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**A** glow with the promise of a new beginning in its 138-year life, Andover's Old Town Hall at 157 Main Street is now bathed in a spotlight between sunset and sunrise. See story on page 5



New Andover Rescue Truck was placed in service in March.

## Andover Fire Department Places New Truck in Service

Truck equipped with light tower

Rene Lefebvre, Andover Fire Chief

There are certain things that the little boy or girl in every firefighter is looking for in a fire truck. It must be big and it must be red. Our new rescue truck more than meets that mark. The truck stands at ten feet six inches tall is shiny red and white. However the down to earth practice firefighter is looking beyond size and color and must see a machine that will carry heavy lifesaving equipment, compressed air for breathing, and the latest communication electronics.

Our truck committee spent countless hours planning the location of every rescue tool, power saw, generator, water

entry gear, and Jaws of Life equipment. The theme of the truck was predicated upon efficient use of space and ease of equipment deployment. Many hours were spent in lively discussion over the location of each item. The result is a capable rescue truck that will respond to all incidents in Andover and carry the tools and equipment needed to save lives and property.

The truck was placed in service in March, and is housed in the Main Street Station. We must now train our team to use the cascade system for filling our air packs at a fire, using the on board generator system, and the light tower that deploys from the roof of the rescue.

Though much of the equipment was transferred from the old rescue truck, See Rescue on page 3

## Budget Appropriations for 2017

6.9% Increase over 2016

Ed Hiller, Budget Committee

The 2017 annual meetings of the Town of Andover, the Andover School District, and the two Andover Fire Precincts voted to raise and appropriate their budgets for the coming year. The total appropriations (net of pass-throughs) are \$7,519,534, up \$487,878 over last year. This is an increase of 6.9%.

Andover School District Meeting

The Andover School District approved the proposal to undertake major construction and renovations to the Andover Elementary Middle School and authorized the issuance of a bond of \$3,600,000 for funding. The meeting voted to appropriate \$303,300 for the first year's debt service.

The meeting voted to amend the Budget Committee's recommended budget by adding \$40,000 to fund an

See Budget on page 2



Nick Fairall prepares for the 2017 Disabled Water Ske World Championship to be held in Australia in April.

## Andover's Nick Fairall Selected to 2017 U.S. Disabled Water Ski TEAM

Team to compete in 2017 Championships

Press release

The Water Skiers with Disabilities Association, a sports discipline organization of USA Water Ski, selected Andover's Nick Fairall as a member of the 2017 U.S. Disabled Water Ski TEAM that will compete in the 13th Disabled Water Ski World Championships, April 27-30, in Lake Macquarie, NSW, Australia.

The TEAM selection was announced following the conclusion of the 2016 Disabled Water Ski National Championships held in Harmony, North Carolina in October. This will be Fairall's first time on the U.S. TEAM which is vying for an unprecedented fifth consecutive World Championship. The USA is the only country to have ever won three Championships in a row.

Fairall skis in the seated mens division. See Fairall on page 5

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**A**t the Andover Town Meeting on March 20, rescheduled from March 14 because of a major snowstorm, Andover resident and Energy Group member, Randall Costa, presented the case for warrant articles relating to energy system upgrades and the installation of a solar-electric system to serve the town offices without raising property taxes. The articles passed by voice vote.

## Town Election Results

### Town Officers

- Selectman** for Three Years  
David Blinn .....198
- Budget Committee**  
for Three Years  
Christopher Norris .....215  
Morgan Salathe .....22
- Trustee of Trust Funds**  
for Three Years  
Jocene Edgar .....34
- Cemetery Trustee** for Three Years  
Patricia Cutter.....204
- Cemetery Trustee** for two Years  
William Keyser .....204
- Library Trustee** for Three Years  
Alita Phelps .....208

### School Officers

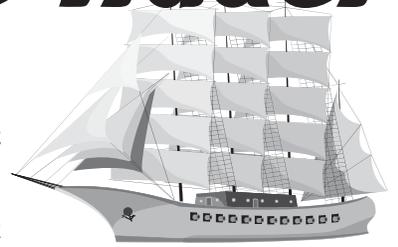
- School Board** for Three Years  
Brian Gilman.....199
- School Moderator** for One Year  
Betsy Paine .....77
- School Treasurer** for One Year  
Shirley H. Currier.....213
- School Clerk** for One Year  
Christie Coll .....202

### Articles

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of an amendment to the Andover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to add Article XV: Accessory Dwelling Units?

**Voting Yes: 150 Voting No: 43**

# Andover's Yankee Trader



**Oasis Spa hot tub:** Five-person, kept inside since purchased in 2001. Good condition. \$500 or best offer. 735-5562.

**Outboard motor:** Honda 5 HP long-shaft four-stroke, in excellent running order. \$700. 735-5510.

**Red tweed sofa:** Good condition, six back and seat cushions, \$50. 735-4018.

**Two old bureaus:** One solid oak, spoon carved, \$125. One pine bureau with original mustard paint, brown stenciling, \$100. Both have original pulls. 735-5200.

**FOUND on the Rail Trail:** A gold charm of a church or school. Email a description to MyRoseDen@gmail.com if it's yours.

**Antique crosscut saws:** Two, about 5', \$35 each. 78 RPM Records: good condition, 100+, \$3 each, take all. Antique Singer sewing machine: \$65 obo. Antique bean thrasher: \$25 obo. Hand hay rake: like new, \$25. 526-2262.

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

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## Budget from page 1

art teacher full time. Also an appropriation of \$12,133 was approved for salary and benefit increases in the teachers' new contract agreement.

The total appropriation voted was \$5,335,515, an increase of \$434,651 (8.9%) over last year's appropriation of \$4,900,864.

### Andover Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting voted to accept the 2017 operating budget recommended by the Budget Committee of \$1,636,918.

Warrant articles to add \$338,976 to several Capital Reserve Funds and to add \$31,000 to several Expendable Trust Funds were also approved.

Appropriation of \$620,000 for replacement of the Morrill Hill Road Bridge was approved. Funding will come from a Capital Reserve Fund and from the Unreserved Fund Balance.

Approval was given to install a more efficient heating and cooling system, and a solar panel power system for the Town Office. The appropriations for this project total \$17,994. All will come from an Expendable Trust Fund and the Unreserved Fund Balance.

Other warrant articles added appro-

riations of \$40,000.

The total appropriations voted are \$2,696,848. Offsetting revenues from non-tax sources (capital reserve funds, etc.) reduce this amount to a net appro-

### NET APPROPRIATIONS

Department	2016	2017	Increase
School	\$4,900,864	\$5,335,415	\$434,651
Town	\$1,999,727	\$2,046,894	\$47,167
Fire Depts.	\$131,065	\$137,225	\$6,160
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,031,656</b>	<b>\$7,519,534</b>	<b>\$487,878</b>

riation of \$2,046,894. This is up from the 2016 net appropriation by \$47,167 (2.4%).

### Andover Fire Districts

The two Andover fire departments together voted appropriations of \$137,225, only slightly changed from the previous year.

### Tax Rates

Tax rates for 2017 will not be set until later in the year when more accurate estimates of offsetting revenues and surplus funds are available. But it is clear that the decisions of the meetings for significantly increased appropriations will have an impact on the 2017 tax bills.

To conclude, the town citizens have voted to spend money which will raise their property taxes 8.9%, assuming that offsetting revenues and the amount of unexpended revenues applied to reduce taxes remain the same as last year. 

## Save the Date!



## Woman Who Makes A Difference Luncheon 18th Anniversary

**May 17, 2017...join us to usher in spring  
and celebrate together.**

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Andover Fire Department's new truck now ready for service with all gear and equipment organized and in place.

**Rescue from page 1**

there is much about this rescue that is new and is only useful in trained hands.

I must go into a little detail about the light tower. As I wrote earlier the truck has a tower that is located in a cradle on the roof. With a hand held control the tower is raised and four LED light bars are rotated to a desired location to achieve the best lighting of an accident scene or fire. A well-lit incident allows fire fighters and emergency medical technicians the ability to focus on life saving tasks in daylight conditions. Almost everything we do is easier in daylight, emergency operations is no different.

I want to thank the members of the

truck committee for the many hours of good work and many trips to Cornish during design and construction. The truck team includes Jake Johnson-Chair, Stephen Barton, Andrew Guptill, Glenn Hayley, Jeff Miller, Mark Perry, Scott Kidder, and Scott Davis. Very nice job guys, this machine will serve Andover well for many years.

The members of the Andover Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services wish to express our sincere thanks to the people of Andover. You have provided this life saving truck for our use. We plan to use it well.

Nice weather is on the way. Take some time to get out and enjoy our wonderful community. 

## Andover Author – Illustrator Team Publishes First Book

### An interview with the author

**Amy Makechnic**

“I have had the goal of writing a book for 25 years now. I wanted to prove to myself and to my children that you can and should follow your dreams.” –Kerry Kellogg

Kerry and Brian Kellogg, author and illustrator respectively, have published their first children’s book. Their launch party was at BookEnds in Warner on March 26. The following is an interview with author, Kerry Kellogg.

**What is the name of the book?**

The Adventures of Otis Pendleton: The Hunt for Autumn

**Where did you get the idea?**

I love our yard and the trees surrounding it. And I often imagine what secret happenings could be going on there. I think the setting was what inspired me first. I am also fascinated by our pets and backyard animals that I have come to know. Each character is a past or present pet or animal that visits our yard with the ex-

ception of Clyde, the barnyard cat, and the Raccoon family. They are made up. For instance, Chip, the chipmunk, has just come out of hibernation and has started scurrying around the yard again. It’s funny to see him scampering about on top of the snow. He likes to bury his acorns in my flower planters in the spring, and he greets me when I come home from work

See Book page 6



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## bridge to RECOVERY Walk

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Registration @ 8 a.m.  
Walk Begins @ 9 a.m.

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2-Mile Walk followed by brunch

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Jake's Market & Deli	Gift Certificate	Amy & Gregor Makechnie
Kearsarge Magazine	1-Year Subscription	Bryan Johnson & Paula D'Andrea
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LisAnn's	Gift Certificate	John & Joyce Bourdon
MacKenna's Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Howard Jelleme & Robin Kuhn
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New Horizons Hairstylists	Hair Care Products	Gail Parenteau

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- Assist Citizen: 4
- Assist Social Service Agencies: 1
- Assist Fire: 3
- Criminal Trespass: 1
- Death/Suicide: 1
- Disturbance: 1
- Driving on Suspension/Revocation: 1

- House Check: 75
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 3
- Traffic Offense-Citation: 2
- Traffic Offense-Warning: 30
- Welfare Check: 1

### ARRESTS:

- Kathleen Golden-Sochan, age 69, Andover: Operating after Suspension: Breach of Bail
- Kurt Barton, age 29, Andover: Electronic Bench Warrant 

## Andover Real Estate Transactions

February 15 to March 15, 2017

On February 28, Melissa Cheney sold 1.47 acres at 46 O'Neil Drive to Richard Morway for \$32,000. David Liberatore of BH&G Masiello Tilton assisted the seller and the buyer.

On March 1, Lindner Trust sold 9 Shirley Road to Proctor Academy for \$255,000. The 2,217 square-foot house has 3 bedrooms, 1 baths, and sits on 0.25 acres.

### Andover Inventory

There are currently seven residen-

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

There are currently nine land parcels on the market, and zero under contract for sale.

There are currently three commercial or multi-family properties on the market, and none under contract for sale.

Data from NNEREN.com/sold-properties and MerrimackCountyDeedsNH.com for 2/16/2017 through 3/15/2017. 

## Preparations for 75th Celebration Anniversary Moving Along

### Flashback to 1942

#### Press release

Preparations are underway for the 75th anniversary of Andover's 4th of July celebration. We've made contact with some parade participants and bands are being lined up. We are also on a drive to bring in more floats this year. Vendors for the Village Green are being registered and kid's games are in the works.

Who can forget the delicious food and refreshments that the town's nonprofits prepare for the July 4th celebrations? Flashback to 1942: Think about spending 5 cents for a coke, keeping in mind that the average salary was \$1,800 a year, or roughly \$35 a week! While you're at it, consider that the average price of a new car was \$920 and gasoline was 15 cents a gallon! Wow! Times certainly have changed, but not the excitement of the residents of Andover and the surrounding areas for the fun day that the dedicated Fourth of July Committee puts on.

What began as a small dance in front of the Blackwater Grange has become an all day event that continues to grow. Attendance is at an all time high. In the spirit of having fun for all those who join Andover on the 4th, it continues to be an important fund raiser for the town's nonprofits. To name a few, Andover Lions Club, Andover Snowmobile Club, Andover Youth Baseball, Andover Service Club, local churches, the libraries, Boy Scouts, Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, Andover/Salisbury/Webster Fire Explorers, Andover Cycling Club, and Andover Girls Softball.

Countdown! Starting on Saturday, April 1, there are 94 days until July 4th! 

Ninety-four days to think about a float; the theme is *Remember When: 1942-2017*. From pulling a little red wagon, to a large flatbed trailer akin to a Macy's Parade float, anything goes. It doesn't have to take a lot of time and resources to show your community spirit!

Ninety-four days until the pancakes melt in your mouth, a sausage grinder hits the spot, and that strawberry shortcake wakes up your taste buds! Ninety-four days until the shopaholic in you browses the vendor booths. Ninety-four days until the patriotic songs ring in your heart, the Kearsarge Community Band kicks off a full day of entertainment on the Village Green, and the thump of the Bektash drums beckon everyone to the roadside. Ninety-four days until thousands of people look to the sky to see another spectacular fireworks display.

To help finance this event, the committee is currently selling raffle tickets. There are three choices for the lucky winners: Overnight and Breakfast for Two at the Highland Lake Inn, Italian Basket, and two \$25 grocery gift cards. Look for ticket sales at various locations and events around town over the next few months.

If you enjoy laughter and the feeling of camaraderie, please contact one of our members and join our enthusiastic committee. You won't regret it. Doug Phelps at 802-310-1045; Donna French at 735-6131; Bob Ward at 735-5061; and Beth Frost at 735-5562.

Anyone thinking of entering a float please contact Donna French at 735-6131 or email her at [dffrench@tds.net](mailto:dffrench@tds.net) for early registration. Another option is to send a message to Andover, New Hampshire Fourth of July on Facebook. 

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by streaking across my patio.

I have tried to create a little world where the characters come from diverse backgrounds, but they can come together and help each other out. Whether it be family, friends, or politics, it's nice to strive for some kind of harmony. It's also about not giving up and appreciating what you have.

**How long did it take you to write the book?**

Since I'm a teacher, I could only write during summers, long weekends and school vacations. It took two summers and one school year in between.

**When did Brian become part of the writing team?**

When I decided to self-publish last August, I needed to find an illustrator. Brian has been supportive of this project from the beginning, and he volunteered. I know how busy he is with

teaching, so the thought didn't occur to me, but once he suggested it, I thought it was a brilliant idea.

**Has Brian drawn or illustrated before?**

Brian took some art classes as a child and one course in college. He's always doodling. He captured the characters just as I imagined them. After being married for 23 years, I think he can read my mind at this point. It has been extra special having him work on this with me.

**How can we buy the book?**

It is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Archway Publishing websites. If people read and like the book, it would be fantastic if they could write a review on Amazon. So far, it's just our moms who have reviewed it!

I am almost finished writing book two in what I hope will become a series. My next step is to find an agent and publisher.

Congratulations, Kerry and Brian 

## BEACON DEADLINE: THE 15TH!

## Notes from Concord, March 2017

### Mary Anne Broshek State Representative

Given that this is Town meeting month and a major concern of residents is increasing property taxes, we are focusing on the ways that the State Legislature can bring back past funding to reduce property taxes and 2017 State legislation that will reduce or increase property taxes. Also included is how area legislators voted on those proposed bills. Note: ITL means Inexpedient to Legislate and OTP means Ought to Pass.

#### How the State Can Help

The information in this section is taken from a March 5, 2017 letter written by the town and city Board members of the New Hampshire Municipal Association and sent to all New Hampshire Legislators.

“Since 2008 there has been a significant reduction in virtually every municipal state aid program, reductions of such magnitude that they could never be offset by local spending reductions.”

Share the meals and rooms tax revenues with municipalities at the statutorily required rate of 40%, a percentage set forth when the meals and rooms tax was enacted 50 years ago, in 1967. The 40% was never reached and a catch-up formula was enacted in 1993. That worked well until the catch-up formula was suspended and has resulted in a loss to municipalities of approximately \$58 million from 2010 to 2017.

Restore revenue sharing. In 2010, revenue sharing was suspended; it has remained suspended ever since, a cumulative loss of \$200 million to date.

Restore the state’s 35% contribution toward the retirement costs of police officers, firefighters, and teachers, all of whom must participate in the NHRS. If the state had continued its 35% contribution, municipalities, school districts, and counties would have paid approximately \$80 million less in pension costs in 2016 alone. (See HB 413 below)

Fully fund the state aid grant (SAG) program for municipal water and waste water treatment facility updates, which was suspended in 2008 and remains underfunded. Most disturbing at this point is that there is no funding avail-

able for any projects approved locally after December of 2008. As of the end of 2016, there are 50 local wastewater projects that would qualify for \$90 million in state aid over the next 10 years if the moratorium were lifted.

Double the funding for municipal red-listed bridges. Bridge aid was supposed to double when the state increased the gas tax in 2014, with a goal to reduce the unreasonable 10-year wait list for state bridge aid. Bridge aid did double in 2015, but the doubling provision was eliminated just one year later. There were 338 municipal red-listed bridges as of June 2016, affecting commerce, citizens, and the state’s economy.

Maintain highway block grant funding. Here, finally, is a program that is working as promised! Municipalities receive 12% of the gas tax revenue and state motor vehicle fees. With the 2014 increase in the gas tax, which NHMA supported, an additional \$4 million has been returned annually to cities and towns for the maintenance and improvement of local roads.”

School Building Aid Not included in the letter was the elimination of school building aid which was 37 million per year and had been suspended in 2015 to pay only those projects that had been approved before the suspension. (See SB 192 below).

What has been disturbing in the past two legislative sessions has been the push to decrease or refuse to raise State taxes, and the subsequent additional burdens downshifted to towns and cities. Listed below are some of the bills that reduce revenue and some that would restore funding to towns and cities.

Legislation with Significant Impact  
In 2015 The legislature voted to lower the Business Profits Tax (BPT) and the Business Enterprise Tax (BET). This was initially vetoed by Gov. Hassan and was later enacted into law with the addition of a rule that would revoke the decrease if specific revenue targets were

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## House of Representatives Vote on Bills

### Results of some actions

#### Natalie Wells & David Kerrick

The House of Representatives voted on over 200 bills, some of which were for housekeeping measures, clarifying issues, and bills of high importance to our state.

Education HB 345: Relative to State Board of Education rulemaking authority over home education programs. This bill wanted to remove home education rulemaking authority from the State Board of Education. HB 647 was to provide education choice for parents with special needs children. State funds that would be provided to the school district for their child would instead be placed into accounts for the parents to purchase allowable education expenses. Some constituents have emailed me that this was referring to only “private school education” and that it would only favor wealthier families. This is not the case at all. The bottom line for both these 2 bills is we need to encourage education freedom to allow all parents to choose the best public, private, charter, or home school programs for their children.

Election Law HB 116: relative to assessing the consequences of the Citizens United vs. Supreme Court decision. It called upon the New Hampshire congressional delegation to sponsor an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to overturn Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision. Both of our distinguished U.S. Senators have already formally co-sponsored a bill in the U.S. Senate calling for such a constitutional amendment, and similarly one of our distinguished U.S. Representatives has co-sponsored a companion bill in the U.S. House. This proposed bill by our state is completely unnecessary, wasteful of our limited resources, and duplicative, which is in essence the definition of “Inexpedient to Legislate”.

HB 447: Relative to allocating Electoral College electors based on the national popular vote. It was felt that this bill would dilute New Hampshire’s voice in the selection of our presidential election by creating an interstate compact and allocating New Hampshire’s votes. It supports the original intent of the Electoral College, which is to ensure that small states like New Hampshire have the ability to fully participate in national elections and are not cancelled out by large states such as Texas or California. It also encourages higher voter participation, and keeps New Hampshire’s status of First in the Nation.

I want to address a few remarks made by former Representative Mario Ratzki relating to HB 238 and HB 191-L. He stated in the Salisbury Grapevine Newspaper that Representatives Anne Copp and I voted to kill HB238. He also went on to say we “would rather vote with big business and against their own districts’ interest.” Anne Copp and I have been actively engaged in sitting in on the Danbury Broadband Committee, which seeks to have service in many rural areas of their town that do not have broadband accessibility. I couldn’t agree more regarding the need of good internet access for our communities. I fully understand the need for home businesses, home schooling, selling one’s home, etc. However, allowing municipalities to have their hand in controlling broadband has been proven to be devastating around the whole country. The Madbury Bridge/Bartlett Cleland of Frisco, Texas researched this issue and found that in all cases taxpayer money was put at risk often without approval of taxpayers. One instance, in Bristol, Virginia, the citizens were left holding the bag of \$124 million. Kansas City, Missouri politicians decided to invest \$10.5 million with only a few hundred people signed up. Expenses quickly took over; the town had to sell

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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*.

## Planning Board

**January 24**

*Condensed from approved minutes:*

**Members present:** Nancy Teach, Chair; Jon Warzocha, Vice Chair; Paul Currier; Dave Blinn, Ex-Officio; and Art Urie.

**Also present for duration of appropriate items:** Dave Powers, Zoning Administrator; Pat Moyer, Zoning & Planning Coordinator; Val Somers and Christine Sloan

### Zoning Administrator & Planning and Zoning Coordinator

Revised and approved Driveway Permit Application & Procedures and Lot Merger Application were distributed via email. The revised Fee Schedule has been approved by the Selectboard and will be distributed via email.

Dave distributed Andover Business Use List to board members for their review.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Val Somers and Christine Sloan regarding 519 Main Street and BirdsEyeView.

Somers is the current owner of 519 Main Street and Sloan owns BirdsEyeView, which is an aerobotics company to be renting the space in the building. Aerobots will be designed at this location, manufactured at a separate location, final assembly and deliveries will be handled at this location. Concerns of the board were whether there are any proposed changes to the building, and the response was no; how many employees will there be, the response was five currently with an additional two or three. The state septic approval is for 45 employees. The board stated that if it is confirmed that there is not a significant change of use for the building; no site plan review would be necessary. Currier stated he would rec-

ommend a letter to the board indicating a full proposal.

### Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Article

All documents for the article have been submitted to Town Administrator Marj Roy. Urie offered to draw up an article for the Andover Beacon for the March 2017 issue. The article will also be included in the town report.

### Additional Items for Discussion

Warzocha stated that Andover has no lighting standards and the board may want to think about this via language in the Site Plan Review.

The Site Plan Review Application and Regulations need to be reviewed, revised, and a checklist created. However, the ordinance needs to be updated prior to that.

### February 14

*Condensed from approved minutes:*

**Members present:** Nancy Teach, Chair; Randall Costa; Paul Currier; Art Urie; and David Blinn, Ex-Officio

**Also present for duration of appropriate items:** Dave Powers, Zoning Administrator; Pat Moyer, Zoning & Planning Coordinator

### Planning and Zoning Coordinator

Working on a new Building Permit form for Dave Powers, Zoning Administrator.

Communication with Tina White of 999 Bendixen Point (Bradley Lake) regarding a possible subdivision.

### Zoning Administrator

Request from Bellettete's for certificate of completion for their insurance company was received. Dave will issue conditioned upon a third party inspection. Currier stated the ordinance reads the holder of the building permit provides the town with notice of completion, and the town has the option of do-

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## 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  
**Sap 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  
**Bachelder 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 Bachelder 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!

**Mondays:** Fire Department, 7 • **Tuesdays:** Building Permits, 6-7

### APRIL

**3:** Select Board, 6:30  
**4:** School Board, AE/MS, 6:30  
**5:** 4th of July,  
Andover Fire Station, 7  
**11:** Recreation, AE/MS  
Science Room, 7  
**11:** Planning Board, 7  
**12:** Conservation Commission, 7  
**12:** EMS, Andover Fire Station, 7  
**17:** Select Board, 6:30  
**18:** Zoning Board, 7  
**20:** Library Trustees, 7  
**25:** Planning Board, 7

### MAY

**1:** Select Board, 6:30  
**2:** School Board, AE/MS 6:30  
**3:** 4th of July, Andover Fire Station, 7  
**9:** Planning Board, 7  
**9:** Recreation, AE/MS  
Science Room, 7  
**10:** Conservation Commission, 7  
**10:** EMS, Andover Fire Station, 7  
**13:** Swap Event,  
Transfer Station, 8-12  
**15:** Select Board, 6:30  
**16:** Zoning Board, 7  
**18:** Library Trustees, 7  
**23:** Planning Board, 7  
**29:** Town Offices CLOSED

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not met. Note that while New Hampshire has a high corporate and business tax, it is in place of income and sales taxes. New Hampshire is currently ranked 7th in the nation for best business climate. One thing that brings down the ranking is the transportation infrastructure. Tax cuts were to be made as of December 2016 and 2018. Estimated revenue reductions were 63 million by 2019.

2017- SB 2 would lower the BPT and BET even more beginning in 2020. The fiscal note attached to the bill gave new estimates for the above changes and for SB 2 as follows: tax year 2018, 24 million and subsequent years 81 million. Voting in favor of this legislation: Harold French (Andover and Salisbury) and Bob Giuda (Danbury).

Not doing revenue cuts would certainly let the state start to provide the suspended funding to towns and cities.

SB193 School Vouchers: This was approved by the New Hampshire Senate. A Concord Monitor editorial estimated this bill to have the potential to move 60 million dollars from public school funding, however the fiscal note for the bill states that the Dept. of Education is unable to estimate how many eligible students would participate in this program, and therefore is unable to estimate this bill's impact on state education trust expenditures or local revenues.

Another Concord Monitor article states "The New Hampshire School Administrators Association has testified against the bill arguing that it would violate the state Constitution both by allowing public dollars to go to private religious schools, and to schools that the state can't guarantee are providing an adequate education".

Voting in favor of this bill: Senators Harold French and Bob Giuda

Note: there is a similar bill in the House, which would provide additional vouchers only for children with disabilities.

HB 413: Restores 15% of the retirement costs for fire fighters, police, and teachers that had previously been moved to towns and cities. This is just a portion of the original 35% that had been paid by the state, but is a step in the right direction. The full House voted 267 to 83, Ought to Pass. House votes: Anne Copp not voting, Natalie Wells in favor.

It then moved to the Finance Committee where it is "Retained in Committee"

SB192: This bill brought back school building aid for state fiscal years 2018 and 2019, and provided that there shall be no moratorium on school building aid for the biennium ending June 30, 2019. Amounts totaled 37 million in 2018 and 50 million in 2019.

It was voted ITL by the Senate. Voting to kill this bill were Harold French and Bob Giuda.

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SB 244: Increases the exemptions for the Income and Dividend tax which would reduce state revenue by 33.6 million dollars in the first year. The bill was amended to lower the exemption, but a new estimate is not available. the Senate voted 13 to 8 OTP. Voting to pass this bill were Harold French and Bob Giuda.

At the same time, House Finance Committee chair, Neal Kurk (R), isn't optimistic about reinstating the school building aid program:

"The House is very aware of the building aid moratorium, and each session for the past two years we've looked to see if we could lift it," Kurk said. "It's really a question of balancing all of the needs of the state with the revenue that becomes available."

Another revenue cut that, if not done, could provide funds for school building aid.

SB 242: David Solomon at the Union Leader wrote "SB 242 calls for two casinos: one category one license and one category two license. The Category 1 license costs \$80 million and allows for 80 to 160 table games and 2,000 to 3,500 slot machines, while the Category 2 license costs \$40 million and allows for 25 to 80 table games and 750 to 1,500 slot machines.

It cleared the Senate during last Thursday's marathon session in a bipartisan 13-10 vote. Money would go to the host communities, neighboring towns, the host county, and would enable the state to resume revenue sharing with cities and towns".

Voting to pass this bill Harold French and Bob Giuda.

SB 83: would have increased the minimum wage to \$12 by 2019. It was defeated on March 16 by a 14-9 vote. Voting to kill this legislation (ITL) were Harold French and Bob Giuda

Governor's Budget: Eliminates 500 million dollars from State agency budgets. The impact on towns and cities is not yet known. Requiring across the board cuts of this magnitude means those requiring a 500 million cut are not accountable to their constituents for the consequences.

The Governor's budget is now with the house Finance Committee.

So far, it looks like funding for full day kindergarten will be cut, as well as some high school scholarship funding. The good news is that the Committee is looking to add in 25 million dollars to go to towns and cities to offset property taxes, and to provide more funds to towns and cities for infrastructure.

State laws have a direct impact on your property taxes. Make sure to contact your legislators as the passed Senate Bills now move to the House, and passed House Bills move to the Senate.

**Fifty Years Ago in Andover: April 1967**

*Good old news from Andover, East Andover, Cilleyville, Potter Place, West Andover "GOSSIP" columns from the Franklin Journal Transcripts. Transcribed by VIRGINIA EDWARDS*

**APRIL 6, 1967**

**Jokes, Riddles, Puns, and Poems**

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers Bring? Answer: Pilgrims.

What do you get when you plant kisses? Answer: Tu-lips.

*April is made of such wonderful things, Sunbeams and tulips and butterfly wings.*

An all-day cancer sewing meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Marion O'Hare's on April 4.

Andover Arts and crafts meeting will be held in the East Andover Library April 10 at 8 P.M. The guest speaker will be Frank Poblenz who will talk on photography.

A pack meeting was held at the Proctor Chapel basement, March 30. The pack took in 2 new boys, Glen Haley and Marty Thisell as Bobcats. The theme for March was tools and wood. A nail driving contest for mothers was won by Ellie Powers.

Much sympathy goes to George Martin's family due to the death of his brother in Connecticut.

A flock of Canadian geese was seen

passing over town on Sunday evening. They sure made plenty of noise. The robins are back so now we know spring is here with temperatures rising every day.

Ladies Aid sewing day was held at the home of Mrs. John Forsberg on April 13.

Julia Kilburn and Sadie Mayer returned to their homes in town this week after spending the winter in Boston, MA.

So glad to hear Jeff Gulick is home from Hanover Hospital. Jeff came by ambulance on March 29. He must stay in bed for a while longer. Get better soon!

Mrs. Mary Hoyt and her two girls spent the weekend with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matthews in Groton, NH. William McAlpine and two sons of MA, spent the weekend with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. William McAlpine.

Both Andover and East Andover Fire Departments were called out at 11:30 P.M. Sunday to a bad fire at the Bud Keyser farm. The barn and shed burned. The house was saved thanks to the heroic firemen for their good work.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Damon of Hanover, MA, spent the weekend at the Alan Thompson home on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thompson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thompson Jr., and four children, all of Claremont and their daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Urban Laudini

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
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# Andover Dog Licenses Due April 30

## Late fees and fines after June 1

**Joanna Sumner, Town Clerk  
Dog Licensing**

The State of New Hampshire RSA 466:1 requires that every owner or keeper of a dog four months old or older shall annually cause it to be licensed in the office of the Town Clerk in the town in which it is kept. The dog must wear the license tag around its neck.

The license is effective from May 1 to April 30 of the following year. Fees are: \$6.50 for altered dogs, \$9.50 for a dog that is not neutered or spayed, and \$2 for senior citizens (only one dog). There is a \$1 late fee per month after June 1. RSA 466:14 requires the Town Clerk to charge a \$25 civil forfeiture to any owner of each unlicensed dog.

We will be mailing letters to remind dog owners that they need to license their dogs. If you no longer have a dog, please call the office so we can remove the dog's name from our records. We

have over 600 dogs licensed in Andover so you can make our job easier by either licensing your dog early or letting us know that you no longer have a dog.

Bonnie Wesley will be at the rabies clinic being held in East Andover on Saturday, April 22. You can license your dog at that time.

### Property Tax Relief

Forms will be available in the Town Clerk's office to apply for the New Hampshire Property Tax Relief program. To qualify, you need to meet certain criteria. You need to own your own home, reside there, and if you are single, you should have an adjusted gross income of no more than \$30,000. If you are married or head of a household with an adjusted gross income of no more than \$40,000, then you may qualify.

The application must be filed between May 1 and June 30. Forms may be picked up in the office in May or found online at [Revenue.nh.gov](http://Revenue.nh.gov). For questions, call 230-5920.

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it at a loss, leaving the taxpayers on the hook for the rest.

The most recent and nearby state we can relate to is in Vermont. In January, 2015 the EC Fiber was serving just 1,200 subscribers, despite a construction cost of 9 million, which is \$7,500 per customer. A quote from the Madbury Bridge stated, "A city owned telecommunications provider in Burlington, sounded like a good idea a decade ago. But as Burlington Telecom seeks to settle a \$33 million dollar debt with

Citibank, local taxpayers are wondering where the city's money went." I'm for free enterprise, and I'm for the private sector succeeding without government intervention of unnecessary mandated rules and regulations. In this instance, I believe broadband should be maintained in the private business world. Therefore, I do not feel a study committee is necessary either, as it is a waste of the taxpayer's money and the legislator's time.

Natalie Wells can be reached at: [natalie.wells@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:natalie.wells@leg.state.nh.us)



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ing an inspection, and the town issues a certificate of completion

There is an addition under construction at 332 Main Street without a building permit.

A letter will be sent to the property owner at 474 Main Street regarding an in-law apartment.

A letter will be sent to Merzi Excavation regarding property on Potters Road.

### Announcements / Correspondence

Deb Brower of Bluewater Farm would like to attend the February 28 meeting to discuss possible uses for 157 Main Street (former Town Hall).

## Accessory Dwelling Unit Article for The Beacon:

The board reviewed the article for The Beacon. Teach will edit the article and submit it to The Beacon.

### Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) Map Project:

LRPC is still working on the town map.

### Subdivision Application Revision:

Costa requested the consensus of the board regarding consolidating the two applications and the board indicated they would like to combine the two applications.

Dave Blinn – Board of Selectman

Blinn indicated the Board is working on items for the town meeting.



## 50 Years from page 9

and two daughters of Reading, MA, called on Mrs. E. B. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Thompson.

East Andover Fire precinct annual meeting was held in the fire station on March 29.

A monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid was held in the Library on March 30, with the President, Dorothy Kimball presiding.

A Laymans supper will be held at the Conference Center on April 25. Soil Stewardship Sunday will be observed on, April 30.

### APRIL 13

Mrs. Freda Wilson returned to her home on the weekend, after spending the winter with a nephew in Reading, MA. Mrs. Wilson had her eye operated on in December and can now see very well.

Born at the New London Hospital on April 4, a daughter, Karen Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitcomb. Congratulations to them on their bundle of joy.

Kearsarge Lodge No. 81 F&AM meets on April 14.

The Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 American Legion will meet on April 20.

Andover P. T. O., will meet on April 17 at 7 P.M. instead of 8 P.M. due to a program by the school children. Grades 1 – 2 will do a demonstration of Physical Education, grades 3–4 will be square dancing.

Mrs. Arthur Rowell, Miss Eleanor and Leon Sanborn of Chichester called on Mrs. Eliza Buzzell on Sunday.

Mrs. Doris Pierce returned home last week from a stay with her daughter

and family in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Proctor Academy returned to their classes on April 5.

Much sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Baker. His brother in Worcester, MA, passed away on April 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones and daughter, Pamela of MacIndoes, VT spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Phelps.

Andover Citizens Fire Company held election of officers on April 6. The following officers for 1967 are; Chief: Victor E. Phelps, Assistant Chief: Charles Morrill, Captain: Robert Dunlop, Lieutenant: Oscar Clark.

Victor E. Phelps, Fire warden and his deputies Bryant Adams, Henry Pillsbury, Skip Powers, and Spencer Wright, attended the district warden meeting in Canaan on April 6.

Mrs. Joy Chamberlain and son skidded off the Salisbury-Andover road on Friday. They were taken in the town ambulance to New London Hospital where they remained overnight. The car was a total loss and they received cuts and bruises.

### Chuckles "N" Chortles

"Your methods of cultivation are hopelessly out of date", said the young agricultural college graduate to the old farmer. I'd be astonished if you got even ten pounds of apples from that tree.

"So, would I," said the farmer, It's a pear tree."

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Jurta, 76, who passed away in Franklin Hospital April 5 after a long illness, were held in the Andover Congrega-

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## Rabies Clinic

Saturday, April 22 • 1-2 P.M.

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tional Church Saturday. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery in East Andover where Reverend Tucker offered prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Fifield of Tilton announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rosalie M. Fifield to Carlton J. George, son of Mr. and Mrs. William George of Andover. A May wedding is planned.

East Andover and Andover library plan to have several programs for National Library week, which is the week of April 16.

A film on Portsmouth, New Hampshire, will be shown from the State Library film service.

Wednesday April 19 the annual open house will be held at the Library. This year Mrs. Evelyn Kennedy, who has resigned as an Andover Library Trustee as she is moving to her home in New London, will be honored.

April 21 a library program consisting of a play about Libraries by three school children, and a film in color, "Where Mountains Float" will be presented at the elementary school. Anyone is invited.

Mrs. Hope French of Pittsfield, New Hampshire, visited her aunt Sadie Mayer on Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Denman Blood of Wilder, Vermont visited his aunt Mrs. Sadie Mayer on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deane of Wilnot Flat were also Sunday callers at Mrs. Mayer's.

**"Good Old Day Prices"**

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A meeting of the Andover Service Club was held in the East Andover Library on April 12, with President, Evelyn Kennedy presiding. Devotionals were given by Mrs. Anna Tucker followed by the secretary and treasurer's reports. Thank you notes were read from Mrs. Dorothea Stibitz, Mrs. Adele Glaubit, and from Andover Little League.

A work day was held at the home of Mrs. Emma Dunlap on Wednesday, April 19. The layette for the State Welfare Department was on display for all members to see.

A tea for Mrs. Dorothea Stibitz was held at the home of Mrs. L. Francis Kennedy on April 18. Mrs. Stibitz is moving to Claremont so as to be near her husband's work. So, sorry to have her leave.

Carl Johnson of Portsmouth, NH, Vice President of Strawberry Banke Inc., showed slides and talked about the Historical buildings in Strawberry Banke, which was very interesting and he also answered many questions. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by hostesses, Grace Chaffee, Karin Forsberg and Ethel Nelson.

The nominating committee gave the following members for officers for 1967/1968. President Annah Tucker, Vice President Bernice Powers, Secretary Edna Clements, Treasurer Marjo-

rie Stultz.

The Andover Extension Club will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, April 26 at 1 P.M. at the Bachelier Library. Following the customary business meeting, Mrs. Eugene Fierro will show slides and give a talk on her European tour which she took two years ago. It has been suggested that members invite guests to this interesting meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Webster have returned home from Florida where they spent the winter.

A pre-school clinic will be held in the Andover Elementary School on May 8. Dr. Emilie Boselli assisted by school nurse Mrs. Evelyn Hights RN, will give the physicals. Parents are requested to bring their child's health records. Children must be six years old by January 1, 1968 to enter the first grade this September. Mrs. Marie Rising, first grade teacher will be on hand to greet the parents and children who will be going to school in September.

Wedding Anniversary Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Merrill MacLeod Sr., on April 22.

Wedding Anniversary Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dunlap on April 24.

Mrs. Martin O'Hare returned home on the weekend after spending a week with her sister in Vermont.

**Good Old Day Prices**

Tide powder \$.69, Chicken legs \$.39/lb., Breck shampoo \$.69, Beef stew \$.79/lb., Curler rack \$.67, Peanut butter 5 lbs. \$1.89, Gasoline \$.2799/gal., Zarex pint jar \$.35.

A regular meeting of the Highland Lake Grange was held on April 17 with Master Samuel Currier presiding. Being Agriculture Night, Paul Fenton showed slides on the Maple Sugar Industry. The next meeting will be presiding officer's night and it was voted to invite New London Grange to fill the chairs. The home economic committee will hold a Dutch Auction at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thorne of MA, have returned to their home after spending their school vacation at their summer home in Flaghole.

Ice went out on Highland Lake on April 17 and trout fishing starts on May 1.

Mrs. Augusta Blood, Mrs. Evelyn Huckins, and Mrs. Chester Ricard of North Chichester, New Hampshire, were visitors of Mrs. Sadie Mayer, one day last week.

Last week Mrs. Georgianna K. Wadleigh, "Kate" to everyone who knows her, terminated her services as assistant at the post office. Her connection with the local office has been a long one, beginning over 50 years ago, when it was in an old store building beside the Highland Lake Stream. During World War I, Kate handled the letters to and from the East Andover boys in the army cantonments and in France, and again during World War II she was acting postmistress for her own postmaster son, John Jr., while he served his

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country in uniform.

Mrs. Violet England Grant, wife of Benjamin W. Grant of East Andover, passed away April 12 at Providence, RI, Hospital following a long illness. Services were held in Providence after cremation. A committal service was held Sunday at Lakeside Cemetery in Andover, with Rev. Francis S. Tucker of East Andover officiating.

**APRIL 27**

Andover Ragged Mt. Chapter No. 62 held its regular meeting, April 19. W.M. Arlene Locke and W.P. Henry Heinlein conducted the meeting. After the meeting, P.P. and P.O. Mr. and Mrs. Dana Parks showed slides of their recent trip through the south. They were interesting and all enjoyed.

The Chapter was pleased to find the painting done in the ladies' parlor and wish to thank the Masons for their help.

We are all glad to hear Eliza Buzzell has returned home from the New London Hospital and is on the mend.

A son, David M. Roby II, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Roby of Marblehead, MA, on March 31. Mrs. Roby is the former Barbara Dunn.

Mrs. Grace Fenton is spending time with her daughter, Miss Mildred Fenton in Springfield, MA.

Fourteen ladies met at the home of Mrs. Emma Dunlap on Wednesday, April 19 for a work day meeting. Don't forget to let the President, Evelyn Kennedy know if you need transportation for the Pilgrimage to Crooked Mountain on May 10, at 10 A.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Johnson returned home on April 19 from their three weeks' vacation in Florida. They said the weather was just lovely.

A surprise birthday dinner was given to Elsa Jacobson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Heden on April 18. Other guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stickney, and Mr. and Mrs. John Forsberg.

Kenneth Brock of Tilton, spent his school vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Walker.

A meeting of the Andover Parent Teachers Organization was held on April 17 with President Terri Laflosca

presiding. Because of the small attendance through the year it was voted to have only four business meetings instead of the regular ten meetings a year.

The nominating committee named the following officers for the upcoming school year as follows: President, Virginia Reed; Vice President, Betty Henderson; Treasurer, Ellie George; and Secretary, Clara Kidder.

**Good Old Days Prices**

Beets 2/\$.35, Gallon picnic jug \$1.89. Cut beans 2/\$.33, Ice chest \$11.19, Eye round \$.87/lb., Freezer fries 5lb. \$.59/lb., Spare ribs \$.37/lb., Pot pies: 5 8oz pkgs. \$1.00

Mrs. Augusta Blood, Mrs. Evelyn Huckins, and Chester Ricard of North Chichester, New Hampshire, were visitors of Mrs. Sadie Mayer, one day last week.

Mrs. Joseph Rogers and Mrs. Hope French of Pittsfield, NH, were recent visitors at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Sadie Mayer.

Mrs. Albert Morrissey of West Medford, MA, spent a few days this past week with Miss Marion Steuerwald.

Miss Brenda Kimball spent her school vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Edith Leonard, in Montpelier, VT.

Judy Leonard and her friend Sheri Magne returned to Montpelier with Brenda spending a week with the Earl Kimball family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McKeage of West Concord called on Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Young on Saturday.

**Historical Events April 1967**

- April 4: The United States Department of Transportation begins operating
- April 9: First Boeing 737 makes its maiden flight.
- April 10: Elizabeth Taylor wins best actress for "A Man for All Seasons"
- April 14: Boston Red Sox rookie Billy Rohane comes within 1 strike of a no hitter at Yankee Stadium.
- April 16: Yankees beat Boston 7-6 in 18 innings
- April 19: Beatles sign a contract to stay together 10 years
- April 28: Muhammad Ali refuses induction into Army and is stripped of his boxing title
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Robie Farm on Cilley Hill Rd. (Sam Hill Rd. today). Taken approx. 1895. L to R: Nannie Robie (my grandmother & author of letters), Samuel (her father), Abbie (her mother), Robert (recipient of letters), hired hand or neighbor, Susie (Nannie & Robert's sister), a hired hand or neighbor.

## Everyday Life on an East Andover Farm in 1902

### Letters from Nannie Robie to her brother, Robert

Rita Norander

One of my winter projects this year was to better organize my family pictures, genealogical material, and historical information. While doing so, I re-discovered several interesting, family-related items which I enjoyed reading once again. I hope you will enjoy reading this one, too.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

My previous two articles used information relating to my grandfather's side of the family – the Herseys and the Eastmans. Today's article is based on material from my grandmother's side of the family – the Robies and the Kenistons. This article relays information from a series of letters written by my mother's mother, Nannie Robie, to her brother, Robert Robie, from April 14, 1902 to July 23, 1902. At that time, the Robie family, four girls and a boy, were living on Cilley Hill Road, Sam Hill Road today. Samuel and Abbie (Keniston) Robie purchased the farm from the Weare family in 1895.

Nannie was 16 years old, and Robert was 23, when she was writing these letters, which kept him abreast of family and hometown news. Robert was working as a hired hand, first in Amherst and later in Lakeport. It was common practice in those days for the boys of the family to work for a time on someone else's farm. They would be using the skills learned from their father on the family farm, while at the same time gaining experience on how other people ran their farms. While working for others, they would receive a salary which they probably didn't receive while working at home.

The letters begin in April, so Robert was most likely helping with the spring chores, such as, preparing the land for planting, mending fences before the animals were turned out for the season, helping with the milking, and care of the animals.

#### EXCERPTS FROM NANNIE'S LETTERS

(Some changes – omissions and additions – were made for easier reading. I

have included the names of relatives and neighbors who Nannie refers to, as many of these people are mentioned in Ralph Chaffee's book *East Andover And Its People*. Maybe some of them were former owners or residents of "your" house!)

April 14, 1902: Dear Brother, Pa went to Franklin Saturday and traded two of the pigs for a young hog with Frank Gilman. We are going to kill the two pigs under the barn on Thursday. The old hog up in the barn had three pigs Friday, and the one under the barn had six this morning. The lamb isn't doing very well.

Guy and I went with the butter. (Guy Hersey was a hired hand on the Robie farm. He and Nannie would marry in September of 1903, on Nannie's 18th birthday.) For the Grange supper tomorrow night, Guy has to carry (bring) a half pound of butter, and I have to carry a pie. Is there a Grange in Amherst? How many miles from Manchester are you, and how do you like it? Is their farm close by the village? We went to church yesterday. Are Mr. Odell's folk church members? I suppose you have been to Milford some with the milk.

Uncle Merrill and Aunt Deborah were here last Tuesday. Oliver Rayno's folks have another child. True Fifield died a week ago. Rena & her father called here yesterday. Nellie Morey is keeping school over in Webster. (Nellie was my mother's teacher at Dyers Crossing School from 1914 to 1920.) Mother mended the canvas coat as best she could. We'll send the coat and shirts on Wednesday or Thursday. Let us know when you get them.

April 15: I will add a few lines more before I send this. Pa, Guy, and Paige (another hired hand or possibly a neighbor) are fencing between us and Ben Swett (Ben's farm was on Lower Tucker Mountain Road – today's Valley Road). Pa saw Mrs. Aikens down to Franklin with Topsy (horse) yesterday. The first time she has driven her. We turned out four cows and the young cattle this morning. Ed Morey (road agent & neighbor) is putting dirt in the road  
See Farm Life on page 14

## Events Calendar

### April 1

**Final Winter Farmers Market**–Blazing Star Grange, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Hot breakfast and lunch available.

**Dance the Decades Dance and Raffle Drawing**–at the Franklin Elks Lodge from 7 to 11 P.M.

Information, dance and raffle tickets, are available on line at: franklinanimalshelter.com or by calling Christine Dzujna at 934-7163.

**The Martin Barre Band** will be performing at the Flying Monkey Performance Center in Plymouth at 7:30 P.M.

### April 3

**A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls**–LRGHealthcare is offering a free 8-week workshop on Monday's from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. beginning on April 3 at the Taylor Community Woodside Building. For more information or to register for this upcoming workshop, call LRGHealthcare Education Services at 527-7120.

### April 7

**CFA's First Friday Celebration of Poetry Month** at the Newbury Town Offices Meeting Room, 937 Route 103, in Newbury.

**Illusionist Rick Thomas** at the Flying Monkey Performance Center, at 7:30 P.M.

For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 536-2551 or go online at flyingmonkeyNH.com.

### April 8

**Vegetable Gardening 101** at The Fells. Saturday, April 8, 9:30 A.M. to Noon. Call 603-763-4789 x3 or visit: TheFells.org

**Rabies Clinic** at Blazing Start Grange, 1 to 2 P.M.

**Blazing Star Grange Hosts Poetry and Pastries** at 6:30 P.M. at the Grange. For more information call 768-3765, email: georgegamblelibrary@comcast.net.

### April 9

**Andover Congregational Church**–Palm Sunday will be celebrated at 9:30 A.M.

### April 13

**A presentation on "The Historical Covered Bridges of New Hampshire and Beyond"**–Begins at 7 P.M., in the Kearsarge Masonic Lodge, at 38 Cilleyville Road in Potter Place. Free.

**Maundy Thursday Service** by the Andover Congregational Church at the Grange Hall at 6 P.M.

### April 14

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service** at Andover Congregational Church at 7 P.M.

### April 16

**Easter Sunrise Service** will be held at 6:15 A.M. on Maple Street near the Graves homestead. Breakfast following at the Grange Hall 7 A.M. Easter Worship Service with special music at 9:30 A.M. at Andover Congregational Church.

### April 18

**Out and About at The Fells: Pools of Mud and Magic.** 10 to 11 A.M. Call 603-763-4789 x3 or visit: TheFells.org

### April 22

**Vernal Pool Adventure Walk for Families at The Fells.** 1 to 2:30 P.M. Call 603-763-4789 x3 or visit: TheFells.org

**Andover Institute Host Tour of Skyview Alpacas Farm**–, beginning at 10 A.M., located at 102 Wilnot Center Road, in Elkins. The tour is free and open to the public. Participants may drive to the farm or join in carpooling from the Andover Town Hall parking lot at 9:30 A.M..

**Rebecca Rule**, a New Hampshire author is appearing at 7 P.M. at the Danbury Grange Hall.

### April 29

**Chicken Pie Supper** at Blazing Star Grange, served from 5 to 6:30 P.M., admission for adults is \$9.

### May 1

**Book Discussion: Lincoln's Boys: John Hay, John Nicolay, and the War for Lincoln's Image** by Joshua Zeitz. 7-8:30pm

Books are available for sale at The Fells, or may be borrowed through the Newbury Public Library during the month of April. Free to all.

Newbury Public Library, 933 Route 103, Newbury, NH.

### May 7

**Wilnot Historical Society Presents Story Teller Jo Radner**–Free program will begin at 2 P.M. at the Wilnot Community Association's Red Barn. Contact Marc at 927-4596 or visit: wilnohistoricalsociety.org.

### May 13

**13th Annual Choose Franklin Community Day**–starting at 10 A.M. with a parade and fair. For information contact Marcia Rollins at 934-3108 ext. 4420, Krystal Alpers at 934-2118 or sau18.org/community\_day.cfm.

### PARENTS: HOW ARE THE KIDS?

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## Celebration of Poetry and Refreshments

### Poetry winners to read their poems

#### Press release

Center for The Arts First Friday in April is a Celebration of Poetry

Come and enjoy the Center for The Arts' First Friday on April 7, from 5 to 7 P.M. at The Meeting Room of the Newbury Town Offices. The Literary Arts Guild, a branch of the Center for the Arts (CFA) Lake Sunapee Region, held its sixth annual poet contest with a theme "Two". The winning poets will be honored and invited to read their poems. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Local area poets and would be poets of all ages were invited to submit entries with Jennifer Millitello judging the contest. Dianalee Velie, Poet Laureate of Newbury and coordinator of the con-

test stated "We're delighted to have Jennifer, whose poetry is especially known for its remarkable metaphors, return to us as the judge for our 2017 contest."

The Center for The Arts is a volunteer organization that hosts a series of free arts programs on the first Friday of each month in the Lake Sunapee Region. Working with business partners in the community, CFA strives to showcase local and regional talent for the benefit of the artists, performers, residents, and visitors to this beautiful region.

If you would like to learn more about the Center for The Arts and the scholarship program, or to volunteer, perform, or sponsor a program, please contact us at 603-526-4444.or CenterForTheArtsNH.org



## A Search for Ancestors

### You could be related to original builders

#### Larry Chase

The names of those listed below are identified in the Andover Town Report for the year ending March 1, 1880, as helping to build the "Town House" (aka the Old Town Hall) the year before.

Of these, the 2016 Andover-area telephone directory has listings for local residents named Baker (Andover, Salisbury, Webster, and Wilmot), Brown (Andover, New London, Plainfield, and Wilmot), Buswell (Andover), Hamilton (New London), Gray (Meriden, New London), Sanborn (Andover, Boscawen, New London, Salisbury, and Wilmot) and Woodbury (Meriden).

Are these, or other local residents, descendants of those who helped construct the old "Town House"? If yes, please identify yourselves by contacting: andovercommunityspace@gmail.com. Hiram Fifield for land \$75.00

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by the bridge this afternoon. Guy and Paige sawed up the old logs beside the hen yard yesterday.

April 26, 1902: Dear Brother, Pa went up to New London yesterday and bought some oxen. He got them from Austin Morgan. They are well matched, dark red. We have had a mixed up shower of rain, hail, thunder, and lightning. The Grange was going to set out trees today, and the women were going to furnish dinner. I guess it is so rainy they won't. The May Ball is going to be May 7th. Henry Weare died yesterday morning. Pa and Ma went over to Sanbornton last Tuesday. Out of four settings of eggs, we have gotten 15 chickens.

A part of Warren Daniel's barn burned last Saturday night. (He was a prominent Franklin mill owner.) It caught from an electric light. Nettie Durgin is going to be married before long (She had been Nannie and Robert's teacher at Dyers Crossing School). Noble Bolby is studying to be a minister. Aunt Minnie and Aunt Etta were over and took dinner with us Wednesday. We got a letter from Ada (their sister) and she said Will had rather sell the wagon and sleigh, but that he would take them back providing you pay him ten dollars for the use of the wagon. My picture came a week ago last Thursday. It is pretty good. (I have a copy of this picture.) You need not give it away;

you can show it to them if you like.

Oh! How is Mrs. Odell's 16 year old sister? How did they come to get dropped for non payment of dues in the Grange? Are they so poor they couldn't pay, or did they neglect it? Do you intend to stay more than a month, and is he a good pay master? Write Soon. From delions for dinner today. Old Hannaford is dead, and so is Harry Dickerson's baby. He died last Sunday night of tonsilitis. The funeral was last Tuesday.

Well! Frank Shaw and Gertie were married Wednesday night over to Tilton. They are spending their honeymoon in Lowell. Scott Kelley got hurt again. He broke his arm this time, so he can't dress nor feed himself. Mrs. True Fifield is going to have an auction tomorrow afternoon. We have only nine little pigs left. Colby and Durgin had three, and Charles Stone had 11. Susie's (another sister) dog is a good one to drive cows. We made the men folks help us Wednesday, and we regulated (straightened up, maybe?) the kitchen cellar and shed chamber. Are you coming up to the Ball? Please write and let us know if you are.

From your sister, Nannie

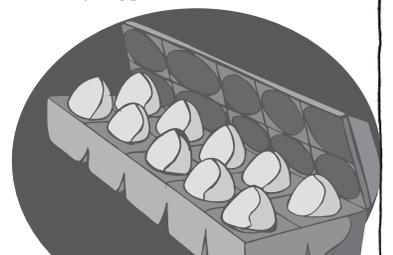
The above letters were written while Robert was working at the Odell farm in Amherst. My next article will include material taken from letters Nannie wrote to Robert while he was working in Lakeport.



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## Coach House Hosts Benefit Dinner for FNRT-MC

Thursday, April 13 in New London

### Press release

Don't miss the next Friends of the Northern Rail Trail-Merrimack County (FNRT-MC) event coming up in April. It is the Eleventh Annual Thursday's Child fundraising dinner scheduled for Thursday, April 13 at The Coach House Restaurant, at the New London Inn, New London.

The Coach House will offer the restaurant's regular menu, which is varied and outstanding, in both its tavern and dining room. There is no set time or set menu, you decide when you want to have dinner and with whom. Just make early reservations, sit back, and enjoy.

The Coach House has generously continued a tradition of allowing a portion of the night's profit to benefit local nonprofits, in this case, FNRT-MC,

which will use this year's proceeds for trail maintenance and amenities.

Reservations can be made by calling the New London Inn at 526-2791. Dinner may be enjoyed as early as 5 p.m. in the Tavern (reservations not necessary) or 5:30 p.m. in the main dining room.

Besides participating in the April 13 dinner, which is the FNRT-MC's sole annual fundraising event, another way to help the rail trail effort is to become a member. In return for your membership dues, you will receive email updates on the rail trail, FNRT-MC meetings, and events. Membership categories start at \$15 and can be processed securely online.

For more information about past and future rail trail activities, printable trail maps, membership, and giving opportunities go to [fnrt.org](http://fnrt.org).

## Ausbon Sargent Hosts Workshop for Landowners

Thursday, April 13 starting at 7 PM

### Press release

Conservation Options Workshop for Landowners. An overview of conservation options/easements for landowners interested in preserving their land, followed by a panel discussion comprised of three individuals with experience working with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, an Accredited Land

Trust that serves the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee Region. Question and answer portion to follow. This is free and open to the public. Refreshments served.

The workshop will be on Thursday, April 13, from 7 to 8:30 PM. The location is the LSPA Building (the Knowlton House), 63 Main Street, Sunapee Harbor. To register, please contact Kristy by Monday, April 10 at: 603-526-6555 or [kheath@ausbonsargent.org](mailto:kheath@ausbonsargent.org)

## Through the Reading Glasses, March 2017

### Janet Moore, Library Trustee

Get those foot stompin' shoes on your busy feet and head to the Highland Lake Grange on March 30 at 7 PM for an electric evening with Mike Rogers, blind guitarist and harmonica man. On tap is a varied program based on teaching, travels, the music business, and folks from everywhere. Be there and be enthusiastic!

Need a break? Dive into magazines, yes, those recently forgotten paper and ink based items whose pages you can dog-ear and fold back with impunity. Up recently: "Discover: Science for the

Curious," with a fascinating article on artificial intelligence. Yes, you do have more sense than machines programmed to vacuum your house or wipe out chess opponents.

Try the Nature Conservancy quarterly and discover how, after years of protection by First Nations, local communities are rebuilding a connection to Canada's Great Bear Rainforest along the coast of British Columbia. And just in case spring brings remodeling dreams into focus, check out "This Old House" for excitement and ideas from Kevin, Norm, and the team.

### Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

#### April 2017 Beacon Adult Titles Fiction

- Ordinary Grace*, William Kent Krueger
  - Blood Hollow*, William Kent Krueger
  - The Life She Wants*, Robyn Carr
  - The Dressmaker Dowry*, Meredith Jaeger
  - Echoes in Death*, J.D. Robb
  - Moonglow*, Michael Chabon
  - A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towles
  - Proper Goodbye*, Connie Chappell
  - Garden of Lamentations*, Deborah Crombie
  - Seamstress*, Francis Peebles
- #### Adult Non-Fiction
- Estate Planning Basics*, Attorney Denis Clifford

- The New Jim Crow*, Michelle Alexander
  - Debert*, Nova Scotia, Jesse Russell & Ron Cohn
  - Kris Jenner...and all things Kardashian*, Kris Jenner
  - 101 Essential Oils*, Kymberly Keniston
  - How to make your Money Last*, Jane Bryant Quinn
  - Victoria*, Daisy Goodwin
- #### Children's Titles
- Llama Llama Mad at Mama*, Anna Dewdney
  - Baby Signing Time # 1, 2, & 3*
  - 6 DVD's Signing Time*
  - How to catch a Leprechaun*, Adam Wallace,
  - Ruby Lee and Me*, Shannon Hitchcock
  - Horse Happy*, Sibley Miller
  - Horse's best Friend*, Sibley Miller
  - Horse must go on*, Sibley Miller

### Bachelor Library New Acquisitions

#### April 2017 Beacon Adult Fiction

- Rules of Civility*, Amor Towles
  - The Rosie Effect: a novel*, Graeme C. Simsion
  - You Will Know Me*, Megan Abbott
  - A Piece of the World*, Kristina Baker Kline
  - Heavens May Fall*, Allen Eskin
  - Pachinko*, Min Jin Lee
  - This Is How It Always Is*, Laurie Frankel
- #### Nonfiction
- Downsizing the Family Home*, Marni Jameson
  - Needle Felting: from basics to bears*, Liza Adams

- Missing Microbes: how the overuse of antibiotics is fueling our modern plagues*, Martin J. Blazer
  - The Glass Universe: how the ladies of the Harvard Observatory took the measure of the stars*, Dava Sobel
  - Hidden Figures*, Margo Lee Shetterly
- #### Children
- Is That Wise, Pig*, Jan Thomas,
  - Ivy and Bean Series 1-7*, Annie Barrows
  - Isle of the Lost*, Melissa De La Cruz
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## ASC Bake Sale Cancelled due to Weather

### Mary Ofenloch, ASC

"Oh the weather outside is frightful,  
But the fire is so delightful..."

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow".

And it did, March 14, Town Meeting Day. As a result, the ASC Bake Sale had to be cancelled, as was the Town Meeting. The Town Moderator rescheduled the meeting for the following Saturday, but the weather forecast for that day was also predicted to be another snowstorm. It was therefore decided to err on the side of safety and cancel the sale entirely for this year.

Plans are now underway for "Christmas in October" at the ASC Jingle Bell Art & Craft Fair on October 28. Artists and crafters are invited to reserve a 9 by 10 foot space for \$25, with or without a table and chair.

For more information and/or an application, email [maryo.asclub@live.com](mailto:maryo.asclub@live.com) or phone 603-735-4101 (after 10 AM)

The next ASC meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12, at 10 AM in the East Andover Grange Hall. The annual in-house auction is the special program for April. Any woman (young, old, or in-between) who would like to join us is welcome to attend.

Social Media Administrator is Needed

The ASC is hoping to find someone willing to volunteer his or her time posting ASC information on social media, the purpose of which is to publicize ASC events and fundraisers. If you are interested, or would like more information, email [maryo.asclub@live.com](mailto:maryo.asclub@live.com).



## Andover Coffeehouse Presents Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki and Matt Jensen

Doors open  
at 6 PM

### Press release

On Friday, April 21, beginning at 7 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall, Celtic fiddler Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki and guitarist Matt Jensen, both New Hampshire natives, will offer a show "blending traditional Celtic music with their own original material, drawing on multiple genres to produce a unique sound." Go to [jordant-wmusic.com/music/](http://jordant-wmusic.com/music/) for a sampling of their sound, which has been described as "ranging from haunting waltzes to foot stomping reels and described as 'bright, crisp and energetic' by the Boston Irish Reporter."

The Celtic concert will be a first for the Coffeehouse. Volunteer Jennifer White, who manages bookings for the monthly concerts, explains: "In the first two-plus years of our existence, featured performers have brought us a variety of genres, from bluegrass to Broadway, and everything in between. But we've not yet featured the music that's at the very roots of much of what we've heard. That music is Celtic music, which comes to us mainly from Ireland and Scotland. We're delighted to have Jordan and Matt with us on April 21."

Also appearing onstage will be up to a dozen open microphone performers, whose contributions in previous months have ranged from the spoken word to show business, jazz, folk, bluegrass, and country and western tunes.

Coming up: On Friday, May 19, New Hampshire singer-songwriter, Holly Furlone, recently hailed by the Concord Monitor as "a local rising star," whose solo and acoustic performances have been described as "passionate, candid and pure." Take a look and listen at [soundcloud.com/hollyfurlone](http://soundcloud.com/hollyfurlone).

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. Concert spon-

sor is the Weapons-Grade Communications Collective, "operating without detection since 1993."

Information about future dates and scheduled performers, and a photographic record of the performers, both headliners and open-mic participants, are shown on the Coffeehouse Web site at [andovercoffeehouse.org](http://andovercoffeehouse.org), or on the Facebook page "Andover Community Coffeehouse."



Local couple Carl and Carolyn Beverly, regulars at the Coffeehouse Open Mic, give an enjoyable performance.

Video recordings of past programs are shown on a number of community access channels across the state, and are available for viewing anytime on Andover's town Web site at [andover.nh.us/](http://andover.nh.us/) by clicking on "Town Information" and then "Video Archive."

The coffeehouse venue, a former grange hall, is now the property of the Andover Congregational Church, which is located next door at the intersection of Route 11 and Chase Hill Road in East Andover. The Andover Community Coffeehouse operates under the umbrella of the Andover Community Association (ACA).

Directions: From Franklin, take State Route 11 West (Franklin Highway) toward Andover for about five miles. Turn left onto Chase Hill Road, immediately after the Andover Congregational Church, also on the left. The Grange Hall is across the parking lot from the church. From Andover village, take State Route 11 East (Franklin Highway) toward Franklin for about five miles. Turn right onto Chase Hill Road just before the church.



## Kearsarge Chorale Presents Now Welcome Summer

Tickets on sale after  
April 1, 2017

### Press release

Kearsarge Chorale presents *Now Welcome Summer* on Saturday, April 22 at 7 PM and Sunday, April 23 at 3 PM at the Sawyer Center Theater at Colby Sawyer College. Tickets are \$10 each or \$30 for a family of three or more and will be available at the door. After April 1 tickets will be available at Morgan Hill Bookstore and Tatewell Gallery in New London.

The program, under the direction of Dr. Donald Cox, Artistic Director, will feature lighthearted works celebrating spring, summer and love,

including settings of Shakespeare poems and a medley of music by Stephen Sondheim.

Kearsarge Chorale, a nonprofit corporation, brings together area singers dedicated to the performance of high quality choral music. Founded in 2009, the chorale continues to grow in stature and audience by presenting beautiful music in live performance to audiences in the New London area. Andover residents Lee Carvalho, Margo Coolidge, Jesse Schust, Nancy Tripp, Helen Wickham, and business owner Linda Barnes are members of the Chorale. Join your friends and neighbors to celebrate the gift of music in our midst.



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Watercolor artist Conrad Young with samples from his new book *New Hampshire's Historical Covered Bridges*.

## Presenting Historical Covered Bridges of New Hampshire and Beyond

A presentation on "The Historical Covered Bridges of New Hampshire and Beyond" will be offered on Thursday, April 13, beginning at 7 PM, in the Kearsarge Masonic Lodge, at 38 Cilleyville Road in Potter Place. Free and open to the public, the program will feature illustrated talks by Bill Caswell of Hillsboro, president of the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges; and watercolor artist Conrad Young of Concord, whose book, *New Hampshire's Historical Covered Bridges*, was published in 2016.

Co-sponsors of the event are the Andover Institute and the Andover Historical Society.

Each speaker will offer a short presentation followed by a question and answer session. The National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges is a nonprofit organization established in 1950 to help preserve, protect, and document our nation's remaining historic covered bridges. Caswell has been a member since 1984 and its president since 2013. His presentation will focus on the past and present covered bridges of Andover and surrounding towns. For information about the Society, go to [coveredbridgesociety.org](http://coveredbridgesociety.org).

Artist Young's book, the culmination of ten years of researching and painting various bridges, consists of eleven paintings and an ink drawing of the oldest state bridge, the Bath-Haverhill. It also has a location map, information on the 54 state recognized bridges, and trivia. It can be ordered by emailing [pryoung@comcast.net](mailto:pryoung@comcast.net).

Publications by the Covered Bridge Society, by Young, and by the Andover Historical Society will be available for purchase at the presentation.

The Andover Historical Society was established in 1982 to "preserve the his-

tory of Andover through the acquisition and conservation of property, artifacts and stories, and to foster an awareness and appreciation for that history within the community." The Society's facilities are located in the village of Potter Place, and on Tucker Mountain Road in East Andover. In Potter Place, they include a museum located in the Potter Place railroad station and the old J. C. Eamons General Store. A restored one-room schoolhouse is located on Tucker Mountain Road.

Formed as a working group of the Andover Community Association in early 2015, the Andover Institute was so-named to recall a common title for many private educational institutions in 19th century America – the short-lived Highland Lake Institute in East Andover, for one example.

The April program is part of the Institute's "space exploration" series, designed to introduce local residents to venues more or less off the beaten path for many. The series, now in its third year, has included visits to the Proctor Academy campus; a now-shuttered summer camp for girls; the City of Franklin; a local heron rookery; a guided telescopic viewing of the moon; an introduction to geocaching; the Ice House Museum of Automobilia in New London; overviews of Mount Kearsarge, the Northern Rail Trail, the Sunapee-Ragged Kearsarge Greenway and the hiking trails on the property of Proctor Academy; a Hopkins Pond walkabout in Andover; a local "nanobrewery"; and Muster Field Farm in North Sutton.

Suggestions for future programs and events are welcome, and may be sent to the Andover Community Association at [andovercommunity03216@gmail.com](mailto:andovercommunity03216@gmail.com).

## Blazing Star Grange Hosts Rabies Clinic

Rabies clinic April 8, from 1 to 2 PM

### Press release

April is a busy month for the Blazing Star Grange of Danbury.

Starting on April Fools' Day is the final winter farmers market of the season. Held on Saturday, April 1, from 9 AM to 1 PM, hot breakfast and lunch will be served in the Blazing Star Bistro. In anticipation of warmer weather, the theme is "Ready, Set, Grow."

While farmers are selling last season's crops, customers interested in growing their own vegetables can find gardening hints and advice at the market. Take the opportunity to talk to your farmers about what you could expect from them this season. Many of them would also appreciate learning what you would like to have them offer and how much.

Saturday, April 8 begins with a nod to our pets, and ends with a salute to Poetry month. The annual rabies clinic will be held from 1 to 2 PM as a joint

venture between the Grange and the Pleasant Lake Veterinary Clinic.

At 6:30 PM that evening, a Poetry and Pastry night will be held jointly with the Friends of the Library. Participants welcomed. Sign up at the door for your five minutes of fame on the Grange stage.

A special guest is coming to the Danbury Grange Hall on Saturday, April 22. Rebecca Rule, a New Hampshire author, humorist, and storyteller, is appearing at 7 PM. Rule is known for sharing stories with a strong dose of good old-fashioned Yankee humor.

Ending the month on Saturday, April 29, is the Chicken Pie Supper. Served from 5 to 6:30 PM, admission for adults is \$9. The meal is homemade and patrons tell us "always delicious."

All events will be held at the Grange Hall, 15 North Road in Danbury. The Grange has been active in Danbury since 1875. Andover's Blackwater Grange merged with Blazing Star in 2013.

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## Dance the Decades Dance and Raffle Drawing

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**Press release**

This year the Franklin Animal Shelter is celebrating the coming of spring with a Spring Fling Raffle and a Dance the Decades Dance. The raffle ticket prizes include:

First prize: One Night Stay Common Man Inn, Claremont (Pet Friendly Room).

Second prize: One Night Stay Highland Lake Inn, Andover

Third prize: \$50 Gift Certificate Homestead Restaurant, Bristol

Fourth prize: Season Pass Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion, Gilford

Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or \$10 for three. The drawing will take place on Saturday, April 1 at the

Dance the Decades Dance, at the Elks Club from 7 to 11 PM. Our friend, Jason Wright, will be the DJ for the evening, playing your favorite music from your favorite decade. Come dressed (optional) wearing the clothing style of your favorite decade. Light refreshments will be served. Advance ticket sales are being sold at \$12 per person. Tickets at the door are \$15 per person.

Tickets and raffle tickets are available on line at: franklinanimalshelter.com or by calling Christine Dzujna at 934-7163.

The Franklin Animal Shelter is a tax exempt organization. Tax deductible contributions may be made through the Website: franklinanimalshelter.com or mailed to P.O. Box 265, Franklin, New Hampshire 03235.

## Museum Tour Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Season

Loads of fascinating  
exhibits/activities for kids

**Press release**

The Little Nature Museum in Warner needs volunteer tour guides for the upcoming season. This wonderful, hands-on children's museum has loads of fascinating exhibits and activities for

kids of all ages. The museum is open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from late May through October.

If you enjoy working with children and have a few hours each month to share, we need you. Please contact Director Sandra Martin at 746-6121 or email her at: nature-museum@conknet.com.

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## AE/MS on Track for Poetry Night

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

We are on track for Poetry Night. You can hear students reciting their poetry throughout the building. Classroom judging takes place April 3-5. Students must be present for classroom judging in order to participate. Finalists in grades 1-8 will be invited to recite their poems at Poetry Night on April 13 at 6:30 p.m.

This year we have a special guest joining us, Charlotte Perkins! Charlotte is a Kearsarge High School senior and the state champion for the New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud Competition.

Charlotte will share her talent with AE/MS and also serve as a judge for Poetry Night. Charlotte will be going to Washington, DC next month to compete on the national level.

## Peabody Home Celebrates National Nutrition Month

Peabody Home is hosting a Non-Perishable Food Drive to benefit the Greater Franklin Food Pantry. Now through Monday, April 13, Peabody Home will receive non-perishable food donations at their location, 24 Peabody Place, Franklin, New Hampshire.

Peabody Home and in-house dietician, Elyse Downey, strive to provide the residents with balanced, healthy, and exciting nutritional options on a

daily basis. With a 100% satisfaction guarantee voted by the residents, the Peabody Home Community is a leader in quality nutritional and dietary excellence for the elder community.

Partnering with the Greater Franklin Food Pantry, Peabody Home hopes to provide quality nutrition for the entire community in honor of National Nutrition Month. For more information visit: [peabodyhome.org](http://peabodyhome.org) or call at 934-3718.

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Wildlife Services biologists take a tissue sample from an anesthetized raccoon to test if the animal has ingested enough vaccine for protection against rabies. The vaccine project is part of Wildlife Services National Rabies Management Program. Photo: Anson Eaglin, USDA-APHIS



Kurt and Lisa Meier visit the island of Isla Mujeres, Mexico, along with Wayne Charette, Patti Meier, Roy and Mary Meier, Conor, Chelsae, and Teagan O'Halloran, Laura French, Rick and Ro Goodhue. We were able to see another part of the world, with a different lifestyle, and a look at life from a different point of view. What an opportunity. Caption: Kurt Meier

## Chief David White Safety and Wellness Series

Rabies and wildlife diseases discussed at Red Barn

### Press release

After rabid foxes and skunks were found in the Kearsarge region in 2016, the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) is proud to announce the next topic in the Chief David White Safety and Wellness Series.

Wildlife Biologist Anthony Musante will present a program on rabies and other wildlife diseases at 2 PM Monday, April 17. The talk and slide show will be held at the WCA's Red Barn at 64 Village Road in Wilmot.

Encountering a rabid animal is frightening and can have serious consequences. Anthony Musante is with the USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services. He will share information and answer questions about rabies, avian influenza, tularemia, leptospirosis, and other wildlife diseases. He will also cover surveillance of these diseases in New

Hampshire.

Established in memory of Wilmot's former police chief, this workshops series covers a wide range of safety and health related topics. The series is possible due to generous donations made to the WCA in Chief White's name. All talks and workshops are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Established in 1963, the WCA is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing neighbors together. Throughout the year, the WCA sponsors and co-sponsors free and low cost entertainment, recreation and educational activities for families, adults and seniors. Most events are held at the Association's Red Barn, a community center on Village Road or at Timothy Patten Park, a beach and playground on Shindagan Road. In addition to community events, the Red Barn is available for rent for private events and parties.

## Wilmot Historical Society Presents Story Teller Jo Radner

Program begins at 2 PM on Sunday, May 7

### Press release

The Wilmot Historical Society is proud to present the program Yankee

Ingenuity: Stories of headstrong and resourceful people, featuring the quintessential New England storyteller Jo Radner. The program, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 2 PM on Sunday, May 7, at the Wilmot Community Association's Red Barn (WCA). Light refreshments will be served at 1:30 PM

You will be well entertained by Ms. Radner as she calls forth stories that honor the past and delight the present. "There's some truth to the image of traditional Mainers as self-reliant, neighborly, and clever at making things work. They have a good dollop of boneheaded stubbornness, too. Odd folks, welcome in rural Maine, give rise to good stories and affirm the independence we value. Occasionally, they remind us of some hard realities."



Jo Radner, Storyteller

The Red Barn is located at 64 Village Road next to the Wilmot Post Office in Wilmot Flat. Contact Marc at 927-4596 for more information or go on line at [wilmohistoricalcalsociety.org](http://wilmohistoricalcalsociety.org).

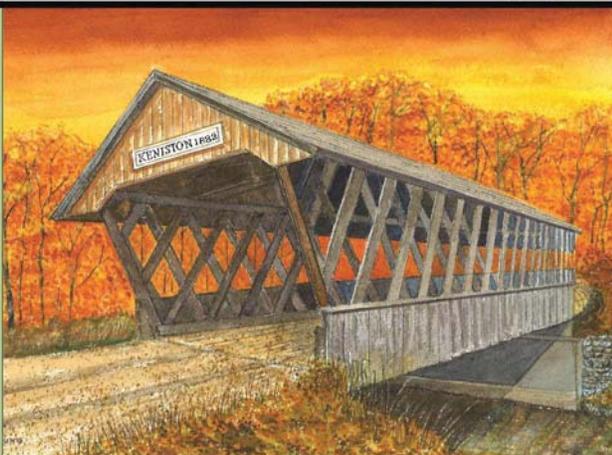
## NH HISTORICAL COVERED BRIDGE PRESENTATION

by Bill Caswell, President (National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges) & Conrad Young (Watercolor Artist and Author of NH's Historical Covered Bridges)

Thursday, April 13 - 7 PM

BILL CASWELL will present a slide show of photos and information on the past and present covered bridges of Andover and surrounding towns. Most of the images are from the archives of the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges.

CONRAD YOUNG will present the information on the remaining 54 bridges left in the state. Conrad recently published his Full Color book, NH HISTORICAL COVERED BRIDGES. The book has a fact page (with a listing of builders) on the longest, oldest, strongest, etc. and a state location map.



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From left, Skyeview Alpacas farm owner Sue King with a crested Polish chicken, and farm staffers Jessica Bishop with a giant angora rabbit, Nate Thompson with an Alpaca, and Kristi Harper with a Silkie chicken -- all grown in Elkins, home of Skyeview Alpacas.

## Andover Institute Host Tour of Skyeview Alpacas Farm

Saturday, April 22, starting at 10 AM

### Press release

The Andover Institute, an arm of the Andover Community Association, will offer a guided tour of Skyeview Alpacas, the oldest alpaca farm in New Hampshire, on Saturday, April 22, beginning at 10 AM, located at 102 Wilmot Center Road, in Elkins. The tour is free and open to the public. Participants may drive to the farm on their own or join in carpooling from the Andover Town Hall parking lot at 9:30 AM

Led by Skyeview owner and proprietor, Sue King, the tour is the latest in a continuing series of Institute "space" explorations, designed to introduce local residents to venues off the beaten path for many.

Sue King writes, "In 1992 we started the first alpaca farm in the state with the purchase of two beautiful breeding females. Over the past decade, the herd has expanded in diversity and quality. The fields are now populated with a colorful spectrum of award winning alpacas producing outstanding crias (babies). Our goal has been to run a profitable livestock business that also provides an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone involved, from owners and

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Formed as a working group of the Andover Community Association in early 2015, the Andover Institute was so named to recall a common title for many private educational institutions in 19th century America – the short-lived Highland Lake Institute in East Andover, for one example.

The Institute's "space" explorations series, now in its third year, has included visits to the Proctor Academy campus, a now-shuttered summer camp for girls, the City of Franklin, a local heron rookery, a guided telescopic viewing of the moon, and an introduction to geocaching, to name a few. Suggestions for future programs and events are welcome, and may be sent to the Andover Community Association at [andovercommunity03216@gmail.com](mailto:andovercommunity03216@gmail.com). 



Beth Frost, her daughter, Jen Turner, along with Janice and John Brennan, enjoy a Red Sox game at Jet Blue Park in Fort Myers, Florida.

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## Blazing Star Grange Hosts Poetry and Pastries

April 8 starting at 6:30 PM

### Press release

Beginning at 6:30 PM on Saturday, April 8, Danbury will celebrate National Poetry Month with its Third Annual Poetry and Pastries.

This has been great fun so you won't want to miss this event! It is an opportunity for local residents, young and old, to once again read poetry, their own, or favorite verses by other authors (up to five minutes per person).

This year we will be at the Blazing Star Grange where you will have the option of reading from the beautiful

stage! Readers and listeners are invited to enjoy delightful sweets.

The event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the George Gamble Library and the Blazing Star Grange. All donations will benefit these sponsors.

The Library is located at 29 Route 104 near the Post Office and is open on Wednesdays from 1 to 6, and Saturdays from 10 to 3. If you have questions, please call 768-3765, email: georgegamblelibrary@comcast.net, or stop by the Library to check out all the new things that are happening there.

The Grange is located on North Road just beyond the Danbury Country Store.



## 13th Annual Choose Franklin Community Day Set for May 13

Parade starts at 10 AM

### Press release

Plans are underway for the Thirteenth Annual Choose Franklin Community Day, co-sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin Regional Hospital and Woodmen Financial Services (Sheryl Duford) with media sponsor Mix 94.1 FM, the event will take place on Saturday, May 13.

The event will begin with a parade at 10 AM which will step off at Franklin High School and proceed easterly to downtown turning on Smith Street and ending at Odell Park. This year's theme is "Building Community".

A fair will be held at Odell Park

from 10 AM to 3 PM and will include vendors, crafts, food, games, amusements and entertainment. This year, downtown merchants will extend the day sponsoring additional activities including an Art Scavenger Hunt, BBQ, food trucks, business specials, tiny house model to explore and much more.

If you are a crafter, local businessperson or member of an organization who would like to participate in the fair and/or the parade, please contact Marcia Rollins at 934-3108 ext. 4420, Krystal Alpers at 934-2118 or download a Participation Form at [sau18.org/community\\_day.cfm](http://sau18.org/community_day.cfm).

Remember to sign up soon. After April 21 a \$10 late fee will be assessed if space is available.



## AndoverBeacon.com

Did you know that many of the articles in this issue have been available at AndoverBeacon.com for two or three weeks? Check the latest news at AndoverBeacon.com every day!

## New Theatre Camp Comes to Andover

Camp will be held at AE/MS from July 10 to 14

### Press release

Does your child like to sing, dance, or act? Does he or she have a gift for creativity? A brand new theatre day camp is making its way to the Lakes Region for the summer of 2017. The camp is being offered by One Light Theatre Co., a Bristol-based professional/community organization that is quickly making its name known throughout New Hampshire. Activities will run 8 AM to 4 PM daily at Andover Elementary/Middle School the week of July 10-14. The week will culminate in a full-scale musical production to be performed at Tilton Prep School on Friday.

"The camp will serve two purposes," says David Sheehy of Northfield, head of One Light's summer camp program as well as one of two Executive Directors of the Company. "We plan to give our campers a fun experience through theatre games, music, and team-building activities, but we also want to help them discover and refine their theatrical talents. They're going to have a blast." Although the production itself has yet to be announced, Sheehy is promising

children and parents will love it.

One Light is proud to hire a highly qualified team to run the week's events. Professional actors and technicians will be hired from around New Hampshire to lead workshops, perform, and give campers an experience they will remember forever.

Raelyn Cottrell of Gilmanston will be directing the week's main stage production. "I am looking forward to working with this great team of professionals to inspire creativity of our youth. I love working with children and am excited to see each youth performer grow throughout the week."

Although the camp is new, both Sheehy and Cottrell have plenty of experience working in a camp setting. "I worked at a summer camp through college and was a huge part of its inner workings. I'm excited to take what I learned and implement it on a theatrical level," says Sheehy.

One Light Theatre Company is a non-profit dedicated to providing both cutting edge and family style theatre to central New Hampshire. For more information, visit [onelighttheatre.org](http://onelighttheatre.org) or contact David Sheehy at [dsheehy@onelighttheatre.org](mailto:dsheehy@onelighttheatre.org).



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Zach Barton of Trail Side Sugar Shack poses with the East Andover Village Preschoolers.

## East Andover Village Preschool, March 2017

### Enjoying a visit to the Trail Side Sugar Shack

Amy Rheume, EAVP

Experiential learning is the process of learning through experience. One of the ways we integrate this philosophy into our program at EAVP is by going on field trips. In March, we had the good fortune to visit Zach Barton and his team of helpers at the Trail Side Sugar Shack on Currier Road.

Prior to our trip, we learned about the process of making maple syrup, so

the children knew that sap comes from Maple trees, that it is collected and then boiled until it is syrup. Hearing about this process in a classroom and looking at pictures in books is one thing, but experiencing it makes it real!

Zach brought us out and showed us a maple tree; he let children help drill a hole in the tree, hammer in a tap, and set up a bucket to catch the sap. We looked into a brimming sap holding tank (some of us tasted the sap!), watched as Zach's helpers loaded wood into the evapora-

See EAVP on page 24

## Andover After School Program, March News

### Shaun Del Bene of the National Guard visits

Shawna Otis, AASP

The month of February and March brought great excitement to the Andover After School Program. We tried new foods like papaya, mango, and plums, along with making our own snacks like muddy buddies, rice krispy treats, and cookies.

We enjoyed the warm weather while it lasted and even had our snack time outside! During vacation week, we had a lot of excitement, as every day was a different theme. Monday was outer-space day, where we made shrink rays and enjoyed smoothies, thanks to Miss Stephanie.

Tuesday was under the sea day, where we enjoyed coloring and homemade cookies. Wednesday was wild, wild, west day- we made sunsets and watched Fievel the mouse's adventures. Thursday was jungle day- we took it old school with no electricity, playing jungle animals outside, sledding, and legos.

We had a little scare, but a HUGE thanks to the Andover Fire Department for a quick response and making sure everything was safe for us! Friday was every day hero's day; we

enjoyed a special visit from Shaun Del Bene of the National Guard, who let us try on air packs and bullet-proof vests and brought us little goodies.

We have so much fun at the Annex, trying and experiencing new things. We are starting sign-ups for the next school year and we hope you will join us!

To secure your spot for the next



Shaun Del Bene of the National Guard showing the kiddos a special tool for detecting chemicals in the air.

school year, call or email Shawna Otis, director, at 603-735-6566 and andoverkids@yahoo.com.



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## Frank Haley to Walk His 13th Annual 3K Walk for Sight

Last year Frank was top collector, at \$8,594

### Press release

On June 4, 2016 Frank Haley accepted the prize for being the top individual fund raiser for 12 consecutive years at the annual 3K walk hosted by the New Hampshire Association for the Blind (NHAB). His total for 2016 was \$8,594.

This is the 14th annual Walk for Sight. It is the 13th year for Frank Haley to participate as a walker. Frank needs your help to reach his new goals and maintain his title of top individual fund raiser.

Frank and his wife of 52 years drive from place to place visiting old friends, making new ones and collecting donations for the Annual "Walk for Sight". They begin their trek daily around the first of April and continue right up until the day of the walk.

Rain or shine on Saturday, June 3,

Frank and his family will gather together with hundreds of other walkers at Future In Sight (NHAB) in Concord for the 14th annual Walk for Sight.

Funds go to support the specialized vision rehabilitation services and programs. This special event will help raise funds and increase public awareness of the issues of blindness. You'll be helping people like Frank who are blind and visually impaired in your community and throughout New Hampshire.

For more information about the New Hampshire Association for the Blind or to make a donation contact them at 603-224-4039 or <https://sightcenter.org/what-s-happening/events> or contact Mary Chase at (603) 565-2424 for details on sponsorship.

Don't forget to tell them Frank Haley sent you, or better yet, say hello to Frank, wish him well on his walk, and give him your donation. 

## FSB Offers 7 Ways to Stay Safe Online

Protect your financial information

### Press release

Every year, millions of consumers fall victim to cybercrime. According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, consumers lost more than \$1 billion from scams initiated through the web in 2015. In recognition of Safer Internet Day on February 7, Franklin Savings Bank is providing seven tips to help consumers guard against online threats as well as maintain a safe and secure web environment.

"Criminals have become more and more sophisticated with their hacking techniques," said Ron Magoon, President and CEO. "As a result, it's extremely important for consumers to secure their wireless networks and set strong network passwords using a combination of letters, numbers, and special characters to actively guard against online threats."

FSB recommends the following tips to protect you online:

Keep your computers and mobile devices up to date. Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats. Turn on automatic updates to receive the newest fixes as they become available.

Set strong passwords. A strong password should contain a minimum of eight characters and include a mix of upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters.

Watch out for phishing scams. Phishing scams use fraudulent emails and websites to trick users into disclosing private account or login information. Do not click on links or open any attachments or pop-up screens from sources you are not familiar with. For-

ward phishing emails to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [Spam@uce.gov](mailto:Spam@uce.gov) and to the company, bank, or organization impersonated in the email.

Keep personal information confidential. Hackers can use social media profiles to figure out your passwords and answer those security questions in the password reset tools. Lock down your privacy settings and avoid posting things like birthdays, addresses, mother's maiden name, etc. Be wary of requests to connect from people you do not know.

Secure your internet connection. Always protect your home wireless network with a password. When connecting to public Wi-Fi networks, be cautious about what information you are sending over it.

Shop safely. Before shopping online, make sure the Web site uses secure technology. When you are at the check-out screen, verify that the web address begins with "https". Also, check to see if a tiny locked padlock symbol appears on the page.

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tor, and smelled that wonderful aroma you can only find in a sugar house.

Zach generously invited us to taste his maple candy, maple cream, and of course his syrup which we had atop vanilla ice cream. We are grateful to our parents, who helped drive us to the sugar house, and to Zach and his team, who, after a great morning, sent every child home with their own little bottle of syrup!

Back in the classroom we are reflecting on and extending this experience

as we study weather (we learned that the sap only runs under very specific weather conditions!), investigate the parts of a tree, and draw pictures in our journals of our sugar house experience. We are even making pancakes in our pretend kitchen!

Next time a preschooler pours syrup on a real pancake, I'll bet they remember Zach and how syrup is made!

Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year has begun. Please call 735-5105 or email us at [eavp@tds.net](mailto:eavp@tds.net) for more information. 

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# OBITUARIES

**CHRISTINE ELEANOR BIRCHALL VAN WAGENEN**, passed away after a battle with ALS on March 2, 2017.

Christine was born in Lowell, Massachusetts on January 31, 1943. She attended the Lowell school system and graduated from New England College in Henniker, New Hampshire with a BS in Education. Christine was a teacher for many years, including reading, first grade, and high school. She was an avid tennis player and skier.



Interment and a memorial service will occur in New Hampshire during the summer. She is predeceased by her husband, Richard Van Wagenen; her parents David and Christine (Cameron) Birchall; and granddaughter, Megan Day.

She is survived by her three daughters, Heidi Van Wagenen Day, Lorin Van Wagenen Carroll, and Gretchen Van Wagenen Montgomery; son-in-law's Michael Day and Scott Montgomery; and eight grandchildren; Jonathan Carroll, Emily Carroll, Tyler Day, Isaac Montgomery, Seth Montgomery, Madeline Carroll, Ian Montgomery, and Joshua Montgomery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Andover Historical Society, P.O. Box 167, Andover, New Hampshire 03216. View expanded obituary and share condolences at [www.CoZineMemorial.com](http://www.CoZineMemorial.com). Services by Broadway Mortuary.

**GEORGE A. CRANE**, 87, of Cilleville Road, died on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at his home.

He was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts on March 30, 1929 the son of George Crane and Gertrude (Howell)

Crane. George graduated from Revere, Massachusetts High School and joined the Navy Reserves. He was assigned to the 20 stack destroyer (USS Livermore) where he trained and became a trainer for other Navy reservists.

George enjoyed 25 years of owning and operating George Crane Real Estate in Melrose, Massachusetts. Later he and his wife owned and operated Eastman Inn in North Conway for five years.



He was a member of Fidelity Lodge A.F. & AM in Massachusetts and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

George is predeceased by his oldest son, David, who died of complications from a long standing neck injury at the young age of 36. He is also predeceased by sisters, Ruth and Barbara and a brother, John.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Yvette (Perreault) Crane of Andover; their children, Robyn Tolman of Derry, Heidi Lim of Singapore, Stephen Crane of Reading, Massachusetts, William Little, Jr. of Danvers, Massachusetts, Leanne Beck of Sutton, Gary Little of Beverly, Massachusetts and Paul Little of Sutton; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; a sister, Mary Elizabeth Mender of Haverhill, Massachusetts; nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on March 24. The burial will be in Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody, Massachusetts at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 166 South River Road, Suite 210, Bedford, New Hampshire 03110.

**ERIC ANDERSON JOHNSON**, passed from this life on March 14, 2017 at the age of 47 from the effects of ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) peacefully, and surrounded by his family in Concord's Hospice House. Eric loved big snowstorms, so it seems fitting that his passing would be during a big nor'easter.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Heide (Novado), and daughters, Annika and Britta of Andover; parents Dr. Leonard and Patricia (Paige) Johnson of North Falmouth, Massachusetts; sister Paige (William Roth) of Fairhaven Massachusetts; brother Keith (Patti O'Leary) of Brewster, Massachusetts; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many devoted friends and colleagues.



Like Lou Gehrig, and despite ALS, Eric also considered himself lucky, and fit a remarkable variety of experiences into his too-short lifetime. Eric was born on February 21, 1970 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. First living in Stow Massachusetts, then moving to Cape Cod, he had plenty of opportunities to spend time on the ocean, sailing and windsurfing.

He graduated from Proctor Academy in 1988, and went on to graduate from St. Lawrence University (1992), concentrating on Government and African Studies, after spending 6 months with SLU's program in Kenya.

Eric returned to teach at Proctor Academy in the Social Science Department, and Mountain Classroom Program from 1992 to 1999. His love for the outdoors led him to lead summer wilderness trips with Longacre Expeditions, and the National Outdoor Leadership School before apprentic-

ing, and then working as a timber framer with Northeast Joiners from 1999 to 2002.

Always interested in being active within his community, Eric was a member and past chair of the Andover Planning Board from 1999 to 2013. Eric then branched out into what became his most satisfying work – with the New Hampshire forestry industry.

He founded Tucker Mountain Timber, doing diversified forestry in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. This led to what he considered his "perfect job" – being Program Director with the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association from 2009 to 2015, which blended his love of teaching, New Hampshire's forests, and the remarkable men and women who work in our state's great forests.

Eric had many passions in his life. In addition to his love of the ocean, he equally loved the mountains, hiking, climbing, and telemark skiing. Road trips were always welcome, one of which led Eric and his family to spend a year in Rossland, British Columbia.

He was fascinated with machines, large and small (and fixing them), maple sugaring, and devoted to his family. He was generous with his time and his talents, and the ripples of his life have spread wide.

A celebration of Eric's life will happen in early June, when we can all be more comfortable outdoors, as Eric wished. The Johnson family is incredibly grateful for the love and support of so many, for the friends, and colleagues that regularly came by to visit with Eric, for his caregivers that helped him this past half year, and for the guidance of Concord VNA Hospice during his final weeks. Eric's family requests that donations made in his honor go to the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association: <https://www.nhtoa.org> or the Compassionate Care ALS: <https://www.ccals.org>.

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## Enjoyable Music for the Entire Family, April 9

Performers of all ages provide music at Franklin Opera House

**Press release**

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Celebrating the eighth year as host of the New Hampshire Fiddle Orchestra, the Franklin Opera House proudly presents the finest fiddlers from our region led by Ellen Carlson. The Orchestra, made up of people of all ages and abilities, will perform lively fiddle music in a variety of traditions including rich melodious Irish, driving rhythmic Cajun and danceable Old time and Swing – plus singing and dancing.

The New Hampshire Fiddle Ensemble is a community training orchestra providing a place for musicians to come together and learn the basics of performing and musicianship, both in the traditional manner (learning by ear) and using sheet music.

Ellen Carlson, founder, trainer and facilitator of the Ensemble, has been performing on fiddle for over 30 years and is dedicated to bringing the many forms of fiddle mu-

sic to as many people as possible. Currently she is the fiddler for the acoustic roots band High Range who has had a number one hit on Music Choice (a cable/satellite radio station) and won runner-up in the International Acoustic Music Awards. She also is a member of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Education roster. She teaches at Kid's Academies at Grey Fox Music Festival, Joe Val Bluegrass Festival, and Pemi Valley Bluegrass Festival. She also currently performs with Jim Prendergast, Joe Deleault, Newfound Grass, the Grumbling Rustics, and others. For more information about Ellen and the Fiddle Ensemble visit: [fiddleheadscamp.com/ensemble](http://fiddleheadscamp.com/ensemble).

With Ellen's friends joining in on the fun, you'll be treated to an exhilarating performance of rousing fiddle playing entertainment.

Tickets are \$6 – \$12, available online at [franklinoperahouse.org](http://franklinoperahouse.org) or call 934-1901. Advance purchase strongly encouraged! Franklin Opera House is an historic community-based arts and entertainment center in Franklin, New Hampshire.



Illusionist Rick Thomas to perform at The Flying Monkey on Friday, April 7.

## Magician Rick Thomas Brings Illusion to Plymouth

**Press release**

The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents Illusionist Rick Thomas on Friday, April 7 at 7:30 PM. Thomas is a veritable star in Las Vegas, but has also developed legions of international fans from his world tours. Tickets for this show start at \$39.

Rick Thomas performs intriguing and innovative grand illusions in a unique show for a magical entertainer. The consummate showman, he weaves magic, music, dance, and comedy into a seamless spectacle. The Los Angeles Times noted, "The slick showmanship of Rick Thomas is a riveting visual delight..."

High honors include the coveted 'Magician of the Year' by the Academy of Magical Arts, 'Stage Magician of the Year' by the World Magic Awards, and '2016 Illusionist of the Year' by the International Magicians Society, joining the ranks of previous winners: Penn and Teller, Siegfried and Roy, and

David Copperfield.

Thomas has performed for 15 years in his own show in Las Vegas, and has been featured on numerous national television specials including the NBC specials "The World's Greatest Magic" and his own special on ABC that aired throughout Asia.

"From the time the show starts until it ends with a "blast," it is two hours of truly magical non-stop entertainment with a variety of illusions; close up magic; ...doves, dogs, color, brightness, dancing, music, and action that will knock your socks off," says Seth McNally of The Flying Monkey. "The magic might be an illusion, but the fun and excitement will be real."

Tickets to see Rick Thomas are \$39, and \$49 for premier seating. For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 603-536-2551 or go online at [flyingmonkeyNH.com](http://flyingmonkeyNH.com).

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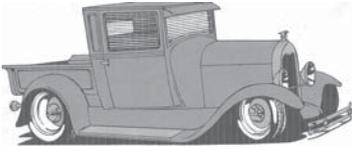
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## The Flying Monkey Presents the Martin Barre Band

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### Press release

The Flying Monkey Performance Center presents The Martin Barre Band on Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 PM. Tickets for this concert start at \$29.

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the Tull connection that goes back to my roots and our fan base, but I want to take the fans with me. Essentially our musical style isn't really changing. *Back to Steel* is a more direct approach to my songwriting, and our intention is to make it more workable and accessible for an audience to enjoy."



Martin Barre

ist for Jethro Tull, Barre has since gained critical and fan praise for his solo projects. It's not that Martin Barre wants to forget Jethro Tull, the group in which he was a member for 43 years, but he's certainly moved on musically.

Although the Grammy Award winning Barre is most closely associated with Tull, he joined the band in 1969 for its second album, *Stand Up*, and was continually hailed by critics for his virtuosic playing. He also has a solid body of solo work and collaboration with musicians including Paul McCartney and Phil Collins. After Tull founder and front man, Ian Anderson, shifted musical direction in 2011, Barre began to tour with his own band.

"This has been a whole turning point musically. We will always have

The way Barre approached life after Tull was first to record an acoustic album. He formed bands with different line ups before settling on the one he has now. His latest album, *Back To Steel*, has his own compositions, with a decidedly blues rock flavor, as well as renderings of classic Jethro Tull tracks *Skating Away* and *Slow Marching Band* and an arrangement of *Eleanor Rigby* by the Beatles.

"[Jethro Tull music] will always be a part of my work," Barre says. "But I hope it becomes about 40 percent instead of 60 percent. I will never turn my back on it, though. I'm not so stupid that I don't know that people come to hear me play, so they can hear Tull. But a lot of that music is in me, anyway. That's not far from home. It will always be there. It's a great night out," he said of going to the band's shows. "The music is for everybody."

Tickets for Martin Barre Band are \$29, and \$39 for premier seating. For more information on upcoming shows or to purchase tickets call the box office at 603-536-2551 or go online at [flyingmonkeyNH.com](http://flyingmonkeyNH.com).

## Andover Congregational Church News, April 2017

Several events planned  
for Easter Season

Sandy Miller

Andover Congregational Church

This is a busy but wonderful time of the year when we celebrate the gift of salvation given to us by our Lord, Jesus Christ, who gave his life for all of us by dying on the cross. We have many opportunities this Easter season to praise Him and give thanks.

The Andover Congregational Church will be hosting a "Fifth Friday Prayer and Praise" service on Friday, March 31 at 7 PM. People from Loudon, Boscawen, and the Milbrook Fellowship in Grafton will also be attending. All are welcome.

Palm Sunday will be celebrated on April 9 at 9:30 AM with a palm processional. The Maundy Thursday service (Christ in the Passover Seder Meal) will be held at the Grange Hall at 6 PM. A form of the traditional Jewish Passover Service will be observed. It will include all the elements of the Old Testament service as it points to the coming Savior and will conclude with Holy Communion. This service will also

include a pot luck supper (no foods with leavened bread or pork).

The Church will be open on Good Friday from noon till 3 PM for private meditation and prayer. Also, on Good Friday, the Church will hold a Tenebrae Service at 7 PM. This helps us to be more grateful for what Jesus suffered for us and prepares us to celebrate Christ's total victory on Easter morning.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:15 AM on Maple Street near the Graves homestead. This gives a beautiful view of the Church and Highland Lake. Following this service, breakfast will be served at the Grange Hall at 7 AM. Please join us for breakfast even if you don't go to the Sunrise Service. Easter morning Worship Service/Celebration with special music will be held at 9:30 AM.

There are many opportunities to worship with us. Please join us. Always feel free to call the Church office at 735-5160 to speak with Pastor John Wagner for more information on what's going on at the Church, or if you need help in any way.

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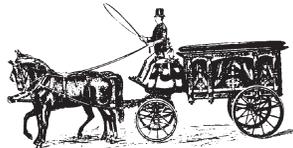
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### Press release

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Attendees will receive valuable information on common questions to home ownership, including:

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## NH Electric Co-op Foundation Grants \$20,000 to Local Food Pantries

### Press release

A \$20,000 grant awarded by the NH Electric Co-op Foundation to the NH Food Bank will be dispersed to 33 food pantries across the state. The donation is being awarded in the form of an account credit at the NH Food Bank, where pantries can shop at prices that are often much lower than local grocery stores.

The NHEC Foundation has been a long-time supporter of the NH Food Bank. Since it was formed in 2006, the Foundation has granted nearly \$400,000 to the NH Food Bank to help New Hampshire residents in need.

"This year the Foundation Board of Trustees wanted to make an even greater impact to those directly served by New Hampshire Electric Co-op," said Board Chair Sharon Davis. "By giving each pantry an account credit, this allows them to purchase the items they really need at a much lower cost through the NH Food Bank."

Thirty-three food pantries that serve NHEC members in eight counties across the state will receive a portion of the grant, including:

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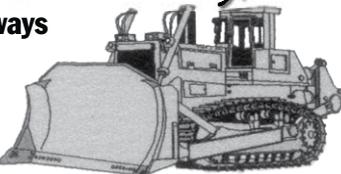
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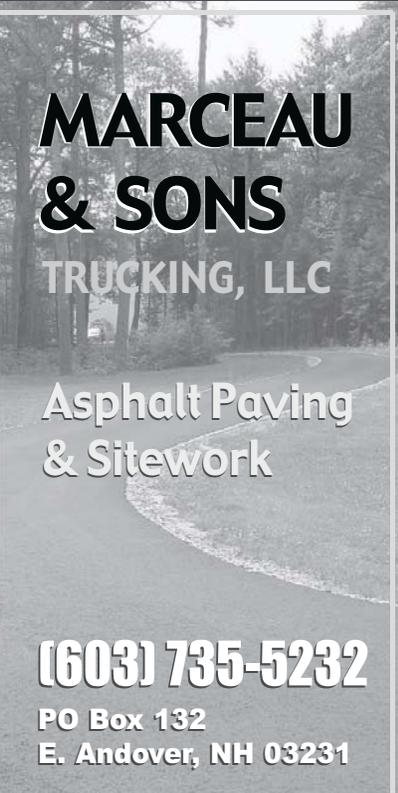


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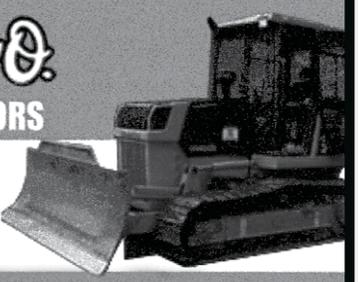
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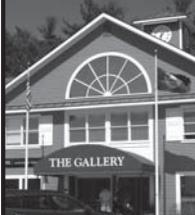
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## AE/MS Third Graders Host Invention Convention

### Two students go on to region competition

#### AE/MS Third Graders

The third graders hosted an Invention Convention for the town of Andover. We made inventions to help solve people's problems and for the fun of them. The Invention Convention took place at the Andover Elementary/Middle School on March 8 from 1 to

ventions with our classmates. At the convention we set up our three-panel boards. The boards had a lot of our writing and research on them. Each third grader got their invention and brought it to the gym. All of the teachers, the judges, our parents, and AE/MS students came to the invention convention to see the inventions. Everyone thought that the inventions were very cool. Even the teachers and judges thought the inventions were



**Zachary Dudek and Hannah Churchill are proud to represent AE/MS at the Young Inventors Convention.** Caption: Jane Slayton

awesome. The judges said our inventions were the coolest inventions they have ever seen. All of the kids that came to the invention convention loved all of the inventions that we made. Here are some people's responses.

Talia, a second grader said, "Creative and really cool and awesome."

Harley, a fourth grader said, "I think it was brilliant. I liked the animal inventions."

Mrs. Crucitti said, "You inspired me to teach even more science to my class."

We would like to say thank you teachers for making the invention convention fun and for giving us lots of time to think and build our inventions. We learned a lot and did tons of

2:30 PM. At 1 PM we went to the gym to set up our cardboard trifold and inventions on the tables.

The first thing we did as inventors was to interview teachers, parents, and classmates about everyday problems. We did a survey about our own problems. We took the survey home and talked with our parents. It took a lot of thinking, but we eventually all came up with inventions. After that, we got our materials for our inventions. Then we started building. It took a while for some of us to make our inventions.

After all the hard work the third grade had done on their inventions, the invention convention finally came. When we got to school Wednesday morning, we started working on getting our inventions ready to display. We shared our in-

vention. Another group of people we should thank is the parents. Parents thank you for taking time out of work to come to our invention convention. We really appreciated it. We also need to thank the judges. They did a great job and we know it wasn't easy.

There are two students that will go on to represent Andover in the regional competition. They are Hannah Churchill with her bracelet that helps her organize her weekly events, and Zack Dudeck who made a fishing pole that lights up when you get a bite. Really, we were all winners, because we got to do cool work in school. The regional competition will be held on Sunday, April 2 in Hooksett, New Hampshire. Good luck Hannah and Zack!



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## Andover Service Club Offers Scholarships

Deadline Friday, April 14

### Press release

The Andover Service Club is pleased to announce that the application process for the 2017 Scholarship awards has begun. Awards are based on academic performance, character attributes, and community involvement, and not on financial need.

Graduating seniors and adults entering or continuing their education at a college, professional or technical school are eligible to apply. Scholarship applications are available at the Andover

Elementary and Middle School, Proctor Academy, Merrimack Valley High School, and the Andover Service Club Thrift Shop located in Andover.

They may also be downloaded at [AndoverBeacon.com/ASC-Scholarship](http://AndoverBeacon.com/ASC-Scholarship). To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must have a close tie to the town of Andover. Details of the residential requirements are available in the application packet.

All applications and supporting material must be postmarked by Friday, April 14, in order for the application to be considered.

## Andover from page 38

After a few decades of this work, I figured Kurt must like certain parts of working at Proctor. Kurt smiled and then told me, "It's often an enjoyable challenge to keep all equipment and systems in good working order. I enjoy working with the people here. I also enjoy seeing the students every day. And what a beautiful place we have." I asked what he'd change about working at Proctor. He chuckled and replied, "Nothing! This is a great place to work, I wouldn't change a damn thing."

Lynn George is the Maintenance Administrative Assistant as well as a dorm surrogate at Proctor. Sitting in her office, I asked her about the challenges of working at the school. She stated, "Having 52 buildings to maintain on campus and keep in operation 365 days a year." As a four year senior, I was shocked because I was unaware that we have so many buildings.

I was curious to see how often she interacts with students at Proctor. She

said with a smile, "Right now working in maintenance, not too often, but I worked with them for many years in the Student Center and as a dorm parent surrogate, which I unfortunately no longer do. I love talking and getting to know them and their families."

The final question I asked Lynn was, how are Proctor students viewed by the people of the town? She confidently stated, "The students are a part of the community, [they have] youthfulness, and provide a chance for townspeople to come out and watch sporting events. It's very quiet here during the summer months, and you can feel the energy when it comes time for the students to arrive."

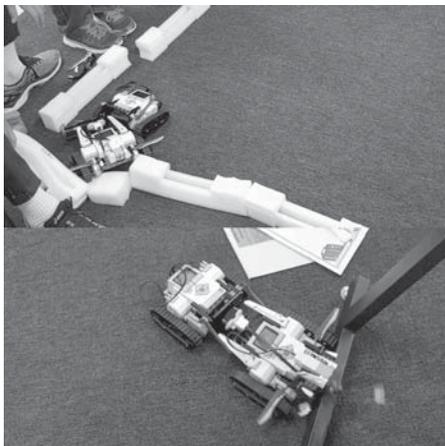
Proctor Academy has an amazing staff. Proctor is lucky that we have such amazing, hardworking employees like these two. People love working here at Proctor and respect for others is a big part of that. Having committed employees makes Proctor a better place. It seems to me that the school and the town help each other out.

## Makerspace from page 40

creating different things. Paper towel tubes, Standard Lego Kits, those green Lego building bases (we would love to

Goldberg machines and work with any who are interested in trying to build one. Plastic domino sets would be an awesome addition to the Makerspace program too.

Thank you also to the East Andover Town Library for generously allowing us to explore and try out 3D Doodler pens! The students were psyched to try out this new technology and draw/create in 3D! Did you know that your local libraries often will have programs and opportunities available to students and town residents similar to a Makerspace program? The library is such a great resource to continue exploring and learning new things, just like a Makerspace, and unlike the Makerspace program, it is open every day! Be sure to visit your local library for these exciting (and FREE!) opportunities!



### Lego Battle Bots!

create/build a lego wall for students to build on, so we could use quite a bit of these green boards). Mr. Tyler also plans to introduce students to Rube

## 2017 Arts Scholarship Program Now Accepting Applications

Available students residing in Lake Sunapee region

### Press release

New London New Hampshire – Center for the Arts is looking for qualified applicants for our 2017 Scholarship Program. Funded by the generosity of our members and the community these scholarships are awarded to students who are pursuing any area of the arts (literature, drama, dance, music or the visual arts).

Scholarships are offered in three different categories: Students in grades 7-12, Adult Artists and Lang Memorial Scholarship for seniors attending college who are pursuing the arts. Interested students can find more information and applications on line at [centerfortheartsnh.org](http://centerfortheartsnh.org). The deadline for applying for Grades 7-12 is May 1 and April 15 for Se-

niors entering College in 2017.

To be considered, students must reside in one of the 12 towns in the Lake Sunapee Region (Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Newport, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, or Wilmot). They need to be enrolled in public or private school, or home schooled in grades 7-12 and agree to share with the community a demonstration of his or her work that is related to their scholarship.

The Center for The Arts is a volunteer organization that strives to showcase local and regional talent for the benefit of the artists, performers, residents, and visitors to this beautiful region.

For more information on how to apply for the scholarship program, please contact us at 603-526-4444 or visit [.CenterForTheArtsNH.org](http://CenterForTheArtsNH.org).

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**C**ameron Boucher and Zach Hattan run an experiment on solids and liquids in first grade. **Caption: Jane Slayton**

## New Scholarship Available for High School Seniors

Application Deadline is Saturday, April 8, 2017

### Press release

The Contoocook Valley Radio Club is sponsoring its first annual scholarship opportunity for a high school senior who is planning to continue studies in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field (STEM) and who has an interest in exploring amateur radio.

Amateur radio, also known as ham radio is a public service group and hobby that connects people locally as well as throughout the world. Licensed volunteer radio operators become members of a diligent organization that saves lives and property during disasters and

other emergencies, while also staying tuned together as they enjoy the ham radio hobby. Amateur radio operators learn skills that highlight the connections between the STEM fields and strong communication.

Students interested in applying for this scholarship can contact the Contoocook Valley Radio Club at: K1BKE.org or check in with their high school guidance office. The application deadline is April 8, 2017.

Anyone wishing to donate to the scholarship fund should contact the Contoocook Valley Radio Club at K1BKE.org for further information.

## Andover News, 24x7

Did you know that many of the articles in this issue have been available at [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com) for two or three weeks? Check the latest news at [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com) every day!



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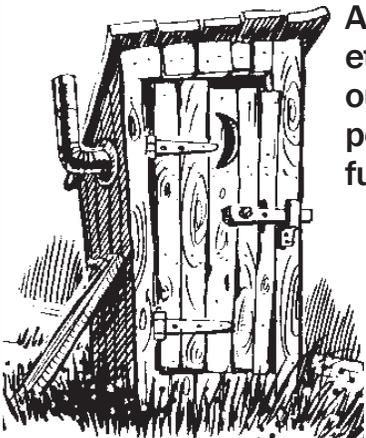
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## New Hampshire Electric Co-op Offers Scholarship

Deadline for applications is April 21

### Press release

The New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for 2017 scholarships. This year a total of six, \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to deserving Co-op members or their dependents.

Scholarships are available to college bound high school seniors, students returning to college, and non-traditional students. One scholarship will be reserved for a student entering a vocational or technical institution. All applicants must be a Co-op member, or a legal dependent of a Co-op member. Complete details and applications are available online under the Community menu at [nhec.com](http://nhec.com), or by calling 800-698-2007.

The deadline for applying for scholarships is April 21, 2017. All mailed applications must be post-marked by this date and mailed to: NHEC Foundation Scholarship, 579

Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264. Applications may also be emailed to [foundation@nhec.com](mailto:foundation@nhec.com) by 4 PM, April 21, 2017. For more information about the NHEC Foundation Scholarships, please contact Sara Thielbar at 603-536-8884 or [thielbars@nhec.com](mailto:thielbars@nhec.com).

The NHEC Foundation and the Foundation scholarships are funded by the donations of more than 40,000 Co-op members who participate in the Round Up Program. Participating members agree to have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the next dollar with the proceeds benefitting the Foundation. The NHEC Foundation provides support for nonprofit groups that enhance the quality of life in New Hampshire.

New Hampshire Electric Co-op is a member owned electric distribution cooperative serving 84,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities.

## Dunkin' Donuts Offers New Hampshire Scholarships

Twelve \$2500 scholarships available

### Press release

Dunkin' Donuts franchisees in New Hampshire are now welcoming applications for the 22nd Annual New Hampshire Scholarship Program and will award \$30,000 in college scholarships to 12 deserving New Hampshire high school seniors this spring. Since 1995, local Dunkin' Donuts franchisees have given more than half a million dollars in scholarship grants to talented New Hampshire students who embody the mission to help those that serve others.

"Dunkin' Donuts franchisees in New Hampshire are thrilled to continue serving our local communities with our annual scholarship program," said Adam Quinn, a New Hampshire Dunkin' Donuts franchisee. "We are always impressed by the dedication and accomplishments of the scholarship recipients and look forward to recognizing them as leaders in the community and helping them achieve their goals through education."

Applications are open now and the deadline to apply is Friday, April 14, 2017 at 5 PM EST. In 2017, 12 scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,500, will be awarded to qualified students throughout New Hampshire. Current Dunkin' Donuts employees are encouraged to apply to the Dunkin' Donuts New Hampshire Scholarship

Program. The scholarship program is open to any qualified high school senior who is a current resident of New Hampshire and enrolling full-time at a post-secondary institution, including four-year, two-year, or community technical college. The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation will review scholarship applications and determine the award recipients. Applicants will also be considered for other scholarships administered by the Foundation.

"We're grateful for the generous support of the Dunkin' Donuts New Hampshire franchisees, who continue to support our local students through the New Hampshire Scholarship Program," says Judy Burrows, Director of Student Aid at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. "With the increasing cost of education, we know how important these awards are to New Hampshire students in achieving their academic and career goals and we urge all interested students to take advantage of this opportunity and apply by the April 14 deadline."

Scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of April. Dunkin' Donuts will host a special event to honor recipients and their families in Manchester this June. For more information and to apply visit: [nhcf.org/scholarships](http://nhcf.org/scholarships). For questions regarding the application, please call the Student Aid Office at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation at 800-464-6641.

## Proctor Academy Supports Diversity

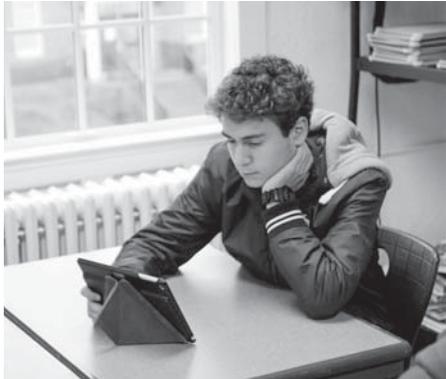
Alex Wyckoff '17,  
Proctor Academy Student

Following the controversial travel ban put in place recently, Proctor allowed students returning to campus through airports to delay a day in order to avoid protests. The Middle East often

to look beyond the salacious headlines and do their own research." This kind of challenge is what will hopefully broaden the global knowledge of students.

There is not a large population of Arab-American students here at Proctor, but those here feel welcome and loved. I spoke with Hazem Chehabi, a three year junior from Jordan. "I really don't feel much discrimination. Any kind of profiling or stereotypes that I do notice pretty much come from my friends who are joking around."

Eamonn Healey, four year senior and fellow Comparative Religion student has expanded his view of people who are of a different race or religion. "I have learned about so many different religions that now I find faith very cool and fascinating. I have also



Proctor student Hazem Chehabi

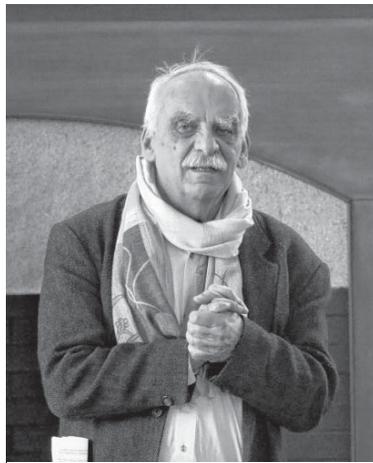
carries negative connotations, but what is the perception of Muslims at Proctor?

Proctor Academy is a unique community. While it has no religious affiliation, classes like Comparative Religion and Middle East Studies help students learn about all different types of people. I had the chance to speak with Comparative Religion teacher Melanie Maness and about how members of the community react to Muslims. When asked how Proctor views Muslims, Melanie responded, "I've always been impressed by the curiosity and interest of my Comparative Religion students. I thought the Proctor community was welcoming and engaging with Robert Azzi, an Arab American Muslim photojournalist and columnist, who addressed us in the fall. I loved the conversations his talk stirred." His words gave many people a new perspective and the curriculum at Proctor builds on understanding others.

Classes like Comparative Religion are important to keep the community open to all types of diversity. Maness provided some insight on her goals for her class. "With current events regularly highlighting Islam, global citizens must educate and engage. I implore students

learned to be more respectful of the beliefs of people who are a part of different religions. It is a class that I think everyone should take."

I am lucky to have a class that studies the world's religions. If everyone had the opportunity to take a class or learn more about different cultures, it may help to stop discrimination against those who are different.



Robert Azzi, photo journalist.  
Photo: The Monadnock Ledger-Transcript



Proctor Accepted Students Revisit Day March 31 and April 7

## Proctor to Host Admissions Revisit Days on March 31 and April 7

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

More than 200 prospective students received acceptance letters on March 10 for the 2017-'18 academic year at Proctor Academy. Each spring, Proctor's Admissions Office hosts two Revisit Days for accepted students, with this year's Revisit Days happening on March 31 and April 7. If you happen to

see increased traffic through town on those days, please welcome the visiting families. Proctor received a record number of applications this year, and will enroll roughly 120 new students for the upcoming year. To learn more about Proctor's admissions process, visit: [proctoracademy.org/page/admissions!](http://proctoracademy.org/page/admissions!)

## Andover Students to Study Abroad for Proctor

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Each trimester, roughly 30 Proctor students study off-campus on one of the school's five off-campus programs. This spring, three Andover residents will have the good fortune of studying abroad:

Annika Johnson '17 – European Art Classroom

Emily Barton '17 – European Art Classroom

Chloe Methven '18 – Mountain Classroom

Be sure to check Proctor's Web site, [blogs.proctoracademy.org](http://blogs.proctoracademy.org), for updates from each of the following students this spring as we follow along on their journeys!

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As part of National African American month the sixth graders created projects and shared what they have learned with the first graders. Sixth grade student Ethan Fecteau explains his project to curious first grade students. It was a rewarding experience for both classes! Photo: Jen Bent



Lynn George, Maintenance Administrative Assistant, on the right.

## Proctor Academy: A Long Relationship with Andover

Eamonn Healy '17,  
Proctor Academy Student

Most people in Andover drive past Proctor Academy's campus, but not many stop here to work. Many Andover residents are unaware of how much the school affects the town. Proctor provides many services, but one major area is employment.

Proctor Academy is the number one employer for the town: it has 175 full time employees, 44 part time employees, and 26 seasonal employees. That is 245 total employees and of that total, 86 are Andover residents that reside off campus, or not in campus housing.

Two long time Andover residents, currently employed at Proctor, shared their thoughts on what it is like to work in this community.

I had the chance to speak with the Director of Maintenance at Proctor Academy, Kurt Meier, about the biggest challenges of working at Proctor. Kurt replied, "[There are] So many buildings to keep in operating condition, such as heating, plumbing, air conditioning, ventilation, doors, and related hardware- whether it be the lock or the door closer, the exit device that uses a push bar to open the doors on our larger buildings, or perhaps the FOB Reader on the doors with an electronic lock,

the fire alarm systems, or fire sprinkler systems, all the lighting both inside and outside the buildings, the emergency lighting systems, and the storm drainage system. There are a lot of campus sewage systems, and we also have several sewer pump stations. All of this stuff needs to be working at all times." Kurt smiled, it seems he likes this challenge.

I asked Kurt, what was unusual about working at Proctor? Are there



Kurt Meier, Director of Maintenance at Proctor Academy

any surprises? He informed me excitedly, "We have many programs here that many schools do not have. The first name basis with teachers took some getting used to, you don't see that in most schools. As far as surprises, nothing surprises me here anymore, I have been here over thirty years, I have seen a lot."

See Proctor on page 35

### Scholarship Available

Andover Lions Club looking for high school Seniors who reside in Andover or Danbury to receive a \$1,000 Scholarship.

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Proctor Academy and MVHS Guidance Offices  
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Proctor's spring athletic schedule has been published online. All games are free of charge and open to the public.

## Proctor Athletics: Spring Schedule

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's spring athletic season will be underway shortly as baseball, softball, tennis, lacrosse, and cycling teams begin games and races on April 1st! All contests are open to the public and are free of charge. Varsity home games for the month of April are listed below, but please note schedule is subject to change due to weather. Updated game times and locations can be found on Proctor's athletics Web site: <https://www.proctoracademy.org/Page/On-Campus/Athletics>

### Boys' Lacrosse:

- April 1 vs BB&N at 2 PM
- April 8 vs Hebron Academy at 4:30 PM
- April 12 vs Phillips Exeter Academy 3 PM
- April 19 vs Berwick Academy 5 PM
- April 22 vs Kimball Union Academy 2:30 PM

### Girls' Lacrosse:

- April 7 vs Lawrence Academy at 4 PM
- April 14 vs Brewster Academy at 5 PM
- April 21 vs New Hampton School at 6 PM

- April 26 vs Holderness School at 4 PM
- April 28 vs Kimball Union Academy at 5 PM

### Baseball:

- April 12 vs Vermont Academy at 3 PM
- April 22 vs Brewster Academy at 2:30 PM
- April 26 vs Holderness School at 2 PM

### Softball:

- April 15 vs Gould Academy at 3 PM
- April 22 vs Hebron Academy at 3:30 PM
- April 28 vs Brewster Academy at 5 PM

### Boys' Tennis:

- April 5 vs Phillips Exeter Academy at 3 PM
- April 8 vs Brewster Academy at 3 PM
- April 12 vs Dublin School at 2:30 PM
- April 19 vs Holderness School at 3:30 PM
- April 21 vs Kimball Union Academy at 4:30 PM
- April 26 vs Tilton School at 1:30 PM

### Girls' Tennis:

- April 12 vs New Hampton School at 3:30 PM
- April 15 vs Dublin School at 2 PM
- April 19 vs Holderness School at 2 PM
- April 22 vs Kimball Union Academy at 2:30 PM

## Proctor Baseball Team Travels to Dominican Republic

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's baseball team traveled to the Dominican Republic for a service and training trip from March 18-25. The team has a long-standing tradition of taking a Spring Training trip to Florida during March break, however, head coach Mark Tremblay and JV coach Junior De La Hoz proposed a different type of Spring Training for the 2017 season. Working in conjunction with Proctor's four-day immersion program, Project Period, eighteen students and three coaches traveled to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for seven days of baseball training, community service, and

life-changing work at the Nuestro Pequeños Hermanos orphanage.

Prior to their arrival, Coach Tremblay and Coach De La Hoz gathered donations from the Proctor community to help outfit youngsters at the orphanage with baseball gear. More than 150 pairs of baseball pants, 30 bats, 20 gloves, 30 jerseys, and multiple other items like helmets, catcher's gear, and cleats were collected and shipped to the orphanage (see photo of donated gear above). A huge thank you to all those who donated gear, money, and purchased coffee through the team's fundraiser earlier this year!

## Thank You, Volunteers!

We couldn't publish the *Beacon* without you.

Everyone in Andover appreciates everything you do for the *Beacon*!

## Middle School Spring Track Season Has Begun

Coach Reynolds is back

Jim Tucker, AE/MS

Andover Middle School is gearing up to start the track season. The season began with our first practice on March 27. Grades 6 through 8 will be representing the school at meets this year. The team is 31 members strong. It should be an exciting year once again for track.

Coach Reynolds is back for another year. He is an avid runner and competes in many events himself. Coach Reyn-

olds helps the team set goals and reach those goals.

Check out the school Web site for updates of the team's success and any changes in the schedule. Go Eagles.

### Middle School Track Schedule 2017

Date	Location
April 10, 2017	Winnisquam
April 19, 2017	Inter-Lakes
May 2, 2017	Newfound
May 5, 2017	Gilford
May 11, 2017	Kearsarge
May 17, 2017	Belmont

(championship only)

All meets start at 4 PM.



**Registration for the 2017-18 School Year is now open!**

Call 603.735.5105  
or email: [eavp@tds.net](mailto:eavp@tds.net)  
7 Chase Hill Road  
East Andover, NH

Visit our open house May 4 at 5:30 P.M.



### Help Wanted

The East Andover Village Preschool seeks a Co-Teacher for our multi-age preschool program beginning in August 2017.

A minimum of growth and development in ECE required.

Please send cover letter and resume to:

Amy Poulin, Director  
East Andover Village Preschool  
PO Box 84  
East Andover, NH 03231

Or email to: [eavp@tds.net](mailto:eavp@tds.net)

### PUBLIC NOTICE ANDOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

There will be kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 School Year on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

To enter Kindergarten, your child must be five (5) years of age by September 30, 2017. You must bring a birth certificate for your child to verify his/her date of birth AND two proofs of residency (driver's licenses will not be accepted as valid proof). Parents who are not custodial parents need to provide proof of guardianship, or at the very least, a court ordered docket number indicating guardianship is in process.

For your convenience, registration packets and appointment details will be mailed prior to registration day. If you do not receive a packet by April 21, 2017, please call Gail Parenteau, Administrative Assistant at 735-5494.



AE/MS Pi 2017 Pi Champions! AE/MS is very proud of our Pi'ers! A new school record has been established! From left to right: Michelle Keezer (Middle School Math Teacher), Jon Grodin, Jeremy Johnson, Jesse Niemyer, Carter Wheeler, Oliver Andrews, Wyatt Carleton, Eliza McDonald, and Jed Duquette. Caption: Jane Slayton Photo: Jen Bent

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## AE/MS Continued Their Celebration of Pi in March

Pi champion for 2017 recited 160 digits!

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

AE/MS continued their celebration of Pi in March. Students memorized an impressively large number of digits of Pi.

Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. While only a handful of digits are needed for typical calculations, Pi's infinite nature makes it a fun challenge to memorize, and to computationally calculate more and more digits.

The AE/MS 2017 School Champion is Oliver Andrews. Andrew recited 160 digits! This broke the record of 110 digits previously held by Jesse Niemyer.

Jesse Niemyer, also an impressive Pi'er, recited 48 digits!

The top winners received Pi tee shirts, copies of the Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi book, Pi tattoos, Pi earrings, and more.

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14 around the world. AE/MS celebrated the following day this year as there was no school on March 14. Pi is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159.

Twenty-seven students participated in the Pi Challenge. Special recognition also goes to Carter Wheeler, Wyatt Carleton, Eliza McDonald, Jon Grodin, Jeremy Johnson, and Jed Duquette.

Community members are always welcome to join the Pi Challenge. It's not too soon to start memorizing!



Ryker Gregoire performs a puppet show for his classmates. He created the puppets and wrote the script with help from several Proctor Academy students who are working with the first graders during project period. Photo: Jen Bent

## Makerspace Monthly Report, March 2017

Andrew Tyler, AE/MS

We have had a great month again in our Makerspace Program! Students have been busy exploring new projects, working on exciting and amazing creations, and having a blast trying new things! We have new participants this week as well and their enthusiasm can be overwhelming sometimes, but is very welcome!

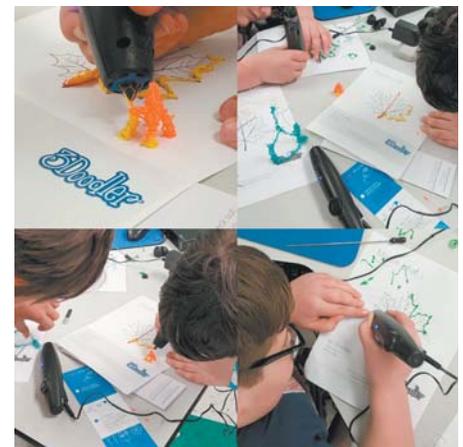
Students continued working on perler bead creations and their attention to detail as well as a healthy amount of patience is inspiring. We all cannot wait to see their finished projects.

StikBot creation studios continues to be an area of interest with the students and one of our students was able to present a stop-motion movie he created at home with his action figures. There were many requests to play the movie multiple times and many students were so inspired by that movie, we will soon have new stories and creations to watch in the near future.

Mr. Tyler is working on building a Makerspace Site for updates and postings about the program on the Andover School Web site. It will be linked from his classroom page and will be live soon. He hopes to showcase many of the projects that students have created and document student achievement with videos and photos on a regu-

lar basis.

We would also like to thank a current Proctor student, Nathaniel Dunbar for graciously giving us his Lego Mindstorms collection for the students to use. All of the Makerspace students



Students trying out the 3D Doodler Pens lent to us by the East Andover Library.

are very excited for more materials and resources to use!

Speaking of Lego Mindstorms, we had a bit of an impromptu Robot Battle the other day where students pitted their Mindstorm creations against each other. It was exciting to see students puzzling out how to set up the space and how to switch out parts on their robots to change the way they each tried to control the battle arena.

We are also always on the lookout for any new materials we could use for See Makerspace on page 35



Hero Day at AEMS was quite interesting! Seen in this photo are students from all grades dressed as Superheroes starting the morning by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Caption: Jane Slayton

## Proctor's Spring Musical Announced

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Each spring, Proctor's arts department produces a musical open to the community. This spring's show will be Beauty and the Beast and will show May 19 and 20 at 7 PM in the Wilkins Meeting House. Be sure to check Proctor's Arts Web site ([www.proctoracademy.org/page/on-campus/arts](http://www.proctoracademy.org/page/on-campus/arts)) closer to production dates to reserve your free tickets. We hope to see you there!