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The Andover Hub was one of the many organizations that had a booth at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair On August 5. The fair was a great success and enjoyed by many. More photos on page 3

Photo: Larry Chase

State Primary Election September 11

Polls open 8 AM to 7 PM

Bonnie Wesley
Interim Town Clerk

Voting for the New Hampshire State Primary will be at the Andover Elementary Middle School as usual. The polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM on Tuesday, September 11.

If you would like to be involved in the election process as a ballot clerk or a ballot counter, please call the Town Clerk's office at 735-5018.

There are some election laws to keep in mind.

One affects the absentee ballot. If you take an absentee ballot or are mailed an absentee ballot, you can return the ballot by mail or bring it back to the office. You can also have your spouse, sibling, parent, or child return the ballot, and they will be asked to sign the "Absentee Ballot Return Form." However, you cannot put the ballot through our window slot, slip it under the door, or hand it to an unauthorized person. Your vote will not be counted. The ballot must be handed to the Town Clerk or the Depu-

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SCREEN SHOT -- Appearing in a recent episode of "North Woods Law" on the Animal Planet TV network was Andover's Heidi Murphy, a Conservation Officer with the N.H. Fish and Game Department. Conservation Officers, according to Fish and Game, "are tasked with enforcing all laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the state's fish, wildlife, recreational vehicles, and marine resources and they prosecute all of their own cases involving offenders of wildlife law." For more information, go to <https://wildlife.state.nh.us/law-enforcement/tv.html>. Photo: Larry Chase



The crew from Barton & Sons Carpentry oversee the demolition of the trash hopper building and the old Transfer Station office on Aug 15.

Photo: Charlie Darling

A New 'Look' at the Transfer Station

Demolition and new construction has begun

Victoria Mischon
Andover Select Board

A comprehensive plan for improvements at the Transfer Station has been developed and is in the process of being implemented. There will be some disruptions in the routine as we make room for rebuilding the office and cover for the trash hopper. Some areas are being treated and re-graded to deal with rodents and others to make room for new storage containers.

Funding for the different projects is coming from multiple sources.

The Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund and the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Funds are being tapped. We also applied for and received a \$7,000 grant from New Hampshire the Beautiful to help pay for the new balers and storage containers.

Details of the improvements:

Bogs and woods are the preferred habitat for rats. Our transfer station is surrounded by this habitat. We will never be rid of the rats, but we do need to control them at our facility. We have contracted with J and P Pest Control for this job and they have been part of the process for our plan development. The area to the left of the hopper has been treated, covered with stone and re-graded to control rodents in the area closest to the waste hopper and trailer. It will also provide more room for maneuvering in front of the hopper.

The office and hopper cover had extensive rotting and contamination from rodents. The new office is designed to be rodent proof, using cement blocks and metal sheeting in the construction to keep rodents out. Other improve-

ments are required by the Department of Labor (DOL). The building will be two stories, with office and shower on the lower level, and lunchroom and toilet/sink upstairs. DOL is requiring us to provide running water at the facility, so this is the first step. Funding for water and septic will be brought to voters at Town Meeting in March.

On the other side of the recycle building, room is being made for three 40 foot storage containers. This will involve some tree removal along the hillside and minor grading to receive the containers. Improved drainage will be provided by the Verizon Cell Tower project as part of the preparation for the



Steve Barton and his crew building the new Transfer Station building. It will be two stories, with a lunch room and indoor plumbing. The trash hopper will be installed right next to the new building, as it was before.

access road.

Jim Reed is our new Transfer Station Manager. He previously worked for the Highway Department and filled in at the Transfer Station after Reggie Roy retired. He knows the town well and has spent hours and hours helping to plan and implement the many changes at our facility. The Selectboard welcomes Jim to his new position!

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