

Local Chef Starts New Restaurant

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Brian MacKenzie is opening a restaurant in Andover. He is hoping to create a place for the community to gather.

Brian studied at The Culinary Insti-



Brian MacKenzie is renovating the old Belletes Hardware Store into a new restaurant.

tute of America, worked at a Virginia country inn, managed a restaurant in Colorado, ran the Inn at Pleasant Lake for more than a decade, and most recently worked in the student center at Proctor for two years. His next stop is opening a restaurant in the old Belletes building across from the Circle K in Potter Place.

Brian has worn many hats in the cooking industry, he has been a chef, manager, and dishwasher. The new

establishment is on 4 Mill Road in Andover with renovations still in progress. Brian said with a smile, "We were hoping to have it done in July of last summer, it is supposed to be done this week, so it will probably be done in January! Why I do this, I don't know! I am a glutton for punishment."

Brian's new restaurant is building on his southern roots and will feature barbeque, an area he has explored at length over the past few years with his catering business: Brother's House of Smoke. He hopes what will make his restaurant stand out is its casual atmosphere where people come together to talk, catch up, watch a game, and enjoy each other and good food.

There will be a bar and in the center of the restaurant along a take-out counter where people can grab prepared salads and foods for a quick, delicious meal. Brian's main goal is to create a place where the community can gather and connect with each other. Brian and his partner are searching for the right name but haven't finalized one yet. Keep your eyes out for the opening of Andover's newest restaurant.

Anna Hollenbaugh is a senior at Proctor Academy from Summit, New Jersey.

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to the AHS for more than 25 years. Her depth of knowledge and experience has been instrumental in creating the AHS as it currently is.

Some of her significant contributions to the AHS:

Pat has organized the annual Old Time Fair for nearly two decades, turning it into a major event which educates and entertains while raising the bulk of the AHS funds every year.

Pat oversaw the acquisition of the Railroad Freight Shed and then coordinated the installation of a historical freight car at the Potter Place Rail Depot museum.

She produced the annual AHS Calendar, which gives the community access to our photographic holdings and helps to raise funds.

Pat brought the AHS into the computer age by acquiring the first computer for the organization, and overseeing the digitization of the AHS collections database. She ensured that the oral histories held by the organization as audio cassettes were conserved into digital audio files as well as initiating a project to transcribe them, and personally transcribing a large number of them. She oversaw the transcription of Helen Phelps' diaries which have been made available to the public during the past year. Pat also played a major role in helping the neighboring Wilmot Historical Soci-

ety digitize aspects of their collection in a similar manner.

In her role as a Cemetery Commissioner, Pat has created a centralized catalogue of the gravestones and cemeteries in Andover (some of which date back to the middle of the 18th century).

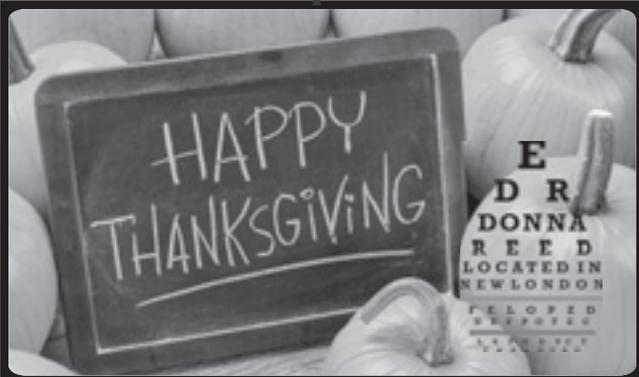
Pat has made an incalculable contribution in building the AHS collections. She secured numerous donations and has always been active in identifying and liaising with donors, resulting in a richer set of collections and helpful future contacts for the Society. She also organized the transfer of relevant items between the AHS and other local Historical Societies.

Pat's outreach has been unparalleled. She engages the support and interest of professionals and local volunteers. She has a knack for identifying the natural interests and potential of volunteers, inspiring people to take on new roles, and empowering them to work independently. This base of local support allows the AHS to open its museums every weekend throughout the summer, and to stage one of Andover's two major community events.

The practices and relationships that Pat has brought to the AHS over a quarter century will ensure the preservation and local appreciation of Andover's history for decades to come



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training, and Kathy went on to help Laura facilitate programs. Then Laura was offered a full time position at Libby Cass Library in Springfield. Not again! But again Kathy stepped in: she came, she saw, she conquered."

"Within a few weeks, with Kathy's strong support, we hired a new director, a former teacher who loved books of all genres. The synergy between Tina Wegler and Kathy was inspiring and wonderful; add to the mix the Andover director, and we were off and running. And then-yes, again! Tina returned to teaching, and Kathy ran a crew of volunteers until things settled down.

Priscilla Poulin is currently running both libraries as we prepare for an upcoming search."

"Time and again Kathy has provided strength, stability, good humor, and a passion for reading not only when we needed her but every day at the little William A. Bachelder Library in East

Andover. As a member of the Andover Libraries Book Club, she shares her voracious appetite for books. Since processing new titles is part of her volunteer job, she catches the good ones and manages to zip through the books before the public even knows they're there. She is, simply, crazy about books."

"Kathy has also been the point person for community programs at the library. She started a morning sewing/knitting/handcrafts group, and when interest grew, she moved it to the Hub, as the Thursday morning "UFO" group. She was part of a "Zentangle" club that met Tuesday evenings in the winter, when the Bachelder is a cozy and inviting place to socialize. She has also taken her community commitment to AEMS on SHARE Day, an annual event in which school and town share interests and expertise."

Need something done at the Bachelder? Kathy has been and still is our volunteer extraordinaire. Congratulations from all of us, Kathy!



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