

No Andover Fish & Game Club Barbeque This Year

Press release

The Andover Fish and Game Club will not be having its Famous Beef Barbecue this year due to difficulties in securing an available facility. We apologize to everyone who looks forward to this event, but, unfortunately, the circumstances were beyond our control this time. Don't worry,

though, the Beef Barbecue will be back next year!

We will be having various raffles in the interim, so please be on the lookout for news on those. Thank you to everyone who supports the AF&G and helps us in our educational and community endeavors.

The Swap Shop will be open on August 11 from 8 AM to Noon and welcomes (before Noon) reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchenware. Please, **no** upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures.

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Correction

Steve Foley

In the July issue of the Beacon we posted a headline for the Andover Service Club's Slices for Scholarships fund raiser with the words "Pie Sale." This was misleading as the slices being served up were not for sale, but were given to anyone who wished to donate to the Andover Service Club Scholarship fund. We apologize if this caused any problems for the club.

Beacon Fund Drive Exceeds Goal

\$8,480 raised during three month drive

Steve Foley

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Andover Beacon are happy to announce we have exceeded our goal for our fundraising drive thanks to the generous donations of many members of the community.

As a not-for-profit corporation, the Beacon has always depended on annual giving from the community to publish the paper. We are grateful to all who contributed, and especially those who provided the very generous matching funds for this drive. The recent fundraising drive was needed to fund a shortfall in our fiscal year which ended in April, and will enable us to move forward in this fiscal year on solid financial ground. Publisher, Shelley Geoghegan, has been crunching the numbers for our 2018-2019 fiscal year and new challenges lie ahead. The Board and Staff are working together on plans to meet these challenges head on, however, one of the biggest financial hurdles the Beacon will face is an increase in printing costs. Our printer has informed us that due to new tariffs and other economic factors, the cost to print the Beacon will likely go up

ten percent or more during the next five months. New tariffs imposed on Canadian imports has much to do with this as Canada is the predominant producer of newsprint used in the United States.

We will try to keep our readers informed as we move forward with plans to increase our revenues while controlling costs. We will be asking for your support again during the coming year.

The Beacon is mailed to 1,100 homes in Andover, and we believe nearly everyone who receives the Beacon finds it to be of value to them and for the community. Andover is very fortunate to have a town newspaper in this day and age. The Board of Directors and staff of the Beacon will do all we can to keep this valuable resource available to the citizens of Andover. If the Beacon is of value to you and you have not supported our hyperlocal newspaper in the past, please do so today by sending your donation today online by visiting AndoverBeacon.com or by mailing a check to: The Andover Beacon, PO Box 149, Andover, NH 03216.

If everyone who receives the Beacon donates even a small amount each year, the Beacon would be on a solid financial footing for years to come.

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fire station. We were both of the opinion that the town was okay and likely to stay that way. Though neither of us outright said it, neither of us was going home until our Main Street was open.

The chief and I watched the amazing teams of linemen as they replaced poles, installed cross arms and remounted the power lines. Though I will admit, that at about 2 AM, I was nodding off... Wait, did I just hear our police chief say that we should cook hot dogs for the crews. He sure did! Soon a grill came over from the Police Station, we set up tables with all the fixings that the Auxiliary had in the fire station kitchen. Some of the fire team went home and brought back several kinds of chips. The crews came over and had food and cold drinks. The impromptu cookout was a great success. The crews did not stay with us long as they still had much to do.

The chief and I sat in front of the fire station and watched the sun rise to a new day. Not in our wildest dreams was that ever in our plans. However the night was interesting and at some points a bit of fun. Please don't tell Joe I said that. At around 6 AM the crews finished and Main Street was open to traffic. When I see the Tilton

Fire Chief again I will school him on the fury of "spotty" storms.

I am in awe of the teams that responded to our storm damage: New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Next Gen, Comcast, DOT, Andover Road agent and Crew and the Andover Police, Fire and EMS.

On behalf of the Police Chief and me, please accept our thanks for an amazing effort.

Editors note: A member of the Beacon staff, who relies on an electric wheel chair to get around, was amazed by the kindness of her neighbors, Tiffany and Andrew Perkins, who are members of the Andover Fire Department. On a break from helping out with the storm cleanup, they took time to look in on her and make sure she had everything she needed until the power would be restored. In her words "While some people were moaning about no TV last evening, others were working like crazy to fix the problem—many are the Andover citizens that run into these situations over and over and over on a volunteer basis! Not all communities can rely on having helpers come forward." The Beacon Board of directors and staff offer a big "thank you" to our first responders!

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