



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 Cardboard 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.

1966 from page 14

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.

Check [AndoverBeacon.com!](http://AndoverBeacon.com)

The latest news is posted at AndoverBeacon.com every day!

Ayer & Goss
INC.
FUELS

Fuel Oils & Propane Sales & Service

Our family has been serving the heating needs of the area for over 65 years.

P.O. Box 496 • 20 Hall Avenue • Henniker, NH 03242

428-3333

AyerAndGoss.com

COLBY INSURANCE GROUP



We're an independent, Trusted Choice® insurance agency. Locally owned and operated by the Barselle Family since 1980. We work for YOU, not the big insurance companies. Experience a common sense approach to finding the right insurance coverage to fit your needs and your budget.

Homeowner • Automotive • Motorcycle • Boat
ATV & Snowmobile • Business • Farm & Forest
Life & Disability • Group Benefits

Call us to discuss your insurance needs at 1-800-392-6532

www.colby-group.com

