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Peter Zak and Mary Lloyd Evans of Highland Lake Apple Farm.

Fire Department Gets Big Grant to Replace Air Packs

Keeps \$160,000 off the 2017 Town budget

Rene Lefebvre, Andover Fire Chief

Firefighters are taught many skills that help them do a dangerous task as safely as possible. One skill we have never learned, however, is how to breathe hot, smoke-filled gasses without disastrous results.

Inventors have, over time, devel-

oped equipment that allows firefighters to breathe clean air while working in a toxic atmosphere. I saw my first air pack as a rookie fireman in the early 1970s. The thing weighed about 100 pounds and made your lungs ache.

Over the course of my career, the air pack has become a rugged, yet very sophisticated, part of the equipment we wear for protection. They are very light,

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Irene Jewett hasn't missed a chicken barbeque at the East Andover Fire Station yet! She has attended every one of the 33 barbeques that the East Andover/Andover Fire Department has held! This year was her 95th birthday, and she decided she was celebrating in style, so she couldn't miss the Andover Fire Department Chicken Barbeque. Irene was surprised when the fire department sang "Happy Birthday" and the crowd joined in! The Andover Fire Department feels very honored that they have such a wonderful supporter; it only seemed right that the birthday girl have her picture taken with the Andover Fire Department team. Happy Birthday, Irene!

Caption and photo: Meghan Barton

Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Flu Shots in Andover

Clinic on September 8 at the Town Hall

Press release

On Thursday, September 8, from 10 AM to noon, Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice (LSRVNA) will hold a community Flu Clinic at the Andover Town Hall for individuals over 18 years of age. LSRVNA will bill Medicaid, Medicare, and Medicare Replacement Plans. Please bring your ID card(s). If paying with cash or check, the cost is \$30.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this poten-

tially serious disease. CDC further suggests getting vaccinated soon after the flu vaccine becomes available, if possible by October, to ensure that as many people as possible are protected before flu season begins.

However, as long as flu viruses are circulating in the community, it's not too late to get vaccinated. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against the flu.

For more information, call LSRVNA at 526-4077. For a complete calendar of Flu Clinics (and other clinics and events), visit LakeSunapeeVNA.org/Calendar.



Local Gardeners and Farmers Open Through September

ACA supports local small business

Press release

Summer is almost over, but local vegetable gardens are still going strong! Those who aren't gardeners themselves are lucky to have several gardeners and farmers in Andover who sell their produce to the general public.

The Andover Community Association (ACA) is interested in supporting

such local small businesses and has gathered the following information on where to find local food producers and what they expect to have on offer in September. Local food is healthier, tastier, and much closer than going to the supermarket – what's not to love!

Tim Gallagher of Windswept Farm, 381 Flaghole Road in East Andover, will have tomatoes, romaine lettuce, kale, zucchini, cucumber, sweet and hot

See Farmers on page 2

Post 101 to Hold a Dignified Flag Disposal Ceremony

Bring your old flags on September 20

John Hanscom

American Legion Post 101

The American Legion's Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 in Andover will hold a public Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Ceremony on Tuesday, September 20. The event will take place behind the Andover Fire Station at 7 PM. The ceremony will conform

to time-honored practices for the dignified disposal by burning of unserviceable flags that have been used to mark graves of veterans of all our nation's conflicts and displayed in public places.

The Legion presents this ceremony as a public service and as an informational training opportunity for young and old. The public is invited to participate in this event by bringing any unserviceable flags (with all hardware

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American Legion Post 101 Will Hold Drive for Food Pantry

Bring canned foods or make a donation

John Hanscom

American Legion Post 101

Andover's Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 of the American Legion will be collecting non-perishable food and cash or check donations for the Andover Food Pantry this month. The drive will take place at the Andover Transfer Station on Wednesday, September 28, and again on Saturday, October 1. Legion members will be at the Transfer Station to collect food and donations from 7 AM to 2 PM on

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Non-Perishable Food Drive for ANDOVER Food Pantry

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peppers, red and golden beets, carrots, and Swiss chard well into the fall. Look for his farmstand near the intersection with Salisbury's North Road, text him at 454-8170, or e-mail TJGallagher13@yahoo.com to learn what's available.

Mary Lloyd Evans and Peter Zak of Highland Lake Apple Farm, 50 Maple Street in East Andover, will have tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, squash, zucchini, flowers, and jams, jellies, relish, and pickles, as well as apples and cider. The self-service stand in their front yard is open every day from 9 AM to 5 PM, unless it's too hot to leave the veggies out, in which case give a shout. They can be reached at 735-5058.

Mark Cowdrey of Ragged View Farm, 111 Bradley Lake Road in Andover, has maple syrup, pork, and grass-fed beef for sale much of the year. Visit RaggedViewFarm.com for prices and availability, and give Mark a call at 724-7511 if you'd like to stop up.

Sophie Viandier of Pay It Forward Farm, Route 11 in East Andover, will have a variety of vegetables available at her farmstand on weekends in September. Stop by or e-mail her at SGViandier@gmail.com to check availability.

Nicole and Bill Pennell of Hoof 'N Woof Farm, 180 Bridge Street in

Andover, have eggs from free-range chickens to sell. Call 735-5101 or 630-8664 to check availability. Their Web site is HoofNWoofFarm.com.

Applecrest Farm Stand on Route 11 in East Andover is self-service and has a



Tim Gallagher of Windswept Farm

variety of vegetables available. Stop by!

Richard Brewster of Cilleysville Road in Potter Place (west Andover) has honey to sell. Call 735-5457.

We realize this probably isn't a complete list of all Andover folks who may have food products to sell – please contact the Andover Community Association at AndoverCommunity03216@gmail.com if you know of others selling eggs, vegetables and fruits, meat, etc. and who would like to be added to our "growing" list for the future.

Air Packs from page 1

hold 4,500 pounds of air pressure, and allow the wearer to be tracked inside the burning building. The modern air pack has also become the single most expensive piece of equipment we wear.

The Andover Fire Department has 22 air packs in service. This is the right number of packs for a department of our size. We purchased them 14 years ago, and since then we have had them tested and maintained by certified technicians each year, as the law requires. They are not in bad shape for their age.

However, their age is a problem – a very big problem. We are not allowed to use them after they are 15 years old. This is an National Fire Protection Association requirement. To continue to use them will expose the Town to liability. The possibility of an incident because of an out-dated air pack is an unacceptable risk, as the consequence could result in injury, or worse, to a firefighter.

The cost to replace our air packs is about \$160,000. That is a lot of money, no matter the size of the community. Adding \$1,000 to the amount to be raised by taxes in Andover adds about \$.80 to the tax bill of a typical \$200,000 property. If the air packs were to be paid for on a single year's tax bill, that could add about \$128 to the tax bill of a \$200,000 property.

Your firefighters wanted to do whatever we could to prevent this expense from getting to your tax bill. Last fall we hired a grant facilitator to help us

navigate the federal process to write a grant request. Fire Captain Mark Perry headed up a team to write the grant. The \$1,000 fee was paid by the members, and we were off.

We did not add up all the hours it took to write and submit the grant, but they were many. Then we waited... and waited... and waited some more.

The first round of grants was announced, and Andover Fire Department was not on the list. We made plans to meet with the Andover Budget Committee to include our hefty request in the next Town budget. This was not going to be fun.

On the last day of the grant season, my phone rang, and the caller ID said "Federal Government." Oh, [bad word], what did I do this time?

The caller identified himself and said, "Congratulations, Chief, your department was awarded a \$150,000 grant for air packs." There were no more bad words; however, a load of bricks was lifted from my shoulders and the shoulders of your firefighters.

We will add to the grant another \$10,000 of money that we have raised. We, your firefighters, are very pleased to tell you that no local tax dollars will be needed to replace our air packs. The people of Andover have always been there for us; now it's our turn to support you.

We have had to respond to some very difficult calls this year. Our energy and strength comes from the team we are and the overwhelming support of our community. For all this, thank you.

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removed) and turning them over to a Legionnaire for burning. One large flag will be burned during the ceremony, and all others will be disposed of immediately after the ceremony.

The members of Post 101 are in-

visiting the Andover Fire Department, Andover Police Department, Andover Boy Scout Troop, and Andover Cub Scout Pack to participate in this public ceremony as well. We look forward to seeing you and spending a short time together honoring our country and its veterans.



**Mona Rooney, D.V.M.
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Ken Guillemette's GTS Crane Service helped take down a dying larch tree outside of Proctor's Maxwell Savage Hall on July 30. The tree's numerous dead limbs had become a hazard to passersby; its removal took place in advance of a sidewalk paving project on campus by Marceau and Sons Paving. Photo: Charlie Darling



Judy Perreault, the member of the Fourth of July Committee whose idea launched this year's photo contest on the Village Green, displays her "Honorable Mention" entry. Photo: Larry Chase

Food drive from page 1

Wednesday and from 7 AM to 4 PM on Saturday.

Please help us provide for our neighbors in need. Donations by cash or check made out to the Andover Lions Club, sponsor of the Andover Food Pantry, are always welcome. If you'd like to donate food, please be sure that it's un-opened; its "sell by" date has not passed; and that it's non-perishable.

The Andover Food Pantry is always in need of the basics, including:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned pasta
- Mac and cheese
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Letters

What I Like About Gary Johnson

The federal government is bankrupt, exhibited at USDebtClock.org. There is another presidential candidate on 40 ballots, so far, who as governor of New Mexico (1995-2004) balanced the budget as a Republican and left office with a surplus in the state's coffers. His name is Gary Johnson, now a Libertarian who knows economics of the free market.

I urge you to vote Libertarian, wherever your membership may reside.

Howard Wilson
Libertarian, Austin, Texas

Write In Mary Anne Broshek

Mary Anne Broshek will be a write-in candidate in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, September 13, for the District 1 State Representative seat currently held by Mario Ratzki. If you want a representative who will listen to the concerns of her constituents, make wise decisions, and always be willing to

explain her positions, I urge you to go to the polls and write her in.

Mary Anne has had nearly 30 years of experience at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. She has been a lobbyist for the Children's Alliance of New Hampshire

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and has frequently testified before various New Hampshire Senate and House committees.

At the local level, Mary Anne serves on the Andover Conservation Commission.

I believe Mary Anne will bring knowledge, wisdom, dedication, and balance to this position, and I urge all who want civility, experience, and creative problem-solving in their state government to write in the name "Mary Anne Broshek" on Tuesday, September 13, and to support her in the election on November 8.

Linda L. Barnes

The mission of *The Andover Beacon* is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another's religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The *Beacon* reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason.

TELL US WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR CHOSEN CANDIDATE!

When you make up your mind who you're voting for in the November general election, send a few sentences about what you like most about the candidate you've picked. We'd like to run those short bits in the *Beacon* so we can all see what's persuading our friends and neighbors.

Please! Nothing negative about the other candidates, parties, policies, etc! (Not even "clever," subtle, or indirect jabs.) There's enough of that going around already. Let's hear what's attracting you to the candidate you've picked.

Send a few sentences to Elections@AndoverBeacon.com or to PO Box 149, Andover NH 03216. Those received by September 15 will be in the October issue; those received by October 15 will be in the November issue.

Andover Real Estate Transactions, July and August 2016

July 16 through August 15, 2016

On August 1, Denis and Lisa Ferland sold 19 Park Street to Charles Slick for \$260,000. Stacey Viandier of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller and the buyer. The 2,238-square-foot house has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 1.26 acres.

Andover Inventory

There are currently 20 residential

properties on the market, plus 11 residential properties under contract for sale.

There are currently six land parcels on the market, and one parcel under contract for sale.

There are currently two commercial or multi-family properties on the market, and one under contract for sale.

Data from NNEREN.com/sold-properties and MerrimackCountyDeedsNH.com for 7/16/2016 through 8/15/2016.

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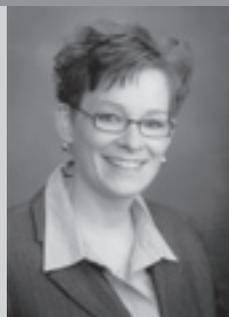
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The Beacon asked candidates running for a state office to submit 250 words and a picture.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Governor

Jonathan Lavoie

I am a regular New Hampshire citizen running for governor. I believe that politicians have become out of touch with real people like you and me. They are more concerned with voting along party lines in order to progress in their political careers.

As a lifelong New Hampshire citizen who's been interested in politics from a young age, I've grown tired of this. New Hampshire needs a governor with an eye for common sense and real New Hampshire values.

Three hot topics in New Hampshire right now are heroin, energy costs, and our second amendment.

Heroin: First step should be to remove the borders to insurance companies into New Hampshire. More competition will allow for better care. Those who want help but can't afford it should be helped, but that costs money.

We need to stop toying with the decriminalization of marijuana; just legalize and regulate it like alcohol and cigarettes. The tax revenue will easily fund

treatment centers to get people off hard drugs.

Energy Costs: The pipelines and transmission lines coming through New Hampshire are not meant to help New Hampshire. Don't let these billion-dollar companies fool you. They are aimed elsewhere, and New Hampshire is simply in the way.

We can solve our own high energy costs by encouraging solar businesses and homes in New Hampshire. Removing the solar cap and pumping excess energy into the grid will lower everyone's costs.

Second Amendment: We are New Hampshire – Live Free or Die. I will stand up for our right to carry and sign the concealed carry bill.

For more info, visit JonLavoie.org or facebook.com/JonLavoieForGovernor.

Chris Sununu

It has been too many years since New Hampshire had a Republican governor. 2016 is the year we can finally change that!

New Hampshire is a great state, but we can and must do better for our people, our communities, and for the businesses that power our economy. That is why I am running for governor.

As a business leader, I understand first-hand how state policy is impacting

Every election year, *The Andover Beacon* strives to provide Andover residents with information that lets them know where candidates stand on issues that affect them. We have reached out to candidates for state offices on the Andover ballot and asked for a 250-word statement that answers the following questions.

For incumbents: What are three things that you accomplished in the past two years that you are most proud of (and/or three "hot topic" opinions) and what are three things you hope to accomplish in the next two years?

For challengers: What are your opinions on three "hot topics" from the past two years, and what are the three most important things you hope to accomplish in the next two years?

We asked the candidates to leave out negative comments about their opponents and opposing parties. While we made multiple attempts whenever we had contact information, we are still missing a few, but the response has been good. *- Mario Ratzki, Beacon volunteer*

people's lives. I will put New Hampshire on a new path – one where everyone can realize and share in new opportunities and a vibrant and growing economy.

My message is clear: I'm a stakeholder who will re-establish a vibrant economic climate that will provide dependable, high paying jobs, and develop pro-growth initiatives to stop the loss of our skilled workers and young people to other states.

I will veto a sales or income tax, and I will ensure that that pledge is not used as an excuse to expand other taxes and fees.

As governor, comprehensive education reform will be a top priority: empowering parents and teachers, and getting Washington bureaucrats out of our classrooms. Unrestricted school choice. And increased funding for our charter schools.

Today's heroin crisis requires immediate action. We must reform prevention programs, deliver treatment that works, and remove roadblocks to recovery.

I promise to work tirelessly to win this election and to be a governor you will always be proud to have supported. Please visit ChrisSununu.com to learn more.

Frank Edelblut

Frank Edelblut is a successful entrepreneur and job creator who started a small business at his family's kitchen table and grew it into a company with 800 employees and huge revenues. His successful company helped other job creators navigate red tape which hindered job growth. As a trained CPA, he previously worked at the prestigious Price Waterhouse where he developed a proven ability to find waste, fraud, and abuse in budgets.

Frank Edelblut does not just talk family values; he lives them every day with his wife Kathy of 30 years and as a father

to their seven children.

He is a strong believer and is a proven voice for constitutional liberty, economic growth through free enterprise, low taxes, and the need to protect Second Amendment rights. Frank feels strongly that every soul in New Hampshire deserves the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. He has been a consistent supporter of New Hampshire's veterans.

Frank has detailed ideas of how to grow jobs with a job-ready workforce, to lower healthcare costs without Washington pulling all of the strings, to help stem the tide of opioid abuse, and to preserve local control in education.

Frank is a one-term State Representative who is the only Republican candidate for governor to be a lifelong job creator and not a lifelong politician.

Jeanie Forrester

Jeanie Forrester is a conservative Republican running for Governor to rebuild New Hampshire's economy, get a handle on the heroin and opioid crisis, and reform state government so it is more responsive to communities and the people of the state. Visit JeanieForrester.com to learn more about her plans.

Jeanie is a resident of Meredith and has served in the New Hampshire Senate since she was first elected in 2010. She currently serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee and is also on the Capital Budget Committee.

Jeanie has received numerous awards in recognition of her leadership on issues of importance to families, children, and communities, including the 2012 State Legislator of the Year Award from the New Hampshire Association of Counties; the Meldrim Thomson, Jr. "Principles Above Politics Award"; the 2013 Friends of the New Hampshire Health continued on page 8



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Democratic Ballot

For Governor Vote for not more than 1	
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Ian Freeman	<input type="radio"/>
Steve Marchand	<input type="radio"/>
Colin Van Ostern	<input type="radio"/>
Mark Connolly	<input type="radio"/>
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For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	
Maggie Hassan	<input type="radio"/>
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For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	
Ann McLane Kuster	<input type="radio"/>
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For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	
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For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	
Andrew J. Hosmer	<input type="radio"/>
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For State Representative Merrimack District 1 Vote for not more than 1	
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For State Representative Merrimack District 25 Vote for not more than 1	
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For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	
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Republican Ballot

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Jim Rubens	<input type="radio"/>
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Kelly Ayotte	<input type="radio"/>
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Eric P. Estevez	<input type="radio"/>
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For State Representative Merrimack District 1 Vote for not more than 1	
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Order of Candidates on the Ballot

New Hampshire RSA 656:5-a defines the order in which candidates' names will appear on the ballots. For the sake of consistency with the ballot, the Beacon's "At the Polls" section follows the same scheme.

The essence of the RSA 656:5-a scheme is that as an election draws near, the Secretary of State's office picks a random number for each possible number of candidates in a race. The candidate whose position in a specific race's alphabetical list of candidates matches the random number chosen for races with that number of candidates becomes the candidate who is listed first on the ballot. The ballot for that race continues from that point in the alphabetical list, wrapping back to the beginning of the list to include all the candidates.

In other words, if candidates A, B, and C are running against each other and the Secretary of State randomly selects the number 2 for races with three candidates, then the candidates will appear on the ballot in this order: B, C, A.

Write-In Candidates

At press time, the Beacon was aware of only one write-in candidate:

- Mary Anne Broshek for State Representative, Merrimack District 1, on the Democratic ballot

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk up until the day before the election. Call 735-5018 during the Town Clerk's business hours for more details.

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If you need people to write you in on the Andover ballot in the November general election, please send your contact information to Elections@AndoverBeacon.com right away! We'd like to send you information about how to submit a candidate profile for our November issue.

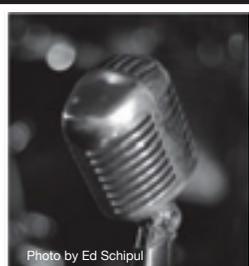


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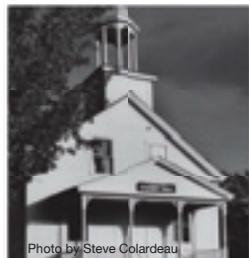


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She and her husband Keith own a small environmental technology company. She has also served in Town Administrator positions in Tuftonboro and New Durham. She has also served as the Executive Director for two award-winning Main Street programs in Plymouth and Meredith, where she helped create jobs and economic prosperity by attracting new businesses and new development.

Jeanie earned her bachelor's degree in political science with honors at the University of New Hampshire and completed her MBA at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics.

that works again for all Americans. We need trade and immigration policies that bring jobs home and wages up.

We've got to deal with Washington's addiction to spending and debt. This debt is the single most serious threat to national security. As your Senator, I will fight to balance the budget and save Social Security.

Our government's foremost duty is to keep us safe from enemies. We must secure our borders to keep out the drug mules and bad guys who are killing us. We must force our allies like Saudi Arabia to stop funding terrorism. And, if war is necessary, Congress must honor our soldiers and our vets by obeying the Constitution and voting for a strategy to win and exit.

I've got the backbone, imagination, and persuasiveness to tackle our great nation's biggest challenges. I can't be bought, and I keep my promises. Together, we can make Washington work for Americans.

Tom Alciere

Foreign Policy: I oppose the endless, unjust, and undeclared wars that make us less safe. I support neutrality in foreign conflicts because our borders are our borders.

Hitler's victims had nowhere to run. Later, Israel was established as a refuge for Jewish folks, but what about all the other victims? Now the US is entangled in an alliance with Israel, contrary to the Founding Fathers' principle of peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none. If persons are trapped abroad, the solution is to offer them safe refuge here.

The Chinese should be shown, by example, how civilized states settle disputes over islands. Have the Permanent Court of Arbitration settle the US-Canada dispute over Machias Seal Island.

Economic Issues: I'd repeal the federal income tax, especially on so-called "Americans" abroad. FATCA prevents many from opening bank accounts, or holding jobs involving business accounts. If a foreign country passed a law

Order of Candidates

In the November general election, per RSA 656:5, II & III, the Andover ballot will list the Republican candidates in the first column, "other" party candidates in the next column, and the Democratic candidates in the last. For the sake of consistency, the *Beacon's* At the Polls section follows the same order.

The order of candidates for a given office is based of the primary election ballot (RSA 656:5-a).

classifying you as one of their citizens and another law imposing taxes on all their citizens, should you have to pay?

Rather than "stimulate" the economy by throwing money at it, I prefer to "unleash" the economy by reducing federal regulations, federal bureaucracy, and with that, federal taxes.

Social Issues: Supporting the Doctrine of Enumerated Powers, I'd bind the federal government with the chains of the Constitution. I support liberty and justice for all. Liberty is the freedom to do whatever doesn't violate anybody's rights. Obamacare mandates violate this unalienable right.

For more information, call 521-7293 or visit TomAlciere.us.

Kelly Ayotte

I currently represent New Hampshire in the US Senate.

I wake up every day with a sense of purpose to fight for a better quality of life for you and your family – that's what drives my work.

This election is about the future and what kind of opportunities we can provide for the next generation, and I know that the only way we're going to solve problems and make progress is by working together. When we focus on priorities we share instead of our differences, we can get great things done for New Hampshire and for our country.

Like the bipartisan bill which recently passed that I led to address the devastat-

ing heroin epidemic. And solutions I've helped pass that will improve education, make it easier to create good-paying jobs, and strengthen our workforce. I've been proud to fight for our veterans and for the men and women who serve our country at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Pease, and in our Guard.

When either party pushes ideas that are wrong for New Hampshire, I push back. And that's what I'll keep doing, regardless of who's in the White House. I will fight for you and your family.

There's a lot more work to do, and it's going to take someone with the courage to stand up to both parties to do what's right for New Hampshire, and someone who is able to find common ground to deliver results. That's what I've done in the Senate, and that's why I ask for your vote so we can continue the work that we started, together.

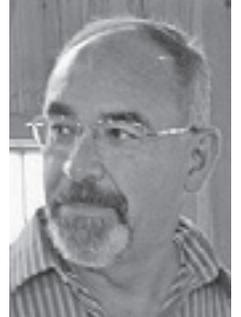
US Senate

Jim Rubens

I'd be honored to be your US Senator.

I've worked with my hands as a tree surgeon. I've started and run 10 businesses and invest in technology start-ups. I co-founded one of New Hampshire's first drug addiction crisis centers. I've served Andover in the state senate and wrote our state's charter school law. And I love solving problems.

Now, I'd like to tackle our nation's biggest challenges. As Americans, we are frustrated, angry, and demoralized. We're sick and tired of our Congress that's bought and paid for by Washington lobbyists. What we need is an economy



US House

Jack B. Flanagan

The three most important issues from the last two years are the economy, the budget deficit, and terrorism.

I hope to continue to advocate for the Balanced Budget Amendment. It will allow us to control our out-of-control debt. In 10 years, the interest on our growing debt will be the second largest budget item. If we can control the interest, we can fund Social Security and Medicare without any changes.

Even though the President controls our armed forces, I would like to see a continued on page 9

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change in direction on the conflicts in the Middle East. We should have a presence, however the ongoing conflict is only bringing terrorists into our country.

I have over 25 years of public service experience, including various school boards, Board of Selectman, and Finance Committee. I am currently serving my third term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Last year, I was the Majority Leader and currently the Vice Chair of the Labor Committee.

For more information: Flanagan4NH.com, 620-9750, or Flanagan4NH@gmail.com.

Walter W. Kelly

When people in Europe and elsewhere pay as little as 10% of what we pay in the United States, then something is seriously wrong with our system. We need regulation of the profit that hospitals and their suppliers are making; and suppliers include makers of artificial limbs, CAT scanners, any equipment hospitals use and mark up. The regulation must be done federally, as it would be inefficient for states to do it.

Drugs are a big problem, and what is not understood is drug suppliers are business people, and they see lots of profit to be made. (Even more hard to believe than the med industry.) When a drug dealer is jailed because of the profit motive, there are 10 dealers ready to move in. The government is playing a whack-a-mole game, doing the same thing, making the same mistake for over 40 years.

What we need to do is to remove the profit motive and make drugs a misdemeanor and spend the money on rehabilitation. This has been successfully done 10 years ago in Portugal. By eliminating the profit motive, you don't get the salesmen pushing people into drugs. And by removing serious penalties, people won't be forced to invent ever more dangerous drugs, which in most cases are not regulated.

In the past we tried to outlaw alcohol and that did not work, and the drug laws are only making the situation worse.

Let's think out of the box and make this country greater.

Jim Lawrence

As a veteran, a graduate of the Air Force Academy, a small businessman,

and a former state legislator, I have seen first-hand the challenges that face our nation. Our national debt is now \$19.2 trillion, \$60,000 for every man, woman, and child in America. Government waste, high taxes, and over-regulation are crippling our job-creating small businesses and undermining American prosperity.

Overseas, a feckless foreign policy has emboldened our enemies, and here at home we have seen ISIS-inspired terrorist attacks on our citizens. We need a strong military and a clear understanding of the threats we face. When we use force, we should do so only as a last resort, but when we commit our military to battle, we must win decisively and then bring our troops home.

Unfortunately, Washington is broken and incapable of addressing these problems. We must send courageous, principled leaders to Washington, leaders who understand that America thrives at home when government is small and non-intrusive, leaders who know first-hand that America is safe when our friends can trust us and our enemies fear us. I will be that leader.

I served in uniform. I built a business that has prospered by uncovering and eliminating government waste. I led the fight in Concord to cut taxes and wasteful spending. Most importantly, as the father of eight children, I am dedicated to guaranteeing that they inherit a nation that is stronger, safer, and more prosperous than we are today.

Andy Martin

In 2016, Andy Martin's family celebrates 100 years of New Hampshire living. His family came to Manchester in 1916 (AndyMartinNewHampshire100.com). Today, Andy is New Hampshire's leading corruption fighter, exposing corruption in both the Democratic and Republican parties. He has a distinguished national and international career (AndyMartin.com).



Andy has 50 years of experience in Asia, Southwest Asia, and the Middle East; he is regarded overseas as one of America's most respected independent foreign policy, military, and intelligence analysts. He is known as an "over-the-horizon" expert who synthesizes conditions to prepare predictive opinions.

Andy's experience fighting terrorism began during the Cold War. Andy studied counterinsurgency in Viet-Nam and around the world. Andy founded the Revolutionary War Research Center and in 1974 he began to offer counter-terrorism consulting at the World Trade Center in New York, becoming one of the nation's first counter-terror specialists. Andy was in New York on September 11, 2001 and rendered assistance.

Andy first went to the Arab world in 1970 and has traveled to every country in that region. Andy was in Iran and Afghanistan during the hostage crisis in 1979 and 1980. He lived in Iraq in 2003.

His analysis of the terrorist threat in Iran during 1979 and 1980, and again in Iraq in 2003, were leading-edge predictions of the threats Americans faced in the

future. Andy has lived in or been in Israel, Jordan, Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Viet-Nam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Burma, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom.

More at AndyMartinforCongress.com.

Executive Council

Joseph D. Kenney

Since being elected to the Executive Council in 2014, I've worked tirelessly to make the North Country's voice heard in Concord. I've driven over 120,000 miles throughout District 1 and have 100% Governor and Council meeting attendance. My focus as Executive Councilor is on three main issues:

Combating the Opioid Crisis: Last November in Newport, the Executive Council approved the special legislative session on comprehensive substance abuse legislation. I've also built relationships with regional treatment facilities.

Workforce and Economic Development: I've attended numerous business seminars and meetings with local

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businesses. I've collaborated with state, county, and federal government delegations to address business concerns.

Constituent Service: I've answered hundreds of constituent requests throughout District 1. I recently visited six locations in the Lake Sunapee-Kearsarge region to discuss the forest industry, management, and health during the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands 2015 Fall Field Tour. Sites included the Franklin Falls Flood Control Area in Hill and the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog in New London.

In the next two years I hope to help make progress on North Country workforce and economic development. I hope to build on the progress made in combating the opioid crisis and to help give front-line professionals the tools they need to do their jobs effectively. Lastly, I hope to keep expanding my constituent outreach program and to continue being a strong advocate for the North Country in Concord.

Paul Carreiro

I believe We Are All District 1 Strong, and I know we all have a sense of place and love our home. The current and future security of the special quality of life we are



deeply connected to hinges on many decisions made in Concord. I recognize that District 1 families struggle on a monthly basis with decisions such as whether to pay the property tax bill, buy tires for their used truck to pass inspection to get to work, or heat their home.

Reasonable, balanced budgets, developed while conscious of how much the people can afford to commit, must be the bottom line, driven by opportunity for growing business, not government. A vibrant, free-market economy sustaining living-wage jobs with benefits bolsters our generational family structures, while the foundation for the creative engines

powering successful business is an available, affordable, and varied educational process that continues for all ages.

We have the courage and ingenuity to develop vehicles encouraging stable retirement systems, and opportunities will also come from within our communities to leverage valuable healthcare resources to generate models of quality care that improve patient outcomes.

Though the challenges are many and difficult, I have faith knowing we are stronger and will be successful while navigating them as a team. Victory continues every day we swing our feet over the edge of the bed and, together, engage to move the needle in a positive direction in Concord and Keep New Hampshire, New Hampshire. Thank you very much.

For more information, visit District1Strong.com or call 353-0222.

NH Senate

Harold F. French

Having spent the last two years serving Franklin and Hill in the New Hampshire House, I am now seeking the District 7 Senate seat. I am quite proud to have served on the Commerce Committee during those years.

For those who are unaware of the process in the House, most work on legislation is done in committee. Hearings are held, and changes are made to the bills before they come before the body as a whole.

My experiences while running my business and just my varied life experiences made it possible for me to keep out multiple attempts of lobbyists to make subtle changes that would have cost us all lots more money or make it harder to do business in general.

My goals for the Senate will be to propose legislation to peel back existing anti-business regulations and lower the Business Profits Tax to the point where we, as a State, will be leading our neighbors with the lowest rate, not the highest.

We all hear so much about the "Opioid Crisis" in New Hampshire. The State has come forward with a multitude of

solutions to address this. Much work is still needed to be done. My thoughts are to punish the big suppliers hardest while setting up more facilities to assist those who are looking for help.

However, we as a State have to remember that although we can at times protect some people from outside forces, we cannot protect them from themselves. Responsibility is needed by all.

NH House, District 1

Anne Copp

Many of you already know me, whether it is 12 years as an Andover Lion, or volunteerism at the local and state levels, or my activism for principled candidates, or



to take the helm and run for office myself. I understand what needs to be done and am determined to make a difference.

I have always said "I will be a proud statesman, not a politician; I will give the office the energy and integrity it deserves." We need citizen legislators, not career politicians; we need men and women in office who will stand proudly on principle guided by our Constitution and our Bill of Rights.

#1 New Hampshire business taxes are among the very highest in the nation. Small businesses are closing, and young families are leaving our state to find better-paying jobs. New Hampshire can do better.

#2 Education is one of my top priorities. I support charter schools, school choice, and local control. We need to enrich our children's education by empowering parents and teachers.

#3 If elected as your State Representative, I will work hard to get our economy moving again. I will fight against any and all efforts to enact a state income tax or state sales tax, or new taxes and fees. I will make educating the next generation

a top priority and keep government transparent and accountable to the people.

My pledge to the citizens of my district is to meet with them once a month at town meetings to hear their concerns. A citizen legislature is supposed to be exactly that: representative of the constituents in our districts. "If not me ... who? If not now ... when?" – Ronald Reagan.

You can contact me at Anne_Copp2010@yahoo.com.

NH House, District 25

Natalie J. Wells

John F. Kennedy spoke about reducing taxes and increasing revenues. The New Hampshire legislature has proven its accuracy, and the result is an



additional \$80 million collected in tax revenues. If revenue projections hold, then businesses can look forward to more tax reduction in 2017.

The legislature needs to address the over-abundance of business regulations, including health insurance mandates, in order to be competitive, and I will work to do just that, thereby making New Hampshire more business-friendly.

Common Core is a failed program that doesn't improved learning. I support choice in education, getting us out from under these burdensome standards, and allowing families, regardless of income, to choose the best learning environment for their children. We are not a one-size fits all society. Parents find it nearly impossible to work with their children. This program is decidedly anti-family.

New Hampshire's First in the Nation status brings with it a responsibility that our elections are fair and reliable. We cannot fly on a plane, cash a check, or drive a car without a valid ID. How does that make sense that a person doesn't have to show a valid ID or, according to the New Hampshire Supreme Court decision, doesn't even have to be a resident of New Hampshire to vote here? This is wrong, and I will work to change this.

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Governor

Ian Freeman

The biggest issue in New Hampshire today is drug abuse, and the solution is simple – end prohibition. We know from history that prohibition is a failure and only makes the problems with addiction worse.



Jailing and forcing addicts into treatment is not compassion. Prohibition should be ended for all drugs, and addicts will feel safer to seek help when they aren't afraid of prison.

Another big issue is the constant presence of the federal government. Its taxes and regulations are an ongoing burden to our people and businesses. They do not provide anything of value to us in return for our money and obedience and only put us in great danger with their warmongering around the globe.

It's time New Hampshire ends our involvement with the United States and declares independence. Of course, seceding from the federal government won't solve all our problems in New Hampshire, but at least we'll have more resources and freedom to make our own choices.

One major change that should be made to the state government is to make all taxes consensual. It's wrong to threaten our

neighbors if they do not agree with supporting certain government programs.

Making taxes voluntary is a huge paradigm shift and will instantly make all branches of government more accountable to the people. They'll know their budget isn't a guarantee unless they actually make taxpayers happy.

I'd also like to see ballot access made fair for all political parties. Visit NHliberty.info for more info.

Steve Marchand

I have the strongest record of fiscal responsibility in an executive position, and the most progressive values and policies, of anybody running for governor in either party. I have specific proposals that I have developed over 15 years of being an auditor, a mayor, Director of Corporate Relations for UNH, a small business person, the son of immigrants, and a parent and husband.

As governor, I will improve our economy and quality of life, attracting new talent into our state, and keeping our homegrown talent here, by focusing on the four areas hundreds of residents, civic, and business leaders have told me matter most to New Hampshire's future:

- Combating the state's heroin and opioid crisis
- Working to deliver America's highest-performing public schools for all New Hampshire children
- Strengthening our local and regional infrastructure, including bridges, roads, water, wastewater, and electric grid
- Creating tax and regulatory policies that make New Hampshire the best state in America to start a business

I have specific price tags and detailed proposals for all these plans and specific, sustainable ways to pay for them. No other candidate can say the same thing.

While we do all that, I am proud to be the most progressive candidate running

for governor.

I am the only major candidate calling for the legalization of marijuana, the abolition of the death penalty, the installation of paid family leave, and the halt of the Northern Pass.

To put it plainly: I am the most fiscally responsible candidate and have the most progressive values. This is the future of New Hampshire.

Colin Van Ostern

Colin Van Ostern is a New Hampshire dad, business leader, and Executive Councilor running for Governor to keep New Hampshire moving forward.



In 2012, Colin was elected to the state Executive Council, representing nearly a quarter million Granite Staters as a board of directors of sorts for the Governor. On the Executive Council, Colin successfully led the charge to restore funding for Planned Parenthood, expand Medicaid to nearly 50,000 Granite Staters, and invest in solar and renewable energy projects in Manchester, Portsmouth, Durham, Milton, Plymouth, Peterborough, and Berlin.

Colin is an education innovator who

helped launch College for America at Southern New Hampshire University — a nonprofit, fully-accredited college that helps front-line, working adults achieve a college education with little or no debt. The school has enrolled thousands of students — the vast majority taking on zero debt at all — and has partnered with more than 100 employers ranging from local non-profits to Fortune 50 companies to strengthen their workforce.

Previously, Colin served as a business manager at Stonyfield Inc. where he helped oversee the profitable growth of brands worth \$100 million in annual revenue. He holds an MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and a BS from George Washington University.

For more information: VanOstern.com.

Mark Connolly

A lifelong Granite Stater, I believe New Hampshire faces a crossroads: the decisions our next Governor makes will affect our state's future for generations, especially when it comes to building a 21st century economy with a level playing field and a fair shot at success for ev-



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ery student, worker, and family.

Recently, we've seen the good that can come from our leaders taking strong steps to protect women's health-care providers like Planned Parenthood, tackling the heroin crisis with decisiveness and compassion, and expanding Medicaid to maintain access to affordable healthcare — and I will bring bold, progressive leadership to Concord, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to succeed and that no community gets left behind.

These have been my priorities as a State Representative, small business owner, and public servant throughout my working life; as a consumer protection leader, I earned a national reputation for standing up to big banks and corporate greed, fighting and winning for families, students, and seniors who were cheated, when no one else would.

I believe that we need to provide every child with a world-class education, transform New Hampshire into the "Innovation State" with more 21st century jobs, and build safer and healthier neighborhoods. From reversing the opioid crisis to expanding our local economy, I have taken strong stances on the issues affecting us — and I'm the only candidate willing to defy NRA lobbyists in support of a ban on military-style assault weapons.

That's what New Hampshire families deserve. I look forward to serving you. For more information: MarkConnollyNH.com or MarkC@MarkConnollyNH.com.

US Senate

Maggie Hassan

I am running for Senate because I want to ensure that all of our people are included in our shared success, that we have a thriving middle class, and that parents can once again feel confident that the next generation will have a brighter future than the last.

Here in New Hampshire, we've made progress by working together — Democrats, Republicans, and independents — to solve problems and get things done for hard-working Granite Staters. We passed two fiscally responsible, bipartisan balanced budgets without an income or sales tax, froze tuition at state universities for the first time in 25 years and lowered it at community colleges, passed and reauthorized our bipartisan Medicaid Expansion plan that is providing coverage to nearly 50,000 Granite Staters, and expanded the R&D tax credit.

It is long past time for Washington to take the same approach. I will always fight for New Hampshire's priorities, and I'll work to bring people together to build an innovative economic future where everyone has the opportunity to get ahead



and stay ahead.

My first priority as a US Senator will be securing emergency funding to fight the heroin and opioid epidemic. I will also focus on fostering innovation, supporting job-creating businesses, and expanding opportunity for hard-working Granite Staters, including working to make higher education more affordable, cutting taxes for the middle class, eliminating red tape for entrepreneurs, and promoting clean energy. And I will work to keep our state and our country safe and secure.

For more information, visit MaggieHassan.com.

US House

Ann McLane Kuster

As co-founder of the Bipartisan Task Force to Combat the Heroin Epidemic, I helped lead the fight to pass 18 bills in the House to address the opioid crisis.



These bills were combined into the final Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, which recently became law and will help open new treatment facilities, provide resources for law enforcement and other stakeholders on the ground, and expand programs to fight the epidemic.

I also worked with local stakeholders, as well as my colleagues in Congress, to open a new community college campus that will serve 500 students annually.

Finally, I helped secure a \$200 million low-interest loan from the federal government so that New Hampshire can improve its roads and bridges, bringing new jobs to our state and boosting our local economy.

As your representative, I work every day to bring people together so that we can end the gridlock and dysfunction in Washington. I will continue fighting for increased funding to help end the opioid epidemic devastating our families and communities.

Through my leadership on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, I will con-

tinue advocating for Granite State veterans, so that they receive the care they have earned and deserve without having to travel long distances, and I will continue coordinating with local stakeholders to end veteran homelessness.

Finally, we must level the playing field for women and families by addressing pay equity, family leave time, and access to affordable childcare and healthcare.

For more information: KusterforCongress.com, [@AnnMcLaneKuster](http://facebook.com/Kuster), info@KusterForCongress.com.

Executive Council

Michael J. Cryans

The three hot topics as a challenger are: Planned Parenthood contract, Medicaid Expansion, and judicial appointments.

I would like to accomplish the following as your next Councilor: vote for the Planned Parenthood contract, vote to renew Medicaid Expansion, and remove the partisanship from qualified appointments.

In addition, we all have to do as much as possible to bend the curve in the out-of-control heroin crisis; be a strong voice for District 1 citizens in Concord; and work to improve the infrastructure including roads, bridges, Internet, and broadband.

I have had some wonderful work experiences: teacher, banker, financial advisor, Executive Director of a non-profit, and 19 years as Grafton County Commissioner. Also, I have served on numerous boards, including 18 years as the Governor's appointment to the \$14 billion College Savings Commission, known as the "Unique 529 Plan" managed by Fidelity.

I live with my wife Julie and son Connor in Hanover. Connor attends Saint Michael's college as a sophomore. My older son Cameron lives in Colorado with my two grandchildren. My hobby is long distance running.

My contact information is 443-1901, MJCryans@hotmail.com, and MikeCryans.org.

NH Senate

Andrew J. Hosmer

During the past two years I have remained focused on finding practical, continued on page 13

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Through strong bipartisan efforts, we passed a fiscally responsible budget that funded our state employees employment contract, increased funding for substance use disorders, and cut business taxes for the first time in over 20 years. These bipartisan efforts have also resulted in New Hampshire increasing its Rainy Day Fund balance to over \$100 million and freezing tuition at our community colleges and university system.

I'm proud of Democrats and Republicans uniting to renew the New Hampshire Health Protection Act (NHHPA). Fifty thousand citizens are enrolled in this program and now have access to affordable health insurance. The NHHPA is good for people, good for the economy, and critically important in our efforts to address behavioral health and addiction issues.

New Hampshire is a great place to live, work and raise a family. My wife and I have worked in our local family business for over 20 years. Our business employs almost 200 people, and we take pride in our community. New Hampshire is our home and where we are raising our four school-age children.

It's clear, though, that New Hampshire is facing significant challenges. We must aggressively confront our addiction crisis, skyrocketing energy costs, and the downshifting of state expenses onto the backs of property tax payers. I commit to remain focused on bipartisan, practical problem-solving so we can successfully solve these problems. I ask for your support.

NH House, District 1

Mary Anne Broshek write-in

I am a write-in candidate for the September 13 Democrat primary. I live in Andover on the farm my parents purchased in 1951. I worked for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services for nearly 30 years, ending as the Director of Family Assistance. My division determined eligibility and benefits for 30+ public assistance programs. We won almost \$32 million in Federal High Performance bonuses for efficient and effective program design and benefit delivery.



I am a fiscal conservative and social liberal. I will listen to and learn from everyone and continue the "Notes from Concord" to keep people informed.

Locally, I have been involved with the Andover Historical Society, the Andover Master Plan draft committee, The Andover Beacon, and am currently on the Andover Conservation Commission.

I support:

- Medicaid expansion, which has

helped close to 50,000 people

- Funding Planned Parenthood; I know from experience how their services have helped women and New Hampshire families

- Closing corporate tax loopholes that would have provided New Hampshire with an additional \$98 million in revenue (2011).

If elected I will:

- Use my experience to improve the health and well-being of New Hampshire residents and work to maintain our high ranking (#4) of Best State to Raise a Child

- Continue working with Town officials and the State to ensure that there is funding to maintain roads and bridges

- Place a priority on lowering property taxes and stopping the State from downshifting costs to municipalities

- Promote funding for public education
- Protect the natural resources of New Hampshire

- Continue the fight to overcome the drug crisis

For more information, contact Elect-Broshek@gmail.com.

NH House, District 25

David Karrick

I'm David Karrick, running for my third term in the New Hampshire legislature, representing Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Warner, and Webster which comprise Merrimack District 25.



I've served two terms on the House Ways and Means Committee. I am proud to have worked to extend Medicaid Expansion, protecting the healthcare rights of women and children, lifting the cap on net metering to protect solar energy jobs, wage equality for women and men, and passing legislation to help fight the drug overdose crisis.

My current priorities are ensuring access to quality affordable public education from early childhood through college and training for today's high technology jobs, a living wage for all, high speed Internet access for every community, affordable housing, promoting conservation and clean energy, and finding revenues to reduce local property taxes.

During the last 20 years I've worked for Warner in many ways, including service on the Town Budget Committee and six years as selectman. I am retired from a career as a financial advisor. I'm the husband of Martha Weeks Karrick and have three adult children and six grandchildren.

I respectfully ask for your vote in the September 13 primary and on Election Day, November 8.



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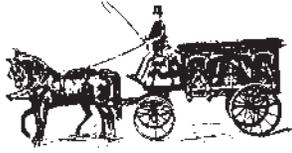
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Press release

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- Old Time Fair in Potter Place, August 6
- Andover Community Coffeehouse, May, June, July, and August
- Transforming Franklin presentation, July 11
- Andover Fourth of July 2016 parade and other highlights
- Andover Fourth of July 2016 music
- Andover Historical Society fourth grade round robin, June 1
- ASLPT Hike on Old College Road Preserve, May 21
- AE/MS Spring Instrumental Con-

cert, May 19

- Andover Institute Travel Night, May 18
- AE/MS SHARE Day, May 13
- The latest available Andover School Board meetings
- The latest available Andover Select Board meetings

The Andover Cable TV station is run entirely by volunteers. We're always looking for more volunteers to help bring more and better videos about Andover to Comcast channel 8, TDS channel 16, and the Town's Web page for Andover videos at AndoverBeacon.com/Cable-TV-Videos.

Please call station manager Charlie Darling at 735-6099 if you'd like to help. We'd be happy to train you!

Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord, July 2016

Mario Ratzki, NH Representative

Concord is quiet these days. The House and the Senate are not in session. The big question is how much more revenue than predicted is the state going to get and what to do with it?

The amount most talked about is around \$100 million. Almost \$19 million has already been allocated for the opioid crisis; some will undoubtedly go to Health and Human Services. I would like to see some sent back to our towns for education costs and some set aside in the rainy day fund.

Talking about the opioid crisis, I have met quite a few grandmothers and grandfathers who suddenly have found themselves in charge of their teenage or even younger grandchildren. The daughter or the son is in rehab, or maybe not quite there yet, or sometimes in jail. These grandmothers and grandfathers deserve our help. David Karrick and I are here to assist anyone in this situation. There are state and federal programs available, as well as food stamps.

It is precisely for situations like this that we have a safety net. But it is also the role of the community to be supportive and help in any way we can.

Some have said to me that they will not get food stamps, first because they like to see themselves as independent and not beholden to the state, but also because there is a perceived stigma attached to receiving food stamps. I urge anyone in these circumstances to avail themselves

Omitted From August

Due to an administrative error, we omitted Mario's July report from the August issue. We regret the error.

of these programs, with the children in mind. I want to reiterate, though, that David and I are here to help if we can.

Congratulations to Nicole Donovan from Andover, who made the UNH dean's list with highest honors. Congratulations as well to Madalyn Pfeifer, also from Andover, who garnered high honors, and to Jesse Austin of Danbury with highest honors.

The Salisbury Historical Society has an afternoon of chamber music planned for Sunday, September 11, at 3 PM at the Old Baptist Meeting House in Salisbury Heights.

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



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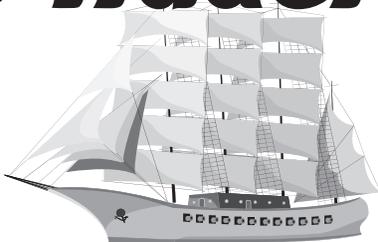
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It's Time To Check Your Heating System

Andover Fire Chief Rene Lefebvre urges everyone to heed this advice!

Heating season will soon be here. This is the time to check your heating systems. Having your heating system checked by a qualified professional will help ensure that the system is ready to operate safely and efficiently.

Heating unit fires are still the number one cause of fires in New Hampshire, and they are preventable. Heating fires are often the result of improper installation, use, or maintenance of supplemental home heating appliances such as wood stoves, coal stoves, and kerosene space heaters. The use of these supplemental heat-

ing devices also increases the risk of dangerous accumulation of carbon monoxide in the home if not properly installed and maintained. Now is the time to have them checked.

It is critical that every home has interconnected smoke alarms on each floor level and that every family should develop and practice a home fire escape plan. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly. Matches and lighters should be kept out of the reach of children at all times.

For further information concerning home fire safety, contact your local fire department or the office of the State Fire Marshal at 271-3294.

Andover Police Department, July 2016

The Andover Police Department handled 237 calls for service during July, including:

- Burglar: 1
- Criminal Threatening: 1
- Criminal Mischief: 2
- Dog Loose: 3
- Domestic Dispute: 2
- Fraud: 2
- Harassing Communication: 1
- House Check: 14
- Littering, Illegal Dumping: 2
- Parking Violation: 10

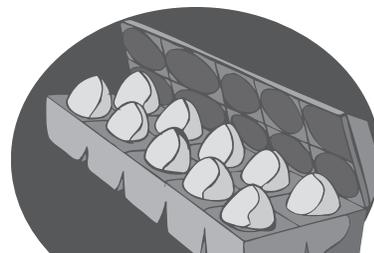
- Road Hazard: 5
- Selective Enforcement Request: 2
- Traffic Warning: 124
- Traffic Citation: 12
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- Tina French, 59, Andover: Open Container
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School Board Reviewing Facilities Task Force Recommendations

Must vote on whether to move forward

Dean Barker, Andover School Board

As Andover Elementary/Middle School embarks on a new year of learning, allow me to offer, on behalf of the Andover School Board, a quick update on some of what's been going on.

The Facilities Task Force has been hard at work all year examining what repairs or improvements may be needed to AE/MS' physical infrastructure. In June, Brian Gilman presented the Board with the Task Force's recommendations. Major areas addressed included accessibility, security, space needs, code compliance, and energy efficiency.

The Board now must review the data, reports, and recommendations gathered by the Task Force to determine at an upcoming meeting whether we will vote to recommend moving forward with a proposal to present to the community.

Various other matters occupied the Board agenda during the June and August meetings. We reviewed and approved the rates and contract of our school insurer, Primex. Additionally, we voted to replace, using the current 2015-2016 budget, badly aged carpet in the computer lab with floor tiling.

The annual heating oil bids were reviewed and ultimately awarded to AD&G

Fuel Company at \$1.80 per gallon.

Following a vote last spring by our support staff to form a union, we must now begin the process of negotiating a contract with this newly-formed entity, the Andover Education Support Staff. (A new two-year contract was successfully negotiated for the teaching staff last spring.)

Finally, we approved the hiring of our new Technology Integrator. Welcome to AE/MS, Andrew Tyler!

AE/MS Principal Jane Slayton has been keeping us up-to-date on some exciting professional development our teachers have been engaged in. Nine staff members spent three days with school groups from all over the country to learn more about competency education. The focus on competencies that is taking place in New Hampshire and other states requires educators to think differently about assessment and grading practices, homework guidelines, scheduling, and technology use, among other areas. Professional development in these areas will be important in moving forward.

It is hard to believe another school year is upon us! As always, let me reiterate what a privilege it is as a Board member to serve all the stakeholders of our AE/MS school community, especially our children.

Tidings from Your Town Administrator, September 2016

Lawrence Street bridge gets three-month check-ups

Marj Roy, Town Administrator

Summer is already winding down; how quickly it flies by!

I received a memo from the Andover Village Water District saying that considering how dry it has been all summer, conservation on the part of the District's water users has left the system in good shape.

Engineers from Hoyle, Tanner, and Associates recently met with the Select Board, the Road Agent, and me to discuss their findings when they made a site visit to the Lawrence Street Bridge. To extend the life of the bridge, it was decided that it is necessary to regularly monitor conditions, identify deficiencies, determine the overall condition of the bridge, and make further recommendations regarding repairs and/or weight limit posting.

The monitoring frequency will initially be set at three-month intervals. These intervals may be increased to six

or 12 months if deficient conditions are maintained or are only advancing at tolerable rates.

Only legal loads, in accordance with RSA 266:18-a, shall cross the bridge. Repairs will be designed and implemented as required.

On August 16, it became necessary to close the Maple Street bridge over the Northern Rail Trail, because the decking has deteriorated and the bridge is no longer safe for travel. The bridge will remain closed until Town Meeting, at which time the townspeople will vote on the long-term use of the bridge.

Monticello Drive is newly paved with new recharge basins. Plains Road has been ditched and shimmed and is ready for chip sealing which, depending upon the contractor's schedule, will happen in the fall or early spring. The Sam Hill Road bridge has been re-decked and is now in good condition.

Enjoy the rest of summer and, as always, call me at 735-5332 or e-mail TAdmin@Andover-NH.gov with any concerns.

State and County Primary Election on September 13

Voting at AE/MS; bring a photo ID

Joanna Sumner, Town Clerk

The state primary election will be held, as usual, at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. The polls will be open between 8 AM and 7 PM on Tuesday, September 13. If you would like to be involved in the election process as a ballot clerk or a ballot counter, please call the Town Clerk's office at 735-5018.

There are some new changes this year in the election laws. One of the changes affects the absentee ballot. If you take an absentee ballot or are mailed an absentee ballot, you can return the ballot by mail or bring it back to the office. You can also have your spouse, sibling, parent, or child return the ballot, and they will be asked to sign the "Absentee Ballot Return Form."

However, you cannot put the ballot through our window slot, slip it under the door, or hand it to an unauthorized person. Your vote will not be counted. The ballot must be handed to the Town Clerk or the Deputy Town Clerk.

We will be open the day before the election until 5 PM for the convenience of absentee voters. In order to track your absentee ballot, go to app.sos.nh.gov and click on the Absentee Ballot Search tab.

You will need to bring a photo ID when you come to vote in person on Election Day. You must state your name clearly to the ballot clerk, verify your address, and present your photo ID.

If you do not have a photo ID, you will need to have an election official – the Moderator, a Supervisor, or the Town Clerk – verify that you are known to them or sign a "Challenged Voter Affidavit" form with a photo attached. The photo will be taken by an election official.

Tuesday, September 6, is the last day that you can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office. The Supervisors of the Check List are meeting that evening between 7 and 7:30 PM. After that date, you can register to vote on Election Day. See you at the polls.

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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

July 5

Present: Marj Roy, Jim Delaney, Vicky Mishcon, Dave Blinn. Also present was Bill Keyser.

Road Agent

The crew crushed 900 yards of stone. Monticello Road: Two catch basins are completed, and when there is more available crushed stone, the other two catch basins will then be completed.

Maple Street: Last Wednesday, the Andover Police Department called Road Agent John Thompson regarding a sink hole on Maple Street. The sink hole is patched.

Fourth of July Celebration trash cans and debris removal: concern about who will clean up this year. Does the Fourth of July committee have a plan? If the trash can and debris is not removed by tomorrow, the Road Crew will take care of clean up.

Highland Lake Beach: There has been an issue with goose droppings. A sign to not feed the birds is up. Roy is still waiting for the DES Permit by Notification in order to get the sand for the beach.

Bill Keyser

Keyser spoke to Thompson regarding some dead trees by his home on Maple Street. Keyser is concerned and would like to prevent a tragedy from happening. If the trees are not taken down, a serious tragedy could occur. Keyser is not sure if the trees are on his neighbor's property or on the Town's right of way.

Thompson indicated a tree professional is needed to take down the trees. Roy will draft a letter to Keyser's neighbor indicating concerns of potential liability issues with those dead trees if not taken down.

Keyser, a member of the Cemetery

Trustees, wanted to follow up on the work left unfinished at the Proctor Cemetery. Keyser indicated the person hired needs to go back and clean up and finish the job before a check is issued for payment.

Keyser was concerned about the cost of the road improvement in the cemetery that was several thousand dollars over the proposal. Thompson explained that the extra work was needed at the time to do the job correctly.

The proposal was for \$2,944, but the total bill after doing the extra work was approximately \$7,000.00. Thompson noted that the Cemetery Trustees will only be responsible for the \$2,944, and the Road Agent will absorb the balance.

Keyser was concerned with the cemetery budget having enough funds to have the hedges cut and trimmed this year. They budgeted \$550. Thompson indicated that Joe Poulin at one time quoted \$500 to do this job.

Thompson will follow up and talk with Poulin and have him give a written quote. Then Thompson will get the quote to Keyser, who will then have the other two Cemetery Trustees review the quote.

Primex Transition Insurance

Roy explained the need for this particular insurance. After the Board discussed it, the Board voted unanimously to sign the application.

July 25

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

Also present: Bill Keyser, Chris Caron, John Braley, JJ Thompson, Toby Locke
See Minutes on page 18

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)
Zoning Code Administrator: Tues, 6-7
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
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

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted
Capital Improvement Planning:
Last Thu, 7
Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7:30
Emergency Medical Service:
2nd Wed, 7, E. Andover Fire Station
Fire Department: Mon, 7
Fourth of July: 1st Wed,
Andover Fire Station, 7
Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7
(except Jul & Aug), Andover
Library or Bachelor Library
Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7
Recreation: 2nd Tues, 7,
AE/MS Science Room
School Board: 1st Tue
(except July), 6:30, AE/MS
Select Board:
1st & 3rd Mon, 6:30
Zoning Board of Adjustment:
3rd Tue, 7

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

Mark Your Calendar!

SEPTEMBER

Mondays: Fire Department, 7
Tuesdays: Building Permits, 6-7
5: Town Offices **CLOSED**
6: Select Board, 6:30
6: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
7: Fourth of July,
Andover Fire Station, 7
10: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-12
13: Town Clerk **CLOSED**
13: **VOTING**, AE/MS, 8 to 7
13: Planning Board, 7
13: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7
14: Andover EMS,
East Andover Fire Station, 7
14: Conservation Commission, 7:30
15: Library Trustees, 7
19: Select Board, 6:30
20: Zoning Board, 7
27: Planning Board, 7
29: Capital Improvement, 7

OCTOBER

Mondays: Fire Department, 7
Tuesdays: Building Permits, 6-7
3: Select Board, 6:30
4: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
5: Fourth of July,
Andover Fire Station, 7
8: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-12
10: Town Clerk **CLOSED**
11: Planning Board, 7
11: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7
12: Andover EMS,
East Andover Fire Station, 7
12: Conservation Commission, 7:30
17: Select Board, 6:30
18: Zoning Board, 7
20: Library Trustees, 7
25: Planning Board, 7
27: Capital Improvement, 7

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Road Projects

Monticello Drive: Ready to be paved this week.

Lawrence Street Bridge: An independent bridge engineer, Sean James, is scheduled to meet with the Board and the Town Administrator tomorrow afternoon to do an inspection of the bridge. The Town attorney, Matt Serge, is unable to attend this inspection. Therefore, a meeting will be set at a future date with Roy, the Board, along with James to find out viable options so that Andover can make a plan and move forward.

James will also view Morrill Hill Bridge while he is in Andover at this time.

Hall Road Logging: State Forester Doug Miner viewed the work and reported no issues. The work is being done according to forestry regulations.

Proctor Cemetery Waterline Project: Keyser reported that the Cemetery Trustees met last Wednesday and decided not to go forward with this project this year. Keyser indicated that the financial information he was given showed the Cemetery Trustees had \$1,075 in available funds left in their project budget.

The Road Agent offered to donate the equipment and is willing to do the ditching work. The Cemetery Trustees want a written estimate from the Road Agent. Roy and the Board reviewed the Cemetery Trustees budget and informed Keyser that the Cemetery Trustees still had approximately \$11,000 in

their budget for projects.

Maple Street: Roy presented the Board with a letter for their signatures which will be sent out via certified mail to the homeowner so that the Town can discuss with her the possible liability issues with the dead trees if they are not properly taken down.

New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) Proposal

Specifically, "To see if the NHMA will support legislation to reduce local property taxes by 1) fully funding the NH Education Trust Fund as defined in RSA 198:38 and 2) significantly reducing the amount of the \$363 million to be raised by the state property tax as defined in RSA 76:3 with any reduction to be replaced from other state revenues."

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to sign the proposal.

Transfer Station

Old building and cover need to be demolished. Once all the earthwork is completed, the trailer can be moved and a new cover built.

The Board requested that Roy gather estimates and to include the Recycling Building issues that need to be repaired. The insulation needs to be fixed and a leak repaired.

The Board agreed that the contractor hired needs to work around the Transfer Station remaining open for residents to use as usual on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the demolition and reconstruction work.

August 1

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

Also present were Glenn Laramie, Carol Bennett, Ken Newcomb.

Road Agent

The police notified Thompson about a boat that became unhitched to the transport truck while going down Flag-hole Road last week. The truck driver did not notice that the boat became unhitched and traveled into a ditch. The next morning, the road crew removed the boat from the ditch.

Maple Street Trees

Last week, the Board along with the Town Administrator viewed the trees of concern on Maple Street. There are three trees that need to be taken down. The Board measured the area and determined that these trees are well within the property owner's boundaries and not in the Town's right of way.

The Chair explained to Ken Newcomb and Carol Bennett that once the town has been notified of a potential safety hazard, they must act on it and have a plan. Newcomb and Bennett agreed that they will have the trees taken down at their expense in a reasonable amount of time so that there are no safety hazard issues.

Newcomb indicated that he had several people he will consider to do the job, along with other tree work on the property. Newcomb is also going to put a ribbon around the trees that need to be taken down.

Town Administrator Report

Roy received a telephone call from a Jim who said that the calcium chloride being applied on the dirt roads in town seemed to be working well. Jim questioned if the road crew could apply the calcium chloride on private roads in town as well.

Thompson explained that the Town's equipment and the applicator they used from the company cannot be used for private road maintenance work. However,

people who live on the private roads in town can contact the same company the Town uses for information.

Conservation Commission

July 13

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Larry Chase, Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan, Jesse Schust

Correspondence

Completed monitoring forms from ASLPT on their properties. Mary Anne will file.

DES Shoreland Impact approval with conditions for 105 West Shore Rd. Prior notification to the Conservation Commission was not provided. Mary Anne will advise the Town Clerk.

DES Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification, authorized for lot 23/035/104.

ASLPT Update

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) Outreach Committee has had an active year. This year's workshop will be held on Thursday, September 22, at the Wilnot Community Association barn. Amy Papineau will speak on Supporting Pollinators in the Landscape.

County Forester Tim Fleury has found Red Pine scale at the College Road Preserve. Members are urged to keep an eye out for it and report any sightings to Tim.

ASLPT will hold a workshop in 2017 for landowners who have previously shown an interest in placing conservation easements on their land. Larry will advise John Bendixon of the workshop.

The aquatic invasive called water celery has been found in Kezar Lake.

ASLPT has been offered an easement on 1,400 acres in the Bradford area.

Bog Pond

Larry, Tina, Jerry, Nan, and Mary
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Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse Open on Sunday, September 11

Share memories of a one room schoolhouse

Donna Baker-Hartwell
Andover Historical Society

Spread the word! We are looking for people with personal stories of attending a one-room schoolhouse. For history's sake, please come!

The Tucker Mountain One-Room Schoolhouse will be open for visitors on Sunday, September 11, from 1 to 3 PM. If you or someone you know attended a one-room schoolhouse, please come and share your memories. It would be wonderful to record first-hand accounts

of what it was like to be a student in a one-room school.

September is a perfect time of year to "go back to school" and reminisce of the school days of long ago. There will be a video recording made to add to the archives of the Andover Historical Society. Come listen. Come share. Everyone is welcome.

Artifacts of period textbooks, copybooks, ink wells, lunch buckets, and more will be on display. Andover Historical Society 2017 Calendars will be on sale, as well as greeting cards of the school. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 735-5586. 

Minutes from page 18

Anne met with the Planning Board on July 12 to discuss a recommendation to the Select Board to create a conservation easement on the Town land around Bog Pond. All were in agreement that this is a good idea, and an e-mail has been sent to the Select Board with the recommendation.

It was stressed that any conservation easement should provide a buffer of 100 to 300 feet as described in the Andover Natural Resources Inventory.

Wildlife Action Plan Maps

The poster-size 2015 Wildlife Action Plan maps have been laminated and stored in the map file at Town Hall. Members voted to reimburse Nan Kaplan for the lamination cost of \$25.70. Larry will attach the maps to foam board so they can be displayed. The southeast corner of Andover has shown a great increase in ranking of wildlife habitat. Conservation Commission members will explore potential protection in this area.

Culverts

The Merrimack County Conservation District (MCCD) has been a tremendous help to the Conservation Commission and to the Town of Andover. The Town and the Conservation Commission have been working with the MCCD on a grant to assess problem culverts that may be undersized and impede aquatic organism movement and/or are flood hazards.

In this first stage of this project, the Town, with the help of the Road Agent, will identify up to a dozen problem culverts to be assessed. MCCD will hire consultants to assess the culverts and make recommendations. MCCD anticipates identifying the culverts most in need of replacement and then applying for Phase Two of these grants for culvert replacement.

The letter of grant support from the Town has been completed.

Hard copy of NRI

Using Proctor resources, Derek has obtained four printed copies of the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) summary. They will be placed at Proctor, at each Andover library, and in the Conservation Commission file cabinet located in the Town Hall meeting room.

Miscellaneous

Nan volunteered to oversee progress on the beaver deceiver issue on Route 11, and Jesse volunteered to oversee progress on the culvert project.

School Board

June 7

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

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

Public Present: Tina Cotton, Lloyd Perreault, Brian Gilman, Jeffrey Newcomb

Public Comment: Task Force Presentation

Financial Report: Robin reported that she anticipates a fund balance in the range of \$225,000 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Board Chairperson's Report: Michelle reported that everything is going well and that AE/MS graduation is Thursday, June 9.

Old Business

AE/MS Facilities Task Force Update: Brian Gilman presented the recommendations of the Task Force. Areas addressed included: accessibility/security; space challenges; code compliance; and energy efficiency. A proposed floor plan was discussed.

New Business

Computer Room Tile: Robin presented an estimate to replace the aged carpeting in the Computer Lab with floor tiling. The payment would be taken from the current 2015-2016 fund balance. The Board approved a motion to provide the funding to complete the tiling project in the computer room.

Oil Bids: Robin presented oil bid options for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. The Board approved a motion to award the heating oil bid to AD&G for the price of \$1.80 firm per gallon for the 2016-2017 school year.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Chris reported that Superintendent Mark MacLean is recovering and doing well.

Resignation: The Board approved a motion to accept the resignation of AE/MS staff member Heidi Unger. 



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The Andover Historical Society's Secret Garden in Potter Place provides a cool and shady spot on the hottest of days. Photos: Charlie Darling



The field at Cemetery Corner has been an East Andover landmark for generations. Carolyn Currier bought it in 2013 in order to preserve it for the enjoyment of generations to come. Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell

Sibbel and Frank Cellini Create a Sign for the Secret Garden

Press release

Sibbel and Frank Cellini of Carving by Cellini, a popular vendor at Andover Historical Society's (AHS) Old Time Fair every year, have donated a new sign to AHS to point the way to the Secret Garden that Ken Reid and Bob Hamilton created several years ago in the foundation of Richard Potter's former home in Potter Place.

The Cellinis, who have been in business for 30 years, "thought this lovely little spot needed a proper sign," so they created one and installed it on August 3, in time for the Old Time Fair on August 7. For more information about the Cellinis' business, visit CarvedWoodSignsNH.com.



Sibbel and Frank Cellini donated a new sign to AHS for the Secret Garden.

Andover's Special Places: The Field at Cemetery Corner

Preserved for generations to come

Donna Baker-Hartwell for the Beacon

The field across from Lake View Cemetery corner has been a landmark for travelers coming into East Andover for generations. It might just be one of the oldest consistently farmed fields in town.

It has been in the Thompson family since the late 1800s. Ernest Bertelle

Carolyn Thompson Currier, youngest daughter of Alan and Florence, decided that she would purchase the field from the Thompson LLC in order to preserve it for the enjoyment of the generations to come.

Carolyn writes, "As I look at the field being mowed, it brings back happy memories from the 1940s. It was during World War II, when many people from Andover were in the armed services. Farm help was scarce. My two sisters and I helped hay the fields. Before my dad went out to hay, I would pedal the old grindstone while he sharpened the mower's blade.

"We would rake the hay into rows with Nellie, our dappled gray horse, in the lead. The big wooden bull rake came in handy when picking up the scatterings. We didn't have a hay baler. The three of us all learned to drive the truck and wagon.



Alan Thompson farmed and mowed the field for many years.

and Stella Thompson, who lived at the Homestead on Maple Street, passed it to their son, Alan K. Thompson, and his wife Florence after Stella died in 1968. Alan farmed it for many years and used his horse-drawn sickle bar to cut the hay.

About 40 years ago, the Shaw family took over its use. There were some years that corn was planted. This past July, Emile Shaw reports that he got 700 bales of hay off of it. He will most likely get another cutting this year.

In 2008, owned by the Thompson LLC, part of the original field was given to the Town of Andover to make more room in the cemetery. The State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation had redesigned the bad corner in Route 11, cutting through a large part of the field. It made sense to the Thompson LLC trustees to give to the Town the section of the field that was now on the cemetery side of the redesigned road.

The Shaws continued to hay the remaining field. However, in 2013 the Thompson LLC wanted to dissolve and put the field on the market. The future of this old field was uncertain.

"After heaping the hay into piles and loading the wagon high and wide, we were off to the barn at the Homestead on Maple Street. On our way, we would stop for a cold drink at Stebbin's Store near the wooden railroad bridge. That was our reward.

"We didn't get money for our work in the fields. We were a family doing farm work that needed to be done. Dad let us know that we were important, and that gave us the feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment. I remember my father saying, 'My first three boys were girls.'"



Carolyn Thompson Currier has vivid memories of haying the field as a young girl during World War II.

Before Route 11's Cemetery Corner See Field on page 21

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Fifty Years Ago in Andover: September 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 Virginia Edwards.*

Martin Feuerstein has been elected to the position of teaching principal at the Andover Elementary School.

Mr. Feuerstein is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, where he received his bachelors degree. He also holds a bachelors degree from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point and has done graduate work at Plymouth State College, the University of New Hampshire, and the University of Bridgeport.

He served as sixth grade teacher in Andover from 1964 to 1966 and as fourth grade teacher in Concord in 1963. Mr. Feuerstein is married to the former Pauline Kropp. They have two daughters and live in Franklin.

Schools in town will start on September 7, and the Jo Crisp Kindergarten starts on September 7 at Proctor Chapel from 9 to 11:30 AM.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heinlein entertained their grandson Pfc. Henry Heinlein Jr. of Masbeth, New York, for a few days before he left for Korea, where he will be stationed.

Wedding anniversary congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Stibitz on September 1.

Much sympathy goes to Mr. and

Mrs. Richard Hornbeck on the death of his mother in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Stultz and family of Canton, Connecticut, and Mr. and Mrs. Newell Stultz and family of Providence, Rhode Island, spent last week with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Stultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Thomas celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on August 23. On Sunday they and their granddaughter Linda went to Steamtown USA in Bellows Falls, Vermont, with Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Mercier and family of Hinesburg, Vermont. Their other daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Pierce of Nashua, also made the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weinert and three children of Smith Town, Long Island, New York, have bought the Roy Healy home and will be moving in on or before Labor Day. Mr. Weinert has employment in Concord. The Healys will be moving to Keene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaMontagne of Rochester called on their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sheldon, this past week. While here, they took Mrs. Sheldon and Susan up to Montpelier, Vermont, to spend a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Groeme.

Mrs. John Broadbent and two children of Reading, Pennsylvania, visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Foote, for two weeks recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Headley of Livingston, New Jersey, are having a home built on land they bought from Chauncey Foote. They will spend the summers and weekends here.

We are all sorry to hear that Mrs. Margaret Grovenor is in the Franklin Hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crane and their three children of South Bend, Indiana, are spending a week with Anna Roberts.

Congratulations go out to Mr. and Mrs. Albion "Shorty" Guptill. Shorty and Beverly Parris, daughter of Stan Parris of Franklin, were married on Saturday at the Methodist Church in Franklin. The couple will make their home on North State Street in Concord.

Much sympathy goes out to Mrs. Eula Kelley and family on the sudden death of her husband Horace.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Walker are visiting for two weeks in Nova Scotia, Canada. Gerald is on a three-week vacation from his duties at the State Prison.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schups and her sister Miss Lazarus and niece of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stickney on Saturday while touring New England. The Schups and Stickney's have been friends for 40 years.

Chester Sheldon is having a two-week vacation from his work on the State Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker and family and friends of Londonderry spent the weekend at their home on Tucker Mountain.

Mrs. Bess Sweatt Woodard of New London and Mrs. Elaine Eastman of town were dinner guests of Mrs. Lee Sweatt on Friday.

Jimmy Emerson made a hole-in-one at the Kearsarge Acres Country Club on Saturday. He was the only one to break this record, and all were happy for Jimmy.

Late wedding anniversary congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Dale McLeod on August 25.

Garry George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard George, had the misfortune recently to cut a tendon in his foot and was rushed to the Burlington General Hospital. Garry was able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Camp of Hudson, Ohio, called on friends in town this past week. The Camps were formerly of Proctor Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Counter and daughter Edith Alice of Reading, Massachusetts, are visiting with Mrs. Harold Wilson. It is nice to have Mrs. Wilson back home.

State Trooper and Mrs. Richard Gayne of Penacook have moved into the house where Carl Longfellow used to live in the village. Trooper Gayne is assigned to the Andover area. We welcome them to town.

Field from page 20

was redesigned, an old stump fence and tractor shed lined the edge of the field. Even though Route 11 changed the size of the field, it remains a tranquil sight. Wild turkeys, deer, and other wildlife can often be seen within it. When a full moon rises over it, a passerby cannot

help but look twice.

In all four seasons, this field displays its changes. For many, it brings back precious memories. My generation and future generations are and will be forever grateful to Carolyn for her desire to preserve this old field.

Donna Baker-Hartwell is Carolyn Currier's niece.

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Extreme Chunkin 5K Launched in Memory of Don Gross

Speedway event benefits Police Athletic League

Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

When Extreme Chunkin returns to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway on October 15 and 16 this year, it will feature more than just huge pumpkin-chuckin' machines. In memory of Don Gross of Andover, one of the event's founders, the weekend will start with a 5K run to benefit the Nashua Police Athletic League. PAL was a very special charity to Don, who was police chief of Nashua for many years.

The Extreme Chunkin 5K is open to all ages. The \$30 registration fee includes a ticket to the day's Extreme Chunkin activities plus a bright green Extreme Chunkin 5K event t-shirt.

The race starts at 8 AM on Saturday, October 15; the course is entirely within the speedway grounds.

Online registration is available at Run-Reg.com/Extreme-Chuckin-5K (note the misspelling of "Chunkin"!); or visit ExtremeChunkin.com for more information.

More About Extreme Chunkin

Back at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon again this year,

the second annual Extreme Chunkin event draws pumpkin-chuckin' teams from all across the country to compete in an all-out battle for greatness. Machines like trebuchets, catapults, and air cannons will launch pumpkins and

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other extreme items.

To add to the fun, there will be harvest festival activities throughout the weekend, including rides, pumpkin carving, face painting, and more. Tickets to the event are \$10 each day and are available at ExtremeChunkin.com



On a sunny Sunday afternoon in July, an unidentified Bradley Lake kayaker demonstrates a new way to simultaneously harness wind power and avoid sunburn. Photo: Larry Chase

Free Photo Shoot to Focus on Historic Muster Field Farm

Capture New Hampshire's autumn foliage

Press release

An early-morning excursion to the Muster Field Farm Museum in Sutton on Saturday, October 1, will offer local photographers, from beginners to devotees, an opportunity to capture New Hampshire's autumn foliage in an historic and picturesque setting.

Free, open to the public, and guided by experienced photographers Steve Colardeau and Jay Fitzpatrick of Andover, the photo shoot will get under way at 6:30 AM on the Muster Field Farm Museum grounds. Participants can rendezvous there, rain or shine, at any time between then and 8 AM or join in car-pooling from Andover's Town Hall parking lot at 6 AM (returning to the Town Hall at 9:30 AM).

Though advance registration is not required, potential attendees are requested to contact Fitzpatrick in advance at jalf@tds.net so the session leaders can provide additional support as needed.

On their own or with support from Colardeau and Fitzpatrick, participants will be able to roam the museum's 250 acres of fields and woods. Also available to photograph are a collection of historic buildings ranging from huge barns to small corn cribs and including a one-room schoolhouse and a blacksmith shop, both saved from destruction elsewhere and moved to the property. All are open for interior as well as exterior photography. The exterior of the historic Matthew Harvey Homestead, a handsome 18th-century farmhouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places, may also be photographed.

Fitzpatrick notes, "Autumn at the Muster Field Farm is New England at its finest, and early morning the best time of day for photography. This should be a great chance for photographers of all

ages and skill levels to capture with their cameras the colors and textures that will be awaiting them."

Participants are reminded to expect a chilly October morning. Colardeau's advice: "Check the weather forecast the



The barn at Muster Field Farm.

Photo: Jay Fitzpatrick

day before to get an idea of what to expect. Long pants and some form of boots will be best. A jacket will help, and maybe a pair of gloves and a hat. Metal camera equipment can get real cold.

"Because it is early, the light will be low. Shooting from a tripod is almost mandatory. Macro shooters take note: This time of day is when you may find spiders and their webs, either dew- or frost-covered. Once the sun heats things up, the webs melt. Be ready to get a little wet shooting spiders or anything close to the ground."

The event is sponsored by the Andover Institute, an arm of the Andover Community Association. It is part of a continuing series of "space explorations," designed to introduce local residents to venues more or less "off the beaten path" for many.

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The view from Mount Major, looking across Lake Winnepesaukee toward the Presidential Range. Photo: Lee Carvalho

September is a Great Time for Late Summer Hikes

SRKG offers options for guided hikes

Lee Carvalho, for the *Beacon*

What better way to celebrate the arrival of September and the fall season than to get outside and walk to a pretty place? As the month goes on and the foliage begins to turn, conditions only improve for hiking. Yes, the hours of daylight are decreasing, but the days are still plenty long, and the weather conditions will never be better.

At this time of year it is more im-

portant than ever to carry lots of water and to dress in layers in anticipation of changing temperatures. I guarantee that any sandwich you eat after walking through the beautiful woods and finding a perch on a granite summit will taste better than ever.

Here are some ideas of where and how to explore the possibilities.

Sunset Hill Trail in Newbury is a 2.5-mile round-trip walk in the Hay Forest Reservation that all ages can enjoy. The trail starts across Route 103A

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Jack Schwendler, age 11, son of Tom and Karen Schwendler of Wilmot, is shown with District 44N New Hampshire Lions Club District Governor Christine Greenwood on the Fourth of July at the Village Green in Andover. Jack has been helping his grandfather Ron Evans and other members of the Andover Lions Club for three years and is known as their "Lion Cub." Christine said, "Jack is certainly an amazing young man who is a true inspiration, not only to the Andover Lions Club but to many additional Lions in the District." The Andover Lions Club will have food available at upcoming events including Muster Field Farm Days and the Danbury Grange Fair.

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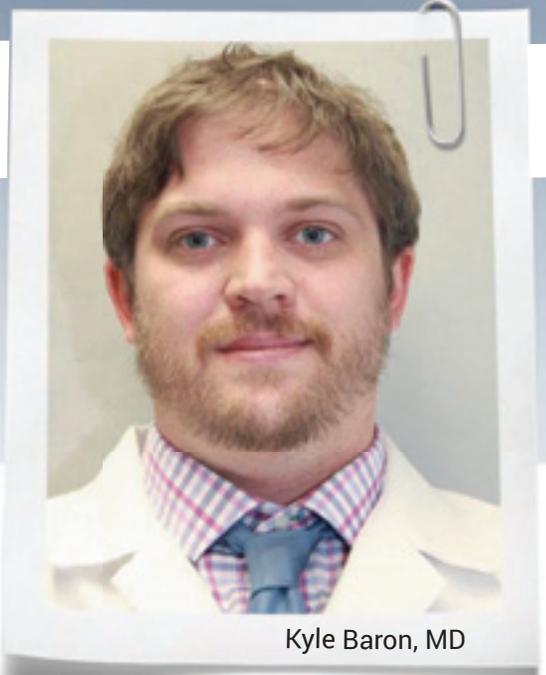
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FNRT members Alex Bernhard and Chris Norris (left) of Andover and Chris' 14-year-old grandson, Ben Norris (right) from New Jersey, had a good six-hour bicycle ride inspecting bridges on the Northern Rail Trail.

Photo: Alex Bernhard

FNRT Members Perform Bridge Inspections on Rail Trail

Board votes to begin repairs

Press release

On August 8, Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (FNRT) members Alex Bernhard and Chris Norris of Andover and Chris' 14-year-old grandson, Ben Norris of New Jersey, completed a survey of the condition of all the bridges on the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County. The inspection took about six

hours and was performed on bicycle between Boscawen and Potter Place using an old railroad bridge list as a guide.

The crew chose to rate each bridge with an A, B, or C, with C for the bridges in the worst condition. Six bridges were found to be missing railings to the point where they rated a C.

As a result of this effort, FNRT's board of directors voted during its August board meeting to begin repair work on three of the bridges to start.

SRKG Offers Six Hikes This Fall

Two hikes in Andover on Ragged and Kearsarge

Press release

We live in a bit of day-hiker heaven. Fall weekend hikes sponsored by the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway (SRKG) Coalition are an opportunity to see local peaks and valley woodlands both up close and with expansive views.

The hikes up Ragged and Kearsarge mountains are classic New Hampshire view hikes. Lower elevation walks in Andover, Sutton, and Newbury pass historic cellar holes on old Class 6 roads and show the importance of land conservation for wildlife habitat preservation. A special hike on the Sutton side of Mount Kearsarge will explore 236 acres that the Forest Society hopes to add this year to its Black Mountain Forest Preserve placed in conservation a few years ago.

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition hikes are free to the public. Please call the volunteer hike leader to learn starting location and time. Be prepared: bring water, bug and sun protection, and a snack. See SRKG.org for information and membership.

Sunday, September 11: In Andover, a family hike on Trail 10 from Proctor Academy to Winslow State Park. Six miles on easy trails and old roads.

Contact Dave Gardner and Nick Baer at 927-4033 or BudahBing@yahoo.com.

Saturday, September 24:

From Winslow State Park over Mount Kearsarge to Kearsarge Valley Road on Greenway Trail 11. 5.8 miles. Contact Anne Hewitt at 848-5762 or Anne5762@live.com.

Saturday, October 1:

In North Sutton near Kearsarge Regional High School, a backwoods exploration of a hoped-for 236-acre conservation addition to Black Mountain Forest Preserve on Mount Kearsarge. A relaxed few miles of outdoor education. Contact Dave Anderson at 224-9945 x 335 or DAnderson@ForestSociety.org.

Sunday, October 16:

Over Ragged Mountain from Wilmot to Proctor Academy in Andover on Greenway Trail 9. 6.1 strenuous, rewarding miles. Contact Rosanna Dude at 828-1001 or RosannaLeigh@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 22:

In Newbury on Greenway Trail 14 between Newbury harbor and Chalk Pond. Moderate 4.4-mile woods hike. Contact Lee Carvalho at 735-5719 or LeeCarvalho6@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 29:

From Kezar Lake at Wadleigh State Park in North Sutton via King Hill and New Hampshire Audubon Sanctuary to Chalk Pond in Newbury. Contact Nathan Richer at 763-2127.

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from The Fells parking lot.

As you pass through a forest of beech, sugar maple, and white birch, you will see evidence of former settlements in stone walls and cellar holes, so there is no rush. Take your time; there's no prize for rushing, and you might be surprised at what you can see along the trail.

At the top, looking west, the views of the south end of Lake Sunapee are terrific, and if you time it right, you can watch the beginning of the sunset before descending along the same path.

Another rewarding hike is to the summit of Mount Major (1,786 ft) near Alton Bay on Lake Winnepesaukee. The large parking area for the trailhead is 2.4 miles south of the junction of New Hampshire Routes 11 and 11A. It is 1.5

miles to the summit via the Mount Major trail, but there are several options for routes up and down.

After scrambling over some rocks, you arrive at a vast, open space with spectacular 360° views of the lake and surrounding forests. The hike itself will probably take about 2.5 to 3 hours, but allow a good amount of time to enjoy your time at the top.

If you are more comfortable heading out on a guided hike, consider joining one of the walks sponsored by the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway (SRKG) group. A bonus of joining one of these hikes is the opportunity to meet other hikers.

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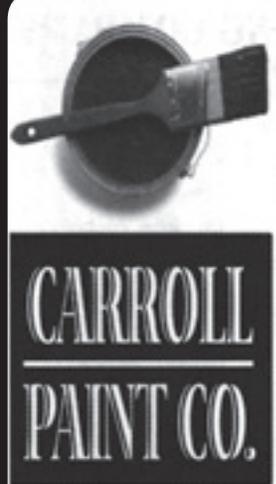
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Tiffany Provost writes, "In July we took the Anthem of the Seas cruise ship on a five-night adventure to Bermuda. On the ship we were able to ride bumper cars and roller skate. In Bermuda we visited a lighthouse and swam at a beautiful beach." Pictured are Sierra, Cody, and Tiffany Provost. Photo: Joel Provost



Michaela Trefethen married 1st Lieutenant Thomas Hoover on August 5, surrounded by friends and family in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Michaela grew up in Andover and is a graduate of Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina. She is a sign language teacher. Thomas is from Independence, Oregon. He is a graduate of Oregon State University and is a Marine Corps officer.

The couple resides in Holly Ridge, North Carolina and plans to celebrate in New Hampshire with friends and family in the spring.



Mackenzie Donovan of Andover, a docent at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (SLNSC), was out on the exhibit trail on July 22, educating visitors on the Peregrine falcon. Mackenzie volunteered as a First Guide at SLNSC the last four summers before moving up to the level of docent and live animal handler this summer. Photo: Nicole Donovan



Nicole Donovan was named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring semester of the 2015-2016 academic year, earning Highest Honors. Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Nicole, an Andover mother of four and per diem phlebotomist in the lab at New London Hospital, is working on her Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Science: Medical Laboratory Science.

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

Condensed from draft minutes

Meeting location: Danbury Community Center, Danbury

Board Attendees: Alex Bernhard, Tom Frantz, George Heaton, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Jack Shields, Nita Tomaszewski

Guests: Ed Hiller, Mary Hiller, Linda Howes, Marilyn LaPierre, Norm LaPierre, Steve Robinson, John Schlosser, Prescott Towle

The July meeting was noteworthy for a great deal of good news; a wide-ranging discussion, with “to-do” list; and a few items of business.

Good News

RTP Grant Applications. Two applications for RTP funding have been submitted to the State of New Hampshire by FNRT-MC. These cover the Depot Street bridge in Franklin and ditching and culvert work at various sites, with proposed budgets of \$10,000 and \$17,000. A decision from the state is expected in November, with a year to spend the funds. Given new proposal documentation requirements from the Federal government (which will extend to contractors), a great amount of additional effort was required for this proposal. Nita Tomaszewski did yeoperson’s work on this – and received a round of applause.

Signage. For about two years, FNRT-MC has urged signage between Concord and Boscawen to indicate the direction to the Trail. These efforts are

now bearing fruit. The City of Concord General Services Department has agreed to install four such signs.

FNRT-MC will underwrite the cost of approximately \$320. Jack Shields did yeoperson’s work on this – and received a round of applause.

Summer Projects. Given funding from the Brown foundation and donations, the Board is in a position to commission maintenance and improvement projects this summer and fall, as good weather lasts. This work may include permanent railings on the Depot Street bridge in Franklin, ditching in East Andover, and milepost signage.

Milepost Marker Signage. The acquisition, installation, and upkeep of authentic milepost markers has been a gratifying improvement to the Trail. In the next phase, explanatory signage will be developed. Grant funds have been obtained, through which a designer has been commissioned to make a proposal to the association. Ed Hiller’s continuing work on this project continues to be greatly appreciated.

Ruling Against ATVs. For some time, the use of ATVs on rail trails has been a controversial issue. During the past year, the City of Claremont requested a waiver from US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) rules that exclude such vehicles from trails purchased or built with Federal Transportation Enhancement funds for non-motorized

vehicles. The State of New Hampshire endorsed this request to FHWA.

In mid-July, FHWA issued its opinion on the matter, ruling that ATVs are not an authorized use. Other actions deny trail use to ATVs with mushers.

As FNRT-MC has consistently taken a position against the use of ATVs on rail trails, this news was greeted with relief and happiness.

Trail Mowing. As of July 20, the Trail had been mowed southward from the Grafton Store to the gate at the Danbury store. This work-in-progress aimed for immediate conclusion with a fully mowed Trail. And it helps with ticks!

Future Expansion into Concord. PanAm, the owner of the rail right-of-way in Concord and Boscawen, has recently filed for an “abandonment of service” on this area. Its action creates the happy possibility of an extension of the Rail Trail into downtown Concord. Before this could occur, a sale would have to be effected, likely to the State of New Hampshire or the City of Concord, and responsibility for the trail established, likely involving the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway.

Discussion and To-Do

Vegetation Control Project. Four months after FNRT-MC’s application to the state Trails Bureau for a limited, experimental herbicide application in a section of the Trail in Franklin, there has been no reply from the State, nor action taken by the association. It was unanimously agreed that Jack Shield should try to meet with state officials to understand the situation and resolve the matter if possible.

Milepost Ownership and Acquisition. As mentioned above, the acquisi-

tion of authentic milepost markers for the Trail has absorbed considerable effort over the last few years and has been a great success. However, some of the original posts are missing, and the ownership and use of some is controversial.

Tom Frantz will take up the issue of ownership with the state Attorney General. Ed Hiller will move forward with removal, repair, and installation of three posts temporarily stored at the Veterans Cemetery.

Usage Profile for Trail. Although the Trail is well and happily used, the Board has come to realize that it lacks any systematic knowledge of the amount, types, and rates of usage. It was agreed that information of this type would be useful in developing a strategy to manage and improve the Trail for the benefit of citizens and our region. One recent development is the placement by Craig Tufts of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission of a non-photographic counter on the Trail near the Boscawen end.

Tom Frantz and Charles Martin have begun plans for trail counts using various means, including cameras. From informal discussions with the state Attorney General, it appears that such would be permissible, as there is no expectation of privacy on the Trail. But policies by FNRT-MC would still have to be developed as to the use and disposal of such information.

More discussion will ensue on this issue in the future.

Signage and Explanation of Trail. Given the origins of the railroad and associated development in the mid-19th century, the Northern Rail Trail is today a kind of “living museum.” The Board feels that this legacy should be brought See FNRT on page 27

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Caption: Town Administrator Marj Roy. Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell



Three O'Donahoe girls from Andover -- Danica (5), Geneva (8), and Laurana (3) -- helped Peter Southworth pick the names of the 2016 winners in the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail's annual raffle at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair in Potter Place on August 7.

Rail Trail Success Continues with Annual Summer Raffle

Local businesses support FNRT with donated prizes

Peter Southworth, FNRT

This year's raffle for the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail showed again how our local communities love the rail trail. The FNRT awarded prizes donated by local businesses and raised money to support trail work and to keep us walking, rolling, and snowmobiling on Andover's 35 miles of trail.

At the drawing during the Old Time Fair in Potter Place on August 7, Gerry McFarland of Bradley Lake won the bi-

cycle from S&W Sports of Concord, Michael Vercellotti of Andover won two nights lodging donated by the Highland Lake Inn. Winners of gift certificates were Nancy Billings of Andover (Eastern Mountain Sports), Linda Shoemaker of Bradley Lake (Belletete's), Kait Armstrong of Andover (Goodale's Bike Shop), Dane Loomer of Andover (Jake's Market and Deli), Patty Pond of Salisbury (Flying Goose Brew Pub), and Gordon Terwilliger of New London (Pizza Chef).

The FNRT thanks our sponsors and our neighbors for their support, and we hope to see you out enjoying the trail.

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to users of the Trail, and that through this, their experience would be greatly enhanced. Other trails and localities have begun such signage – notably the Allegheny Passage, the Franklin Historical Society, and the Town of Canaan.

The Board agreed that we should embark on a consideration of how to bring forward the legacy of the Trail, and we will continue discussion on this matter in the future. The designer retained by Ed Hiller will be apprised of this intention and will factor it into his proposal. FNRT-MC will also seek co-operation with the "Friends Group" in Grafton County.

Potential Bridge Repair. The condition of the many bridges on the Trail is of special concern to all who use it. Nevertheless, there is currently no systematic inventory of the Trail's bridges and their condition. Alex Bernhard and Chris Norris will undertake such an inventory and assessment in the near future.

With this analysis as a baseline, the Board anticipates further discussion of bridge maintenance. In embarking on any future bridge repair, many factors need to be taken into account, including snowmobile clubs' past responsibility for this function, the insurance

situation of the Board, and the position of the State of New Hampshire as to liability once repairs are undertaken. Investigations to better inform the Board on these questions will be undertaken by various Board members and will receive future discussion.

Port-a-Potty in Boscawen. The lack of sanitary facilities at the beginning of the Trail in Boscawen can become frustrating and unhealthy. The Board happily agreed to Linda Howes' willingness to make a proposal to address this lack.

Business Matters

The draft minutes of the June 2016 meeting were approved. It was further agreed that financial information pertaining to FNRT-MC would be presented in a summary, structured form, calculated to inform the public of the FNRT-MC plans, activities, and resources.

Future Dates of Note

August 7, Andover Old Time Fair: Fourth of July Bicycle Raffle winner announced

August 22, "Dough Raiser" at Pizzeria Uno in Concord: Mention FNRT-MC to gain contribution

October 1: Rail Trail Rally of Special Olympics

Next Meeting: August 17, Franklin Regional Hospital



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After being lost for many years, milepost B-84 has now been installed in its proper position on the Northern Rail Trail in Boscawen. Mark Thompson is operating the excavator, and Ken Newcomb is assisting. Photo: Ed Hiller

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FNRT Restores Milepost to Its Proper Rail Trail Location

Still looking for two missing mileposts

Ed Hiller, FNRT

As a result of previous publicity about missing mileposts on the Northern Rail Trail, Cindy Richardson of Boscawen recognized that a granite post that had been on the ground back in her woods for years was one of the missing mileposts. It had been there since her father previously owned the property, and she had no idea how or when he acquired it.

It is milepost B-84 (84 miles from Boston). It was found just 800 feet along the rail trail from its original location. The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (FNRT) are deeply grateful to Ms. Richardson for recognizing the significance of this historic milepost and offering to return it.

This milepost has now been placed at its original location on the trail. This was made possible by the generous contributions of Mark Thompson, who brought equipment and expertise to the task, and Ken Newcomb, who did a lot of wrestling and shoveling. Maneuvering a 1,400-pound granite post into position is quite a project!

The history of these granite mileposts

goes back more than 100 years. The Northern Railroad was constructed in 1847, extending 70 miles from Concord to White River Junction, Vermont. The Boston and Maine Railroad took it over in 1887. Around 1900 to 1905 they installed mileposts along all of their lines. They are massive dressed-granite posts, one foot square, standing four to five feet above the ground. One side of the post shows "B" and the mileage to Boston, and the other shows "WRJ" and the mileage to White River Junction.

By the time the Northern rail line was converted to a recreational trail in the late 1990s, many of these historic mileposts had disappeared. Grafton County had lost all but two. Merrimack County had retained most of theirs, although most in Boscawen were gone.

Two of the missing Boscawen mileposts have been located in Boscawen Center. The landowner is at present unwilling to return them to the rail trail.

Two others missing in Boscawen have been replaced with substitutes from a New Hampshire Department of Transportation stockpile. If anyone has any information about the location of the two missing mileposts, please contact FNRT at Info@FNRT.org.

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Andover kids in grades three and up can join the Recreation Committee's Cycling Club to improve their mountain biking skills and have fun exploring Andover's many trails. Pictured here is Lily Menard, riding the trails around Hopkins Pond.

Summer Season a Success for Andover Cycling Club

Acquiring new skills and learning safety

Press release

The Andover Cycling Club (ACC) had a great first summer. Through last spring and early summer, Drew Donaldson, Chris Grotnes, Jeremy Menard, Brian Gilman, Josh Norris, and Ryan Murphy worked together to form a youth cycling club in Andover. With the help of Tom Frantz and the Andover Recreation Committee, the club was formed for kids in the third grade and up with the goal of increasing cycling awareness, getting kids on bikes, improving riding skills, and creating opportunities for kids to have fun on their bikes.

The ACC had an information tent and a bike raffle on the Village Green over the Fourth of July that created exposure and prompted club membership. In all, 17 Andover youth joined the club

and were enrolled in a Summer Ride Program that concentrated on mountain biking.

The Summer Ride Program met on Thursday nights for five weeks, and the group worked on basic mountain biking skills, rider safety, and of course had a lot of fun. All the ACC riders improved their riding skills, and by the end of the five weeks were riding in the range of six to nine miles.

Since the completion of the Summer Ride Program, the club has met informally on Thursdays, as the coaches and riders want to continue to ride together and explore the trails of Andover and the Northern Rail Trail. This fall the club hopes to travel to places like Franklin Falls in Franklin or Highlands Mountain Bike Park in Northfield.

For more information about the ACC or possible fall membership, contact the club at AndoverRecCycling@gmail.com.

Salisbury Farmers Market Open Mondays Through September

Fresh eggs, honey, and handcrafted items

Press release

August started out with tomatoes, cantaloupe, beets, and peppers, as well as zucchini, summer squash, and cucumber. These vegetables should carry through well into September. Come to the Salisbury Farmers Market early each Monday, as the fresh produce goes very quickly.

We will continue to have fresh farm eggs, homemade jams and jellies, English muffin loaf, honey, maple syrup, bluebird houses, soaps and lotions, mus-

tards and ketchup, as well as homemade pies. Pies can be ordered and picked up the following Monday.

Bead jewelry, woven goods, antiques, handmade knitted baby sweaters, mittens, scarves, baby blankets, and hair ties for girls are all available. If you need something for the winter, it is time to place your order.

If you are interested in selling your extra vegetables and fruit this summer, please contact Helen Binette at 648-2156.

We will be at the Town Hall in Salisbury on Route 4 every Monday except holidays. The hours are 3 to 6 PM. Come and check it out.

Wilmot Farmers Market Open Saturdays through September

Homemade and handcrafted items available

Press release

When the hot and dry 2016 summer season turns to the cooler and crisper days of fall, the Wilmot Farmers Market vendors gather their wares for a final month of markets on the Wilmot Town Green.

Heading down the market home stretch, crafters replenish supplies, and farmers begin their final harvests. Root crops, squashes, and pumpkins fill the bins. Jams and jellies of summer bounty pack the shelves, and apples ripen in the orchards.

Forward thinkers begin holiday shopping, and the need for Margaret's

wool socks begins to creep into our thoughts as we, in general, prepare for the cold weather ahead.

The sounds of laughing folks and traffic accompanies the din of whirring chainsaws: an autumn Saturday morning at the Wilmot Farmers Market, enjoying breakfast or grabbing ingredients for your upcoming meals, listening to the music or chatting with friends, making an investment in your community. Sounds like a lovely season finale.

The market runs every Saturday through September from 9 AM to noon at the Wilmot Town Green. The board of the Wilmot Farmers Market is seeking volunteers to ensure the market continues. For more information visit WilmotFarmersMarket.com.

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Brighton, Michael Harvey
Arrowood, Laura McHugh
Barkskins, Annie Proulx
The Apartment, Danielle Steele
Sweet Tomorrows, Debbie Macomber
Before the Fall, Noah Hawley
The Girls, Emma Cline
Eligible, Curtis Sittenfeld

LaRose, Louise Erdrich

Adult Non Fiction

American Catch, Paul Greenberg
Classic Collection of Ice Cream Recipes
I'll See You Again, Jackie Hance

Children's Titles

Whatever After, Books 1-6, Sarah Mlynowski
Night of the Ninth Dragon, Mary Pope Osborne
The Trials of Apollo, Rick Riordan
Bad Cat, Scaredy-Cat, Nick Bruel
The Wonderful Things You Will Be, Emily Winfield Martin
Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics, Chris Grabenstein

**Bachelor Library
New Acquisitions**

Adult Fiction

Command Authority, Tom Clancy
Truly Madly Guilty, Liane Moriarty
Belgradia, Julian Fellowes
The Girls, Emma Cline
Magic, Danielle Steele
Before the Fall, Noah Hawley
First Comes Love, Emily Griffin
The Bourne Enigma, Eric Van Lustbader
Morning Star, Pierce Brown

Adult Nonfiction

Real Food, Fake Food, Larry Olmstead
Your Personality in Handwriting, Handwriting Analysis Institute
The Magic of Math, Benjamin Arthur

Children

The Hidden Oracle, Rick Riordan
The Trials of Apollo, Rick Riordan
Coyote Moon, Maria Gian Ferrari
Children: A First Art Book, Lucy Micklethwait

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Lakes Region Folk Trio to Appear at September Coffeehouse

Coffeehouse returns to Grange Hall September 16

Press release

Returning to the Highland Lake Grange Hall on Friday, September 16, after two months of outdoor concerts, the Andover Community Coffeehouse will offer a musical performance by the Buskers, a Lakes Region trio of "folk purists with a smart, distinct voice and a kitchen-sink repertoire of influences and instruments from jug band to jazz to roots rock," according to the group's Web site.

Buskers members include guitarist and singer-songwriter (and former AE/MS music teacher) Paul Hubert, violinist Kathy (KZ) Sommer, and multi-instrumentalist Craig Jaster. Together, "the trio deftly and joyfully weaves violin, mandolin, guitar, accordion, bass, keyboard, banjo, harmonica, and tambourine into their arrangements. Their influences range as widely as their instrumentation, but their sound is always defined by a shared respect for the crafts of songwriting and arranging and a shared love for the inventive possibilities of improvisation," according to the group's Web site. For more information,

visit TheBuskers.com.

As in earlier Grange Hall concerts, the September program will also feature up to a dozen open-microphone performers, whose contributions have ranged from the spoken word to a capella, show-business, jazz, folk, bluegrass, and country-and-western tunes.

Open to the public at no cost (although donations are gratefully accepted), the monthly coffeehouse will begin at 7 PM. 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.

Sponsors for the evening are the residents of Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club, whose contributions will help support renovation of the Grange Hall, which is owned by the Andover Congregational Church.

Coming up: On Friday evening, October 21, enjoy a performance by 22-year-old Irish guitarist and singer-songwriter David Skinner, "known for his ability to create a full band sound with just his guitar, along with his deep soulful voice." Read and hear more at DavidSkinnerLive.com.

Yoga Returns to Bachelor Library on Thursdays at 6 PM

Six-week series taught by Kristen Nesbitt

Press release

A Gentle Flow and Restore Yoga class will be offered this fall at the William A. Bachelor Library, 12 Chase Hill Road, in East Andover, beginning on Thursday, September 8, from 6 to 7:15 PM. The six-week series will be taught by experienced yoga instructor Kristen Nesbitt and will be similar to the class

she taught at the library last spring.

The cost is \$12 per session to drop in or \$60 for the whole series. All levels of experience are welcome; some experience with flow yoga is helpful but not required. Participants are asked to bring their own mats.

For more information about Kristen and her classes, visit BackRoadsYoga.com or e-mail KristenGNesbitt52@gmail.com to pre-register for the series.

Pemigewasset Choral Society Presents Hope is Born

This fall season the Pemigewasset Choral Society's concert is entitled "Hope Is Born." We can't live without hope. Hope whispers encouragement to move forward and realize our dreams.

Join us in celebration of the unique hope that was born more than 2,000 years ago, including music from Praetorius, a 1947 spiritual, Ola Gjeilo, and featuring Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.

The Pemi Choral Society starts its 43rd season on Monday, September 12.

It has members from throughout New Hampshire, from as far south as Nashua and as far north as North Woodstock, including Donovan Freeman and Mary Lloyd-Evans of Andover.

Rehearsals take place at the Silver Center for the Arts at Plymouth State University on Mondays from 7 to 9 PM. Concerts are held in Guilford, Franklin, and Plymouth.

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Kearsarge Chorale Welcomes Donald Cox as Artistic Director

Open rehearsal on Monday, September 12

Press release

Members and friends of Kearsarge Chorale held a reception on August 15 to welcome Donald R. Cox, DMA as the Chorale's new Artistic Director. Dr. Cox will begin leading the Chorale's fall season at the first rehearsal on Monday, September 12. The season will culminate in a concert titled "Music Makers" to be held at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, 724 Main Street, New London, for two performances: Saturday, November 19 at 7 PM and Sunday, November 20 at 3 PM.

Dr. Cox brings a broad range of experience in choral conducting, music education, vocal performance, and arts administration to the Artistic Director position. After earning his Bachelor of Music degree from Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi, Dr. Cox was awarded the Master of Music Degree from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. He then received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, after which he departed in his new car for New London, where he would be music professor at Colby-Sawyer College for the next 18 years.

Additionally, he was the full-time organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New London from 1993 to 1995. Dr. Cox was on the faculty of St. Anselm College from 1995 to 2010 and served as Executive Director of the Carolina Philharmonic in Pinehurst, North Carolina, from 2010 to 2011.

Most recently, Dr. Cox retired from

the faculty of Southern New Hampshire University in 2015.

The Chorale is delighted to welcome Dr. Cox back to the New London community, and all look forward to creating exciting music under his direction.



Dr Donald Cox is the new Artistic Director of the Kearsarge Chorale.

Andover resident Nancy Tripp and business owner Linda Barnes are members of the Chorale.

Anyone interested in singing with the Chorale may attend the open rehearsal on Monday, September 12, at 6:45 PM at Gordon Hall, adjacent to the Sawyer Center Theater of Colby-Sawyer College; or contact Dr. Cox to schedule an interview at CoxDonaldR@gmail.com or 512-9414.

Salisbury Historical Society Presents Scholarship Benefit Concert

Featuring the Atlantic String Trio

Press release

On Sunday, September 11, the Salisbury Historical Society will present its annual Scholarship Benefit Concert. It

will be an afternoon of chamber music featuring the Atlantic String Trio.

The concert will be held in the Old Baptist Meeting House on Route 4 in Salisbury starting at 3 PM. Tickets are \$15, and complimentary wine and cheese will be offered.



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Franklin Opera House Celebrity Waiters Dinner and Auction

Bid in the live auction via the Web

Press release

For 12 years, the Franklin Opera House has held the Celebrity Waiters Dinner as its premier fundraiser, offering a delicious dinner, presaged by appetizers provided by each table's well-known waiter, and followed with a live auction of eclectic and appealing items from local businesses, individual donors, and friends of the Opera house.

This year the fabled event will occur on Saturday, September 10, at the Mojalaki Country Club in Franklin. Tickets are sold exclusively through the Opera House box office, but time is running out! If you have not bought your dinner tickets for \$25 each, or purchased an entire table for you, your friends, and family (at a discounted \$180), then you may not be able to attend one of the most affable and enjoyable events of the year.

Individual tickets or a complete table can be reserved by calling the Opera House box office at 934-1901 or in person through the rear corner, side door off Memorial Street, on Wednesdays through Fridays between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

This year, for the first time, bidding

on certain items from the live auction (don't forget that there is also a silent auction the night of the dinner as well) is open to all via the Internet. Simply register at BiddingOwl.com and post your absentee bids. All items listed will be subject to possible increased bids during the live auction on the 10th.

In BiddingOwl.com's "Featured Auction" for Franklin Opera House you'll find such lots as a handmade crocheted dragon; a Spurs jersey signed by Matt Bonner, a New Hampshire native; framed original art; an overnight stay at the Snowy Owl Inn; a kayak lesson; Red Sox tickets to an Orioles game; dinner with the Mayor of Franklin; cookies baked for you every month for a year; and Monarchs ticket vouchers.

The silent auction during the dinner will feature themed baskets such as one dedicated to Downton Abbey and an adult coloring grouping, as well as gift certificates from local merchants, jewelry, and a multitude of surprise items.

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Pecco and Gail Beaufays, owner-operators of Highland Lake Inn in East Andover, pose for a photo with their all-electric BMW i3. One of the most fuel-efficient vehicles on the market today, the car will be on display at the Electric Vehicle Expo in New London on Sunday, September 11.

Photo: Larry Chase

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Andover and New London Energy Committees Host Electric Vehicle Expo

Various models, including bicycles, will be on display

Historical Society's collection.

"This will be a fun and fascinating look at how we'll all get around in the future," says David Harris of the New London Energy Committee. "It's all the more interesting when you compare where we're going to the rich history on display in the historic village."

Press release

All-electric cars such as the Tesla Model S, electric bicycles, and a hybrid automobile that has traveled 20,000 miles on three gallons of gas will converge in New London on Sunday, September 11, to showcase the future of transportation against a diorama of the past.

Owners will be able to give up-close looks at their vehicles and talk about their experiences. One driver of a BMW i3 has gone more than 20,000 miles while burning only a few gallons of gasoline. Others use solar panels on their homes to power their transportation needs.

The New London Electric Vehicle Expo will take place on the grounds of the New London Historical Society on September 11 from noon to 4 PM. Admission is free to both the expo and the 19th-century village. Visitors who register online in advance are eligible to win a raffle prize. The event – one of more than 100 across the country promoting electric vehicle use – is part of the fifth annual National Drive Electric Week.

The energy committees of the towns of Andover and New London are organizing the event. Primary sponsors of the New London Electric Vehicle Expo are Clarke's Hardware, Energy Emporium, Grappone Automotive Group, New Day Energy, ReVision Energy, Snow Building Construction, and Unleashed.

Experts and vehicle owners will gather in New London to talk about electric automobiles and bicycles. This car show of tomorrow will feature vehicles such as the BMW i3, Chevrolet Volt, Nissan Leaf, and Tesla Model S. Electric bicycles, including the EZ Pedaler T500, will show how motors can expand the utility of bicycles in a hilly New England setting.

Register to attend the expo by searching for "New London drive electric week" or visiting DriveElectricWeek.org and selecting "New London."

A 1923 electric car and a Ford Model T from New London's Ice House Museum will be featured mileposts from the long history of automotive innovation. These vehicles are in addition to the many classics found in the New London

The energy committees of Andover and New London are grateful to the New London Historical Society for allowing the expo to occur at the picturesque New London Historical Village, which occupies 10 acres along Route 114 between County Road and Newport Road.

E-mail questions about the New London Electric Vehicle Expo to WhyPumpGas@gmail.com, or call the New London Energy Committee's Jamie Hess at 526-2429 or David Harris at 340-4128.

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Mary Ofenloch, ASC President and Show Chair

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and information.

Spaces are limited – register early. The show will be held indoors at AE/MS, rain or shine. Vendor parking will be reserved at the rear and side entrances to the auditorium.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the ASC Merit Scholarship Fund. For more information, call 735-4101 after 10 AM.



Andover Lions Club Hosts 11th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 19, in Sutton

Bill Leber, Andover Lions Club

The Andover Lions Club is pleased to sponsor a Golf Classic at the Country Club of New Hampshire on Monday, September 19, with registration at 9 to 9:45 AM and a shotgun start at 10 AM. It will be a scramble format, with a regular open division and separate divisions for golfers over 65 years of age; for golfers over 75 years of age; and for lady golfers of undocumented ages. All members of each foursome must meet the stated age requirements.

Prizes will be given in all divisions. Coffee will be available at registration, food at the hole #9 tee, and snacks at the awards ceremony.

The entry fee is \$75 per person or \$280 per foursome, which includes green fees, cart, awards, and gifts.

Sponsors are sought for each hole, a \$50 donation, and for each golf cart, a \$25 donation. Appropriate signs will be displayed recognizing the sponsors.

For more information and an official entry form, contact Bill Leber at 735-5144; Howard George at 735-5590; or John Hanscom at 748-0944.

The Lions of Andover request your support for a day of fun and fundraising as we raise money to support the many projects and activities for the benefit of the local communities. Lions Clubs sponsor many sight and hearing screenings and provide exams and glasses for those in need; sponsor the Scout troop and pack; co-sponsor the Andover Food Pantry, and sponsor many youth programs, scholarships, and other local community projects.

We greatly appreciate your support and urge your participation in this golf event. We thank you, and the people we serve thank you as well.



Andover Congregational Church, September 2016

“The Bible in 180 Days” starts in September

Sandy Miller, Andover Congregational Church

We had a successful Vacation Bible School this summer, visiting Thailand in song, lesson, and video. The four-day program taught the children that “God is Real, God is Forgiving, God is Love, and God is Forever.”

The children were part of the service on the following Sunday, with a short program to show what they had experienced during the week. Many thanks to all who helped, but especially to Bonnie Wesley, who was in charge of this event.

Our Church picnic, held on August 14 at Highland Lake beach, was enjoyed by over 30 people. Prior to enjoying the delicious food, Arthur Tobin, who resides at Mildred Longfellow’s assisted living home, was baptized at the lake into Christian faith, accepting Jesus as his savior. A great time was held by all!

The study on the Book of Acts to be held at the Highland Lake Grange Hall prior to Church on Sundays will probably not be held until the first of Novem-

ber due to the fact that the current class will not finish until the end of October.

“The Bible in 180 Days” will be held at the Grange Hall beginning on Tuesday, September 20, from 7 to approximately 8:30 PM. This is open to anyone who wants to learn more about God’s word by reading the entire Bible with group discussion every week. To register for this class, call the Church office at 735-5160.

Sunday School will officially begin around the middle of September. Call the church office for exact date.

Fundraising for the Highland Lake Grange Hall continues. A flea market and bake sale is held on the last Saturday of every month through October from 8:30 AM to 2 PM at the Grange Hall.

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

Thought for the day: “If a care is too small to turn into a prayer, it’s too small to turn into a burden.” (Read 1 Peter 5:7)



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“Ask a Muslim Anything” at Andover Town Hall on September 26

Robert Azzi, Muslim, journalist, to answer questions

Robert Azzi, journalist

Robert Azzi of Exeter is a New Hampshire-born Arab-American Muslim, photojournalist, and columnist who has spent several decades working in and writing about the Middle East. His columns are archived at TheOther-Azzi.wordpress.com. He will be in Andover to answer audience questions about Islam and the Middle East on Monday, September 26, at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall meeting room. Sponsored by the Andover Library.

“May the children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land,” wrote George Washington to Rhode Island’s Touro Synagogue in 1790, “continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig-tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid.”

I write as one of the children of “the Stock of Abraham,” as a Muslim whose faith tradition traces to Prophet Abraham through his son Ishmael, and as an American who’s increasingly uncomfortable witnessing the rise of anti-Muslim rhetoric in our Public Square.

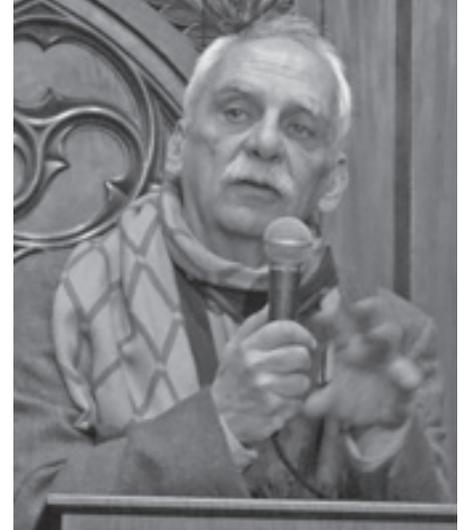
I’m here to ask you to recognize that Islam has been part of New England’s religious and political fabric for generations. Early traders brought back spices, textiles, and Scheherazade’s stories from the Middle East. Slave traders brought back Muslims from West Africa, some sold into slavery by Muslims, most of whom were forcibly converted to Christianity, some of whom settled in New England.

While certainly Christianity was elevated above all other religions in America, there was little of the sort of anti-Muslim rhetoric in the early days of the Republic that we witness today. In the 1797 Treaty of Tripoli, the United States wrote, “As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion — as it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion, or tranquility, of Mussulmen (sic) — and as the said States never entered into any war or act of hostility against any Mahometan (sic) nation...”

John Quincy Adams had a copy of the first Qur’an printed in America — by Isaiah Thomas in 1806 — when he defended the Amistad rebellion mutineers, many of whom were Muslim. And Benjamin Franklin wrote in his autobiography that he wanted a meeting hall built in Philadelphia so inclusive “...so that even if the Mufti of Constantinople were to send a missionary to preach Mohammedanism to us, he would find a pulpit at his service.”

Imagine a public figure voicing such sentiments in Andover today, even as we recognize that today Muslims live among us, pray, pay taxes, and fight, and die, as patriots in America’s wars.

While the September 11 attacks on the homeland, followed by a war of necessity in Afghanistan and a catastrophic war of choice in Iraq, were traumatic, we should understand that most Ameri-



Robert Azzi, a New Hampshire-born Arab-American Muslim, will answer questions about Islam on September 26 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall’s meeting room.

Photo: Shelley Sackett

cans never even thought about Islam before September 11, 2001. On that day, when Muslims seemed to appear, like “Topsy,” to set the world upside-down, most Americans woke up realizing they knew nothing about Islam.

Today, Americans should understand that the perpetrators of such horrors and violence — which we still witness — are no more representative of Islam that the Ku Klux Klan is representative of Christianity. That before September 11, American Muslims were so well assimilated that they only seemed to appear decennially — as part of the national census!

After September 11, another wave of anti-Muslim sentiment swept across America when the candidacy and election of the an African-American president set loose some of our darkest demons: the birthers, truthers, and deniers, united by fear and ignorance, determined not only to disenfranchise President Obama but along with him anyone who was remotely related to “The Other,” primarily Muslims.

Today, I ask you to understand that while it’s true that the Qur’an is the literal word of God, it’s not meant to be read literally. Like other sacred scripture, it’s rich in metaphor and allegory and, like other peoples of faith, Muslims try to understand and live within God’s words and challenges, whether in Andover or Algiers.

Today, please understand that for many Muslims, myself included, hear-

See AZZI on page 35

Andover Service Club Welcomes Women Who Seek to Serve

Club has served the community for 58 years

Mary Ofenloch, ASC President

On June 4, 1958, 22 women met at the home of Sue Camp to form a new club to replace the disbanded Unitarian Women's Alliance. With its emphasis on community service, the Andover Service Club (ASC) was organized.

Josephine Crisp was the first president with a budget of \$125. Today, it is an all-volunteer, registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of 68 members who reside in Andover and neighboring communities.

The mission of the ASC is to be of service to the people of the community and the state and to broaden and strengthen the social and intellectual life of its members. Any woman who is interested in service may become a member of the club. Annual dues are \$10 and are for administrative purposes only.

When the ASC members in 1959 decided to offer a scholarship to an Andover High School graduate, a Scholarship Ball was held. It raised \$203.50, of which \$200 was awarded to Richard Vaters.

Since 1959, hundreds of Andover high school and continuing education college students have benefited financially from the ASC Merit Scholarship program. The ASC also contributes to the Andover After School Program, The Andover Beacon, AE/MS, the Andover Food Pantry, the East Andover Village Preschool, Kearsarge Council on Aging, Highland Lake Grange Hall Restoration, Danbury School, Child and Family Services, Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, and Andover Children's Christmas.

In 1998, the ASC leased from AE/

MS the land upon which the building currently called the Andover Thrift Shop sits. Proceeds from the sale of almost-new clothing and accessories at the shop are income for the ASC Merit Scholarship Program. Thrift Shop hours are 10 AM to 4 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday.

Fundraisers to support the many contributions made by the ASC include raffles, the Proctor Birthday Cake project, luncheons on Election and Town Meeting days, in-house auctions, treasure and bake sales, Thrift Shop sales, Thanksgiving pie sales, the Fourth of July Slices for Scholarships pie sale, memorials, and donations.

The ASC has had 30 presidents since 1958. The Executive Board consists of the president; past president; first and second vice presidents; treasurer and assistant treasurer; recording secretary; and corresponding secretary. There are 18 committees. They include Scholarships, Membership, Luncheons, Audit, Fundraising, Historian, Hospitality, Proctor Cakes, Programs, Publicity, Opening Words, Family Christmas, Town Hall Flowerbeds, Telephone, Thrift Shop, Fourth of July Slices for Scholarships Pie Sale, and Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from September through June at 10 AM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. The Executive Board meets at 1 PM on the Tuesday before the first Wednesday.

It is the hope of the members of ASC that the club will continue in service to the community for another 58 years. We look forward to your continuing support.

Azzi from page 34

ing fellow Americans attempt to disenfranchise, marginalize, and target my faith community and misrepresent my religion – a community and religion that's been spiritually present in America for over 400 years – is not unlike waking up to see a cross burning on America's communal front lawn.

I want such struggles to end. I want to be able to breathe freely once again. To be able to disagree politically and feel unthreatened, to express solidarity with the oppressed and the occupied, to agitate for social justice, and not be accused of supporting terrorism.

To Cotton Mather, who once wrote, "Ah! Destructive Ignorance, what shall

be done to chase thee out of the World?" I would answer: Together we must gather, as neighbors, as citizens, as believers in justice and peace, in places like Andover, to listen, to speak, to work together for the health and security of our families and nation.

At 6:30 PM on Monday, September 26, I'll be speaking at the Andover Town Hall about Islam and being Muslim in America. After my opening comments, I will open the floor to an "Ask a Muslim Anything" program where I will try to answer whatever questions you have on your mind. Nothing is off-limits, as long as it's respectfully presented.

Together, let's sit under George Washington's fig tree and engage in fellowship and peace.

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Paws in the Park Fundraiser for Franklin Animal Shelter

Starts with Paws Walk on September 24

Press release

On Saturday, September 24, the Franklin Animal Shelter will be hosting its second annual Paws in the Park fundraiser sponsored by Watts Water Technology. The event will be held at Odell Park in Franklin starting at 8:30 AM with our Paws Walk and continuing until 2 PM with live dog demonstrations, vendors, a chowder competition, and fun.

Radio station Mix 94.1 will be doing a live broadcast from 11 AM to 1 PM. The suggested entry fee is \$5, which is waived with \$20 in pledges for walkers. Registration for the Walk starts at 8:30 AM, with the Walk beginning at 9 AM. To register online, visit FranklinAnimalShelter.com.

This year's event will include agility demonstrations by WeonaK9, Franklin; herding demonstrations by Riverbank Farm, Salisbury; disc dog demonstrations by Granite State Disc Dogs, Holderness; Franklin and

Belmont Police Department K9 demonstrations; and the New Hampshire State Arson Dog. There will be vendors, pony rides, and a chowder competition.

We are looking for walkers, vendors, and chowder contestants. If you are interested, please contact the Franklin Animal Shelter. This event is rain or shine! Should you choose not to walk due to inclement weather, please mail your pledge sheet and donations to Franklin Animal Shelter, PO Box 265, Franklin NH 03235.

The Franklin Animal Shelter provides a place where Good Samaritan rescuers and those no longer able to care for pets can turn for help. The Shelter provides food, warm beds, needed medical attention, and loving care.

The Franklin Animal Shelter is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Tax deductible contributions may be made at FranklinAnimalShelter.com or mailed to PO Box 265, Franklin NH 03235. For more information, please contact Christine Dzujna at 934-7163.



The ever-popular Bed Race returns to the Danbury Grange and Community Fair on Saturday, September 10 in Danbury.

Blazing Star Grange 102nd Annual Community Fair in Danbury

Saturday, September 10, in Danbury

show and Dutch Auction in the Grange Hall. Horseshoes and tractor pulling will begin at 1 PM.

Press release

Mark your calendars for the 102nd annual Danbury Grange and Community Fair. Always held on the Saturday after Labor Day, this year's gala will be celebrated on Saturday, September 10. There will be fun and family activities from 7:30 AM to 10 PM.

The day will begin with a pancake breakfast at the Danbury Elementary School followed by crafts and treasures sales, vegetable exhibits, food, and games in the area around the Blazing Star Grange Hall. The parade will be at 11 AM, with line-up and judging beginning at 10 AM. This year's theme will be Famous Americans in History.

Mary Lyn Ray, children's author, will be selling and signing books in the Grange Hall while Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band provide live entertainment outside. The ever-popular and exciting bed races will begin at 12:30 PM, followed by the baby

Evening activities begin with a home-baked beans and ham supper in the Grange Hall from 4:30 to 7 PM. The meal will include assorted homemade salads with homemade pies for dessert. Live bluegrass music will be provided by the wildly popular Cardigan Mountain Tradition, followed by an entertaining live auction.

Blazing Star Grange #71 has been active in Danbury since 1867 and leads the organizing efforts for the fair. The Danbury Grange and Community Fair is a chance to experience rural life at its best.

Following tradition, the fair is made possible by the generosity and energy of many supporters and volunteers. Fair organizers urge "Come One, Come All" to enjoy part or all of your day at the fair.

For more information or to support the fair, e-mail Lisa.M.Windsor@gmail.com or call 252-4440 or 630-0159. For a complete schedule of events, visit BlazingStarGrange.org.

Old Home Day in Danbury on September 11

South Danbury Church hosts this year

In 2016, it is South Danbury Church's turn to host Danbury's annual Old Home Day celebration, which is observed on the Sunday of the Grange Fair weekend – September 11 this year. The gathering will begin with special music at 10:30 AM, followed by an interfaith worship service at 11 AM. Yes, we will sing *Old New Hampshire*, too.

South Danbury Church will provide lunch and refreshments, and then the

annual Old Home Day meeting and festivities will commence – including the traditional awards for the oldest and youngest, the largest family, the person who came the farthest for the Old Home Day celebration, and the person attending Old Home Day for the first time.

The day's events will conclude with a thought-provoking historical address.

Friday evening events at the South Danbury Church will be starting up again soon. Watch the church signboard and the Friends of Danbury Facebook page for dates and details.

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Sarah's Soldiers is one of several Andover teams that perennially participate in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in Concord, the top per-capita Making Strides event in the country. The 24th annual walk will be held this year on Sunday, October 16, at Memorial Field in Concord.

120 Attend Kick-Off for October's Making Strides Event

More than \$7 million raised since 1993

Kimberly Laro, Making Strides

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer kick-off event was held on August 18. This event officially kicks off the fundraising season for the upcoming 24th annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event being held at Memorial Field in Concord on Sunday, October 16. The kick-off event was attended by 120 team leaders, corporate sponsors, and community leaders.

Attendees learned about the impact of their fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society. Keynote speaker David Rosenthal, MD, senior physician at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, shared with the audience the progress he has seen during his career.

Dr. Rosenthal is a past president of the American Cancer Society and continues to play an active role within the organization. Among his most enduring contributions while at the American Cancer Society was the instrumental role he played in bringing an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge to Boston.

Opened in 2008, the Hope Lodge helps thousands of cancer patients and their caregivers save millions of dollars in lodging costs when they travel for vital treatments. Hope Lodge is just one of the many resources available through the American Cancer Society to assist patients and their caregivers.

American Cancer Society Hope Lodge's 32 locations provide a free home-away-from-home for patients. It's more than just a roof over your head, it's a nurturing community where patients and caregivers share stories and offer each other emotional support. Hope Lodge facilities have saved 550,000 patients more than \$466 million in lodging costs.

Volunteer Event Chair Debbie Brown said, "We know that cancer has

a formidable nature and a destructive appetite. But after seeing the energy in the room at kick-off, we are reminded that we are a united force against breast cancer and all cancers. Every individual brings a unique talent and experience to our efforts for Making Strides, and because of that, we will free the world from the pain and suffering of cancer."

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Money raised by Making Strides supporters help the American Cancer Society ensure that no one faces breast cancer alone by funding innovative breast cancer research; promoting education and risk reduction; and providing comprehensive patient support to those who need it most.

Many resources and tools were shared with attendees at the kick-off event to assist them in their fundraising efforts. Last year's Concord event raised \$466,870. More than \$7 million dollars have been raised since 1993. The Concord event was recognized as the #1 per capita Making Strides event in the country out of 300 events.

At the heart of Making Strides fundraising efforts are the Making Strides teams, which account for over 85% of the money raised each year. "It's my hope that in the next few months, our team leaders will think of the inspiring stories they heard at Kick-off, of the people close to them and of those who may be diagnosed in the future, as their own personal inspiration to take action. Everyone is welcome at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," shares Volunteer Director of Teams Kathi Russ.

The kick-off program ended with the traditional highlight video of last year's event, which can be viewed at Vimeo.com/144998216. The kick-off event was also live streamed by NH1 and can be viewed in its entirety at NH1.com. To learn how you can participate, visit MakingStridesWalk.org/ConcordNH.

Tai Chi for Seniors at Wilmot's Red Barn in September

Build balance, flexibility, and strength

are graceful and coordinate with the foot movements.

Press release

Senior-safe, senior-friendly Tai Chi will begin in September in Wilmot. Considered the best for balance, flexibility, and strength, Tai Chi has been proven by the Mayo Clinic to be a gentle art form which the body adapts to easily.

The Wilmot Community Association will offer Tai Chi at The Red Barn in Wilmot starting on Tuesday, September 13, and Saturday, September 17. The Tuesday program is from 10 to 11 AM, and the Saturday program is from 9 to 10 AM. No experience is needed. The cost is \$8 for drop-ins or \$24 for a month.

The instructor is Marcia Wyman of Inner Peace Tai Chi. She is certified through the Oriental Healing Arts.

Participants learn a Modified Yang form. Yang is a very expressive movement that feels like dance. The moves

It is an over-all workout without any discomfort. participants listen to their bodies and bring the movements in a "safety zone" that does not leave sore muscles.

Founded by the Oriental Healing Arts Association in Plaistow, the form was created so seniors could enjoy the health benefits of Tai Chi. Many scientific studies have proven that Tai Chi reduces pain and stiffness. Not only the body, but the mind benefits with improved ways to cope with stress and depression. Better heart and lung function have also been reported.

Classes are one hour long. Qi Gong warm-ups and cool-downs are a part of the program. Deeper, more relaxed breathing is encouraged. Tai Chi helps in maintenance, prevention, and improvement of over-all health. Quality of life is therefore improved.

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Kristen Nesbitt (left) used some of the money she earned teaching yoga at Bachelder Library, at Proctor, and around the area to bring her Breathing for Peace project to the Ukraine in June. Over 125 people participated in her free workshops featuring yoga, relaxation, and breathing techniques. Kristen's classes in Andover start up again on September 9.

Local Yoga Instructor Brings "Breathing for Peace" to Ukraine

Andover class proceeds helped sponsor the project

Kristen Nesbitt, Backroads Yoga

Have you ever driven by the Bachelder Library in East Andover on a Thursday night and wondered what was going on? I teach a community yoga class on Thursday evenings, and the class will start up again in September. Participants gather weekly to practice gentle yoga postures and simple breathing techniques. The 75-minute class helps relieve stress and promotes general well-being and self-care.

I used a portion of the proceeds from last year's classes to support my service project "Breathing for Peace: Ukraine." This project was a culmination of my service work in the Peace Corps in 2012 and 2013. While serving in the Peace Corps, I taught English at a Teacher Training Institute in Chernigov, as well as at a Technical University in Zhytomyr.

I was also fortunate enough to begin weekly yoga classes at a start-up school for young journalists as my secondary project. Yoga is relatively new in Ukraine, and classes are generally only available to those who can afford them, so free classes are always attended with enthusiasm and deep appreciation.

The Breathing for Peace project began as a way to train participants in relaxation and breathing techniques for people living in a country where the last years' turmoil has created significant uncertainties and distress. When working with my students, both in English classes and as a yoga instructor, I was often reminded that many Ukrainians had never experienced any breathing techniques, guided visualizations, or introductory mindfulness practices.

Despite these challenges, my students soon learned to trust in their experience, and as a result found deep peace and transferable, sustainable skills.

While in Ukraine this past June, I offered workshops in Kyiv, in Zhytomyr, at the State Technical University, and in Vinogradiv. Over 125 people, ages 14 to 76, participated in the workshops, including teachers and therapists who work with elderly, disadvantaged, and PTSD patients and obstetricians and general PC doctors. The workshops were well received and well attended.

I would like to thank supporters in Andover and Warner for showing up to class despite rain, wind, sleet, and major snowstorms. I hope to see you all at the next class, starting on Thursday, September 8, at 6 PM.



Doug Rayno, left, discusses with Liz Kirby from the Wilmot 9/11 committee and Ed Weaver from the Wilmot Bandstand Committee the placement of a stone that Doug donated. A plaque commemorating the lives lost on September 11, 2001 will be installed on the stone and unveiled at a special memorial program on Sunday, September 11, on the Wilmot Town Green.

Photo: Mary Fanelli

Wilmot Plaque Commemorates Lives Lost on September 11, 2001

Memorial program on September 11, 2016

Press release

On Sunday, September 11, at 4 PM, the Town of Wilmot will hold a special memorial program on the Wilmot Town Green in Wilmot Flat to unveil a plaque that commemorates the lives lost in the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.

In particular, Wilmot citizens will honor their friend and neighbor, Thelma Cuccinello, who lost her life when the airplane in which she was a passenger was hijacked and crashed into the first of the twin towers in New York City.

The committee coordinating this effort has a goal of raising \$900 to cover all expenses of creating the plaque and setting it in a granite stone at the foot of the red maple tree next to the Wilmot bandstand. The tree was given to the town by the US Postal Service and planted in 2002 in memory of Thelma and the other September 11 victims.

Donations with "September 11 Plaque" in the memo line may be sent to the Town of Wilmot, PO Box 72, Wilmot NH 03287.

This proclamation will be read at the ceremony.

Town of Wilmot, New Hampshire Proclamation

Wilmot Remembering

Whereas, on September 11, 2001, an attack on the United States of America by foreign terrorists sud-

denly took the lives of many innocent victims; and

Whereas, the citizens of Wilmot, New Hampshire, want all to remember those whose lives were suddenly, without cause, and pointlessly taken from us; and

Whereas, a noble and appropriate way to accomplish this remembrance is to encourage patriotism and advance responsible citizenship and love of country; and

Whereas, one of these innocent victims was Thelma Cuccinello, a resident of Wilmot, New Hampshire; and

Whereas, the United States Postal Service presented to the Town of Wilmot a red maple tree in her honor that was planted on September 11, 2002;

Therefore, be it resolved that the placement of a memorial plaque at this tree, by the citizens of Wilmot, be a reminder to all present and future generations of that horrendous day we will "Never Forget."

Be it further resolved, that this proclamation be publicized for all to see and know, and that the citizens of Wilmot will remember with eternal respect those whose lives were taken from them on September 11, 2001.

May they forever rest in peace and abide in our memories.

Proclaimed this 11th day of September, 2016.

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Shawna Otis is New Director of Andover After School Program

Andover native graduated Colby-Sawyer

Shawna Otis, AASP

Hi all! I would like to take a minute to introduce myself as the new director of the Andover After School Program, also known as the Annex.

I am an Andover native, having gone through the AE/MS myself and still very familiar with a lot of the teachers at the school. I went to Colby-Sawyer College and earned a degree in psychology, with minors in international studies and sociology. I studied abroad in Paris and have traveled to quite a few countries.

I have been working at the Annex for four years now, and I absolutely love it. I cannot wait to work with the kids and families and to incorporate the many fun ideas that I have in mind!

I am very happy to have the support



Shawna Otis is the new director of the Andover After School Program at the Annex.

of the community, and I hope to bring the community and the Annex closer over the next several months!

Andover Boy Scouts Starting in September

Join them at the Annex on September 19

Dillan Reed, Boy Scout

Boy Scout Troop 489 will be starting on September 19, meeting at the Annex next to AE/MS at 6:30 PM every Monday until school is out. To become a member of the Boy Scouts, you need to be at least 12 to 18 years old or moving up from Webelos Cub Scouts.

We have some new kids who moved up last year from Cub Scouts, and we are looking for more kids to join. We scouts do fun things like camping, hiking, bike riding, and swimming at Colby Sawyer College. At the same time, we earn merit badges along the way in the goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. Last year we did merit badges for pottery, cooking with Mrs. Bent, and fishing.

Every year we get First Aid certified, and we work to get all boys their swimming merit badge. We will be putting together a list of merit badges we want to do this year during the first couple of meetings.

We are very lucky to have leaders

like Doug Bent, Jim Reed, and John Morse, who has been in the Air Force and does survival training.

The great thing about Scouts is that you do things nobody else normally does, like winter hiking and camping and learning how to start a fire. We camp on Proctor land at the cabin or at the waterfalls, and one of the big rules we try to enforce is to leave no trace; leaving an area the same way or better than we have found it. Don't worry if you don't have the gear to go camping or hiking; the troop has gear you can use.

For any advancement through the ranks, you are required to do community service hours. For instance, every year we help the AE/MS school with restocking, moving books from the libraries for the Fourth of July book sale, and we also help at the auction at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair in Potter Place. We also help out with the Firecracker 5K on the Fourth every year, and all donations go to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Andover.

Check us out, you will have fun!



Each year for the past several years, the Social Concerns Committee of the Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (KUUF) has collected donations to provide backpacks loaded with essential school supplies to children in need. This fund drive was originally the idea of Don Gould because the education of all children was so important to him. KUUF has provided 15 complete backpacks to the Andover Elementary/Middle School each August. They are each filled with the following: a three-ring binder, tab dividers, filler paper, two notebooks, a dozen pencils, and a dozen colored pencils. This year the drive was led by Liz Maloof and Amy Dressler of KUUF.

Caption and photo: Sally Bergquist

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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OBITUARIES

CAROL A. LEROUX, 61, a, long-time resident of Franklin, died at her home in Franklin on July 23, 2016, following a lengthy period of failing health.

Carol was born in Concord on June 30, 1955, daughter of the late Edward Arthur Leroux and Denise A. (Rouin) Leroux. Carol was a Class of '73 graduate from Franklin High School.

She then studied at the Concord Technical Institute and Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts and obtained a Master's Degree in Social Services. Prior to becoming ill, Carol held jobs at the City of Concord, and the Tommy Hilfiger Outlet Store.

Carol had a great fondness for the ocean and enjoyed each trip there. She enjoyed reading, cooking, and a good bottle of wine, and she loved animals. The joy of her life and constant companion of many years, Lady, a border collie, predeceased her, and she will be missed by her present canine companion, Andre, a miniature Pomeranian, and several cats she adopted.

Carol leaves two loving sons, John E. (JJ) and Kyle D. Jipson of Franklin, who helped care for their mom during her illnesses. She is survived by siblings Roger A. Leroux of Epsom, Nancy L. Tierney of Northfield, Linda K. Perry

of Andover, and Cynthia D. Evans of Laconia; half-brother Daniel C. Cutting of Moultonborough; half-sister Myriam P. Hapsis of Bow; and numerous nieces and nephews.

According to her wishes, there were no calling hours. A private celebration of Carol's life will be held for her family. Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Carol's name to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO Box 572, Laconia NH 03247-0572.

TIMOTHY H. FROST, 75, a lifelong resident of East Andover, passed away on July 26, 2016 at LRGH in Laconia following a period of failing health.

Tim was born on September 25, 1940 in Franklin, son of Atherton and Eula (Cargill) Frost. He spent all of his youth living on Highland Lake with his mother, Nana, and two sisters. His family ran summer camps at their family home, Nebessek. It was there that Tim learned to love the



outdoors and nature.

Tim graduated from Andover High School in 1958. He joined the US Navy right after graduation. He served for three years and was aboard the USS Intrepid from 1960 to 1961. Following his discharge, he attended Burdett College in Boston from 1961 to 1963, graduating with his associate's degree in Business.

In 1962, Tim married Elizabeth Emery of Woodstock, Vermont, and in the spring of 1963 they moved from Boston to settle in East Andover, raising their family where Tim had grown up. Tim then took over the family business, AW Frost Agency, in Franklin the next year. An independent agent, Tim owned and ran the agency for over 40 years, retiring in 2005.

Throughout his life he enjoyed hunting, fishing, exploring the North Country, and owning a family camp on Nash Stream. He loved to snowmobile and downhill ski, sharing his interests and passion with many others. During the summer there was always a crowd at his home visiting, swimming, and waterskiing.

Tim loved birds and wildlife and was known to take in a stray cat or two, trying to tame them and make them into house pets. He claimed to not like dogs but had a real soft spot for his "grand-dogs," secretly spoiling them with treats.

Tim was an active member of his community. He was involved in the Andover Snowmobile Club, the Lions Club, the Franklin Lodge of Elks, the Highland Lake Protection Association, and the Andover Fire Department, and he was a member of the Andover Congregational Church. Many remember Tim with his cotton candy machine at the Andover Fourth of July celebration, too.

Additionally, Tim served as a Corporator with the former Co-Op Bank in Franklin and with Franklin Savings Bank, serving as Honorary Corporator with Franklin Savings Bank at the time of his death.

Tim leaves his wife of 54 years, Eliz-

abeth (Emery) Frost of East Andover; his daughter, Jennifer F. Turner of Warren Maine; and son, Patrick W. Frost and his wife Christine of East Andover; grandchildren Haley and Benjamin Turner and Jacob, Erin, and Jared Frost; sisters Margaret Fenton and her husband Dennis of East Andover and Louise Osborne and husband David of Loudon. He also leaves many beloved nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on July 31 at the William F. Smart Sr Memorial Home in Tilton, followed immediately by a graveside service at the Lakeside/Lakeview Cemetery in East Andover with Military Honors and burial. A memory gathering followed at the family home. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Tim's name could make a donation to either the Andover Fire Department or the Andover Fish and Game Club.

LOIS (STUART) SHAW, 88, of New London, died on July 28, 2016, at the New London Hospital. She was born in Saugus, Massachusetts on November 5, 1927, the daughter of Ernest and Mildred (Tilton) Stuart.

Lois graduated from Andover High School in 1945, lived in Elkins and New London, and from 1982 to 1986 resided in Wilmot before moving back to New London. She worked at New London Hospital, was an assistant to James Brown, DDS, and was a loan officer at New London Trust Company for many years.

Lois was a member of the Wilmot Baptist Church and the Elkins Chapel Society. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and also

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volunteered as a hospice care provider with the VNA for many years. Lois loved animals, flowers, and gardening.

Her husband of 69 years, Leslie W. Shaw, died in 2015. She was also predeceased by a granddaughter, Jennifer Shaw White, and a great-grandson, Daniel F. White III, and two siblings, Ruth Schuck and James Stuart.

Members of her family surviving include two sons and their wives, Roger and Agnes Shaw of Concord and David and Frankie Shaw of Greenville, South Carolina; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jeffrey and Jill Shaw of Concord, Anne Shaw of Greenville, South Carolina, Kathryn and Brian Sanders of Easley, South Carolina, Nancy and Jeremy West of Traveler's Rest, South Carolina, and Emily and Jeremy Hickery of Windermere, Florida; 11 great-grandchildren, Oliver, Sophia, Trevor, Max, David, Micah, Clare, Ryan, Brendan, Hannah, and Ethan; and nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on August 13 at the Wilmot Baptist Church with the Reverend Dr. Allen Koop, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Pine Hill Cemetery, Wilmot. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wilmot Baptist Church, PO Box 101, Wilmot NH 03287.

PETER (PETE) L. MERZI, 81, of Greenfield passed away on August 13, 2016 at the Cheshire Medical Center in Keene surrounded by his family.

Born May 15, 1935 in Quincy, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Lino A. Merzi and Dora (Raitto) Merzi.

He grew up and attended school in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Peter and his father operated Bridgewater Sand and Gravel Company until 1978, after which he did various types of trucking, including long-haul, and worked with construction equipment. After moving to Greenfield, Peter and his son Michael established Merzi Trucking.

Peter was in the Army National Guard for eight years, was a member of the Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Keene, and was a member of the Fellowship Lodge AF&AM in Bridgewater.

He enjoyed trucking, hunting, fishing, boating, golf, and dancing, as well as bowling and snowmobiling with his family.

Peter is survived by his wife Estelle (Roufogalis); children Michael and wife Laura of Greenfield, Steven Rigopoulos and wife Lisa of Jaffrey, Deborah Bly and husband Michael of Barnard, Vermont, Kim McKenna and husband John of Poway, California, Peter A. Merzi and wife Donna of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Andrew Merzi and partner Coleen Vaughn of Andover; his brother James Merzi and wife Elizabeth of Taunton, Massachusetts; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on August 18 in the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Brockton, Massachusetts. Interment followed in Melrose Cemetery, Brockton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Greenfield Fire Fighter's Association, PO Box 146, Greenfield NH 03047.

WILLIAM "BILL" E. HURD, 55, a lifelong resident of Franklin died at his home on August 18, 2016. Bill died peacefully in the surroundings of his home that he so enjoyed over the years with family and friends.

Born in New London on March 18, 1961, Bill was the son of Charles E. and Marilyn (Hazen) Hurd. He was a graduate of Franklin High School, Class of 1979. He was the ultimate optimist, which served him well in his long battle with cancer. He never gave up once over the six years of his illness.

He began running heavy equipment at the young age of 13. He owned and operated WE Hurd Construction from 1981 until his death. In 2014 he went to work for the City of Franklin, employed as supervisor of the water-sewer department. He was a passionate golfer and longtime member of the Den Brae Golf Club in Sanbornton, serving as president of the men's twilight league for several years. He always considered the folks at Den Brae as his second family.

Bill believed strongly in community service. He was very active with the Franklin Outing Club, serving as president until his death, and in 2012 was honored with the Hurst Award, as "Community Hero." He served as past

president of the Lakes Region Snowmobile Club, which he had been active with for years. He also served on the Club's Board of Directors.

One of Bill's greatest joys was time spent at his camp in Stark. He loved the North Country and spent a lot of time there with family and friends. He especially looked forward to bird season and hunting with his bird dog Cameron.

Over the years, Bill served as a volunteer with the Franklin Fire Department and was active with the Explorer Program. He had been a longtime member of the Franklin Lodge of Elks.

Bill was predeceased by his father, Charles E. Hurd, who died in 2015.

He leaves his wife Heather Hurd of Franklin; his mother Marilyn (Hazen) Hurd of Franklin; daughters MacKenzie Hurd and her son Aiden Miller of Lochmere and Veronica Hurd of Gilford; stepchildren Emily Kosowicz and husband Ryan of Pembroke, Natalie Rocheleau of Franklin, and Zachary Adams and his long time partner Haley Beyer of Franklin; brother Vincent Hurd and his wife Melissa and their son Nicholas of New Boston; sister Melissa Thompson and husband Jerry and their children India and Alan of East Andover. Bill also

leaves his longtime close friend, Alan Carignan of Franklin as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, August 26, from 3 to 7 PM at the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home at 584 West Main Street in Tilton. Burial will be at the convenience of Bill's family in the North Sutton Cemetery in Sutton.

A gathering to celebrate Bill's life will be held on Saturday, September 24, at 2 PM at the Veterans Memorial Recreation Area on Flaghole Road in West Franklin. It would be Bill's suggestion that all come casually dressed.

For those who wish and are able, in keeping with Bill's thoughts about community service, contributions in his name may be made to either the Franklin Outing Club, c/o Kathy Fuller, 200 Prospect St, Franklin NH 03235; or to Camp Sno-Mo, Easter Seals, 555 Auburn St, Manchester NH 03103.

Bill's family expresses their "deepest gratitude" to his oncologist, Charles Catcher, MD; all the nurses in Oncology/Hematology; and the entire staff who cared for Bill at LRGH in Laconia for the past six years.

For more information, visit SmartFuneralHome.com.

Belletetes' New Building Still on Track for November Opening

Millwork, hardware, and engine repair under one roof

Sue Johnson, Belletetes

The foundation is poured, and the four walls are almost complete for the new 17,000-square-foot hardware store at Belletetes in Andover. A November 2016 re-opening is anticipated.

When Belletetes purchased the RP Johnson and Son building supply business in July of 2013, they immediately realized the need for a larger hardware store and the importance of having it on the same property as the Drive-Thru Lumberyard and Millwork Showcase. The new hardware store will connect to the existing 5,000-square-foot Millwork building. This will give customers the opportunity to shop for kitchen and bath cabinets and countertops or doors and windows and walk into the hardware store to shop for their accessories, match paint colors or shop for anything else they need – all under one roof!

The Small Engine and Rental Center will also be housed within the new hardware store. Belletetes' goal is to make their customers' shopping experience one that they will want to return again and again.

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Today, as it was back then, Belletetes has found that what matters most is having the right products at the right prices and the most highly-trained staff to maximize their service and your satisfaction.

Belletetes is much more than just a hardware store; the new store will continue to stock hardware, plumbing, electrical, lawn and garden, power tools, hand tools, and Benjamin Moore paint and paint sundries. These product lines will expand, and new product lines will be added, filling out the new retail space.

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Cross country practice started the week of August 22 at AE/MS. At practice one day were (front) Colin Coolidge, Chloe Colby, Grace Plante, Wyatt King, Andrew Croteau, (middle) Alexis Plante, Trinity Delaney, Delaney Young, Caleb Warzocha, Sophia Reynolds, (top) Elliott Norris, Ari Perry, Olivia Glines, Jason Koziol, Eliza Henderson-McDonald.

Photo: Brian Reynolds



Andover's Katelyn Barton '18 will be a key returning member of Proctor's girls soccer team, which takes the field for preseason camp on September 6.
Photo: Lindsey Allenby

Proctor Fall Sports Contests Begin on September 10

Andover residents invited to enjoy the games

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's athletic department has published the Fall Term athletic schedules at ProctorAcademy.org/Page/On-Campus/Athletics. Community residents are encouraged to attend athletic contests at Proctor free of charge. The first home contests will be hosted on Saturday, September 10, when varsity field hockey, football, and boys soccer all host home scrimmages.

A complete list of home athletic contests is listed below. Be sure to come out and support Proctor Athletics and all of your Andover athletes in action this fall!

September 10

- Varsity Field Hockey Jamboree, noon
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Groton, 2 PM
- Varsity Football vs Tilton, 2 PM

September 21

- JV Football vs Cardigan Mountain

- and Holderness, 1:30 PM
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Hebron, 4:30 PM

September 24

- Varsity Girls Soccer vs New Hampton, 2 PM
- Varsity Field Hockey vs New Hampton, 2 PM
- JV2 Boys Soccer vs Tilton, 2:30 PM
- JV1 Boys Soccer vs Hebron, 4:30 PM
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Hebron, 4:30 PM

September 28

- JV2 Boys Soccer vs Vermont Academy, 2:30 PM
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Brewster, 3 PM
- Varsity Field Hockey vs Groton, 3:30 PM

September 30

- Varsity Football vs Dexter, 4 PM
- JV Girls Soccer vs Kimball Union, 4:30 PM

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For the registration form or more information, e-mail KBStearns@me.com.

Press release

Registration is now open for Merrimack Valley Youth Field Hockey for grades three, four, five, and six.

Practices and games are generally Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. We will not have games until mid-

Andover Recreation Soccer Begins in Early September

Only one co-ed fifth/sixth grade team this year

and a mouth guard. No jewelry is allowed to be worn during games.

Heidi Murphy, soccer director

Soccer season has arrived for 60 Andover kindergarten through sixth graders. They are lacing up their cleats and headed out to the Howard George Field at Blackwater Park. The first games begin the week of September 5.

This year, Andover will field four teams. Lindsey and Scott Allenby will be coaching both the kindergarten team and the first and second graders for the second year. They will be assisted by first-time coaches Abigail Webster and Peter Hattan. They have quite a crew returning this year as they work on their ball-handling skills and basic rules of the game.

They will practice with their players on Saturdays. The kindergarten group will work from 8 to 9 AM, while the first and second graders will practice from 9 to 10 AM, with the first practice on Saturday, September 10. At the first and second grade level, players practice and scrimmage in Andover and do not travel to other towns for interleague play.

Players in grades three and higher are required to wear shin guards, cleats,

The third and fourth graders will be coached by Michelle Dudek and Heidi Murphy. Due to the number of players, we will be able to host two third/fourth grade teams. Practices will be held on Wednesday nights, with games held on some Fridays and every Saturday. Michelle and Heidi would like to work on passing, receiving, and shooting the ball with their players as well as basic team strategy.

Due to a shortage of both boys and girls in the fifth and sixth grades, we only can field one co-ed team, coached by Dan Mori and Phil Hackmann. At this age, the level of competition increases, along with the field size. The fifth/sixth grade team games are held Tuesdays at 5:30 PM and on Saturdays at noon.

Feel free to stop by the Howard George Field at Blackwater Park during a game to cheer on the young players. It is the policy of the Merrimack Valley Soccer League to always keep the games positive and encouraging for the young players. For more information regarding the Andover schedule, visit MVSL.org. Here's to a safe and enjoyable season!

Proctor Welcomes 117 New Students for the 2016-2017 Year

Selected from about 700 applicants

off-campus programs resulted in another record number of applications for admission for the 2016-2017 school year.

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Continued high demand for Proctor Academy's educational model focused on experiential learning, extensive athletic and art offerings, an integrated Learning Skills program, and five term-long

Out of the roughly 700 applications, 117 new students will join the Proctor community this September, including four freshmen from Andover. Proctor's student body now has representatives from 20 states and 13 countries.

Four Area Proctor Students to Study Off-Campus This Fall

Sailing to the Caribbean, living in Spain

marine biology, navigation, and maritime literature while making stops in Woods Hole, Massachusetts; Mystic, Connecticut; Manhattan Harbor; Baltimore Harbor; and Charleston, South Carolina before enduring a 13-day passage to St. Croix, where they will complete their final three weeks of study in the Caribbean Sea.

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's term-long off-campus programs provide an unparalleled educational experience to students as they fully immerse themselves in their learning. This fall, four local students will take part in Proctor's Ocean Classroom and Proctor en Segovia off-campus programs.

Andover's Curtis Chamberlin '17 will travel to Segovia, Spain to live with a host family and take part in Proctor en Segovia for the 10 weeks of the fall term. There he will join nine other students to study Spanish language, culture, and literature with Proctor en Segovia faculty members.

Aiden Cox '18 and Sam Royal '18, both of Andover, and Sage Fletcher '18 of Springfield will help crew a 100-foot schooner along the eastern seaboard on Ocean Classroom. They will depart Gloucester, Massachusetts on September 23 and will study

Be sure to follow these local student's travels on blogs.ProctorAcademy.org.

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ing/cooling systems, rain gardens to eliminate adding water to the drainage system, low- and zero-VOC emitting materials, skylights for natural lighting, southerly exposure, and conversion to all-electric kitchen equipment to eliminate the use of fossil fuels (since all of Proctor's electricity is produced by on-site solar or purchased from renewable energy sources).

Thirty-nine years after Proctor's last dedicated dining facility, Cary House, burned to the ground, Proctor's Barbara Major (Director of Dining Services) and her team are incredibly excited to begin preparing and serving meals in the new space with its state-of-the-art kitchen equipment, pizza oven, and multiple serving stations on the first floor. Proctor will celebrate an official ribbon-cutting for the new facility on Friday, October 14, at 11:30 AM.

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Soccer practice got under way at AE/MS the week of August 22 with (front) Brynne Makechnie, Kaylee Bendixson, Katie Bent, Jeremy Johnson, Jaimes Southworth, Garrett Niemyer, Wesley Koziol, Aaron Weeks, Dana Buswell, (back) Cedar Kiedaisch, Sasha Mackenzie, Lily Menard, Jazlyn Perkins, Sadie Barton, Tyler Champagne, Liam Donovan, Jesse Niemyer, Joey Upton, Fenn Davis, River Turnbull, Coach Amy Makechnie

Fall Sports Under Way at AE/MS

Soccer and cross country are practicing

Athletic Department, AE/MS

As summer comes to a close, the students of Andover don their backpacks, new shoes, and head to school. Inside of those bags are cleats or running shoes for students in the middle school who have chosen to come out for our fall sports programs.

Preseason started for both the cross country and the soccer teams on August 22. Both sports began developing a great team atmosphere right away and started working on conditioning as well as skill building. The idea of a healthy mind and body was shared with the student athletes.

Once again Brian Reynolds will be coaching our cross country team. Coach Reynolds has been with the program since its inception. He has developed a program that helps his runners begin to push their limits and meet their personal best every day. Andover is very excited and honored to have him on staff.

As the soccer team takes the field this year, you will see a very familiar face on the sidelines. Amy Makechnie has been the face of Andover soccer

for the past few years. She has developed a program that weaves conditioning, skill building, and game play into a true team mentality. Once again it will be an absolute pleasure to have Coach Makechnie working with our student athletes.

Some important dates to remember are:

The soccer team will be hosting its annual jamboree on Saturday, October 1, at Proctor's turf field.

The cross country team will have a home meet at Proctor Ski Area on Wednesday, October 5.

The cross country team will participate in the Extreme Chunkin 5K in memory of Don Gross on Saturday, October 15, at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

The soccer team will be traveling to a tournament on Saturday, October 22, at Kearsarge Regional Middle School to cap off the season.

For more dates of soccer games and cross country meets, please visit AEM-Seagles.org and look under Athletics. Please come out and support your local Eagles at AE/MS.

Go Eagles!

THE AE/MS EAGLE CODE

- Always be Respectful
- Everyone is Responsible
- Make Good Choices
- Safety: First, Last, and Always



The AE/MS staff for 2016-2017 gathered for a group photo on August 26, the last weekday before school started on August 29.

Photo: Charlie Darling

Four Former AE/MS Eagles Start Their Proctor Journey

Five days of hiking and camping in the Whites

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

On Tuesday, September 6, Proctor Academy welcomes its incoming class to campus for its 46th annual Wilderness Orientation in the White Mountains. Since 1971, Proctor's orientation pairs new students with seven other incoming students and two faculty members for five days of backpacking on various routes in the mountains of New

Hampshire.

Throughout the five days of hiking and camping, new students learn school rules and expectations while building relationships with their new classmates and teachers. Best of luck to these former AE/MS Eagles as they head out on Wilderness Orientation 2016 and begin their Proctor experience!

- Tori Braley '20
- Ryelle Jenifer '20
- Vienna Marcus '20
- Ronan Walsh '20



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The Proctor Dining Commons will open for the start of the 2016-2017 school year and is the greenest building ever constructed at Proctor Academy.

Photo: Scott Allenby

Proctor's New Dining Commons Complete: Greenest Building on Campus

Official ribbon cutting on October 14

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The new Proctor Dining Commons is scheduled to be completed for the start of the new school year.

After a year of construction, the 16,100-square-foot facility will come online as the most energy efficient, most sustainable building constructed on Proctor's campus. Its net-zero-ready construction features geothermal heat-

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