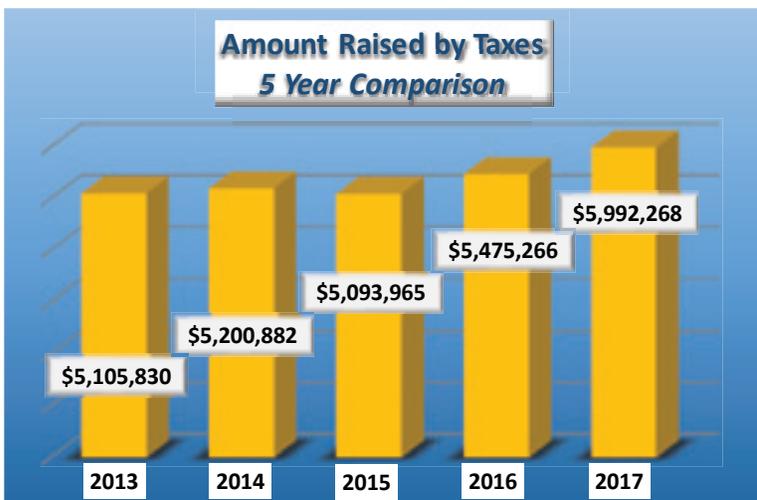


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A comparison of the amount of money raised by taxation for the years 2013 to 2017. The increase for 2017 amounts to \$517,000 or 9.4 percent.

## Andover Tax Bills Up 7.3 Percent

Increase in Property Valuation helps some

Ed Hiller

The amounts to be raised by taxes for Andover for 2017 add up to \$5,992,268. This is an increase over last year of \$517,002 (9.4%). As a result of an increase in town valuation, the tax rate will increase by only 7.3%. The tax bill for a property valued at \$200,000 will

increase from \$4,280 in 2016 to \$4,600 in 2017, an increase of \$320.

The total tax burden for Andover over recent years had remained almost flat, fluctuating up and down around the \$5,000,000 mark. But 2016 saw a significant increase of 7.5%. And a further increase of 9.4% was seen this year. The total tax burden this year is approximately \$6,000,000.

See Taxes on page 3

## Planning Board Proposes Five Amendments to Zoning Ordinance

Press release

A Public Hearing was held at the Town Office on December 12 to receive comments on five proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning Ordinance.

While addressing individual building and land use requests, it is the responsibility of the Planning Board to see that the Zoning Ordinance is up-to-date and consistent with state law and the priorities set by the Town in the Master Plan. To help accomplish this, the Planning Board is proposing five updates and amend-

ments to the Zoning Ordinance, to be on the ballot for the 2018 town meeting. Public input and opinion on the proposals is an important part of the process, and the Planning Board will consider all input from the hearing in preparing final versions of the proposed amendments. You can pick up copies of the full text of the proposed amendments at the town office or download them from the town website.

Written comments are encouraged, and you don't need to be present at the

See Zoning on page 9

## Supervisors of the Checklist Meeting Notice

The Andover Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Tuesday, January 23, from 7 to 7:30 P.M. to make additions and corrections to the checklist. Changes in party registration will also be accepted.

This meeting is timed so that anyone planning to run in the March 13, 2018 Town Election can get onto the checklist before filing begins on January 24. You must be a registered voter in Andover to run for an Andover town office.



Andover's new police chief, Joe Mahoney shares a moment with his family after being sworn in by Town Administrator Marj Roy at the Town Hall.

## Joe Mahoney Appointed as Police Chief

With the retirement of Chief Glenn Laramie in November, the Select Board didn't waste any time announcing the appointment of Patrolman Joe Mahoney as the new Andover Police Chief.

Mahoney, who grew up in Franklin, began his career in law enforcement as a part time patrolman in the Town of Hill while he was a college student at Unity College in Unity, Maine. After graduating with a bachelor's degree, he began

looking for full time employment and a position for a full time officer was open in Andover. He was hired and has been here ever since.

Mahoney says that he likes working in a small town where you get to know the people you serve and feel like you are part of the community. One might think that a police department in a small town would not be very busy, but

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Irene Jewett was honored as a Gold Star Mother at a recent Veterans Day Assembly at the Andover Elementary Middle School. Bill Leber and Ron Evans of American Legion Post #101 presented flowers and a card to Mrs. Jewett. Mrs. Jewett's son Sp4 Stephen Jewett was killed in action in Viet Nam in December of 1965.

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## Andover Lions Club Reopens Food Pantry

Hours limited and ID now required

**Press release**

Andover Lions Club Food Pantry will reopen on Wednesday, November 22, at the lower level of the Andover

Town Hall. Hours of operation will be on Wednesdays from 10 AM to noon. Photo ID is required for Andover residents.

For more information contact Lions Club president Virginia Edwards at zinnthewhitexmas@aol.com



## Town of Andover Winter Maintenance Ordinances

**Press release**

The Andover Select Board want to remind citizens of Andover of the ordinances that pertain to snow removal, parking of vehicles during the winter months, and objects placed within town rights-of-way.

**ORDINANCE: Placing Snow on Town Roads:**

Residents will not shovel, snow blow or have their driveway plowed into or across the road. This is prohibited by law and can cause a serious hazard. (RSAs 41:11, 47:17 VII). Fines up to \$100 per incident may be incurred for violation of this ordinance.

**ORDINANCE: Parked Vehicles:**

No vehicle shall be parked on the Town's Right-of-Way, from the start of precipitation, until 48 hours after the storm ends. The Town reserves the right to tow parked vehicles at the own-

er's expense. The Town is not liable for damages incurred to vehicles parked in the Town's Right-of-Way. (RSA 231:92 a). The owner of the vehicle may be fined up to \$100 per incident for violation of this ordinance.

**ORDINANCE: Objects Placed in the Town Right-of-Way:**

Placement of objects outside of the right-of-way will minimize the risk of being hit by the snowplow wing. The Town will not be responsible for damages to mail boxes, fences, stone walls, lawns or any other object placed within the right-of-way of any Town road or street, caused by snow removal equipment. In general, the right of way extends 15 feet from the center of the road. Fines up to \$100 per incident may be incurred for violation of this ordinance.

Adopted: December 31, 2012



In a November 3 event sponsored by the Andover Democrats, Annie Kuster, District 2 Representative to the U.S. Congress and candidate for re-election in 2018, addressed an audience of about 60 in The Andover Barn. Her talk emphasized the importance of federal funding for medical care relating to the opioid crisis and of the Children's Health Insurance Program that provides healthcare to many low-income children. Kuster is shown here in conversation with Jerry Bliss of Andover, recalling Bliss's mother Helen's unsuccessful 1974 bid for the seat Kuster now holds, as Jerry's wife Janet listens. Photo: Larry Chase



David B. Karrick, Jr., (standing on left) listens to Congresswoman Annie Custer at a recent meeting of the Andover Democrats, where he announced his bid for 2018 re-election to the Merrimack County District 25 seat in the N.H. House of Representatives, which includes Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Webster and Warner. Karrick served in the seat from 2012 to 2016. The announcement was made at the Andover Barn, an event facility operated by the Highland Lake Inn in East Andover. Photo: Larry Chase



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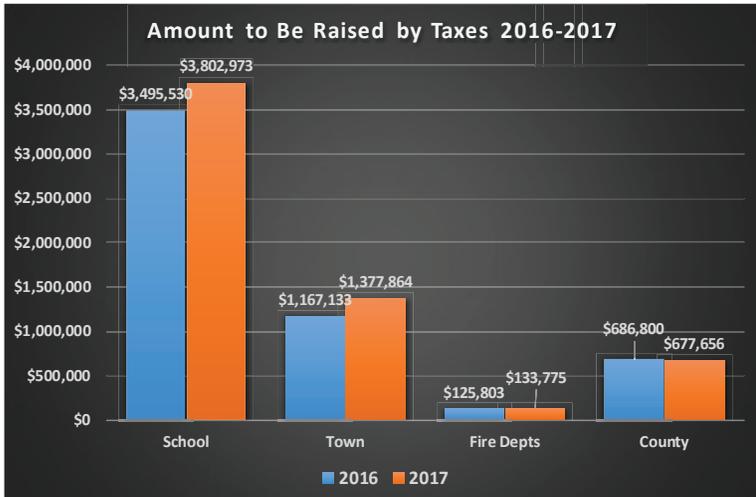


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This chart shows the increase amount in each department. Blue columns represent 2016 and red columns are 2017 amounts.

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**Andover School Taxes**

The 2017 annual School District Meeting voted an operating budget of \$5,032,215, up from the previous year by \$131,351 (2.7%). Included was funding of \$40,000 for an additional art teacher.

The meeting also approved funding of a building renovations project for \$3,600,000 to be funded by a bond. Debt service for the first year of \$303,000 was approved.

Offsetting these appropriations was an unexpended fund balance of \$400,897 at the end of the 2016-2017 school year that was applied to offset taxes.

The State Education Grant this year is \$938,843, up about \$80,000 over last year. After accounting for other revenues, the amount to be raised by taxes for 2017 is \$3,802,973, up 8.8% over the previous year.

The School tax rate for 2017 is \$14.88 (\$2.20 for the State component and \$12.68 for the Town component). This is an increase of 6.7% over the previous year.

**Andover Town Taxes**

The 2017 Andover Town Meeting voted to appropriate an operating budget of \$1,636,918, up from the previous year by \$24,014 (1.5%). Additions to various capital reserve funds were approved in the amount of \$154,976. Funding for highway special projects and removal of the Gale Road bridge was approved for \$200,000.

An appropriation for replacement

of the Morrill Hill Road bridge was approved for \$620,000. Funding will come from capital reserve funds and unassigned fund balance. The 80% reimbursement from the State will be returned to the Town's General Fund, when received.

Funding was approved to install fencing at the Lake View Cemetery for \$30,000. The meeting also approved an appropriation of \$10,000 to fund the Fourth of July Celebration.

Major improvements in the mechanical equipment at the Town Office were

Amount To Be Raised by Taxes				
Department	2016	2017	Change	Percent
School	\$3,495,530	\$3,802,973	\$307,443	8.8%
Town	\$1,167,133	\$1,377,864	\$210,731	18.1%
Fire Depts	\$125,803	\$133,775	\$7,972	6.3%
County	\$686,800	\$677,656	-\$9,144	-1.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,475,266</b>	<b>\$5,992,268</b>	<b>\$517,002</b>	<b>9.4%</b>

approved. All funding will come from existing capital reserve funds.

The net amount to be raised by taxes for 2017 is \$1,377,864. This is up from last year by \$210,731 (18.1%). The Town tax rate for 2017 is \$5.35, up 16.1% over the previous year.

**Fire Precinct Taxes**

The total amount to be raised by taxes for the two Andover precincts for 2017 is \$133,775, up less than \$8,000 above the amount raised for 2016. The tax rates for 2017 are \$0.66 for Andover properties and \$0.42 for East Andover properties.

**County Taxes**

The bill to Andover from Merrimack County for our share of the county's 2017 budget is \$677,656. This is down from 2016 by \$9,144. The county tax rate for this year is \$2.63.



Retiring Police Chief Glenn Laramie reads a plaque presented by the Selectboard to honor his 21 years of service to the town. A reception and open house was held on November 12 at the Town Hall. Photo: Bob Norander

**Community Gathers to Thank Chief Laramie**

**Served for 24 years on Police Department**

**Steve Foley**

On November 12 the Select Board, town officers and the community gathered to thank Chief Glenn Laramie who has retired after serving twenty-four years on the Andover Police Department. Laramie started out as a part-time officer with the department in 1994 and was promoted to Chief a few years later.

A plaque was presented to Laramie by the members of the Select Board with the following inscription:

To acknowledge 24 years of service to the Andover Community and the Andover Police Department. Thank you for your continued effort to make the police department and town a better place to live.

Laramie is credited with modernizing and professionalizing the police department. He oversaw the construction of the new police station, creating policies and procedures for the annual 4th of July Celebration and securing a grant to hire the first full time police officer for the town.



Select Board members David Blinn and Jim Delaney, retiring APD Chief Glenn Laramie, Select Board member Viki Mishcon, AFD Chief Rene Lefebvre, former Town Administrator Mark Stetson, new APD Chief Joe Mahoney, Town Administrator Marj Roy, former Town Administrator Dana Hadley.

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## From Zumba to Suzuki: New Programs at The Hub

Several new activities added to the schedule

### Susan Chase, Andover Hub

New classes starting up after Christmas at The Andover Hub include a Zumba dance/fitness class, kids' violin lessons, a German-language conversation hour, a computer problem-solving opportunity and dog-training classes. Repeat offerings include yoga classes, a music series for babies and pre-schoolers, and the ongoing Bone Builders, "Coffee at the Hub," and a quilters and crafters group.

### Zumba & Zumba Gold

Zumba mixes dance moves with exercise done to energetic Latin music, and is often called "exercise in disguise" because it's both "super effective and super fun." An ongoing Zumba class will be offered on Sunday mornings, beginning January 7, 8:30-9:30 A.M. Additionally, six weeks of Zumba "Gold," which is done at a slightly less intense energy level, will start on Wednesday, December 27, 5:30-6:30 P.M. The fee is \$5/session for either class, or students may buy a punch card that earns an occasional free class. Classes will be led by Akiesha Young; for more information, contact her at 998-0563 or at "Zumba with Akiesha" on Facebook.

### Learning Violin the Suzuki Way

Suzuki-method violin lessons, both group and individual, for ages three years to adult and both beginners and those who want to improve their skills, will be offered by Cathy Todd, who is also available to teach beginning piano, viola and cello. The Suzuki method insures that students achieve success, whatever their age and level, actually making real music and achieving a good tone even as beginners. Cathy's many years of teaching and studying with Dr. Suzuki make her very good at assessing students' skills and helping them advance to a higher level. For more information, call or text Cathy at 748-8488.

### "Sprechen Sie Deutsch"

German-language speakers, both those completely fluent and those less so, are invited to join a German conversation hour on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4 P.M. For information, contact Gisela Darling at 735-5681.

### Computer Tutor Sessions

Residents who want to learn a new computer skill, have a question about software, or need to retrieve data from an old computer, can sign up for a half-hour appointment with freelance computer consultant Pat Michaud between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. on Thursday, January 18. Bring your own laptop or device if you like (only PCs, no MACs); Pat will also have laptops with Windows versions 7 and 10 available. Email AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com to set up an appointment, or drop in that day and take your chances. For more information, contact Pat at pat@particularpat.com. There is no charge, but donations to The Hub are greatly appreciated.

### Dog Obedience Classes

Dee Ganley will teach her popular dog training classes again, beginning in late January. Contact Dee at 603-735-5543, by email at dee@deesdogs.com, or check her website, www.deesdogs.com, for class descriptions, starting dates, times and fees.

### All-levels Yoga

Yoga will continue at the Hub this winter, with both daytime and evening options. Coleen Vaughn will offer three six-week series beginning the first week of January on Tuesdays at 5:15 P.M., and Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15 A.M. The fee for any series is \$72, or drop in at \$15 if space is available. Kristen Nesbitt will continue her Thursday evening class at 6:00 P.M., with a six-week series beginning January 4; the series fee is \$72, a four-class pass is \$48 or one may drop in for \$15. Pre-registration is requested for all classes; interested students can contact Coleen at www.culturedvitality.com or on Facebook, or Kristen at kristengnesbitt52@gmail.com or www.backroadsyoga.com.

### Music With Friends (for kids)

Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers are invited to "Music with Friends," two four-week series beginning Friday, January 5, 1-1:45 P.M. and Monday, January 8, 9:30-10:15 A.M. Kids and their caregivers use rhythm instruments to play, dance and make music together. Taught by Julie Love of Sunapee, classes are \$10 per child per session (\$15 for two siblings) or \$35 for a series (\$50 for two siblings). To pre-register and for more information, contact Julie at love.j@comcast.net.

### Bone Builders

New participants are always welcome at the ongoing Bone Builders class, 9-10 A.M. every Tuesday and Thursday. This strength and balance class is particularly aimed at seniors and is open to all, no pre-registration necessary. The classes are free-of-charge although a small donation is suggested.

### Quilting & Crafting with Friends

An ongoing quilters and crafters group will meet next on Wednesday, January 10 and 24 and continue on alternate Wednesdays at 9 A.M. All are welcome to bring handwork projects to work on while socializing. For information, contact Kathy Ordway at 735-5618.

### Coffee at The Hub

Coffee and camaraderie are available from 8:30 to 11:00 A.M. every Tuesday and Thursday. All are welcome to stop in for a cup of coffee and to chat with others.

Upcoming program possibilities include kickboxing, cribbage, swing dance lessons and more movie nights. The Andover Hub is open to all kinds of classes, events, etc.; if you've got something you'd like to teach or want to organize, let us know. To keep posted on what's going on at The Hub, send your name and email address to AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com and ask to be added to the ongoing email list.



# Events Calendar

## December 14

**K-5 Holiday Concert:** 6:30 P.M. at AE/MS

## December 15

**Andover Comm. Coffeehouse:** 7 P.M. at Grange Hall, East Andover

## December 16

**11th Annual TubaChristmas:** 2 P.M. at Wheeler Hall, Colby-Sawyer College

**The Nutcracker:** 7 P.M. Sawyer Fine Arts Center, Colby-Sawyer College.

## December 17

**Benefit Concert for Denise Sharlow:** 1-4 P.M. at Franklin Opera House

**The Nutcracker:** 7 P.M. Sawyer Fine Arts Center, Colby-Sawyer College.

## December 19

**Holiday Story Time and sing-along:** 7 P.M. at Batchelder Library

## December 21

**Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon and sing-along:** 10:30 A.M. at Wilmot Comm. Assoc.

**Annual Christmas Pageant:** 7 P.M. at South Danbury Christian Church

## December 22

**Andover After School Program "Date Night:"** 5-9 P.M.

## December 24

**Candlelight Christmas Service:** 7 P.M. at Andover Congregational Church, East Andover

## December 27

**Lions Club Middle School Basketball Tournament:** 1 P.M. at Proctor Academy

## December 28

**Lions Club Middle School**

**Basketball Tournament:** 1 P.M. at Proctor Academy

## December 30

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** 9 A.M.-2 P.M. at WCA Red Barn in Wilmot

## January 1

**First Day Franklin:** 10 A.M.-1 P.M. in downtown Franklin

## January 5

**First Friday Concert:** 7 P.M. at Whipple Hall, Colby-Sawyer College

## January 6

**Danbury Winter Farmers Market:** 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

## January 9

**Lake Sunapee Chamber Annual Meeting:** 5 P.M. at Ware Student Ctr., Colby-Sawyer College

## January 11

**Local Democrats/Progressives & Independents Meeting:** 7 P.M. at Highland Lake Inn

## January 13

**Beverly Woods in Concert:** 7:30 P.M. at Franklin Opera House

## January 18

**Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon:** 11:30 A.M. at Wilmot Comm. Assoc.

## January 24

**Andover Book Club:** 7 P.M. at Batchelder Library in East Andover

## February 3

**Danbury Winter Farmers Market:** 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

## February 10

**Murder Mystery Dessert Theater:** 7 p.m. at Franklin Opera House

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## Select Board

October 2, 2017

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Members Present:** Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Vicky Mishcon, Select Board Chair; Jim Delaney and Dave Blinn, Select Board; John Thompson, Road Agent; Arch Weathers, Ed Hiller, and Chris Norris with the Budget Committee; Larisa Djuvelek-Ruggiero of the Community Action Program, Regional Mobility Manager; and Chief Glenn Laramie

### Road Agent Report:

Old College Road – GMI completed their portion of the project. The hot top is all ground up, and the grading and watering is completed. The highway crew will finish the project. The next step is to put down gravel and shim the road in some places. The two aprons at the end of Old College Road and Route 11 areas will be filled and lifted where appropriate. The highway crew will need flagging assistance when they are backing up the trucks across Route 11 with the gravel.

Town Hall - The gas tank at town hall is buried and the generator is moved. For safety reasons, something needs to be put around the fill tank. After discussing options, the Board and Thompson agreed that stones are appropriate to put around the top of the fill tank.

Valley Road Bridge –The structure has been re-done. The water was washing out the structure. The concrete was cut and the structure lowered. A bigger

berm is there and it should be all set.

Other work - Some mowing has taken place last week. This week, the crew will mostly be working on Old College Road. After Old College Road is completed for this year, the Last Street Bridge will be re-decked. Then onto Sam Hill Road.

**Flagging Necessity and Course Offsetting:** Chief Laramie explained that when the Town of Andover highway crew is working on the job on Old College Road, Andover is responsible for providing the safety. The Police Department is currently having staffing issues and two of our police officers are under the 32- hour rule which means they cannot work beyond 32 hours in a week. With the staff shortage, Laramie cannot justify having a police officer used for flagging when they should be patrolling.

Originally, it was set up that Officer David Hewitt would teach the certified flagging course, but subsequently found out that he can only certify police officers. Laramie found a possible solution. Laramie spoke to a law enforcement friend, Mr. Trottier. Trottier's brother, Mr. Moore and he own a flagging company. Trottier agreed to teach the flagging course for \$100.00 for Andover people. It is a four-hour class to become certified. The certification lasts for four years. To be recertified, you need to take the same class again. Suggested people to attend were a couple of the folks from the fire department, the highway crew, and anyone else who would like to become a cer-

## Office Hours & Meetings

### OFFICE HOURS

**Town Office:** Mon-Thu 9-2  
**Town Clerk & Tax Collector:** Mon, Wed, Thu, 9-2  
 Tue, 1:30-6:30  
 Last Saturday of month, 9-11 (except long holiday weekends)  
**Building Inspector:** Tues, 6-7  
**Zoning Code Administrator:** Tues, 6-7  
**Transfer Station:** Wed, 7-6 (7-5 during Standard Time)  
 Sat, 7-5  
**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, Andover Fire Station  
**Fire Department:** Mon, 7  
**Fourth of July:** 1st Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7  
**Library Trustees:** 3rd Thu, 7 Andover 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

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tified flagger. Delaney offered to attend the class and become a certified flagger.

Thompson agreed with the Board that this is a good solution for the Old College Road project that needs flaggers to assist the highway crew when they are moving gravel trucks across Route 11. Additionally, having certified flaggers in town will help with other projects when a police officer is not necessary.

Highway Block Grant Fund - Thompson reviewed options for the available \$86,000. After reviewing several options, Thompson realized that any project calls for a substantial amount of gravel. Thompson indicated that they could make large volumes of gravel if some of the \$86,000 can be used. Right now, they are making small amounts of gravel at the Transfer Station. At this point it costs the same amount to make the gravel or purchase it until you add in the trucking cost which would add approximately another \$30.00 to \$40.00 per \$100.00 spent. It would make sense to make as much large piles of gravel as they can now.

**Snow Plow Contractors:** Several of the contractors have requested an increase in their rates. The rates have been the same since 2010. Plow blades and insurance cost have risen greatly in that seven years. For example:

	2010	2017
Cutting edge blades	\$109	\$220-250
Tire Chains 8-mm	\$279	\$475
Insurance	\$1200 (yr)	\$2700 (yr)

Contractors suggested to Thompson a \$5.00 per hour increase across the board. The Board took this under advisement and will act on this item at a later time. If the Board agrees with the rate increase, it will become effective on January 1, 2018.

### Budget Committee:

Arch Weathers stated the members of the Budget Committee are as follows: Members: Arch Weathers, Chairman; Ed Hiller, Vice-Chairman; and

Chris Norris who are in attendance at tonight's meeting. Nancy Teach was not available tonight nor was Mary Anne Levesque, Recording Secretary. A new member is Morgan Salathe. Mark Heller is the Ex-Officio/ School Board Representative and Jim Delaney is the Ex-Officio Select Board Representative.

**Meeting Schedule:** Weathers presented a schedule for meeting. Please see attached. Roy will contact each department regarding the schedule. Roy created a spreadsheet with this information for easy review.

**Unreserved funds:** The Board explained how the unreserved fund balance works. If there is money left over, the Town is allowed by law to keep a certain percentage of it and then they can decide where to best use those funds.

The Year to Date expenses were reviewed by the Board. All agreed that it looks in line at this time in the year.

Weathers would like conversations to take place between the Committee and the Board when the recommendations are conflicted. Last year, the conflicted disputed recommendations were regarding the \$30,000 for the cemetery fence and the funds for the 4th of July committee.

### Community Action Program-Mid State Regional Ride:

Larisa Djuvelek-Ruggiero, presented information about a Community Action Program that is trying to improve transportation in the area. Djuvelek-Ruggiero is the Regional Mobility Manager. She encouraged the Town to join the Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation. There is no fee involved to join. A Memo of Understanding will be drafted. One or two people are assigned to attend the meetings who serve as advocates for Andover residents. There are approximately six meetings a year. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the

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## Mark Your Calendar!

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

### DECEMBER

- 18: Select Board, 6:30
- 19: Zoning Board, 7
- 21: Library Trustees, 7
- 25: Town Office Closed
- 25: Town Clerk Office Closed

### JANUARY

- 1: Town Office Closed
- 1: Town Clerk Closed
- 2: Select Board, 6:31
- 2: School Board, AEMS, 6:30
- 3: Fourth of July, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 9: Planning Board, 7
- 9: Recreation, AEMS, Science Room, 7
- 10: Conservation Commission, 7
- 10: Andover EMS, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 15: Select Board, 6:30
- 15: Budget Committee Meeting, 7

- 16: Zoning Board, 7
- 17: Budget Committee Meeting, 7
- 18: Library Trustees, 7
- 23 Planning Board, 7
- 31: Budget Committee Meeting, 7

### FEBRUARY

- 5: Select Board, 6:30
- 6: School Board, AEMS, 6:30
- 7: Fourth of July, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 7: Budget Committee Meeting, 7
- 13: Planning Board, 7
- 13: Recreation, AEMS, Science Room, 7
- 14: Budget Committee Meeting, 7
- 14: Andover EMS, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 14: Conservation Commission, 7:30
- 15: Library Trustees, 7
- 19: Select Board, 6:30

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month from 2:00 to 4 P.M.. The meetings alternate between Concord and the Lakes Region.

Djuvelek-Ruggerio requested linking their site directly to the Town Web-site.

The Board will review the information further. Roy will have the link put on the Town web site.

#### Bridge Road Residents and Bird's Eye View Aerobatics Petition:

Several Bridge Road residents are concerned about the drones flying near their homes. Please see attached petition.

The Board will speak with Bird's Eye View and look at the guideline that the Planning Board put into their decision. Chief Laramie suggested contacting the NH Federal Aviation Administration. The Board will review the NH FAA rules. After investigating, the Board will contact the Bridge Road residents of the petition.

#### Road Maintenance for Administrators and Elected Officials:

The class is at the Holiday Inn in Concord and was scheduled for November 7, 2017 from 8:00 to 2 P.M.. Mishcon highly recommended this class.

#### Highland Lake Drawdown:

Roy spoke to Jason Dudek who told her that the drawdown needs to be down before November 1, 2017 due to the mud burrowing critters. The channel is only four to five feet high. The logistics of notifying the public in a timely manner was discussed. Roy will speak to Steve Doyon. A special Select Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:30 where the first item will be the information for the drawdown particulars.

#### Other Business:

Mishcon indicated that she received a confusing telephone message from either John Thompson or Jon Champagne with regards to connecting on the Bay Road water issue. Thompson said

he did not leave a message for Mishcon. Mishcon agreed it must have been Champagne. The Board is considering a field trip to view the issue.

#### Scheduled Budget Only Work Sessions:

1. Highway Department and Highway Department Projects – Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 9:30 A.M..
2. Legal Expenses, Financial Administration, Gov't Buildings, Personnel Administration, Information Technology – Wednesday October 11, 2017 after the public meeting at 6:30 P.M. regarding the Highland Lake drawdown.
3. Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Welfare, Other Agencies, Zoning Enforcement – Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 1:30 to 3:30 P.M..
4. Transfer Station (including any changes to be made) – Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 9:30 A.M..

#### Signatures and Correspondence:

GMI proposal previously authorized by Blinn and Delaney in Mishcon's ab-

sence. Mishcon reviewed the proposal. Blinn and Delaney signed the proposal.

Letter to the Service Club signed by all three Select Board members\

Letter to John Guiheen signed by all three Select Board members.

#### Approval of Minutes:

Delaney made the motion to approve the September 18, 2017 minutes as drafted. Mishcon seconded the motion. All in favor. September 18, 2017 minutes are approved.

#### October 16, 2017

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Members Present:** Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Vicky Mishcon, Select Board Chair; Jim Delaney and Dave Blinn, Select Board; Bill Leber and John Hanscom, Lion's Club; Bill Keyser and Pat Cutter, Cemetery Committee; Roger and Kitty Kidder, Highland Lake Protective Association; Susan Chase and Janet Moore, Library Board; Tom Frantz, Recreation Committee Chair; and Sergeant Mahoney and Chief Glenn Laramie, Police Department.

#### Lion's Club and the Food Pantry:

At the request of Virginia Edwards, Lion's Club President, Leber and Hanscom attended the Board meeting tonight to discuss the future of Andover's Food Pantry. Mishcon wanted Leber to know that the food pantry was not thrown out of the Town Hall building as has been rumored.

The food pantry was started years ago by Don Gross along with the Lion's Club. The food pantry is independently run entirely by volunteers and by donations and does not need to follow State reporting requirements. When the food pantry started, at that time, Charlie Darling agreed to monitor the food pantry because the Beacon's former office was adjacent to the pantry on the bottom level of Town Hall. Since the Beacon moved out of the Andover Town Hall building this summer, issues have arisen with the pantry. One day the pantry was full of items and within 24 hours the shelves were completely cleared away. The Beacon is temporarily back in the Town Hall building. However, the staff are currently only in their office a

very short time during the week.

The Lion's Club indicated they were a service club and would like to continue to help the poor in Andover to survive the present issues. Leber indicated that by Statute, the Town has to look after the poor. Leber asked who the designated person was in town so he could gather a list of poor in town to help serve those folks. Roy is the overseer of the poor. The Board and Roy explained by law, that information is confidential and it cannot be disclosed.

The Club asked for a key in order to operate. However, Mishcon said no one will need a key because the pantry must operate when Town Hall is opened. The Board discussed their expected guidelines for the pantry if it is in the Town Hall building. The Town Hall staff cannot be responsible for monitoring the pantry. The pantry must only be opened during specific hours during the times that the Town Hall is opened. There must be an independent person designated by the Club to monitor the pantry when it is opened.

#### Town Hall hours currently are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 to 2 P.M.

Tuesday 9 to 6:30 P.M.

Friday CLOSED

Last Saturday of the month 9 to 11 A.M.

Suggested ways to improve and monitor the pantry were to build doors with locks on the open shelves currently being used to store food. The Club is working on finding a special 100th year Celebration project and will consider doing this as the project.

Mishcon is the Andover-Proctor liaison. At their semi-annual meeting today, Proctor indicated that they would like to continue to help with the food pantry. All agreed this is a good idea.

The Club will speak with the American Legion to hopefully have a few of their folk volunteer to monitor the pantry. The Club wants to have their own members or a similar service club such as the American Legion monitor the pantry at a designated time.

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# Letters

## Disappointed With Legislative Committee Hearing

Being relatively new to New Hampshire state issues, I decided to attend a NH Joint Legislative Committee hearing in Concord recently regarding the push to provide transgender reassignment surgeries to NH Medicaid recipients, both adult and children.

I was both amazed and appalled at what I witnessed. Amazed at the amount of time allowed for concerned citizens to testify for or against the issue. Appalled by the utter disregard and indifference towards these citizens by the committee and specifically by the committee Chairman, State Senator John Reagan (R-Deerfield).

The citizen speakers were many and diverse. But there were two Medicaid mothers who shared some truly heartbreaking stories about their ei-

Medicaid funding and/or services. Other witnesses had come with prepared statements as they were clearly nervous about speaking. Senator Reagan called each witness by name and once they were finished did nothing to acknowledge or thank them in any way whether individually or collectively. These people, I have no doubt, felt they had wasted their valuable time in coming and speaking to the committee.

Additionally, as a Conservative woman, mother and now activist, I was very disappointed by Republican Senator Reagan's vote FOR the rule change which now allows NH Medicaid recipients of all ages to receive transgender surgeries courtesy of NH taxpayers. As Conservatives, we stand for fiscal responsibility and limited government. We fight intensely against our inept government controlling our lives and most importantly our healthcare! Just look at the devastating impacts within the VA, Medicaid and Obamacare systems! As a Republican, Senator Reagan's vote to expand Medicaid coverage of transgender surgeries on the backs of the NH taxpayer, to the detriment of the basic needs of the truly sick and disabled, is shameful!

*Liz Gabert*  
Bedford, NH

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## Representative Natalie Wells Reports From Concord

### About Education Savings Accounts

Rep. Nancy Wells, District 25

Ready or not, the winter season is upon us along with beautiful holidays to share with your family and friends.

I have received emails from constituents in regards to a bill for Education Savings Accounts, also known as ESA's. These would be used for families choosing to send their child to a non-public school. Another newspaper gave their view and the impression that these monies are coming from our local property taxes. This is not true. The amended version has income limits so a family has to be truly low income. A family of 4 making \$73,000 or less would qualify. ESA's are dedicated savings accounts for education. They are like Health Savings Accounts for health care. Parents can pay tuition, buy books, hire a tutor, enroll in an online course etc.

The monies going to a child is the \$3,600 adequacy aid that the state currently pays a school district for each child in a seat. If the child has a disability or is free/reduced lunch, they qualify higher. One concern is how will the monies be dispersed to the parents and how is it overseen. Those that apply to the scholarship organization, i.e., Children's Scholarship Fund, are approved based on income. They would receive a restricted debit card that has the \$3,600 loaded on it. It is restricted in that the parent would not be able to use it in any personal way, such as a liquor store. The parents also have to submit receipts to the scholarship organization confirming their expenditures.

These special situations where par-

ents seek to find an alternative school for their child may be due to being bullied, special needs, or just needs a smaller classroom to learn. Some people think this is all about taking care of the rich families. As stated before, this program is for families struggling with few economic resources. This is where a small classroom environment, for whatever the reason, can help that child.

In no way do I want to diminish the hard work and dedication that many teachers in public school can give their students. In fact, I personally know some great dedicated teachers, and they're spot on. However, they cannot be everywhere for everyone.

ESA's are not going to be for the majority of families. In fact, the percentage of families in NH who actually participate in scholarships and alternative schooling is a very small fraction of the pie. The bottom line here is to allow the parent, not the government, to decide what is best for their child. The state may create an opportunity for children to be educated, but the family should have the say on how and where they want their child to be educated.

Now, I'm going to switch gears and wish you and your family joyous holidays. Take time to reflect on all that we have and think how we might lend a hand to someone less fortunate than us. Put the politics aside, and share some cocoa with a friend!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Representative Natalie Wells, Serving: Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Warner, & Webster Email: [natalie.wells@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:natalie.wells@leg.state.nh.us)



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Mahoney pointed out a stack of folders on his desk and another large binder all of which contain open cases that need his attention. Having been the only full time member of the department, Mahoney is used to being busy and is very familiar with the day to day operations of the department.

The new chief has some things he would like to begin implementing, but does not envision any big changes anytime soon. He hopes to review and update the department policies and procedures and to be sure that training of officers is up to date. He is also considering how to use social media to communicate with the community.

Staffing will be a priority. There

were vacancies for part-time officers before Mahoney was promoted. He is anxious to get the department back to a full compliment of officers, which can be a problem right now in New Hampshire. Most area departments are not fully staffed and there are not many qualified people looking for jobs in law enforcement. In the past, many of the officers who worked in Andover were full time officers in other departments. With the staffing shortages in other departments, there is plenty of overtime available, and officers are not looking to work outside their own department.

Mahoney said he could probably have found employment in a bigger department, but he likes working in Andover and is looking forward to serving the town in his new role. 

**Zoning from page 1**

hearing to submit written comments. You can mail them, give them to Lois at the town office, or give them to someone who will be attending the hearing to deliver on your behalf. Here is a brief summary of the proposed amendments:

**1. Storage Trailers, Storage Containers, Fabric-Covered Garages and Pre-Fabricated Carports.** These structures are becoming more and more common. The current Zoning Ordinance requires a building permit before erecting them or moving them onto a property, just like any other structure. However, this requirement has not been enforced. The proposed amendment would replace the building permit requirement with a requirement that these structures be registered with the Zoning Administrator. There would be no fee for registration. Registration would allow the town to keep track of these structures and to check that they are not placed in violation of setback and height requirements.

**2. Tiny Houses.** The Planning Board has recently had inquiries about constructing so-called tiny houses. Under the current Zoning Ordinance, new dwellings with a minimum ground floor area of less than four hundred eighty (480) square feet are prohibited. The proposed amendment would allow special exceptions for dwellings smaller than this in all districts except Village and Forest and Agriculture, where the Planning Board feels that they would be incompatible with the character of the village areas or with rural farm and forest landscapes. All other requirements in the ordinance for dwellings would apply.

**3. No Building on Class VI or Private Roads.** State law (RSA 674:41) generally prohibits erecting buildings on lots that do not have frontage on existing Class V or better roads because this creates inappropriate expense, need for municipal services, and risk for the towns. Amendment No. 3 incorporates this provision explicitly into the Zoning Ordinance. Because of state law, and also because development on Class VI roads and private roads goes against the Master Plan priorities of preserving our

Town's scenic views and rural character, the Planning Board has consistently opposed such development. Including this prohibition in the text of the Zoning Ordinance will provide clear direction to the Select Board in administering RSA 674:41, and ensure consistent treatment of future requests to build on Class VI or private roads.

**4. Purposes of the Zoning Ordinance.** The stated purposes in the preamble of the Zoning Ordinance are important when town officials, boards, and committees need to interpret the ordinance in order to administer it – for example in granting or denying variances and special exceptions, or reviewing subdivision and commercial site plan proposals. The preamble of the current ordinance has very little substantive language describing its purposes. The proposed amendment would add the purposes allowed in state law as well as the guiding principles of the Master Plan, thereby providing a better basis for interpretation, giving clear, fair and consistent guidance and standards for all decisions that need to be taken by Town officials under the ordinance.

**5. Update of the Special Exception Process.** The proposed revisions fix some longstanding errors and ambiguities in the Board of Adjustment special exception process. First, the requirement that the Planning Board find a site appropriate before the Board of Adjustment can grant a special exception. Although Planning Board input on special exception requests has often been useful to the Board of Adjustment, the law specifies that the Board of Adjustment alone has the power to decide on special exceptions. The proposed amendment would make the Planning Board's input on a special exception request advisory only. Second, the proposed amendment revises the process for "additional" (changed to "unlisted") special exceptions. As in the current ordinance, any use in any district may be approved by the Board of Adjustment as an unlisted special exception. The amendment adds concise criteria, conditions, and safeguards that such an unlisted special exception must meet in order to be approved. 

**Andover Real Estate Transactions****October 15 to November 30**

On September 15, 2017, Gay Rayno, & Kenneth Sanborn, sold 216 Cilleyville Road to, Andrew & Tiffany Perkins for \$215,000. The 2,725 Square foot home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and sits on 20.5 acres.

On September 15, 2017, Dennis & Patricia Bonin sold 241 Flaghole Road to Kristin Mcwade for \$466,500. Tabitha Lemelin of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles assisted the seller and Karin Cannon of BHG Masiello assisted the buyer. The 4,361 Square foot home has 3 bedrooms, 3.5 bath, and sits on 15.79 acres.

On September 20, 2017, Danyel Herbert, sold 947 Franklin Highway, to David & Donna Blinn for \$58,000. Chris Dumont of BHHS Verani assisted the seller and the buyer. The 724 square foot home has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, and sits on .43 acres.

On September 20, 2017, Jack & Lisa Braley, sold 56 Lawrence Street to Andrew Frankel for \$225,000. Judith Richard of Perfect Choice Properties assisted the seller and buyer. The 1,800 square foot single family home has 3 bedroom, 2 baths, and sits on 0.45 acres.

On September 28, 2017, James Emerson sold 235 Monticello Drive to Jack Braley for \$80,000. 6.8 acres of land.

On September 29, 2017 Marty McAuliff and Jessica Rosman sold 5 Cilleyville Road to Lorraine Lamos for \$148,400. Donald Goudreau of EXP Realty assisted the seller and the buyer. The 1,579 square foot home has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and sits on .71 acres.

On October 2, Federal Home Mortgage Corp. sold 21 Pleasant Road to Scott Sleath for \$105,000. Steve Floyd of Century 21 Highview Realty assisted the seller and Mary Lou Cummings of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles assisted the buyer. The 1,728 square foot home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and sits on 2 acres of land.

On October 3, Brian Perry sold 747 Main Street to Deutsche Bank National for \$210,000. The 2,456 square foot home has 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and sits on 3.67 acres.

On October 11, Bertram and Lee Carvalho sold 44 Lawrence Street to Meghan Foley and Linda Schofield for \$246,000. Lori Meding of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles assisted the seller and Florence Ruffner of Ruffner Real Estate assisted the buyer. The 1,622 square foot home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and sits on 1.2 acres.

On October 16, John Andrews sold 117 Shaw Hill Road to Heath Tyler for \$192,000. The 1,833 square foot home has 1 bedroom, 1 bath and sits on 2.6 acres.

On October 20, the Frost Family Trust sold 25 Boston Hill Road to Brian Peterson for \$207,500. Laura J.

Hallahan of Tall Pines Realty assisted the seller and Janice Morin of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage assisted the buyer. The 1,248 square foot home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and sits on 2.3 acres.

On October 24, Christer and Jill Grotnes sold 34 Horseshoe Pond Road to Scott and Ann Ireland for \$185,000. Lori Meding of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles assisted the seller and Daniel O'Halloran of Keller Williams assisted the buyer. The 1,858 square foot home has 3 bedrooms and 1 bath and sits on 1.1 acres.

On October 25, the Bates Family Trust sold 85 Cilleyville Road to Nancy Teach for \$320,000. The 2,700 square foot home has 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths.

On October 28, Jeanne and Walter Dwyer Trusts sold land on Old College Road to Green Acre Woodland for \$950,000. Approximately 950 acres of land.

On October 31, Brix and Stix Construction sold 772 Flaghole Road to Joseph Allen for \$227,000. The 1,913 square foot home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and sits on 5 acres of land.

On November 6, R. Woods Trust sold 115 Beech Hill Road to Dandellion Manor, LLC for \$295,000. Tabitha Lemelin of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles assisted the seller and Jim Cilley of On Course Realty Group assisted the buyer. The 3,552 square foot home has 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths and sits on 5.3 acres of land.

On November 13, Barclin Land Company sold 0 Racoon Hill & South Shaw Hill Road to Joseph and Andrea Costanzo for \$42,000. Lori Meding of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles assisted the seller and Bob Hodges of Keller Williams Metropolitan assisted the buyer. 17.17 acres of land.

On November 17, WJS Trust sold 50 Franklin Highway to Erin Wilcox for \$140,000. Elliot Hansen of Elliot Hansen Assoc. assisted the seller and Donna J. Ward of EXIT Reward Realty assisted the buyer. The 1,265 square foot home has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, and sits on 2 acres of land.

On November 22, Scott McDonald sold 402 Bradley Lake Road to Randy Sirard for \$31,000. 0.64 acres of land.

**Andover Inventory**

There are currently 10 residential properties on the market, plus 2 residential properties under contract for sale.

There are currently 8 land parcels on the market, and none under contract for sale

There are currently 3 commercial or multi-family properties on the market, and 1 under contract for sale.

Data from NNEREN.com/sold-properties and MerrimackCountyDeedsNH.com for 9/15/2017 through 11/30/2017. 

## Andover Police Depart October and November Stats

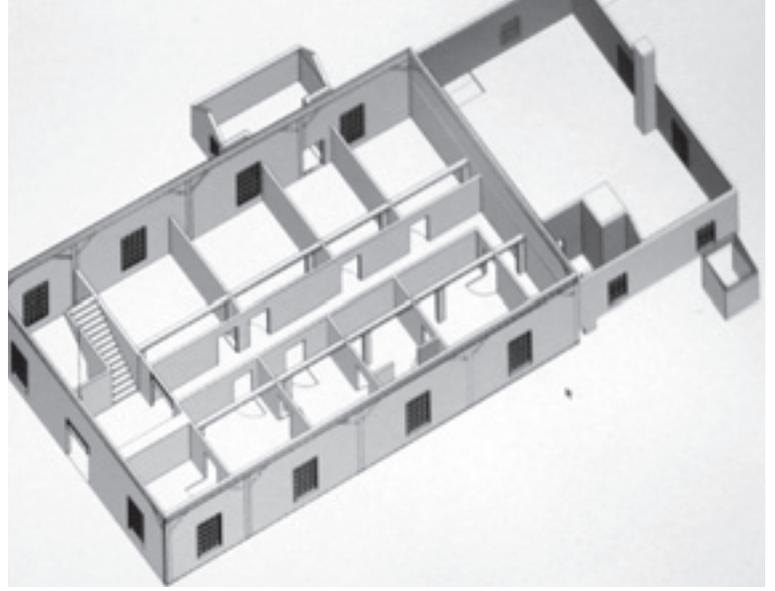
### Reports for October and November

The Andover Police Department handled 174 Calls for Service during October, including:

- Animal Stray: 1
- Animal-Nuisance: 1
- Animal-Livestock Complaint: 3
- Animal-Wild: 4
- Assist Citizen: 8
- Assist Motorist: 3
- Civil Issue/Stand-by: 2
- House Check: 60
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 3
- Shots Fired: 1
- Theft: 2
- Traffic Offense-Citation: 2
- Traffic Offense-Warning: 42

• Welfare Check: 1  
The Andover Police Department handled 207 Calls for Service during November, including:

- Abandoned Vehicle: 2
- Animal-Livestock Complaint: 4
- Assist Ambulance/Rescue: 4
- Assist Citizen: 4
- Assist Police: 5
- Civil Issue/Stand-by: 3
- Dog – Loose: 8
- House Check: 98
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 4
- Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident: 5
- Theft: 3
- Traffic Accident: 3
- Traffic Offense-Warning: 21
- Welfare Check: 2



Floor Plan of the Andover Hub (Old Town Hall) showing the large studio at the right.

## Andover Hub Seeks Potential Users & Tenants for Old Town Hall

Larry Chase

Could your business or organization benefit from having a presence -- either fulltime or on an as-needed basis -- in a historic building in the center of Andover, N.H., fronting on State Route 11 and U.S. Route 4?

As you likely know, Andover's old town hall, built in 1879 and located at 157 Main Street, was purchased a year ago by a group of Andover residents, with the goal of returning it to its original function as a community resource. Now known as The Andover Hub, the building is currently "open for business," with several fitness-related classes and crafts practitioners using space, and with expressions of interest made by a variety of other community groups and small businesses.

The main area is currently divided into ten offices ranging in size from 150 to 225 square feet. Multiple uses for both fulltime and occasional occupancy

can be accommodated. If larger spaces are needed, the current layout can be altered.

In addition, there's a former dance studio (top right in drawing) measuring roughly 25 by 40 feet, with locker facilities and a changing room below, and a separate entrance to provide direct access to the area. There is also space on the unfinished second floor. The facility is not handicapped-accessible, although plans for first-floor access are in the works.

To learn how much wider interest exists among local businesses and organizations, the owners invite any interested parties to visit the Hub. All are welcome to look at the space and share your thoughts about joining this community effort - either by making use of the property, or by other means of support. Contact the Andover Hub at [AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com) to set up a meeting, or to discuss further any ideas you may have.

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Local writer, Amy Makechnie, has recently signed a contract with Simon and Schuster to publish her novel entitled *The Unforgettable Guinevere St. Clair*.

## Andover Resident Amy Makechnie Publishes Novel

### An interview with Amy Makechnie

Steve Foley

Andover resident, Amy Makechnie, has signed a contract with Simon and Schuster to publish her novel, *The Unforgettable Guinevere St. Clair*. Makechnie has lived in Andover for about twenty years, having moved here with her husband Gregor who had accepted a teaching job at Proctor Academy following his college graduation. Makechnie grew up in Nebraska and then attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where she met her husband. In addition to writing, she is the mother of four children, volunteer soccer coach, leader of the Young Women's Organization at her church and teaches a class at Proctor Academy. She also is a nutrition specialist and works with the athletic teams at Proctor. She took time out of her busy schedule to answer some questions about the book and her writing.

SDF: Has writing a novel been a long-time goal of yours, or is it something that took root more recently?

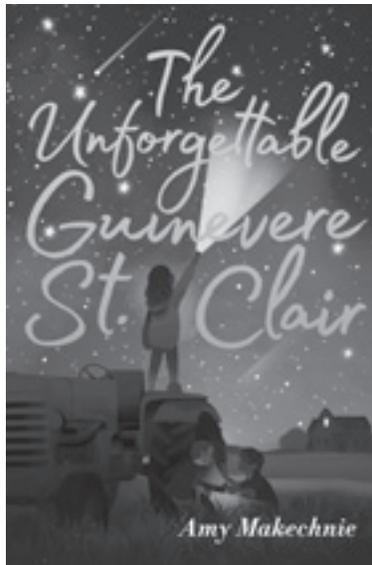
AM: I've been writing quite seriously for the last ten years. My first novel was really just a glorified autobiography. I didn't know how to write a book! I had never studied story structure, narrative arc, theme, how to plot, etc. There was a steep learning curve. After querying literary agents with no success, I realized I should either quit or write another novel. I wrote *The Unforgettable Guinevere St. Clair*.

SDF: Which came first, the idea for the story or the desire to write a novel?

AM: The idea always always comes first for me. Ideas are fun and exciting. Writing is much harder; the blank page is often torturous. I usually start by taking lots of notes on notecards and jotting down quotes and ideas in notebooks. This goes on for months. Some story ideas stick, some don't. If the story won't leave me alone, I finally sit down and start putting those notes in a document which becomes the bones of a novel.

*The Unforgettable Guinevere St.*

*Clair* is based on the true events of a woman I knew who suffered a traumatic brain injury, leaving her unable to remember anything after the age of 13. I was fixated on the relationship between an incredibly patient husband and a wife, who could not remember him or their children. It was a story I could not let go of. I wrote a fictional story from the point of view of a child and what it might be like to be literally "forgotten."



This is the cover art for Amy Makechnie's first published novel.

SDF: I know that you have written a lot in your personal blog and that you have had some articles published. What else have you written that you are proud of?

AM: My blog (maisymak.com) was a terrific exercise for me to practice writing on a regular basis and to get positive feedback that was relatively low stakes. It gave me the confidence to start submitting non-fiction articles and essays on-line, which was higher stakes. I LOVE writing about people, so in that sense, non-fiction is more natural and easier for me. One of my most treasured pieces is a eulogy I was asked to write and deliver. Life stories fascinate me. I have found that most lives can easily be spun into a fictional story, which is how all of my novels have started - inspira-

See Novel on page 15

## Through the Reading Glasses

Janet Moore

Susan Cooper wrote *The Shortest Day* for the annual production of the Winter Revels, held in Cambridge, MA in 1977. With apologies to the author for scrunching it up a bit, I offer it as a celebration of December 21st, the winter solstice and our shortest day this year.

"So the shortest day came,  
and the year died,

And everywhere down the  
centuries of the snow-white world,  
Came people singing, dancing,  
to drive the dark away.

They lighted candles in the winter  
trees; they hung their homes  
with evergreen.

They burned beseeching fires all  
night long to keep the year alive.  
And when the new year's sunshine  
blazed awake they shouted, reveling.

Through all the frosty ages you  
can hear them echoing,  
behind us-listen!

All the long echoes sing the same  
delight this shortest day  
As promise wakens in  
the sleeping land.

They carol, feast, give thanks, and  
dearly love their friends,  
and hope for peace.

And so do we, here, now, this year,  
and every year. Welcome, Yule!"



### Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

#### December/January 2017 Beacon

##### Adult Fiction

*Necessary Lies*, Diane Chamberlin  
*The Waters of Eternal Youth*, Donna  
Leon

##### Adult Nonfiction

*Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson  
*Dark Money: the hidden history of  
the billionaires behind the rise of  
the radical right*, Jane Mayer  
*On My Own*, Diane Rehm  
*Betrayal: the crisis in the Catholic*

*Church*, the investigative staff of  
the Boston Globe, ,

*When Breath Becomes Air*, Paul  
Kalanithi

##### Children

*Scientific Inquiry in Action: Chemi-  
cal Reaction*, Mary Ann Hoffman  
*Pythons*, Don Rathaus  
*Leonardo da Vinci*, Linda Cernak  
*Sheep*, Megan Kopp  
*Glow: animals with their own night  
lights*, W. H. Beck  
*Pete the Cat and the Bedtime Blues*,  
Kim Dean

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In this old photo of Andover, Main Street runs from left (west) to right (east). Old Town Hall at right. Proctor infirmary (church with steeple) at left. Current town office building a couple inches to left of Hub. Lawrence Street in foreground. Provided by Larry Chase

## Blanche Hersey Robie's 1916 Diary

Rita Norander

### Background Information

The author of this diary was my great aunt, Blanche Hersey Robie. She and her husband, Robert Robie, were married in 1906. They took over the Robie Farm on Cilley Hill Road (Sam Hill Road) from Robert's father in 1912. They lived there and farmed the land for almost 35 years. Their three children, who are mentioned in the diary, were: Edith (born in 1907), Bernard (1908) and Frances (1912). We previously met Robert in two of my spring articles when Nannie Robie (my grandmother) was corresponding with Robert (her brother) in 1902. Maybe you will recognize the names of some of the people Blanche mentions!

### Excerpts From Blanche's Diary

#### January

18th - Minus 12 degrees in morning and not much above all day. Robert helped saw wood for Ada (his sister who lived nearby). He drew a load of oak lumber to the village in P.M. for Fellows & Son (They cut wood and had a saw mill in one of the pastures). No callers. I nearly completed the rompers for Frances.

19th - Cold & clear. Ten degrees in A.M. Elmer Newton here all day. I churned 49 pounds of butter. Cleaned and washed. Robert got 3 loads of saw-dust on Henry Emery's lot.

27th - Cloudy and very warm for January. Snow nearly gone. Robert went to town with wagon. Sold 49 pounds of butter. Got Frances & Edith rubbers, and leggings for Bernard. Clarence Rayno (nephew) took Pat (their horse) and carried broken sled and new runners down to Uncle Henry Keniston to be repaired. (At that time, Henry lived in the maroon farmhouse in Franklin, a little beyond the town line.) Julia Kilburn and J. Wadeleigh, Jr. called in the

morning.

29th - Very cold in the A.M. Edith worked 5 hours for 5 cents. (!) I cooked, swept and ironed. Letters from Emily and Ellen (her sisters).

30th - (Sunday) - Got up late and no one went to church. I went for a walk with Edith and Bernard and fell in



Blanche Hersey's and Robert Robie's 1906 wedding picture which was taken by E. D. Currier of Franklin Falls. ( Blanche was Rita Norander's grandfather's sister and Robert was her grandmother's brother.)

brook. (?)

#### February

3rd - Edith and Bernard did more than usual on their squares. (?)

10th - Cold and rather windy. Ada had Dan (horse) to go to Franklin. Robert and Clarence drew 2 loads of lumber a piece to car at railroad station and finished car. Mr. Chase got a load of hay for Mr. Robie (Blanche's father in law who lived nearby). Card from Ellen. I worked quite a little on gingham quilt.

11th - Cold and somewhat cloudy. Robert had his father's horse, Frisky, and went with butter. Sold 47 pounds and could have sold 10 more. Sam Sargent drove horses and drew two loads of lumber as did Clarence. I went to the C.E. Convention with Dan (horse). Enjoyed it very much. Took Ellen's place as secretary.

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## An Andover Inventor in the Early Industrial Age, 1817-18

John Bryant won patents in textile manufacturing

John A. Hodgson  
Andover Historical Society

Today we tend to think of the Industrial Revolution as an urban phenomenon, a great social and cultural change associated with the rise of the “mill towns” of New England. The places that epitomize that revolution in our regional landscape would then seem to be the planned factory cities on the Merrimack River, preeminently Manchester, New Hampshire and Lowell, Massachusetts. But the very fact that these cities were planned – were, two centuries after the founding of Boston, “new” – should remind us that their origins lie elsewhere. The great mill complexes of those hydropower cities arose because new technologies of manufacturing made them possible and even inevitable; those cities represented the flowering of the Industrial Revolution, not its roots. The revolution was born and nurtured in the little mills and workshops and barns where local tinkers set their minds and hands to the task of mechanizing or improving a familiar process such as spinning, weaving, carding, or napping cloth.

Wherever a mill stood, then – and this could be almost anywhere an adequate head of water was available – some inquisitive and enterprising owner or worker or neighbor might be toying with schemes to upgrade or even transform its operations. Especially throughout the northeast – the innovating spirit was less powerful in the mid-Atlantic states and never took hold in the Deep South -- mechanical tinkering of this kind was widespread. During the period between 1810 and 1820, for example, many successful

patents relating to the manufacturing of cloth were filed from the larger cities – Boston, Philadelphia, Providence, Hartford. But a great many such patents also came in from a remarkably wide variety of little villages, places like Poulney, Vermont; Manlius, New York; and Andover, New Hampshire.

The Andover inventor who won a patent for his cloth shearing and napping machine was John J. Bryant, who lived and worked in East Andover. He was a young man – indeed, surprisingly young for a skillful machinist and patentee: when he invented his new machinery he was only eighteen or nineteen years old, and he was still no more than twenty when he received his patent in 1818. He and his slightly younger brother, Jeremy Y. Bryant, left their home in Newmarket in 1816 or 1817 and came to Andover to build new lives for themselves here. Since neither of them had yet reached the age of majority, their father must have cooperated with them to “give them their time” until they turned 21; this kind of not-unusual legal arrangement would enable his sons to keep their own wages and enter into contracts, while also making them liable for their own debts. Presumably, all the Bryants were confident that these two resourceful young men were already fully capable of making their way in the world independently.

John and Jeremy Bryant seem to have lived somewhere on Maple Street, for an old court record notes that John’s property was bounded on the south by “lune Pond” – that is, Loon Pond, the old name for Highland Lake. They worked in the small complex of mills at the outlet of the lake.

Eastman, in his history of Andover, tells us that they were “proprietors of the full-  
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Grace Percivale, daughter to James,	Grace Russell
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OLD NEWSPAPER CLIPPING (note 1913 date) from a family scrapbook now owned by Karen Hanson of Andover. Anyone know where the “the Opera House” was located?  
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Acaydia and Caspian Wright enjoy a visit with Santa as part of a day of family activities at the Andover Hub on December 10. Photo: Larry Chase

## Santa Pays a Visit to Andover Hub

Larry Chase

About fifty local children, along with about an equal number of grown-ups (mainly parents and other relatives), got an opportunity for a close encounter with Santa Claus when the Bearded Old Gentleman in the Red Suit paid a visit to the dance studio in The Andover Hub (Andover's old town hall) on Sunday afternoon, December 10.

Local crafters were on the scene as well, offering an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts to those in attendance. Sellers included Zach Barton & Chrissy, Heidi Chapman, Heidi Clasby, Amy Duboc, Sarah Graves, Margaret Hoyle, Colleen Longo, Rosemary Mc-

Guirk, Stefania Nobile, Nancy Parker, and Holly Walton.

Under the banner "Christmas is for Kids," each non-adult (and some grown-ups as well) also got a chance to make a Christmas-tree ornament or two, show off their coloring skills, grab a few cookies and a cup of hot cider, attach paper reindeer antlers to their heads, listen to Frank Sinatra singing "Jingle Bells" on the stereo, pose with Father Christmas beside a well-decorated tree and before the family smartphone, and receive a gift from the Old Guy himself. A Fun Time was had by all, by all accounts. The elves (in real life Deb Brower and Gisela Darling) were included at no additional cost.

## Franklin Drug Task Force Welcomes New Director

Press release

Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force has tapped Kayla Bertolino to be its new coordinator. Bertolino graduated from Inter-Lakes High School in Meredith and went on to receive a master's degree in Health Communications from Southern New Hampshire University. She has worked in healthcare for over 10 years at Concord Hospital and LRG Healthcare.

Bertolino is not a stranger to Franklin having spent her early years living there. She says that she is passionate about family, community, faith, and volunteerism. She further stated: "I am excited to be a part of the monumental change and activism happening in the Franklin and Hill community and look forward to filling my schedule with positive engagements that will lead to positive prevention efforts in the area."

If you would like to get involved or would like more information about the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force call



Kayla Bertolino is the new Coordinator of the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force.

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## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee is Busy Making Plans for 2018

Will be using social media to keep everyone posted

4th of July Committee

As we put this article together, Thanksgiving is upon us. What a great time to sit back and reflect on all the things we are thankful for. First, we wouldn't be enjoying our wonderful life here in the United States without the work and sacrifices of our servicemen and women. That includes those dear to us whom we have lost.

Next, Andover as a community, is unparalleled in their volunteerism. The lion's share of that is taken care of by our non-profits and by neighbors helping neighbors. The Andover 4th of July Committee is proud to be a part of that spirit.

Let's not forget to be thankful for all those who made our 2017 Parade second to none. That includes those who spent tireless hours putting together parade floats, decorating bicycles, polishing vehicles, grooming animals and simply preparing to march in the parade.

Thank you, also, to the wonderful group of people who assemble on the Village Green with games, music, delicious food and other activities. There are a lot of behind the scenes activities which include putting up signs, assembling the reviewing stand, trash pick up, grounds cleaning, and of course

our fire and police departments who work from dawn to dusk to help make all this happen!

Some things to look forward to next year are a pre-4th of July concert, a pre-4th family movie night, the Nelson Town Band in the parade, new games on the green, a giant raffle. A special addition to the program will give folks a chance to honor a veteran and a large "point of origin" United States map with stick pins where folks can mark where they are from. And, of course, we have many other things in the works!

One of our committee members is hard at work promoting the committee's social media presence. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and our Instagram for flashback Friday photos, parade theme suggestions and our Andover Beacon articles. We love your comments and suggestions.

Don't forget to Facebook message us with your 2018 parade theme suggestions or stop into the Andover Town Office and leave your suggestion in the red box.

Our committee will be meeting every first Wednesday of the month at the Andover Fire Station at 7 P.M. beginning in January 2018. Please join us! New faces are always welcome. You don't have to be a member!

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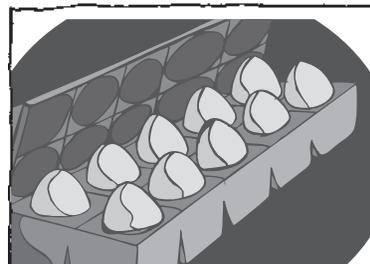
The holidays are a time for fun and celebration, but they are also a time of risk for young people.

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**F**ritz ("I'll tell you the story") Wetherbee, a host of WMUR-TV's "New Hampshire Chronicle," was in Andover recently, producing two segments for the show, which airs weekday evenings at 7 P.M.. The first, which aired on Nov. 30, told the history of The Andover Congregational Church in East Andover. The second, appearing on Dec. 5, described the work of three-time Academy Award-winning cinematographer Robert Richardson, a graduate of Proctor Academy in the class of 1973.

Photos shot from TV screen by Larry Chase



**T**here were activities for the whole family at the Andover Hub on December 10, including a visit from Santa. Here, children big and small write letters to Santa at the North Pole.

Photo: Larry Chase

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tion from a real person or event.

SDF: Publishing has changed a lot in the last few years and it seems like traditional "book deals" are no longer the only option. Did you consider self publishing options or did you send the manuscript to multiple publishing houses in the traditional way?

AM: I have considered self-publishing, and I think it's a terrific option. Many successful authors are making it without a big, traditional publishing house behind them - it's fantastic! However, I wanted the advantage of a literary agent, editor, illustrator, and publishing team. I also wasn't confident in my ability to market on a large scale. I have been querying literary agents for about eight years, learning much along the way. I have notebooks and email folders filled with dozens of rejections! At some point I stopped taking it so personally, realizing that it was a numbers game - the more queries I sent, the higher the chance of succeeding.

I wrote *The Unforgettable Guinevere St. Clair* in 2012. My lucky break came when Zoe Sandler of ICM Partners requested my full manuscript in April 2016. After speaking on the phone for 45 minutes, she offered representation. It was a thrilling moment. We worked on my manuscript for a few months before querying publishers. Every publisher said no except for one: Simon and Schuster. They made me an offer in Feb 2017. It was one of the happiest days of my life.

SDF: Tell us about your main character, Guinevere St. Clair. How did you choose her name and how did you decide on what her character would be.

AM: I knew a girl named Guinevere and I loved her name. Alas, the French last name doesn't have significance. Guinevere also reminded me of the legendary Guinevere and King Arthur, which does come into play in this book.

SDF: What are your future plans? Are there more novels in the works or other writing?

AM: There are definitely more books! I have two completed and have one currently in-progress. Zoe Sandler and I will begin pitching to publishers again in January 2018.

SDF: Can you give a little history about yourself and how that may have influenced your writing.

AM: Although I have always enjoyed writing, I didn't plan on becoming a writer. I'm grateful my path to publication was unconventional as I believe my life experiences have made me a better writer - they've given me more to write about! I graduated from college with a major in Health and Human Performance, and a minor in English.

I am a faculty member at Proctor Academy and teach one section of Anatomy & Physiology. My undergraduate degree taught me the basic anatomy of the brain, but my curiosity for Guinevere St. Clair's fictional story led me to far more than I ever learned in a traditional school setting. Neuroscience research not only helped me write a better book, but has made me a better teacher in the classroom. I'm in no way a body or brain specialist, but I remain fascinated with how the brain can heal itself and the many things I still do not know or understand. I have found that every novel I write involves questions and themes revolving around the human body - I can't help it! It is very fun and keeps me interested in the story. I'm convinced that not majoring in creative writing was one of the best things I did for my literary career (of course, that only meant I had to learn it later!)

*The Unforgettable Guinevere St. Clair* has a release date of June 12, 2018, but can be pre-ordered at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, BAM, and locally at the Morgan Hill Book Store in New London.

**Give the Gift of Life this Holiday Season**

**Blood drive on Sat., December 30**

**Press release**

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, December 30 from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Red Barn, 64 Village Road in Wilmot. The need for blood is especially great

during the holidays. The Red Cross' life saving work is only possible with your help.

Learn more at [www.WilmotWCA.org](http://www.WilmotWCA.org) and save time by preregistering at [www.redcross.org/give-blood](http://www.redcross.org/give-blood). All donors will receive a free t-shirt. If you would like to help with the drive, email Marc Davis at [marcsdavis@tds.net](mailto:marcsdavis@tds.net).



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## Andover Service Club News

### Mary Ofenloch, President

Another year of service to our community is coming to an end, and we are now looking forward to accomplishing even more in 2018. The ASC ladies worked very hard to make our bake sales and Election Day hot lunches both memorable and delicious. The Thanksgiving Pie Sale and "Slices for Scholarships" on the Fourth of July were very successful.

For those who do not know about "Slices for Scholarships," let me explain. On the Fourth of July, ASC asked for donations to the ASC Merit Scholarship Fund. With gratitude for a donation of any amount, the donor received a slice of pie. This was not a pie sale, but a "by donation only" fundraiser.

The third annual Art & Craft Fair last October was also a successful ASC event. Look for another fair next year.

A new sign was recently installed at

the Thrift Shop on the outside wall facing Route 4/11 (Main Street). Why not drop by to see the large variety of clothing and accessories for the entire family? Need a Christmas gift? You just might find that special gift there.

On December 13, the ASC ladies are looking forward to the annual Christmas luncheon at 74 Main Restaurant in New London, where the meals are fabulous, the venue is pleasant and comfortable, and the service is top notch. The winning ticket for the "Gifts Galore" Raffle will be drawn at the luncheon. This is a great beginning for the Christmas season.

So, as 2017 comes to a close, the ASC ladies and I wish to thank everyone who supported us and our efforts to be of service during this year. May you all be blessed with a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. 

## ASC Post Card Fund Raiser

Post Cards feature local photographers

### Mary Ofenloch, ASC President

The Andover Service Club is now offering beautiful postcards in a package of 12 for \$10. Included in the pack are the award winning photos from the July 4, 2016 photo contest taken by Andover photographers, and four antique photos from a private collection.

Suitable for framing and in beauti-

ful color, they are perfect for gifts, for a personal collection, or for writing a quick note to a special friend or family member. They are available for purchase at the Thrift Shop on School St in Andover. While you are there, you may want to shop for a lovely holiday outfit with accessories to match.

This Postcard Project fundraiser will benefit the ASC Merit Scholarship Fund. ASC is a registered 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. 

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The Club meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 30th and the Club will discuss the situation at the meeting to Club members and afterwards get back to the Town.

### Highland Lake Drawdown:

After the Board met with the Highland Lake Protective Association (HLP), Roger Kidder did some on-line research on the Department of Environmental Services (DES) website. Kidder believes someone from the State gave the Town wrong information on the lake draw down. The Kidder's requested the Town go forward with the draw down this year. The HLP is concerned about the amount of erosion taking place.

The Board and HLP agreed during last week's meeting, the drawdown would not occur this year due to the notification deadlines. However, Kidder provided new information from DES with conflicting information from what the Board received from Department of Environmental Services (DES) Dam Bureau. Roy will contact the State in the morning and inform them that some concerned citizens approached the Board with a conflicting opinion on the drawdown and will request a waiver or exemption on the notification deadlines.

Bill Keyser would like notices of meetings posted at the East Andover Post Office. Keyser feels there are people in East Andover who would like to be included in this issue and other meetings that he feels that the meetings are not being posted in the East Andover Post Office.

Keyser also does not believe that a yearly draw down is necessary or that the erosion issue is as big as people suggested.

### Library Budget:

Susan Chase and Janet Moore presented their budget. Please see attached.

### Cemetery Budget:

The committee is in the process of hiring a new sexton. Cutter interviewed a potential sexton recently. The new sexton will be paid \$13.00 hourly instead of the flat yearly fee. Among the duties of the sexton will be to speak to people who wish to purchase a lot, show the purchaser the lot at the cemetery, prepare the paperwork for Town records, record the deed, and to make sure the corner markers are taken care of as required.

The Committee questioned using the \$1200.00 from this year's budget and carrying it over to next years for repairing stones. The Board explained that if those funds are not used in 2017, they can only be encumbered by a contract or an invoice. Otherwise, the unused funds go into the General Fund. With a contract or an invoice, the Board will sign off to carry those funds over on the last Board meeting for 2017.

After discussion, the Board agreed that since the Town highway crew started the work in 2017 and will be completing the work, a work order or work schedule can be used in place of a

contract or an invoice. That should accomplish allocating those funds from the 2017 budget and carrying the left-over funds over into 2018's budget.

### Recreation Committee Budget:

Frantz explained the budget is approximately \$22,000.00 which is an increase of a couple of thousand dollars due to two items. One is the ski program. The fee for Ragged Mountain has increased from \$79.00 to \$99.00 per student during the winter course program. The transportation cost remained the same. The other item that caused the increase is that the ice rink liner may need to be replaced before the season is over.

Although the Committee did not vote, the consensus is that they are thinking of putting up their own equipment storage shed. They are in the process of checking with Proctor and locating the boundaries.

Howard George offered to aerate the baseball field. The Board agreed that the town does not have the proper equipment to aerate the field. The Board agreed that Howard can aerate the field. Additionally, Gary George will take care of shutting off the water.

### Police Department Budget:

Sergeant Mahoney presented the budget. The Board reviewed and discussed the budget. Mahoney explained that because the police department is in transition at this point, there are several unknowns in the budget. Crime-star was moved from the Office Supply line to the Dues/Subscription/Use fees line. There was a discussion regarding whether the 4th of July police detail should be in the police budget or the 4th of July committee's budget.

### Correspondence and Signatures:

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources letter received indicating that they have re-districted the forest rangers. However, Andover's Doug Miner, will remain our forest ranger.

Service Club letter received indicating their executive board meets at the end of October and that in November they will have a full member meeting. Afterwards, they would like to meet with the Board on November 20, 2017 to discuss the fee they owe to the 4th of July Committee.

Andover Snowmobile Club letter requesting they be allowed to cross through the Transfer Station as in the past. Mishcon made a motion that the Town continue to allow the Andover Snowmobile Club to continue to cross through the Transfer Station. Delaney seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. All three Board members signed the request.

Town Clerk/Tax Clerk bulleted list received for credit card usage in her office. The Board reviewed the terms for Visa and American Express usage. Along with the Board's request previously of the Procedures and Policy, the Board requested that a daily print out of the credit card transactions will be required to verify and confirm proper activity for the file and a copy sent to

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the bookkeeper.

An Intent to cut for Theodore signed by all three Board members

A Timber Tax Bill for Rita Havens signed by all three Board members

**Work Session:**

The next work session to discuss salaries and wages will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 2 to 4 P.M..

**OPEN HOUSE DISCUSSION**

On Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:15 P.M. an Open House took place as a Question and Answer discussion for residents to gather information on next year's budget before Town Meeting 2018. Topics suggested for discussion include: Fund Balance and General Fund, Budgets in general including the year to date Police Department Transition Period, Town Budget v. School Budget (Town Budget remained fairly consistent for several years), Salaries and Pay Scales across the board: Comparison of Andover with other Towns

**Other Business:**

Delaney would like to have the 4th of July Committee present a budget and report to the Board now that they are a Town Department. The Board agreed.

**November 6, 2017**

*Condensed from approved minutes:*

**Members Present:** Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Vicky Mishcon, Select Board Chair; Dave Blinn and Jim Delaney, Select Board; John Thompson, Road Agent; Peter Zak, Chuck Keyser; Adam and Christine Sloan, Birds Eye View Aerobatics; Richard Croteau, Joanne Stevens, Mike Browthall, Bridge Road residents; and Jared Reynolds, UNH Cooperative Extension Merrimack County

**Road Agent Report:**

Last Sunday's rain and wind storm damaged some roads and spared others around town. The few roads that did not do well, had plugged culverts. Much of those repairs are completed. Bradley Lake Road will be worked on tomorrow.

Elbow Pond Road – One of the two culvert structures in the vicinity of Elbow Pond Road, failed and the road is impassable. The concrete support blocks have been undermined and there is also loss of material on the approach to the bridge. After a site visit with the engineers, they recommend removal of the existing bridge and rebuilt in place. Thompson explained that ten years ago, those culverts were adequate for the amount of water for that time. However, ten years later, there is too much volume of water for the structures to adequately provide good water flow without breaching. There was a question regarding if the beaver deceivers installed were the cause of the breach. The engineers did not feel the beaver deceivers were the cause but they did not help the issue either. Thompson filed for an emergency wetland permit to repair. However, it may not qualify. Thompson is waiting for clarification from, Sean James, the engineer before moving ahead with repairs.

Kearsarge Mountain Road – The

storm water came over the top of the bridge deck causing damage to the substructure. The bridge is still opened but the width of the travel lane has been confined. After a site visit with the engineers, they recommended placing additional orange barrels so that traffic be directed away from the downstream beam due to its load carrying capacity being compromised. This did qualify for emergency repairs.

Maple Street – The road has been closed for over a week now. The wire is hanging low and vehicles should not go under it. One of the big initial issues was that there was no emergency contact information for the town road agent, the fire department, etc....to utilize. As of 2 P.M. today, no company was awarded the job of re-stringing the wires. Thompson hopes the work will be completed by tomorrow afternoon.

2nd Issue on Maple Street – Thompson received an early telephone call last Monday regarding the road being flooded near Zak's property. After Thompson assessed the area, the road crew cleaned out the basins which were plugged by the handmade grate installed by Zak. The leaves and sticks plugged the basins. The road crew used a come-a-long and the water dropped 18" in fifteen minutes time. Thompson returned a short time later on and it was flooded again. The grate obviously is not working. Zak voiced his concerns and said that it requires some attention. He would just like a schedule of when the repairs will be taken care of. Zak suggested a system like the one at Dyer's Crossing might work. Zak thinks Thompson is doing a good job on this issue.

85 Putney Road – The road crew cleaned out the ditches. After it was set back, residents thought that the road was widened. However, the ditches were grown up so much, that when cleaned out, it appears like the road is widened.

Winter and Summer Maintenance – Thompson reviewed the rate paperwork and it appeared to be fine with him. See attached.

Stop Sign - There is a missing stop sign at the corner of Boston Hill and Flaghole Roads. This is a safety issue. Several residents requested a yield sign as had been used there about ten years ago. One of the bus drivers gave her concerns to Roy. Her concern was that when she is letting nine children off at that stop, without a stop sign, there are cars who fly past there. After discussion with the Board, Thompson will replace the stop sign in that spot.

Keyser wanted to know if there was a way to firmly secure the signs in town so that they are not being stolen. There have been numerous signs stolen continually throughout the years. Thompson and Keyser had a brief discussion regarding how to secure the signs and Keyser offered to help with this project.

Delineator Post – A resident at the corner of Old College Road and Elbow Pond Road would like a post put up so that people know there is a turn in the

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**The Things They Carried to be Discussed at Andover Book Club**

**Susan Chase**

The 1990 novel about the Vietnam War, *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien, will be discussed at the Andover Book Club on Wednesday, January 24. According to a 2010 Washington Post review, "Many people think this is the best work of fiction ever written about Vietnam. Some even think it is the best work of fiction ever written about war. Both are right, and they were

right 20 years ago when this book came out for the first time." The Book Club meets at 7 P.M. on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Bachelder Library, 12 Chase Hill Road in East Andover, and welcomes all who enjoy reading and discussing books. Copies of the book are available through inter-library loan at the library; for more information call the Bachelder Library at 735-5076.

**Andover Congregational Church News, December 2017**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 P.M.**

**Sandy Miller**

**Andover Congregational Church**

The Advent season is a busy time for Christians. We began this season on December 3rd with the lighting of the Advent candle and a reading of the appropriate scripture for that week. The four candles we light up on consecutive Sundays represent Peace, Joy, Love and Hope. The final candle, the Christ Candle, will be lit at our Christmas Eve service on December 24th. This service starts at 7:00 P.M. and includes lots of favorite Christmas Carols and an uplifting message. We invite you all to attend this service and share in the joy of the Savior's birth and give praise for the wonderful gift of life and love He offers for each of us.

We also plan on going to various houses (elderly, shut-ins) for Christmas Caroling. The date will be December 17th, probably beginning at 4:00 or 5:00 P.M.. Call the Church office for more information on this. A group from the Church also goes singing at Peabody

and Mountain Ridge nursing homes the first Sunday of each month (1:30 P.M.) New voices would be most welcome.

Our Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child) undertaking was very successful, Almost 60 shoeboxes were put together with needy items by Church members and friends. Thanks to all who helped, and a special thank you to Joyce Bourdon for overseeing this mission. We also continue to bring food as well as help out at the Twin Rivers food pantry.

We hope to see you at our Christmas Eve Services (regular one at 9:30 AM and special service at 7 P.M.). 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. Our Church service and Sunday School begin at 9:30 AM every Sunday.

To one and all - our best wishes for a Joyous, Peace-filled Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Thought for the day: "The heart is happiest when it beats for others" (Read John 15:13)



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## Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust Celebrates \$180,000 Grant

### Press release

NH's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) awarded a \$180,000 grant to Ausbon Sargent to help conserve the 150-acre Brown Family's Frazier Brook Farm property in Warner, provided the project fundraising goal is met. Ausbon Sargent is a non-profit organization located in New London, N.H. It currently protects 143 properties, covering 11,263 acres in its 12-town region and has depended upon grants such as this LCHIP award and both private and public fundraising to achieve its goals. Ausbon Sargent has until June, 2019 to compile all documentation and reach its fundraising goal in order for LCHIP to release the grant funds.

The forty-two projects receiving LCHIP awards are spread all across the state, from Littleton to Nashua and Westmoreland to Star Island. Thirty-five very different communities are benefiting from the grants, from tiny Langdon (population 689) to Nashua (population 87,551). LCHIP's \$3.6 million in grants will be matched by more than \$11 million in funds from other sources. Grant amounts range from under \$4,000 to \$390,000.

This year's grant recipients include twenty-nine historic resource projects for buildings representing nearly two centuries of New Hampshire history, from 1769 to 1967. Historic buildings include two rare remaining railroad buildings and the first monument in the country dedicated to women's service in both military and civilian roles. The thirteen natural resource

projects selected for grants will ensure permanent protection of 2,100 acres. Seven farms will be protected and available for current and future food production. Other parcels increase the protected acreage on the sides of popular Mount Kearsarge and Crotched Mountain.

The Brown Family's Frazier Brook Farm is one of the seven farms selected to receive a portion of the 2017 LCHIP grant funding. The Brown family has owned various pieces of this 150-acre property since the 1800's and have sold and repurchased sections of the property in the years since. As a shared family effort, they have now reacquired the 150 acres. One family member shared that "it was always our hope to conserve the property to guarantee that what we had worked so hard to restore would never again be broken up. We just never considered it was possible to do it at this time. After talking with Ausbon Sargent's Land Protection Specialist, we realized that it might happen sooner than later. We are so appreciative for LCHIP's award and the help from Ausbon Sargent to make our dream a reality."

Ausbon Sargent could use your help to reach its fundraising needs and complete the Brown Family's Frazier Brook Farm project. With the LCHIP funding and the generous help of many supporters of the Ausbon Sargent mission, we can make this happen.

For more information about Ausbon Sargent to help us to meet our fundraising goal, visit [ausbonsargent.org](http://ausbonsargent.org) or call 603-526-6555.

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road. Otherwise, they could end up on the stone wall. Thompson will take care of this item: Darley Fire Equipment donated a Ford cab/chassis, like the Town-owned 6-wheeler to the Town. It is currently in Cornish, NH.

#### Bird's Eye View Aerobotics:

Several residents on Bridge Road voiced their concerns regarding the drone activity. Privacy, noise, amount of drone activity, and safety are some of their concerns. According to the FAA rules, the drones are allowed to fly up to 400'. Adam Sloan explained their business is driven by weather. Good weather days, are days used for testing the drones. Sloan explained that three different police officers came by and spoke to him about resident complaints. Sloan felt the officers did not think there was an issue. Due to the complaints, prior to the petition and this meeting, Sloan, instructed testing personnel to make sure they are not flying the drones near Croteau's property, keeping them 200' away, specifically.

Sloan invited the Board to come this Wednesday to Friday to observe their drone training sessions. The Board agreed they will visit this week to see for themselves.

The Board would like to work with both parties, Bird's Eye View Aerobotics and the Bridge Road residents so that a common ground resolution can be accomplished. The Board will look for alternative sites that might be useful for the drone testing site. The present property used for testing is 37 acres.

Keyser wanted the Board to remember setting precedent especially about noise during business hours.

#### UNH Cooperative Extension:

Reynolds explained a broad range of the varied types of projects the extension can provide and assist the Town with. The Board offered initial contact folks in Andover to get started. See attached brochures for specifics.

#### Correspondence and Signatures:

Intent to Cut – Wood Sutton; Arone Roy received an email voicing safety concerns about students crossing Main Street from Proctor. Mishcon will take this to the next Proctor Liaison Meeting to discuss.

Roy received an email from a former Bridge Road resident who is interested in purchasing the French property if it becomes available.

Plodzick and Sanderson Questionnaire – The Board filled in the questionnaire so that the Auditors can finalize the audit.

#### November 20, 2017

**Members Present:** Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Vicky Mishcon, Selectboard Chair; Dave Blinn and Jim Delaney, Select Board; John Thompson, Road Agent; Wood Sutton and Doug Phelps, 4th of July Committee; Greg Stetson, Fire Precinct Commissioner; and Chief Joseph Mahoney

#### Announcements:

Glenn Laramie has retired from the

Andover Police Department. Sergeant Joseph Mahoney has been promoted to Andover Police Chief.

#### Road Agent Report:

The one-ton is ready for use and the big truck is now ready for snow.

All the patch work is completed

Proctor Cemetery - leaf blowing and clean up for winter is almost completed.

Kearsarge Mountain Road Bridge Update- the footings and concrete were poured last Thursday and they are working on finishing the bridge.

Morrill Hill Road Bridge Update- the project is going as well as can be expected. The first footings poured need to be replaced due to the stormwater flooding. This was something that could not be predicted.

Maple Street culvert – Roy received a call from Mr. Lafiosca concerning when the culvert work will be completed. He is concerned that if it doesn't get done soon when spring comes there will be more issues. Thompson indicated that it will be taken care of by the end of next week, the week after Thanksgiving. Thompson questioned whether the Lafiosca's fence can be removed to get back to the area to work on. Thompson is willing to help with the fence. Roy will contact Lafiosca.

Elbow Pond Road- Due to the condition of this road, Thompson needs a place to turn around the plow trucks. Thompson suggested having the turnaround at Andy Prokosch's. After discussion, the Board will schedule an on-site meeting with Prokosch. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for either before or after their work session on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.. dependent upon the availability of the Prokosch's. Roy will contact the Prokosch's

Signs - Roy asked Thompson about getting some E-2 signs. Thompson indicated that we also need three stop signs. Thompson questioned whether the signs can be picked up at the same place they are ordered because when they get ordered, it seems like it takes a long time to get them. If someone can pick them up directly from their stock, that would work out better than waiting for the signs. Roy agreed that the place has stock signs but is unsure what types of signs are stocked.

Old College Road - Thompson is willing to meet with these residents after the first of the year for a question and answer time. At that time the residents can offer their opinions as to how they want the road finished.

Tahoe Registration - Roy will take care of getting this vehicle registered with the Town Clerk. The vehicle also needs Town of Andover magnetic stickers.

#### Town Administrator Report:

Transfer Station - Jeff Hayes, from the Lakes Regional Planning Commission, contacted Roy. Hayes thought he had a resource for Andover to help with redesigning the Transfer Station. However, that did not work out but he thinks

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he has another option.

There is a Construction and Demolition round table discussion tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2017. The time has not been determined as of tonight's meeting.

Roy received a lot of information from other towns about accepting construction debris at their transfer stations. Roy will give the Board a spreadsheet at the next work session.

Winter Maintenance Ordinance and Policy – These will be on the Town Website and in the next Beacon edition.

Pre-disaster Grant - The Town was awarded the pre-disaster grant. The federal portion is \$6,000.00. This will update our hazard mitigation plan.

Lion's Club - decided to re-open the food pantry at Town Hall. It will be opened on Wednesdays from 10 to 12:00 P.M.. only. Everyone will need to show a photo ID and live in Andover, Salisbury, Danbury or Wilmot to receive food. The Lion's Club will have their own person monitoring the food pantry during that time period.

Blinn was very concerned that the Lion's Club did not come back to the Board and just reopened the food pantry without any pre-notification to the Town. It appears they are adhering to the suggested guideline, but he is not pleased that they just showed up unannounced without consulting with the Board as agreed.

**New Business:**

**Tax Rates are as follows:**

- Base rate=\$22.86
- Andover=\$23.52
- East Andover=\$23,28

This will be the last year that there is a different tax rate between Andover and East Andover. Starting next year there will only be one tax rate.

**4th Of July Budget:**

Wood Sutton as treasurer has kept track of the financial records. Last year was the first year that the committee requested with a warrant article \$10, 000 for the 4th of July. This year, because they are a town department, they would like to have that money in a line item. After discussion and review of the budget presented, the Board agreed it looks fine and can be considered by the Budget Committee.

Phelps and Sutton also discussed improvement of child-friendly games to increase the attention of children attending the event.

Fire Precinct Commissioners: – At last town meeting, the Town voted to dissolve the East Andover Fire Precinct. There are three potential properties that the East Andover Precinct owns that need to be transferred to Andover. After doing some research, two of the three properties are to revert back to the Town if the East Andover Fire Precinct ceases to exist.

**Properties involved are as follows:**

23 Channel Road – the deed states that this property, if the East Andover Fire Precinct dissolves, shall revert

back to the Town

Channel and Maple Roads (the old fire station) – same as above

The third property is the boat ramp. The deed has not been found for this property but the research is underway. A warrant article will be drafted for it to be the property of Andover. This has a separate map and lot number on the tax map.

Stetson will draft the warrant article and send it to Roy. These will all be effective after January 1, 2018.

Terra-Map Mapping Services – this is a division of Avitar. The information is in the packets Roy provided the Board for their review prior to the work session on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.. The Board will discuss this and other options at the work session.

Roy also included the overall budget in the Boards packet for their review in preparation of the November 27th work session.

Town Administrator Office - Roy's office has a new combo lock on her office door.

Birds Eye View - instead of meeting with the Board tonight, they rescheduled for the December 4, 2017 meeting.

The Service Club – requested to meet tonight. However, this morning they opted out until a future date is scheduled. The Service Club indicated they were notified in an untimely manner.

**Correspondence /Signatures**

Intent to cut – Bardsley. All three board members signed

NH State Police Standards Employee Status Forms – Notification that Glenn Laramie retired from Andover Police Department and Sergeant Joseph Mahoney's promotion to Andover Chief of Police. Delaney made the motion that Mishcon sign the form. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. Mishcon signed the form for the Board.

Sanders Searches LLC Contract – The Title search person who has worked for the last six to seven years with the Tax Collector when she liens or deeds a property. All three Board members signed the contract

DRA – 2017 Equalization Municipal Data Certificate - the preliminary rate is \$96.56

**Non-Public Session**

Moyer was excused for this Non-Public Session by the Board at 8:00 P.M.. The Board entered into non-public session at 8:00 P.M.. by roll call vote.

**Planning Board**

**October 10, 2017**

*Condensed from approved minutes:*

**Members present:** Nancy Teach, Chair; Paul Carrier; Art Urie; Jon Warzocha; and David Blinn, Ex-Officio

**Also present for duration of appropriate items:** Dave Powers, Zoning Administrator; Pat Moyer, Zoning & Planning Coordinator; Brian MacKenzie; AJ Giglio; Anna Warzocha and Josh MacKenzie

See Minutes on page 26

**Andover's Yankee Trader**



**IBM Correcting Selectric III Typewriter:** In working order, just not needed anymore. Call 735-5089 for details.

**Four Winter Tires:** (non studded) for 2012 Honda Civic for sale \$150.00. #205/55R16 91Q. Tires were used only one season. (603) 735-5787

**Ariens 2 Stage Snow Blower w/Cab:** About 5 years old with little use, 24" width, 10 HP cast iron Perkins motor, electric start. \$850 OBO. Call 526-2262

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**Sea Kayak:** Current Design Extreme, used very little, stored inside, excellent condition, spray skirts, Werner paddle, drop down skeg. \$1300. 735-5599 or 454-8185.

**Antique crosscut saws:** Two, about 5ft., \$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:** 3ft. x 6ft. used, 10 of them, best offer. Tile saw with stand: \$150. 735-5586.

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Meets at Proctor Academy Stone Chapel

### Press release

The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a welcoming fellowship which has been meeting on Sundays at the Proctor Stone Chapel in Andover, NH for over 34 years. We meet together for spiri-

in that you may hear a traditional sermon one week, and on another week, a dynamic author speaking on her upcoming book on WWI and an inspiring description of her recent trip to Europe to visit the WWI battle sites. Another example – an inciteful talk on the recent issue of athletes kneeling – taking it back to the era of Frederick Douglas up through today – with strong and enlightening comments. One feels enriched by these various talks.



The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has been meeting on Sunday mornings for 34 years at the Proctor Stone Chapel.

tual growth and inspiration; for friendship and belonging. We truly welcome all who wish to join us on Sunday mornings.

The fellowship contributes to the community in many ways. Examples are Toys for Tots, the Crop Walk, our back-pack program for the local school, and many more.

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On Nov. 4 Window on Wilmot (W.O.W.), Wilmot's nonprofit support entity, hosted its 2nd Marketing Clinic for 6 local organizations led by expert marketing consultant, Dana Dakin. Dakin offered tips on creating momentum, telling the organization's story, and communicating purposefully during the highly productive interactive session. W.O.W. is proud to have hosted this workshop in addition to its other collaborative services; community calendar, FB page, post office displays, group ads and a "Welcome to Wilmot" flyer.

## It's Not Too Late for Charitable Giving

Donations to the Beacon are tax deductible

Steve Foley

A press release recently issued by the Internal Revenue Service reminds us that it is not too late to make charitable gifts and be able to take a deduction when filing your 2017 tax return.

Gifts to organizations that have a 501(c)3 status that are given before December 31 are usually deductible.

If you enjoy reading the Andover Beacon, please consider a last minute contribution. We depend on contributions to balance the budget. Advertising and subscription income are not enough to keep the Beacon in production.

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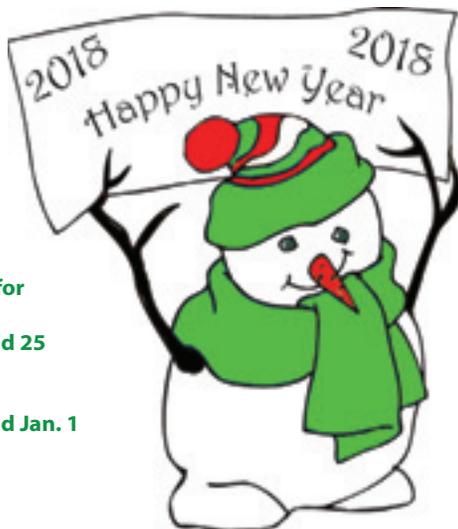
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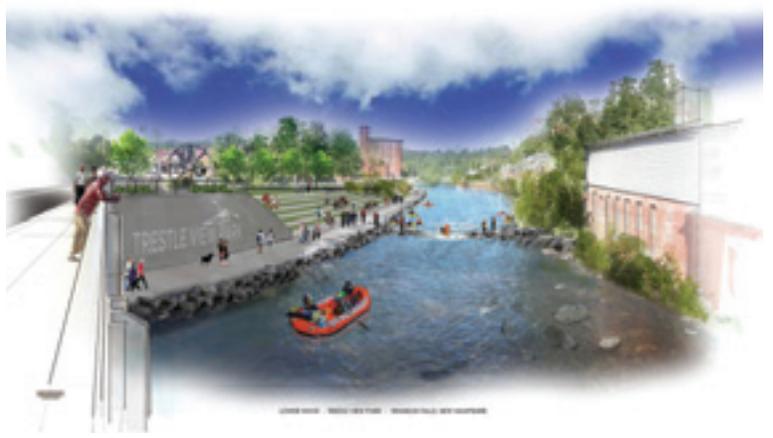
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Artist's concept of what part of Franklin's future Mill City Park might look like.

## Franklin's Mill City Park Receives Major Grant

One of several projects  
happening in Franklin

Steve Foley

It may have been a drizzly and gray day, but spirits were high as area residents, community leaders and business people gathered under a tent at Trestleview Park in Franklin for the announcement of a major step forward for the proposed Mill City Park, a whitewater recreation area to be built along the banks of the Winnepesaukee River in Franklin.

Opening remarks about this project in conjunction with other things that are happening in Franklin were given by interim Mayor, Scott Clarenbach. Later in the program, Charles Chandler, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Franklin Savings Bank took to the podium to announce that the Bank was donating \$250,000 to the project. Chandler stated that the board of directors were unanimous in voting to donate to the project which he described as being "transformative for Franklin." The project also recently received a grant for \$180,000 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. With these major grants proponents are hoping to get the project moving forward.

The Winnepesaukee River runs from

kayakers have gathered on New Year's Day to run the rapids on the Franklin section of the river beginning on Cross Mill Road. The water is relatively flat above Cross Mill Road. Almost immediately below the bridge the rapids begin and continue to the large former railroad trestle in downtown Franklin. After negotiating the



tricky rapids under the trestle paddlers are shot into a stretch of flat water being held back by the dam at the former Stevens Mill. A ramp was built many years ago in Trestleview Park so that the paddlers would be able to easily exit the river.

The popularity of whitewater sports has increased in recent years and the Franklin group, led by Mary Parichand, owner of One New England in downtown Franklin, hopes to develop a unique recreation area that focuses on whitewater sports as well as a Pump Track and other features that will attract people to come and play in Franklin. They believe that it will be key to the revitalization and resurgence of Franklin.



Workers putting the finishing touches on new windows installed in the Franklin Light and Power housing project in downtown Franklin.

Photo: Steve Foley

Lake Winnepesaukee to Franklin where it joins the Pemigewasset to form the Merrimack River. The Franklin section of the river is known to have some of the best whitewater in the state. For many years,

So what is a pump track? The Mill City Park Website describes it as "a looping bike trail system of dirt berms and rollers, See Park on page 34



On Saturday, October 28th, 2017, artists and crafters gathered at the AE/MS for an early art and craft fair, "Christmas in October" at the ASC Jingle Bell Fair. The proceeds from this event benefit the Andover Service Club Merit Scholarship Fund. In spite of the early frigid temperatures attendance was good and there were many beautiful items being offered by numerous vendors. Jewelry, quilting, artwork, crafts, jams and jellies, glasswork, knitting, and of course the bake sale table.

For more information about the Andover Service Club or the Merit Scholarship Fund, please contact ASC President Mary T. Ofenloch at [maryo.asclub@live.com](mailto:maryo.asclub@live.com)

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## WCA Sponsors "Light Up Your Neighborhood"

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) is encouraging everyone to add a little sparkle to the town during the holidays. Beginning Thanksgiving weekend and running through the holidays to Monday, January 5, the WCA is sponsoring "Light Up Your Neighborhood."

Holiday lights and decorations are part of the magic of the season. "Several neighborhoods are well known for their fabulous light displays," said Ann Davis, WCA board member. "This year we hope more people will join the fun!"

"Light Up Your Neighborhood" is not a contest. However, the WCA will announce the sections of road with holiday displays on its website and Facebook page. "When I was a kid, my mom and dad loaded us in the back of the station wagon every December for a lights tour. We drove all over town, looking for the best lights. The WCA would like to make it easy for residents and visitors to find your displays," says Susan Nye, WCA administrator.

If your neighborhood plans to participate, let us know with an email de-

tailoring the section of road(s) to [wca@tds.net](mailto:wca@tds.net). Please send your information no later than December 1. Photographs are welcome.

Founded in 1963, The WCA promotes, organizes, and provides facilities for educational, social and recreational



activities in Wilmot. The organization owns and operates the Red Barn, a community center, and Timothy Patten Park, a beach and playground.

The WCA's office at 64 Village Road, Wilmot, is open from 9 AM to noon Mondays through Wednesdays and by appointment. For more information about "Light Up Your Neighborhood" please check the website, [WilmotWCA.org](http://WilmotWCA.org), or follow the WCA on Facebook.

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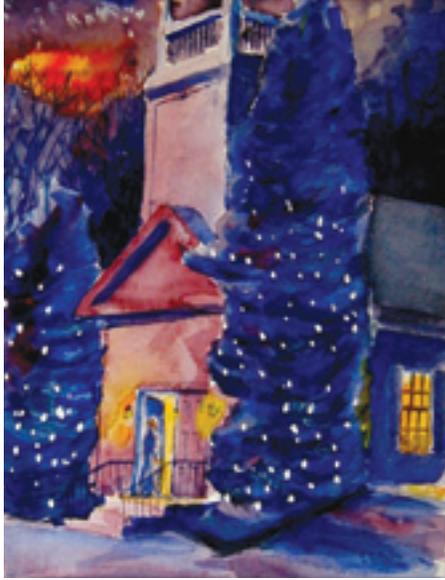
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December 22) at 7:00 P.M. for the annual South Danbury Christmas Pageant, a special gathering celebrated by Yankee magazine. All are welcome! Enjoy music and song from young and old, and toe-tapping versions of holiday favorites by the Barrett family band – Keith, Sam, Max, and friends. Last year’s Paper Bag Pageant returns for an encore, with plenty of props for everyone who wants to be part of the tableau. Come at 6:30 P.M. to get your part and your costume. There will be delicious Yuletide treats, and maybe, if we’ve all been very good, a visit from Santa. Watch for posters, and follow “Friends of Danbury” and “Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church” on Facebook for more details.

For more information, call 603-491-3196 or send an email to southdanburychurch@gmail.com.



Franklin’s First Day event will celebrate 38 years of running the Class IV waters of the Winnepesaukee River on New Years Day. Photo: Sarah Stanley

## First Day Franklin Will Mark 38th New Years Day Kayak Run

### Press release

2018 will start with a thrill in Franklin on Monday, January first. This year marks the 38th anniversary of kayakers splashing and slicing through snow and ice-filled class IV rapids on New Year’s Day. Each year more spectators gather to see such a sight. Downtown businesses will be open for eating and shopping.

Paddlers will take to the water between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. with novice and intermediate boaters paddling the “Upper” Winnepesaukee from Route 140 to the Train Station in Northfield. Advanced boaters will paddle the “Lower” Winnepesaukee from Cross Mill Road in Northfield to downtown Franklin taking out at Trestle View Park. A video of past events is available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=st6g6z1-9NY>.

Choose Franklin invites all businesses, organizations and groups to be a part of the festivities. Organizations can reserve table space in the heated tent, free of charge, by calling 380-0246. Inform spectators of your winter activities, and help welcome the Merrimack Valley Paddlers and Friends of the Win-

nepesaukee River as they paddle down the Winnepesaukee River in Franklin, Northfield and Tilton again this year.

Spectators are encouraged to attend with best viewing at Trestle View Park which is the take out for paddlers on the lower section. The park will feature a heated tent with coffee, cocoa, chili and “Hoppin’ John”, provided by Choose Franklin, the Franklin Outing Club and Franklin Savings Bank, along with information about the wealth of activities being put on by area organizations this winter. Spectators can walk, snowshoe or ski to viewing areas on the Winnepesaukee River Trail to watch paddlers coming down the class III and IV rapids.

Choose Franklin is the main sponsor of First Day Franklin and is seeking co-sponsors for the event. In prior years, Franklin Savings Bank provided refreshments for the tent set-up crew. Franklin Fire Department, Franklin Parks & Recreation, Aubuchon Hardware and Franklin Storage Company provide tables, heat and electricity for the event tent.

For more information, to reserve a table for your organization, to volunteer to help with the tent or refreshments, to be a sponsoring partner, or be involved in any way, please contact: Dan Darling at Heartstring Media (603) 380-0246; or Sarah Stanley at Franklin Savings Bank (603) 934-8343.

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## Recess Fun at AE/MS



Second grader, Kailyn Cochran swings at recess. (Top Photo)  
 Ada Grotnes practices her one handed cartwheel whenever she gets the chance! (bottom left)  
 Alainna Budgett and Sydney Pourby run together at recess. (bottom right)  
 Photos: Jennifer Bent



First grader, Micah Allenby takes a break from serving the apple crisp, to pose with his third grade brother, Camden. Micah's hair net indicates that these 6 and 7 year old bakers took their jobs very seriously. Credit: Jen Bent

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Area seniors are enjoying the November luncheon, 2 year old raffle ticket puller Ryan Miller, and Senior Luncheon emcee Chris Jenssen.

## Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon in December

### Holiday coffee hour and sing along

#### Press Release

Instead of its regular Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon in December, there will be a free, informal and very fun Holiday Coffee Hour and sing-along at the WCA in Wilmot Flat on Thursday, December 21 beginning at 10:30 am!

No reservations are required - just grab a friend and come over to the WCA to share some hot brew and nib-

bles with your usual luncheon friends. Fred Ogmundson will be tickling the piano keys playing familiar ditties to set the holiday mood.

Plan to attend the January 2018 Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon at 11:30 am on Jan. 18th at the WCA in Wilmot. Get out of the house, meet friends, win door prizes and enjoy a good hot meal and fun entertainment. Call the COA at 526 6368 during business hours by Jan. 11th to get directions and reserve your lunch. See you there!



### Minutes from page 19

Announcements / Correspondence  
Office of Energy and Planning is now Office of Strategic Initiatives and includes Division of Energy and Division of Planning.

Nancy presented the timeline for submission of Zoning Ordinance articles for Town Meeting.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** 162 Hoyt Road; Matt Hollins; Build on a 65 -70 acre lot. The property is in the Agricultural / Residential Zone

The board did not act on this as the party was not present.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** 4 Mill Road –Brian MacKenzie and AJ Giglio – Operate a Restaurant. Property is in the Agricultural / Residential Zone

MacKenzie and Giglio presented an outline of their proposed use of the property, retaining the rental aspect of the property and converting the brick building into a restaurant / bar and also developing the back lower portion of the property to entertain larger groups. The septic would be upgraded along with the well. There would be no drive-thru. They were advised the Planning Board would need to deem the site appropriate for the use; a Special Exception approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment would be needed and a Site Plan Review approval would be needed from the Planning Board.

Pat Moyer – Planning / Zoning Coordinator

All revised / approved Planning Board forms have been submitted for upload onto the town website.

An inquiry was made from the new owner of 216 Cilleyville Road as to whether parcel 2 (tax map 21 lot 570,497) is a buildable lot. The board determined that it is a buildable lot; however, if they chose to subdivide the lot, it would be necessary to build a public (Class VI) road as there is not enough road frontage.. A possible buyer for 72 Main Street inquired whether the upstairs apartment was a legal apartment. It was determined that it is not a legal apartment.

**Dave Powers – Zoning Administrator:**

Has had requests regarding accessory dwelling units as the information could not be found on the town website. Nancy will provide both Dave and Pat Moyer with copies.

Dave will follow up with Brian Signor regarding vehicles parked in the town right-of-way and number of vehicles and Dan Merzi regarding completion of the Site Plan Review process.

**Dave Blinn – Selectboard**  
The board has met with a new web designer to redo the town website.

Solar panels are being installed on town hall.

Highland Lake drawdown will take place in 2018.

Budget season has begun.  
There will be a budget open house

on October 23, 2017 with a back-an-alternative date of October 30, 2017.

The Select board's proposed budget will be presented to the budget committee the first or second week of November.

#### October 24, 2017

**Members Present:** Nancy Teach, Chair; Randall Costa, Vice-Chair; Paul Currier; Art Urie; Jon Warzocha; Doug Phelps; and David Blinn, Ex-Officio

**Also present for duration of appropriate items:** Dave Powers, Zoning Administrator; Pat Moyer, Zoning & Planning Coordinator; Brian MacKenzie; AJ Giglio; Anna Warzocha

**Non-Binding Consultation:** 4 Mill Road –Brian MacKenzie and AJ Giglio – Operate a Restaurant. Property is in the Agricultural / Residential Zone and Forest/ Agricultural Zone

MacKenzie and Giglio presented property plans. Proposed changes are to reface the building; relocate the entrance to the side facing Route 11 to include a sidewalk and handicap parking spaces; change the septic tank to a larger tank with a new leach field. Powers stated that the flood line may have changed and Giglio will research this. Giglio stated there was a concern as to where to locate the new well and Warzocha recommended they contact DES. There is a potential for a total of forty-five parking spaces. It was asked what the extent of renovations would be and the response was there would be no structural changes; there would be new flooring, removing the ceiling, creating a bathroom group. Site suitability is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 and they will need a complete Special Exception application in order to do the site suitability. The board also advised that they will need a letter from the current property owner authorizing the applicants to act as his agent.

Announcements / Correspondence  
There will be no Planning Board meeting on December 26, 2017.  
Verizon is on the Zoning Board agenda for November 21, 2017.  
Pat Moyer – Planning / Zoning Coordinator

The Planning Board will review and update procedures for public hearings and incorporate them into the Planning Board Rules of Procedures.

Moyer will provide hard copies of all revised Planning Board forms to the board members.

Richard Mandrey contacted Pat as he is contemplating an ADU and Pat advised Mandrey will need to review the ADU article.

**Dave Blinn – Selectboard:**  
Reported on discussion of Highland Lake drawdown.

The Selectboard is reviewing the transfer station traffic pattern as well as rates.

Additional Items for Consideration  
The meeting of November 14, 2017 will include review of the Zoning Ordinance.

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Joya Clark and Gail Henry exhibit two items being marketed to commemorate this event: a license plate and "then and now" calendar.

## Salisbury Prepares for 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018

### Gail Henry

Exciting plans are underway to mark Salisbury's 250th anniversary next year. The town was incorporated on March 1, 1768.

A number of events will help reflect the town's historically rich past and also look to the future. Old Home Day, August 11, will be the highlight of the year's events, but there will be much more. The recently-formed Sestercentennial Committee has already chosen a logo reflecting the town history that will carry through all the banners, merchandise and other marketing materials.

Among the commemorative items are a special license plate and a beautiful glass medallion, both featuring the Sestercentennial logo. A unique calendar blending historic with present-day photos is also available, along with tote bags, kitchen towels, ball caps, tee shirts and aprons.

The license plate has been authorized by the Department of Motor Vehicles and all who purchase one will get a letter authorizing the use of the plate. The plate replaces the front license plate on registered motor vehicles from January 1 through December 31, 2018. It's a fundraiser, but the plates will also tell the world how much we love Salisbury.

The cobalt blue glass medallion was fired by well-known artist Chris

Salmon at Old Hancock Glassworks in Antrim. It can be a Christmas ornament or sun-catcher to hang in a window all year. Or both!

Looking to the town's future, there is a time capsule in the brick walkway at the Library. It's empty now but the Sestercentennial is the perfect time to fill it. What should go in it? Start thinking about that.

Look for more information and order forms on our town website, [salisburynh.org](http://salisburynh.org), and on Facebook at Salisbury New Hampshire 250th. Email ideas, questions and comments to [snhsester250@gmail.com](mailto:snhsester250@gmail.com).

Order forms will also be available at the Town Office, Library and other locations around town.

Sestercentennial Committee members are: Chair, Gail Henry, Selectmen Ken Ross-Raymond, and Joe Schmidl, Old Home Day Chair, Nancy Hayden, Cindy Owen and Cindy Romano. Representing the Historical Society, John Herbert from the Congregational Church and Judy Preston from the Library. Joya Pinkham Clark of Franklin has been hired to assist with planning. Joya, owner of Owl Woman Design, is the graphic designer for our Sestercentennial logo.



Joseph O. Bouley, seated, received the Boston Post Cane from the Danbury Selectmen on October 21. The cane is presented to the oldest citizen of the town.

## Danbury Boston Post Cane Presented to Joseph Bouley

### Press release

Joseph O. Bouley, who will turn 94 years old in December, was presented with Danbury's Boston Post Cane on Saturday October 21, 2017 by the Board of Selectmen.

The cane is awarded to the oldest resident in town.

Mr. Bouley moved to Danbury in 1938 and attended the South Danbury School. He is a World War II Navy veteran and upon his return, held various jobs, including working for the railroad.

The Boston Post Cane tradition started in 1909. Danbury was one of 700 towns in New England to receive a gold-headed ebony cane from the publisher of the old Boston Post newspaper in order to honor the oldest living citizen of the towns. Danbury's original cane was lost, but thanks to the efforts of Danbury resident Robin Overlock, who donated a replica cane to the town, Danbury is able to continue the time honored tradition of presenting the Boston Post Cane to its eldest resident.

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Featured performer Rupert Wates performs at the November Coffeehouse hosted by the Andover Community Association at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. Photo: Steve Colardeau

## Featured Performers Announced for December and January CoffeeHouses

### Beginning fourth year of Coffeehouses

#### Larry Chase

As it rounds out its third year of free concerts, the Andover Community Coffeehouse brings veteran New Hampshire (and beyond) singer-songwriter Wendy Keith and her Alleged Band to center stage on Friday evening, December 15, at 7 P.M. She'll be joined there by three accompanists on bass, dobro, saxophone, clarinet, flute, harp and pennywhistle.

From Keith's website: "Wendy covers a wide range of styles and is at home with Americana, original singer-songwriter, blues, gospel, and jazz."

The concert will be held in the Highland Lake Grange Hall, 7 Chase Hill Road in East Andover. Although attendance is free, donations, which are shared with the performers and the Andover Congregational Church, owner of the Grange Hall, are gratefully accepted.

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.

Sponsors for the December event are the Bear Hollow Trading Post and Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream Bar in Andover: "Whether it's ice cream or boots, it all comes from cows!" Sponsor contributions underwrite rental of the Grange Hall and support its renovation.

Doors to the Grange Hall open at 6 P.M. for food purchases offered by the Andover Congregational Church, and for open-mic sign-ins on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Looking ahead: On Friday, January 19, the Coffeehouse will feature

the Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio with a performance of vocals backed by multiple musical instruments: piano, banjo, melodica, ukulele, cornet, bass and acoustic guitar. Pierson's website explains: "From New Orleans-style jazz and blues to rousing Americana



Carl Beverly performs as part of the "Open Mic" portion of the Andover Coffeehouse in November. Photo: Steve Colardeau

and poignant folk narratives, Heather's memorable, intimate, and cathartic live performances ... feature her virtuosity on piano, her bell-tone vocals, and her commanding yet playful stage presence."

Looking back: The Coffeehouse offered its first event on Friday, January 16, 2015, with performances by Sunapee's Rich King and Andover's Sferes and White before a standing-room-only audience. Since that time, King, Jennifer White and Jimmy Sferes have been regular Coffeehouse supporters, taking on such activities as booking talent, acting as masters of ceremonies, managing equipment, handling logistics, and the like.

Other volunteers help with room arrangements, food preparation and sales, publicity, open-mic sign-ins, performance videotaping and photography,

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### Inventor from page 13

ing mill at East Andover in 1823"; their advertising shows that they were open for business there no later than mid-1821. They were also part-owners, with Robert Barber and David Dyer, of the sawmill there; and since Barber also had owned a carding, dyeing, and fulling mill there since 1817-18 and likely for years before, it is highly probable that John Bryant was working in Barber's cloth mill, and devising and testing his improvements there, no later than early 1817.

Our first glimpse of John Bryant's inventive handiwork comes from a letter printed in the Concord, MA Middlesex Gazette in late June 1818. (The letter was quickly reprinted in several other newspapers; regional interest in mechanical improvements of this sort was already running high.) A clothier from Dover, NH, Richard Gove, was writing to describe a new machine he had just seen in operation – "the Steel Spring Cloth dressing Machine recently invented by Mr. John J. Bryant of Andover, N. H." "The Machine is so admirably calculated," he noted admiringly, "that a piece of cloth by passing through it wet or dry, may be napped, shorn and brushed." Gove described a multi-stage process. First, the cloth was napped by a card that was cranked into position, pressed against the cloth by springs, and adjusted with a screw. Second, the cloth was napped by a rotating cylinder that bore the cloth up against a series of steel blades and sheared it between one of these and a fixed, opposed blade. During this stage, Gove claimed, Bryant's device "shears off the nap about twice as fast as the common twisted blade or ten times as fast as the hand shears." Finally, the cloth was "smoothed by a cylindrical brush." Moreover, "the machinery will all operate together, or any one of the parts may be used without the operation of the other." Gove celebrated it as "the first complete cloth dressing machine that has been invented."

The news of Bryant's invention soon attracted attention, not only from interested clothiers and mechanics but from equally interested competitors. In particular, an established Worcester inventor, William Hovey, quickly responded with a threat of legal action. The machinery as described in Gove's letter, Hovey declared in his newspaper notice, "exactly agrees" with a machine already invented in 1817 and patented earlier in 1818 by Hovey, Stuart, and Henderson; and that patent, he added, had already been defended and enforced in court against other would-be inventors. Accordingly, "Clothiers are cautioned from being deceived, as a suit will be commenced immediately against any one who shall make or use the above mentioned Machine [i.e. Bryant's] without the consent of the Subscriber [Hovey] or his agents." Hovey, of course, stood ready to supply them with machines of his own manufacture.

Hovey was a bona fide inventor and mechanic, with many accomplishments already to his name and others still to

come (he continued to receive patents occasionally into the 1840s). But he badly muddled the waters with this uninformed attack on Bryant. (He had not seen Bryant's machine first-hand; he was merely reading Gove's description of it and drawing his own conclusions.) He was not, in fact, the Hovey of the patent he was here defending: that patentee was Eleazer Hovey, probably his father, although the patent right now belonged to him. And that Hovey-Stewart (not Stuart)-Henderson invention had been patented not in June 1818, as Hovey said, but in June 1808 – a typo that remained uncorrected as his newspaper notice was repeated weekly for two full months. The error mattered because some of Bryant's acquaintances, reading Hovey's accusations, quickly spoke up in his defense to testify that they "saw Mr. Bryant whilst in the act of constructing or fixing a set of Shear blades on the cylindrical principle, and saw them after they were completed, prior to the time which Mr. Hovey states Hovey, Stuart and Henderson's machine was invented" – prior, that is, to the spring of 1817.

Young John Bryant, for his part, was forthright and cool in his own defense. While Hovey had not seen his invention, John had probably seen some version of the Hovey-Stewart-Henderson one, for that had made a truly important advance in cloth manufacture and was now being sold in several areas of New England and New York. He explained that the shearing blades of his invention "do not stand on the surface of a cylinder as [Hovey] says his does, but lie nearly flat," so that "the nap is not torn out by the root, but is literally cut or shorn smoothly from the cloth." In conclusion, he responded to Hovey's hint of legal action with a reliance on legal defense: "If Mr. Hovey is dissatisfied with what has been said, perhaps the better way to decide it will be that prescribed by the Patent Law, that is a jury of the country."

John Bryant had apparently entrusted his patent application to New Hampshire's newly elected (in 1817) Senator, David L. Morrill, for forwarding to the Patent Office in Washington, D.C. Gove had noted that "Mr. Bryant expects to receive a Patent on the return of the Hon. D. L. Morrill from the city of Washington." Bryant's patent for "Napping cloth, shearing and brushing" was issued on September 2, 1818. There were no more attacks from Hovey, although Hovey did continue to enforce his patents aggressively against other would-be competitors. On the other hand, Bryant does not seem to have created a demand for his own machines, and never went into the business of making them for and selling them to others, as had been his original hope.

Bryant clearly had a fine understanding of mechanics, and he quickly won the respect of his fellow townspeople. He was soon appointed one of the six founding directors of the new Noyes School, Andover's first public academy offering a true secondary education, and became

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the Board's secretary. At the time the school was approved by the state legislature in 1822, Bryant was still only about twenty-three or twenty-four years old.

John Bryant's brother, Jeremy, remained in Andover for the rest of his life, but John moved to Canterbury in 1824 or so, probably because he could buy property with a better head of water there. In Canterbury, he soon established a cloth carding and dressing works and a sawmill and lathe-splitting business; he also maintained his own farm and ran a tavern. John and Jeremy both raised families and became prominent figures in their respective towns, and were even serving as Justices of the Peace simultaneously in the 1830s.

There are indications that each sometimes lived at the other's residence for considerable periods of time, for John shows up in an 1827 legal document as then a resident of Andover, while a few years later Jeremy and his family appear in the 1830 census as residents of Canterbury, along with John and his own family.

The old millworks complex at the outlet of Highland Lake has disappeared now, and few traces of those structures remain. But the next time you cross over the channel bridge at the foot of Highland Lake, nearly opposite the Old North Church, look down along the watercourse and try to imagine the little mills that once clustered there. You are looking at one of the documented seedbeds of the Industrial Revolution. 

**Diary from page 12**

14th - Letter and valentine from Ellen.  
16th - Fair in A.M. and not so cold. Dorothy (my mother) and Samuel (my uncle) came over in A.M.

17th - Ada and I went to Franklin with butter. Sold 48 pounds.

18th - Ellen came to Mother's (Chase Hill Rd.) in P.M. Prayer meeting there in evening.

20th - Very cold. Guy (Blanche's brother and my grandfather) shoveled drifts in hill above railroad crossing. Ellen came to Nannie's (my grandmother) after church, and Robert went for her about 4 P.M.

21st - Ellen started on foot for Mother's about 10:30. She went back to Laco-  
nia on 1:19 train. Robert drawing lumber.

22nd - Edith and I put percale quilt on frame before dinner. Ada & Esther (Robert's sister & niece) came up in P.M., and we tacked that one and put gingham one in frame. Edith & I tacked that one alone. Mr. Adams called to look after trouble on line (telephone, which I'm surprised they had!). No mail.

23rd - Long letter from Ellen.

24th - Ada & I went with butter. Sold 49 lbs. Men drawing lumber.

28th - Very cold. Guy drew one load of oak; Robert one and Clarence one, as far as Shaw's (Jerry Hersey's today). Mr. Robie milked 3 cows.

29th - Mr. Robie milked 3 cows and stayed for breakfast.

**March**

2nd - Ada & I went to Franklin. Sold 57 lbs. of butter.

3rd - Heard Emily had chicken pox.

5th - (Sunday) All but Robert went to church.

9th - About an inch of snow fell.

12th - (Sunday) Hill drifted. Could not go to church. Guy broke it out about noon. (He may have used his oxen.)

18th - Edith split quite a little wood.

19th - (Sunday) Hill not fit for me to drive over.

25th - Robert sold 61 lbs. of butter.

**April**

5th - Edith & Bernard began school. (Probably spring session or term. Robert took them to school and went for them in bad weather.)

7th - Mr. Ellms (minister) called in P.M.

9th - (Sunday) Snowed all day. No church service. Made mock ice cream

at night. (Probably custard mixed with new snow.)

**May**

14th - (Sunday) All went to church, although I didn't feel able. Mr. Ellms had a splendid sermon.

16th - I began making a suit for Bernard.

30th - Emily & Kenson (sister & son) came to Mother's.

**June**

1st - I went to Mother's for Emily & Kenson. Kenson & Frances got along well.

4th - I carried Emily & Kenson to Nannie's. Emily made a birthday cake for Dorothy (my mother). **S e p -**

**t e m b e r**

23rd - (Sunday) All except Robert went to church. At Dyer's Crossing School in P.M. for the 5th meeting held by Layman's League of Franklin. A powerful meeting.

**November**

4th - I went to C. E. Meeting in evening, and was the leader. Only 7 there, but had a very good meeting.

18th - Twenty seven or twenty-eight at Dyer's Crossing. A fine meeting.

**December**

8th - Edith helped me with cleaning and cooking at 5 cents per hour.

16th - (Sunday) Very cold. All went to church and Ellen came home with us.

17th - Ellen went to Guy's at 3 P.M., and children took horse home.

**Conclusion**

It was disappointing to have so many gaps in the diary entries. This is because I do not have Blanche's actual diary, but only the above excerpts which her daughter, Edith, transcribed onto yellow lined paper at a later date. I can't help but wonder what was happening in Blanche's life in 1916 during the days that aren't mentioned in the diary. Did Edith copy only excerpts that were of interest to her? Did she think many of the entries were too repetitive or boring to repeat? Was Blanche just too busy during those summer months to even write in her diary? I'm sure they were milking cows and taking care of their animals every day, but there is little mention of it. They must have planted their garden in the spring, hayed during the summer, and gathered their crops in the fall, but again it is not even mentioned. Despite its limitations, the diary excerpts give an interesting glimpse at daily life in Andover NH over one hundred years ago! 

**Colby-Sawyer College  
Announces December Events**

**Press release**

**The Eleventh Annual New London TubaChristmas** will take place Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 P.M. in Wheeler Hall, Ware Student Center

Created in 1974 as a tribute to tuba player and teacher William Bell, the first TubaChristmas was held in New York's Rockefeller Plaza and has grown to more than 250 locations worldwide. The New London TubaChristmas, led by Aarne Vesilind, features tuba, sousaphone, euphonium and baritone horn musicians playing Christmas carols, first with instruments only and then with the audience singing along. For more information, contact Aarne Vesilind at 603.526.6011. Free.

**The Nutcracker** will be performed Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 P.M. and Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 P.M. in the Sawyer Theater, Sawyer Fine Arts Center.

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the Performing Arts presents their unique version of the beloved holiday ballet featuring regional talent of all ages. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students, and are available at the door prior to the performances. For more information, visit [nhperformingarts.com](http://nhperformingarts.com) or contact 603.456.3294 or [info@nhperformingarts.org](mailto:info@nhperformingarts.org).

**The Harp Collection** will run through Friday, Feb. 16, in the Mugar Art Gallery, Sawyer Fine Arts Center

The Harp Collection features an assemblage of outstanding graphic design work selected and purchased by adjunct faculty member Doug Harp in honor of his late wife, Susan. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. For more information, contact Professor Bert Yarborough at [byarborough@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:byarborough@colby-sawyer.edu). Free. 

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## Pemigewasset Choral Society Presents Holiday Concerts

### Featuring Pinkham's Christmas Cantata

#### Press release

The Pemigewasset Choral Society, a non-auditioned adult community chorus, now in its 45th season will present a variety of Christmas and Holiday appropriate choral music in three separate concerts early in December. The society is based at Plymouth State College, but is made up of performers from all over Central New Hampshire, including Mary Lloyd Evans, Donovan Freeman, and Margo Coolidge of Andover.

One of the highlights of the performances will be Daniel Pinkham's Christmas Cantata. Pinkham wrote the Cantata in 1957 for two choruses and brass ensemble. The performances will feature the Redline Brass Quintet.

The society's music director is Will

Gunn, with assistant director Leslie McDonnell and Laura Belanger as accompanist.

The first performance will be on Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 P.M. at the Gilford Community Church in Gilford. On Friday, December 15 the concert will repeat at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Franklin (St. Gabriel's Parish) and finally on Sunday, December 17 at 3 P.M. at the Silver Center for the Arts, Plymouth State University in Plymouth.

Admission in Gilford and Franklin is by donation. Admission will be charged for the performance in Plymouth. Students \$5, Seniors and youth \$9, and adults \$15. Tickets are available at the Silver Center box office or in advance by calling 555-ARTS.

For more info visit [pemichoral.org](http://pemichoral.org) or email: [pemichoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:pemichoralsociety@gmail.com).



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nance Preamble; Site Suitability for AJ Giglio and Brian MacKenzie; Rewrite of the Special Exception and the Planning Board's role; No home on Class VI roads.

## Conservation Commission

### September 13, 2017

Condensed from Approved Minutes  
**Members Present:** Nan Kaplan, Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton, Derek Mansell, Jesse Schust, and guests Harvey Pine and Gerry Gold.

#### Correspondence:

DES – Forestry Notification August 8, 2017, and August 14, 2017, for lot 6/540 388.

DES correspondence August 23, 2017, and September 2017, regarding Chaplin property, 28 377-028.

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions notification of annual meeting on November 4, 2017.

**ASLPT:** A new Ausbon Sargent conservation easement has been completed, near several other easements including Old College Road Preserve and McLeod Preserve. This easement is known as the Roby Easement.

**Co-occurrence Maps - Harvey Pine:** Co-occurrence maps of Andover were created by Laura Alexander at Colby Sawyer College in 2010 by superimposing individual layers showing water resources, farms, etc. from GRANIT and local personal knowledge. Harvey Pine discussed updating the co-occurrence maps (and the work that had been previously done). He explained that these GIS overlays can be accessed through computer programs such as ARC and that the files can now be converted to .kml and .kmz files, which allows viewing of this work easily using a variety of other mapping tools, e.g. Google Earth, hand held GPS devices, etc. He proposed that shape files could be stored on Google Drive and this would allow access for the Conservation Commission and updating of centralized files. The CC would like to update the layers of special places, forests and farms, and especially wetlands in an-

icipation of a possible warrant article on zoning. Harvey will return in November. Jesse will send Harvey the prime wetlands map from the 1980s report.

**Monitoring:** Derek reported that he had conducted conservation easement and town-owned parcel monitoring and there were no major issues to report. He said it would be useful to re-blaze the Newman boundary.

**Sunapee Ragged Kearsarge Greenway – Gerry Gold:** The SRKG is currently in the process of replacing a bridge on the side of Ragged Mountain. Gerry explained the project and other trail maintenance the SRKG is doing. Removal of the old bridge went well with just three volunteers in one day.

Mary Anne Broshek updates: Mary Anne sent the following update, since she could not make it to the meeting:

Culverts Stacy Luke reports that training to identify culverts will take place soon. She will contact Vicky Mishcon to update her on progress and to invite John Thompson to training. Mary Anne called Vicky to let her know Stacy would be contacting her."

Beaver Deceivers - Stacy has had no luck getting responses from DOT. Mary Anne called Vicky to discuss having an educational site visit for DOT. Mary Anne will contact Sandy Crystall re permits required for beaver deceivers. Vicky agrees that an educational site visit with the road agent and DOT is the way to go."

**Bog Pond:** Jesse has been to the site of nearby excavation by the town. The highway department has removed large piles of material near to the wetland boundary, as agreed. The snowmobile trail can now be routed across the area.

**Review of Bradley Lake Issues:** Residents report that work is continuing. No additional issues have been raised.

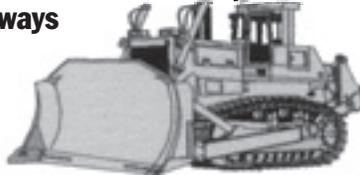
**Wetlands:** Jesse is looking into possible wetlands ordinance that might be appropriate for Andover to adopt.

**Cell tower:** The meeting for the public to consider a proposed Verizon cell tower adjacent to the transfer station will be held on Tuesday, September 26th.

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**Minutes from page 30**

**October 11, 2017**

*Condensed from Draft Minutes*

**Present:** Mary Anne Broshek, Nan Kaplan, Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton, Larry Chase, Jesse Schust, and guests Andrew and Holly Croteau.

**Minutes:** Jerry made a motion to approve the September minutes with small corrections/additions, Nan seconded, and all were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

Notice of NHACC conference on November 4.

Letter from Barry Conservation Camp and thank you note from Andrew Croteau.

DES approval of Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification for MapLot 6, 540 388 (property bordering Bradley Lake) with revised authorization end date of September 13, 2019.

DOT Andover Bridge Rehab notification – Bridge # 044-088 and Bridge #120/092 – note that Tina, Jesse and Nan conducted a site visit of these bridges as recorded in the July 2017 minutes.

ASLPT invitation to 30th Annual Meeting on October 22 at 3:00 P.M.

UNH Cooperative Extension information on emerald ash borer – given to Town Clerk for posting at town hall.

**ASLPT:** New trustees were introduced at the October 22nd Annual Meeting. On November 16th, a Wildlife Action Plan talk will be held. Tim Fleury is working on cataloguing all town forest land. On October 19th, ASLPT will host a Chairs meeting for the conservation commissions within the ASLPT area.

Andrew and Holly Croteau, Presentation of Barry Camp experience: Andrew Croteau attended the Barry this year with support from the Andover Conservation Commission. He learned a number of new outdoors skills and had a very positive experience. Note: The camp is operated by Fish and Game in partnership with 4-H (through UNH Cooperative Extension).

**Beaver Deceivers and RSA 210:9:** We discussed State law and noted that it may lead to confusion as to permitting. We all agreed that the law suggests that no permit is required for installing a beaver deceiver and we have decided to check with DES for confirmation of this interpretation.

**Bradley Lake logging update from Jason Aube:** Jason will be checking that the haul road across White/Bendixen property meets State requirements. After significant rainfall, it may be worth checking the lake near the haul road to determine whether there is erosion - indicated by turbidity of the water, due to sediment. Questions were raised about whether the bridge over the lake dam or the bridge at the far end of the lake (private property) is suitable for the large weight of the logging equipment. Jesse will check with

the Road Agent about the bridge over the lake dam and will find out how it will be checked and protected. Mary Anne will check about the far bridge.

**Bog Pond update:** We discussed the possibilities for eventual conservation easements on land adjacent to Bog Pond. We discussed the need to place permanent markers indicating the wetland boundary as mapped by Earle Chase. Jesse will look into options for getting posts for the markers. Perhaps the Andover Highway Department can assist with sourcing these?). The proposed Verizon cell tower is planned for the hill near Bog Pond. Planning Board met on September 26th and determined that the placement of the cell tower was appropriate. The Zoning Board will meet to review variance requests. Mary Anne noted the area had importance as a potential wildlife corridor that linked to Bog Pond.

**Monitoring:** There are new reports of continued ATV traffic impact on the Newman/McKenna easement. We will look into this.

**Other Business:**

There will be a Tick talk on October 12th at Wilmot WCA.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn, Tina seconded and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9 P.M..

**Recreation Committee**

**November 14, 2017**

Condensed from approved minutes:

**Members Present:** : Alan Hanscom, Tom Frantz, Brian Reynolds, Sue Norris, Heidi Murphy, Jen Hauser, Scott Allenby, Chris Cloutier

**Treasurer's Report:** Alan Hanscom 2018 Budget to be submitted to Board of Selectmen.

**Basketball Budget:** Working with ICB Basketball to clarify cost they are charging per student. All fees included in this charge, which saves the town money in the end. We have 47 kids in Grades 3-6 playing ICB and will need to cut check to ICB to cover those costs. Tom/Alan will process the funds and get ICB a check to cover fees

**Ski Program:** Need to provide 50% deposit to Ragged Mountain for the ski program this winter. Transportation budget will be around the same as previous years assuming gas prices are steady.

**Soccer:** Looking at costs spent this past season and where we can continue to cut costs moving forward.

**Building Maintenance:** The building maintenance has not been on our budget in the past, but the costs are coming out of the Recreation Committee's budget, so we need to be sure we are clarifying where this money is coming from and who is responsible for it.

**Program Update:**

Basketball: Everything off and running well. More than 70 kids signed up including 23 1st and 2nd graders, 28 3rd and 4th grad-

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**Volunteers Sought to Start Andover Cribbage Group**

**Susan Chase**

Interested in having a regular daytime or evening cribbage game going here in Andover? Willing to help make it happen? The folks who are turning Andover's old town hall into a community center known as The Andover Hub learned when they surveyed residents last spring that there is a lot of interest in town in having a place to play crib-

bage.

After a visit to a weekly Salisbury cribbage group and receiving an offer from one of their members to teach a basic cribbage class here in Andover, the organizers of The Hub are looking for a local volunteer or two to help get this going. If interested, please email AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com or call Susan Chase at 735-5135.

**Special Benefit Concert at Franklin Opera House**

**Features Canyon Run and other local bands**

**Press release**

Denise Sharlow, an active member of the Franklin community for over 20 years is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer. The community is rallying around her by hosting a three hour music extravaganza on Sunday, December 17 from 1-4 P.M.. All money raised goes directly to Denise's battle.

This event will feature local bands and musicians including Canyon Run, (Senator) Avard and Company, Nine Unknown and many more.

There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, baked goods and more.

Mix 94 FM's Fred Caruso will be

the emcee.

To donate baked goods contact Ellen Hurst at ehurst4@outlook.com. To donate auction items contact Kathy Pevine at kathypevine@gmail.com.

Sponsors for the event are Franklin Savings Bank and Beck & Bellucci.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at www.franklinoperahouse.org (small service charge applies) or at the following locations:

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## Center for Arts' Scholarship Winners to Perform at First Friday

January 5 at 7 P.M. at Whipple Hall

### Press release

Come experience the amazing talent of the CFA student scholarship award recipients, Friday, January 5, at 7 P.M. at Colby-Sawyer College's Whipple Hall (on the corner of Main Street and Seamans Road) in New London.

Each year Center for the Arts recognizes and awards scholarships to area students who would like to pursue any form of artistic opportunity.

We are proud to share with you the talents of our 2017 student scholarship recipients: Lily Magoon, Singer; Annie Tilley, Artist; Courtney Lauster, Performing arts; Scout Armstrong, Artist; and Kaitlin Glidewell, Dancer. There will be a special performance by Jorgie

Ingram, a 2016 scholarship recipient. Brooke Solomon, a 2015 CFA scholarship recipient, will emcee the evening.

A reception will follow the performances. All First Friday events are free and open to the public.

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. [www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org](http://www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org)



## New London Barn Playhouse Announces 2018 Season

### Press Release

The award-winning New London Barn Playhouse is thrilled to announce the line-up for their 2018 Summer Season. The 86th Season is jam-packed with Broadway hits, and audiences can expect 2018 to have more laughter, more superb singing, and more thrilling dancing than ever before!

The 86th Summer Season follows the truly historic 2017 Summer Season, which boasted shattered Box Office records with both West Side Story and On Golden Pond; the 2017 Moss Hart Award for Professional Excellence, the second time the Barn has been honored in as many years; and over 100 guest artists, designers, staff, and Acting Interns, who shared their talents with and made their home in beautiful New London.

The Main Stage series of the 2018 Summer Season opens with the most legendary love triangle of all time: Lerner & Loewe's award-winning classic musical Camelot, running June 13-24. Last seen on the Barn stage in 2006, Camelot features an idealistic young King Arthur, dreaming of creating a kingdom based on honor, dignity, and "Might for Right." But his principles are sorely tested when his beautiful queen Guinevere falls in love with his strongest knight, Lancelot.

Following Camelot is another award-winning literary adaptation. Louisa May Alcott's Little Women is celebrating 150 years as one of America's most beloved novels, and this stunning musical adaptation brims with hope, heartache, and the resiliency of the American spirit. Little Women celebrates the now-familiar members of the irrepressible March family, in a story that dares everyone to reach for their own dreams and be "Astonishing." Little Women runs June 27 - July 8.

The first play of the 2018 season is a deliciously dizzy, howlingly funny comedy that asks the question, "Do you really know what your dog is thinking?" A.R. Gurney's Sylvia is a Broadway smash hit about love, loyalty, and the joys and pitfalls of genuine human - and canine - connections. Running July 11-15, Sylvia is a Barn premier, and is sure to leave you begging for more.

The ultimate show-biz musical is, without a doubt, 42nd Street, which will be tapping into the Barn on July 18 - August 5 for the first time since 1999. Bursting with show-stopping dance numbers and countless beloved Broadway standards including "We're In the Money," and "Lullaby of Broadway," 42nd Street is a Tony Award-winning favorite that will knock your tap shoes off!

Keeping with the exhilarating dancing and non-stop thrills of 42nd Street, the Barn is excited to present the New

Hampshire premier of Disney's musical sensation Newsies, August 8-19. Newsies tells the David-and-Goliath story of a ragged band of New York street urchins who took on publishing titans Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst. Adapted from the 1992 Disney film, and based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, Newsies features an Alan Menken (Aladdin, The Little Mermaid) score and won the 2012 Tony Awards for Best Score and Best Choreography.

Closing out the Main Stage series for the 2018 Summer Season is another Barn premier. Murder For Two is equal parts Agatha Christie, Groucho Marx, and Cole Porter, and runs August 22 - September 2. This hilarious musical whodunit boasts a cast of exactly two: one performer to investigate the crime, the other to play all of the suspects. And of course, they both play the piano!

Of course, a summer at the Barn wouldn't be complete without the always exciting Straw Hat Revue, now in its 61st year and running June 7-10. The Straw Hat Revue is your first chance to meet the 2018 Acting Intern Company, who will be starring in and working eagerly to create the productions Barn audiences will enjoy all summer.

Over the years, audiences have come to love the Barn's New London Barn Intern Idols! series of Monday night cabarets. Theatergoers can expect the same sensational hour of entertainment in 2018, but with some thrilling new additions. More details will be released in the new year.

Running concurrently with the Main Stage season, audiences can also expect to enjoy our always popular Children's Series, performed by our outstandingly talented Junior Interns. The full Children's Series will be announced at a later date, along with details on Junior Intern auditions.

In addition to the Children's Series, the Barn's Education wing will continue to offer the full range of Summer Camps that have brought exceptional theater education to hundreds of families in our region. And so that no family wishing to bring the joy of theater into their children's lives is turned away, the Barn is proud to offer tuition forgiveness for qualifying households. Full programming will be announced later this winter.

For details on the upcoming season, including Season Subscriptions and Holiday Gift Certificates, visit [www.nlbarn.org](http://www.nlbarn.org). For Group Sales materials, contact Director of Marketing and Sales Mitch Marois at [marketing@nlbarn.org](mailto:marketing@nlbarn.org). Single Tickets and FlexPasses will go on sale March 15, and the Box Office will officially open May 26, 2018.

We'll see you on the Porch in 2018!





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ers, and 19 5th and 6th graders. The one issue we worked to process earlier this fall was the desire of the middle school coaches to bring up some sixth graders to play on their teams. The Recreation Committee's recommendation and standing policy is that kids can only play up when there is a numbers issue on the team above. This was not the case this fall, but AEMS and the middle school coaches decided to pull kids up anyway. This decision is outside the Recreation Committee's jurisdiction, but hurts the recreation basketball teams in the end.

**Skating:** about 90 kids signed up for now. The program starts January 5 and when we close out the registration, we can send home a note that if people do not have forms submitted, they will need to go to Ragged to complete forms and billing individually.

**Skating Rink:** We have the money for new liner for the rink and will be in touch soon about getting the rink down this year. Ordering new shed/storage building to have next to the rink - 8'x8' building.

**Building:** Policy Use and Keys

Postponed conversation on keys and access until the spring. Cost of field maintenance - we want to split with baseball since Town owns the field, but baseball primarily uses the infield, etc. The Recreation Committee is happy to pay for aeration of the field and to split the cost of maintaining the infield, but need better coordination with baseball moving forward. Having representation at Recreation Committee from baseball will be critical going forward and we thank Chris Cloutier for attending tonight's meeting and desiring to join the committee.

**Other Business:** Blackwater Park Playground conversation - a few volunteers are excited to get involved, but we have postponed conversation until December meeting.

The Committee has voted to have Chris Cloutier join the Recreation Committee - all voted in favor.

**School Board**

**October 3, 2017**

*Condensed from Approved Minutes*

**Roll Call and Call to Order:** The Andover School Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Michelle Dudek, Call Board Chair.

**Board Members Present:** Michelle Dudek, Dean Barker, Brian Gilman, Annie MacKenzie and Mark Heller

**Administration Present:** Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton and Judith Turk.

**Public Present:** Tina Cotton, Sarah Edmunds for the public session of September 5, 2017

**Minutes of Previous Meeting :**

Brian motioned to accept the minutes and Dean made the second. All were in favor and the minutes were approved with

no discussion.

For the Non-Public Session of September 5, 2017, Dean motioned to accept the minutes and Annie made the second. All were in favor and the minutes were approved with no discussion.

**Public Comment:** None

**Financial Report:** Robin presented the current budget figures. Mark H motioned to accept the Financial Report, Brian made the second. All were in favor and the report was approved.

**Board Chairperson's Report:** Michelle stated that the Open House went well and that the community was receptive regarding the new combined K-8 format.

**Principal's Report:** Jane updated the ASB on current and pending school events including the school wide Only One You Project, Hurricane Victim Donations, Lego/Robotics Groups, Walk to School Day, Willy Wonka Auditions, Math Night and Professional Development Day for AEMS staff.

**Old Business:**

**AEMS Building Project Update:** Mark M stated that things are currently on schedule and on budget. The focus has been on construction documents and engineering meetings. Bids are expected to go out in December.

**New Business:**

**AEA Negotiations:** Robin noted an attached letter addressed to the ASB from the Andover Education Association Negotiation Committee requesting meeting dates. The dates have been set.

**Manifest Journal Entries Signing:** Mark H moved to approve the signing of the manifest/journal entries. Dean made the second. All were in favor and the journal entries were approved.

**Superintendent's Report:**

**Workshops/Conferences:** Mark M summarized some workshops/conferences that he and Randy have attended in recent weeks. He spoke about the Teach Point Evaluation System for teachers and the professional development component that will allow professional staff to connect their goals to the opportunities that they pursue along with the tracking of these events towards recertification.

**New Student Information System:** He also detailed the exploration of a potential new student information system that will consolidate several communication tools. He noted that at the recent Merrimack Valley High School Homecoming, several Andover students were enthusiastically engaged and connected to the MVHS culture. Discussion took place regarding the new state assessment system that will emerge in the spring.

**Assistant Superintendent's Report:** Randy elaborated on the good things that he sees happening in Andover. He has been involved in pursuing grants to financially support the Robotics Program which is underway at AEMS.

**Adjournment:** Mark H moved to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. and Dean made the second. All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

**Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce to Hold Annual Meeting**

Annual meeting and awards January 9, 2018

**Press release**

Nominees are sought for the Business of the Year award and Community Member of the Year award, which will be presented during the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on the evening of Tuesday, January 9.

Submissions can be made by email to [admin@lakesunapeeregionchamber.com](mailto:admin@lakesunapeeregionchamber.com). When submitting a nomination, please think about businesses/individuals who have made significant contributions to encourage and promote commerce that enhances the quality of life in the Lake Sunapee Region. Please list

and explain at least two reasons why the nominee deserves this title.

In addition to presenting the awards, the LSRCC's annual meeting will provide a review of the organization's 2017 accomplishments, which include the hiring of Patty McGoldrick as executive director, and 2018 goals.

The LSRCC event, open to all, is at 5 P.M. in the Ware Student Center at Colby-Sawyer College. Cost is \$35 for LSRCC members and \$40 for non-members. Register on-line at [lakesunapeeregionchamber.com/events/](http://lakesunapeeregionchamber.com/events/).

Visit [lakesunapeeregionchamber.com](http://lakesunapeeregionchamber.com) for more information about the LSRCC and the benefits of membership.

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and other activities. Readers interested in joining the effort are invited to contact White at [mapleearth@gmail.com](mailto:mapleearth@gmail.com).

A photographic record of past Coffeehouse performers, both headliners and open-mic participants, is shown on the Coffeehouse website at [andovercoffeehouse.org](http://andovercoffeehouse.org), and on the Facebook page "Andover Community Coffeehouse."

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 website at [www.andover.nh.us/](http://www.andover.nh.us/) by clicking on "Town Information" and then "Video Archive." The videos are produced by volunteers at Andover Community Cable.

The coffeehouse is located 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).

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## Blazing Star Grange Expands Winter Market Options

### Press release

The cold is settling in which means it's winter farmers market season at the Grange Hall in Danbury. Held every first Saturday of the month from 9 am-1 P.M., The market is entering its 11th season. Like a well-oiled machine, the market runs from November to April and is THE place to experience community and support local farms and artisans. You will find two floors of vendors offering meats, eggs, honey, syrup, a plethora of crafts, vegetables, cannolis and other baked goods.

The news this year is that the Danbury Winter Market has increased its customer buying options this winter with the addition of a 3rd Saturday, by order only, market. Also operating November through April, this market requires advance orders from vendors, either by traditional methods or through the use of an online marketplace at harvestmarket.com for the Danbury Winter Market. The customer places their orders and the vendors deliver them to the grange hall. The customers come between 9 and 11 am to pick up and pay for their products. It's a market without a market. The Harvest to Market site opens on the Monday after each market and closes on the Thursday before each market at noon. At this time, participating online vendors are Huckins Farm, Pleasant View Arts, Margaret Hoyle Socks, and Huntoon Farm.

The Blazing Star Grange, sponsor of the winter market, hopes that this will increase vendors' sales and answer customers' pleas for increased access to local buying. It will also be another opportunity to serve customers that might have other commitments on the first Saturday or do not have storage or finances to shop just once a month. Registering at harvestmarket.com is free with the option to subscribe to the market newsletter for updates. As long as the business is a regular market vendor, the minimal cost of using the Harvest to Market website will be covered by the grange.

Another benefit of the open hall pickup hours is the opportunity for the Grange to again offer Saturday workshops and programs. Having scaled back events to accommodate the growing number of vendors, the additional days allow for increased programming opportunities. Our first event will be held on Jan 20 at 9 am. Maria Polizzi from Danbury will lead a Stampin Up class. Participants will have fun creating three unique cards for a donation of \$7. To keep costs low, pre-registration by January 15th is required. Sign up at the market on Jan 6th or by emailing blazingstargrange71@gmail.com .

For information about both markets, visit blazingstargrange.org, follow us on Facebook at Blazing Star Grange of Danbury NH or call Donna at 768-5579. 

## Lake Sunapee Chamber Welcomes New Director

### Press release

The Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Patricia McGoldrick to the position of Executive Director of the Chamber. As the chamber's chief executive officer, she

will provide administrative leadership in all areas of chamber operations, including member services, education, marketing, and event planning and participate in regional and statewide business development and tourism committees.

Patty's experience includes serving as the executive director of the New London Historical Society and Wilmot Community Association, a management consultant to NH Cities and Towns, and director of Human Resources and Guest Services for the Gunstock Area Resort.

Patty has been a New Hampshire resident for the past 30 years and resides in New London with her family.

When not out visiting with chamber members and potential members, she can be found in the LSRCC Office in the New London Information Booth, 328 Main St. Stop by and say hello! 



Patricia McGoldrick was recently appointed as the Executive Director for the Lake Sunapee Chamber of Commerce

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that is designed to ride continuously without pedaling. A rider's speed comes from their ability to gain momentum through the tight terrain transitions. These systems become freestyle destinations to try and master the latest tricks. "The Pump Track, like the whitewater park are free for the community to use and enjoy.

The Mill City Park Project is just one of several things happening to revitalize Franklin's Downtown. In 2001 the Franklin Opera House reopened in the city hall as a performing arts venue. The opera house has provided a venue for local theater groups, schools and others to perform, hold meetings and the like. Regional and national performers also perform at the venue. The opera house brings thousands of people into Franklin each year.

Permacity Life is another initiative, led by Todd Workman. Their mission is to use the principles of permaculture to build a collaborative and resilient community through downtown revitalization, outdoor recreation

and experiential education. As part of that project a vacant mill building behind city hall is being transformed into housing units, a restaurant is being built in the former antique center on the corner of Central and Franklin Streets, and the facades of several other buildings have been repaired and updated. Several of these buildings now have businesses and shops in them. Colby-Sawyer College in New London has partnered with Permacity Life and has used the project as a learning initiative for students.

Another initiative is called Franklin Takes Root. This group provides opportunities for local businesses to share positive ideas and help each other move forward. The group recently announced the 1 Million Cups Franklin Falls program to help encourage entrepreneurs and start up businesses.

Many Franklin residents are excited about all the things that are happening and hope that Franklin can capitalize on all of these projects and become a better place to live, work and play. 

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## Friends of Northern Rail Trail Meeting

November 15, 2017

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Members Present:** Directors Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Myra Mayman, Chris Norris, Peter Southworth, Nita Tomaczewski, and guests Patrice Rasche and Steve Rasche.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Steve Darling reported that all bills have been paid and we are up to date. The cost of mowing the entire Trail last summer was over \$3000. After all the planned and emergency repairs to the Trail we have a bank balance of \$30,788.51. Chris Norris added that we have committed \$2100. to Jon Champagne for further emergency repairs north and south of the Potter Place overpass to be done next week. These questions being answered, the Treasurer's report was accepted.

**Old Business:** Lindy reported on technology. Cathe Lisk is still pursuing business sponsors for our web page. If anyone wants to suggest changes to the web page they should send them to Lindy, who will forward them to Cathe.

Tom Frantz has asked that we keep alive the idea of doing a Trail usage count. Patrice reported that other groups have a Trail counting day when volunteers go out and count users by the hour with paper and pencil, without elaborate equipment.

Lindy brought 18 x 24 temporary laminated signs showing the location of all our restored mileposts. These are to be put up on kiosks until we produce permanent free-standing signs in metal. There are two possible extensions of both north and south ends of Trail, which we may want to add.

FNRT-Grafton has completed a beautiful extension of their end of the trail in Lebanon and are planning a grand opening on National Trails Day (June 2) in 2018. We would like to support FNRT-Grafton with this event. Patrice said this extension is a good talking point for extending Trail in Concord.

Lindy proposed we give two temporary signs to Dick Mackay for the Grafton group and all agreed.

**Maintenance:** Chris reported that Jon Champagne and Rodney Judkins recently completed the work to restore ditches, clean out blocked culverts, and repair bridge railings. South of Danbury four culverts were buried but Jon dug them out, and during the recent 7-inch rain they were effective in keeping water off the Trail.

A few weeks after Jon cleared the four-pipe culvert the recent seven inches of rain buried the entire culvert under two feet of debris. Chris and Jon reviewed the damage and Jon pledged to clean out the culvert. However the next day an AT&T crew appeared to fix the damage, to protect their fiber optic cable. They cleaned out the culvert and brought a large quantity of riprap. Chris believes

that culvert is not big enough to handle flash floods. It is entirely cased in concrete, a significant challenge to free.

The other big storm problem was the Route 4 overpass, near the Park and Ride at Potter Place. The trail surface was completely washed out. Today one of Jon Champagne's workers was clearing out trees to reach an old railroad ditch. Jon is going to do the entire job for \$2100. Jon has been very helpful, committed and contributing. He'll also extend the ditch by the bridge just south of the Potter Place Depot. We voted to increase the expenditure authorized for the Potter Place overpass area by \$600 to allow extending the ditching south another 100' from the Park and Ride Access path to a former railroad discharge ditch.

**Next summer's work:** Chris's priorities are to continue repairing the bridges. Three bridges over Sucker Brook between Dyer's Crossing and East Andover have no rails or very weak rails. He recommends bridges with wings. Rodney is working on estimates on those three plus the Roy Ford Bridge in Danbury. There is a total of six bridges between Danbury and Franklin that need work including these four. Chris knows they can do three in a season since that's what they completed this year. Bridges are not a problem for Chris in terms of oversight.

Craig would like to submit a grant application by the end of April. His concern is safety. Estimates for the four bridges done this year was \$17,000; all the work ended up at \$23,000 so we need to apply for a larger amount of money then we previously estimated in order to do next year's work.

Alex reported on the on going efforts to connect the end of the Trail in Boscawen to Concord. The city of Concord was going to put in an application for federal funds [TIGAR] to purchase six miles of rail bed abandoned by Pan Am. They needed a letter from Pan Am confirming Pan Am's intention to sell but no letter was forthcoming, so they could not complete the application. The good news is that the City of Concord is interested and behind this. The idea is in the right place, and Alex is confident it will work, but it will take time.

**Franklin Falls Recreational Plan:** Lindy, Alex and Myra attended an event in Franklin to announce progress on the Franklin Falls recreational plan. Franklin Savings Bank is donating \$250,000, and they have received a grant of \$180,000 for design and engineering of the kayaking park.

**Cease and Desist Order:** Peter Southworth provided a copy of a Cease and Desist order sent from DOT to Lenny Caron demanding that he cease using the bridge south of the Potter Place Depot to move his equipment. Alex reported that the new lock and locking pin at the gate at this bridge has

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FNRT-MC is hopeful that project leader Chris Norris, contractor Jon Champagne of Andover and AT & T were able to solve the problems of a failing 4-pipe culvert drainage system under the rail trail at Eagle Pond. Final repair work was completed on Sunday, December 4, 2017. The culvert design has been problematic because of changes over time in the volume of runoff, the sections of pipe are misaligned and cemented in place, and the pipe work is not continuous across the 28 foot span.

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# OBITUARIES

**DONNA P. THATCHER**, 67, of Easton, PA, passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at home.

Born on October 20, 1950 in Boston, Massachusetts, the daughter of the late Willis H. Ploof and Rita Turcotte Ploof. Donna earned her PhD in Developmental Psychology from the University of Rochester. She spent her early career as a child therapist in Rochester, NY and southeastern Massachusetts. Once a mother, she devoted her time to raising her children and to her creative work as an artist. She was active in the Easton arts community and a member of Freehand, a team of professional muralists. She also owned and operated Saut de Basque, a business that manufactured and sold men's dancewear. Most importantly, Donna wove love, creativity and playfulness into all she did. She saw possibilities instead of barriers, always guided by compassion and intuition. She put her whole spirit into everything she set her mind to and saw strength and beauty in all she encountered. She listened with her heart and shared her wisdom and clarity with those she knew. She was a wonderful mother, wife, sister and friend. She remains an inspiration. Her spirit will be with us forever. She will be missed by her husband William Thatcher of Easton; daughter Alyssa Thatcher of Rochester; son Myles Thatcher of San Francisco,



CA; brother Douglas Ploof and wife Neila of Andover, NH; sisters Deborah Ploof and partner Greg Cangialosi of western Massachusetts, and Dianna Ploof and husband Benjamin Handen of Pittsburgh, PA; brother-in-law Jon Thatcher and wife Kathy of Chesterfield, NH; sister-in-law Linda Thatcher of St. Petersburg, FL; and nephews Adam Handen and Lucas Thatcher. She was predeceased by brother-in-law J. Garry Thatcher.

Services will be private. Arrangements are by the Strunk Funeral Home, Inc., Wilson Borough. Offer online condolences at [www.strunkfh.com](http://www.strunkfh.com). Memorials may be made to the Center for Animal Health and Welfare, 1165 Island Park Road., Easton, PA 18042. Strunk Funeral Home, Inc. 2101 Northampton St. Wilson Borough, PA 18042 (610) 258-7211

**WENONA B. SCHOOLCRAFT**, 91, of Swanzey, NH, passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at the Genesis Keene Center.

Wenona was born September 30, 1926, in East Andover, New Hampshire, the daughter of Ellen (Hersey) and Otis Schoolcraft. She was "born again" through faith in Jesus Christ in August of 1941 at Camp Joy in Rumney, New Hampshire, and dedicated her life to Christ then.

In 1944, Wenona graduated from Andover High School and that fall attended Providence Barrington Bible College from which she graduated in 1947. Providence Barrington later became a part of Gordon College of Theology and Missions. Wenona studied education at Houghton College, 1947-1949, in Western, New York and then transferred to Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire, and graduated in 1951. In the summer of 1955, Wenona studied biology and other sciences with Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, working at their science station in the Black Hills of South Dakota. In the summer of 1988, Wenona studied Church History in Europe with the Gordon College Alumni Group and spent several summers after studying and working in England and Europe.



After graduation in 1951 from Keene State, Wenona taught grades 5-8 in Canterbury, New Hampshire. For the next three years, she taught third grade in Tilton, New Hampshire. In the fall of 1955, she taught fourth grade and Elementary Science at the Dame School in Concord, New Hampshire, until 1958.

In the fall of 1958, Wenona was called by the Lord to serve with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) of Northern NH, based in Conway, New Hampshire. In 1962, she moved with her mother to Berlin, New Hampshire and continued with CEF to teach Good News Club, train teachers, and work with the churches of Northern NH. In the summer of 1965, Wenona attended the three-month Child Evangelism Fellowship Institute in Muskegon, Michigan. In 1978, Miss Winnie (as she was known by many) moved to Keene, New Hampshire to be the Southwestern local director for CEF of NH. In 1984, she graduated from CEDOT (from CEF in Stroudsburg, PA) and continued working with CEF in Southwest NH. In 1992, she moved to Greeley, Colorado and served as CEF local director of Northern Colorado for 6 years. In 1998, Miss Winnie moved back to Keene, New Hampshire and worked again in the Southwestern part of NH. On November 1, 2005, she moved to volunteer in her retirement at CEF Headquarters in Warrenton, Missouri with the CEF Mailbox Club Ministry and CEF of East Central Missouri. In December of 2016, she returned to live in the Keene area. Miss Winnie served the children of the U.S. and the world and many others with her faithful prayer throughout

her lifetime. Wenona is survived by her sister-in-law, Jeanne Schoolcraft of Manchester, New Hampshire; her niece, Betty Burke and husband, John, of Manchester, New Hampshire; and her nephew, Bobby Schoolcraft and wife, Joya, of Cape Coral, Florida; as well as her daughter-like friend, Sharon Skinner of Keene, New Hampshire; and many cousins, nieces, and friends. Wenona is preceded in death by her father, mother, brothers, and sister.

To her family and friends, she will be loved and remembered for her own personal devotion for the Lord and for her joy in teaching children the Truth of the Gospel.

A memorial service was held at Sturtevant Chapel, 15 Washington Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire, on Friday, November 17, at 11 A.M. with Reverend Stephen Aldrich officiating. Memorial gifts may be made out to: CEF of NH, P.O. Box 146, Concord, New Hampshire 03302 or to CEF Inc., P.O. Box 348, Warrenton, Missouri 63383.

Fetcher Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Keene, New Hampshire has been entrusted with the arrangements ([www.FletcherFuneralHome.com](http://www.FletcherFuneralHome.com)).

**DENNIS "LARRY" SAWYER**, from Andover, NH, passed away peacefully on November 12, 2017 from complications due to ALS.

He was surrounded by his loving friends and family. Born in Lewiston, Maine on April 12, 1953, to Frank C Sawyer, Sr and Muriel (Fish) Sawyer, he was one of seven children. Dennis is predeceased by his father, Frank, Sr, and his sister Joanne Berube and husband Paul.

He is survived by his mother, Muriel of Lewiston, Me, his sister Joyce Lessard and husband Robert of Greene, Me, his sister Robin St. Laurent of Lewiston, Me, his brother Frank, Jr of Pasadena, Tx, his brother Steve Sawyer of Lewiston, Me, his brother Corey and wife Lori of Sabattus, Me, his niece Alexy Reyes and husband Michael of Texas, See Obituaries on page 37



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his nephew Aodhan McCool of Boston, Ma, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Dennis grew up in Maine on a farm, where, as a small child, he collected eggs, milked cows, and lugged water for the family to use in the home. He belonged to the United Pentecostal Church, and attended Sabattus High School.

Dennis married Linda Wiers, and divorced after several years.

Dennis loved to travel. He lived in Texas for several years, where he studied to be a minister. Next, he moved to Providence, RI, where he made many friends. Eventually, he trekked back to his home state of Maine, where he thrived with a close group of wonderful friends, Jimmy, Roger, and Charlie.

From Maine, Dennis then embarked on a new employment opportunity in Andover, NH, where he also found a community that welcomed him, and cherished him for his character, honesty, and down-home spirit. He mastered the art of industrial embroidery, sold clothing, and worked in the restaurant business. He had many loyal customers who often returned to him because they enjoyed his friendliness and customer service. He will surely be missed in Andover.

A Celebration of Life Party is planned for December 2, 2017, 2:00 P.M., at the East Andover Grange Hall, 7 Chase Hill Road & Route 11, Andover, NH. In lieu of gifts, a request is made for donations to be made to the ALS Association (<http://www.alsa.org/>), or to The Human Rights Campaign (<http://www.hrc.org/>). Need info, Contact Julia 603-977-0083

**DEREK JAMES GODWIN, 26,** died on Thursday, November 9, 2017.

Derek was born on May 10, 1991, in Stoneham, MA, the son of James C. Godwin of Reading MA and Jacqueline A. (Sassano) Godwin-Lanzillo of Chester, NH. Derek was the loving older brother to Christopher and Rachel Godwin. He is also survived by his grandparents, Aurora and Robert Sassano of NY, and Brenda Godwin of NH. He was loved and will be deeply missed by his girlfriend Danielle and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.



Derek grew up in Reading, MA and as a child was heavily involved in sports including soccer, baseball, and hockey. During the past few years, Derek lived in Andover, NH and Lebanon, NH where most recently he was employed as a sales representative for Verizon Wireless. Derek was passionate about dogs, particularly his beloved Brady and Schilling. He enjoyed playing cards, chess and snowboarding. He

was also an avid sports fan and enjoyed following his fantasy football leagues. Derek was a kind and loyal friend with a great sense of humor. He touched many people who will miss him greatly.

**SERVICES:** A Memorial Service will be held on December 27, 2017 at St. Agnes Church, 186 Woburn St, Reading MA at 10 A.M. followed by a gathering in the Parish Center.

Donations can be made in Derek's name to the Farnum Center, 140 Queen City Avenue., Manchester, NH 03103.

**FRANKLIN A. EATON SR., 87,** passed away Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017, at Concord Hospital after a short illness. He was born November 9, 1929, in Portsmouth, to Lillian and Charles Eaton of Seabrook. Franklin resided at Merrimack County Nursing Home since February, 2016.

Franklin enjoyed building, including his home in Boscawen, and the wonderful days helping out in the hay fields with his friend.

Franklin was employed by Page Belt-ing of Concord for many years until his retirement.

Franklin was predeceased by his wife, Geraldine M. Eaton, February 2016. Franklin leaves behind a son, Andrew A. Eaton of Webster; a daughter, Debra Huntoon and her husband, Michael Huntoon of Andover; a daughter, Brenda Boutwell and Edwin King of Boscawen. He also leaves behind a great friend, Martin Boutwell of Boscawen. Grandchildren include Joe Boutwell of Webster, Kimberly Boutwell of Boston and Brian Huntoon of Andover.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Edna McKenna Trust Fund at Merrimack County Nursing Home, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303.

Calling hours were on Thursday, October 26, at the Wendell J Butt Funeral Home, 42 Washington Street, Penacook.

A private burial will take place at a later date at the convenience of the family.

**IRENE F. NYE, 75,** a resident of East Andover for many years, died suddenly at her home, Tuesday, October 10, 2017, with her husband at her side.

Irene was born in Wilmington, Delaware, August 6, 1942, daughter of the late, Bronislaw and Anna (Kopanski) Bierzynski. She spent her youth and schooled in Wilmington, graduating from Wilmington High School. She fell in love with a Navy Sailor, and they mar-



ried before he shipped out to sea. During their married years, Irene moved often while he served his country. She was employed over the years with a bakery up until her marriage, and later worked in finance. Following her husband's discharge they moved from place to place, later moving to East Andover with their two children in 1975 where she resided until her death. Irene was very fond of animals and always had a dog in her home. She enjoyed traveling the United States and Canada with her husband while he ran his hauling business, delivering trucks. She enjoyed sewing and shared her work with others. She was employed for several years with the U.S. Post Office in East Andover as PMR (Postmaster Relief).

She was predeceased by two sisters, Blanche Schuster and Regina Donovan.

She leaves her husband of 55 years, David D. Nye of East Andover; their

son, David Lee Nye of California; and their daughter, Rebecca Lynn Nye of the State of Washington; and seven grandchildren.

She also leaves a brother, Ronald Bierzynski of Florida; and three sisters, Anna Sprague and Helen Rivell, both of Florida and Kathleen Zill of New York. Numerous nieces and nephews.

Following Irene's wishes, there are no calling hours.

A graveside service will be held in the spring of 2018 at the Lakeside Cemetery in East Andover when her family gathers.

Assisting with arrangements is the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home of Tilton. For more information go to [smartfuneralhome.com](http://smartfuneralhome.com).

Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Irene's name to the Salvation Army, 177 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246. 

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been removed. Peter will take photos and update Shawn Violette, Bureau of Trails.

**ATV's:** Patrice asked what has happened on the issue of ATVs on rail trails. We have submitted votes from the select boards in Andover, Danbury, Enfield, Lebanon and Wilmot in favor of maintaining the prohibition of ATVs on the Trail. One positive side effect of this issue is that it has re-energized the NH Rail Trails Coalition to work together.

**Next Meeting:** There was consensus for cancelling the December, January and February meetings. Normally we don't meet in December, and this January and February it appears that too many of us will be absent. Consequently, the next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. After some discussion it was agreed that we should stop rotating meeting locations, which can be confusing and admin-

istratively cumbersome, and meet in one place consistently, as we used to. Steve will submit our request to meet at the new Andover Hub community center. Nita reported that the Lakes Region Snowmobile Club would like to coordinate with FNRT brush-cutting and mowing. This news was met with great enthusiasm.

**Action Items:**

Tom pursue possibilities for lighting in the Lawrence Street culvert in Andover.

Lindy ask Prescott Towle for his assessment of last May's spraying

Myra check with Steve on Andover Hub meeting place

Myra send minutes of this meeting and the October meeting prior to the March 21 meeting

Peter photograph gate with missing lock and send to Shawn Violette

Upcoming Events: Thursday, April 5 Thursday's Child dinner at the New London Inn 

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The Second Grade class at Andover Elementar Middle School wrote, produced and performed a Halloween play in October.

## Taking Class Time to Create a Play— Students Create Original Performance for Halloween

Gretchen Hildebrand, AE/MS

Second graders at AEMS spent the month of October brainstorming, writing, learning, practicing and designing the scenery for their annual Halloween play. What merit could this have when it ‘steals’ an hour a day from the regular curriculum? The students and I have the answers to that question.



### Week One:

By deciding as a group what the characters and setting should be, the students’ individual voices are heard through their own ideas and they each exercise their right to vote... and vote ... and vote!

“I liked getting to vote for what characters I thought should be included in the play. It was hard to decide but also fun to get to vote a lot.”

- When it is time to write the play, the students have to determine the CONFLICT or problem within the story - because every good story has a problem to solve
- figure out what the action is going to be throughout the story line –it is going to be acted on stage so there has to be plenty of ACTION
- approve of the dialogue each step of the way to ensure that their own ideas are included

• LISTEN CAREFULLY to make sure every part of the story makes sense, so the audience can follow

After the play is written and given the grade 2 seal of approval, it is time to decide who plays which part. For this, students find out how many speaking lines each character has and then volunteer for any part they feel comfortable with. Some students want a lot of speaking parts and are confident with their ability to learn the lines. Others are unsure about a big exposed part on stage in front of a lot of people (the whole school plus parents). This decision-making requires a degree of realism and maturity not often asked of the students. The final decisions, based on who volunteered for what parts and the students’ levels of confidence, are made by the teachers.

### Week Two:

Everyone gets his/her part and the REAL WORK begins. The students learn the POWER OF PRACTICE. Every day they practice reading the play and learning their lines. Every night they practice reading the play with someone at home and learning their lines.

“After about three days I could say my part and I knew what the person before me said and what the person after me was going to say. I couldn’t believe I learned it so fast!”

“It was exciting to be able to read the whole play. It was long and at first I didn’t know all of the words.”

### Week Three:

The play practice moves from the classroom to the stage several times during the week. The students no longer use their scripts. They begin figuring out

how to move on stage, how to speak to another character on stage while still facing the audience. Most importantly, they learn how to use loud, clear, slow voices and speak with expression and poise. This year the students decide to have music at the start and end of the play. More voting happens and the songs are chosen. The ideas for all parts scenery begin to take shape. Teachers and students work together to create it. Parents chip in cardboard and other odds and ends.

“Ms. Minnehan made an awesome living room for the Evil Witch, especially the book shelf. She is really funny.”

“We got to paint everything. I got to drill the wood with Mr. Hubbard.”

“Mr. Silverstein let us use the indoor soccer goal for the dungeon.”

### Week Four:

The scenery gets finished. The students now practice with all props in place. It makes it so much easier to know where to stand, move and speak. Costumes come to school. Parents and students create some of the most AMAZING COSTUMES and are encouraged to do so with minimal cost. It is exciting to see all the creative ideas come together.

There is the dress rehearsal with a

small practice audience, then the hour arrives and the play is performed.

As I sit in the audience and watch I am always amazed. These are seven and eight year olds. They have accomplished so much as a team. They are powerful. They are creative. They are



joyous. They have confidence. They have that for life.

“I loved doing the play. I want to do it again. I loved it so much. I will never, NEVER forget it.”

The child who wrote those last words took them from my heart. Seeing what kids can do when given the opportunity is at least worth a few hours of classroom instruction and seatwork. Don’t you think?

With thanks and gratitude to all at school and in Andover’s homes who make it possible to create lifelong memories.



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faculty members Casey McCormack (Learning Skills, varsity football coach, Burbank West dorm parent) and Lindsey Degon (Learning Skills, Burbank West dorm parent) were in a traffic accident while vacationing in Key West during the Thanksgiving holiday. Casey suffered significant, non-life threatening injuries from the accident. Lindsey, tragically, did not survive the crash.

Growing up in the small town of Palmer, Massachusetts with her parents, her twin brother, Corey, and an older brother, Eric, Lindsey lived an active lifestyle throughout her life. A 2005 graduate of Wheaton College (MA) where she ran track and field, she actively sought opportunities to broaden her horizons through building relationships with those around her. Whether it was studying abroad at the University of Auckland, serving as an Athletic Mentor at Wheaton, or jumping with two feet into her work with adolescents following graduation from college, Lindsey was passionate about understanding the needs of those around her and working to meet those needs to the best of her ability.

Lindsey joined Proctor's Learning Skills Department in the fall of 2014 after pursuing graduate studies in school counseling at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and obtaining her master's degree in Clinical Social Work from Westfield State University in 2013. Over the past three plus years, she tirelessly and skillfully worked to support

her students in Learning Skills and her ninth grade boys in Burbank West as they learned to navigate adolescence. There are many who will be directly impacted by this news; both Lindsey and Casey's Learning Skills students, residents of Burbank West, members of Casey's football team, colleagues, alumni, and countless others. Just as Lindsey would daily wrap her arms of support around her students, we now follow the example she gave us as we seek to wrap our collective arms around all those impacted by this tragedy.

The week leading into Thanksgiving Break provided countless reminders of the importance of both our extended Proctor family and those who comprise our internal community. The theme of "Together" transcended athletic fields during Holderness weekend to all aspects of the community. Prior to departing for Thanksgiving we looked each other in the eye and thanked each other for the hard work of sustaining a community like ours. Today, we look each other in the eye and, again, acknowledge the need to come together as we support each other, Lindsey and Casey's families, and those most deeply impacted by this tragedy. When we are surrounded by support, we have the confidence to live our lives with hope, not fear, and yet today we are reminded to hug our loved ones tight, read that extra book at bedtime with our children, call our parents and siblings to check in, and tell those around us that we love them.

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God Bless our troops and God Bless America. Thank you veterans."

Guest speaker Mr. Percy Hill then spoke with the assembled group. He had fun with the students while delivering a serious message. He remembered his Navy days and had the students jump to their feet and salute throughout the program. Mr. Hill's message was well received by both the younger and older members in the audience.

First grade classes then took the stage to teach about the importance of poppies and showing their art work. This was followed by fifth grade classes who recognized all the military branches. The students shared facts about each branch followed by a patriotic song. Audience members stood for their song.

Arienna Perry, a seventh grade student, impressively recited "They Did Their Share." This was followed by "I Will Stand" sung by the second and third grade classes. The whole audience was singing by the end of the song.

Mr. Bill Leber and American Legion Post #101 ended the ceremony by recognizing Mrs. Irene Jewett as a Gold Star Mother. Mrs. Jewett came forward and accepted the honor. This was an emotional moment for all and students were appropriately touched by the significance of this honor.

American Legion Post #101 retired the colors and all veterans and their families

were escorted to the Eagle Cafe for refreshments. The eighth grade students served the veterans coffee, juice, and baked goods while listening to their stories.

Almost all of the classes contributed artwork for the occasion. Centerpieces for the tables in the Eagle Cafe were made by seventh grade students. Thank you letters and cards for the veterans were provided by fourth and seventh graders. The patriotic artwork in the lobby, gym, and Eagle Cafe was contributed by many.

Veterans Day continues to be a favorite day at AEMS and plans are already underway for next year. If you know of any veterans new to our area, please call our school so that we can include them on our mailing list.

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says published on the A-1 Auto Transport website. These students are free to share the link on their social platforms for friends and family to see.

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**A**ndover's Matt (left) and David Reynolds (Right) led Merrimack Valley Cross Country to a 7th place finish in the Division II State Meet. David finished 4th and Matt was 15th qualifying individually for the NH Meet of Champions.

David finished 4th in the NH Cross Country Meet of Champions qualifying him for the New England Cross Country Championships where he went on to finish 52nd.

As a result of his finishes in the Division Championships, Meet of Champions and New England Championships David Reynolds was named to the 2017 NH All State Cross Country team. Photo: Brian Reynolds

## Local Players Launch Proctor Football to New England Bowl Game

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

For the fourth time in the last decade, Proctor's varsity football team completed an undefeated season, following in the footsteps of the 2006, 2008, and 2012 teams who also ran the table in the Evergreen League. Proctor's team was selected for its fourth New England Bowl berth in program history, earning a bid to the Wayne Sanborn Bowl where they played Hamden Hall School at Worcester Academy on November 17. Unfortunately, the Hornets fell to Hamden Hall in the Bowl Game, but the boys, including Andover's Ronan Walsh '20 and Ezra Jenifer '19, should be proud of themselves!

Perhaps the most telling statistic for the regular season was the remarkable turnover differential, as the Hornets forced 25 turnovers and only coughed the ball up twice all season. At the center of the team's success were former

Andover Eagles, Ezra Jenifer '19 and Ronan Walsh '20. Both Jenifer and Walsh played both ways all season, helping secure a stellar defensive line, and making impact plays on the offensive side of the ball. Jenifer led the team in rushing this season (884 yards on 122 carries, including 7 TDs during the regular season), while Walsh was a key to the blocking scheme at tight end, and made a few big catches throughout the season.

Other local talent on the team included starting quarterback Henry Bechok '19 (New London, NH), linebackers Kenny Fusco '19 (Wilmot, NH) and Dylan Oakes '18 (Enfield, NH), offensive and defensive lineman Lance Crate '18 (Enfield, NH), and offensive lineman Jack Walker '19 (Wilmot, NH). Congratulations to Proctor's football team on a tremendous season!

### Cross Country from page 44

16:54 to Caleb's 16:58. On the heels of that good start, the girls were up in the Championship race.

An early goal of the girls team was to have a full team of 5 for States and they looked like they were going to make it as all were working hard and running well but illness prevented them from fielding the full team.

Toeing the line were Paige Makechnie, Violet Kraft Lund Marley, Trinity Delaney, and Sophia Reynolds. They got a surprise visit from the Merrimack Valley High School Girls Cross Country team at the start to wish them luck. Then they lined up and were off and running with 194 other runners. Sophia was the favorite and went right to the lead as the race entered the woods. Trinity was right behind her in about 20th place with Violet and Paige settling into the pack. All the girls ran great races, Trinity improved over 30 seconds and 20 places in her second State meet. Paige and Violet ran great in their first State

meet efforts. However the day belonged to Sophia. She had finished second in her previous two State meets but broke through to win the Division III State Championship in 12:10. She's the first Division Champion from Andover in the 44 years of the Middle School Cross Country Championships.



**Girls Team: (left to right) Trinity Delaney, Sophia Reynolds, Violet Kraft, Lund Marley, Paige Makechnie Photo: Brian Reynolds**

The boys were up next fielding a nearly full team of 6 despite missing a couple runners to illness as well. Jack Colvin, Dante Mori, Enrico Mori, Mychal Reynolds, Evan Hill, Henry Wagler lined up for Andover in the field of just over 200.



**Boys Team: (left to right front) Dante Mori, Mychal Reynolds, Jack Colvin, Evan Hill (left to right back) Enrico Mori, Henry Wagler Photo: Brian Reynolds**

The boys race was the most competitive of the day. It featured the defending National Champion and ultimately saw 14 boys break 12 minutes. It was by far the toughest of the three middle school championship races for the day. The very young Andover team did a great job. They were led by Jack and Dante both running strong right in the middle of the field. Mychal, Evan, Enrico, and Henry rounded out the scoring. The boys team matched Andover's best finish in the State meet with a 28th place finish.

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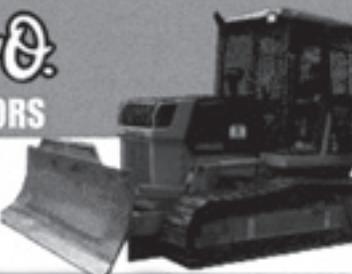
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**M**s. Philbrook's 6th and 7th grade students are currently simulating the Ancient Egyptian Mummification process in Social Studies class. They have researched the different processes and rituals involved and are utilizing 21st century materials to get as close to the real process as possible with some donated meat chickens. The students are fully involved in the process and are giving presentations on how the Ancient Egyptians went through the real process while simultaneously acting that out with our own class bird. The students have witnessed the chicken decrease in size and weight, change color, change in odor, etc. Their teacher has been very impressed with the connections they have been making between the past and present cultural practices. Photo and Caption: Megan Philbrook

## 7th Andover Lions Club Basketball Tournament

December 27 and 28 at Proctor

The seventh annual Lions Club Middle School Basketball Tournament will take place on Wednesday December 27 and run through Thursday, December 28 at Proctor Academy.

### Schedule

#### Wednesday, December 27

- 1:00 P.M. Andover vs Weare (girls)
- 2:15 P.M. Newport girls vs Kearsarge (Girls)

- 3:30 P.M. Weare vs Newport (boys)
- 4:45 P.M. Kearsarge vs Andover (boys)

#### Thursday, December 28

- 1:00 P.M. girls consolation game non winners of games 1 and 2
- 2:15 P.M. boys consolation game non winners of games 3 and 4
- 3:30 P.M. Girls championship winners of games 1 and 2
- 4:45 P.M. Boys championship game winners of games 3 and 4



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varsity squad for her fourth straight year (10th varsity letter overall), James Southworth '21 played valuable minutes on defense, Vienna Marcus '20 rarely stepped off the field as a stellar defender (and Coaches' Award recipient), and Hailey Makechnie '19 anchored the midfield while also being recognized with the Marvin Award given each season to a new student who makes a sig-

nificant impact through leadership and ability on his or her team.

Be sure to check out Proctor's Athletics website: [www.proctoracademy.org/athletics](http://www.proctoracademy.org/athletics) for a complete list of Fall Award winners, and read the accompanying article on Proctor's undefeated football season for more highlights from Andover residents. Updated winter game schedules for hockey, basketball, and skiing are also available online.



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to show teamwork, good sportsmanship and participate in other challenges as well. Teams are expected to research and create a solution based on this year's challenge theme, Hydrodynamics. Another team challenge was to present their robot, discuss creation and programming choices and demonstrate critical thinking, problem solving, and creative ingenuity. The final challenge has teams participating in a team building exercise where they are assessed on their team work skills and how well they demonstrate FIRST Lego Leagues Core Values System.

Students experience many new chal-

lenges, and faced this new experience with enthusiasm and positive energy. They came away excited for the possibilities of next year, inspired by other teams, and with a larger understanding of what to expect next year, and they can honestly not wait! Even our 8th grade team member expressed a serious interest in volunteering to mentor next year's team in order to remain involved and help lead this new academic club to greater achievements.

Everyone at AEMS is extremely proud of this hard working team who started this year late in the competition and only met 8 times altogether for an hour at a time and performed exceptionally! Great job everyone!



## Andover Recreational Youth Basketball Update

Over seventy youth have signed up

### Scott Allenby

The Town of Andover Rec Committee is excited to yet again offer youth basketball to children in Grades 1-6. This season, we have over 70 children signed up to take part in the program, including 23 first and second graders who are taking part in clinics each Sunday afternoon. Program directors Scott Allenby and Jen Hauser are thankful for the volunteers who have stepped in to help coach each team and to all the parents whose positive attitudes on the sidelines have helped keep the kids development as young basketball players at the center of attention.

### Volunteer Coaches:

- 1st-2nd Grade Clinics: Lindsey and Scott Allenby
- 3/4 Boys: Scott Allenby and Peter Shedd
- 3/4 Girls: Lauren Koron and Jill Makechnie
- 5/6 Boys: Brian Reynolds and Dan Mori
- 5/6 Girls: Gregor and Amy Makechnie

The 3rd/4th Grade and 5th/6th Grade teams compete in the ICB Basketball League based out of Penacook along with all the other feeder elementary schools to Merrimack Valley High School. Games take place on Saturday mornings and run through mid-February.



## Andover After School Program December News

### Shawna Otis

#### Andover After School Program

The past couple months at the Andover After School Program have been full of fun and excitement! We have had two late-night Fridays, which consisted of pizza and dessert, movies, and fun activities like pillow fights and paint-in-a-bag (who knew something so simple could be so much fun!). These nights are open to the public, so keep an eye out if you'd like your child to join in on the excitement. We made our own whipped cream by shaking a mason jar and enjoyed it with fruit. We loved being outside in the warm weather as long as we could and loved jumping in leaf piles that the kiddos raked up themselves. Dance parties and jump-roping have become activities that we all love to take part in, staff included! And this

month, we have realized many things that we are thankful for by focusing on gratitude and mindfulness- we created our own Thankful Tree and made leaves every day in the month of November and we loved our mindfulness game that made us realize that even when we think we are having a bad day, life is still good.

Our next Date Night is December 22nd and our next community fundraiser is January 27th. Mark your calendars now! We have a lot planned and we cannot wait to share more with the community. If you are interested in volunteering, looking for employment, interested in using our building, or looking for after school care, please contact Shawna Otis, Director, at [andoverkids@yahoo.com](mailto:andoverkids@yahoo.com) or 603-735-6566.



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The 5th grade class at AEMS spent the last month learning about the Mexican holiday Day of the Dead in their art class. They each created their own 3D sugar skull masks, using plaster wrap and paint. At the end of the project, the 5th grade class got to experience the holiday with a day full of learning Spanish words, frosting skull cookies, and talking about the history and traditions they follow on this special day. Photo: Courtney Minnehan, AE/MS



The kindergarten students lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Andover Elementary Middle School Celebrates Local Veterans

About thirty veterans in attendance

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principle

On the morning of November 8th, approximately thirty veterans came to Andover Elementary Middle School for

the colors to begin the assembly. AEMS faculty members Alex Ager, Sarah Edmunds, and Molly Kidane sang the National Anthem. The Kindergarten classes then led the audience members in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Eagle Code. This was followed by eighth grade students: Garrett Niemyer and River Turnbull, who sang "America the Beautiful."

Principal Jane Slayton welcomed the veterans and talked about the specialness of the assembly and the importance of teaching students to honor and remember the men and women whose selfless sacrifices ensured the freedoms enjoyed today.

Sixth grade students Oliver Andrews and Brice Bendixsen played violin and keyboard while Delaney Young, Norah Carlson, Nick Horbert, Violet Kraft-Lund Marley, Dylan Hammond, Ashley Neuberger, and Trinity Delaney sang "My Country Tis of Thee."

Morganne Budgett and Maura Kelly, eighth grade students, shared a reading of appreciation for the veterans. Maura thanked the veterans for answering the call to duty. She also thanked their family members. Morganne thanked the veterans for attending the assembly and said, "God Bless you and your families."

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Brice Bendixsen on the keyboard and Oliver Andrews playing the violin accompany their sixth grade classmates as they sing My Country Tis of Thee.

a special assembly.

Every year the students and staff honor local veterans. Invitations are sent to local veterans in early fall. The planning then begins in all classrooms.

American Legion Post #101 paraded



Pictured L to R: Captain - Bryson Cate, Tristan Colby, Liam Murphy, Captain - Caleb Warzocha (Back), Mychal Reynolds, Henry Wagler, and Dylan Hammond (Not pictured: Captain - Natalie Hughes, Church Salathe)

## AE/MS Robotics Teams Compete Against Other Middle Schools

Andrew Tyler, AE/MS

On Saturday, November 18th, Andover Elementary Middle School's two new Lego Robotics teams went to a Qualifier Competition where they competed against other Middle School teams from around the state. 19 teams

participated and Andover's 8-Bit Eagles earned 30 points in the robotics competition, earning 14th place! Our second team, the Pixelators, received 40 points in the competition, earning 11th place!

For the event, students are expected See Robots on page 41

**Come Experience PROCTOR SKI AREA** SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10

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Photo: Jennifer Bent

## AE/MS First Grade Visits Apple Orchard

Jennifer Bent, AE/MS

The first graders visited Peter and Mary at Highland Lake Apple Orchard in early November. The first graders learned about male and female pine cones, bees and pressing apple cider. They collected and picked enough apples to make delicious apple crisp for the whole school. Willy the Cat made a special appearance during the visit! The AEMS community is grateful that Peter and Mary continue to be so generous to our school.



Peter watches as Scarlett Drewry throws an apple into the press to make cider.  
Photo: Jennifer Bent



Andover's Ezra Jenifer '19 (#7) was the team's leading rusher this season as the team went undefeated and competed in a New England Bowl Game on November 17.

## Proctor Athletics: Andover Athletes Shine

Twenty local athletes on varsity teams

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

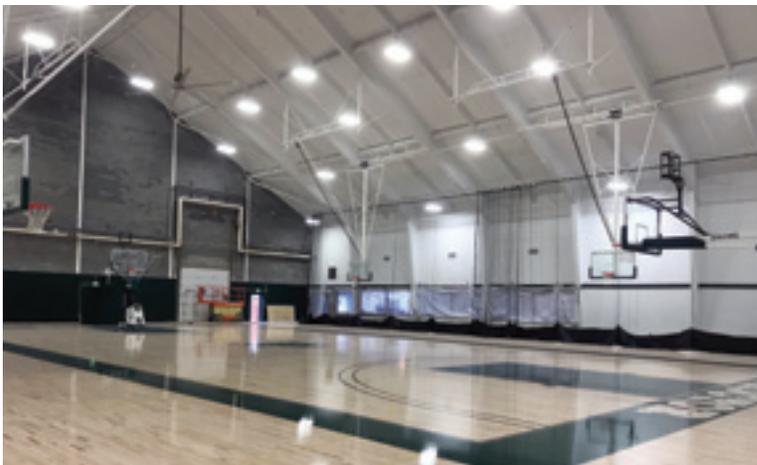
The fall trimester at Proctor saw local students thrive on the athletic fields for the Hornets. With thirty-six Andover residents enrolled at Proctor, a remarkable twenty competed at the varsity level during the fall season.

Proctor's boys' varsity soccer team, in particular, was a bastion of local talent with 13 of its 22 members as day students, including seven former Andover Eagles (Ryan Methven '19, Jack New-

ton '19, DJ Rankins '19, Finn Weber '18, Luke Weber '18, Myles Powers '19, and Nelson Makechnie '19). The team narrowly missed a bid to the New England tournament finishing at 9-3-3, and went undefeated at home, giving up just one goal on their home field all season. Andover's Luke Weber earned the team's Coaches' Award, while New London's Patrick Lewis earned All League honors.

Proctor's girls' varsity soccer team also featured four Andover students as Katelyn Barton '18 played on the

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Proctor's Farrell Field House is undergoing a complete renovation. Phases 1 and 2 are nearly complete as the gymnasium is open and the fitness center is scheduled to open in early January.

## Proctor's New Gymnasium and Fitness Center Open

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor's largest capital building project in the school's history is well underway as the renovation of the Farrell Field House undergoes a complete overhaul. The gymnasium is complete and the school's new fitness center is scheduled to open in early January. Basketball teams have hosted their first practices in the new gym, and Proctor recently hosted a Special Olympics New Hampshire basketball event in the new space. Improved lighting, mechanical systems, and a completely new gym floor have given new life to the

facility, while future renovations of the south end of the building will transform the functional space within the building. The addition of seven new classrooms, new locker rooms, athletic offices, and multipurpose function space create an academic center at the west end of campus adjacent to the Brown Dining Commons (completed in September 2016). These additions to the south end of the building are scheduled to be complete by October 2018. Learn more by visiting [www.proctoracademy.org/campaignforproctor](http://www.proctoracademy.org/campaignforproctor).



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Four Andover residents performed in Proctor's end of term Vocal Music ensemble concert on November 12, as Tori Braley '20, Ryelle Jenifer '20, Nelson Makechnie '19, and Hailey Makechnie '19 all sang beautifully.

## Proctor Fall Arts Performances Feature Local Talent

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The end of every trimester provides an opportunity to showcase student artwork and to enjoy performances by jazz/rock and vocal music ensembles, as well as a children's theater production. Local students played a key role in each of these performances as Ryelle Jenifer '20

(dance, vocal music), Hannah French '19 (dance), Nelson Makechnie '19 (vocal music), Hailey Makechnie '19 (vocal music), Tori Braley '20 (vocal music), Cedar Kiedaisch '21 (dance), Cedar Raven Kiedaisch '21, Britta Johnson '19 (theater), and Amanda Hinds '19 (theater) all took the stage and shone brightly!



Sophia Reynolds is the first to cross the finish line making her the only Division Champion from Andover in Cross Country in the 44 year history of Middle School Cross Country competition. Photo: Brian Reynolds

## Middle School Cross Country Team Competes in State Championship

Andover athletes in three races

Brian Reynolds

On Saturday October 21st the Andover Middle School Cross Country competed in the Division III State Cross Country Championship. The meet is part of a big day of middle school cross country in NH where 41 teams compete in Division III at Coe Brown in Northwood and 38 teams compete at Londonderry High School for Division I and II. It was also an un-

seasonably warm day with bright sun and mid 70's. It was not ideal weather for fast times but it was a great day for racing.

Andover had athletes in three races: the boys non scoring race and girls and boys championship races. Caleb Warzocha and Nick Horbert competed in the boys non scoring race. They kicked the day off in style running together and running well. Nick ended up edging Caleb with his best time of the year finishing in  
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Proctor Academy faculty member Lindsey Degon (right at the 2017 Special Olympics Event hosted by Proctor) lost her life in a traffic accident on November 22, 2017 in Florida.

## Proctor Faculty Member Dies in Traffic Accident

Lindsey Degon will be missed

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Too often, we navigate this life of ours assuming we will be given tomorrow. We make plans for ourselves, for our families, set goals for the future. We, as we should, approach our daily life through a lens of hope, allowing ourselves to be inspired by what is possible

as we push aside 'worst case scenarios' because we don't want to let ourselves live in fear. And then tragedy enters our world. Optimism is dashed. The layered weight of grief consumes us. Today, we share with heavy hearts the passing of Lindsey Degon: a faculty member, sister, daughter, girl friend, mentor, friend, and fierce advocate for many of our students.

We learned late Friday afternoon that

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Trinity Delaney took first place in the Peace Poster Contest held in the sixth grade at AE/MS. The contest was a collaboration of Andover Lions Club and the Andover Elementary Middle School art teacher, Ms. Minnehan. This year's Peace Poster prompt was future peace. All of the students worked in the medium of their choice to create a poster of what they think future peace means or would look like to them. There were exceptional entries by several students making the decision hard for the judges.

Caption: Courtney Minnehan, AE/MS