

The **Andover Beacon**
Our Hometown Newspaper

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This maple sugar house sits on Mark Cowdrey's Ragged View Farm in Andover.
Photo: Mark Cowdrey

Recommended Total Budget is 4.6% Higher than Last Year's

School budget up 3.2%;
Town budget up 7.7%

Arch Weathers, Budget Committee

The Andover Budget Committee recommends budgets for 2020 (net of expenses that are funded by non-tax sources) as shown in the table to the right.

What effect this increase in budgetary spending will have

on the 2020 tax rate depends on the amounts of other offsetting revenues that become available.

Andover School Budget

The recommended net appropriation
See Budget on page 8

Net Budgets	2019	2020	Change	
School	\$5,655,656	\$5,837,386	\$181,730	3.2%
Town	\$2,135,236	\$2,299,611	\$164,375	7.7%
Fire	\$137,440	\$162,788	\$25,348	18.4%
TOTAL	\$7,928,332	\$8,299,785	\$371,453	4.6%

Hub Invites You to Potluck Supper Prior to Town Meeting

Good food, good conversation, then Town Meeting

Press release

Andover residents are invited to a pre-Town Meeting community potluck supper on Tuesday, March 10, at The Andover Community Hub.

This will be a chance for good food, good conversation, and socializing with fellow townspeople before heading off to do the serious business of the town.

The supper will be held from 5 to

6:30 PM, and the Town Meeting begins at 7 PM in the gym at AE/MS.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a main dish, salad, or soup to share; beverages will be provided. Dessert and coffee can be purchased during Town Meeting, supplied by Andover Public Library volunteers as a fundraiser for the town's two libraries.

The Hub is located at 157 Main Street, next to Pizza Chef. For more information, contact The Hub at TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or 735-5529.

Local Maple Sugar Producers Welcome You During Maple Madness

Visit a sugar house on Maple Weekend in March

Beacon staff

Hosted by the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association, Maple Sugaring Month runs from March 7 to 29, spanning four weekends of maple madness. The fun reaches its peak on the 25th annual New Hampshire Maple Weekend, which will be on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22.

Across the state, sugar makers open

their doors to the public on Maple Weekend to demonstrate the centuries-old craft of maple sugaring. It's a great chance to meet local maple producers and discover how their operation works, enjoy free samples of fresh syrup, maple candies and confections, coffee, and doughnuts. Some locations around the state offer pancake breakfasts, petting farms, or horse-drawn rides.

Plan a visit to one or all of these nearby members of the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association.
See Maple on page 2



Second graders at AE/MS put learning about nutrition, counting money, and team work to use for their annual Heart Healthy Valentine's Restaurant. They learned about how to protect a healthy heart with good food, exercise, and sleep.

At this point, they should be dreaming in quarters: "25, 50, 75, one dollar." On Valentine's Day morning, 23 children found out how tiring, stressful, and difficult working as a server and bus person can be!

Pictured above, third grader Emma Watkins makes her food choices for server Madyson Drouin.

This year, the students voted to send their restaurant earnings of \$255 to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors to help treat the unique animals injured by the horrible wildfires.
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

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March 2, 7 PM
Andover Elementary/Middle School
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March 10, 7 PM
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Andover Real Estate January and February 2020

Three properties sold in Andover

Ty Morris, Coldwell Banker Lifestyles

Roland Levesque sold a 3.8 acre parcel of wooded land on Bridge Road to Jonathan and Michelle Pettinato for \$27,000. This buildable lot features level ground and a babbling brook.

Mary Embree sold 828 Franklin Highway to Abraham Grover for \$164,900. This 2 bedroom and 2 bathroom New Englander with an attached one-car garage has 1,254 square feet of living space and sits on .75 acres. Donna Tully of Tully Real Estate Solutions represented the sellers, and Jessica Robichaud of Bean Group Franklin represented the buyers.

Peter Zak and Mary Lloyd-Evans sold 50 Maple Street to Brian and Wendy Connolly for \$285,000. This beautiful 1890s colonial has four bedrooms and two bathrooms, 2,673 square feet of living space, and 2.3 acres of gar-

den and orchard. The property was previously known as Highland Lake Apple Farm. Susan Bedard of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers and Ty Morris of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the buyers.

Welcome to our new Andover homeowners, and congratulations!

Andover Real Estate Trends

Over the last 10 years, the gap between houses listed and houses sold in Andover has closed significantly. This data implies a wonderful sellers' market.

In a small town like Andover, one or two exceptional sales can alter the statistics drastically. For example in 2015, three waterfront homes in Andover each sold for over \$600,000 and a home on Old College Road sold for over \$2,000,000 – the only home in Andover to sell for over \$1,000,000 in the last decade.

Statistical information from 1/01/2010 to 02/14/2020 derived from The New England Real Estate Network.

Planning Begins for Andover's Fourth of July Celebration 2020

A lot of preparation is needed

Press release

Sitting next to the wood stove is almost as good as a 90-plus degree Fourth of July! But of course, it's a far cry from the excitement we all experienced in 2019.

As with every year, the Fourth of July Committee is putting together the events for 2020 and some good ideas have come to the surface already.

The July Fourth Benefit Concert will happen again in 2020 on Wednesday, June 10. The line-up for entertainment is still in the works and will be announced as soon as possible.

We've made arrangements with a local Civil War re-enactment group to set up a display on the Village Green. Bring your questions, as two people in

uniform will be available to provide insight and information about America's most costly war.

Back by popular demand:

- Oxen demonstration spearheaded by Mariah Haley
- Muchachos Marching Band
- Bob Ayotte with Tommy the Train Ride
- Reading of *The Ragged Old Flag* to music, leading up to the parade

Start making your plans for a family float. Remember, there's a Grand Prize for the winner, as well as other prizes.

There's a lot of preparation work to do. The committee welcomes people who can help with the planning and also just on the day of the event. Simply message us on our Facebook page or give us a call: Doug Phelps (802-310-1045); Donna Smith (735-6131); or Beth Frost (455-2882).



The Andover-Danbury-Salisbury Republicans will meet on Tuesday, March 31 at the Andover Community Hub, at 6:30 PM. The guest speaker will be the Honorable Steve Negron, who is running for the United States Congress.

Pot of Gold at the Andover Thrift & Gift Shop

Choose a gold coin to reveal your discount on Thrift items!
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What's Up at The Hub in March?

The Andover Community Hub 157 Main St., Andover

For more information, contact The Hub at: TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or 735-5509

Restorative Yoga Workshop: Sunday, Mar. 29, 3–5 P.M. Great for recovering from an injury or just working out the kinks. \$25. Pre-register at julie@somavana.com.

Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating: 4 Tuesdays, beginning Mar. 17. \$10 for the series. Bring six blown-out eggshells and pre-register with Gisela Darling at 735-5681.

Knitting Circle: Thursdays, 6:30–8 P.M. An informal knitting group organized by Andover resident Karen Lang. Just for fun, to share patterns and to learn new knitting skills.

First Friday Films: Fri. Mar. 6, 2:30 P.M. "RBG," the fascinating 2018 documentary about the life, career, and legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Plus popcorn!

That Thing at The Hub: 1st & 3rd Wed., 2:45–5 P.M. Andover 5th-8th graders can hang out, create, build, chat and snack after school. Registration forms available at AEMS office.

Morning Yoga: Fridays, 8:15–9:15 A.M. A drop-in, gentle yoga class with emphasis on core fitness & flexibility. \$10/session. Contact maris.wofsy@gmail.com for information.

German Conversation Hour: Mon. Mar. 30, 5–6 P.M. Info, Gisela Darling, 735-5681.

Karate for Kids, Teens & Adults: Ongoing classes on Mondays. Ages 6–9, 4:45 P.M., older beginners 6 P.M., intermediate 7 P.M. \$65/month. Contact Gayle Fleming, 477-3174.

VNA Senior Health Clinic: Tues. Mar. 17, 10 A.M.–1 P.M. Foot care, blood pressure screenings, etc. For appointment, call Concord VNA nurse Kerrin Pratt, 410-9834.

Bone Builders: Every Tues. & Thurs., 9–10 A.M. Men & women welcome. Free.

The Hub is Open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30–11 A.M.

- **Stop in for Coffee**– chat, hang out or use the internet
- **Fresh Eggs & Frozen Chickens**– raised sustainably at Salisbury's Cedartree Farm
- **The Hub Closet**– stock up on donated craft supplies, free or for a small donation
- **Ping Pong and Foosball**– play a game whenever The Hub's "Open" sign is out

Maple from page 1

shire Maple Producers Association, all within nine miles of Andover. But you may want to call ahead to be sure their doors are open.

Ragged View Farm, 111 Bradley Lake Rd, Andover, 724-7511

Trail Side Sugar House, 246 Currier Road, Andover, 748-1307

4-A Sugar Shack, 271 Rte 4-A, Andover, 848-7230

Winter Hill Maple, 7 Winter Hill Lane, Andover, 455-4980

Maple Baer Farm, 84 Forty Acres Road, Elkins, 526-8233

6 Saplings Sugarhouse, 31 Kearsarge Valley Road, Wilmot, 748-9787

Kearsarge Gore Farm, 173 Gore Road, W. Warner, 456-2319

Allenby Family Sugar Makers at Red Brook, 28 Lamson Lane, New London, 877-0043

Cochran Sugar House, 69 Shadow Hill Road, Warner, 748-2512

Stoneledge Farm Sugar House, 19 Brad Chase Road, Danbury, 413-320-3031

Kimball's Sugar House, 390 White Plains Road, Webster, 848-1866

For more information about New Hampshire maple producers, visit NHMapleProducers.com.

So Much Hard Work!

For readers who think that maple sugaring is all about sweet smells and delicious tastes, Mark Cowdrey of Ragged View Farm provides this *highly* abbreviated to-do list for producing maple syrup:

Late Fall and Winter

Finish filling the woodshed with wood to fire the boiling apparatus.

Make sure the boiling apparatus is

ready to go.

Check the tubing runs in the woods to repair any storm damage that happened during the off-season.

Mid-February to early March:

Get tapped out, hang buckets, and set out collection tanks.

Make last-minute adjustments to sugar house.

Late February to early April:

Sap runs! Often it will run for a short stretch, one to three days, when the weather is right. Then it may quit for a few days before it runs again. Hopefully there will be four to five good runs a season.

Collect it by emptying buckets and pumping tanks.

Boil sap. This is the time to visit a sugar house, to see, hear, and smell the boiling sap converted to delicious maple syrup.

Early April to early May:

As the season progresses the days get longer, the temperatures rise, the trees bud out, and the sap either quits or gets a "buddy" flavor. Time to pull the taps and clean up. This is when you find out who your true friends are.

Early May to mid-fall:

Spend time daydreaming or maybe even really planning how you are going to upgrade your systems for next year. This is after you recover from cleaning up, when you swear you will never do it again (usually about a one-week interval).
Cut, split, and stack the wood you will need for next year. Figure about 1 cord (4' x 8' x 4') for 10 to 15 gallons of syrup. Mostly pine with maybe 20 to 40 percent hardwood, if available.

For much more information about maple sugaring, visit Wikipedia.org and search on "maple syrup."



AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE BEACON



Lois Magenau, recently retired Town Administrative Assistant, visited her son's family (Dana, Belinda, and daughter Sierra) in Shenzhen, China in January. Shown in the picture are Sierra, Marcus, and Lois, holding *The Andover Beacon* in front of the colorful gardens of the Shenzhen Chinese New Year Flower Fair. Lois said that the entire city was colorfully decorated for the holiday. Shenzhen is a very large, beautiful city on the mainland, close to Hong Kong. Photo: Dana Magenau

Town Clerk News

Bonnie Wesley, Town Clerk

Just a few things to keep you updated on what's going at the Town Clerk's office:

The Clerk's office will be closed on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 for Town Elections/Town Meeting Day. The polls will open at 11 AM and close at 7 PM, followed by the Town Meeting beginning at 7 PM. A candidate list is posted in the office lobby as well as in this issue of the Beacon.

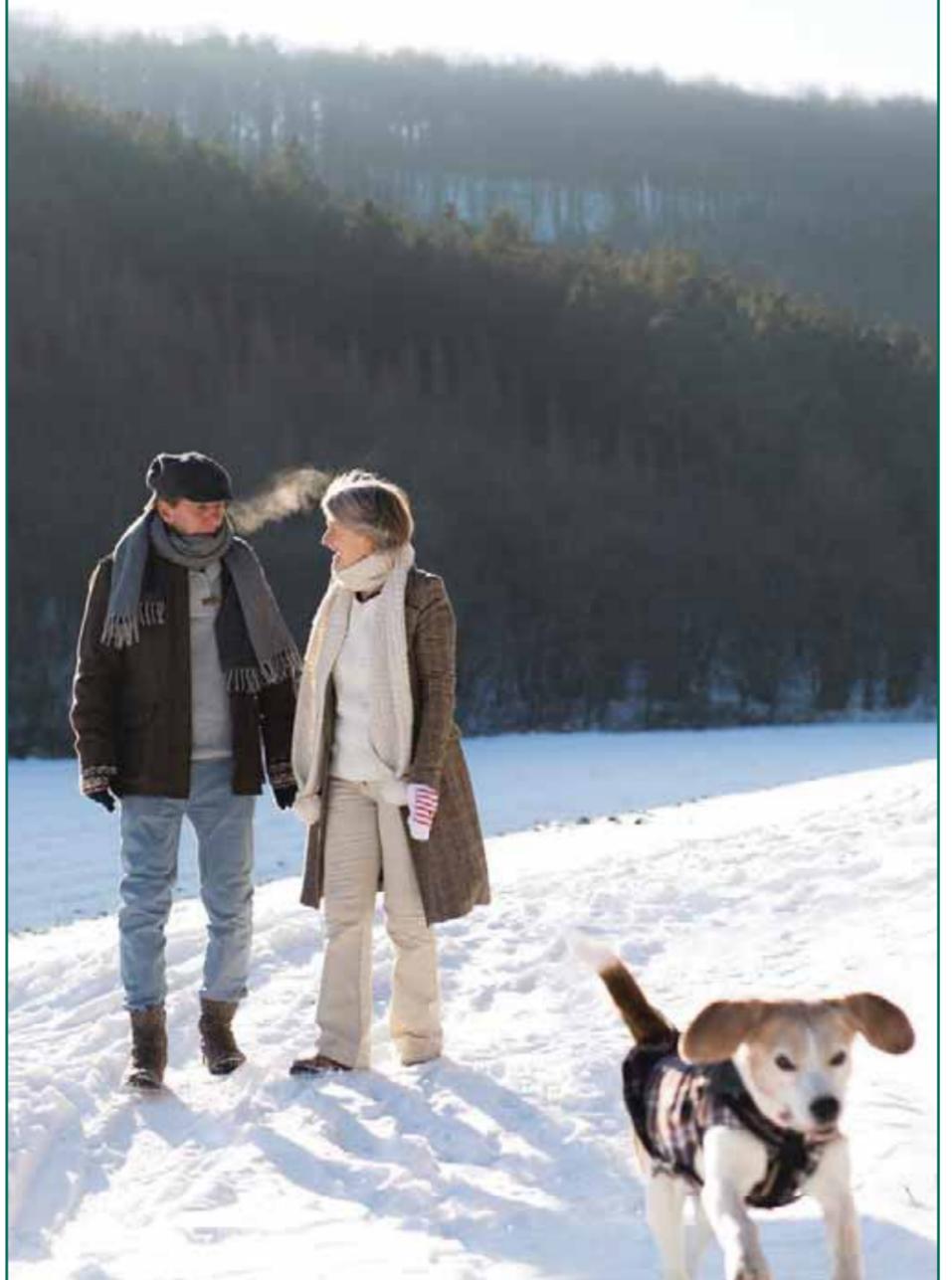
We made it through a very publicized presidential primary. I want to thank all of you who helped. Many of

you come back year after year, and we had some newcomers. There are too many to name. There were 13 ballot clerks, a moderator, two town clerks, three supervisors of the check list, three selectman, one police officer and 30 ballot counters.

I am so appreciative. I also want to offer a special thanks to Jen at JJ's for the coffee, and to Marie at Pizza Chef for coming in on her day off to make us some pizza. Also, I'm happy to announce that the State Inspector found no violations at our polling place. Yay!



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Andover Voters Pick Trump, Sanders in Presidential Primary

Klobuchar, Buttigieg in dead heat for second

The tallies from the Republican ballot are in this column, below; the tallies from the Democratic ballot are in the column to the right.

Republican Primary Ballot Results

Candidates	Total Votes
Matthew John Matern	0
Mary Maxwell	2
Eric Merrill	0
William N. Murphy	1
Juan Payne	0
Donald J. Trump	285
Joe Walsh	1
Bill Weld	13
Robert Ardini	0
President R. Boddie	0
Stephen B. Comley, Sr.	0
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	0
Bob Ely	0
Zoltan Istvan Gyurko	0
Larry Horn	0
Rick Kraft	0
Star Locke	0
write-in MITT ROMNEY	1
write-in TOM STEYER	1
write-in JOHN KASICH	1
write-in VERMIN Supreme	1
Pete Buttigieg	2
Bernie Sanders	1

Democratic Primary Ballot Results

Candidates	Total Votes
Joe Sestak	1
Sam Sloan	0
Tom Steyer	27
David John Thistle	0
Thomas James Torgesen	0
Elizabeth Warren	61
Robby Wells	0
Marianne Williamson	0
Andrew Yang	16
Michael Bennet	3
Joseph R. Biden	37
Cory Booker	0
Mosie Boyd	0
Steve Bullock	0
Steve Burke	0
Pete Buttigieg	138
Julian Castro	0
Roque De La Fuente	0
John K. Delaney	1
Jason Evritte Dunlap	0
Michael A. Ellinger	0
Tulsi Gabbard	29
Ben Gleib Gleiberman	0
Mark Stewart Greenstein	0
Kamala Harris	0
Henry Hewes	0
Amy Klobuchar	135
Tom Koos	0
Lorenz Kraus	0
Rita Krichevsky	0
Raymond Michael Moroz	0
Deval Patrick	4
Bernie Sanders	179
write-in MICHAEL Bloomberg	9
write-in Donald J. Trump	3

LOCAL BEACON SUPPORTERS WIN!

Each month the *Beacon* holds a random drawing among Andover residents who have donated to the *Beacon* in the past calendar year. **Andover residents:** Support the *Beacon* every year and join the fun! This month's winners are:

Andover Pizza Chef	Large 2-Topping Pizza	Mary Anne Broshek
Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream	Gift Certificate	Pecco Beaufays
JJ's Market & Deli	Gift Certificate	Mike Vercellotti & Nancy Witherspoon
Keyser's Garage	Gift Certificate	Bill Radzelovage
LisAnn's	Gift Certificate	Marjorie Clark
Mary Kay - Laura Condon	Gift Certificate	Vicky & Jonathan Mishcon
Blackwater Junction Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Wood Sutton
The Refinery Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Danielle Bowers

WINNERS! Call volunteer Margo Coolidge at 735-5418 to collect your prize. Prizes not redeemable for cash. Prizes not claimed in 90 days go back into the prize pool.

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Phone or Email _____

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Check the latest news at AndoverBeacon.com every day!

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Thank you to all the area businesses and organizations that help support *The Andover Beacon*, our non-profit community newspaper! The following businesses' and organizations' have ads in this month's issue:

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LETTERS

Carbon Cash-Back Warrant Article

The 2020 Carbon Fee and Dividend (also known as the Carbon Cash-Back) warrant article that will be on the warrant at Andover's Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 10 asks members of the New Hampshire Senate and House of Representatives to implement the most efficient lever available to reduce climate pollution.

It accomplishes this goal by levying a fee on the importation into New Hampshire of fossil fuels, based on their carbon emissions, in a way that protects the economy and is fair to all citizens, offering a full rebate of all the money collected (minus small administrative costs) to all New Hampshire residents age 18 and above on an equal basis: about \$300 per person in its first year.

For details, visit AndoverBeacon.com/index.php/37283. For the warrant article itself, see page 11 of this issue of the *Beacon*.

Supporting this initiative is the Carbon Cash-Back Coalition, a group of New Hampshire residents – business owners, employees, parents, students,

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community leaders, and voters – who understand that being good stewards of our economy requires being good stewards of our natural environment.

Its members understand that change starts with each one of us.

Its members and supporters know that the decades-long failure of the energy market to account for the true costs of using fossil fuels is the root cause of the climate crisis. Carbon Cash-Back is an efficient and fair solution to address that market failure while protecting the economy and family budgets. For more information, visit sites.google.com/view/

carbon-cashback-coalition

A number of Andover residents, including some in the Andover Energy Group, circulated a petition to add this article to the Town Meeting warrant in the hope that it will help motivate legislation at the federal level and in other states, all of which will in turn strongly encourage other countries to follow our lead and match our carbon price.

We urge Andover residents to join us in voting in favor of this warrant article at the March 10 Town Meeting.

Larry and Susan Chase
 Members of the Andover Energy Group since its formation in June of 2012.

No Special Relationship With Private Enterprise

Since reading Donna Baker-Hartwell's article in last month's *Beacon* about logging in Andover I feel that I need to respond.

Intent-to-Cut forms are not special permits. The assertion that some type of "special relationship" between Town officials and private enterprises could lead to special favors is deeply insulting. The Select Board and the office staff work very hard to do the right things. To imply otherwise questions our honesty and integrity.

Thirty-one years ago, the New Hampshire State Legislature formally recognized the importance of proper forestry management by passing RSA 672:1, II c, which not only permits controlled logging, but provides a full conservation message and guideline for the RSA. Another source of information on this subject is the *Guide to New Hampshire Timber Harvesting Laws*.

These resources are available online, but anyone who wishes to receive a paper copy may contact me.

Andover is my hometown; I have a "special relationship" with the Town and its residents, not with private enterprises.

Marjorie M. Roy
 Town Administrator

The mission of *The Andover Beacon* is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome (by the 15th!) civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another's religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The *Beacon* reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason.



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OPINION

Report from Concord, February 2020

Carbon Cash-Back plan appears on warrants

Ken Wells
NH State Representative

Exciting things have been happening in New Hampshire in 2020, and Andover is right in the middle of it all.

New Hampshire held the First In The Nation Primary, and our state did itself proud in contributing a meaningful start to the important national process of selecting our presidential candidates for November. (Sorry you made a mess of it, Iowa.) Two important factors in the past election speak very well of all of you: voter turnout was very high, and New Hampshire voters are clearly better informed and engaged than in many other states.

Another first in the nation initiative is the call from New Hampshire citizens like you to pass warrant articles in every New Hampshire town, calling upon our elected officials to grow the political backbone to take strong action on our global climate emergency. Moreover, people like you are demanding that we stop allowing “free” pollution. If pollution is free, we get too much of it.

I’m proud to be a co-author of the “carbon cash-back” plan that will put money in the pocket of every New Hampshire citizen over 18, to make them whole for the damage we are all experiencing due to carbon dioxide pollution. This forceful plan is the most effective, and least expensive, plan for turning away from dirty imported fuels, and developing our own vibrant, home-grown, clean energy economy.

Our state is sending four billion of our dollars out of state annually for these fuels, and we would be better off if some of those dollars stayed in New Hampshire to build our own energy businesses. If this legislation is enacted here, there is a good chance that New Hampshire will be the first in the nation again in this regard. We will show other states and the entire nation how we make a course correction together, towards a brighter future. (I would have liked to have included “the world” in the previous sentence, but 46 countries are already doing this successfully.)

Your role in strongly voicing your demand for climate action is incredibly important, because many legislators

seem a little “hard of hearing” when it comes to listening to the voice of the people. On the local, state, and federal levels, make sure your voice is heard, loud and clear. I think that any elected official should expect to be voted out of office if they refuse to heed the will of their constituents, voiced loudly and clearly through the legal democratic process of warrant articles, passed by towns all across our state.

Aside from my extensive work on the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee, there are a number of other important issues I have been fighting to advance in Concord. I have introduced two bills to get “dark money” out of our politics.

One bill will increase accountability for organizations that skirt New Hampshire’s requirements for lobbyists and political organizations to reveal who is paying them. The other establishes penalties for illegal anonymous “in kind” contributions during the 90 days before any New Hampshire election, including those annoying “attack ad” mailers that stuff our mailboxes and phone messages days before election day.

A third issue important to me is workforce development and training. I have partnered with a Republican legislator to write a truly bipartisan bill to study ways to make industry-funded apprenticeships work better in New Hampshire. The idea is that students who can’t afford schooling after high school can get their apprenticeship, training, and education paid for by industry, who will give them a good job if they successfully complete the program. In some ways, it’s the way ROTC works, combining education, work experience, and a paycheck.

I have also advanced a couple of bills for constituents, including streamlining the permitting process for new businesses and protecting loggers as well as landowners from unfair penalties and deceptive practices. David Karrick and I helped get the big communications industries to pay attention to folks’ demands for improved broadband access in parts of Danbury and Salisbury, and there’s finally an agreement in the works.

If you have ever thought “there ought to be a law...”, contact me at KenWells3@gmail.com or 735-5756 and we can talk about it!

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LETTER

Revising Ordinance Could Put Andover in Conflict with State Law

Logging can benefit landowner and environment

Dave Blinn, Select Board member

I read Donna Baker-Hartwell's letter in last month's Beacon pertaining to logging in Andover and wish to clarify several points.

There are no "special permits" issued by the Town. It is called "intent to cut" which indicates location and estimated quantity. The town receives "yield tax" compensation for the harvesting.

She further implies that some type of "special relationship" between Town officials and private enterprises could lead to favors, partiality, and compromise that undermine the rights of Andover citizens. This implication is troubling, as it questions the honesty and integrity of the Board. Though I do disagree on some issues with my fellow Board members and Town Administrator, I have yet to question their commitment to the town and its residents.

To the meat of the issue: In 1989, the State Legislature formally recognized the importance of proper forestry management by passing RSA 672:1, III c, which I will paraphrase here, but please Google for the full and accurate legislation and rationale. One might also Google "Guide to New Hampshire Timber Harvesting Laws" for additional information.

The RSA not only permits controlled logging / time frames, it provides a full conservation message and guideline for the RSA. It recognizes that the landowner and the environment benefit from controlled timber harvesting versus the outright sale of land to develop-

ment/developers.

New Hampshire taxes property, not income. By not allowing landowners a way to keep their land through proven environmental practices is simply not in the best interest of towns, the State, and the individual. Basically, the RSA clearly allows undeveloped land a better chance of remaining undeveloped if the landowners have options.

As far as the "quality of life" issue, Donna suggests "closing loopholes," removing the word "temporary," and shutting down logging in Andover through an amendment process. The ordinance certainly can be reviewed and changes made; however, this would put Andover in direct conflict with State law and open to legal action by a logger or landowner, since Andover would be in violation of State law.

Of course we can utilize tax dollars and have our Town attorney fight this in court; all the while the same Town attorney is telling Andover that we do not have a case. This was explained during a recent Board meeting with Donna Baker-Hartwell and others in attendance.

Yes, logging is loud, and yes, it is annoying. I can testify to that first hand.

Conversely, it is temporary and, though 15 to 30 days seems to be a long time, I would much rather allow 15 to 30 days to assure forest and wildlife health than see a neighbor be forced to give up their land to an apartment complex, hotel resort, or mall development.

My "special relationship" is my commitment to the residents of Andover and the well-being of this town. To imply otherwise is not simply not true.

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2020 Proposed Town Budget Breakdown and Explanations

Transfer Station and accounting updates

Marj Roy, Town Administrator

There are many people involved in the Town budget process. It all begins in late fall when the Select Board meets with department heads to draft department budgets. Next comes the Budget Committee's process that starts with department head, Town precinct, and School District meetings.

As the process continues, the School District, the Town, and Town precincts present their proposed budgets to the Budget Committee. After public hearings for the Town and School District budgets, the Budget Committee deliberates and creates their proposed budget. It is the Budget Committee's recommendations that are presented to the voters at Town Meeting.

This article addresses the Select Board's proposed budget. There are some expenses in the Town budget that continue to increase, just as they do in our home budgets. These include electricity, telephones, information technology, fuel, and health insurance, to name a few.

The Police Department, Cemetery, and Recreation Committee budgets are down by a total of \$4,524.

The recycling building at the Transfer Station needs work. The heater is about 30 years old and has problems, and the roof needs to be shingled. There was discussion about a metal roof, but due to the pitch of the roof there is the potential for injury from sliding snow and ice.

Municipal accounting is quite different than private sector accounting. Fund accounting is used by municipalities and, as with everything else municipal, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSAs) are the guiding principles along with Generally Accepted

Accounting Principles.

Ten years ago, the Town was using QuickBooks for accounting. Even if set up properly, QuickBooks is not practical or efficient for fund accounting. As a matter of fact, while using QuickBooks, the Town's financial audit had to be suspended for one year because there was so much additional work that needed to be done to be compliant with the regulations mentioned above. The BMSI accounting software currently being used has become outdated and customer support will not be available in the very near future.

MTI, a New Hampshire-based company, has developed municipal fund accounting software strictly for New Hampshire towns and cities. The software developer and the business administrator of MTI came and met with our bookkeeper, a Select Board member, the chair of the Budget Committee, and me. In a three-hour presentation, they demonstrated the versatility, comprehensive capabilities, and the modules the software provides. We were able to negotiate favorable terms and are sure that department heads, committees, and boards, as well as employees, will be impressed with the capabilities available.

Some lines were increased, and some decreased in the Highway Department operating budget, resulting in an increase of \$2,890.

Everyone involved in the creation of the Town's annual budget has the best interest of the town in mind. We don't all agree about priorities, but we work hard to come to consensus about what is best for the town.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 10, at 7 PM to attend Town Meeting at AE/MS. Your opinions and votes make a huge impact on what happens in our community.

Budget from page 1

for the Andover School District for fiscal year 2020-21, including warrant articles, is \$5,837,386. This is up \$181,730 (3.2%) over last year.

The proposed budget includes significant increases in high school tuition (\$70,435); Special Education contractual services (\$21,500); Operations and Maintenance (\$59,528); and Collective Bargaining (\$76,263). Offsetting these increases is a reduction of \$48,820 due to retirement of Special Education teachers and administration.

Andover Town Budget

The recommended net budget for the Town, including warrant articles, comes to \$2,299,611. This is up over 2019 by \$164,375 (7.7%).

Areas of increase include approxi-

mately \$76,000 for full-time employee health insurance; \$40,000 for computer technology; and \$9,700 for assessing. Departments showing decreases are Police (\$2,000) and Highway (\$7,100).

Andover Fire District

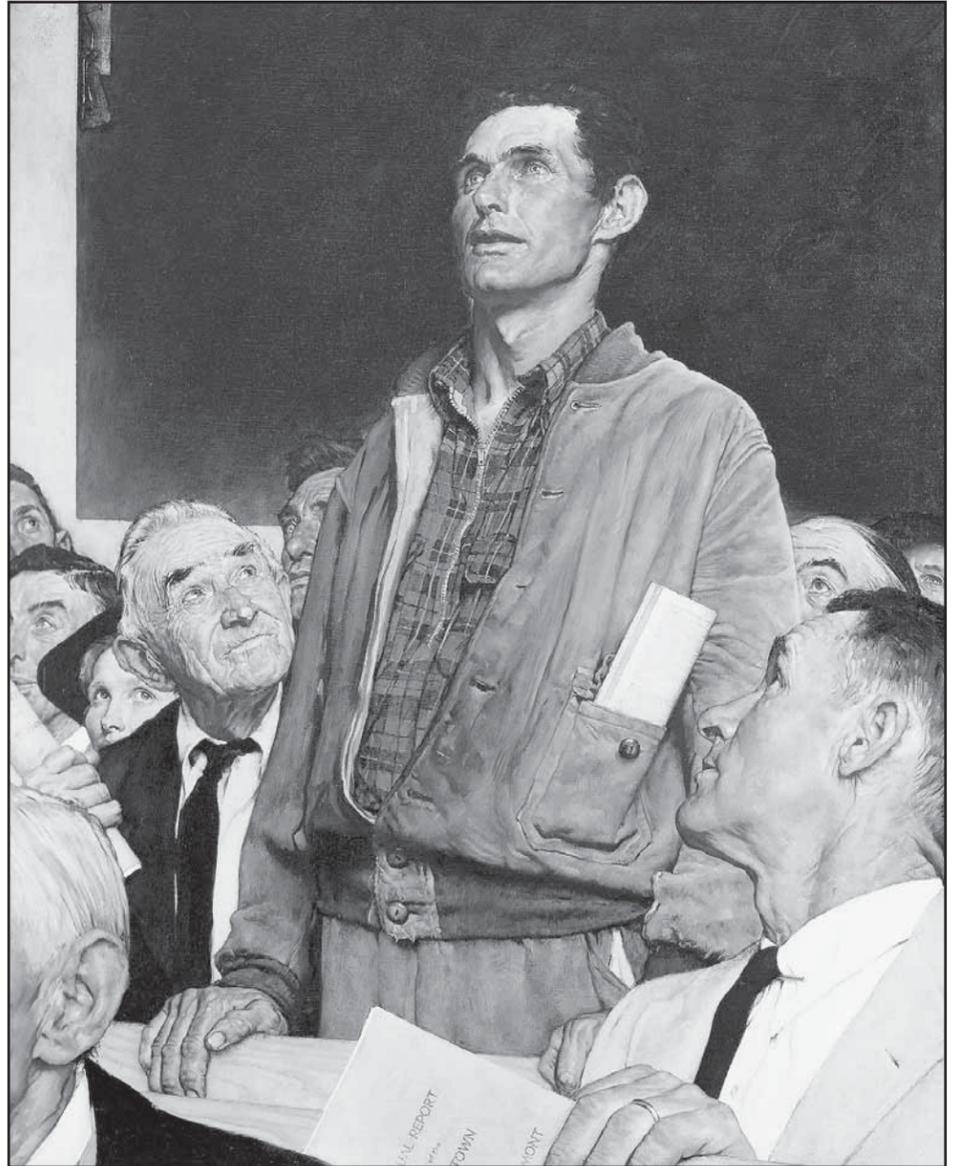
The recommended 2020 budget for the Andover Fire District is \$162,788, up \$25,348 over the previous year. A major component of this increase is the purchase of a vehicle for \$20,000.

Annual Meetings

The meetings at which these budgets will be discussed and voted upon are:

- School District Meeting: Monday, March 2, at 7 PM
- Town Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, at 7 PM
- Fire District Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30 PM

TOWN MEETINGS SPECIAL EDITION



Norman Rockwell's famous *Freedom of Speech* painting, reproduced in the *Picturing America* collection at AE/MS, reminds us of the importance of participating in our annual meetings this month.

Norman Rockwell (1894–1978), *Freedom of Speech*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, February 20, 1943. Oil on canvas, 45 3/4" x 35 1/2". The Norman Rockwell Art Collection Trust, from the permanent collection of the Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, Massachusetts NRM.org © 1943 SEPS: Licensed by Curtis Publishing, Indianapolis, Ind. All rights reserved. CurtisPublishing.com.

Beacon staff

This month, voters in Andover are called upon to make important decisions that will influence our taxes and guide our Town government for the coming year. We'll elect a dozen of our neighbors to positions in Town and School District governing bodies, and we'll close the books on 2019 with the annual Town Report.

This month's *Beacon* coverage of this very important season includes:

- Where to pick up your Town Report 2019 (see below)
- A summary of the proposed budgets (page 1)
- Profiles of local candidates (page 9)
- Requirements to pass a bond issue (page 10)
- Town Moderator's guidelines for Town Meeting (page 10)
- Town Meeting check-in policy (page 11)
- The Town Warrant (page 11)
- The School District Warrant (page 12)

Important Dates

Here are the dates you need to keep in mind in order to participate fully in this important time of year:

Saturday, February 29: Supervisor of the Checklist available to correct the checklist and register new voters, Town Hall, 11 to 11:30 AM.

Monday, March 2: Andover School District Meeting, AE/MS Gym, 7 PM.

Tuesday, March 10: Voting, AE/MS Gym, 11 AM to 7 PM. Register to vote with valid ID.

Tuesday, March 10: Andover Town Meeting, AE/MS Gym, 7 PM.

Monday, March 16: Andover Village District Meeting, Andover Town Hall, 7 PM.

Tuesday, March 17: Andover Fire District Meeting, East Andover Fire Station, 7:30 PM.

For more info, contact 735-5332 or TAdminAndover-NH.gov.

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Andover Town Report
The 2019 Town Report will be available by March 3, 2020
Reports can be picked up at Town Offices, Libraries, Transfer Station, School, and at Town Meeting

AT THE POLLS MARCH 10, 2020

The Beacon asked every candidate running for a town office to submit 250 words and a picture.

Select Board

Todd Goings

I have lived in Andover all my life and currently work here. Through the years I have watched Andover go through changes, some of which made me decide to get involved in how the town operates.

I am currently on the Budget Committee, second year, and the Zoning Board, third year. I have been to past Select Board meetings and watched and listened to the things happening in town and feel I can bring some new ideas, procedures to help streamline the operations of the town and how the budget is spent, to get the most for it, and at the same time help the town grow and move forward.

I would appreciate your vote in March. Thank you.

School Board

Brandon Adams

I'm running for Andover School Board because I love Andover and strongly believe that our children are our greatest asset. Investing in their future should be the top priority of our community.

I have lived in Andover for my entire life. My wife and I have been Andover property taxpayers since 2011. While attending night school at SNHU and pursuing a bachelor's degree in accounting, I worked as a paraprofession-

al at AE/MS and then at the Merrimack Valley High School. After receiving my bachelor's degree, I worked for nine years as an auditor for the New Hampshire Retirement System, where I also served on the bargaining team, negotiating several union contracts.

In 2017, I joined the Town's Fire and EMS Department, where I worked at and attained various firefighting and EMT certifications. Through these processes, I realized a love for serving and helping others. Last April, I successfully changed professions, now working as a career Firefighter/Advanced EMT for the City of Franklin. I continue to volunteer for the Andover Fire and EMS Departments.

My wife and I are raising our daughter in Andover. She just began attending our school's kindergarten this past fall. The school has always had an extraordinary staff that diligently puts the education and well-being of its pupils above all else. Being a graduate of AE/MS, I am keenly aware of the positive impact my AE/MS education has had on everything that I have accomplished to this point in my life. Let's keep our school special.

Thank you.



Town and School Elections: On the Ballot on March 10

Bonnie Wesley, Town Clerk

Town Election Day is Tuesday, March 10, at AE/MS from 11 AM to 7 PM. The following people have signed a declaration of intent to run for Town or School District office and will appear on the ballot.

Select Board for three years: Todd Goings

Town Treasurer for two years: Shirley Currier

Trustee of Trust Funds for three years: no one

Cemetery Trustee for three years: no one

Library Trustee for three years: Alita Phelps

Town Moderator for two years: no

one

Budget Committee for three years: Greg Stetson

Budget Committee for three years: Jim Hanson

Supervisor of Checklist for six years: Doug Phelps

Supervisor of Checklist for four years: Vicky Mishcon

School Board for three years: Brandon Adams

School District Moderator for one year: Adrienne Summers

School District Clerk for one year: no one

School District Treasurer for one year: Shirley Currier



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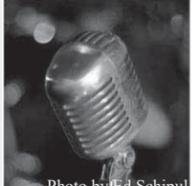




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Moderator's Guidelines for Town Meeting 2020

Voters always have the final decision

Jon Mishcon, Town Moderator

Warrant articles will be moved by a member of the Select Board or of the Budget Committee; then I will ask for a second from the floor. All motions will be moved so that a "Yes" vote adopts the motion.

When commenting, please speak into the microphone and start with your name. Please address comments and questions to the moderator.

I will try to give everyone who wishes to comment a chance to speak once before giving someone a second go. Anyone who wishes to speak must get at least one chance to talk before I will recognize a motion to end discussion or call a vote.

In order to give everyone a chance, I will direct speakers to pause after speaking for three minutes. If no one else opts to speak, you can then resume. Otherwise, please allow me to recognize you again after others get their

three minutes.

After a motion is voted on, I will ask for a motion to restrict reconsideration. If reconsideration restriction is passed, then the motion cannot be revisited for seven days.

Secret/written ballots must be requested by five voters who are present. Please note these ballots take a lot of time, so consider carefully.

The moderator's job is to neutrally allow our Town Meeting to move forward smoothly. When I err in trying to do my job, please say "Point of Order" and point out your concern. I will explain my reasoning, but the voters always have the final decision.

A motion to adjourn will be happily accepted after all the warrant articles have been considered.

New Hampshire RSA 40.7 Debate: "No person shall speak in any meeting without leave of the moderator, nor when any person speaking is in order, and all persons shall be silent at the desire of the moderator."

Requirements for Considering a Bond at Town Meeting

Jon Mishcon, Town Moderator

The town of Andover may consider one or more bond issues at Town Meeting on March 10. As Town Moderator, I want to ensure that everyone understands how a bond is handled that differs from the usual warrant article expense.

There must be at least one public hearing for any bond issue in excess of \$100,000. This hearing must be held at least 15 days, but no more than 60 days,

prior to the date of the bond vote. The governing body/select body determines the form of the warrant article after the public hearing (RSA 33:8-a).

Bond issues in excess of \$100,000 must appear first on the warrant and must be "acted on" first. "Acted on" means completing the discussion and starting the vote process.

Bond issues require a secret ballot. Each bond issue requires its own ballot box. For Andover's Town Meeting to pass a bond requires at least two-thirds approval.

I am required to accept ballots on each bond issue for at least one hour following completion of any discussion of that bond. Other issues on the warrant will be discussed while voting occurs on the bond issue.

The total appropriations (the budget, plus all the other warrant articles, including any bond) at the annual meeting cannot exceed 10% above the total expenditures approved by the Budget Committee. There are certain special exceptions to this rule that require legal guidance if you intend to get the DRA to approve an override. (RSA32:18).

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WARRANT ARTICLES - TOWN MEETING 2020

The polls will be open from 11 AM to 7 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Article 1, below, will be voted on during polling hours. Town Meeting begins after the polls close at 7 PM.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot vote during polling hours.)

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 1: The Andover Village District boundaries would be revised. The boundaries would be expanded along Route 11. It will be bound by a portion of the Rail Trail; by the Bridge St. area to the area across from North Short St.; and to include Lawrence Street and a portion of Bradley Lake Road.

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When you go to Town Meeting and School District Meeting this year, remember this:

For every \$1,000 the meeting adds to (or subtracts from) the amount to be raised by taxes, it will potentially add (or subtract) about 65¢ to (or from) the tax bill of a \$200,000 property in Andover.

The revised and expanded Andover Village District will be shown on the map entitled "Andover Zoning Map of March 2020" which will be attached to and made part of the Zoning Ordinance and referred to as the "Zoning Map." (This is a revision to the "Andover Zoning Map of 1974".)

(By ballot vote during polling hours. By law, this amendment cannot be voted on during Town Meeting.)

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 2: The Cilleyville Village District boundaries would be revised. The boundaries would be expanded to include the entire length of Cilleyville Rd. and include Depot Street. It will also include the properties along Rt. 11 from Cilleyville Rd. to Depot Street. The revised and expanded Cilleyville Village District will be shown on the map entitled "Andover Zoning Map of March 2020" which will be attached to and made part of the Zoning Ordinance and referred to as the "Zoning Map." (This is a revision to the "Andover Zoning Map of 1974".) (By ballot vote during polling hours. By law, this amendment cannot be voted on during Town Meeting.)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to secure a \$1.5 million bond for the purpose to create a highway maintenance building and to purchase necessary equipment and tools needed for

all town road maintenance which will be managed and supervised by the Town of Andover personnel. The Select Board does not recommend this article. This article submitted by petition. 2/3 ballot vote required.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 (gross budget) for the construction of a Highway Department garage, including tools, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Select Board recommends this article. 2/3 ballot vote required.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,986,399 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board recommends a budget of \$2,023,341. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$243,500 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) previously established. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board recommends this article.

Revaluation:	\$5,000
Highway Grader:	\$15,000
Highway Projects:	\$150,000
Police Cruiser Replacement:	\$13,500
Transfer Station Equipment:	\$10,000
Bridge Rehabilitation:	\$50,000

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) previously established. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

Forest Fire Labor:	\$5,000
Town Buildings:	\$20,000
Technology:	\$6,000

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three-year lease-purchase agreement in the amount of \$65,000 for the purpose of leasing a 1-ton truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,666 for the first year's payment for that purpose. No lease will be entered into without an escape clause. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five-year lease-purchase agree-

Notice

The Town of Andover and School District warrants published here were the best available as of press time; they are not necessarily the official documents that will be presented at Town Meeting and School District Meeting. The official Town documents are posted at the following locations:

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ment in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of leasing a backhoe, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. No lease will be entered into without an escape clause. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to change the number of Budget Committee members from seven to nine. The Select Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the citizens of Andover will vote to amend the Town Noise Ordinance (dated 2017) by removing under EXEMPTIONS "Special Permits" issued by the Town. This article was submitted by petition.

residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (January 17, 2019 *Wall Street Journal*) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety. We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Andover's State Legislators; to the Governor of New Hampshire;

Remember the Check-In Policy for Town Meeting!

Registered Andover voters will need to check in at Town Meeting to get an Andover Voter Card and a set of color-coded yes/no ballots. Check-in for Town Meeting will start at 6 PM.

During the meeting, if a show-of-hands vote becomes necessary, cardholders will vote by raising their voter card in the air. Only hands holding a current voter card will be counted.

For a ballot vote, a voter simply shows their Andover Voter Card to the ballot clerk and casts the appropriate colored yes/no ballot they were given at check-in. Each ballot vote will have a different colored ballot card. This procedure should speed things along!

"Remember," Moderator Jon Mishcon cautions, "you only get one Andover Voter Card and one set of yes/no ballots. If you lose them, they can't be replaced."

ARTICLE 13: We the Town of Andover hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all

to Andover's Congressional Delegation; and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Andover's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.

This article is submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

PLEASE VOTE
AE/MS • Mar 10
11 AM - 7 PM

WARRANT ARTICLES - SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Andover qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Andover Elementary/Middle School Gymnasium in said district on Monday, the 2nd day of March 2020, at 7 PM to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the District will vote to accept the reports of Officials, Agents, Auditors and/or Committees as printed in the School District report.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million Eight Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$5,819,721) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of School District officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums that are estimated to be raised from the state's equalization payment, together with other income. The School Board shall certify to the selectmen of Andover the amount to be raised by taxation of said town. (The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. The School Board recommends a proposed budget of \$5,866,221.)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Andover School District and the Andover Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2020-21	\$17,665
2021-22	\$13,785
2022-23	\$10,815

and further to raise and appropriate \$17,665 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Recommendation required. Majority vote required. [The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District, if Article 3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) with said funds coming from the unassigned fund balance on June 30, 2020, to be deposited in the Building and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purposes of saving for the boiler replacement. If there is insufficient fund balance available, the remainder will come from general taxation. [The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other

business that may legally come before this meeting.

ELECTION WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Andover qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Andover Elementary/Middle School Gymnasium in said district on Tuesday, the 10th day of March

2020, at 11 AM to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose by nonpartisan ballot the following school district officers, with the polls opening at 11 AM and remaining open continually until 7 PM.

Moderator for the ensuing year
Clerk for the ensuing year
Treasurer for the ensuing year
One School Board Member for the ensuing three years (2023)

Moderator's Rules for School District Meeting 2020

Betsy Paine
School District Moderator
Speaking

- Please practice civility and respect.
- Before you speak, be recognized by the moderator. Keep in mind that you should cover all of your points; you may not have a chance to speak again.
- Everyone must be seated.
- Non-voters must have the permission of the meeting to speak, except that the Moderator will allow non-resident School or Town officials and consultants or experts who are at the meeting in order to provide information about an article to speak.
- Everyone has the right to speak. One person at a time at the microphone.
- Introduce yourself and state where you live in town. This helps the secretary with the minutes.
- If you are asking a question, you may follow up or clarify.
- Please add to previous comments, but do not repeat what has been said before.
- All discussion is through the mod-

erator.

Motions

- Motions must be moved and seconded, and the "mover" will have the right to speak first.
- One motion/amendment at a time.
- All amendments should be made in writing.
- Any amendments involving money must include a dollar amount.

Voting

- Only registered voters can vote.
- Reminder: The meeting represents the legislative body of the district. The School Board is the governing body.
- Any vote on a bond issue over \$100,000 must be voted on by secret ballot. In addition, any five voters may require that the vote on any article or question be by secret ballot. To do so, all five voters must be present and identified, and the request must be presented to the Moderator prior to the debate on the article.
- Motions to reconsider an article may only be made immediately after the vote on the article, and may only be made by a voter who voted on the prevailing side of the vote to be reconsidered. However, the following limits may apply to reconsideration of an Article.
- Mandatory restriction: In accordance with RSA 33:8-a, if a motion to reconsider a ballot vote on a bond issue over \$100,000 passes, the article cannot be reconsidered until a reconvened meeting that is at least seven days after the original vote. With respect to a bond vote, the restriction on reconsideration automatically applies without the need for the meeting to vote on it.
- Optional Restriction: Voters may postpone reconsideration of any article at this meeting by voting to restrict reconsideration of the article in accordance with RSA 40:10. If the meeting passes such a motion, then the article cannot be reconsidered until a reconvened meeting held at least seven days after the date of the original vote.

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

RSA 91-A:2 states that minutes from each meeting of each Town body must "be promptly recorded and open to public inspection not more than five business days after the meeting."

Minutes are often not in publishable form at that point. Considering the time it takes to make them publishable, and the long lag between issues of the *Beacon*, it may be a month or more before they appear in the *Beacon*.

Select Board

January 21

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Chuck Keyser, Select Board Chair; Dave Blinn and Bill Keyser, Select Board Members

Also present: Todd Goings

Road Agent Report

Chuck Keyser stated that Road Agent John Thompson would not be present tonight due to scheduling conflicts. However, Thompson spoke to Roy earlier and he reported that there is nothing new to add tonight from his report at the last Select Board meeting. Currently, the Highway Department continues to provide winter road maintenance throughout the Town.

DES Deficiency Letter

Roy read the letter from Department of Environmental Services (DES) indicating brush cutting is needed around the Highland Lake dam area. Roy explained that typically the Dam Bureau inspects this dam every two years. In the past, the Select Board and Roy have gone out to visit the site with a DES representative. The Board discussed and agreed the vegetation maintenance is part of the Highway Department's responsibility.

Roy will send a letter to the homeowner letting them know this will take place and that the State has a 15' right of way.

Town Administrator Report

Roy reported that Lois Magenau retired as of January 3. The job opening is posted, and there have been several ap-

plicants. Roy indicated that as soon as the proposed budget is finalized and the warrants are approved for Town Meeting, the interview process will commence.

Roy will be highlighting Town Policies starting in the *Beacon's* March issue.

Other Business

Todd Goings expressed his interest in running for Select Board. Todd questioned the Board as to what their feelings and duties are as a Select Board member.

Chuck Keyser responded by telling Goings some of the Select Board duties include interviewing new staff, eliminating positions, dealing with tax issues, and property tax deeding, along with legal issues.

Chuck noted he requested the Board to meet on Mondays at noon time for a short meeting to keep him up to date on what is going on in town. It is convenient for him because he runs his small business, and at noontime he comes into town and can stop at Town Hall to check on things.

Chuck said this will probably change after Town Meeting because he cannot take four to six hours a month away from his business.

Dave Blinn responded by saying that the Board all works together to help each other. If something comes up and someone can't take care of it,

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

Zoning Administrator: Mon 9–12,

Tues, Thur 9–4, Weds 1–4

Transfer Station: Weds 7–6 & Sat,

7–5, Swap Shop - 2nd Sat 8–12

Andover Library:

Mon, 6–8

Wed, 9–12 & 6–8

Thu, 1–5 • Sat, 9–12

Bachelder Library:

Tues, 9–12 & 6–8

Thu, Fri 1–5

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Cemetery Trustees: 2nd Tues, 10

Last Thu, 7

Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7

Emergency Medical Service:

2nd Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7

Fire Department: Mon, 7

Fourth of July: 1st Wed

Andover Fire Station, 7

Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7 Andover or

Bachelder Library (except July & Aug)

Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

Recreation: 2nd Wed, 7,

AE/MS Science Room (except July)

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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that whomever is around can and will do what is necessary. They all jump in when it's needed. All Board members have different schedules and commitments, so they need to work together.

Roy commented that one of the most important things a Select Board member needs to remember is to be careful not to have illegal meetings. Two members of the same Board talking about Town business cannot happen.

Goings asked if the Select Board is covered legally for decisions and what they put their signature on. The Board and Roy agreed that the Select Board members are covered for the decisions and signatures. The Town has an attorney to rely on for questions that need answering and to keep things proper

and in check.

Chuck went on to say the Select Board reviews and signs Intents to Cut and the manifest, which are legally covered. The last few years there has been a lot of legal issues including White Oak Pit, the Transfer Station, and multiple private property issues.

Dave Blinn said that there is a lot to learn and something to study all the time.

2020 Budget

The Board reviewed the proposed budget and discussed these particular items:

The Board discussed the Shirley Street Project needs to be moved to the Special Project Line as previously
See Select Board on page 15

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Andover Thrift and Gift Shop Features March Give-Aways

Drawing on March 31 for \$20 gift certificate

Nancie Jacobson
Andover Service Club

The Andover Thrift and Gift Shop will kick off March giving shoppers a chance to win discounts as well as a chance at the grand prize of a \$20 gift certificate for any purchase, including artisan gifts.

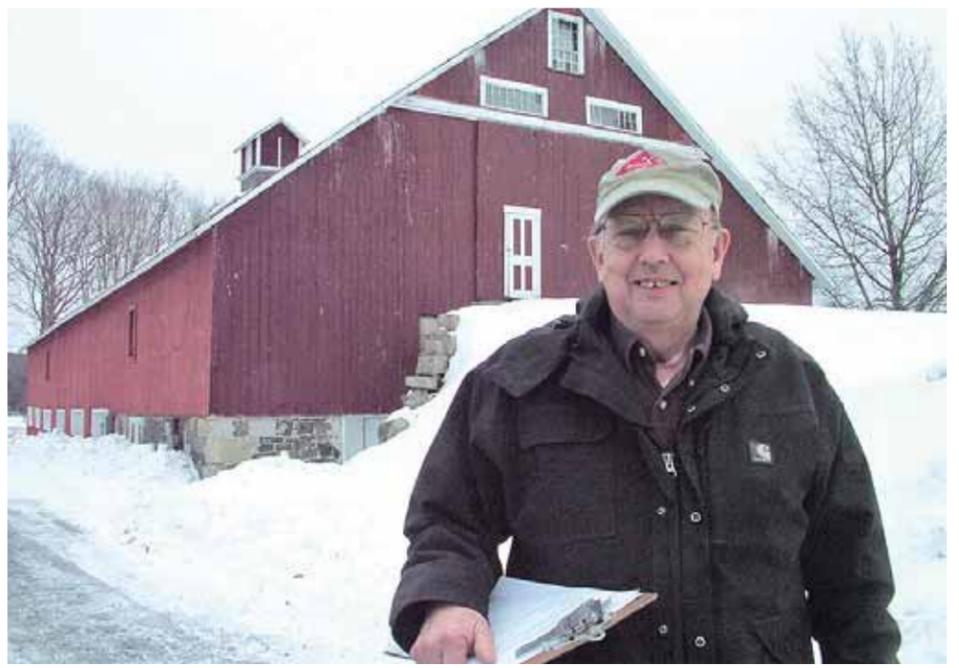
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New this month, you'll also find a nice selection of natural products from

Lilly Glatz at Cardigan Mountain Soap-Works, including her gentle handmade soaps and herbal Bugs Away and Ticks Away sprays. Shoppers can also try their luck all month with our "gold coin discounts" on purchases. Drawing for the \$20 gift certificate will be held on March 31 at the close of business. The lucky winner will be notified.

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John C. Porter, author of *Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of a Valuable Resource* will lecture on March 14 in Wilmot.

Barns Reveal the History of Agriculture in New Hampshire

Lecture by author of *Preserving Old Barns*

Press release

Join us at the Wilmot Library for a lecture entitled *The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns* on Saturday, March 14, at 1 PM.

Barns can tell us a great deal about the history of agriculture in New Hampshire. John C. Porter, author of *Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of a Valuable Resource*, will demonstrate

how these majestic barn structures represent Yankee ingenuity, hard work, and skilled craftsmanship, as well as providing a link to our past that adds to the state's scenic beauty.

John was raised on a dairy farm in Lebanon. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a BS in Animal Science and then went on to get a master's degree from Cornell University in Animal Nutrition and Farm Management. This is a New Hampshire Humanities program and is free and open to the public.

Learn How to Discover Your Family's History Online

Meghan Barton introduces you to Ancestry.com

Press release

Got the genealogy bug? Curious about the generations who came before you on your family tree? This workshop will give you the tools you'll need to learn more about your family and its history.

It will be held on Friday, March 20, at the Andover Community Hub from 6 to 8 PM. Everyone is welcome, free of charge, although donations to The Hub are gratefully accepted.

The evening will be led by Andover's Meghan Barton, who has spent several years researching her own family history. She'll share what she's learned and how much fun she's had in the process; she's excited about helping

others begin a similar journey into their own pasts. Participants will learn how to begin setting up a family tree, what kinds of historical records are available online, and how to do a basic search for family information.

Participants should bring a tablet or laptop and be willing to sign up for a free 14-day trial subscription to Ancestry.com. (Ancestry requires credit card information, but there's no charge as long as one cancels before the 14th day.) To register for the evening and to learn what basic family facts one needs to bring along to get started, email Meghan at MCBartontds.net.

Participants are asked to bring a snack to share; beverages will be provided. For information about The Hub, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or 735-5509.

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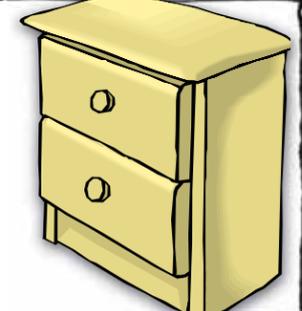
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Select Board *from page 13*

agreed. Roy will change that in the morning.

The Highland Lake dam brush cutting should be covered under the regular labor line and not as a Special Project.

Forest Fire cell phone is not needed and is removed from the budget.

Naughton will be hauling the Town's solid waste at a more cost-effective price than is currently being paid. Roy has not received a contract yet but expects to receive one.

The Board agreed there are no further changes to the budget and will send it to the Budget Committee.

Select Board

February 3

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Chuck Keyser, Select Board Chair; Dave Blinn and Bill Keyser, Select Board Members; John Thompson, Road Agent; and Police Officer Dan Shaw

Also present: Steve Bowers; Betty Henderson; Twilla Cook; Alex Bernhard

Road Agent Report

The Town is ahead of stocked sand at this point, with approximately 2,600 yards.

Thompson will take care of the brush cutting around the Highland Lake Dam as soon as Roy tells him it is okay to do so.

The Old College Road hole that has appeared in the past has not appeared recently.

So far, this winter has been quiet and there have not been a lot of storms to deal with.

The six-wheeler is back and ready to be used.

Thompson asked about the employment ad. Roy indicated it hasn't been posted yet, but she plans to put it in the *Kearsarge Shopper* and the *Intertown Record* weekly papers, along with Indeed for 30 to 45 days, and the New Hampshire Municipal Association, which runs until the job is filled.

Henderson Current Use Tax

Dave Blinn recused himself. Blinn's son, Keith, abuts the Henderson property and also has an interest in it.

The property was once part of a larger property and has been in Current Use for some time. At some point, there

were a couple of lots subdivided off of the larger parcel.

During the Town revaluation this past summer, Avitar noticed the property did not qualify for Current Use and removed it in July. Roy contacted Henderson to discuss it with her. When Henderson received the December tax bill, the property tax bill was the full tax rate.

Roy had several subsequent conversations with Avitar regarding this issue.

Henderson does not dispute the fact that the property does not qualify for the Current Use rate as it is now. The dispute is that they have never "used" the property any differently for all these years. The bill is a Land Use Change Tax and nothing has been changed in the use of the land. The only reason there is a change is because Avitar realized the property does not qualify.

Henderson understands that going forward the tax bill is the full rate because it no longer can be in Current Use. However, it is the Land Use Change Tax that is the problem.

After discussion, Roy will contact Avitar to clarify their reasoning and give them the Henderson's thoughts on the Land Use Change Tax. Roy explained there is an option for the Henderson's to apply for an abatement with the Select Board.

Town Report Budget Format

Roy asked the Board if they would like the format to remain as it has been in the past. All agreed to keep the format the same, department by department and line by line.

Health Officer Renewal: Marj Roy re-appointed as the Town Health Officer. Re-appointment is for a two-year period.

Roy explained her plan for putting together the Town Report. The narratives will be sent out to all the volunteer proofreaders this week. Then next week, the bulk of the work will be done on the Town Report.

Buswell Property

Roy asked the Board how they want to handle disposing of this property. After discussion, the Board decided to advertise the property, take sealed bids, and then have a Public Meeting where the Board will open the sealed bids and announce the winning bid.

The Board discussed how to dispose of the other Town-owned properties and agreed those could be set with an auctioneer as a group sale.

Friends Of The Northern Rail Trail

Bernhard explained there is a culvert issue over by Eagle Pond that needs work. The expected cost is approximately \$30,000. The Rail Trail can raise some funds and will also apply for a grant to help with the cost. Bernhard noted the FNRT committee is not asking for money from the Town, but a letter in support stating the importance of this to the Town. Bernhard offered Roy a copy of a letter he drafted for review. The Board agreed to support the project. Roy will write the letter tomorrow for Bernhard.

Blinn suggested Bernhard contact State Representatives and local businesses for their support.

Conservation Commission

January 15

Condensed from approved minutes

Members Present: Jerry Hersey, Alan McIntyre, Nancy Robarts, Jesse Schust, Lee Wells, Tina Cotton (joining us after the budget meeting)

New Chair or Co-Chair

Jesse may be interested in the future, Jerry is de facto acting chair. We can rotate being responsible for the agenda and running the meeting.

Nancy agreed to be the communications contact person. Please pass all concerns expressed to us as individuals to Nancy. Can we have an official Andover email? Action item: Alan will talk to Elita about setting up an email account for us with the town and including it on the website.

ASLPT

Jesse attended outreach committee meeting, members reporting what their Cons Comms are doing. ASLPT is sponsoring a program on "Trails for People and Wildlife" on Wednesday, March 25. We need to advertise this event to the town and try to attend ourselves. We should encourage people with land in easement to lead walks on their property.

Grantham has put a good-sized property into easement. Reports that Emerald Ash Borer is moving faster that projected earlier. They are working on biological strategies that may be effective in the long term.

Andy Deegan called Jerry to ask him to approve the sale of a lot that had been reserved out of the original Barclin easement. The sale needs to be approved by the Andover Cons Comm, and Jerry, as acting chair, will need to sign off on it.

Motion made by Jesse to give Jerry authority to sign the form approving the sale as requested by Andy Deegan at ASLPT, seconded by Alan. Approved by all.

Bog Pond

Lakes Region Planning Commission Mapping status: Action item: Jesse will follow up with Mary Anne to see if she has contacted the property owners on Bog Pond.

Newman Easement

Jerry has spoken with Jim, and he is in support of signage and gate. He'll pay for it, but he would like us to organize it. Getting a gate installed is a complicated problem; it might be a good project for a scout troop. Action item: Alan will contact the local boy scout troop leader to see if they are interested.

Jim is fine with people hiking and biking there, but he doesn't want motorized vehicles. Might Rail Trail or Fish and Game have some recommendations for erecting a gate? Blazes on the trails need to be refreshed; Derek might be interested. A surveyor is not needed to refresh property line blazes.

White Oak

Still waiting to hear from Town. Tina asked Chuck Keyser, who is still waiting to hear. The Town is allowed to take material out for sanding the roads.

Eversource Update

Jesse has tried to do a site visit with Eversource twice, but weather has not allowed those visits. Will try to have a look before they finish up this winter.

See Cons Comm on page 18

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Thanks to the generosity of Andover resident Stan Boyd-Robertson, who made the donation, and the hard work of Steve Darling, Paul Currier, and Les Fenton, who did the moving, the Andover Community Hub now has its own full-size ping-pong table, complete with netting, four paddles, and eight balls (colored orange and white).

The table is just across the hall from a Foosball table, donated earlier by the Gould family. A third game table, given to The Hub by David and Anne Hewitt, is awaiting transport and room assignment. The Foosball and ping-pong tables are available for play by area residents whenever The Hub is open (as indicated by the "Open" flag in front of the parking lot), or by arranging a time by calling 735-5509 at least 24 hours in advance.

Photo and caption: Larry Chase

Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating Course Offered

Learn a centuries-old folk art at the Hub

Press release

Area residents can learn the art of Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating in a four-week series beginning on Tuesday, March 17, from 6:30 to 8 PM, held at The Andover Community Hub.

There is a fee of \$10 for the series, and participants are asked to bring a half-dozen blown-out eggs to work with. Andover resident Gisela Darling will lead the series.

Ukrainian Easter eggs, or Pysankas, are a centuries-old folk art in which

beeswax is used to draw decorative designs and traditional symbols on blown-out eggshells, which are then dyed. Once decorated, the eggs can be saved and used as holiday decorations for years.

Pre-registration is required for the series in order to have enough materials available. To register, contact Gisela Darling at 735-5681.

The Andover Hub is located at 157 Main Street, next door to Pizza Chef. For more information about The Hub and to be added to the ongoing email list, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.



The Kearsarge Chorale has begun rehearsals for its spring concert in New London on Sunday, April 6.

Kearsarge Chorale Performs Works of 20th, 21st Century Composers

Rehearsals begin for spring concert

Press release

The Kearsarge Chorale, under the direction of Artistic Director Alex Ager, has begun rehearsals for its Spring Concert, featuring works by 20th and 21st century composers.

Among the offerings will be *Five Days that Changed the World* by Bob Chilcott, celebrating the invention of

printing, the abolition of slavery, the first powered flight, the discovery of penicillin, and the first man in space.

The concert will be held at the Sawyer Center Theater on the campus of Colby-Sawyer College in New London on Sunday, April 26 at 3 PM. Tickets (\$15 each; \$5 for students) will be available at Tatewell Gallery and Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London, at Main Street Book Ends in Warner, online at KearsargeChorale.org, and at the door.



The January 17 Coffeehouse at the Andover Community Hub featured Kathleen Parks and Brad Bensco, also known as Kat and Brad. For more information about this duo, visit KatBradBand.com.

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Salisbury Farmers Market Looking For 2020 Vendors

Fifth year of operation begins on June 22

Press release

The Salisbury Farmers Market will start its fifth year of operations on June 22. We are still looking for more vendors. Some of the items that our patrons look for are honey, vegetables, soap and lotions, baked goods, and more. If you have any interest in being part of the market experience, please contact Helen Binette at 648-2156.

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Next Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon Scheduled for March

Magician Jim MacDonald will entertain

Magician Jim MacDonald will entertain with his wizardry.

Press release

The fun-filled luncheons serving seniors in the Kearsarge area continue to take place at the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) Red Barn at 11:30 AM on the third Thursday of the month. The next one is scheduled for March 19. Don't miss this chance to get out of the house, enjoy a hot lunch, and schmooze with friends.

A \$2 donation is suggested for the meal, and a \$3 donation for the WCA for providing the space and kitchen, for a total of \$5. For those aged 60 years and under, there is a \$6 charge for lunch and a suggested donation of \$3 for the WCA.

If the weather is frightful, please use your best judgement about venturing out. As a guide, however, the luncheon will be "on" if the Kearsarge Schools are open or delayed. If school is cancelled, the luncheon will also be cancelled.

Reservations are required for each luncheon. First time attendees wanting to enjoy the camaraderie of other seniors and an occasional short program are requested to call the New London Council on Aging during weekday business hours at 526-6368 by March 9.

The WCA Red Barn is located at 64 Village Road, next to the Wilmot Post Office in Wilmot Flat. Parking is available in the WCA's upper parking lot, the Wilmot Baptist Church, and across the street.

Door prizes, table flower arrangements, and free books will be given out.

RGB Showing Rescheduled for March 6 at the Hub

An exceptional documentary about an icon

One review said, "This riveting, surprisingly touching documentary reveals how the quiet, intense Ginsburg became one of the most iconic Supreme Court justices in American history."

Press release

Due to the snow-caused cancellation of its February showing, the film RGB will be shown on Friday, March 6, at 2:30 PM instead, at the Andover Community Hub.

The film was directed, written, edited, shot, and produced by women and premiered at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival. It was chosen by the National Board of Review as the Best Documentary Film of 2018 and earned Academy Award nominations for Best Documentary Feature and Best Original Song ("I'll Fight").

A documentary about the exceptional life, career, and enduring legal legacy of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the film follows her journey from a girlhood in Brooklyn to her appointment to the highest court in the land. Along the way, Ginsburg has become an unexpected cultural icon known fondly as "the Notorious RBG."

First Friday Films are open to all, free of charge (although small donations are much appreciated), and popcorn is served.



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Service Club Unveils New Brochure on its Activities

Bank of America match tops \$2,200

Eileen Mackey, Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club held its first meeting of the new year on February 12 at the Grange Hall. Among the topics discussed was the new Service Club brochure prepared by Anne Hewitt, Nancy Tripp, and Robin Boynton. They produced a beautiful little booklet which outlines all the club's activities, the organizations we support, the purpose of the club, when we meet, and other information about the club. The brochures will be available at the Thrift Shop and other venues around the area. Be sure to pick one up. As always, we welcome any ladies who are interested in joining our group.

The club has many activities to raise funds, and we also receive donations from individuals and other groups who wish to help us in our charitable work. One of the businesses which is very active in donating funds to charities such as the Service Club is the Bank of America. Every year in order to encourage and reward their employees who give their time and service to causes important to them, the Bank of America (BOA) Charitable Foundation awards volunteer grants to the eligible charitable organizations that they serve.

BOA matches their employees' time in community service with a monetary contribution. To date, the BOA Charitable Foundation has contributed over \$2,200 to the Andover Service Club, matching the volunteer hours donated by their employee Nancie Jacobson of Andover.

Nancie contributes over 100 volunteer hours per year to the ASC Thrift and Gift Shop, Slices for Scholarships, Proctor Cakes, and other events coordinated by the ASC. Nancie retired from her career in Human Resources at BOA last year, but as a retiree still receives this awesome benefit from the bank to help local organizations.

The ASC was very fortunate to have someone like Nancie move to Andover and join us with her expertise and willingness to give of her time to our worthy cause. Nancie says that "volunteering has always been a big part of my life, starting in my teens. When my husband and I relocated to Andover, I was very happy to find such a wonderful opportunity with the Andover Service Club to contribute to my new community and meet some wonderful new friends."

If there are other like-minded people like Nancie out there, please come and join us. Like Nancie, you will be doing a rewarding activity and will gain many new friends.

Cons Comm *from page 15*

Things look in order, they appear to have all the right permits.

Outstanding Items

Beaver Deceiver article: Alan spoke with people at Proctor. They have trapped one beaver. John Ferris, Proctor Business Manager and CFO, has been in contact with Skip Lisle of Beaver Deceiver, LLC. Skip has said that the deceiver needs to be resized this spring. Skip is the person who does the maintenance on the Beaver Deceivers.

Stephen Cline at Proctor will be the new main contact person. Stephen is in the maintenance department and does the trapping. Action item: Alan will contact Vicky to learn more details, and encourage Vicky and Skip to attend a CC meeting. Alan will check out the Beaver Deceiver on Elbow Pond Road.

Wetlands Ordinance

Waiting to hear from Planning Board. Jesse has spoken with Nancy Teach. Jesse and Nancy will make sure that both groups (CC and PB) are in good communication with one another. We do not have time this year to introduce the wetlands ordinance. Jesse will work with Nancy to see if the draft is acceptable. Her initial impression is that it is too long to take to the Planning Board. We will work on condensing it. We will aim for it to go into the '20-'21 calendar.

Champagne Gravel Permit

Site visit attended by Mary Anne and Jerry. Nancy, Jesse, and Jerry were at the January 14 Planning Board meeting. There will be a conditional approval by the PB, depending on the conditions from the state.

Future Mapping Demos

Jesse: DES One Stop Mapping tool, to be done at our February meeting. Action item: Lee will check to make sure an appropriate venue has working internet/wifi.

Alan: Andover Wetlands map with buffers (produced by Colby Sawyer). It is on our website.

Harvey Pine, a professor at Colby Sawyer and an Andover resident, will get back to us this spring. Action item: Alan will be in touch with him, to see if he can come earlier and work on the maps.

Other Business

Nancy: Rotate responsibility for agenda and leading the meetings. Could we use a generic agenda, so items/topics don't get lost? Jesse and Nancy will work on this.

Need to find a better location for the Puller Bear Pro. Action item: Lee will

look into finding a safer and more secure location by this spring.

Do we want to have a table at Town Meeting to demonstrate mapping programs, etc.?

School Board

January 7

Condensed from approved minutes

Board Present: Dean Barker, Brian Gilman, Theresa Georges, Adam Jones, and Aimee Menard

Administration Present: Mark MacLean, Robin Heins, Jane Slayton and Judith Turk

Public Present: Tina Cotton
Board Chairperson's Report

Dean thanked everyone for their participation in various activities including the budget preparation process and committee and interview involvement. He encouraged attendance at the budget meeting to be held at the Town Hall on January 8. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Principal's Report

Jane thanked the community for their generosity and contributions to the families of AE/MS during the holiday season. She gave a special thanks to Gail Parenteau who facilitated the distribution of the donations in a confidential manner. The Ski/Skate Program is underway. The Spelling and Geography Bees will be held within the next couple of weeks. The fifth grade will be participating in the Kid Governor Inauguration Event on January 17. Graduation is scheduled for June 18.

2020-2021 Calendar

Discussion took place regarding future voting days and potential alternate locations for the community. Dean advocates to continue to pursue Blizzard Bags for inclement weather days. Aimee motioned to approve the AE/MS 2020-2021 proposed school calendar as presented. Brian made the second and the calendar was accepted.

Proctor Gift

A \$15,000 donation was presented from Proctor Academy that will be utilized to provide mental health/wellness, substance abuse prevention and awareness education, and professional development opportunities. This will include the continuation of the Project Success program for middle school students and bringing in guest speakers regarding these issues. The AE/MS community and Andover School Board are grateful for this gift to support the students.

Superintendent's Report

Mark stated that the new teacher meetings are almost completed. Checks are focusing on offering support and feedback regarding orientation, the mentoring program, and other questions, concerns, and challenges. Mark hopes to extend this opportunity to high school seniors. He also spoke of the current busy budget season.

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Lee Woodman's *Homescapes*, to be published on May 22, recounts her American roots, including life in Andover, and her growing up in India.

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Lee Woodman Remembers Life in India and in Andover

Homescapes publishes on May 22

Press release

Lee Woodman went to New London High School, and her family used to have a home on Ragged Mountain in Andover. Her father, Everett Woodman, was president of Colby-Sawyer College (then Colby Junior College) in the '60s and '70s.

Lee's new book, *Homescapes*, traces her experience of growing up in India, moving to New Hampshire as a teenager, and reflecting as an adult on the rich yet multilayered feeling of being "a curious stranger both home and away."

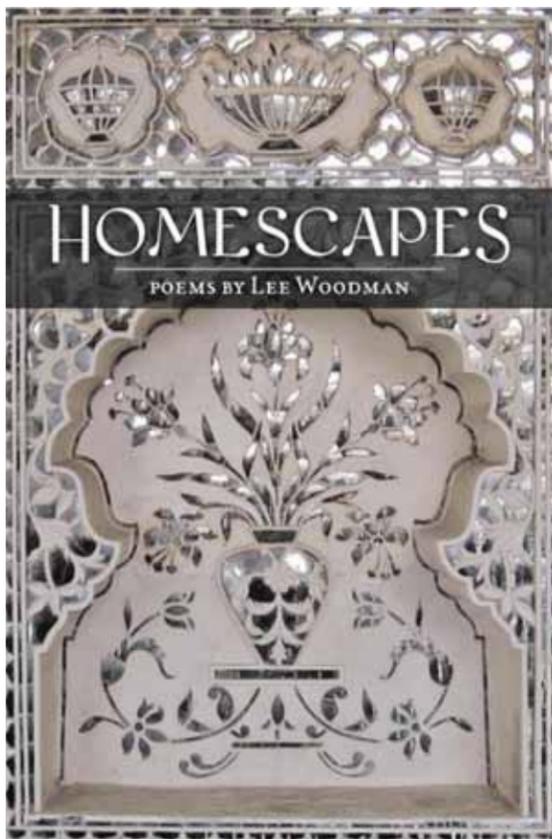
Home is a relative term, especially if you have grown up overseas. In *Homescapes*, Lee takes us from an Indian village to the edge of Tibet to a small town in New Hampshire. An audience with the Dalai Lama touches her spirit; questions from an American high school homeroom teacher challenge her wit. Lee never stops searching for what it means to be American, digs deep to understand her New England roots, and ponders intimate relationships, persistently asking, "Where – and what – is home?"

Advanced Praise for *Homescapes*

"Lee takes us to life in India and

then to New Hampshire – with precise detail – so we are there, with no limit to the richness of story or the paradoxes of each place. The light brought to thought is language, and Lee charges hers with imagination and cultural signifiers.

"We're not mere witnesses; we experience land as seen by this poet. This book is a distant mirror of two worlds,



from the fragrance of foreign oils to 'fresh white milk and bracing air' brought beautifully vivid and close."

– Grace Cavalieri

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Andover Coffeehouse Features Singer/Songwriter Dan Weber

Coming in April:
Ethan Robbins

Larry Chase

Andover Community Coffeehouse

Following two well-attended monthly performances by East Coast vocal artists, the March "Third Friday" concert at the Andover Community Coffeehouse will feature, from Vancouver, Washington, singer-songwriter (and former National Park Service Ranger, Eagle Scout, and altar boy) Dan Weber.

Celebrating the first day of spring, the March 20 concert will begin at 7 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall on Route 11 in East Andover, midway between Andover Village and Franklin. The event is open to the public at no charge; donations are gratefully accepted.

Described as "the classic mid-life overnight sensation" after beginning his folkie career a decade ago at age 40, Weber has also been called "a gifted storyteller" who has "quickly won over audiences with his natural charisma, upbeat performances, authentic songwriting, and off-the-cuff hilarious stories from the many roads he's traveled." Learn more at DanWeberMusic.com.

The program will also feature appearances by up to a dozen open-microphone performers. Doors to the Grange Hall open at 6 PM for simple supper food and beverage purchases and for open mic sign-ups on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sponsor is Huckleberry Propane and Oil, headquartered in Boscawen. Sponsorships and audience contributions help the Coffeehouse to cover room-rental fees, headliner compensation, advertising, equipment purchases, and

other expenses.

Coming up on Friday, April 17: The evening's headliner will be Ethan Robbins, the guitarist/songwriter of the band Cold Chocolate, "a genre-bending Americana band that fuses folk, funk, and bluegrass to create a unique sound all their own." There's much more at ColdChocolateMusic.com.

About the Andover Community Coffeehouse

Now in its sixth year of offering free concerts to the public, the Coffeehouse is managed and staffed entirely by volunteers. New volunteers are always needed to help with duties such as talent bookings, community outreach, audiovisual support, venue arrangements, and the like. Those interested in joining in the fun should contact AndoverCommunity03216@gmail.com.

A photographic record of past Coffeehouse performers, both headliners and open-mic participants, is shown on the Coffeehouse website at AndoverCoffeehouse.org and on the Facebook page "Andover Community Coffeehouse." The website also lists future bookings through the end of 2020.

Video recordings of concerts are shown on a number of community-access channels across the state and are available for viewing anytime on Andover's town website behind the "Community Videos" button at Andover-NH.gov. 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 Hub.



On its 1935 maiden run through Andover, the Boston and Maine Railroad's diesel-electric "Flying Yankee" was a sign of things to come for local rail travelers. The train was delivered in February 1935 and toured the Boston and Maine-Maine Central railroad system before entering passenger service on April 1. The daily route carried passengers between Boston and Bangor, Maine. It is shown here as it approached from the east the Plains Road-Route 11 intersection in Andover. Caption: Larry Chase

Historical Society Presents Railroad Exhibit All Summer

Photographs, artifacts, history, and more

Press release

In Andover, parts of the Northern Line of the Boston and Maine Railroad were constructed along the Blackwater River where an Abenaki Indian trail once ran. With five railroad stops, Andover became a transportation, economic, and social hub for surrounding communities. The impact of rail transportation is difficult to calculate and impossible to deny.

With the arrival in 1847 of Andover's first train, the community was freed from dependence on stagecoach travel and horse-drawn freight shipment in and out of the area. Some of

the repercussions, like train wrecks, injuries, and trackside fires sparked by hot embers were the price that the local townspeople paid in the name of progress of the railroad.

An Andover Historical Society exhibit this summer will showcase photographs and artifacts from its archives and several photographs on loan from private collections.

The exhibit may be viewed during the railroad station's regular open hours: Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM, and Sundays from 1 to 3 PM, from May 23 to October 12. Both the railroad station and the nearby Emons General Store, also a part of the Historical Society museum, offer free admission.

Senior Health Clinic Scheduled at Andover Hub

Tuesday, March 17,
from 10 AM to 1 PM

Press release

Concord Regional VNA is holding a Senior Health Clinic at the Andover Community Hub, located at 157 Main Street in Andover, on Tuesday, March 17 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

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Retirement Party for Pastor John Wagner to be Held on March 7

At the Elks Club in Franklin

Press release

The Andover Community Church has a busy time ahead, and we would love for you to be a part of it. The Vestry had its annual retreat on February 28 and 29 in Alton to see where the Lord is leading us in the future.

We are in the season of Epiphany tide. It marks the time in which we celebrate and remember Christ being revealed to the world, and our mission to reveal Christ to others by the way we speak and live. It is also a season of hope, the hope of Christ who came into this world and accomplished all that he was sent to do, and the hope that he continues to reveal himself to us each day of our lives in order to complete his wondrous work of transformation in us.

The retirement party for Pastor John and Amy will be held on Saturday, March 7, at the Elks Club in Franklin. Call Linda Wickstrom at 286-8695 for more details.

We welcome Reverend Bill Blomquist and his wife, Cinnamon, who will serve as interim co-pastors at the Church while we form a search committee to look for a permanent replacement for John.

The Lenten season began with a special service at the church on Ash Wednesday, February 26, at noon. We

will be holding special services the week between Palm Sunday, April 5, and Easter, April 12, which will culminate with Easter Sunrise Service and the 10 AM service at the Church.

Kathy Winkfield will be leading a five-week Lenten study based on Eugene Peterson's book *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*. It will begin on Sunday, March 1, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. All are invited to attend.

The next Men's Breakfast (Second Saturday for Guys) will be on Saturday, March 14, at 8 AM at the Grange Hall.

The Andover Community Church does have a prayer chain. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call Ginny Newton at 934-3171, and she will begin the calling chain. Healing Prayer Ministry is available after worship service on Sundays or by appointment. Speak with Linda Wickstrom at 286-8695. Prayer walks for Franklin continue on Fridays, meeting at City Hall at 5 PM.

Remember, you are always welcome at the Andover Community Church. Feel free to call the Church office at 735-5160 to speak with the pastor 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 10 AM every Sunday.

Thought for the day: "The first step to wisdom is silence; the second is listening." (Read Proverbs 1:5)

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Maryland Poet Laureate

"Read Lee Woodman's *Homescapes* and get an intimate and passionate picture of what it means to grow up in two vastly different cultures – Indian and American. Having lived in both for many decades myself, I testify to the poet's authenticity and vision of harmony that makes sense in today's fractured world. A well-timed book!"

– Natwar Gandhi

Chief Financial Officer, Washington, DC (2000-2013) and author of *Still the Promised Land.*

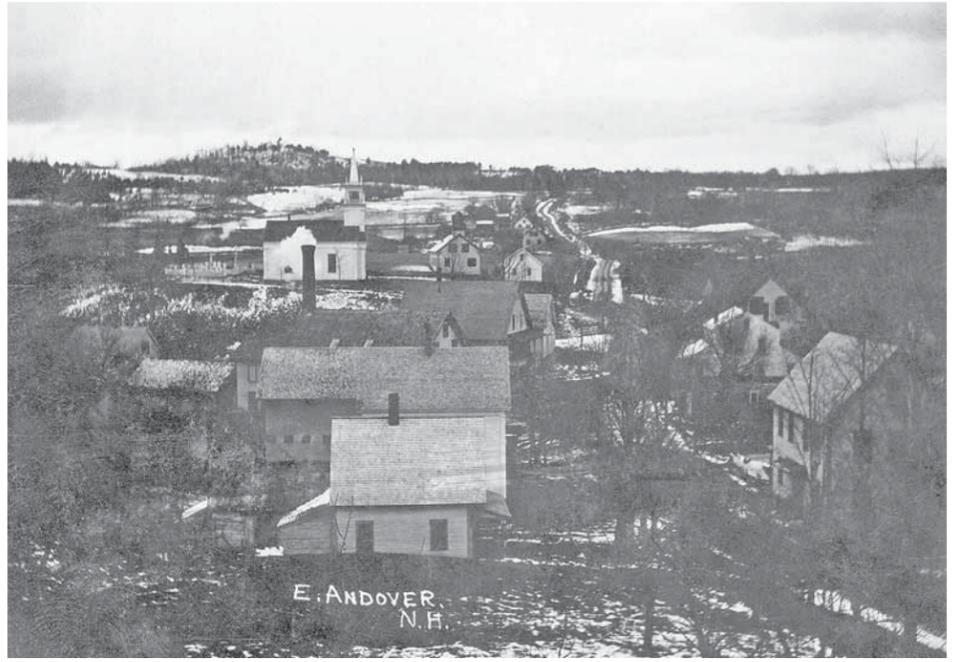
About the Author

Lee Woodman is the winner of the 2020 William Meredith Prize for Po-

etry. Her essays and poems have been published in *Tiferet Journal*, *Zócalo Public Square*, *Grey Sparrow Press*, *The Ekphrastic Review*, *vox poetica*, *The New Guard Review*, *The Concord Monitor*, *The Hill Rag*, and *Naugatuck River Review*.

A Pushcart nominee, she received an Individual Poetry Fellowship from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities 2019 and 2020. Her poetry collection, *Mindscales*, was published by Poets' Choice Publishing in February 2020.

An overseas childhood in France and India through age 14 sparked her love for language, art, theater, and dance. She now lives in Washington DC. For more information, visit PoetLeeWoodman.com.



East Andover Village, shown in an old post card discovered by Rita Norander.

Old Postcard Shows Years of Changes in East Andover Village

Schoolhouse between Grange Hall and road

Rita Norander

This picture of East Andover Village is from a post card in my collection which probably belonged to my mother, and possibly her parents or grandparents before her. The picture was most likely taken from an upstairs window in what is now the Highland Lake Inn. On the right is Maple Street which is heading south towards the main road (today's Route 11). Across the main road is Chase Hill Road, and in the distance Chase Hill which is where my grandfather (Guy Hersey) and his sisters grew up.

Prominently seen in the center of the picture is the Congregational Church. (Note - the chimney of the mill building on Maple Street partially blocks the center view of the church.) To the right of the church is the Grange Hall, but at the time this picture was taken, it was probably known as Union Hall. To the right of the Grange is the old Portsmouth Schoolhouse (District #10). This

is the first picture I have seen that shows all of the Portsmouth Schoolhouse, and how it was positioned in the small area between the Grange and Chase Hill Road. In the past, I have only seen pictures of the school children (including my grandfather and his sisters) standing in front of the building for a class picture.

According to Ralph Chaffee, the new East Andover School (today's East Andover Village Preschool) was built in 1903. In the fall of that year, the Portsmouth Schoolhouse, after having served as a school for more than 75 years, was moved down the hill on Route 11 to a new site. It was reported that the move required the help of eight horses and 14 oxen. The schoolhouse was renovated into a regular family dwelling which still stands beside today's Franklin Highway. (Going towards Franklin, it is the first house on the right after the church.)

Since the Portsmouth School was moved to its new location in the fall of 1903, this picture had to have been taken at least 116 years ago!



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Pecco Beaufays of East Andover (center) at Lakes Region Community College with students Chevy Jay Robinson (Antrim) and Tyler Couitt (Sunapee).

Three Rivers Foundation Provides Scholarships for Technical Training

Support us at Thursdays Child dinner on March 5

Press release

On March 5, the New London Inn has designated the Three Rivers Foundation – Supporting Education, which benefits New Hampshire children, as one of its chosen non-profits for its Thursday’s Child dinner program.

By coming to dinner on Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 PM and saying you are there to join the Three Rivers Foundation – Supporting Education group, you will support our foundation and our scholarship students. You pay for your meals (and drinks); the Inn donates half the proceeds to the foundation. You will have a nice evening out, choosing the meal you want; and you can see other friends while there.

If you will be able to join us, please respond to the New London Inn directly to make reservations at 526-2791 with a tentative head count.

Three Rivers Foundation – Supporting Education is a two-year old 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, registered with the state of New Hampshire.

Our mission is three-fold:

Provide scholarships to post-secondary school students who are seeking technical school training.

Establish collaborative relationships with businesses, schools, and families to enable students to pursue opportunities in technical training.

Collaborate with local businesses to develop work opportunities for students holding a Three Rivers Scholarship to enable these students to work in New Hampshire communities during and after their technical and vocational training.

Our vision is to see that post-secondary school students who receive technical education develop successful and meaningful careers in New Hampshire communities.

In 2018, our first year, we collaborated with the Lakes Region Community College to help us identify deserving students who were at risk for not being able to complete their training because they could not meet their financial needs. In 2018, we were able to support one student from the Lakes Region Community College so that she will be graduating this spring with a dual ma-

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McGonagle School of Irish Dance Performs in New London

Saturday, March 14, in Whipple Hall

Press release

All those Irish (or those who want to be Irish at this time of the year) won’t want to miss this exciting event. The Center for the Arts is proud to introduce “St. Patrick comes to New London.”

The McGonagle School of Irish Dance, founded in 1993, will be performing in New London’s Whipple Town Hall on Saturday, March 14. This award-winning troupe has competed successfully at the regional, national, and world levels and have performed across New England for numerous audiences, including the New Hampshire

and Massachusetts governors.

The school is now run by Ashlyn Rockwell Muse, TCRG, and Brenda Hamilton Coleman, TCRG. Registered with An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha, McGonagle offers classes in traditional competitive Irish dance. Truly an exciting and invigorating program. In addition, your favorite Irish songs will be performed by a local singer.

The performance will be at 7 PM on Saturday, March 14, in Whipple Town Hall, 25 Seaman’s Road, New London. Great entertainment for the entire family. Tickets can be purchased online at CenterForTheArtsNH.org; in New London at Tatewell Galleries or Morgan Hill Bookstore; or at the door.



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A Quilting Mission Inspired by the Late Julia Philipson

Quilts made for survivors of domestic violence

Jennifer Ucci, Turning Points Network

There is power in a quilt – especially when stitched together with love, sympathy, hope, and caring. No one understands this more than Deb Homer, the founder of Project Julia.

Located in the heart of Sunapee, in a little-known studio tucked away lake-side, is a quilter's paradise. There are rows of thread in every color, nooks and shelves lined with yard after yard of fabric in every hue and design imaginable. Ongoing projects, hi-tech machines, and quilt patterns stacked high adorn the workstations where each quilt is crafted with precision and care. It is here that Deb Homer and friends design and craft quilts for survivors of violence and others in need.

"The story really begins with Julia," said Deb, seated at a sewing table, fingers deftly sorting through colorful bits of fabric as she speaks. "She loved people. If she knew you, she would always hug you. She also loved quilting. All of this is because of her."

The "Julia" that Deb is referring to is the late Julia Philipson of Andover. Julia, an avid quilter, was well-known and loved in the community. Born in Illinois, Julia graduated from the Parsons School of Design before relocating to Andover, where she then worked for almost 30 years at Peter Christian's Tavern in New London as a pastry chef. It was here that she co-authored two

cookbooks. She also worked for The Constant Quilter in Andover.

In later years, her entrepreneurial spirit shone as she became a partner in several local businesses such as Ruby and Petunia, a stained-glass business; Moose Country Gourmet, a specialty food company; and last but certainly not least, Piecing Harmony, where she



The late Julia Philipson of Andover

became known for her quilting patterns. Over the years, Julia collected fabrics, filling her home studio with bolt after bolt, amassing a treasure trove of fabrics and prints that would keep any quilter busy for a lifetime.

In 2010, Julia was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, a rare form of brain cancer. For the next year and a half, surrounded by her friends, Julia battled for

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Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon Features Two Vocalists

Amanda Carr and Shawnn Monteiro perform

Press release

The Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon (JOSA) series will host performances by two extraordinary jazz vocalists, Amanda Carr on March 8 and Shawnn Monteiro on March 22, at The Center at Eastman's Bistro Nouveau in Grantham.

Now in its 28th season, JOSA brings internationally acclaimed jazz musicians – backed up by Bill Wightman and the JOSA Ensemble – to the Upper Valley every other Sunday from December to April. These performances offer rare opportunities to experience spontaneous jazz sessions led by many of our nation's most talented jazz artists.

Amanda Carr began her musical career as a teenage vocalist and pianist performing with pop and rock bands at Boston nightclubs. The daughter of big band vocalist Nancy Carr and trumpeter Nick Capezuto, she soon turned to jazz and big band music, offering her fresh interpretations of the Great American Songbook.

Today, Carr is a frequent guest vocalist with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops; the Artie Shaw Orchestra; the Harry James Band; and the Glenn

Miller Orchestra, as well as a headlining artist at jazz festivals around the world.

Carr created and headlined a successful cross-country tour show, "A Tribute to Peggy Lee," which sold out 30 dates around the country. She has also composed and performed music for two PBS documentaries, *The Story of Golf*, which received an Emmy nomination, and *Boston Red Sox: 100 Years of Baseball History*. Carr's most ambitious project, a big band album called *Common Thread*, debuted on the top of multiple jazz best-seller charts and in the top 50 on *Billboard*.

"No matter in what genre Amanda is performing, she brings an excitement and energy to the stage and a vibrant connection to her audience," notes *The Boston Herald*. "She is an entertainer of the first degree."

Jazz also comes naturally to Shawnn Monteiro, daughter of the late Jimmy Woode, bassist for the Duke Ellington band. The lyrical liveliness of her phrasing and intermittent scat variations also reveal the influences of Carmen McRae and Sarah Vaughan, from whom she draws her core of creative energy. Monteiro also benefited from the musical inspiration and guidance of her godfather, trumpeter Clark Terry.

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For more information, please contact Christine Dzujna at 934-7163. 

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her health until December of 2011. In her will, she left her studio full of fabric to her good friend Paula Higgins.

"It took several months before we were ready to go into Julia's studio," said Deb. "Paula took the largest cuts for her home studio in Vermont, but it didn't even make a dent in the fabric collection."

It was right around this time that Deb learned of Turning Points Network through another friend of Julia's, Deb Coffin. "I had learned a young mother in the shelter who had been abused during her pregnancy had given birth. I gave Deb [Coffin] one of the quilts to give to her for the baby. It was then that it really hit home to me – pregnant women are abused. I knew I wanted to help." In that moment, Project Julia was born. "We had to use the material in the studio, and this was a perfect cause."

"In the beginning it was me, Deb Coffin, and Linda Barnes at The Constant Quilter donating her long-arming services. Over the years, we have built a network of quilters across Vermont and New Hampshire, some who do entire quilts, some who do certain parts. Together we make all kinds of quilts – throw quilts, cuddlers, swaddle sizes, lap quilts, and more" said Deb.

The quilts are a welcome gift. Turning Points Network, with offices located in Claremont and Newport, is the Sullivan County crisis and support center for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Since its inception in May of 2012, Project Julia has donated 453 quilts to the nonprofit. Quilts are given to survivors and their children. Especially for young children who often have to leave their home with nothing, the quilts provide comfort, warmth, and security – all

invaluable elements in healing.

The kids will say "This is mine. I don't have anything else that is mine" said Deb. "To know there are children anxious from the aftermath of leaving their home – it touches your heart."

As Project Julia continues to grow, so too does the creativity; "We make bins, bags, etc. We even have a quilter who makes dog beds and has donated them to the Upper Valley Humane Society and Franklin Animal Hospital. We continue to expand, and we waste very little. Even the scraps are used to create quilting kits which we then distribute."

The studio has also grown, equipped with the latest in computerized stitching with a recently acquired computerized long arm machine which gives the team access to 500 designs, all at 1,200 stitches per minute, allowing greater creativity and speed when crafting their designs.

Project Julia holds one fundraiser a year to help with the cost of batting to sandwich the quilts, at the Wilmot Community Association Holiday Fair, always the first Saturday in December.

"The generosity of Deb Coffin – she created this space and bought this beautiful machine – she really helped make all of this possible, she and Julia" said Deb Homer. "We have very little overlap, we have so much fabric donated – bins and bins of material people have brought to us to deconstruct and reuse, from fabric pieces to antique quilt tops, we get so much, and it's fun to see what comes in."

"If we can give back to the community with our various talents in quilting, there is the reward."

For more information on Project Julia or to get involved, please contact Deb Homer directly at DebbieDoo45g@mail.com. 

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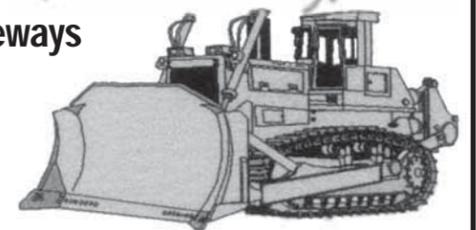
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The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse

Lee Wells, WABL Librarian

What's in a name, what's in a call number? A rose by any other name would...

Okay, it is time for true confessions. I am not a trained librarian, I do not have a degree in library science, I haven't taken a single course in library science. I'm simply a retired teacher who has taught literature for decades, and who is loving being a librarian in Andover and trying to do my best by the library.

Ordering books for the library is a fun challenge. I try to order books that people will want to read, and I also try to order books that will stretch them a little bit, get them outside their so-called "comfort zones." I listen to people talk about what they like to read, I read reviews, I look at best seller lists, and I take the plunge and order books. It is always a little bit like Christmas when they arrive; I have a pretty good idea what will be in the box, but it is still exciting to unpack the box.

The next task is to catalog the books, which means assigning them a code or call number to help determine where the book will be shelved in the library. Often there is a call number printed in the book, or I can find a call number in the State Library database, or in another library's database. Usually it is pretty clear-cut: fiction is fiction, non-fiction is non-fiction, and a children's book is a children's book.

But, often there are puzzles. Why is poetry shelved in the non-fiction section of a library? Where is the line between a picture book and an easy reader, or between an easy reader and juvenile fiction? What distinguishes a young adult book from adult fiction?

Recently, the library received a book that defies classification. It is *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. Its call number places it solidly in the middle of the non-fiction section of books on art. This makes some sense, as Charlie Mackesy, the author, is a renowned cartoonist and illustrator.

However, this book has been on the best-seller list for adult fiction in the Concord Monitor for several weeks now, yet at first glance it appears to be a children's book.

This article is really a plug for reading this book. It is absolutely wonderful; it is silly, thoughtful, philosophical, whimsical, and profound. It is filled with wisdom and humor; it might make you laugh or cry. It offers hope and inspiration. It teaches the power of kindness.

All readers, from a young child to older person filled with the wisdom that comes from years of experience, can enjoy it and learn from it. It is beautiful and has a calligraphic style. The author-artist draws you into the creative process. You could spend 15 minutes reading it, or savor it one page at a time over months. It is a quick and very satisfying read. It is a comforting read: Enjoy it!

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Thomas Farnen, (author of *Watching the Lights Go Out*, talks to students at AE/MS about his book and his dog Bessie. Students learned about the challenges Bessie had to overcome as her blindness slowly progressed. Bessie tops off her visit with her "Toss the cookie and catch it" trick. This may be a typical dog trick, but remember, Bessie is blind.

Photo: Kasey Schoch

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major in business and hospitality.

In 2019 we had successful fundraising with our second golf tournament, a comedy night, a Thursday's Child dinner at the New London Inn, and a vintage classic car auto show. We also benefited from generous individual philanthropy. This has enabled us now to support five students at various community colleges. We have worked to spread awareness about our mission and scholarships with all our regional high schools, and many of New Hampshire high school regional technical training programs, that begin to work with high school students interested in technical careers during the junior and senior years of high school.

We have broadened our contacts with some of New Hampshire's Community Colleges. We are collaborating with the New Hampshire Auto Dealers' Association (NHADA), who has helped us find deserving students through their robust program of automotive technical training during high school. The NHADA programs also offer successful students paid internships and other hands-on work experiences with many

New Hampshire auto dealers during the student's high school, and later Community College, automotive training.

We have spread awareness about our Foundation with other businesses through collaborative community business meetings. Businesses have been very supportive of our annual fundraising golf tournament.

We have developed our website, ThreeRivers-Foundation.com, through which it is possible to make donations using PayPal. You can also find us on Facebook. We are working with businesses and some locally elected representatives to further explore new business models to support technical education of New Hampshire students.

We believe that our community connections will allow us to be financially successful while realizing our goal to support New Hampshire students with scholarships for technical training, and with real connections to New Hampshire businesses aligned with their own unique trades and skill sets.

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Press release

On February 13, The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust accepted full ownership (also known as Fee-Ownership) of the Cassey Brook Preserve on Wilmot Center Road in Wilmot. Of the 152 properties that Ausbon Sargent has assisted in protecting, the Cassey Brook Preserve represents the sixth property that will be owned by the land trust. This means that Ausbon Sargent owns and manages the property. The land trust pays taxes on the land (at Current Use rates) and it is Ausbon Sargent's responsibility to manage the property consistent with its mission.

This 201-acre parcel is the third and largest Ausbon Sargent protected property in Wilmot. It is primarily forested, but also has open areas and wetlands. The Cassey Brook Preserve

was managed for forestry in the past, so the property has woods roads in good condition and large open areas created from past log landings. From the southern end of the property, a pleasant hike from Wilmot Center Road, there are nice views of Mount Kearsarge. Due to the size of the property and its location, it is considered to be a valuable wildlife habitat. Cassey Brook Preserve will remain open for low-impact recreation.

Debbie Stanley, Executive Director of Ausbon Sargent, shares, "The protection of the Cassey Brook Preserve was made possible using funds generously donated by neighbors of this property. We thank the landowner, Dick Chase, who agreed to sell the property for less than the appraised value by discounting the sale price approximately 10 percent in value." The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust now protects 152 properties comprising 12,060 acres of land in the 12 towns it serves, including Andover.

Trails for People and Wildlife Helps Develop Network of Trails

Information on meeting outdoor goals for all

Press release

A program, Trails for People and Wildlife, will be held on Wednesday, March 25, from 6:30 to 8 PM at the Tracy Memorial Library in New London.

New Hampshire Fish and Game Wildlife Ecologist Rachel Stevens will

present helpful information to landowners, conservation groups, and natural resource professionals interested in developing a thoughtfully-located network of well-maintained trails to meet the goals for all.

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OBITUARIES

PATTY SHARRAR, age 86, died on December 22, 2019 at the Wolfboro Bay Center after a period of declining health. She was born in Brattleboro, Vermont on December 31, 1932.

Patty was raised in Andover and graduated from Andover High School. She worked as a typist and in electronics in New Hampshire and California.



Patty's talents were art, piano, and bird watching.

She was predeceased by her husband of 20 years, John Sharrar, and by her parents Blanche and Leo Lacy.

One of ten children, she is survived by three sisters: Sarah Marcoullier, Peg Colburn, and Leona Gillespy; and by one brother, Leo Lacy. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly, and they loved her.

Services were held on January 15 at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. The Cremation Society of New Hampshire assisted with arrangements. To view an online memorial or

leave a message of condolence, please visit CSNH.com.

ETHEL "MONIE" C. (FIELD) LORDEN, 89, went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2020.

She was born in Canaan on April 6, 1930, the oldest child of Raymond and Violet (Neily) Field; fondly referred as "the ring leader."

John and Ethel settled in Boscawen in 1952 and were "snowbirds," wintering in St. Petersburg, Florida in their retirement years. She was the true homemaker, loving her family and her home. She was a great baker and would make custard pies for the Webster church booth for the Hopkinton State Fair every year, where people would line up just to get a slice.

She was down to earth and always welcoming, with coffee and a baked good when you visited her home. She loved dogs and especially the ones they rescued, as well as watching the birds, especially the hummingbirds. Monie used to like to play softball and would spend summers just being by the pool with the family.

She is predeceased by her parents; her husband of 51 years, John E. Lorden, Jr. in 1999; sisters Lorraine Field and Betty Stevens; and a brother, Ray-

mond Field.

She is survived by a daughter, Pamela J. Lorden, and a son and his wife, Mark and Linda Lorden, all of Boscawen; six grandchildren: John and Shelly Genest, Amy and Matthew Nichols, Donald Genest, Joseph Genest and husband, Tony Benson, Samantha and Joseph Poulin, and Katie Rae Davenport; 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great granddaughters; a sister and her husband, Judith and Norman Dubreuil of North Springfield, Vermont; and a brother-in-law, Richard Stevens of Kingston, New Hampshire; a sister-in-law, Jan Field of Florida; and a brother-in-law, James Lorden and wife Germaine of Louisiana; and dear friends and extended family Gerald and Gloria Silver; and Ernest and Lisa Cummings and family.

Funeral home hours were on February 9, with a service following. The Reverend Dr. Allen Koop, pastor of the Wilmot Baptist Church, officiated. Burial will be in Proctor Cemetery, Andover, in the spring.

The family appreciates the fine care and compassion shown to Monie by the staff at Merrimack County Nursing Home, especially 3S, and the Concord VNA.

Memorial contributions may be made to a local rescue/SPCA or Merrimack County Nursing Home Resident Christmas Fund, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen NH 03303.

JOHN MOORE of Arlington, Texas, Betty Manahan's son and brother of Janet Moore and Vicky Mishcon, all of Andover, died on February 4 after a courageous two year battle with brain

cancer, never flagging in his efforts to keep on movin'. Not one to shirk an adventure, John participated in two experimental treatments and kept his sense of humor through some arduous times in the hospital and at many happy family gatherings after the diagnosis. His family remains incredibly grateful to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Baylor, Scott & White Health in Dallas for their dedication not just to John's well-being but to cancer research worldwide.

Johnny, son of John Van Loon Moore and Elizabeth Moore Manahan, was born in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois in 1949, where he was joined by Janet in 1950



and Vicky in 1953. The family settled in State College, Pennsylvania in 1955, where they lived for 11 idyllic years. He spent much of his time outdoors, camping with the Boy Scouts and with his father, and running around the neighborhood, playing baseball and touch football, endless games of badminton and croquet, and exploring the woods and new house construction sites.

He joined the Civil Air Patrol as a teenager, where he participated in crash rescues and learned about engines and flight. He had inherited his mother's "fixit" gene and his father's sense of adventure and progressed from Erector sets to radios and rockets, with occasional mischief thrown in.

In 1966, the family moved to Ger-
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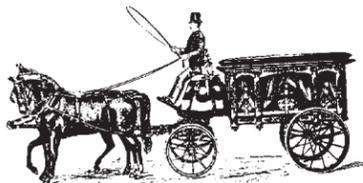
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many for two years. John graduated from General HH Arnold High School in Wiesbaden and then attended the University of Maryland in Munich for a year before transferring to the main campus back in College Park, Maryland. He enjoyed family trips to the Austrian and German Alps, a week traveling around England, followed by a week on a canal boat, where he became the pilot and lock master, and a road trip to Spain with his buddy, Dave.

Back in “the States” he met Texan Barbara Reeves, a German professor at Penn State, and they married in 1971. John graduated from Maryland in 1972 and Sara Elizabeth was born in 1974. He applied his “fixit” skills to their Oak Hall house, but the siren call of Texas was too strong, and they moved to Austin in 1974.

John began his MBA program at the University of Texas, while Barbara worked in state government, and then Douglas John was born. The family was complete with the addition of dogs and cats, a variety of whom passed through the houses, from Austin to Colorado, Massachusetts, and Dallas. Barb finished her PhD, and they published their own computer trade journals, Data Base Publications, for many years. In Austin, they began a very active affiliation with Rotary International and sponsored four students for home stays.

When the kids were grown, John

and Barb took jobs with Abacus in Denver in 2000, and shortly after arriving headed west into the mountains. Their log cabin home, situated in Golden at 9,000 feet in the Front Range, looked out to the Continental Divide. While they ran a direct marketing business, In the Wildlands, John worked on the property, clearing to the perimeter for fire safety and chinking the cabin walls. And he camped and hiked with his friends and relations: “Oh, just another 20 minutes or so...”

Sara had married James, and thus began the succession of rescued Great Danes, a calm breed but altogether too clever for the cabin’s pantry door locks. Doug and Katie married and settled nearby in Loveland. And then a job at *Harvard Business Review* cropped up, and eastward flew Barb and John in 2011.

Although John enjoyed the challenges and perks of working at “*The Review*,” Texas lured them back in 2016 with an executive officer’s job at Comerica Bank in Dallas. It was a homecoming in a way: the weather was familiar, and the kids were much closer, and the house and yard projects had a familiar ring – frogs in the pool, anyone? Six grandchildren lived within driving distance, and when they all visited Grandpa and Baba, the house fairly rocked with exuberance.

But it wasn’t for long enough; in 2017 John was diagnosed with glioblastoma. He should have been a husband, father,

son, brother, uncle, and grandpa for much longer, but he’ll live in our hearts and memories forever. If you want a glimpse into those wonderful memories, just ask Vicky or Janet about the fun-filled week at a dude ranch in Montana or the island adventure in Maine two years ago with the whole family!

RICHARD B. BUDGE, 83, a longtime resident of Andover, died on February 19, 2020 at the Concord Regional VNA Hospice House in Concord after a short illness with his family by his side.

Richard was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on November 28, 1936, the son of the late William Karl and Helen (Baker) Budge. He had been a resident of Andover since 1988, moving there from Colebrook.

Richard began his career as an adjuster for Travelers Insurance Company in Florida, working there from 1961 to 1975. He then decided to change careers and attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, graduating in 1977. Following graduation he moved to New Hampshire to begin working as a chef at the Balsams Grand

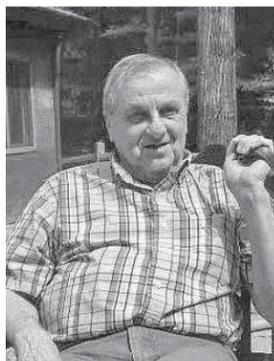
Hotel, where he worked from 1977 to 1988. He then was employed as a chef at the Lake Sunapee Country Club from 1988 to 1999, until finally joining J Jill in Tilton where he did computer work until retiring in 2012.

Richard enjoyed hiking and snowmobiling, and his many mishaps will be something that his family will never forget. He loved his family and his close circle of friends very much and will be dearly missed.

He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Budge of Bradenton, Florida and also by a granddaughter, Carrie Coker of Jefferson, Georgia. His family includes his wife of 42 years, Judy (Hunt) Budge of Andover; his son, William Budge of Cincinnati, Ohio; and his two daughters, Sherri Budge of Jefferson, Georgia, and Vicki Paquin of Gilmanton. He is also survived by his grandson, Nicholas Sanchas and his wife Rachel and their children, Elena and Xavier Sanchas, all of Jefferson, Georgia.

As per Richard’s wishes, there will be no services held. Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations in memory of Richard may be offered to the Concord Regional VNA, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord NH 03301.



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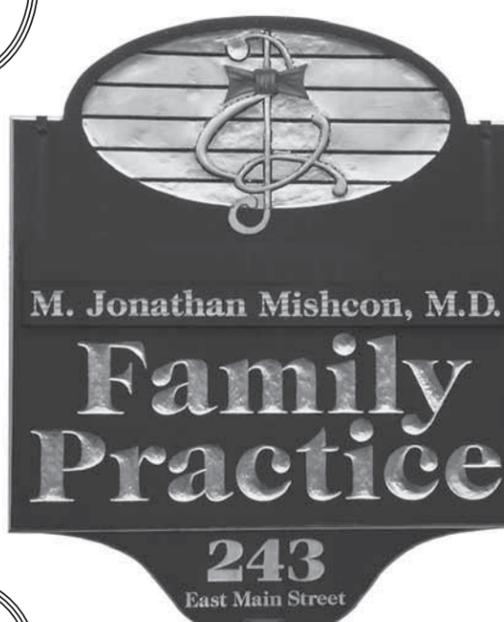
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Artist Representing Proctor:
Ngan Nguyen, Digital Photography
Ben Daniels, Stoneware
Aubrey Ashby, Acrylic Painting
Lilly Vezina, Charcoal Drawing
Levi Mutschler, Steel Sculpture
Nikki Filias, Oil Painting
Beth Deslauriers, Oil Painting
Paige Benson, Charcoal Drawing
William Ragni, Acrylic Painting
Camille Siler, Pastel Drawing

Artworks left to right: Daniels, Mutschler, Ashby

The program for Proctor's art students selected as part of the annual Best of the Upper Valley High School Exhibition at the AVA Art Gallery and Art Center in Lebanon.

Proctor Students' Artwork Exhibited at Area Galleries

On campus, in New London, and in Lebanon

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's student artwork was featured during the Winter Term Art Show on February 28, and can be seen in local galleries as well.

An exhibit of student work is at the Whipple Hall Gallery in New London until May, while 10 students had their artwork selected to be shown in the AVA Gallery and Art Center of Lebanon as part of its Annual Best of the Upper Valley High School Exhibition as well.

To learn more about the exhibit, visit AVAGallery.org.

Congratulations to the following students for producing such remarkable work, and to Proctor's dynamic Arts Department faculty for fostering the type of learning environment that encourages students to take risks and explore their creative side.

Ngan Nguyen (Digital Photography)
Ben Daniels '20 (Stoneware)
Aubrey Ashby '21 (Acrylic Painting)
Lilly Vezina '20
Levi Mutschler '20
Nikki Filias '20
Beth Deslauriers '21
Paige Benson '21
William Ragni '22
Camille Siler '21



The newly-opened Proctor Outdoor Center is a three-season, one-of-a-kind building, made possible by an anonymous donation.

Proctor Outdoor Center Celebrates Official Opening

A home to all of Proctor's outdoor sports

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

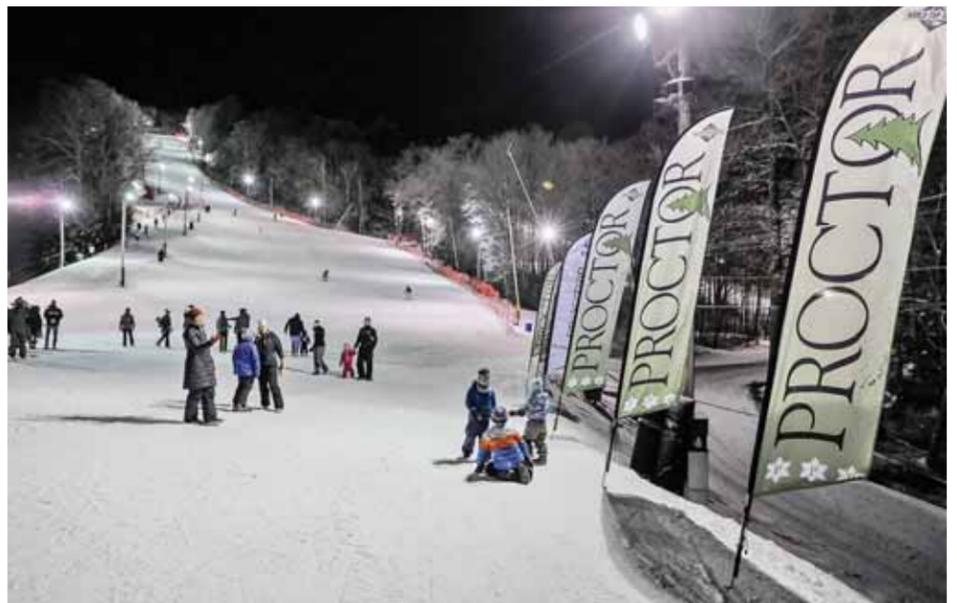
On February 8, Proctor celebrated the official opening of the Proctor Outdoor Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

This new facility, located adjacent to the Teddy Maloney '88 Rink, serves as a home to all of Proctor's outdoor sports, including mountain biking, kayaking, rock climbing, skiing, and cycling, while also providing a home

for Proctor's Mountain Classroom and Wilderness Orientation programs.

The building provides workshop space, state-of-the-art tuning and waxing rooms for skiing, an indoor rock wall and ninja training area, as well as ample storage for outdoor gear.

Proctor thanks all who helped this project become a reality for all of our outdoor enthusiasts in the community. Read more about the facility at blogs.proctoracademy.org/stewarding-proctor-in-our-own-ways.



Hundreds Turn Out for 13th Proctor Ski Area Celebration

Proctor welcomes greater Andover community

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Thank you to all the members of the Andover community for helping celebrate the Proctor Ski Area at Proctor's 13th Annual Proctor Ski Area Event on February 8.

Despite frigid temperatures, the event

saw hundreds of community members, Proctor students and faculty/staff, and other guests join together to enjoy Proctor's Nordic and alpine facility.

The evening was capped off by the annual torchlight parade involving over 50 skiers of all ages. For more photos of the event, visit Proctor's Flickr album online at flickr.com/proctoracademy.



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(Brice Bendixsen), Scarecrow (Oliver Andrews) Tin Man (Arie Perry), and the Wicked Witch of the West (Paige Makechnie), along with the rest of an incredible cast. Katie Dow, Andover's own incredible director, claims "The thing that really compelled me to choose the play *The Wizard of Oz* was because it is the 80th anniversary of the original movie..."

Music director, Alex Ager, choreographer, Haylea Capone, costume designer, Norah Carleson, student stage manager, and Amanda Lauster, along with the director and other helpers make this a spectacular experience. Students in grades fifth through eighth are very excited to present this musical.

Dorothy, a girl living in Kansas in 1939, wants nothing more than to find a place, "over the rainbow." But when a huge cyclone strikes her home, where she lives with her aunt and uncle, she is

"magically" transported to the wonderful land of Oz. In Oz, she tries desperately to get back to her small town home. The good witch of the north, Glinda, helps her on the way to the Wizard of Oz.

On the way, Dorothy meets three friends who could also benefit from a visit to the Wizard. The Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Lion are all looking for a missing part of themselves, but care most about getting Dorothy and her dog, Toto, back to Kansas. Dorothy is continuously followed by the Wicked Witch of the West because she needs the ruby slippers that Dorothy inherited from the Wicked Witch of the East that she killed by dropping a house on her. They make it to the Wizard with lots of obstacles along the way, but the big question is, will the Wizard listen and will she get back home? You'll have to follow the yellow brick road to the Andover Elementary/Middle School's presentation of *The Wizard of Oz* on March 26 and 27 to find out.

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or concerned community member.

Traditionally, during the intake process, students are screened for risk and protective factors and, if appropriate, are offered ongoing individual and/or group services. Students might also be linked with in-school programs and services as well as resources within the greater community.

Consultations with parents take place in response to an SAP referral, student distress, behavioral problems, parenting issues, and referrals to community resources to support students and their families.

AE/MS is particularly fortunate to have Kimberly Haley as the onsite SAP Coordinator. Kim has a history at AE/MS and has built positive relationships with families throughout the years. Kim has been an excellent resource for students, staff members, and parents.

The success of a Student Assistance Program depends highly on the foundation on which it is built. Staff members at AE/MS have been supportive of SAP

as demonstrated by their willingness to consult and collaborate. The open environment created by AE/MS places importance on the program for students and normalizes the idea that we all struggle and it is okay to talk about our feelings.

In addition to the SAP, AE/MS has been able to offer professional development trainings to its staff. Just recently, Cassie Yackley, Psy.D., conducted a training for teachers. Cassie has spent more than 25 years committed to understanding and effectively addressing the impact of traumatic/adverse experiences on children, caregivers/families, and systems. Cassie helped staff members understand the impact of trauma on their students. Training started with understanding the neurobiology, and this will be expanded through upcoming training sessions.

We are grateful to have the resources to address the social and emotional issues that can prevent a child from learning. AE/MS is fortunate to have such a good and generous neighbor. Thank you, Proctor Academy!

Presentation Encourages Parents to Plan Early for College

College planning can start in middle school

Glynis Hart, Wilmot Library Director

Is your child going to college? It's not too early to plan ahead.

On Thursday, March 26 at 7 PM, Moira Valenti of the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) will discuss early planning for college, including what students can do to prepare in middle school and the first years of high school. The presentation will be held at the Wilmot Public Library at 11 North

Wilmot Road in Wilmot.

NHHEAF promotes access to secondary education for all residents of the state, and its networking organization has over 50 years of experience in helping families plan and pay for higher education. For more information, visit NHHEAF.org.



Moira Valenti

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Proctor students helped out with play practice at AE/MS. Standing: William Feist, James Tepper, Casten Crosby, Nate Hallenbeck. Sitting/kneeling: Nadia Nevells, Bella Forrest, Lily Menard, Ezra Taylor, Ada Gardner, Ashley Fletcher, Lauren Anzalone

Proctor Students Help with AE/MS Play Practice

Students produce *The Wizard of Oz* for spring

Violet Kraft-Lund Marley
AE/MS student

“There is no place like home,” and there is nothing like the tradition of going to see the annual musical production at Andover Elementary/Middle School.

This year everyone has the pleasure of watching *The Wizard of Oz*.

Adapted from the beloved classic 1939 musical, this presentation of *The Wizard of Oz* is specifically designed for performance by middle and elementary school students. Dorothy Gale, (played by Violet Kraft-Lund Marley), The Cowardly Lion

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Proctor Gift to AE/MS for Drug Prevention and Mental Health

\$15,000 funds counseling and other initiatives

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

Andover Elementary/Middle School recently received a generous gift from Proctor Academy. The \$15,000 gift is earmarked for drug prevention programming and mental health counseling and initiatives. AE/MS has received this financial support on a regular basis over the years and is very appreciative. The money has been well spent at AE/MS and students have benefited greatly.

This funding has made it possible for the school to maintain an annual contract for services through Second Start’s

Student Assistance Program (SAP). This offers school-based alcohol and other drug prevention programming to all of our middle school students. Services rendered by Second Start have followed recommendations set by Project SUCCESS. Its evidentiary strength has been established, and it has been approved as a model program by the SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices.

The majority of the program focus is based on classroom-based prevention education. However, students may refer themselves to SAP, or they can be referred by a peer, staff member, parent,

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SHARE Day Returns to AE/MS for 31st Year

Volunteers needed for workshops, other roles

Gisela Darling
AE/MS SHARE Day Coordinator

This year’s See How the Arts Reaches Everyone (SHARE) Day will take place on Friday, May 8.

This special day, which has been celebrated at the Andover Elementary/Middle School since 1989, brings artists, craftspeople, and musicians from Andover and surrounding communities into the classrooms to offer workshops to the students at the school.

The school would like to invite community members to share their talents by offering a workshop in a craft or arts-related hobby. Workshops in the

past have ranged from basketmaking to weaving. Different sports workshops also have been offered to the students

Volunteers are needed to assist the workshop leaders or to help the lower grades with their activities.

Sign-up forms will be available at School District Meeting on Monday, March 2, and at Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, or at the school anytime.

Please contact Gisela Darling, workshop coordinator, at 735-5681 or Darling-Gitds.net or Jane Slayton, principal, at 735-5494 if you need more information or would like to help. All workshops need to be in place at the beginning of April to allow time for the information to be sent home and students to make their choices before April vacation. 



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Billy Caron, Ella LaBrie, Adalyn Boucher, and Aysiah French of the “Andover Barn Events Venue” team play tough defense during a game against the “Granite State Glass” Team. The Andover team went on to win the game. Photo: Brendaen Makechnie

EAVP Registration is Under Way; Open House on March 7

Cash calendar instead of spaghetti dinner

Amy Jenkins, EAVP

Just when it seemed we were getting an early spring, winter returned, and we couldn’t be happier! We spend a big chunk of our day outside, and the snow makes it much more fun. We celebrated winter with a preschool family skating party at Proctor Academy... some of our alumni even attended! It’s always fun to see our past students!

Our small, nonprofit preschool relies on fundraising to meet our operating budget. This year instead of our annual spaghetti dinner, we decided to change it up and have a cash calendar fundraiser instead. All preschool families will be selling calendars throughout the month of March. They are \$10 each and a prize, such as gift cards, tickets, gift baskets, etc. will be raffled each day for the entire month of April.

If you are interested in supporting our little school by purchasing a prize calendar, contact a preschool family or email

us at EAVPtds.net.

Registration for the 2020-21 school year is underway! We will be holding an open house for prospective families on Saturday morning, March 7 from 9 to 11 AM. Come by and see our school!

We are busily preparing for our upcoming art show. The public is invited to view our work at the Bachelder Library in East Andover throughout the month of May. We hope you enjoy it!



Charlotte Sanborn and Keagan Wheeler paint the snow. Photo: Elise Goodearl

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