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Greg Hamel, Samuel Kenneth Dougherty, Jennifer Dougherty, and Elyse Downey are all smiles anticipating the reopening of Andover's famous Blackwater Junction Restaurant sometime in March. Photo: Charlie Darling



Sanborn Auto Body as it looked in 1966 when gas station attendant Everett Delano was murdered during a robbery. The oldest cold case in NH has now been solved by the Attorney General's Office.

Photo: NH Attorney General's Office

After More Than Five Decades, Killer in 1966 Cold Case is Named

Ray Duckler, Concord Monitor

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A murder 52 years ago in Andover that turned cold only months after it had been committed has been solved, the Attorney General's Office announced Wednesday.



Navy photo of Everett Delano.

Investigators in the state's Cold Case Unit, who reopened the case in 2013, determined that 49-year-old Everett Delano of Wilmot Flat, a Navy veteran, was shot three times in the head by career criminal Thomas Cass of Vermont on September 1, 1966. Delano was working for a friend, the owner of Sanborn's Garage on Route 4, when he was shot.

Cass killed himself with a single gunshot to his head, on February 24,

2014, after investigators had met with him three times at his home in Orleans, Vermont. Fingerprints left at the garage had tied Cass to the murder 47 years later, thanks to renewed police interest and updated forensic testing.

Cass had told those close to him he would never return to prison.

Evidence at the scene showed that Delano had been shot twice in the head while standing and once more after he had fallen to the floor. He was found by several customers in the garage's office, lying in a pool of blood, still alive. He died a day later, on September 2, 1966, at Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon.

About \$100 was missing from the cash drawer, but \$500 hidden in a box below the counter was left behind.

Investigators could not solve the murder through the final four months of 1966 after interviewing numerous people who had either arrived after the crime or heard gunshots.

The case wasn't solved for decades because the FBI's Automated Fingerprint Identification System had not been fully developed by 1966, nor were guidelines on submitting prints to a national center. The New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory began using the system in 1998.

Prints found on a running faucet near the office were sent to the FBI in '66, Susan Morrell, the head of the Cold Case Unit, confirmed Wednesday, but she had no information as to whether

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Hamel Family Reopens Blackwater Junction Restaurant

Familiar menu, familiar faces coming in March

Press release

After a year and a half of being closed following a fire, the Blackwater Junction Restaurant, 730 Main Street in Andover, is reopening this month.

Elyse Downey and her brother, Greg Hamel, look forward to serving

the Blackwater Junction Restaurant customers once again. Greg owned the popular breakfast and lunch hot spot for 10 years. His daughter, Jenny Dougherty, will be another familiar face managing the eatery's servers, starting after the birth of her third child next month.

You will also recognize the menu. The same popular dishes will once again be served. See Restaurant on page 7

Andover Budget Committee Recommends 2.5% Increase

Ed Hiller for the Budget Committee

The Andover Budget Committee recommends budgets for 2019 (net of expenses that are funded by non-tax sources) are as follows:

Net Budgets	2018	2019	Change	Per-cent
Schools	\$5,476,537	\$5,655,656	\$179,119	3.3%
Town	\$2,124,103	\$2,138,888	\$14,785	0.7%
Fire	\$134,671	\$137,440	\$2,769	2.1%
Total	\$7,735,311	\$7,931,984	\$196,673	2.5%

The total of the net budgets recommended for 2019 is \$7,931,984. This is an increase in budgetary spending to be funded by taxes over the previous year of \$196,673 (up 2.5%),

What effect this increase in budgetary spending will have on the 2019 tax

rate depends on the amounts of other offsetting revenues that become available. If there are none, the total tax rate for 2019 is estimated to increase by \$1.34, up 5.7% over the total 2018 tax rate of \$23.47.

Andover School Budget

The recommended appropriation for the Andover School District for fiscal year 2019-20 is \$5,655,656. This is up \$179,119 (3.3%) over last year. An estimated balance

in the building contingency fund of \$274,000 plus unexpended revenues in the general fund for the previous year will be applied as revenue to reduce the tax burden. The return of these previous tax payments should result in a re-

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Proposed Zoning Amendments Put on Hold

The Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Districts will not appear on the Town Warrant for the March Voting Day. The Planning Board will be prepared to revisit the proposed Zoning District changes to the Andover Village and the Cilleyville Village Zoning Districts in the very near future. The Planning Board thanks the town's landowners who shared their good ideas and recommendations for the changes.

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