available at 735-5440 or MarioRatzki@gmail.com.

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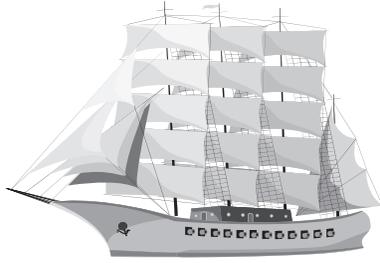


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Ford Model A Parts: Three used carburetors, crank, connecting rod wrench, 21 GE 1000 taillight bulbs. 735-5529.

Window Quilts: 3' x 6', used, 10 of them, best offer. Tile saw with stand: \$150. 735-5586.

Ink Cartridges: HP940XL, never used. Two black, \$40; one yellow, \$15; one magenta, \$15. HP 8500 Office Jet all-in-one printer: for parts only, \$10. BigBobby@tds.net.

Husky Generator: Subaru engine, 5,000 running watts, 6,250 starting watts. Never been started. Purchased for \$600. 735-5960.

Fire Department and EMS Help Story of Lost Hikers End Well

Rene Lefebvre, Fire chief

I was recently at a Federal center that dispatches firefighters for much of the United States and three provinces in Canada. The mission of these firefighters is focused on forest fires on federal lands. The place was very impressive and is in Campton, New Hampshire.

The very nice lady who was conducting the tour for about 40 fire chiefs asked the group if we only fight structure fires. A hardy chuckle went around the room, and a chief said, "We handle whatever comes through the door. We never know what we will be doing in the next 10 minutes."

Such was the case when we were called to find lost hikers on Mount Kearsarge at 4:30 PM on the afternoon of April 16. The mountain does have many trails; however, there are a lot of woods to get lost in when a hiker is not paying attention.

The search teams loaded personal four-wheelers and our Gator and brought them to the assembly point at the Andover Main Street station. Maps were brought out to align the coordinates that we were given by 911 in order to find the safest path to the hikers.

Though our teams are all at home in the woods, proper care must be taken to

assure a safe and successful outcome. Portable radios are assigned to two-person crews, along with water and a gear check. Crews are assigned a location and are signed in the log to make sure all responders are accounted for. The ambulances from Andover EMS with EMTs are dispatched to the staging area for quick medical response for either the hikers or searchers.

Due to the lateness of the day, the helicopter from Dartmouth Hospital was called to aid in our search. New Hampshire Fish and Game also provided a team to search.

It was a new experience for us to direct the helicopter to search locations. It tested our map reading and compass skills. After several attempts, the helicopter crew was able to visually see the lost hikers. The Fish and Game crew was the closest and led the hikers out of the woods. The good news is that the three hikers were a bit cold and bug bitten, but no worse for the experience.

A review of the incident was shared around our meeting room table, along with lots of pizza. The hikers and the team are home safe, and the Chief is sitting back thinking, "I wonder what we'll be doing 10 minutes from now?"

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

RSA 91-A:2 states that minutes from each meeting of each Town body must “be promptly recorded and open to public inspection not more than five business days after the meeting.”

Minutes are often not in publishable form at that point. Considering the time it takes to make them publishable, and the long lag between issues of the *Beacon*, it may be a month or more before they appear in the *Beacon*.

Select Board

February 1

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Marj Roy; Vicky Mishcon; Jim Delaney

Also present: Chief Laramie; John Thompson; Andy Guptill

Road Agent Report

The highway crew is working on the fire truck and the one-ton truck along with cemetery work

Town Administrator Roy and Selectman Mishcon reviewed their meeting with DOT.

Morrill Hill Bridge: Roy and Mishcon spoke with Steve Lilakos, the engineer who advised that this bridge is ready to collapse and needs to be repaired. Steve advised the bridge can collapse at any time and the trucks and buses should not be traveling across it. He recommends posting the three- and six-ton limit signs or closing it due to its poor condition. The Board agreed on his assessment.

The Board voted unanimously to go to the final stage of planning for the bridge to be scheduled for repairing, “the final contract plan.”

The Board voted unanimously to post the Morrill Hill Bridge at a six-ton limit.

Kearsarge Mountain Road: Andover has 20 bridges to repair, more than most towns. Roy and Mishcon spoke to Nancy Mayville. Mayville recommended getting an engineer and a sketch of the bridge. The Board suggested the road agent take photos on February 2 before it rains and then also on Wednesday or Thursday after the rain.

Funding of Morrill Hill Bridge: Roy spoke to Ashley Miller at Plodzick Sanderson. The money for this bridge was in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

which the town voted to discontinue that particular fund and move into the new bridge fund. However, the money was inadvertently moved into the general fund. A warrant article needs to be drafted to have the money moved from the general fund into the new bridge fund or a non-lapsing fund.

Lenny Caron

Caron presented the Board with a signed agreement that expires in March 2016. Caron requested a year extension, making the new agreement to expire in March 2017. Roy will have a new agreement drawn up with the new agreement

Andover's Select Board

At the May 16 meeting of the Andover Board of Selectmen, the Board voted to rename itself the Andover Select Board.

The *Beacon* will use the new name from now on, of course, but please excuse any lapses you may spot as we get used to the change.

expiring in March 2017. The Board voted unanimously to extend the agreement to expire in March 2017.

Warrant Articles

Andy Guptill presented a petition with signatures regarding the purchase of 43 Salisbury Road (Tax map 12-078-443). The petition was to authorize the Town to expend not more than \$40,000 to purchase this property with buildings and structures thereon. The petition will go to the Town Clerk to check all signatures as registered voters.

Roy presented a current list of warrants. See Select Board on page 9

Office Hours & Meetings

OFFICE HOURS

Town Office: Mon-Thu 9-2
Fridays by appointment only
Town Clerk & Tax Collector:
Mon, Wed, Thu, 9-2
Tue, 1:30-6:30
Last Saturday of month, 9-11
(except on long holiday weekends)

Building Inspector: Tues, 6-7

Andover Library:
Mon, 6:30-8:30
Wed, 9-12 & 6:30-8:30
Thu, 12:30-4:30 • Sat, 10-12

Bachelor Library:
Tues, 9-12:30 & 6:30-8:30
Thu, 3-5; 6:30-8:30 • Fri, 1:30-5

Transfer Station:
Wed, 7-5 (7-6 during Daylight Time)
Sat, 7-5

Swap Event (May-Oct):
2nd Sat (rain: 3rd Sat), 8-2
Transfer Station

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Select Board:
1st & 3rd Mon, 6:30
Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7
Capital Improvement Planning:
Last Thu, 7
Zoning Board of Adjustment:
3rd Tue, 7
Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7:30
Recreation: 2nd Tues, 7,
AE/MS Science Room
Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7
(except Jul & Aug), Andover
Library or Bachelor Library
Fourth of July: 1st Wed,
Andover Fire Station, 7
Andover Fire Department: Mon, 7
Andover EMS: 2nd Wed, 7
East Andover Fire Station
School Board: 1st Tue
(except July), 6:30, AE/MS

For more information, call the Town Office at 735-5332.

Mark Your Calendar!

JUNE

- 1: Fourth of July, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 6: Board of Selectmen, 6:30
- 6: Fire Department, 7
- 7: Building Permits, 6-7
- 7: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- 8: Andover EMS, East Andover Fire Station, 7
- 8: Conservation Commission, 7:30
- 11: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-12
- 13: Fire Department, 7
- 14: Building Permits, 6-7
- 14: Planning Board, 7
- 14: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7
- 16: Library Trustees, 7
- 20: Board of Selectmen, 6:30
- 20: Fire Departments, 7
- 21: Building Permits, 6-7
- 21: Zoning Board, 7
- 27: Fire Departments, 7

- 28: Building Permits, 6-7
- 28: Planning Board, 7
- 30: Capital Improvement, 7

JULY

- 5: Board of Selectmen, 6:30
- 5: Building Permits, 6-7
- 9: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-12
- 11: Fire Department, 7
- 12: Building Permits, 6-7
- 12: Planning Board, 7
- 12: Andover EMS, East Andover Fire Station, 7
- 13: Conservation Commission, 7
- 18: Board of Selectmen, 6:30
- 18: Fire Department, 7
- 19: Building Permits, 6-7
- 19: Zoning Board, 7
- 26: Building Permits, 6-7
- 26: Planning Board, 7
- 28: Capital Improvement, 7

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rant articles for the Board to review.

Budget Committee Chair

Roy discussed with the Board the concerns of the Budget Committee chair about an elected and an appointed road agent; a Town employee and a contracted position. The Budget Committee chair would like a comparison of savings.

February 16

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Duncan Coolidge; Jim Delaney; Vicky Mishcon

Also present: Bill Keyser, Carlos Ayala; Joshua Barton; Gina Reich, Georgie Barton; Jayson Thompson; Josh Barton; Ricky Barton; Herbie Barton

Public Meeting on Noise Ordinance

The Board opened the public meeting at 6:30 PM. Copies of a potential version of a noise ordinance were explained by the Board for public input. The Board discussed that this is a draft for public input only.

Bill Keyser felt the draft was too restrictive and unnecessary for a small town like Andover.

Carolos Ayala was concerned about the 7:30 AM start for workmen in town. Ayalos felt a reasonable change would be 6 AM.

Josh Barton was concerned that Andover even needs a noise ordinance. Barton wanted to know if the public notice for this hearing is all that was needed.

Gina Reich questioned if the noise problem was widespread and if Andover needed a noise ordinance. Reich feels most people in town will suffer if there is a noise ordinance. Reich offered 10 PM as an alternative.

Georgie Barton wanted to know if people who have donkeys would be effected with this noise ordinance

Bill Keyser wanted to know if someone with a rooster would be effected.

Jayson Thompson wanted to know who devised the draft.

Ricky Barton asked why the police can't keep the peace. If the police can't do anything then why do we even have a full-time police force?

Selectman Coolidge explained that without an ordinance, the police cannot

enforce it.

Herbie Barton wanted to know if roofers would be included because if so, he suggests the time be changed to 6 AM on Monday through Friday.

Josh Barton was concerned because construction vehicles need to warm up.

Selectman Delaney suggested the group review and mark up, then submit to the Town their suggestions for changes to the proposed draft.

Closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM

Budget Committee and Town Report

Roy reported that the Town Report went to the printer without the Budget Committee's input and recommendations. The Budget Committee will meet afterward. They do not have the water and fire district information so therefore will not have their recommendations to put into the Town Report. Town Counsel recommended attaching the information in a pamphlet style. Roy will request the Budget Committee to staple and add the information to the Town Reports.

Complaint on 40 Switch Road

A resident on Switch Road wrote a letter and included photos concerning the number of unregistered and uninspected vehicles on the property at 40 Switch Road. The complaint will be given to the Zoning Administrator.

Town Office Boiler Repairs

Roy reported that the Library did not have heat on Saturday. This is the fourth time in six weeks. Huckleberry Fuels came out on Monday to repair the boiler again.

Single Stream Recycling Increase

Single stream has increased \$20 a ton according to Marilyn Weare. It was \$54 a ton and effective February 15 it will be \$74 a ton. It adjusts on a monthly basis. To remove glass at \$30 a ton, it's cheaper to separate the glass from other recyclables.

March 7

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Marj Roy; Vicky Mishcon; Jim Delaney

Road Agent Report

The crew started to put out gravel but they are almost out of it. Thompson wants to talk to the crush company so the Town does not have to buy more

stone. Currently they are out of the ¾" and 1 ½" for the roads.

The crew is also dealing with the mud issues.

Thompson signed the road posting notice.

Reappointment of Daniel Coolidge

The Board signed Coolidge's reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and will send it to the Town Clerk so he can be sworn into office.

Sign Permit Application

Roy abstained due to a family conflict. The Board voted unanimously to approve the permanent sign for J-Mac's Services and Repairs.

Light at Gale Road and Depot Street

A concerned resident called to notify the Town that there is a light out at Gale Road and Depot Street. The light is not a Town light. The Town has not been billed for this light. According to New Hampshire Electric Co-op, it is an issue of dangerousness. Mishcon and Delaney will go view the situation. It is tabled until further investigation. However, Chief Laramie entered the meeting and went out immediately to view the site.

Red Listed Bridges

The Board reviewed the list of red-listed bridges in town. Their goal is to get bonds.

Budget for Town Meeting

Roy reported that there is a different figure for the total of the Town Budget. The Board of Selectmen reflects \$2,179,615 and the Budget Committee

reflects \$2,130,768. The difference is the amount for the forestry vehicle.

Correspondence and Signatures

Peco Beaufaits of the Highland Lake Inn requested a statement from the Town that he is operating as an inn and events facility and is in the Village District.

Signature needed for Lenny Caron's Intent to Excavate from April 1, 2016 to April 1, 2017.

Comcast Annual Notice.

March 21

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Marj Roy, Dave Blinn, Jim Delaney, Vicky Mishcon

Introduction of newly-elected selectman David Blinn.

Reorganization of the Board

Elect Chairman: Delaney made the motion for Mishcon to be the new Board chair. Blinn seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Mishcon is the Board Chairman.

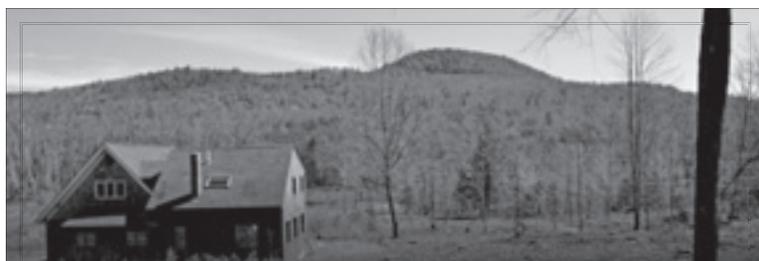
Elect Vice-Chairman: Mishcon made the motion for Delaney to be the new vice-chairman. Blinn seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Delaney is the new vice-chairman.

New member Dave Blinn will be *ex officio* to the Planning Board, and Jim Delaney will continue as the Budget Committee *ex officio*.

Road Agent Report

Thomson reported the projects they are currently working on.

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Gravel at the Transfer Station is getting ready to crush.

Conversion of the fire truck: They are waiting for the drive shaft. It is in the planning process. They found a truck in Lebanon, Maine that has all the parts. Thompson will view and see before the week is over.

The crew is grading roads and putting out gravel on the upper part of Currier Road.

Thompson is not sure how much longer posted road signs will remain posted.

Howard George called Thompson regarding Blackwater Park and the Proctor Cemetery. George will show the Highway Department how to turn the water on and off at those places.

Highland Lake Bob House Complaint

Blinn viewed the bob house. The Board discussed and will put it on the "watch list."

Fire Warden Stephen Barton

Steve Barton: Ordered items to outfit truck. Barton negotiated these items in Warrant Article 10 for approximately \$6,000 less than the \$33,160 voted on at Town Meeting.

For Article 9, the new price on the lease will be approximately \$2,000 more than the voters approved. After Roy discussed this with Department of Revenue Administration, it was decided that there did not need to be a motion by the Board because the warrants were

"individual" and not "special" warrant articles, and the funds could be interchanged as long as they did not go over what the voters approved. There are sufficient funds between both Warrant Articles 9 and 10.

Flags at Covered Bridges

American Legion Post 101 will absorb all costs of putting up two flags (standard 6' x 4') on flagpoles on the front of Keniston Bridge, in Cilleyville. The Board approved.

If the Board approves paying for a 25' flag pole and the supplies to put it at Town Hall, the Legion will furnish the labor to install it. The preliminary proposal is approximately \$474 for supplies, including the flag pole.

The Board voted unanimously to allow the legion to get the final figures.

Dan Coolidge, ZBA

Requested members for the ZBA. The previous board meeting there was not a quorum and the applicant traveled from Jaffrey area. There are two new members, Duncan Coolidge and Todd Goings. Dan urged the board to assist in getting new members.

Primex Proposal

Public Risk Management Exchange – Property Liability

Roy explained that the previous company pulled out from doing these and the Town needs to find a new provider. The coverage currently runs through June 2016.

Primex offers a 10% multi-program discount.

Roy will call other municipal liability companies for comparison.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Primex proposal pending other companies.

Tax Deeding

Roy told the Board that the Town Tax Collector will attend next Board of Selectmen meeting with the potential properties up for deeding.

Other Business

Recreation Committee member spoke to John Thompson about who will clean up and maintain Blackwater Park Building. The board would like to have the head of the Recreation Committee come to meet with the Board of Selectmen regarding whether the Town or the Recreation Committee is responsible for taking care of the building maintenance.

April 4

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Marj Roy, Jim Delaney, David Blinn, Vicky Mishcon

Road Agent Report

Thompson reported that the crew is smoothing up the roads and filling in holes. The crew started to grade the dirt roads.

The road postings will be up for another week or so.

Morrill Hill Bridge Weight Limit

Violations: There is no Town ordinance to enforce. The Board will review the weight limits on other towns in the area. The notice will be posted in the *Beacon*. Roy will send out a letter to three of the common fuel carriers in the area to notify them of the potential concerns.

Bradley Lake Road Issue: There was an accident today at the intersection of Hall Road and Bradley Lake Road. The vehicle went into a tree. The accident occurred after the road was plowed but might not have been treated yet.

White Oak Lane Fencing: Town has equipment here that needs to be secured by fencing. Thompson presented an estimate from Andover Fencing for material and labor costing \$6,515. The Board reviewed the estimate. The Board voted unanimously to accept the proposal for security fencing at White Oak Lane.

Presentation by Pat Cutter of Handmade Andover Rug

Line drawings by Sheldon Rich were the basis of the design. The Happy Hookers, an Andover group of rug hookers, hand hooked this rug. It will be displayed in the Town Office for all to enjoy.

Other Business

Joe Kenney, District One Executive Counselor, spoke to the Board on an unscheduled visit.

Recreation Committee

Roy indicated there were issues with the auditors with the Recreation Committee accounts.

Roy explained the financial process to two Recreation Committee members (Alan Hanscom and Tom Frantz). All bills are paid out of the General Fund. Then the specific committee fund reimburses the General Fund. It needs to be done monthly.

The Board voted unanimously to take \$2,890 out of the Blackwater Park Fund to put back into the General Fund.

The Committee will get an approved list of people to purchase items. It must be Committee members. Those approved members will be allowed to purchase items up to \$100 without Town Administrator or Board of Selectmen approvals.

The Board voted unanimously to allow the approved Committee members to take \$500 out of the Blackwater Park Building Fund to finish and close up the bathroom for privacy immediately.

The Committee would like a new approved Release of Liability form encompassing all sports. Marj will check with town counsel for legal specifics.

Marj will have keys made for the Blackwater Park Recreation building.

May 2

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Marj Roy; David Blinn; Vicky Mishcon; Jim Delaney (left meeting at 7:30 PM)

Also present: Levi Southworth; Chief Laramie for the duration of the meeting. Chuck Keyser; Jeff Newcomb; Jeff Miller; Bill Keyser; Andy Guptill; and Smoke Miller stayed for appropriate items

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Portable Hot Dog Stand

Southworth inquired about obtaining a “peddler’s license” in order for him to set up a hot dog cart stand at Highland Lake, Bradley Lake, and other areas in town. Southworth has already received approval from the State. However, the Board recommended Southworth contact Andover’s Road Agent, John Thompson, for potential appropriate spots to set up the cart along with the Police Department and the Snowmobile Club.

Road Agent Report

Transfer Station gravel pit: Roy received a complaint that the gravel excavation is abutting the wetland area and that there is a conservation easement on the abutting property, thus the excavation is disturbing a turtle sanctuary.

The Board explained they are in the information-gathering point. However, due to the concern, Roy requested that the excavation stop until more information could be gathered.

Thompson indicated the value of the gravel is cost-effective to the town. Crushing gravel on this property instead of purchasing crushed gravel saves the town approximately \$42,000.

Jeff Newcomb understood that the Board would be signing off on a conservation easement this evening. He wanted assurance from the Board that this was not the case. Additionally, Jeff suggested the Planning Board develop an excavation plan for the Town similar to the plan a private excavator would do.

The Board explained that the Planning Board was looking at possibly putting a business district in that area. The Conservation Commission thought there was an easement on the abutting property. It was a study by Earle Chase, not an easement.

The Board told Thompson to continue to crush gravel at the Transfer

Station gravel pit. Thompson will touch base with State Forester Doug Miner regarding the conservation area.

Pinewood Lane Drainage Issue

Thompson viewed the spring flooding situation on this road, which has now encroached the homeowner’s basement. The problem is basically due to routine maintenance not being done through the years. Thompson explained there is a similar situation on Tucker Mountain Road which creates ice on the hill. The property owner on Tucker Mountain Road is willing to help pay for approximately 50% of the cost to make the repairs.

Summer Work and Projects

Pinewood Lane
Working on rounding up numbers for Old College Road, Monticello Drive, Shaw Hill Road. Waiting for figures from Brad at Allstate Paving.

Continue collecting parts for the fire truck project.

Swept the roads in East Andover up to Switch Road.

Cemetery clean-up is underway.

Water is turned on at Proctor Cemetery but not at the Blackwater Ballfield.

LRPC

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Bob Ward as the second representative for Andover.

Planning Board Fee Schedule

The Board reviewed the fee schedule. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the new schedule of Planning Board fees.

Administrative Fee Schedule

The Board reviewed the fee schedule. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the new schedule of administrative fees effective June 1, 2016.

Committee Procurement Policy

Roy requested the Board to approve:
• no approval need up to \$100
• \$100.01 to \$1,000 needs Town Administrator approval

• \$1,000.01 and above needs Board of Selectmen approval

The Board voted unanimously to approve the procurement schedule as described by Roy.

Work Session

Roy requested the Board schedule at least the first work session. The first work session the Board scheduled is on Thursday, May 5, at 10 AM. Subject matters include goals and objectives for 2016-2017, red-listed bridges, financial goals, roofing bids for Town Hall, insulation for the library, revise personnel policy, and forming a noise ordinance committee.

Avitar

Roy presented the Board with three utility companies, each requesting a tax abatement. Avitar recommended a denial for each of the three utilities, Fairpoint, American Tower, and New Hampshire Electric Coop. The Board voted unanimously to deny all three utility requests for a tax abatement.

Received a letter from former owner and president of Avitar, Gary Roberge, regarding the possibility of not providing utility assessments in 2017, dependent upon the outcome of the BTLA and the Courts decision.

before the meeting by Merrimack Valley School District Clerk Christie Coll.

Board Present: Michelle Dudek, Misty Sava, Dean Barker, and Annie MacKenzie

Administration Present: Mark MacLean, Christine Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, and Judith Turk

Public Present: Tina Cotton, Nick Plante

Election of Chairperson: Michelle Dudek was unanimously elected as the Chairperson for the new term.

Election of Vice-Chairperson: Mark Heller was unanimously elected as the Vice-Chairperson for the new term.

Appointment of Alternate Signer: Dennis Fenton was unanimously elected as the Alternate Signer for the new term.

Public Comment: None

Board Chairperson’s Report: Michelle commended the efforts of all involved with the production of *Seussical the Musical*. She stated that the Facilities Task Force has another meeting scheduled for April 12.

Old Business

Facilities Task Force Update: A meeting will take place April 12. Priorities and associated costs continue to be discussed. A communication plan and the format for recommendations to the Andover School Board are goals to be addressed.

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School Board

April 5

Condensed from approved minutes
Elected Board Members Dean Barker and Annie MacKenzie were sworn in

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Superintendent's Report: Mark M stated that he attended the production of *Seussical the Musical* and that it was quite impressive. It was rewarding to see the students shine and take risks and was comparable to a high school performance.

Chris B and Mark M attended a Legislative Update session. Mark M is enthused about the hiring process for the upcoming school year. The transportation study will be reviewed by Percy Abbott on May 3.

The teacher nominations for the 2016-2017 school year were unanimously accepted.

The salary and wage schedule for non-teaching staff for the 2016-2017 school year was passed unanimously.

Conservation Comm

April 13

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan

Correspondence

New Hampshire Fish and Game Non-Game and Endangered Species Newsletter: Information on vernal pools can be entered at NHWildlifeSightings.unh.edu.

Stewardship network training guides are available for Leading a Nature Walk, Outdoor Skills for Conservation Volunteers, and How to Monitor Con-

servation Easements. See NewEngland-StewardshipNetwork.org/training-guides.

Letter from Town of Hooksett soliciting interest in Lilac Bridge.

ASLPT Update: The fall workshop potential topic is Pollinators.

A survey will be sent out to obtain feedback on ASLPT Conservation Chairs meetings.

Nan submitted the invoice for the McLeod stewardship donation, but no funds have been received.

Saving Special Places Conference: Nan reported on the workshops she attended: Climate Change – focus on what is happening in New Hampshire. Nan will explore getting a speaker, Tina will provide a speaker contact. Mary Anne will forward the New Hampshire report on New Hampshire changes due to climate change: maple syrup, moose population, bears, bird populations.

Town Forests: We discussed how a town forest might benefit Andover.

Beaver Deceiver East Andover Project: Mary Anne will visit the site with Vicky Mishcon and John Thompson. Letters to DOT will be sent after the visit.

Bog Pond Report: There was consensus among members that they agreed with the recommendations in the report to protect the majority of Town land around Bog Pond. Mary Anne will contact Planning Board and Selectmen to meet and make decisions on the recommendations.

Rail Trail Vegetation and Use of

Herbicides: Nan attended the March 16 Rail Trail board meeting with Linda Howes, a nutritionist from New London. Linda made an excellent presentation on the reasons herbicides can be harmful to people, plants, animals, and water and provided some alternatives to herbicide use. The Rail Trail Board will consider Linda's information and make a decision in April or May.

Beacon Articles: Mary Anne wrote articles on the May clean-up, May 7 plant sale, and outdoor ideas for spring. Larry wrote an article on the May 21 hike sponsored by ASLPT on the Old College Road Preserve in Andover.

Natural Resources Inventory (NRI): Tina met with Elita to resolve the issues on easy accessibility to the most current version of the NRI on the Town Web site.

Highland Lake Signage: Vicky Mishcon will review past Selectmen minutes and let us know the final wording for the Halcyon Island sign.

Recreation Comm

March 8

Condensed from approved minutes

Committee members present: Tom Frantz, Alan Hanscom, Jen Hauser, Brian Reynolds, Sue Norris, Tim Norris, Heidi Murphy, and Howard George

Treasurer's Report: Basketball Expenses: Referees, \$450; T-shirts \$450.

Ice Rink: The ice rink has been taken down and put away for the summer. Swimming will once again be taught by Matt Doyle.

Slide/Swing Set Area: It was decided that a four-foot chain link fence be installed from the top of the culvert to the driveway and down the driveway to keep children away from cars coming in. An eight-foot-wide stretch for parking would be on the left side of the driveway for parking.

Play area elements are part of a continuing discussion.

Mountain Bike Proposal: Drew Donaldson introduced his Mountain Biking proposal.

- Kids would need a bike and a helmet.
- All bikes would be checked over before use.
- All kids would need Recreation

Committee waivers.

- The plan would be to use SHARE Day to test interest.
- A three-day program in late June is planned.
- An effort would be made to find times when kids from other sports could take part.

As usual, all parents involved in helping with mountain biking would need to get background checks.

Track Proposal:

Goals:

- To improve fitness of the participants.
- To teach kids the sport of track and field: running, jumping, and throwing in age-appropriate ways.
- Teach kids to work hard with a positive attitude and to support each other so that everyone benefits.
- Show kids how Track and Field can prepare you during the summer for fall sports.

Participation:

- Open to kids finishing third grade and older.
- Usual Recreation program pricing.
- Use the current Recreation program waiver.
- Participants receive a t-shirt.

Logistics:

- Start first week of June and run through approximately July 2. Still coordinating with Merrimack Valley; may be able to continue to mid-July.
- Practice at AE/MS on Mondays and Wednesdays; possibly a chance to participate in a meet in Manchester.
- Hopefully, practice at Colby-Sawyer or Merrimack Valley on Saturday mornings.
- Practices at Merrimack Valley; possibly a chance to participate in a meet in Manchester.

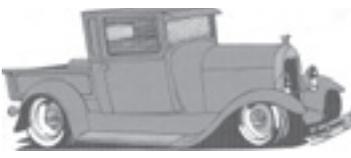
Events:

- Sprint Events: 50m, 100m, 200m
- Middle Distance Events: 400, 800, 1600
- Jumping: Broad Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump
- Throwing: shot/ball, discus, javelin equivalent?

Investment needed:

- Some shot puts (four for \$30), softballs (four for \$16), discus (\$8 each), and javelins (\$35 each; probably

See Recreation on page 13



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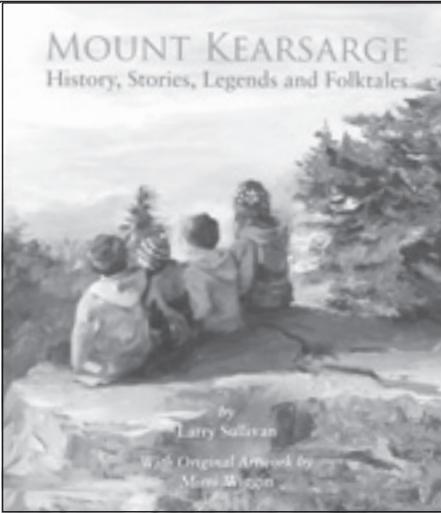


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The result of a decade of research, Warner author Larry Sullivan's 326-page book, "Mount Kearsarge: History, Stories, Legends and Folktales," is now available for sale at the Andover Historical Society's JC Emons Store in Potter Place. The book's chapters on the area's geological and human history offer a treasure trove of stories, folktales, and recollections of generations of residents and visitors, making it a bestseller in local bookstores since its 2015 publication. Cost for a copy (autographed by both Sullivan and his artist wife, Mimi Wiggin, whose works appear throughout the book) is \$29.95. Proceeds are divided between the Andover and Warner Historical Societies.



The store and nearby Potter Place railroad station, also owned by the Andover Historical Society, are open to visitors during the summer on weekends from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Hours are Saturday between 10 AM and 3 PM, and Sunday between 12:30 and 3 PM.
Caption and photo: Larry Chase

Recreation from page 12

ated by Sue Norris and Jen Hauser.

Maintenance

Recreation Building:

- a low-voltage wire will be run from the water meter in the catch basin into the Recreation Building.
- Garry George has another cap for the broken catch basin cover.
- Need a sink, probably stainless, in the kitchen.
- Andover Fence to complete batting cage frame.
- Gutter to be attached to west side of Recreation Building.
- Plumbing and electrical are in progress.
- White FRP LP-F9 to be installed in bathrooms.

need two).

- Possibly some sand and tractor time to re-establish a jumping pit.

Coaches:

- Brian Reynolds, Sarah Lester, and any other volunteers who want to help keep everyone moving in the same direction.

Tennis: There was a general consensus that there should be a tennis program. There is no plan as yet.

Insurance: Recreation Committee-sponsored sports are insured by the Town of Andover.

Recreation Committee Waiver: A new standardized waiver is being cre-

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Tidings from Your Town Administrator, June 2016

“Improved communication” is this year’s goal

Marj Roy, Town Administrator

Each year I set a major goal for myself as Town Administrator. Past goals have been implementing municipal accounting software and improving the physical layout of the office.

When a few people brought to our attention their perception of hearing about things after the fact, I knew that this year’s goal would be improved communication. It is all too easy to become so immersed in the daily workload that I do not spend enough time connecting with the residents of our community. “Tidings from Your Town Administrator” is my first step toward meeting this goal. It will appear in The Andover Beacon and on AndoverBeacon.com and the Town Web site at Andover.NH.us.

The Andover Service Club gardeners have been busy working in the flower beds in front of the Town Hall. The flower beds are always beautiful, and I’m sure that everyone enjoys them from spring to fall; I know the office staff does. Many thanks to the planters, weeders, waterers, and everyone involved.

New Hampshire state law requires that public notices of meetings and public hearings be posted in two public places. Historically, notices have been posted in the Town

Office waiting room, the Post Offices, and, more recently, on the Town Web site.

Over the last few years, more and more people are having their mail delivered and do not regularly visit the Post Offices. With this in mind, additional notices will now be posted at Jake’s, Circle K, and Keyser’s Garage (by request). Also, the Town Web site at Andover.NH.us provides the ability for anyone to “subscribe” and be notified when posts are added to the Web site.

Single-Stream Recycling

The recyclables market is very volatile, and this causes the price of single-stream recycling to change frequently. Northeast Resource Recovery Association will now notify the Town of the current price on the 15th of each month.

The April price saw a reduction in cost for the Town. The cost changed from \$72.50 per ton to \$61.50 per ton. Pricing is based on an Average Commodity Revenue (ACR) Index that reflects the processing costs and the combined value of the processed material.

The American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 is working with the Selectmen to install a lighted flagpole in front of the Town Hall. Many thanks go to our local American Legion post.

Feel free to contact me with questions, suggestions, or concerns at TAdmin@Andover-NH.gov or 735-5332, ext. 6.

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Helen LaPlant Duchesne (left) donated to the Andover Historical Society (in the person of Donna Baker-Hartwell) her butterfly specimens, which she collected while attending the Dyers Crossing one-room schoolhouse. Both her butterflies and her wildflowers project will be displayed at the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse open house each month this summer. Photo: Bob Norander

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse Opens on June 12

Helen Duchesne's collections on display

Donna Baker-Hartwell Andover Historical Society

The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse will be open on Sunday, June 12, from 1 to 3 PM. The Andover Institute will be touring the schoolhouse this month as well as others. New to the collection of artifacts at the school are a butterfly specimen science project and a wildflower specimen project recently donated to the Andover Historical Society (AHS) by Helen LaPlante Duchesne.

Helen grew up at Dyers Crossing,

the oldest of seven children. At this time, she lives in Bristol. Her younger sister, Rita Norander, is on the Andover Historical Society's Board of Trustees and writes for *The Andover Beacon*.

Helen attended the Dyers Crossing one-room schoolhouse for eight years. The school closed before Rita was of school age. Helen's specimen projects will remain in the care of AHS and can be seen at the schoolhouse. They truly are a delight to see. Thank you, Helen!

Pat Baker's homemade cookies will be served on Sunday during the June open house.

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Fifty Years Ago in Andover: June 1966

Here's some old news from the Andover, East Andover, West Andover, Potter Place, and Cilleyville "gossip" columns of the Franklin Journal Transcript, selected by Heather Makechnie.

June 2, 1966

Andover Students Mark Memorial Day. A parade of students and teachers marched from the school to the Andover Town Monument on the green. Exercises included speeches from the Principal Ray Burton, prayer by Town Minister Reverend Kelsey, and the national anthem led by School Music Supervisor Doris Pierce.

Following songs sung by the students there were recitations by Thea Shanelaris, Stephen Johnson, and Barbara Coffin. Memorial remarks were by Captain Irving R. Stultz, USN (Ret) and now College Placement Director at Proctor Academy.

A wreath was placed, taps played, and then the parade marched to the Blackwater Bridge, where ceremonies commemorated lives lost at sea.

Much sympathy goes to the family of Mrs. Ethel Clark, who passed away at White Maples after a long illness.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Van Oley (Betty Huntoon) Duff. The couple was married on Sunday, May 22, at the Proctor Chapel by Reverend Herbert Kelsey.

Much sympathy goes to Mr. William Clapp and family on the death of his wife, Mrs. William Clapp, after a brief illness.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bedare on the birth of a son, Scott Bedare, weighing seven pounds, on May 26.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Walker on the birth of a daughter, Trisha Lourné, seven pounds 11 1/2 ounces, on May 28.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, playing at the Regal Theatre: Dr. Goldfoot and the Bikini Machine, with Vincent Price, Frankie Avalon, and Susan Hart.

June 9, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson of Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, have purchased the Rosemere Cottage and home from George Weatherby at Taunton

Hill. The Robinsons, a young couple, plan to continue the operations as usual. Ann and Tom are skilled showmen with their horses, competing in many shows around New England.

Seen Any Balloons Around Lately? If you're out and around in the fields and forests in this neck of the woods, and you keep your eyes peeled, there's an outside chance that you may spot the remains of a small red balloon, with a long strip of bright red plastic attached, along with a small plastic envelope. Mr. and Mrs. Max Andrus of the Flaghole area found one on Thursday. "Where's it from?"

The answer was in the small plastic bag, which carried a postcard and the following note:

"Dear Finder: our sixth grade science class is conducting a scientific experiment from the elementary School in Bernardstown, Massachusetts. We have sent up 100 helium-filled balloons to which postcards have been attached. We would appreciate your cooperation in helping us complete our experiment by returning the enclosed card. Please fill in the space on the card telling us where you found the balloon."

The experiment, it seems, was one on upper-air currents, and the balloon found by Mr. and Mrs. Andrus -- who, by the way, were out in their hayfield working when they spotted it -- was the third response reported back to the sixth graders. The first was found in Gloucester and the second in Nova Scotia.

Andover is planning its fourth (and growing) annual Arts and Crafts Festival on the weekend of July 4. Mrs. Annaleida Van't Hoff, professional artist and teacher and chair of the festival, invites all amateur and professional artists to participate.

The 1964 Annual Report of the Town of Andover, a top prize-winner in New Hampshire competition, has gone on to win a high award in the 21st Annual Municipal Reports contest sponsored by the New England Council. Municipal Reports Awards are given for excellence in reporting municipal activities and include special recognition of

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Wilmot Historical Society president Marc Davis presented Wilmot's Boston Post Cane to Roger Biron, Wilmot's oldest resident. Photo: Lindy Heim

Wilmot's Oldest Resident Receives the Town's Boston Post Cane

Veteran of Navy and Air Force

Press release

On May 8, with about 60 people in attendance, Marc Davis, president of the Wilmot Historical Society (WHS), presented Wilmot's Boston Post Cane to Gerald Roger Biron, Wilmot's oldest resident. Following the presentation, a program sponsored by New Hampshire Humanities and focusing on the archaeological history of New Hampshire's Abenaki people was presented by Professor Robert Goodby of Franklin Pierce University.

The Boston Post Cane was given to the Town of Wilmot in 1909 when Edwin Grozier, publisher of the Boston Post newspaper, presented a personalized cane to the select boards of 700 towns throughout Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

The cane, permanently on display in the WHS history room in the Wilmot

Town Offices, is taken down each time a Boston Cane Holder is identified, and a photo is taken of the person holding the cane. The cane is then returned to the history room for safekeeping. Each Boston Post Cane holder receives a certificate of recognition and a framed photo of him or her holding the cane. A copy of the certificate and photo are posted both in the Wilmot town office and on the WHS Web site.

Gerald Roger Biron was born on November 10, 1922 in Manchester, where he lived until World War II, when he joined the Navy. A member of the launching crew of the light aircraft carrier USS Belleau Wood, he was designated a "plank owner" of that new ship, which passed through the Panama Canal en route to Pearl Harbor. She arrived at Pearl Harbor on July 26, 1943, and Mr. Biron remembers to this day the horror of the devastation that greeted the crew as the ship wove her way

See Post Cane on page 17

Elkins Fish and Game Sends Six to Conservation Camp

Lake-a-thon coming on Sunday, July 3

Carla Marshall Elkins Fish and Game

At its regular club meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, the Elkins Fish and Game Club awarded six camperships to children for summer programs at Barry Conservation Camp located at the Berlin Fish Hatchery. Attending Fish Camp will be Mason King and Hunter Jatko; attending North Country Adventure Camp will be Matthew Churchwell, Sam Boulton, and his cousin, Brett Edmunds of Virginia; attending Hunter Education will be Philip Howe.

The club has been sending children from area towns, including Andover, to camp since 1993, and these six campers bring the total sent to 121 boys and girls.

Barry Conservation Camp is operat-

ed by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's 4-H program in cooperation with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Camperships are for week-long programs which focus on fishing, shooting sports, and hunter education. "These areas of interest fit the club's mission, and we are delighted each year to make this significant contribution to the area's youth, to date nearly \$40,000 in camperships and over \$5,000 in sponsorship of the camp's Coyote Cabin," said Mike Gelcius, club president.

The club will hold its fourth annual Lake-a-thon on Sunday, July 3, on Pleasant Lake, where funds are raised to help with the camperships. A Card-board Boat Regatta is held among other family-friendly activities. Visit the club's Web site at ElkinsFishAndGame.net for more information on how you can become involved or just enjoy this year's Lake-a-thon. 

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such items as "attractiveness," "reader appeal to the citizen," "comprehensiveness," and "contribution to citizen understanding of local government."

It is announced with regret that Ray Burton will be leaving this fall after two years as principal.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. John (Mary Jane Greenwood) Whitcomb. The couple was married in the Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday.

Much sympathy goes to the family of Ralph "Pop" Low. Pop, as the townspeople knew him, used to own the One Stop Shop.

June 16, 1966

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Braley, Jr. on the birth of a son on June 4.

The younger school children enjoyed a trip to Benson's Wild Animal Farm on

Saturday. It was a very pleasant day for all. Grades five to eight students took a class trip to Shelburne Museum in Vermont on Thursday and had a good time, but came home very tired. Grades one to four went to the Weirs Beach Animal Forest.

June 23, 1966

Gary Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peters, had perfect attendance in school. Gary is going into second grade in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard George and family have moved up to Burlington, Vermont, in a trailer close to Howard's construction road work.

On June 1, the Reverend Herbert O. Kelsey, Jr., Pastor of the Congregational Church, submitted his resignation after four years as the Pastor and also the first Town Minister of Andover.

James Delaney, son of Mrs. Alice Delaney, left for the Marine Corps and Paris Island, South Carolina, on June 16. 

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Be sure to brush up on the rules for using Bradley Lake at the dam and Highland Lake at the Town Beach. Photo: Charlie Darling

Rules for Using Bradley Lake and the Town Beach

Summer's here, so it's time to review the rules for using Bradley Lake and the Town Beach at Highland Lake. The following comes from the big sign at the dam (Bradley Lake) and from a 2012 Town ordinance (Town Beach).

Bradley Lake

Public Water Supply: To protect the quality of this public water supply, the following state rules and regulations apply. Your cooperation is requested.

- Swimming and bathing are prohibited south of the power line that crosses the lake.
- No dogs or other animals are allowed in the water south of the power line.
- No children wearing diapers may enter any part of the lake.
- Gasoline-powered motors, inboard or outboard, of more than 30 horsepower are prohibited on the lake.
- Boating within 50 feet of the concrete intake is prohibited.
- The disposal of black or gray water, dead fish, or refuse of any kind into the lake or onto the ground within 75 feet of the lake is prohibited.

Town Beach

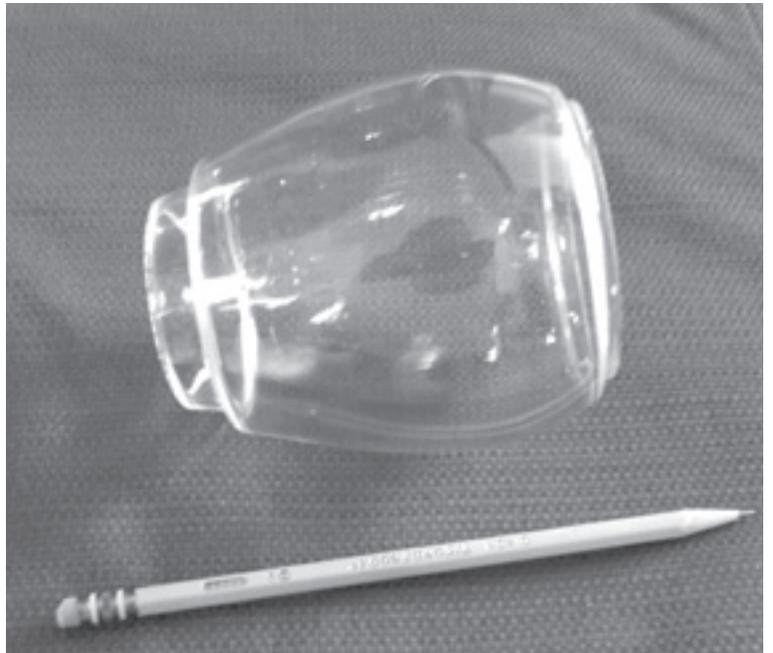
The following ordinance is implemented to ensure that the Andover Town Beach, picnic area, parking lot, and bathhouse on Highland Lake in East Andover are always available for the enjoyment and use of Andover residents and their guests, and benefit their health and safety:

To prevent excessive crowding or parking difficulties, beach access is restricted to Andover residents and their guests. Identification of automobiles is by a sticker attached to a rear window or by a guest pass visible through the front windshield. Stickers and passes may be purchased from the Town Clerk for a fee set by the Selectmen.

Failure of a resident using the beach to purchase or attach a sticker to the car is punishable by a fine of \$15. Illegal use of the premises by a non-resident is punishable by a fine of \$15. In addition, unauthorized vehicles will be towed away at the expense of the owner.

The beach is normally open for use from 8 AM to sundown beginning each

See Beach on page 17



Rita Norander discovered this globe from a small railroad lantern, miraculously unbroken after 50 years or more, while picking up trash along Andover's roadsides.

Keeping Andover's Roadsides Free of Trash

You won't believe the things that Rita finds!

Rita Norander, for the Beacon

Today's article will be a little different than my usual articles about Andover's roads. Actually, it will be a lot different. I was inspired to write this article after completing a springtime ritual of mine, which is picking up roadside rubbish.

Each spring for the past several years, I have undertaken the unpleasant task of picking up litter beside the road and along the rail trail in my neighborhood. I do this throughout the year, but usually only in front of my own house and yard which abut Route 11.

But come spring, I go a little crazy and extend the boundaries of my self-imposed duty to include the area from the town line to the S-curve bridge beyond my house. (I am grateful for the help I receive from my neighbors, the Hackmanns, on this upper end). It seemed very fitting this year that I completed my ritual on Earth Day – April 22, 2016!

Why do I do this each spring and throughout the year; and why am I writing about it? It's not to brag about my good deed, or because I'm looking for a pat on the back. But rather, I'm trying to draw attention to the problem of roadside rubbish, while at the same time expressing my frustration at its continuance.

My reward is seeing the roadside and countryside as it was meant to be seen and enjoyed – trees and bushes, flowers and ferns, houses, lawns and yards – all in their natural state, and not littered with bottles and cans, paper and plastic, bags and cigarette butts.

It mystifies me as to why people litter. Why can't they toss their unwanted items onto the floor of their car, or ideally into a bag in their car, and properly dispose of it when they reach their destination?

And why, if they are determined to toss their unwanted items out the car window, can't they at least pick a spot other than my driveway or on the lawn right in front of my house?

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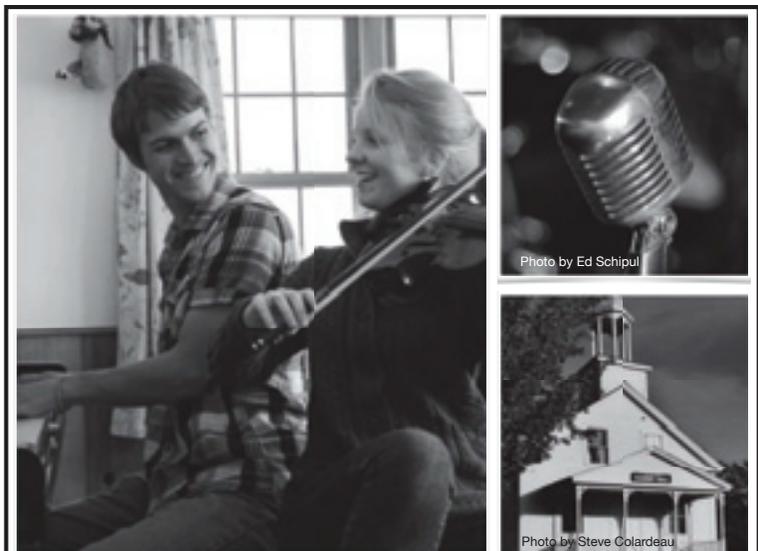


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Foresters and Loggers Gather at Proctor for Workshop

Red oak management was the topic

David Pilla
Proctor Academy Woodland Manager

On April 23, Proctor Academy hosted a workshop for foresters and loggers on northern red oak management. This workshop was the joint effort of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service, the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA), New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, and Proctor.

The workshops explored contemporary techniques for propagating red oak on appropriate forest sites, and to allow a wide range of folks with vary-

ing backgrounds to share information. In addition, there was a session in grading and scaling oak logs to determine quality and volume.

The day's key presenters included Ken Desmaris from the Division of Forests and Lands and Sarah Smith from UNH Cooperative Extension. Proctor Academy Woodland Manager and teacher David Pilla shared what Proctor does to manage red oak on the 2,500 acres of Proctor Woodlands as well.

Tim Fleury, Merrimack County Extension Forester, and Steve Patten, Program Director for NHTOA, were critical to making this workshop happen. It was fun and informative for all the 70+ attendees.

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through the channel to anchor.

The USS Belleau Wood carried 30 planes of Air Group 24, and Aviation Machinist Mate Mr. Biron was the plane crew chief of one of them. The ship's Pacific operations included the battles of Tarawa, Gilberts, Marshalls, Truk, Marianas, and Palau Islands.

On October 30, 1944, during the Battle of the Philippine Sea, she was hit by a kamikaze, killing 92 men and destroying 12 aircraft. After repairs, she returned to the South Pacific for the duration of the war, and her planes flew over the surrender ceremonies in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945.

Leaving Pearl Harbor in late October 1945, she spent the next three months returning servicemen to San Diego. Mr. Biron served aboard the USS Belleau Wood all during his war-time service. He was discharged on February 14, 1946.

On May 25, 1946, Mr. Biron married Gertrude Thibeault, and they lived in Allenstown, New Hampshire for the next 38 years with their three sons, Rick, Bill, and Gary. On December 5, 1955, almost 10 years after leaving the Navy, Mr. Biron joined the Air Force. He served with New Hampshire Air National Guard, stationed at Grenier

Field in Manchester, and later moved to Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth. He had the opportunity to fly a mission and sit in the co-pilot seat, where he remembers witnessing the amazing feat of an in-flight refueling.

On his 60th birthday in 1982, Mr. Biron retired as master sergeant with many wonderful memories and received an Air Force commendation medal for his 27 years of service. Two of his sons followed Dad's patriotic example - Rick in the Air Force and Bill in the Navy.

Over the years, Mr. Biron's other jobs included driving a truck throughout the northeast for HP Welch Trucking and serving as a hearse driver and helper for Petit Funeral Home in Pembroke. Following retirement, Mr. Biron and his wife lived in Concord at Jensen's Senior Residence Park for 28 years.

Mr. Biron lost his wife in 2009, then his son Bill in 2012, and another son, Gary, in 2013. In April 2013, Mr. Biron moved to Wilmot, where he currently lives with his son Rick and wife Joan Marie, who have lived in town for over 33 years.

Jere Daniell to Speak on "The New Hampshire Town"

Historical Society sponsors free program

Press release

The Andover Historical Society will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, June 16, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. Our guest presenter will be Jere Daniell, whose topic will be "The New Hampshire Town."

This program, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 PM and will be followed by refreshments. This event is made possible thanks to a grant from

the New Hampshire Humanities.

Jere Daniell is a retired Dartmouth College history professor. He has published four books, and his "Humanities To Go" programs focus on New Hampshire. He has lectured in about three quarters of the state's 235 towns and cities, frequently speaking on the history of the community where he is speaking.

Jere, whose family has deep roots in Franklin, is very familiar with our area, and he will be including lots of Andover and Franklin material in his remarks. It should be a fun evening. Please join us!

Beach from page 16

year on Memorial Day weekend and ending on Labor Day weekend. The regulations herein defined shall apply 24 hours a day during this period.

There is no lifeguard on duty. Swimming is strictly at the risk of the individual.

The following are strictly prohibited and punishable by a fine of up to \$100 for each offense:

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- Animals at any time
- Boat launching

- Alcoholic beverages in any area
 - Motor boats in the beach area
 - Food or beverages on the sandy beach
- Destruction of property or vandalism of any kind is punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and court prosecution.

Offensive behavior, rowdiness, or failure to respond to Andover authorities shall result in expulsion from the area and loss of swimming privileges for the season.

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Roadside rubbish comes in many forms, and has changed and evolved over the years, especially with the advent of the fast food industry. Years ago, litter primarily consisted of beer and soda cans or bottles, paper items, and cigarette butts. (These I only pick up if they are in my own yard!)

Today, there is a much wider range of objects flying out car windows. While bottles, cans, and butts remain the top offenders, they have been joined by plastic water bottles, ice coffee cups with covers and straws, styrofoam coffee cups, plastic shopping bags, losing lottery tickets, and an array of items left over from a quick stop at Dunkin' Donuts, McDonald's, or a similar fast food or takeout establishment.

Believe it or not, some items are more disgusting to pick up than others; for example, the occasional "used" disposable diaper. Grabbing onto a food container which is loaded with ants always gets my attention. Then there is the smelly, half-filled bottle or can which has become the new home for a family of slugs!

There are some litterbugs who annoy me more than others; for example, the person or persons who routinely toss their bright blue beer cans or their bright yellow twisted lemon iced tea cans. I often wonder why bottling companies don't switch to earth-colored containers which would blend in more instead of cans that stick out like sore thumbs. I suspect it's because they want the brightly colored cans to stand out on the store shelves in order to catch the eye of the buyers.

My all-time least favorite litterbug is the one who throws glass bottles out their car window! The resulting broken glass is a real hazard to other drivers, bicyclists, and walkers, to say nothing

about the people picking up the pieces after them.

Occasionally, unusual items appear beside the road which have not been tossed from car windows, but are actual car parts, left behind following an automobile accident. Last year, much time was spent picking up after two accidents which had occurred on opposite ends of the S-shaped bridge beyond our house.

This year, there were multiple little car pieces near Last Street where a car had hit a deer. A very unusual item found beside the road this year was a nice-looking white coffee maker. The glass coffee container was even there and was unbroken!

Several years ago, I came across my one and only "good" find while in the act of picking up litter. As I was making my way up the road one day, I noticed a white plastic bag which was caught on a branch. It was higher up on the banking than I usually attempt to climb, but seeing it flapping in the breeze made it hard to ignore. I reluctantly climbed the steep banking between the road and the rail trail and plucked the bag from the branch.

While climbing back down, I noticed what I thought was a half-buried glass bottle. After a little digging, I was astonished to pull out an intact glass globe from a railroad lantern! How amazing for this globe to have survived – unbroken – for 50 years or more after the last train had passed through Andover; probably it had been lost or misplaced years before that!

Hopefully, this article will encourage everyone to do their part by not littering and by helping to keep their own neighborhoods litter-free. Parents, let's set a good example for our children and young adults and continue to stress the importance of keeping Andover and America clean and beautiful!



On a sunny Saturday afternoon in May, local bicyclists took advantage of a chance to get their bikes tuned up, to find a new bike, or to swap an old bike for one of a different size or configuration. The free tune-ups were provided on the Andover Village Green by volunteer mechanics, and area residents donated bikes they no longer needed. The final tally was 60 tune-ups performed and 29 bikes donated, of which 22 found new owners. Sponsoring the event were the Andover Community Association, the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail - Merrimack County, the Kearsarge Valley Transition Initiative, and the Proctor Academy Cycling Team. Thanks also go to Jake's Market, Tarte Cafe and Bakery, Naughty Nellie's, and Outdoors New England for donating refreshments and free coupons to those who donated bikes.

Photo: Larry Chase

Wilmot Farmers Market Opening Day is June 25

Fresh food direct from the farm

Press release

It's June, and that means that the committed Wilmot Farmers Market vendors are in the final steps to help fulfill the needs of the community and shoppers for this coming season. Seeds are being planted or have been planted, with gardeners tending their crops in anticipation of what they will have to offer at the market each week. Supplies are being ordered. Crafters are finishing their projects. Meat supplies are being increased, and the laying hens are searching the grass looking for bugs.

The Wilmot Farmers Market offers a variety of produce, meats, jams and jellies, milk, baked goodies, and food along with some unique handcrafted gifts. Music from local artists adds to the festive flair, whether you are dining at the market for breakfast or meeting a friend there to share a tantalizing treat.

You might ask yourself why you should come to our market. There are numerous reasons to support the

Wilmot Farmers Market. The food is real, fresh, and comes directly from the farm. The market experience gives you the real flavors of freshness. You can connect with the farmers and support their efforts as they work in all kinds of weather and earth to grow good food.

Keeping farms sustainable keeps our communities in open space. Rural areas become less rural with every farm sold into development. Be a good neighbor! Meet your neighbors, and support your neighbors.

Each week our market vendors prepare to bring the best to the Wilmot Farmers Market and enjoy their friendship with you. The market has many seasoned vendors who have continued over numerous years to bring their products to the community and ask for your support again this season.

They look forward to seeing you on opening day, June 25, and every Saturday thereafter through September. The market runs from 9 AM to noon on the Wilmot Town Green at 9 Kearsarge Valley Road, next to the Wilmot Town Offices. For questions, call 744-2244.

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At the Agony Hill Road trailhead of the Old College Road Preserve, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) stewardship manager Andy Deegan (right) talks to a group of about 30 hikers before leading a walk on the property's new trails in search of signs of spring. The May 21 walk was co-sponsored by ASLPT and the Andover Conservation Commission. Volunteers Lee Carvalho and Heather Rogers, both of Andover, assisted in the trail-building. The 54-acre property was recently donated to ASLPT by local residents Alex Bernhard and Myra Mayman, Fritz and Barbara Hunting, Joyce Jones, Jon and Vicky Mishcon, and Lori Cox. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

Lots of Good Hiking In and Around Andover

Many resources on the Web, too

Larry Chase, for the Beacon

Do you like to hike – to keep fit, to discover new worlds and make new friends, for family recreation, to support a hobby like photography or birding, or just to “get away from it all”? Whatever your reasons, it turns out that Andover is a pretty good place to start from.

As attendees at a February workshop held here learned, Andover has the resources to become a hot bed of hiking, with abundant access to the Northern Rail Trail, the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway, Proctor Academy's 2,500-acre woodland campus, the Ragged Mountain State Forest, and the Old College Road Preserve. For more information on the meeting, visit AndoverBeacon.com/index.php/21589/

But wait. There's more. It turns out that the Internet has a wealth of information about hiking opportunities in what might be considered the “Greater Andover Area.” A number of those sites are listed below.

Need more motivation to get yourself out on the trail? How about joining up with other Andoverites to form some sort of hiking group, whose members could come together regularly and get

out and into the natural world – for exercise, for exploration, for fun, for whatever reason?

If interested, please contact the Andover Community Association at AndoverCommunity03216@gmail.com to learn more.

Meanwhile, take a look at these Web sites to see what's available.

Northern Rail Trail overview: FNRT.org

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway overview: SRKG.com/trails-guide-summary/

Trails in New London: NL-nhcc.com/trails/nlcctrails.htm

Trails in Franklin: FranklinNH.org/Pages/FranklinNH_WebDocs/ThreeRiversWalkingGuide2013.pdf

Dog-friendly trails in the local area: BringFido.com/attraction/trails/city/andover-nh-us/

Bicycling routes: MapMyRide.com/us/andover-nh/

Running routes: MapMyRun.com/us/andover-nh/

Snowmobile routes: AndoverSnowmobileClub.com/trail-map

Detailed description of one Ragged Mountain trail: HikeNewEngland.com/RaggedNH090418.html

Upper Valley trails finder: UVtrails.org

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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Minutes, April 20, 2016

Condensed from approved minutes

Board Attendees: Steve Darling, Tom Frantz, George Heaton, Lindy Heim, Craig Heim, Nita Tomaszewski

Guests: Janice Boudreau, Linda Howes, Ralph Jesseman, Prescott Towle

The meeting's discussion had two major foci: 1) various business matters and reports; 2) discussion of ongoing action items, to be addressed and/or undertaken in the immediate future and/or at the next meeting.

Business Matters and Reports

The Treasurer's report shows a current balance of \$38,416.44 in unrestricted funds, to be used for the benefit of the Trail.

Recent sources of income include \$1,336 in donations since the last meeting, as well as funds anticipated from the successful Thursday's Child benefit dinner on April 14 at the New London Inn.

Since last meeting, a Federal tax report has been filed, as well as the Annual Report to the State of New Hampshire, and the certification fee for charitable organizations.

The Recreational Trails Program Grant Application has recently been officially published by the State of New Hampshire. Applications are due on June 3, with the anticipation of award decisions by late August.

An orientation meeting for prospective applicants is being held in Concord during the week of April 25. Nita Tomaszewski will attend and has been in contact with Alexis Rudko of the Trails Bureau, coordinator for the application process.

Community events will occur in Andover and Franklin on Saturday, May 14: a bike tune-up/swap in Andover, and Franklin Community Day. Prescott Towle will staff an FNRT-MC tent at the Andover event. Although no one is available for the Franklin event, it was noted for possible participation next year.

Ongoing Action Agenda

Vegetation Control. The issue of vegetation control on the Trail, with particular focus on areas in Franklin, has been the subject of considerable discussion in prior meetings. At this meeting, Prescott Towle was again present to answer questions about the possibility of spraying. And it was noted that the Trails Bureau will need to approve any action in this regard.

After a wide airing of views, it was decided to postpone further consideration of vegetation control until the next meeting, when more information will be available. At that point, a report will be available from the meeting with the New Hampshire Invasive Species Coordinator, Douglas Cygan, who will assess the

See Rail Trail on page 21

Salisbury Farmers Market Open Mondays Through October

Seeking backyard gardeners with extra produce

Press release

The Salisbury Farmers Market opened on May 2, and it was well received by the community. We will be open every Monday, except holidays, until the end of October. The hours are 3 to 6 PM.

There are a variety of items for sale. There are woven goods, fresh farm eggs, antiques, bead jewelry, soap and lotions, mustards, syrup, honey, jams

and jellies, bird houses, knitted items, and cupcakes, as well as meat rubs and teriyaki.

I am looking for backyard gardeners who might have extra produce that they would like to sell. Please call Helen Binette at 648-2156 if you are interested in selling your produce.

Cribbage is still going on until the end of July. There is always room for more players. We play every Thursday evening at 6 PM at the Salisbury Town Hall on Route 4. If you are interested, just show up.

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The Andover Historical Society's museums in Potter Place open for the season on Saturday, May 21, at 10 AM.



The Andover Historical Society's annual raffle will feature a basket of 19 local gifts and gift certificates.

Andover Historical Society Museums Open for the Season

Saturday, May 21, at 10 AM

Nancy Tripp
Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society announces the opening of the Potter Place Railroad Station and JC Emons General Store in Potter Place on Saturday, May 21. The buildings are open during the summer on Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and on Sundays from 12:30 to 3 PM. Admission is free.

The Potter Place railroad station, built

in 1874, houses a significant portion of the Society's historical collection. This station is an extremely well-preserved example of Victorian station design and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is located on the Northern Railroad line (later the Boston and Maine Railroad) that ran from Boston to White River Junction in Vermont and on to Montreal. This station preserves the Station Master's office and recreates the feeling of a busy railroad depot of the early- to mid-20th century.

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Andover Historical Society to Raffle Basket of Local Donations

Fundraising supported by generous local businesses

Rita Norander
Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society (AHS) has put the finishing touches on its Summer Raffle Basket. This is an annual fundraising event which is made possible through the generous support of area artists, businesses, and friends of the Society.

Proceeds from the raffle help with the upkeep of the Society's buildings and the care of the many treasures which have been entrusted to the Society. Some examples are: the Potter Place Railroad Station, the JC Emons Store and Post Office, the Lull House, the Freight Shed, the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse, the blue boxcar, and the red caboos.

Ticket prices are \$2 each, \$5 for three, and \$10 for eight tickets. Tickets will be on sale at the museum during regular museum hours beginning on Saturday, May 21. The museum is open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and on Sundays from 12:30 to 3 PM.

Tickets will also be on sale at Andover's Fourth of July celebration and at the Society's Old Time Fair on Sunday, August 7, at which time the win-

ning ticket will be drawn. The winner does not need to be present to win. The basket contains 19 donations, including nice gift-type items and nine gift certificates from generous local businesses.

Here's a complete list of what's in the basket:

- Antique Whale Oil Lamp (electrified): A Friend of AHS
- Lamp Shade for above, decorated and donated by Melanie Shaw
- Necklace created and donated by Alex Estin
- Woolen Mittens knit and donated by Pat Baker
- Crab Apple Jelly and Piccalilli: Highland Lake Apple Farm
- Adorably Dressed Teddy Bear: The Constant Quilter
- Variety of Hair Products: New Horizons Hair Salon
- Mount Kearsarge: History, Stories, Legends, and Folktales written and donated by Larry Sullivan
- Mount Kearsarge Note Cards created and donated by Mimi Wiggin
- Ocean Photo taken and donated by Brittany Newton
- Gift Certificate for Oil Change and State Inspection: Keyser's Garage
- Gift Certificate for \$20: Tarte Cafe and Bakery

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The Time Travelers, an a capella group that includes Cindy Benson of Andover (third from left), sang *Blackbird* and *Java Jive* at the May coffeehouse in East Andover. Photo: Steve Colardeau

Audrey and Clayton Headline Community Coffeehouse on June 17

Mo'Combo arrives on July 15

Press release

The fiddle-and-piano duo of Audrey and Clayton will headline the monthly "Third Friday" concert at the Andover Community Coffeehouse on June 17, beginning at 7 PM. To be held in the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover, the event is open to the public at no charge (although donations are always gratefully accepted).

Classically trained Audrey Budington has played the violin since age four, and now focuses on her "true love, jazz and funk fiddle." Said to have "a magnetic and endearing stage presence," she also plays piano and sings, and is known for her creative compositions on fiddle and piano.

Pianist and composer Clayton Clemetson studied classical piano, but quickly found that his interests lay in composing and improvising rather than playing other people's music. For more information, visit AudreyAndClayton.com.

Also appearing onstage will be up to a dozen open-microphone performers, whose contributions in previous months have ranged from the spoken

word to a capella, show-business, jazz, folk, bluegrass, and country-and-western tunes.

Doors to the Grange Hall will open at 6 PM for food purchases offered by the Andover Congregational Church, and for open-mic sign-ins on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sponsor for the evening is New Horizons Hair Stylists, 170 Main Street, Andover, whose donation covers rental of the Grange Hall.

Coming up on Friday, July 15: Upper Valley quartet Mo'Combo, delivering "tight percolating rhythms, tasteful instrumental interplay, improvisational journeys, and accomplished vocalists." For more information, visit MoComboBand.com.

Outdoors in July and August

For July and August, the Coffeehouse will move outdoors, to the amphitheater behind Andover Town Hall (between Hamp House and the skateboard park) on Routes U.S. 4 and N.H. 11. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM, and food will be available for purchase beginning at 6. Attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. There will be no open-mic segments at these two concerts.

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Trail and give recommendations.

(N.B.: A meeting of Doug Cygan with Jack Shields, FNRT-MC Director, had taken place before the meeting, but Jack was unable to report to the Board due to unforeseen circumstances.)

Bench Project. Ralph Jesseman and Janice Boudreau attended the meeting to report on progress to date on the installation of benches along the trail, and what will be the next steps.

Two Andover sites have been selected as appropriate for benches, and their GPS coordinates forwarded to Alex Bernhard for further action and contact with the Trails Bureau: 1) about 300' from the Valley Road Bridge; 2) about 220' past the Continental Machine facility.

Ralph Jesseman will pay for and install these two benches. It is hoped that the documentation of the 501(c)(3) status of the FNRT-MC will result in materials discounts at suppliers such as Lowe's.

Safety Repair of Depot Street Bridge, Franklin: Having been alerted to the deterioration of railings on the Depot Street Bridge in Franklin, various Board members inspected the site. Their assessment, coupled with a proposal by Chris Norris and Steve Rayno for repair, led the Board to conclude that action should be taken as soon as possible.

A motion was then made and unanimously approved to authorize the ex-

penditure of up to \$300 by Chris Norris to implement repairs.

The authorization of this expenditure prompted discussion about the need for a process by which small expenditures could be made expeditiously without full Board discussion and approval, and their consequent delay. Such a process will be considered at the next meeting.

It is understood that the repairs now to be made will not meet Federal design standards or be permanent, but that future maintenance grants, if awarded, should be used to upgrade this site.

Spring Clean-Up of Trail: Given that snow-cover has left the Trail, the moment to clean debris is at hand, before spring vegetation obscures it. Various Board members volunteered to undertake Trail clean-up and enlist any others who would like to help.

Responsibilities are as follows. Anyone should feel free to contact any of those listed:

Steve Darling, Andover, from Wilmot line to Lawrence Street tunnel. SDarling@tds.net

Tom Frantz, Andover, from Plains Road to Blackwater Park. TCFrantz@comcast.net
George Heaton, Danbury. GRHeaton@aol.com

Lindy and Craig Heim, Wilmot. LindyCraig@HeimFamily.org

Chris and Tim Norris, Chance Pond Road to East Andover.

Steve Rayno, Franklin.



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- Gift Certificate for Large Pizza: Pizza Chef
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Jay Koron of Andover, shown here at Imagination into Art in 2014, will participate in this year's event on Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25, at the Wilmot Community Association's Red Barn in Wilmot Flat.

Imagination into Art Returns to Wilmot on June 24 and 25

Press release

Jay Koron of Andover will be among 14 local artists who will participate in the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) fourth annual Imagination into Art on Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25, at the WCA's Red Barn at 64 Village Road in Wilmot Flat.

The art exhibit and sale will open with a reception from 5 to 7 PM on Fri-

day, June 24, at which artists will exhibit completed works and demonstrate their technique. Imagination into Art will continue from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, June 25, at the Red Barn.

The reception includes wine and hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. A \$15 donation per person is suggested.

For more information: 526-7934 or WilmotCommunityAssociation.org.



Winners of the Andover Fish and Game Club's annual Kids Spring Trout Derby were (front) Arron Judd, longest non-trout; Brooke Edmonds, longest trout; Tyler Carson, second-longest trout; (back) Aidan Proctor, third-longest trout; Jared Frost, total length. Photo: Gordy Ordway

Andover Fish and Game Hosts 64 Kids for Trout Derby

Longest trout caught: 15 inches

Amanda Gross, AF&G volunteer

It was a little dreary on May 7 for the Andover Fish and Game Club's (AF&G) 21st annual Kids Spring Trout Fishing Derby, but 64 kids made it out, armed with their fishing poles. The Derby took place, as usual, along the Highland Lake Channel by the AF&G Clubhouse. Free hot dogs and refreshments were enjoyed by the kids and their families while they fished.

The Channel was stocked the night before with 500 trout, half of which were provided by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. The public stocking was attended by an eager crowd of kids and their parents. Each kid, equipped with a bucket of fish, helped Fish and Game Conservation Officer Jonathan Demler release the slippery

beasts into the water. Thank you to the New Hampshire Fish and Game.

Thirty fish were reeled in by eager young anglers. After the big event, raffle prizes, lucky prizes, and trophies were awarded to lucky participants. Every kid received a participation ribbon, and more than 30 lucky prizes were awarded.

Trophy winners were: Longest trout, 15", Brooke Edmonds; second longest trout, 12", Tyler Carson; third longest trout, 11 1/2", Aidan Proctor; total length of trout, 22 1/2", Jared Frost; and longest non-trout, a 9" dace, Arron Judd.

The Andover Fish and Game Club thanks everyone who donated their time and supplies to make this event a successful and fun learning experience for the kids. The Club's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Beef Barbecue and Chinese Auction, will take place on Saturday, August 13, from 5 to 6:30 PM at the Proctor Academy Field House.



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Gail Barton was one of over 30 fine artists and talented craftspeople who dazzled the crowd attending the Andover Service Club's first "Welcome Spring" Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on May 7 in the AE/MS gym. The event raised funds for the Service Club's Merit Scholarship Fund.

Photo: Charlie Darling

ASC Arts and Crafts Event Raises Over \$875 for Scholarships

Spring Luncheon at 74 Main on June 8

Mary Ofenloch
ASC Interim President

May was a very busy month for the Andover Service Club members. The "Welcome Spring" Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on May 7 was a big undertaking. Many hands were needed to successfully present a well-managed, professional event.

Twenty-six vendors from Andover and neighboring towns, as well as eight ASC members, displayed a wide variety of one-of-a-kind gifts and art for sale to the public. If you did not attend this event, you missed the outstanding work of these artists and crafters. This event raised \$876.40 to benefit the ASC Merit Scholarship Fund.

Nine donated gifts were raffled, and winning tickets were drawn at the May 11 meeting of ASC in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. The winners were:

- Mary Anne Broshek: glass block lamp and flannel baby blanket
- Gisela Darling: crochet afghan
- Charlie Darling: cookbook and floral pillowcase
- Toots Fleury: bark design plaque
- Betsy McDonald: painted loon slate
- Edna Peters: two designs by Beryl Sanborn
- Beryl Sanborn: an iris wall hanging

The ASC wishes to express its gratitude to the many people who assisted us with financial donations and volunteering their time, as well as the members who baked such a large array of delicious treats for sale at this event. Thank you also to Jane Slayton, Gail Parenteau, and Kathy Fogg of AE/MS, without whose help the Arts and Crafts Show could not have happened.

Coming Up

ASC's annual Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, June 8, at 74 Main in New London will include the election of the 2016-2017 Executive Board, the passage of the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, business reports, and Fourth of July Slices for Scholarships information with sign-ups for bakers. The members

are looking forward to the delicious meals which have been provided to ASC for our luncheons for many years.

The June luncheon is the last meeting for fiscal year 2015-2016; meetings resume in September for the new fiscal year. No meetings are held in July and August, as we all need time for R&R.

So, if you are a woman who has a special talent, and even if you don't but would like to be a member of a great service organization with friendly ladies and lots of fun, come join us on Wednesday, September 14, at 10 AM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. Dues are only \$10 per year – a real bargain!

If you are unable to attend meetings, you can also be a member who bakes for the bake sales or who volunteers two hours per week at the ASC Thrift Shop. There are many ways to be a member, including as a dues-paying, non-active donor.

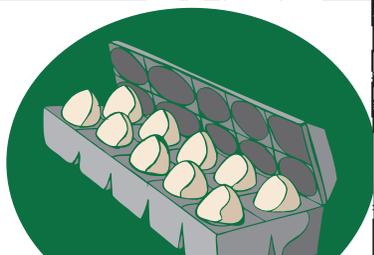
For more information, contact Mary Ofenloch at MaryO.ASCLub@live.com. New members are always welcome, and needed, to make our great service club even better.



Earle Davis, president of the Highland Lake Protective Association, took this photo of the lake's resident eagle perched in a tree on the west shore. "I believe the eagle's eyrie is at the top of a high-tension power line pole just north of Route 11," Earle says.

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Through the Reading Glasses, June 2016

Janet Moore, Libraries Trustee

Got time on your hands? Spend it in the Andover Libraries!

On Saturday, June 4, at 10 AM, bring your family to our annual Fairy House Building Project at the Andover Library. Or color your worries away at the Bachelder Library on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM with the Coloring and Tangling group.

Need something meditative and physical? Yoga class meets Tuesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 PM at the Bachelder Library. And if all else fails, join the children's play group there every Saturday morning.

Remember to come to the annual Fourth of July Book Sale the evening before the Fourth; that evening is dedicated

to Andover residents only. We are still taking donations of good used books and DVDs for the sale; just be sure to drop them off inside the libraries, please.

Want books? Try these new titles, available at your libraries:

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And for your viewing pleasure, check out *In the Heart of the Sea* for seasonal thrills and chills.

Boston Civic Orchestra to Perform at Colby-Sawyer

Works by Tchaikovsky and Brahms on the program

Press release

The Boston Civic Symphony, now in its 92nd year, makes its fifth appearance in New London as part of the Summer Music Associates Concert Series on Saturday, June 25, at 7:30 PM. The players are exceptionally talented students and amateur musicians who perform a wide variety of music from all musical genres – Baroque to Modern.

A primary objective of the orchestra is to provide an orchestral setting to train young musicians who are pursuing professional careers. The orchestra has a tradition of presenting young solo performers. This season's concertgoers

will be introduced to Austin Kwon, a 16-year-old award-winning soloist, who will play Sarasate's thrilling Zigeunerweisen. The Boston Civic Symphony will also perform Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture, and Brahms' Symphony No. 1 in C minor.

Children's and students' tickets for all the Summer Music Associates concerts are only \$5, and we hope many families will take advantage of this low price.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$5 for students and are available by mail, phone, Web site, at the door, or by cash or check only at Morgan Hill Bookstore, Tatewell Gallery, or the New London Chamber of Commerce. Visit SummerMusicAssociates.com for tickets or more information, or call 526-8234.

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The homestead site and grave of Richard Potter and his wife are located immediately across the tracks from the station.

A well-preserved caboose, the Central Vermont CV-4030, built in the early 1900s, is located beside the station and is open for visitors.

Adjacent to the station is the Potter Place freight house and a Boston and Maine railroad box car. The freight house, built in the early 1900s, retains

almost all of its original features and appearance.

Across Depot Street from the station is the JC Emons Store and Potter Place Post Office dating from 1912. The store continued to serve the village until 1958 and the post office until 1988. The Society has restored it as an exhibit of a typical turn-of-the-century village store. The original tin ceiling has been rebuilt, and display cabinets and other store fixtures have been put in place. The Post Office area contains the original mailboxes and sorting table.



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Pecco and Gail Beaufays marked 10 years as owners of the Highland Lake Inn in May. To celebrate, an Open House is planned this summer.

Pecco Beaufays Looks Back at 10 Years at Highland Lake Inn

Many changes at the Inn and in Andover; more to come

Myra Mayman, for the Beacon

The following is an interview by Myra Mayman with Pecco Beaufays, Co-Proprietor of the Highland Lake Inn, edited by Gail Beaufays, Co-Proprietor.

MM: You're celebrating the 10th anniversary of owning the Highland Lake Inn in Andover this spring. How did you decide to come to Andover and run the Inn?

PB: Before closing and taking over

ownership and operation of the Highland Lake Inn on May 17, 2006, we lived for about 20 years in the village of Bedford, New York. During a college visit in Saratoga Springs, New York, for our youngest son, we became intrigued by the idea of buying a bed-and-breakfast inn (B&B).

Gail finally agreed to let me realize my whim, and I began to look into available B&Bs in New England. We also asked our college-aged sons how we could draw them back home after

See Inn on page 26



Nature-themed costumes were on display at the NHCHF Spring Fling in Hillsborough this year.

New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family, May 2016

Two Andover members attend annual Spring Fling

Judy Perreault, NHCHF

Two members from Andover's Halcyon Seekers chapter of the New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family (NHCHF) attended the state NHCHF Spring Fling held at Fox Forest in Hillsborough.

The theme was Woodland Wonders, and members could come in a costume related to nature. Thirteen of the attendees came in costume. We had a moose, leopard, cheetah, bobcat, daisy, bunny, flower pot, birch tree, black birch tree,

butterfly, social butterfly, four seasons, and a gardener.

First prize went to the four seasons costume. Second prize went to the bunny, and third prize was the black birch tree.

The morning speaker was Anna Casaubon-Rochville from the Butterfly Place. She spoke about butterflies and the plight of the Monarch Butterfly. We received a lot of information as well as discount coupons. Anna brought two butterfly hatching kits as door prizes.

At lunch time, one hardy soul braved the black flies and hiked a nearby trail.

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college, and they said we would need to have a big house near a recreation area, preferably on a lake with a ski mountain so they could invite their friends.

I must have researched and visited about 40 inns from western New York to coastal Maine, and then this particular spot in New Hampshire came up on the Internet. I said to Gail, "Tell me about this state between Vermont and Maine ... I have no idea about it!"

I drove up here and crossed over that little wooden bridge on Maple Street, and I saw this wonderful spot and fell in love with it! When I walked through the historic 1767 building, I saw that it had been completely rebuilt from the inside out.

When Gail came up with me another time, she wasn't thrilled with the main floor's layout, since it appeared so long, narrow, and dark. The second time we drove up to see it in the summer sunshine, the house and the crystal-clear lake were alluring.

A fellow hotelier, a general manager of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, helped us assess the inn's feasibility from a business angle, and he advised us against this venture; but the lake and environment were so appealing! Against his advice, we decided to

invest here because of the charm of this quintessential New England village.

I kept thinking about Maple Street, the wooden bridge, and the lake. I felt an inexplicable connection to this place. I don't know why; maybe it's the resident ghost....

MM: Have you been surprised, or have things been different from what you expected, either positive or negative?

PB: The biggest surprise was the connection to Proctor Academy, which had not been on our business radar screen. Life in a village along with Proctor Academy definitely adds vitality to the village, and our involvement with Proctor has been rewarding for us on many different levels, from a welcome threshold for prospective families, current students, alumni, and the school's trustees, guests, and Gordon Conference attendees.

In particular, we have found Proctor parents to be very engaging people who really care about their children's welfare. We are grateful for the friendships we have developed over 10 years.

The other surprise about East Andover happened my first evening in Andover – my introduction to the Northern Rail Trail! From that initial entree grew a rich friendship with our Maple Street neighbors Alex Bernhard

and Myra Mayman. And how could you go wrong with neighbors like Peter Zak and Mary Lloyd-Evans?

I didn't expect such openness and friendliness towards us strange folks from metropolitan New York! We have been truly thankful for the support of friends from the community, to mention a few more: Charlie [Darling], Marj Roy and our town administration who support another passion of mine, the New Hampshire Special Olympics.

Also, in our first days here we met Tiny [John Thompson] and his family, who have been supportive of our undertaking from the beginning. There are many friends and stories to relate.

MM: You grew up in a very cosmopolitan environment, in Vienna, Austria, and have worked at high-end hotels in Europe and in the US, and had run a restaurant and catering services for the German mission to the United Nations in New York City. How does running a 10-room inn in a small New Hampshire town compare with those highly urban and high-pressure experiences?

PB: Well, finally that craziness is over. I don't need to buy any hotels any more. I'm done with the politics [of big business].

MM: Has Andover and/or your business changed over the past 10 years?

PB: Yes. I think Andover has changed. To me, Andover was a quiet and shy town, but over the last 10 years new ideas and inspirations have

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In the afternoon, Gary Samuels presented a very informative talk about wildflowers. His background is in botany, biology, and mycology. Gary lives in nearby Deering and has made a study of the wildflowers in this area.

Throughout the day, the members had the opportunity to bid on nature auction items. There was some good-natured rivalry for some articles.

We also had a lot of butterfly-themed door prizes. It was a fun and informative day.

come alive here with people like Larry and Susan Chase and Vicky Mishcon. Today, you have an Andover energy group, an Andover community association, the Andover coffeehouse. This town is more vital, and residents have come together by applying knowledge and experience gained elsewhere. Diverse community-based projects make Andover a team of residents rather than just individual residents. That's what I enjoy about this town.

On the inn's business side, our inn is always a work in progress! We have decorated our homestead with family and acquired "antique" furnishings and paintings, with quality amenities to create a *gemutlich* [pleasant and cheerful] environment for our guests, family, and friends. We provide the best linens available in the hotel business, and we focus on locally sourced products.

Also, this past year we invested in a needed restoration project of the inn's 150-year-old barn. It serves as a stunning event space, enhancing the inn's features and subsequent business plans. In addition to the 10 guest rooms, the Barn provides a large event venue with ample space on the flat land for tents. Hopefully, its use can benefit the village of Andover and bring more people here to enjoy its assets.

MM: What would you like to see in the future, at the inn and in Andover?

PB: We hope the inn will continue to serve Andover residents and their guests! Along with high quality local suppliers such as the newly-opened Tarte Café and Bakery, local caterers, and event planners, we expect to coordinate a variety of service and marketed events to benefit local people.

In the past Highland Lake Inn had not been advertised much; however, during the years of my ownership I have worked to establish memberships in various travel and hospitality organizations as well as the Lakes Region Tourism Association to introduce and advertise our presence in Andover nationally and worldwide.

MM: How are you planning to celebrate your 10th anniversary?

PB: We are planning an Open House during the summer, date to be determined.

MM: Let's party!

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Andover Congregational Raising Funds to Restore Grange Hall

\$200,000 should cover it

Elodie Reed, Concord Monitor staff
From the May 6 Concord Monitor

Joyce and John Bourdon are retired Andover residents, so they figured, why not help restore their local grange hall? "I've got nothing else to do," John joked Friday.

The building, initially built as a school in 1850 and used as a space for numerous community events today, is in its 10th year of intensive restoration. It was bought by the next-door Andover Congregational Church in 1991, and through vigorous volunteer work and fundraising by church members, the Highland Grange Hall now has a functioning toilet, a kitchen and basement, heat, and beams that aren't about to buckle – yet.

All of this has been completed by the church's restoration committee, which the Bourdons have led for the past four years. Joyce is a church member, and her husband is a handyman and engineer who built the Andover church's steeple.

As for the grange hall, Joyce said, "It's safe and usable." Last summer, they helped ensure it could stay open all-year round by complying with several fire departments requests, including upgrades to the electrical work, new emergency lighting, a staircase in the back of the building and clearing out the less-than-stable second-floor hall.

"We kind of got a reprieve," John said.

Now, though, they face perhaps the biggest hurdle: raising an estimated \$200,000 to replace the building's roof, posts and beams, repair its second floor, right the foundation and, hopefully, get

the cupola to not lean as much.

On Friday, Bourdon stood on the old, rickety second floor hall, which has been totally cleared as a safety precaution. A hole in the ceiling sat right over a temporarily strengthened beam.

"The timbers, believe it or not, were previously used in some other structure – like most other places in New Hampshire," John said. "After 150 years they're really not in a good condition.

"What are we going to do now to fix it permanently?" he asked. "We need money."

The amount – \$200,000 – is the worst case scenario, John said. The church is continuously fundraising through yard sales, bake sales, and other events.

In the meantime, the Bourdons and other volunteers make what little repairs they can: tearing down old wallpaper and painting the walls, putting new clapboards on the front of the building and repainting it's small sign, new cork boards in the main hall, and a small Sunday School space above the new kitchen.

Why? Because the hall is currently busy – it hosts a food pantry, regular church events, weddings, funerals and baby showers, coffee houses every third Friday, performances, and other presentations.

"It's a great community place for holding lots of events," Joyce said. "It's used constantly."

It's also a standing reminder of East Andover's history.

"There's members at the church, their grandfathers and early relatives were involved in building it," John said. "It's an old structure and people don't want old structures to go away."

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Andover Congregational Church, June 2016

Fundraising for Grange Hall restoration continues

Sandy Miller
Andover Congregational

Andover Congregational Church's Plant and Bake Sale, held on May 7, was very successful. We realized over \$600 from this annual event. Special thanks to Ginny Newton for heading up this event.

Again, we thank John and Joyce Bourdon and Lloyd Perreault for updating the wiring in the Highland Lake Grange Hall and tending to other minor issues. Their help has been invaluable.

We recently hosted "Teen Challenge" from Brockton, Massachusetts. This Christian-based rehabilitation facility consists of approximately 70 men of all ages who enter a 15-month program. This non-profit organization is for alcoholics, drug abusers, etc. who make a decision to try to change their lives.

Several men gave testimony at our church service that this is happening by being introduced to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, making them realize that they can be forgiven and start anew through His love and strength. Approximately \$300 was collected to help "Teen Challenge" continue their ministry.

Several people from our Church have joined the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force to attempt to make a differ-

ence in the drug problem which seems so prevalent in that area. A table was set up at Odell Park on May 14 (Community Day in Franklin), where members of our church plus others were there to talk or pray with individuals. Please keep this ministry in your prayers, that somehow with God's help, we will see an improvement in this ongoing battle.

Baby bottles were handed out on Mother's Day for the purpose of putting in loose change or bills as we collect for the Aspire Women's Center in Laconia (formerly called the Care Net Pregnancy Center). The bottles will be collected on Father's Day. This money helps this organization provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and material and spiritual support to abortion-vulnerable women, all at no cost to the client.

Don't forget – we continue to have flea market and bake sales on the last Saturday of every month from 8:30 AM to 2 PM at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. They will continue through October. There are new and different items at each sale. All money from this sale goes to the Save the Grange fundraiser.

We invite all to join us for Church service. Worship service and Sunday School for children are held every Sunday at 9:30 AM. There are also many small group meetings during the week. Call 735-5160 for more information.

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The Andover Lions Club has been cleaning, painting, and fitting out the upstairs room at The Lions Den – the old fire station at the end of Poplar Street in the village. The room is now suitably appointed for the club's meetings; pictured at a recent one are Bill Leber (foreground) and Howard George, Ellie George, Pat Cutter, and Jim Danforth. Photo: Charlie Darling

Andover High School Reunion Moves to Winslow State Park

Anyone who attended AHS is welcome on July 9

Judy Perreault, AHS '53

The Andover High School Reunion will be held this year on Saturday, July 9, starting at 10 AM. This year there will be a change of venue – instead of South Danbury, reunion attendees should gather at the northwest picnic area in Winslow State Park on the side of Mount Kearsarge in Wilmot.

The official meeting and pictures

will begin at 11 AM, with a pot-luck picnic at 12:30 PM. Please bring food to share, drinks, a chair, and AHS memorabilia. All Andover High School attendees are welcome!

If there's rain on July 9, the festivities will move to Andover Elementary/Middle School (the former Andover High School) in the village.

I hope to see you all there. We have a lot of memories to share. For more information, contact Shirley Currier at Clyde.Shirley@tds.net.



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New London Barn Playhouse Kicks Off Its 84th Season

“Brigadoon” opens June 15

Press release

For its 84th consecutive season, the Barn will be offering a mix of classic and contemporary musicals and plays, presented with the extraordinary performances and production values that the community has come to expect.

The summer kicks off with the gorgeous romance *Brigadoon*. Running June 15 through 26, this bewitching musical tells the tale of two American tourists who stumble upon a mysterious Scottish village that magically appears out of the Highland mists only one day every 100 years.

Next comes an uproarious send-up of big business in the era of highballs and chain-smoking. *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, a classic musical and the winner of both a Pulitzer and multiple Tony Awards, will run June 29 through July 17.

Based on the Oscar-winning film and nominated for eight Tony Awards, the ingeniously clever *Shrek the Musical* is an utterly zany musical adventure that will delight adults and children alike. It will run July 20 through 30 and will be followed by the lightning-paced Hitchcockian whodunit *The 39 Steps*. Playing August 3 through 7 only, this comedy *tour de force* packs in murder, secret organizations, speeding trains, missing fingers, and much more.

From August 10 through 21, the Barn will present *Crazy for You*, a mad-cap romantic comedy featuring jaw-dropping dancing and a cavalcade of immortal Gershwin melodies including *I Got Rhythm*, *Embraceable You*, and *Someone to Watch Over Me*.

And to send you into the fall laughing, the season-closer will be *Don't Dress for Dinner*, a deliciously naughty bedroom farce about marital treachery, mistaken identity, and gourmet

French cooking that will run August 24 through September 4.

Monday Night Series

The Barn's hugely popular New London Barn Intern Idols will return for a sixth season. The Acting Intern Company will split into competing teams on select Monday nights, with members of each team singing their hearts out to earn the audience's votes. Each Idols evening offers two curtain times, at 5 and at 7:30 PM.

Children's Theater Series

The Barn's Junior Intern (JI) Company is comprised of approximately 25 dedicated young performers, ages 12 through 18, who produce and perform the Children's Theater Series productions. The Series includes five shows; four appear on the Barn stage, with one additional free outdoor production.

This summer, the JIs will present *Opening Night* on July 2, *Humpty Dumpty is Missing!* on July 16, *The Tempest* on July 23 in a free outdoor performance, *Sleeping Beauty* on July 28, and *The Wizard of Oz* on August 18 and 20. All performances are at 11 AM and at 2 PM.

Flex Passes

The best deal of the summer, Barn flex passes offer the ultimate in flexibility and savings. The four-pack passes can be redeemed in any combination and at any point, offering savings of up to 18% over single-ticket prices. But they must be purchased by June 14! More information is at NLBarn.org/subscriptions.

Summer Camps

The Barn is proud to offer five weeks of theater camps this summer from July 11 to August 12, with options each week for ages six through 16. Each weekly camp runs either in the morning or the afternoon; camps are taught by Barn staff, members of the Acting Intern Company, and professional guest artists. Information and camp descriptions are available at NLBarn.org/summer-camps.

Tickets to Barn events are available at NLBarn.org or 526-6710.



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Andover Institute to Tour Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

Sunday, June 12
at 1 PM

Press release

A guided tour of Andover's own "little red schoolhouse," arranged specially for Andover residents and their guests, will be offered at 1 PM on Sunday, June 12, on the schoolhouse site at the end of Tucker Mountain Road in East Andover. The tour, arranged by the Andover Institute and the Andover Historical Society, is open to the public at no cost and will be led by Donna Baker-Hartwell, whose family donated the structure and the land on which it sits to the Historical Society in 2004.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and one of 13 one-room schools that once comprised the town of Andover's school system, the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse was built in 1837 to serve a small upland farming community. The only schoolhouse in town still remaining in original condition, it served as a schoolhouse until 1894, when a declining student population resulted in its closure.

According to the Andover Historical Society's Web site at AndoverHistory.org, the schoolhouse "consists of a single room, measuring 16 feet by

18 feet. Attached is an ell or shed that serves as a weather-breaking entrance to the school building and also provides storage space for fire wood. A small closet in the shed contains the two-hole privy.

"The building is of post-and-beam construction, using hand-hewn timbers fastened with trunnels, and sets on a foundation of unmortared granite stones. The walls are sheathed with vertical planks, covered externally with clapboards."

The Web site continues: "The pupils' heavy plank desks stand bolted to the floor as they were. The floor slopes downward on two sides toward the center of the room, increasing visibility for the pupils in the back rows (a frequently seen design detail in the schools of this time). The interior walls are covered with wide pine boards, painted flat black to serve as chalk boards."

The schoolhouse visit kicks off the second season of "space explorations" offered by the Andover Institute and designed to introduce local residents and visitors to off-the-beaten-path destinations of historical or geographical interest. To keep abreast of Institute events, "like" its Facebook page at Facebook.com/AndoverInstitute03216.



Warner author Larry Sullivan displays a Thomas Nast cartoon of Horace Greeley during an April 20 presentation in Andover on Mount Kearsarge, the subject of Larry's recent book. During his research on the book, Larry learned that Greeley, editor of the *New York Tribune*, had climbed Mount Kearsarge during his presidential campaign of 1872. Larry's talk to an audience of 40 was co-sponsored by the Andover Historical Society and the Andover Institute. His 326-page book, *Mount Kearsarge: History, Stories, Legends and Folktales*, is the result of a decade of research and a current bestseller at local bookstores.

Photo and caption: Larry Chase

Gubernatorial Candidate to Attend Andover Democrats' Meeting

Mark Connolly
in town on June 27

Press release

Andover area voters are invited to a reception to meet Mark Connolly, Democratic candidate for Governor, on Monday, June 27, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the Andover Barn at the Highland Lake Inn in East Andover. The evening is organized by the Andover Democrats and is the first in a series of events that will provide area voters with the opportunity to hear from Democrats running for local or state-wide office.

A native of Bedford, Mr. Connolly became interested in politics early in life and represented his town in the New Hampshire House of Representatives while still a student at Dartmouth College. Between successful stints in the business world, he has also served as New Hampshire's Assistant Secretary of State, Deputy Secretary of State, and Director of the Bureau of Securities Regulation, where he won significant victories throughout the

state on behalf of students, seniors, and families.

Connolly is currently the principal of New Castle Investment Advisors, LLC, a small business he founded in 2010 to serve clients throughout New England.

Connolly has also been deeply involved in his home community as a volunteer; he has served on the Strawberry Banke Board of Trustees, the New Hampshire Audubon Society Board of Trustees, the Child and Family Services of New Hampshire Board of Directors, as a member of the New Castle Planning Board, and on the transition teams of Governors Judd Gregg and John Lynch.

All interested residents are welcome to take this opportunity to hear Connolly talk about why he would like to serve as governor, the qualities and experiences he brings to the campaign, as well as to answer questions from those attending. The Andover Barn is located next to the Highland Lake Inn on Maple Street in East Andover. Refreshments will be served.

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In April, Charlie Darling took the *Beacon* on a week-long hike through Buckskin Gulch and the Paria River Wilderness in Utah and Arizona. For many spectacular photos from the trip, visit [Instagram.com/ronen_yaari](https://www.instagram.com/ronen_yaari) or at Instagram: @ronen_yaari. Photo: Ronen Yaari

Heidi Unger to Direct Hands-On History Camp

In New London in mid-July

Press release

Explore local history through hands-on activities that depict life in 19th-century New England. This is the theme of the Hands-on History Camp, a new program of the New London Historical Society open to all students in the region who will enter fifth or sixth grade this September. The camp is located in the New London Historical Village at 179 Little Sunapee Road.

Campers will participate in activities that reflect daily life in the 1800s, including cooking on an open hearth, using traditional musical instruments, working with a blacksmith, spinning and weaving, bartering in the country store, and much more. The new day camp has two one-week sessions, July 11 to 15 and July 18 to 22. Campers may select one or both weeks.

The camp, which runs Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM, costs \$200 per week or \$375 for both weeks. Activities are led by the camp director, Heidi Unger, and camp counselors, as well as recognized local artisans and several experienced Historical

Society volunteers. Applications are due by Tuesday, May 31.

Camp Director Heidi Unger is in her fourth year as the Technology Integrator for the Andover Elementary/Middle School. She has been working with all students from kindergarten through eighth grade on improving their computer skills as well as supporting teachers as they use technology in their daily curriculum.

History has always been a passion of Heidi's, especially local history, and she is very excited about this new program and the opportunity to spark the same interest in the campers. If you share her passion for history and would be interested in volunteering to teach a craft, share your knowledge of local history, or play the banjo, violin, etc. with the campers, please contact Heidi at HUNger@AEMSeagles.org.

For more information about the Hands-on History Camp and to download an application, visit the New London Historical Society Web site at NewLondonHistoricalSociety.org or e-mail Heidi at HUNger@AEMSeagles.org. The camp is made possible, in part, by a generous grant from the Byrne Foundation. Financial assistance for a limited number of campers is available. 



Doug Phelps' wife Alita captured this photo of him relaxing in front of the iconic French landmark on their recent trip to Paris.



Dave and Donna Blinn stayed in two lovely Villas and toured the Tuscany Region of Italy recently. They also visited Sorrento on the Amalfi Coast. They enjoyed the magnificent sights, the wonderful food, and some very nice Italian regional wines.



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Marissa and Emily Laro flash their *Beacon* near the famous Amsterdam sign in front of Rijksmuseum in Museumplein, Amsterdam. Emily recently visited her sister Marissa, who is studying abroad at the Amsterdam University of Applied Science in the Faculty of Business and Economics. Marissa will be a senior this fall at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Event Management and a specialization in Human Resource Management. Emily is a veterinary technician at Blackwater Veterinary Services in Salisbury.



Emily and Marissa Laro and their *Beacon* at the Gullfoss Waterfall in Iceland.

Local Church Launches "Buckets and Crock Pots" Project

Partners with Franklin food pantry

Press release

The Grace and Hope Community Church (GHCC), a mission church located in Andover, has received a grant to fund a summer mission project. GHCC is extremely excited to join with the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry (TRIFP) in Franklin, making this a joint venture for us with enormous expectations toward success. Heather Makechnie, Board President of the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry, encourages all clients of the pantry to take advantage of this exciting new project.

Reverend Karen Heavey, Senior Pastor of GHCC and Director of TRIFP, is already preparing for the first part of this project, called Bucket Garden. Eligible pantry participants and neighbors will receive a fully prepared bucket, a plant start (tomato, pepper, or seed), fertilizer, and instructions to create a bountiful harvest.

When harvest time arrives, Reverend Karen, along with the gardeners, will come together with their bounty. Along with other vegetables that can be obtained from local community gar-

dens, and using products obtained from the food pantry, all participants will receive their own crock pot and be invited to prepare a crock-pot meal for their families.

A recipe book will be provided with delicious menus using the various varieties of produce and food products the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry provides each month.

As we prepare, we could use some assistance and donations to help make this project a great success. Below are some things you can do or provide:

- Volunteer to help decorate the numerous pots for our participants.
- Donate potting soil and/or fertilizer.
- Donate a new or just-about-new family-size crock pot.
- Share your tried and true recipes for crock-pot cooking.
- Volunteer to put a recipe book together.

Of course, financial assistance can always be used for those last-minute items.

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Merrimack Valley High School senior Hunter Heath explains his Senior Project to Victor Phelps, former resident of Andover. Hunter gathered photographs and artifacts detailing the demolition and construction of the Merrimack County Nursing Home which was completed in 2008. The information was put into a digital format which will be displayed for residents and visitors. Mr. Phelps was particularly interested in the farm portion of the digital history which Hunter presented to the residents of Merrimack County Nursing Home on April 16.



The kids at EAVP started some seeds indoors in peat pots. The kids were excited to see that the seeds had sprouted. We will plant them outside in our playground garden, which will have flowers and vegetables, too. Pictured here are Griffin and Leo Jones, Scarlett Drewery, Azalea Morgan, Logan Bain, and Zachary Kalinin.
Caption and photo: Julie Friedline

East Andover Village Preschool, May 2016

A great year wraps up
on June 15

Amy Rheume, EAVP

Last August, 27 children arrived at our little school on the hill in East Andover. A few knew each other, and a few had attended the preschool the year before, but for the most part, they, and their four teachers, were strangers.

There was excitement, hope, and some fear and anxiety as we were thrown together. Over the following months, we became well acquainted; anxieties waned, friendships formed, and learning, play, and fun ensued. Bonds strengthened, and we became a family.

We learned a lot about each other; who loves penguins, who loves monster trucks, and who likes to sing Katy Perry songs. We watched as children helped and learned from each other, with things like writing letters, zipping coats, or setting up mats at nap time. They learned to negotiate and problem-solve. We watched children's faces light up with pride when they mastered a new skill or created something amazing.

We went on field trips and welcomed visitors to our classroom. We harvested from our garden in the fall and replanted in the spring. Children collaborated on building projects and art projects, sang songs, and wrote stories about each other. Teachers have watched and assisted children as they've grown to become scientists, teachers, chefs, athletes, engineers, gardeners, and naturalists.

We played. We got dirty. We made big messes and worked together to clean them up.

On Wednesday, June 15, we will celebrate these children and all their accomplishments with our End of the Year program and barbecue. We will also say goodbye to 17 of our preschoolers who will be off to kindergarten in the fall. As they move on to the "big school," we hope they will always remember that at EAVP they were loved and accepted for who they are, and that they will always be a part of our family.

We are currently enrolling for the 2016-17 school year. Please call 735-5105 or e-mail us at EAVP@tds.net for more information.

Roxanne Shedd Recognized for 30 Years at Lake Sunapee Bank

Lake Sunapee Bank (LSB) on May 17 hosted its annual Employee Recognition Event, which proudly honors employees for dedicated service and accomplishments. Approximately 280 LSB employees gathered at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord for this evening of celebration. Among the honorees was Roxanne Shedd, Vice President, Area Business Leader, and Branch Manager II at the Newport Road branch in New London. Roxanne celebrates 30 years as an LSB employee this year.



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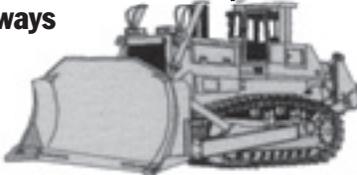
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Heidi Murphy Honored as Wildlife Officer of the Year

“Holds her own with the best of them”

Press release

Lieutenant Heidi Murphy of Andover was honored by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department as the 2015 Shikar-Safari International Wildlife Officer of the Year. She is an 11-year veteran of Fish and Game. Heidi patrolled in the Franklin area for eight years, addressing Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle issues and wildlife complaints, stocking pheasants and fish, and investigating hunting and fishing cases. She is an active member of the Advanced Search and Rescue Team and instructs several courses for Fish and Game’s Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program.

“Lt. Murphy was New Hampshire Fish and Game’s first female Conservation Officer, and she has set the bar very high for those who strive to follow,” said Chief Kevin Jordan. “She came into an agency and a culture here in the Law Enforcement Division that was all male, and she demonstrated she could hold her own with the best of them.”

Murphy currently serves as Fish and Game Law Enforcement’s Administra-

tive Lieutenant, where she is charged with reviewing, approving, and issuing all wildlife permits and is the “go-to” person for questions of law or administrative rules. She also supervises the Department’s Dispatch office.

“Lieutenant Murphy has demonstrated the attributes of a professional



wildlife officer whose exemplary work performance is a true asset to the Fish and Game Department,” said Jordan. “She is an officer who exhibits good common sense, dedication to duty, and loyalty to a fault.”

Megan Hanscom Graduates Magna Cum Laude from Ursinus College

Honors in Environmental Studies, plus three minors

Megan Nicole Hanscom of Andover received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies from Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, on May 13. Megan graduated Magna Cum Laude with Honors in Environmental Studies and minor studies in English, Gender and Women’s Studies, and Studio Art.

Megan was recognized for her academic achievement with her induction to Tau of Pennsylvania Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at a ceremony with peers on May 12.

Megan is a 2012 graduate of Proctor Academy and a 2008 graduate of Andover Elementary/Middle School. She will be working as a Summer Scholar with the Network for Sustainable



Climate Risk Management (SCRiM) in the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute at Pennsylvania State University during the summer.

James Coll Receives His Masters from University of Kansas

James Coll has graduated from the University of Kansas with his Masters degree in Environmental Science. More than 4,500 candidates for degrees and faculty attended the university’s 144th commencement in Lawrence, Kansas on May 15.

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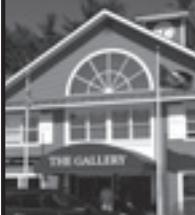




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MARY OSBORNE KOLODZIEJ, 88, of Loudon passed away peacefully on February 25, 2016, at Highgate in Paoli, Pennsylvania, where she had lived since 2013.

Mary was the daughter of John and Rena Osborne of Loudon and was born and raised on a dairy farm. She loved to grow vegetables and work outdoors.

She graduated from Keene Teachers College in 1949 and taught school and was the cheerleading coach at Andover High School for two years.

Mary spent her career teaching home economics. She retired from the Manchester Public School System in 1991.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Russell and Kenneth Osborne, and by one sister, Rachel Kidder.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Ted Kolodziej, of Paoli; daughters Jane Gruen of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and Carole (John) Erickson of Wayne, Pennsylvania; and sons Brian (Kris) of Atlanta, Georgia and Bruce (Lili) of Red Bank, New Jersey. She was a loving grandmother to Sarah (Gruen) Snell, Rachel and Hannah Gruen, Abbey and Connor Kolodziej, and Lydia Erickson. Jonathan Snell is her infant great-grandson.

She is also survived by two sisters, Dorothy Day and Priscilla Bechok; a brother, David Osborne; and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all.

A memorial service was held at Loudon Congregational Church on May 28. Burial was at the Moore Cemetery followed by light refreshments in the church's Fellowship House.

LOUISE I. (STEVENS) GALLUP, 81, of Grafton, died on April 20, 2016 at the New London Hospital.

She was born in Danbury on October 13, 1934, the daughter of Edward and Edith (Woodward) Stevens.

Louise graduated from Andover High School, was married in 1954, and lived the rest of her life in Grafton. She was a dedicated stay-at-home mom.

Active in her community, Louise was a member of the Ladies Benevolent

Society and the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and was active with the Recreation Committee. She had served as a cemetery trustee, a ballot clerk, and the Town Hall supervisor.

Louise was a member of the Millbrook Christian Fellowship. She loved having long conversations and chatting on the phone with friends. She also enjoyed bingo and doing word searches.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald, in 2007 and all of her siblings: Marion Langley, Mary Smith, Doris Huntoon, Dorothy Ford, Evelyn Smith, and Ralph, Lawrence, Frank, and Edward Stevens.

She is survived by three children: Cynthia and her husband Clifton Jipson of Grafton; Glen Gallup of New London; and Terri and her husband Keith Sliker of Grafton; a daughter-in-law, Michele Gallup of Danbury; 12 grandchildren: Cheryl, Jill, Amanda, Jonathan, JJ, Kyle, Eric, Rebecca, Travis, Tammie, Kimmie, and Heath; 10 great-grandchildren: Matthew, Timothy, Beckie, Brianna, Samantha, William, Lacy, Karyssa, Jaxson, Caiden; one great-great-granddaughter, Madysen; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service was held on April 23 in Pine Grove Cemetery in Grafton with the Reverend Thomas Warner, pastor of Millbrook Christian Fellowship, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, c/o Rosalie Babiarz, Slab City Road, Grafton NH 03240.

LORRAINE GLORIA (VIEN) LABONTE, of Concord, died suddenly on April 30, 2016 at Concord Hospital. She was born on January 2, 1936 in Pittsfield.

She retired as a seamstress at Globe Manufacturing in Pittsfield and then took on a job as a Senior Companion, where she made a few lifelong friends.

She is predeceased by her parents, Raymond and Aurore Vien of Pittsfield; two brothers, Paul and Theodore Vien;

and one sister, Theresa Ordway.

Lorraine is survived by her sister, Jeannette Stevens, and by her sister-in-law, Cindy Dabney of Penacook; her son, Arthur R. Corey Jr. and his fiancée Jackie Nadeau of Andover; her daughter, Brenda (Corey) Rizzo and husband Albert of Peabody, Massachusetts; and her sons Robert Labonte of Loudon and Victor Labonte and wife Tina of Bristol. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held.

PAULINE NORA RICHARDS passed away peacefully on May 10, 2016 at Woodlawn Care Center in Newport after a lengthy illness. Born on April 11, 1928 to Grace (Perkins) Richardson and Frank Richardson, she was predeceased by her parents; her loving husband, Carl Richards, in 2001; and siblings Richard, John, Barbara, and Doris.

As a lifelong resident of Andover, she was active in many local groups and most known for her many years as Librarian of the William A. Bachelder Library in East Andover. She enjoyed traveling, card games with friends, and hanging out with Ella.



She leaves behind a daughter, Ann Sargent-Henderson and her husband David of Andover; a son, Frank Richards of Vassalboro, Maine; grandsons Christopher Carl West and his wife Kristen of Bartlett, New Hampshire, Phillip Eric Sargent and his wife Kelly of Wakefield, Massachusetts, and Michael Henderson of Franklin; and great-grandchildren Jacob and Sage West, Liam and Finn Sargent, and Katie Henderson.

A memorial service was held on May 27 at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London. The family would appreciate it if support were given to dementia research.

CHRISTINE MITCHELL ROBINS, 48, of Salisbury passed away suddenly on Monday, May 16, 2016.

She was the beloved wife of Ray Robins, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Kayla Mitchell; her mother, Wanda Ciardullo of Londonderry; her father, Gary Keown of Australia; her brother, Jason Keown of Connecticut; and her sister, Nikol Pasalic of Nashua. Chris was the devoted and loving grandmother to Kadance and Kristopher who will miss her greatly. She also leaves behind her father- and mother-in-law, Ray



A Great Impact at AE/MS

The AE/MS school community is mourning the loss of school bus driver Christine Mitchell. Christine has been the driver for Bus #1 for several years.

Christine's involvement at AE/MS was more than just driving a bus. Christine often was the driver for field trips and athletic trips, and she even substituted in the school kitchen.

Christine took her bus driving position seriously and rarely missed a school day. The safety of her students was always her primary concern. Christine cared about her students, and they knew that. She looked forward to hearing about their day or wishing them luck in the morning when she knew they had a test or presentation.

AE/MS lost a good friend and a big fan. Christine's passing shows how one person can have a great impact within a small community. Christine will be missed.

and Lucille Robbins of Tilton; step-daughter Farrah and her husband Jason and step-grandson Hayden of Conway; and sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Albie Sanborn of Salisbury.

Christine was born in 1967 in New Jersey and later resided for several years in Europe. She moved to Arkansas for a few years and then settled in New Hampshire, graduating from Pinkerton Academy in Derry. Chris enlisted in the United States Air Force and completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. She became a member of the 175th Air National Guard and served in Desert Storm where she received several awards.

Chris loved her job as a school bus driver for First Student in the Andover School District. She enjoyed her kids on the bus and her other bus-driving family.

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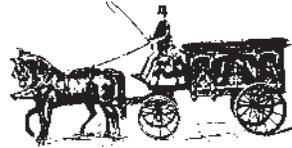


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Chris also loved animals and had many pets at their home. She loved flowers and planting her garden. She also loved nature, being in the woods, and riding her Harley. Chris liked to collect Coca-Cola bears, and her favorite songs were *When Doves Cry* and *Purple Rain* by Prince. Chris will be missed by her aunt and uncle, Jazia and Sid Kerr, her cousins Nick and Katrina, her niece Kaylee, as well as all who knew her. We will always love her and hold her near.

Graveside service with military honors will be held on Friday, June 3, at noon at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery at 110 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscaawen.

RICHARD P. SMITH, 79, of Grafton, died peacefully at the White River Junction Veterans Hospital surrounded by his loved ones on May 22, 2016. He was born in Hanover on October 9, 1936, the son of the late George S. and Evelyn (Stevens) Smith.

Rick attended Grafton, Lebanon, and Manchester schools. He received his GED while stationed in the US Army in Germany from 1957 to 1959 with the 1st Observation Battalion Battery A Survey Section. After the Army he worked as a machinist in the Manchester Die Shop, then for the Railway Express Company and finally for the Boston and Maine Railroad for 30 years as a conductor until his retirement in 1998.

He was predeceased by a brother, Willard H. Smith, and is survived by his wife of 54 years, Beverly (George) Smith of Grafton, and their three children: Scott Smith of Grafton, Katherine and her husband Richard Derby of New Boston; and Deborah Parkman of Andover; four grandchildren, Lianna, Jennifer, Kyle, and Samantha; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He loved his family unconditionally. He would enjoy scenic motorcycle rides around Newfound Lake and the White Mountains. Enjoyment came from listening to country music, bowling, working on crossword puzzles, and mowing his land on his riding lawn tractor. His family will always remember his calm and loving spirit. He was a true gentle man.

Friends called on May 26 at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London. A service followed, with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mascoma Senior Center, 1166 US Route 4, Canaan NH 03741.

LILY (WOLFENDEN) ORDWAY, 81, of South Danbury died on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born in Norwich, Connecticut on January 19, 1935, the daughter of Leonard Wolfenden and Lily (Williams) Wolfenden Huntoon.



Lily graduated from Andover High School in 1953. She worked for various firms including the New Hampshire Association for the Blind, Page Belting Company, and Mountain Meadows Greenhouse in Danbury. From 1984 to 1997 she had been a clerk in the lab at the New London Hospital. After her retirement in 1997, she worked for Accumail in New London.

She lived in Danbury for over 60 years, was a member of the Andover Congregational Church, and also attended the South Danbury Christian Church. Active in town affairs, Lily had been Treasurer for the Town of Danbury, Trustee of Trust Funds, and Supervisor of the Checklist. She was clerk for the Andover Congregational Church, former Treasurer of the Andover Fish and Game Club, and had been secretary and treasurer for the Danbury PTA. She was secretary and treasurer for the Scouts Pack 52, secretary of the Helping Hands Circle, chairperson and secretary of the Waukeena Extension, and chairperson of the Bike-A-Thon for St. Jude's Hospital.

Above all, Lily loved being with her family. She enjoyed scrapbooking, knitting, and crocheting.

Her husband of 48 years, Gordon C. Ordway, died in 2006, and their daughter, Linda Maines, died in 1999. Members of her family surviving include two sons and their wives: Gordon C. Jr. and Wendy Ordway and Brian L. and Alison Ordway, all of Danbury; her son-in-law and his wife, Richard and Cori Maines of Danbury; seven grandchildren: Eric and his wife Gen, Craig, Kelly, Curtis, Ryan, Blake, and Madison; one great-granddaughter, Peyton; two sisters, Germaine Lorden of Louisiana and Dorothy West of Virginia; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of Lily's life was held on May 30 at Ordway's field in Danbury, with Reverend John Wagner officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Andover Congregational Church, Save the Grange Hall, 1 Chase Hill Road, East Andover NH 03231.

Lake Sunapee Bank Announces Merger with Bar Harbor Bankshares

LSB branches not expecting a name change

Press release

Bar Harbor Bankshares and Lake Sunapee Bank Group have announced that they have signed a definitive merger agreement pursuant to which Bar Harbor will acquire Lake Sunapee in an all-stock transaction valued at approximately \$143 million, or approximately \$17 per share.

The market-expanding merger is expected to create efficiencies and strategic growth opportunities for both businesses through the leveraging of each other's platforms and capabilities and will create the only community bank headquartered in New England with a market footprint in all three Northern New England states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

It is expected that existing Lake

Sunapee Bank branches will continue to operate under the Lake Sunapee brand after the merger is completed.

At closing, the combined institution is expected to have approximately \$3.3 billion in assets, \$2.4 billion in net loans, \$2.2 billion in deposits, and over \$2.0 billion in assets under management. Bar Harbor will have a pro forma market cap of approximately \$350 million and 50 branches serving customers and communities across three states.

The definitive agreement has been approved by the unanimous votes of the Boards of Directors of both companies. Consummation of the agreement is subject to the approval of both Bar Harbor's and Lake Sunapee's shareholders, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies.

The merger is targeted to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2016 or first quarter of 2017.

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Questions and Answers About LRGHealthcare's Layoffs

FRH Emergency Department remains open

Press release

Anytime changes take place in a large organization that resides in a small community, people talk. It's understandable. A big fish (LRGHealthcare) in a small pond (the Lakes and Three Rivers Regions) is important to its people, not only to provide quality healthcare, but to be a viable entity for its communities.

As many have heard, LRGHealthcare is currently working on many changes to its operations and processes and recently had to regretfully implement a reduction in workforce as part of this journey. Unfortunately, much like the childhood game of Telephone, as the message passes through multiple ears, the story can get a bit skewed.

LRGHealthcare would like to take this opportunity to share some of the rumors and frequently asked questions and clarify with accurate information.

Is the Franklin Regional Hospital (FRH) Emergency Department (ED) closing due to budget cuts? No. Simply put, this is not true. In fact, in order for FRH to remain classified as a critical access hospital, it must have an ED. Its closing is pure rumor.

With the elimination of its ICU staff, can FRH still take care of ICU patients? Absolutely. While FRH does not have the patient volume to have a standalone ICU staffed 24/7, it can and will continue to take care of ICU-level patients.

The ED and in-patient unit has a highly skilled staff who have the credentials to care for critically ill patients until they are stable enough to be transported to another ICU.

I heard RNs no longer work in Convenience Care. How will Convenience Care patients be taken care of without them? While it is true that RNs are no longer a part of the Convenience Care staff, Convenience Care at Laconia Clinic and Hillside Medical Park are still caring for patients as they always have. Much like in a regular provider's office, medical assistants will make the initial contact with patients prior to the provider, a nurse practitioner (APRN), coming in for a more in-depth exam.

Is LRGHealthcare the only healthcare organization this is happening to? No. As Becker's Hospital Review reported on April 1, 14 other healthcare organizations across the country experienced layoffs in the month of March alone. Five of those are in New England states. LRGHealthcare is among many organizations adapting to the new healthcare environment.

LRGHealthcare hopes that by sharing this information, the community will have better clarity about the changes taking place. The organization is working diligently to improve operations for better cost efficiency and optimal patient care, and it is confident in a bright future where it will continue to care for the health of its communities for many years to come.



Our Andover Blue Socks enjoyed the beautiful day on Opening Day of the local baseball season, May 14. The team has been playing really well in their games! We are excited and look forward to the rest of the season. Pictured here are (back) Coach Steve Barton, Garrett Barton, Jacob Demers, Damien Jenifer, Tristan Colby, Ollie Grotnes, Daniel Shedd, Liam Murphy, Nate Bain, and Coach Pete Shedd; (front) Eric Bates, JT Pourby, Wyatt Barton, Wyatt Carleton, Brennan Dunklee, Kamrin McCord, and Ben Newton.
Caption and photo: Meghan Barton

Andover Rec Soccer Sign-Ups: Get 'Em in by July 1

Weekly summer kick-arounds are planned, too

Heidi Murphy, soccer director

Though you might be slashing at black flies right now, I am thinking about the upcoming fall soccer season. It's already the time of year to think about sign-ups for youth soccer for those entering first through sixth grade in the fall.

Last year we were able to field a large first/second grade team and both a girls' team and a boys' team for the third/fourth and the fifth/sixth grade levels, and they all played their hearts out. This year I am hoping to field the same number of teams, but we need your sign-up, and the earlier the better.

I will be sending out registration forms in the upcoming weeks through AE/MS and through e-mails. If you would like to e-mail me for a registration form, feel free to at AndoverRecSoccer@gmail.com. I can also be reached at 735-4494 if you have questions about the registration process.

This year, registrations will be due on

Friday, July 1. This will ensure that I am able to get the proper number of coaches and referees needed for the season.

Volunteers are always welcome and highly needed, so if you feel you have the ability to coach or referee, please contact me. Don't be scared!

Andover youth players are members of the Merrimack Valley Soccer League which encompasses 19 towns and schools. The mission of the league is to support individual player development for youth soccer by establishing the highest level of team play possible. But most importantly, we want youth to have fun and understand that soccer can be a life-long adventure.

Similar to last year, I will be inviting players and their families to come join us once a week during the summer to kick the ball around and get those legs moving. Look for more information on this in upcoming editions of the Beacon and our future Andover Recreation Facebook page

As always, don't forget to stay hydrated, and get the ball moving! See you on the pitch.

Reminisce!

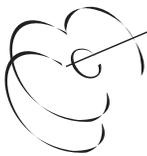
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Six students from Andover Middle School's sixth grade qualified for the Small School Championship Meet on May 23 in Belmont. From the boys' team, Jesse Niemeyer qualified for the long jump. The five girls pictured here – Maura Kelly, Sasha MacKenzie, Lily Menard, Brynne Makechnie, and Sophia Reynolds – qualified for 10 different track and field events among them.

AE/MS Wraps Up an Exciting Track Season

New personal bests and school records

Brian Reynolds, AE/MS track coach

The Andover Middle School track team wrapped up its regular season on May 11 and 12 with meets in Alton for seventh and eighth graders, and in Gilford for sixth graders. This year's team was very young, with only five seventh and eighth graders on the team of 25.

The season kicked off on April 13 at Winnisquam. The team set the tone for the season with a strong start. They supported each other and did a great job getting to all of their events. Coaches observed many runners with huge smiles as they ran down the home stretch to thunderous cheering from their teammates.

The relay teams did a great job with their passes, and there were several Personal Bests and one School Re-

cord. Liam Donovan and Riley Keezer both set personal bests in the discus. Lily Menard led the running personal records with a 20-second improvement in the 800 meters. Sophia Reynolds improved her 800-meter time and the school record by five seconds to 2:44.9. Sasha Mackenzie improved her 800-meter time by a second. Maura Kelly and Cyrus King had strong debuts in several events, including the 800 meter and relays.

Eight days later, the team met at the Bow High School track with Bow, Hopkinton, Concord Christian, and Holderness. On the girls' side, Brynne Makechnie started things off with an amazing first-ever attempt at the 100-meter hurdles. She was third, in a time of 19.8, becoming eligible for championships and running the second-fastest time ever at Andover behind Kristin Corliss, who ran 19.0.

In the 1600 meter, Sophia Reynolds came from behind and broke Cope Makechnie's school record from 2013 by seven seconds, winning the race in 6:03. Sophia teamed up immediately with Brynne, Sasha Mackenzie, and Maura Kelly in the 4 x 100-meter relay, finishing in third and improving to 1:02.4. Sophia then finished her first-ever high jump competition by clearing 4' 2".

Next Brynne, Maura, Sasha, and Lily were up in the 800 meters. Without a doubt it was the most exciting race of the day. Brynne started strong, then settled back in second place about 15 meters behind entering the home straight. Brynne unleashed a fierce kick and snuck by the leader on the inside at the line for the win in a personal best 2:58. Maura was close behind in a personal best of 3:02. Brynne and Maura are both eligible for championships. Rounding out the personal bests: Sasha and Lily set personal bests for the second meet in a row.

In the long jump, Alexis and Morganne Budgett set personal bests as well to round out a great day for the girls' team.

The boys got things started with Cyrus King running a personal best in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 22.6. In the 100 meters, the boys were led by Jeremy Johnson, Garrett Niemeyer, Adam Barry, and Aaron Weeks all running well. Garrett and Jeremy set personal best times.

The boys of the 4 x 100-meter relay also improved their time from Winnisquam with some good baton passing from Garrett, Dillan Reed, Jesse Niemeyer, and Will Furtkamp.

In the 800 meters, Cyrus showed his versatility and took 12 seconds off his personal best. Cyrus was joined by Adam Barry trying the 800 meter for the first time in a strong 3:27.

In the field events, Riley led the way in the discus, improving by four feet over Winnisquam. He was joined by Anthony Hammond, Fenn Davis, and Liam Donovan who all had strong throws.

In the javelin, Adam Barry and Wes Koziol led the way, throwing over 40 feet each, along with Liam and Anthony establishing standards for themselves in their first javelin competition.

In the shot put, Dillan Reed led the way for the team with a throw of 21', closely followed by Riley Keezer at 19' 11" and Fenn Davis at 11' 2". In the long jump, Jesse Niemeyer had a personal best jump of 12', as did Aaron Weeks with a new best of 7' 3".

The high jump for boys was fun to watch as Jeremy, Jesse, and Will competed for the first time. Jesse cleared the opening height of 4' and Will cleared 4' 4".

During April vacation, Sophia was able to compete in a middle school 1600 meter at the Coe-Brown Black Bear High School invitational. She went up

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against a field of eight that contained both middle school cross country state champions and many of the girls in the top 10. It was Sophia's best 1600 of the year, running 5:47 and finishing fourth.

After April vacation, the team went to Merrimack Valley for a special practice conducted by the MVHS track team. It was a great way to hit the ground running after a week off and especially helpful for our hurdlers and long jumpers.

The team returned to MV the following Wednesday for a meet with MV, Epsom, Kearsarge, and Hopkinton. The girls' team got off to a fast start in the 100 meter with Sophia taking third. The highlight of the day on the girls' side was the 4 x 100 meter. They ran a blazing race with smooth handoffs to win in a time of 1:01.8 to become eligible for our championship meet.

This same group of ladies took to the track for the 800 meter, all matching or improving personal bests. Sophia took second, Brynne sixth, followed by Maura and Sasha.

On the boys' side, Cyrus started things off with a solid run in the 100-meter hurdles. Cyrus followed that up with a throw of 21' 9" in the shot put and a run of 2:58.8 in the 800 meter. In the discus, Dillan Reed had his best throw of the season at 66' 9". In the high jump, Will Furtkamp had a season's best 4' 4".

The last week of the season is excit-

ing for everyone. The team splits up, with the seventh and eighth graders going to Alton and the sixth graders going to a meet with only fifth and sixth graders in Gilford.

The seventh and eighth graders traveled to Alton hoping to get their best marks of the year and become eligible for our championship meet. The team focused on the field events, with Liam Donovan setting a personal best in the discus at 49' 0" and setting a team season's best in the javelin at 49' 3". Riley Keezer jumped into third on the team in javelin with a throw of 45' 3".

In the shot put, Cyrus set season's and team best with a throw of 25' 9.5". He was followed closely by Will with a throw of 24' 1". Will wrapped up the meet matching his season's best in the high jump, clearing 4' 4" but just missing the eligibility mark for championships.

The next day the sixth graders went to Gilford for their last regular season meet. It's a great day competing with other sixth graders instead of seventh and eighth graders.

There was a focus on the field events but also some new running events. Sophia ran 1:12 in the 400 meter and 31.2 in the 200 meter to be eligible for the championship. Sasha and Maura also ran their first 200 meter. Alexis Plante ran her best 100 meter of the year. In the long jump, Sophia and Morganne both had season's bests.

It was a great season for the AMS

track team. The athletes tried many events and were improving throughout the season, with most of the team members having their best performances in the last meet. There were two school records set and some other records being approached. Sophia improved her record in the 800 meter to 2:44.9 and set a new school record in the 1600 meter with a time of 5:47.8.

The final meet of the year was the championship at Belmont on May 23. It was a big goal for the team, since it requires athletes to achieve certain times to be eligible for the meet. This season the team had six athletes eligible for the championship meet.

Championship Meet

On May 23, the Andover Middle School track team finished its track season at the Small School Championship Meet. It's a special meet that athletes have to qualify for with top marks during the season. Andover qualified 5 girls and 1 boy. One of the most impressive things about the qualifiers was that they are all in sixth grade.

On the boys' team, Jesse Niemeyer was eligible in the long jump. There were five girls eligible for the championship. Brynne Makechnie was eligible in the 100-meter hurdles, the 800 meter, the 4 x 100 meter, and the 4 x 400 meter. Maura Kelly was eligible in the 800 meter, the 4 x 100 meter, and the 4 x 400 meter.

Sophia Reynolds was eligible in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, 800 meter, 1600 meter, the 4 x 100 meter, the 4 x 400 meter, the high jump, and the long jump. Sasha MacKenzie was eligible in the 4 x 100 meter and the 4 x 400 meter, and Lily Menard was eligible in the 4 x 400 meter.

Brynne and Jesse were up first, Brynne in the hurdles and Jesse in

the long jump. Brynne ran her best time of the year at 19.4, second best in Andover track history. Jesse was the only non-eighth grader in the long jump. He finished sixth with a jump of 13' 9".

Sophia got started in the high jump, then took a break from jumping to run the 1600 meter. She ran a smart, smooth race and finished third. She went back to the high jump and eventually cleared a season's best 4' 4", good for fourth place.

Lily, Maura, Sasha, and Brynne got on the track for the 4 x 100 meter relay after the 1600 meter. They ran a brilliant relay, with great baton passes, to run their best time of the season and finish eighth.

Sophia got back on the track for the second part of her middle distance triple in the 400 meters. She ran 1:12, good enough for fifth in the meet and tied for third best in Andover.

Sophia followed that up by joining Brynne and Maura in the 800 meter. The start of the race was a little slow and crowded, with all the runners staying close together. The second lap sped up, and Sophia took the lead with 150 meters to go and won the race with a time of 2:49. The leaders ran the second lap 10 seconds faster than the first. Brynne finished with a blazing kick in ninth place at 2:58, and Maura finished in a solid time of 3:03.

The meet wrapped up with Lily, Maura, Sasha, and Brynne running in the 4 x 400 meter relay. They again ran a great race, with fast passes. Brynne pulled the team into eighth place with a fabulous sprint finish and pass on the inside of the home straight.

Overall, the girls team was eighth out of 15 teams, which is quite a feat for a team of five!

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Andover's Jacquie Morris, a junior at Proctor, presents with Kelly Yu '17 during Proctor's Innovation Night. Jacquie's group was one of more than a dozen student groups to present their innovative research, focusing on a solar oven and food dehydrator.

Proctor Celebrates Student Ingenuity and Innovation

Projects range from solar ovens to rocketeering

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

On May 17, Proctor Academy hosted its second innovation night of the year, celebrating student ingenuity and innovation. Members of Proctor's AP Environmental Science, Engineering, and Entrepreneurship courses presented projects to the school community.

Projects ranged from solar ovens to

rocketeering to the development of detailed business plans that students hope to implement on campus next year.

Proctor understands it graduates incredibly creative, independent thinkers who are drawn to entrepreneurship and innovation careers. The academic courses highlighted on Innovation Night, among others, provide a critical foundation and network of engaged alumni on which current students can launch their own careers.

Proctor Plans for Record Numbers at Reunion This Year

About 200 grads return June 3 and 4

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

On the weekend of June 3 and 4, Proctor Academy will welcome roughly 200 alumni to campus for its annual Alumni Reunion. Alumni (including two members of the class of 1966 celebrating their 50th reunion, and one member from the Class of 1956 celebrating his 60th reunion) will make the trek to Andover to reconnect with

each other and with the beautiful town of Andover they once called home.

Throughout the weekend, groups of alumni will hike in the Proctor Woodlands, take Mountain Bike rides led by Drew Donaldson '92 and Josh Norris '92, take art classes in the Slocumb Hall studio with Kate Austin '01, and hang out on Proctor's land at Elbow Pond. This year's registration numbers for Alumni Reunion are higher than ever, and the Proctor community is excited to reconnect with all of its alumni!

Gordon Conferees Arrive at Proctor on June 5

1,000 scientists in Andover this summer

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

For decades, Proctor Academy has hosted Gordon Research Conferences (GRC) on campus during the summer months. This summer, Proctor welcomes 11 weeks of conferences between June 5 and August 25, including five weekend conferences (Gordon Research Seminars). These conferences

will bring over 1,000 world-renowned scientists to the town of Andover this summer.

In the past, GRC has welcomed Nobel Prize-winning scientists to the speciality conferences that bring scientists from around the world together to discuss topics as diverse as biomolecular chemistry, Proteoglycans (GRS), and the study of rock deformation. We are excited to welcome this year's group of scientists to Andover!

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A big *Beacon* "Thank You" to everyone who made the graduates' photos possible again this year. We couldn't have done it without:

- Ms Slayton, Ms Parenteau, and Ms Hildebrand for the AE/MS photos
- Samantha Stokes for the MVHS photos
- Scott Allenby for the Proctor photos

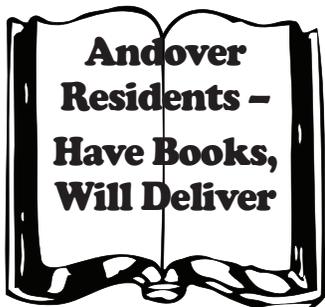
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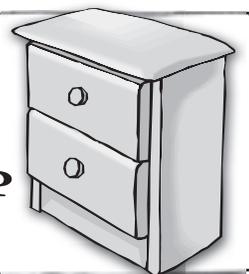
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Andover's MVHS Senior Projects 2016



Paul Barton: Maple Syrup



Colby Benoit: Making a Yearbook



Adrian Bolte: Careers in Law Enforcement



Emma Davis: Advertising Photography



Mackenzie Donovan: Conservation Dogs



Brandon Jackson: Making an Album



Elizabeth Labrie: Truck Body Work



Tyler Meserve: Motorcycle Engine Repair



Benjamin Yusko: AE/MS Cooking Class

Due to an editorial lapse, we failed to get a photo of **Rebecca Partridge's** senior project, "Engine Table."
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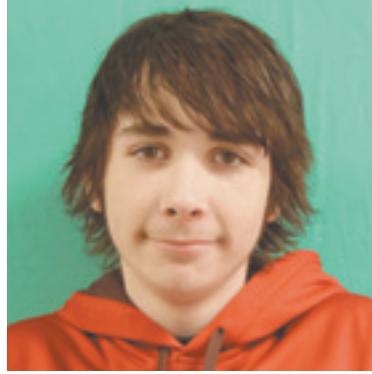
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Jon Warzocha (right), hydrogeologist and father to Anna Warzocha, accompanied the second grade on a rock walk May 10th. We saw feldspar, granite, biotite, muscovite, chlorite, Quartz, iron ore, coal, and so much more... Including 7,000,000 black flies. Thanks for the great information, Mr. Warzocha!
Caption and photo: Jen Bent



AE/MS sixth through eighth grade students have spent the past month creating stop-motion animation videos during their tech classes. The students have used many skills throughout the process, including creativity, planning, and attention to detail, and they have had the satisfaction of being able to watch and share their videos with their classmates, which builds their self-esteem.

It has been great to watch the students be producers of content instead of consumers of media! Pictured here are Sadie Barton (foreground), Cedar Kiedaisch, Kayla Meserve, and Ayla Caron.

Caption and photo: Heidi Unger



Several students from Andover Elementary/Middle School proudly showed their artwork in May in the "Young at Art" art show at the New London Historical Society. Andover was just one of several schools invited to display artwork in the show. Students enjoyed looking at not only artwork made by students from Andover but also artwork from the surrounding schools. It was a lovely evening filled with laughter, good friends, and appreciation for all art. Pictured here is Sierra Provost.

Caption: Courtney Minnehan, AE/MS art teacher

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staff members and students enthusiastically and creatively taking photos on iPads as they worked their way down the scavenger hunt list. Definitely, a good time was had by all!

It truly takes a community to make SHARE Day such a successful tradition. We are appreciative and grateful for the generous time and expertise shared

with us from community members and parents. A big thanks is extended to Gisela Darling for her incredible efforts, year after year. It is amazing to think we are now closing in on the 30-year anniversary of SHARE Day. The very first SHARE Day was in 1989, and the premise is the same today as it was then: See How Arts Reach Everyone!

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Golf is a SHARE Day tradition at AE/MS. Six young golfers -- Jim Clough, Riley Keezer, Hunter Hawks, Chase Keyser, Caleb Chevarie, and Will Furtkamp -- enjoyed their day at Mojalaki Country Club, where they learned from the best: Howard George and Tim Norris. Don't be surprised if you see them on the PGA Tour in the near future!
Photo: Kristy LaRoche

Another Very Successful SHARE Day at AE/MS

Many new workshops and lots of old favorites

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

Another successful SHARE Day is in the books. It was a very robust, high-energy day. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade participated in a wide variety of morning workshops before coming back together for lunch and sharing experiences from the morning. Morning creations were organized on tables in the gym, and students circulated among them to get ideas of what they might learn and make the following year.

There were many new workshops this year: dog tug toys, rugby, making musical instruments, easy songs, drawing with charcoal, a clay workshop, and more. Old time favorites, including golf, mountain biking, tie dying, horses, the climbing wall, and more were included in the day.

Mountain biking has a really long tradition at AE/MS. A big reason for the success of mountain biking has been Peter Southworth. Peter wasn't part of SHARE Day this year but will be back next year. However, the mud, the wipe-outs, and the excitement he started with the sport still took place. Thank you, Peter!

SHARE Day includes all AE/MS students. The third through eighth grade take the longer, more intensive workshops, while the younger students participate in smaller workshops. Kindergarten had seven mini-workshops that the students rotated through. They were able to milk a goat, get fingerprinted by a real police officer, experiment with tie dye, and more. First and second grade classes designed, stuffed, and sewed pillows, decorated clipboards, and more.

SHARE Day afternoon was spent in a scavenger hunt activity with teams of
See SHARE Day on page 43

Proctor Faculty and Students Join AE/MS SHARE Day

It's a favorite day for Proctor, too!

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

For Andover Elementary/Middle School students, SHARE Day is one of their favorite days of the year. What they may not realize is it is also a favorite for Proctor's faculty and staff!

Whether it was Proctor's Dean of Students Drew Donaldson offering a

mountain biking project, Mountain Classroom director and math teacher Patty Pond making greeting cards, or Tyler McKenzie running a climbing workshop on Proctor's climbing wall, Proctor was thrilled to be a part of the day by sharing our facilities and faculty expertise. Thank you to AE/MS for making this type of experiential learning a priority for its students!

Proctor Graduated Seven Andover Students on May 28

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy graduated seven Andover students on Saturday, May 28. Here are their plans for next year:

- Riley Anderson: Elon University
- Will Cox: University of New Hampshire
- Keith Davis: Gap year, then

- University of New Hampshire
- Allie Henderson: George Washington University
- Logan Marcus: Elon University
- Taylor Methven: Colby College
- Maggie Royal: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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AE/MS Graduates 20 on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 PM

AE/MS will graduate 20 eighth graders on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 PM. Here are their plans for next year:

- Victoria Braley: Proctor
- Caleb Chevarie: MVHS
- Ethan Davis: MVHS
- Will Furtkamp: MVHS
- Alexis Geyer: MVHS
- Madalyn Goodwin: MVHS
- Hunter Hawks: MVHS
- Ethan Hughes: MVHS
- Rylle Jenifer: Proctor
- Riley Keezer: MVHS
- Chase Keyser: MVHS
- Cyrus King: MVHS
- Desiree Langlois: MVHS
- Vienna Marcus: Proctor
- Kayla Meserve: MVHS
- Garrett Munson: MVHS
- Dillan Reed: MVHS
- Robbie Schwendler: KRHS
- Elijah Wakeman: MVHS
- Ronan Walsh: Proctor



The AE/MS eighth grade class continues to fundraise for its June trip to New York City. School Nurse Christine Frost recently coordinated a flower sale for the students with Osborne's Agway of Hooksett, Concord, and Winnisquam. The flowers were incredibly beautiful, and all were pleased with their floral purchases. The students sold 107 plants, and \$1,284 went toward the trip.

Pictured here are Vienna Marcus, Ronan Walsh, Will Furtkamp, Chase Keyser, Hunter Hawks, Cyrus King, Caleb Chevarie, Robbie Schwendler, Ethan Davis, Christine Frost, Tori Braley, Alexis Geyer, Kayla Meserve, and Madalyn Goodwin.
Photo: Jen Bent

MVHS Graduates 10 Andover Students on June 11

Merrimack Valley High School will graduate 10 Andover students on Saturday, June 11, at 10 AM. Here are their plans for next year:

- Paul Barton: Working
- Colby Benoit: Working
- Adrian Bolte: NHTI
- Emma Davis: Colby-Sawyer College
- Mackenzie Donovan: Keene State College
- Brandon Jackson: Manchester Community College
- Elizabeth Labrie: Working
- Tyler Meserve: Working
- Rebecca Partridge: Working
- Ben Yusko: Culinary Institute of America

Andover Graduates and Senior Projects

Photos of Andover students graduating from AE/MS, MVHS, and Proctor Academy are on pages 42, 40, and 41 respectively. Photos of senior projects for Andover students at MVHS are on page 41.