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An unidentified customer of Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream Bar in Andover stands outside enjoying her ice cream purchase, while the owner, Julia Rector, can be seen in the take-out window. The ice cream stand remains open during the COVID-19 shutdowns.

Photo: Jeffrey Dickinson

Local Businesses Take Steps to Operate Safely and Stay Open

Trouble getting cleaning supplies is common

Jeffrey Dickinson
Beacon volunteer

To understand the local impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting suspension of most public gatherings and many commercial establishments, a sample of the businesses still operating were interviewed. The owners and

management reflected on the current business and social environment while providing a glimpse into their operations.

All the businesses have taken steps to minimize contact between customers and staff. Additional efforts are being made to keep the products and premises clean, while trying to innovate new ways to maintain safety and customer

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Town Office Using Other Means to Keep Town Functions Operating

Limit your exposure to Town employees

Marjorie Roy
Andover Town Administrator

As you know, with the President's declaration of a National Emergency and the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic on Friday, March 13, the Town Office has

been closed to the public.

This world health crisis has activated Andover's emergency management planning for the protection and wellness of our residents and of Town employees. The emergency management team has been meeting, and we continue to monitor national and state emergency management communications. Our first responders have instituted policies

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Our Community Says "Thank You!"

It is presumptuous of the *Beacon* to speak for the people of Andover, which is why we never do. But in this extraordinary time, we're making an exception.

On behalf of the community of Andover, the entire *Beacon* team says "Thank you!"

... to everyone on the front lines keeping us all safe and well

... to our schools, who are reinventing education on the fly in order to keep our children moving forward

... to government workers at all levels who are finding ways to keep essential functions up and running

... to every businessperson and employee who has embraced sudden and wrenching changes in order to provide us the goods and services we rely on

... to all our committees and clubs and organizations who have jumped in to fill every gap, while re-imagining what "community" means in a time of pandemic

... and certainly not least, to all our friends and neighbors who have done the difficult but responsible thing by radically changing their normal routines, without ever giving up their Faith in our community's ability to come through this together; their Hope that the *real* "new normal," when it arrives, will be a good one; and their Charity toward everyone around them.

Thank you all.



Kearsarge Magazine used this photo of the Tiger Mountain Shotokan karate class for kids, held at the Hub, in its coverage of Andover in its Spring issue.

Photo: Larry Chase

Andover Featured Prominently in Spring Kearsarge Magazine

Solar, the Hub, and history highlighted

Charlie Darling
Beacon volunteer

Thanks very much, *Kearsarge Magazine*, for the focus on Andover in your Spring 2020 issue!

For our readers who haven't seen a copy, it contains:

Here Comes the Sun, a five-page article explaining the benefits of renewable solar energy and featuring six color

photographs of solar installations, five of them taken in Andover.

More than a Building, about the Andover Community Hub, which "will provide meeting and program space for people of all ages to gather for generations." The article is accompanied by five color photographs of the building's exterior, interior, and activities.

Meet Your Local Historical Society, a seven-page article containing brief descriptions of the eight history-oriented

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for the response to emergencies and non-emergency calls for service.

These front-line responders must take extra precautions to limit their exposure, and we would like to ask our residents to assist us in helping to limit risk-exposure to our Town employees. We would ask residents to limit their personal contact with all Town employees in all departments.

Residents are encouraged to utilize electronic, telephone, or written communications. These methods can be used for renewals of Motor Vehicle Registrations,

Dog License, Vital Records, and tax payments and can be made via Andover-NH.gov, or the Town Hall drop box (the Andover Library book return) which is checked daily, Monday through Friday, or by the US mail.

Building permits can also be obtained via electronic submission to PMoyer@Andover-NH.gov, and payments can be received via the drop box or US mail.

With your help we can keep this virus under control and our employees well and ready to serve you. If you have any questions or need assistance in navigating these new communication methods, please contact us at 735-5332.

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ented organizations in the magazine's coverage area. The page describing the Andover Historical Society contains observations by curator Luan Clark and president Gail Richards, along with color photos of the Potter Place railroad station and the post office in the Emons Store.

Kearsarge Magazine editor Laura

Jean Whitcomb kindly provided several copies of the issue to be made available for viewing in Andover's libraries, schools, and other facilities. But with those facilities now closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, you can wait until they re-open, or you can purchase a copy in New London at Colonial Pharmacy, Hannaford, Jake's Market and Deli, or Roberts Scarlett Pharmacy, while supplies last.



The Andover Gift & Thrift Shop will remain closed for the month of May

When the shop reopens, the hours will be

Hours will be Tues. Wed. Thurs. 10-4 PM, Sat. 10-2 PM

Located beside the Andover Elementary/Middle School 735-5269

We Hope You're All Well and Safe at Home

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As announced, The Andover Community Hub is temporarily closed, and activities are suspended until further notice.

In the meantime, please get in touch if you've got resources to share or ideas for ways The Hub might be helpful to the community.

Contact us at:

TheAndoverHub@gmail.com

or at 735-5509

Andover Residents Reflect on Life during COVID Crisis

Positive and insightful thoughts balance reality

**Shelley Geoghegan
Publisher, *The Andover Beacon***

Working from home while trying to keep tabs on Andover life during the pandemic shutdown is quite a challenge. While e-mail and telephone communications have always been standard operating procedure for the newspaper, now they have to stand in for in-person contacts as well. Personally, I miss seeing people and visiting businesses, but I am grateful that the nature of this job allows me to work remotely.

Many people have commented on their new way of life, and how they are coping with work, studies, being cooped up, and how they are finding creative ways to keep busy. I thought our readers would be interested in knowing how their neighbors are faring. The takeaway, as I see it, is that New Englanders are very self-sufficient and creative. Here are their quotes:

Elizabeth Frost, Beacon volunteer

During this coronavirus quarantine, I have managed to keep busy. My first project was to go through my buckets of old photos and organize them. That took me a week! Since then I have been doing some sewing (made some cloth face masks for the family), some knitting (finished a scarf that I had started over two years ago), reading, crossword puzzles, and lots of walking. I feel very fortunate and thankful to live here where we can get outside in the yard to rake or just go for a walk.

Jan Brennan, Beacon volunteer

We are still down in Florida and, due to this pandemic are anxiously awaiting the time when we feel safe to take the car trip back up the east coast to New Hampshire. I feel out of touch with close family and friends, and miss spending time with my grandsons.

We are lucky to be hunkered down in our home and are safe. Thank goodness that I have the internet and can search for new recipes, and love to try different dishes; some great and others not so good! Early morning solitary walks are good for the body and soul, which improves my state of mind. I find that many of my neighbors are also walking, keeping at least a 10-foot distance while greeting everyone with smiles.

Like everyone else I am anxious to return to normal activities and to see friends. I keep reminding myself that time will come.

Larry Chase, Andover resident

How am I doing in the midst of this crisis? I'm doing pretty much the same things I was doing before: sitting at the computer working on writing projects for the Andover Community Hub, the Andover Energy Group, the Andover Historical Society, *The Andover Beacon*, etc.; taking and editing photographs for the same projects; setting

aside an hour or so for some sort of regular exercise; maintaining some sort of social contact with friends via email; doing the crossword puzzles in the daily and Sunday online New York Times; and running errands in Franklin, New London, and – occasionally – Concord.

The only changes are 1) the errand-running has been cut way back; 2) the exercises now tend to be in-house rather than outside or at the Proctor gym; 3) the viewing of TV news has increased; and 4) my concern for the future of our country and our planet, already high before the pandemic, has increased dramatically. So far, at least, the increase in alcohol consumption has been less so.

Andover Service Club

Members of the Andover Service Club have been sewing face masks for use during the next weeks and, perhaps, months. Large and medium masks are available at JJ's Market and Deli on Main Street in Andover. A donation to the Andover Service Club will be gladly accepted at the store.

Volunteers at the Andover Service Club Thrift and Gift Shop gathered all of the 'scrubs' (nursing attire) at the shop, washed and folded them, and delivered them to area hospitals.

Andover Fish and Game Club

We are cancelling our kids' spring fishing derby in May and are hoping we can still do our beef barbecue and Chinese Auction in August.

We recommend that everyone take hikes and explore places in the woods that they never took time to check out before. You might even see some wildlife you have never seen before.

Douglas Phelps, Beacon Board of Directors

Although I've lost an important part of my routine, playing music at venues on the weekends, I've gained time to take care of projects around the house that I never had time to get to. I've also been able to read more and learn to use my Pro Tools recording application more fully. I've been able to ride my bike much more than I have in years. I was eating out at restaurants often before, and now am cooking at home. I've also learned to take the time to appreciate how lucky I am to be working where I work and living where I live.

Margo Coolidge, Beacon volunteer

Being stuck at home isn't so bad, realizing that we are safer here than in public right now. We are both grateful to be sheltering here with each other, the best of friends.

As elders, my husband and I are so grateful for the sacrifices of our community and our family as they help those more vulnerable. We realize that they have had a much, much harder time than we.

Although we have missed getting together with others very much, we are communicating by phone, FaceTime, See Reflect on page 4

Highland Lake Inn, Andover Barn Heavily Impacted by COVID Crisis

Haven't had a guest since March 13

Pecco Beaufays
Highland Lake Inn and Andover Barn

It was the beginning of March 2020, and our world was about to change. Remember, we didn't expect anything to happen to us.

On March 6, our State Representatives Ken Wells (D) and JC Allard (R), together with Andover resident Dr. Sooze Hodgson and myself, organized the first "Andover Dialogue," a formal get-together of stakeholders for the development of a German-style, employer-financed Vocational School and Apprenticeship concept for New Hampshire.

Over 30 guests representing the New Hampshire State House and Senate, New Hampshire Education Department, United States Labor Department, the Community College System of New Hampshire, small and mid-size business owners, the City of Franklin, and others came to listen to a presentation by the Consul General of Germany

and the German American Chamber of Commerce in New York City at the Highland Lake Inn.

There were no worries about COVID-19 at this time.

By March 10, I was feeling somewhat uncomfortable about attending our Town Meeting due to increasing



Pecco and Gail Beaufays own the Highland Lake Inn and the Andover Barn in East Andover.

signs of COVID-19 in the media. We also had received the first cancellation from Proctor parents for reservations made for the beginning of April.

By March 11, all future reservations

through May were cancelled. One professional snowboarder from Colorado, who had stayed with us a couple of times before, stayed with us on March 13. That was the last guest we have seen.

Looking into the future, depending on our guests' wishes, we are ready to reschedule reserved wedding events to a later date this year or to 2021. We have lost all spring business, especially due to the closure of Proctor Academy, which represents 90% of our business in the spring.

As far as the summer of 2020 is concerned, we usually host many scientist attendees of the Gordon Research Conferences at Proctor Academy, and most have been cancelled. We have not yet been notified if Camp Kenwood-Evergreen will be in session this year for us to host visiting parents. Hosting Proctor parents, Gordon Researchers, and Kenwood-Evergreen parents makes our business a lot of fun.

At the moment, we do not see the end of the tunnel.

However, thanks to the great support of our bank, Bank of New Hampshire, we were able to defer all mortgage payments till October 31. Certain support

designed to help small businesses from the government has not yet and might never reach us, since small business is defined by the government as companies with up to 500 employees. We shall see.

Our United States House Representative, Annie Kuster (D), has been trying to help as best as she can. Representative Kuster calls small business owners in her district personally and listens to our problems. She keeps us updated with the progress they are making in Washington DC, but how much help can one expect? It is tough.

Now we are using our time to work on different programs we are involved with. As a result of our March 6 Andover Dialogue, the City of Franklin is planning to go ahead with the development of the employer-financed Vocational School/Apprenticeship program. Also, we are involved in a foundation, Granite Foundation, to raise money in support of students of the New Hampshire Community College System, and this needs more attention for alternative means to raise funds since all fund-raising events for the summer have been cancelled.

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WE'RE WILD ABOUT THE 4TH OF JULY!

The Andover Fourth of July Committee has been tirelessly working on preparations for the upcoming celebration. The students at Andover Elementary Middle School have voted on the theme "We're Wild About the Fourth of July." We have bands and floats booked for the parade, raffle prizes are ready and the fireworks are secured. In addition, the committee has added a few new touches to this iconic day. With the recent concerns of Covid-19, we are making preparations for the possibility of Andover's first ever virtual celebration while remaining hopeful that the Green will be bustling on the first Saturday of July.

**STAY TUNED AS THE DATE GETS CLOSER FOR MORE DETAILS.
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and Zoom (brand new to us). We watch church services by YouTube. We share cooked and baked goods with family and friends. This unplanned-for time has given us the chance to develop new hobbies and rekindle old enthusiasms, like music and books. My sewing machine has been getting a real workout as I make masks for ourselves and others. My husband has his weekly committee meetings by Zoom. He is taking a course in quantum mechanics online. And with the weather warming up, we are getting a lot more exercise outside! For all our sakes, we hope that things return to normal soon!

**Alex Estin, Bookstore Manager,
Proctor Academy**

I never thought we would see anything like this in my lifetime. I feel so lucky to be here in rural New Hampshire! I have such empathy for those in the cities and those on the front lines. I work at Proctor and when we knew the students weren't coming back for the Spring term, I became extremely busy. I was sending medications home to families.

It also meant that the Spring term books needed to be sent out to all our students. With the off-campus programs not happening, it meant sending class books to about 370 kids. The hard-

est part was trying to find out where everyone was, as many families hunkered down in some different spots. It was a very busy three weeks trying to get everything out. Things have settled down, at least until we start sending things home to kids. I know that I can't complain though, as there are so many who have lost their jobs and livelihoods or have been infected with the virus.

I just want to thank all of those people who are on the front lines, such as doctors, nurses, all healthcare workers, grocery store employees, and all others that are there for the rest of us. It is so nice to see how our little town of Andover has come together to help each other. I know many others that offer to get groceries for their neighbors. How great of The Refinery, The Kitchen, and JJ's Market and Deli to offer many of the necessities so that people can just go short distances and stay in safer environments right now. We have such a caring community and I can't imagine being anywhere else in these very hard times.

I am looking forward to having some down time but worry that I won't know what to do with myself. I do know I have many home projects to be working on though, which will keep me busy.

**Scott Allenby, Beacon Board of
Directors and Director of Communications, Proctor Academy**

We each know the value of slow. We vividly recall the experience of a rainy summer day as a ten-year old with nothing to do, waiting at the window for the mailman to arrive in hopes of interrupting the endless boredom. And yet, for most of us, the notion of slowness in our adult life has always felt more like an ideal than a reality as we scramble through our to-do lists and rush from one activity to the next, clinging to the hope of a half hour of Netflix before bed as our version of unwinding.

Working at Proctor Academy, our family thrives on student energy. Games, classes, assemblies, shared meals – it is the pace of life that sustains us. While we appreciate the intermittent breaks in the academic schedule to catch our breath, this spring is a painful reminder that life on campus just isn't the same without our students.

Too often we slow down only when the brakes are applied to our life through tragedy or illness; I guess we can add pandemics to that list as well. Only in these moments do we pause to reevaluate the priorities that have crept into our lives, priorities that may or may not reflect who we want to be. These priorities are evident in how we allocate our time and resources. There is no avoiding this.

Inventory your last "normal" week pre-quarantine. Where did you spend

money? Time? Who were you investing in? Who were you not? And, importantly, how has that shifted over the past six weeks? Personally, this period of slowness has been a powerful reminder of what matters – who matters – and maybe, just maybe, we will each emerge from the social distance we have kept having moved just a bit closer to our center, not further away from it.

**Ms. Hilde (Gretchen Hildebrand,
AE/MS Grade 2 teacher) and
Mr. Bubbles (Grade 2 mascot)**

As my students, my family, and my neighbors are well aware, remote learning is *not* my first choice! Like most teachers I know, I gain energy and great happiness from the "Aha!" of new learning as it is taking place as well as literally being with the children on a daily basis. In school, we are a family – my second graders and I – so this really feels like "relative" isolation to me. I will be thrilled to be back in the "ole knowledge box" again. The only things keeping me going at times are seeing the kids' faces on Google and playing catch with my dog, Jack.

As for Mr. Bubbles (our class hedgehog), it has been difficult to get much of a verbal opinion, so I have resorted to observing. When I wake him during the day, his little nose doesn't wiggle as curiously as it does when he is awake.

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LOCAL BEACON SUPPORTERS WIN!

Each month the Beacon holds a random drawing for Andover residents who have donated to the Beacon in the past calendar year. This month's winners are:

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JJ's Market & Deli	Gift Certificate	Donna & David Blinn
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Mary Kay - Laura Condon	Gift Certificate	Donna Duclos
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The Refinery Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Kent & Kait Armstrong
The Kitchen at Andover	Gift Certificate	Betty Henderson

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My wife Gail, as a French teacher at Mascoma High School in Canaan, is becoming a specialist in online teaching, and I have to say that all teachers rightfully deserve a huge bump in salary after seeing what goes on at home from 8 AM to midnight most days.

We are lucky to live in a wonderful neighborhood here in East Andover,

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convenience. The businesses all report that the majority of their customers are taking appropriate health safety measures and are engaged and supportive of the changes the business had to make to move through the pandemic.

Commercial establishments contacted:

Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream Bar:

While business is down 10 to 20 %, the shop is appreciative of the effort their regular clients are making to come by and continue to enjoy having a local ice cream shop. Special efforts are being made to be sure the purchase process for each customer is as safe as possible, to the extent that all money changing hands and pens used to sign credit card slips are being disinfected between uses. Julia Rector, the owner, is the only staff on site for the time being.

Their normal channels for purchasing cleaning supplies have failed temporarily, and they are relying on the big-box stores for finding these supplies. This has increased the time and expenses required for what was once a simple chore often not given much thought.

Bear Hollow Trading Post:

The boot store is closed to the general public right now but can be opened by appointment. A recently launched web presence is available but has yet to become a well-established sales outlet.

Beyond the shop closure, the most significant impact has hit their line of business that relies on motorcycle weekend events and the traditional summer fairs to sell specialty merchandise on-site at the different events.

The Kitchen:

The restaurant has changed to providing take away only and features what has to be Andover's only actual drive-up window for food services. Michael Prete, the owner, notes that the staff remain strongly committed to supporting the business and the continued provision of food to the local community. Their supply chain has remained intact for the most part, although cleaning products remain nearly impossible to find. As a service to the local community that is dealing with empty shelves and scarce products at the region's supermarkets, The Kitchen has been making some of the basic food products they buy in bulk available for sale to people in town.

The Kitchen's related business line is a catering venture which is taking a significant impact as events are being cancelled or indefinitely postponed, resulting in loss of future sales.

Pizza Chef: Currently business is down by around 10 to 20% over pre-pandemic times. They are providing take out and curbside pickup to their customers and are diligent in maintaining hygiene and customer and staff health and safety. Supply chains are still functioning, albeit with the now-normal difficulties acquiring cleaning supplies. The owner and staff are making the

extra effort to maintain a high level of customer service in spite of the public health conditions unfolding.

JJ's Market and Deli: The store continues to operate as normally as possible while maintaining proper health conditions. Business is down a bit, and some parts of their supply chain are experiencing COVID-19-induced problems. The store actively reviews the mix of products they provide and are responding to the new needs people in town have for the grocery products typically purchased from supermarkets outside town. The owner, Jen Braley, stressed the need to evaluate and adjust as the public health situation evolves.

Ragged View Farm: A small commercial farm producing pork, beef, and maple syrup products for sale at the farm gate, said the feeds and materials they must purchase for use during the course of the year remain mostly available. A few crucial inputs, particularly one that comes from Brazil, were recently purchased in bulk to maintain adequate supplies for the foreseeable future.

The current pandemic has pushed consumers to look at, and begin to understand, how far-flung and exposed the interruptions are to most supply chains these days. Local farms and forest-based businesses are a bulwark against food scarcities created by trade and travel restrictions such as we are all facing now and can provide crucial food products to local populations.

The type and scale of this farm business is well positioned to weather the current disruptions. Ragged View Farm provides a small roster of agricultural products and has developed a stable consumer base while maintaining some additional capacity to meet up-ticks in demand like they are seeing now.

An additional business line is providing sleigh rides, using their work horses during the winter months. While this service is dependent on good weather, meaning lots of snow in the winter, it could also be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic should the negative public health situation continue into the winter.

Belleteres: They are seeing an increase in sales over the past two months that they attribute to individuals and businesses trying to stay ahead of pending business closures and other interruptions. Their supply chain was caught off guard in regard to cleaning and paper products, although this seems to be stabilizing.

There hasn't been much impact to overall operations beyond the cleaning and paper products. Some older employees opted to take temporary leave. The store is asking employees to stay home if they feel ill and are subsequently checking in with them before they return to work. Generally, their customers are taking appropriate precautions when in the store and typically come for specific items without lingering too long.

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We Have Many Local Food Options During COVID Crisis

Local sources of masks and other help as well

Press release
Andover Community Hub

Hope you're all doing well and have settled into this new and somewhat strange lifestyle we all find ourselves in!

We're glad to pass along information as we learn it. And please let us know if you've learned of helpful community resources you'd like to share with others to help us all get through this time. The Andover Community Hub can be reached at TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or at 735-5509.

Local Food Resources

As we all think more about where our food comes from and whether we'll be able to get what we need, it's good to know about local resources. Following are a few; let us know of others you'd like to share.

Windswept Farm, Flaghole Road in Andover, offers organically-grown vegetables in season, either for sale at the farm or by joining a 20-week Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program – \$400 for a late-June into October share. For more information, contact Tim Gallagher at 454-8926 or TJGallagher13@yahoo.com.

Ragged View Farm (Mark Cowdry, 724-7511), **Trail Side Sugar House** (Zach Barton, 748-1307) and **Winter Hill Maple** (Greg Stetson, 455-4980) all have maple syrup to sell in Andover. Great in coffee, on pancakes, and in baking!

Cedartree Farm, in Salisbury, has fresh eggs, \$3 per dozen, and is willing to deliver locally. Contact Amy Fecteau at 648-2571 or CedarTree1521@gmail.com.

The Huntoon Farm, in Danbury, has beef and pork, eggs, and baked goods available now as well as chicken and turkey later. Call Phil and Donna Sprague at 768-5579 or visit HuntoonFarm.com.

Good Enough Farm, in Danbury, raises organic, GMO-free vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers for sale in season at the farm or by joining a 20-week CSA, \$550, mid-June to late October. Contact Sean at 748-8744 or Sean@GoodEnoughFarmNH.com.

Sweet Beet Market, 11 West Main Street in Bradford, is taking orders online for locally produced meats, dairy, vegetables, and baked goods. Orders can be placed from Tuesday at 6 PM until Saturday at noon. Visit KearsargeFoodHub.org or call 938-5323 to order and arrange pick-up.

Spring Ledge Farm in New London is making vegetable seedling “gardens” available to essential medical workers and to families experiencing food insecurity. For a donation of \$15, matched by Spring Ledge, residents can provide a “garden” of 42 edible plants to

each of two identified families, in partnership with Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners and Kearsarge Food Hub. Spring Ledge also has an online store open for ordering and curbside pick-up of locally-produced foods, vegetables, and plants during this crisis. Visit SpringLedgeFarm.com or call 526-6253.

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Food Pantry in New London is open to Andover residents and offers a variety of food, including meat and milk. Hours are Wednesday, 5:30 to 7 PM, and Saturday, 10 to 11:30 AM. Distribution takes place behind First Baptist Church; volunteers come out to cars. No appointment necessary. For more information, call 526-6511.

Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry in Franklin is open to Andover residents Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 AM, and Wednesdays, 5 to 7 PM. The Pantry is located at 2 Central Street. Call 934-2662.

Danbury Food Pantry is also open to Andover residents. Call 768-3424 to check on current hours. The Pantry is located in the Danbury Community Center at 15 High Street.

Need Masks? Making Masks?

Let us know. We've heard from folks who could use a few and from those who are making them, to sell or give away. A few sources so far:

The Andover Service Club has a number of volunteers making masks – both for other members who can't make their own, as well as for those in the community who need them. If you need a couple, check out the supply at JJ's Market and Deli – free or for a small donation to the Service Club.

Brenda Fox, at breefox@hotmail.com, 20 Old College Road. “I have been making and selling fabric masks. I have them out front, so no contact. I have everything from camo to Red Sox and everything in-between. So if you know anyone interested, send them over to my house. \$3 each.”

Joanne Young is selling masks. She can be reached at joannevanyoung1@gmail.com.

Suzanne Mock is selling masks at \$5 per mask. Anyone interested can call or text her at 748-4172. They also come with the six-inch band for the back of your head to take pressure off the ears.

Additional Local Help

If you're in need of help with picking up groceries, running errands, etc., the following are glad to help.

Andover Service Club members are glad to run errands or do shopping for those who must remain at home. For help of any kind, contact Sandra Graves at 735-5511 or JGraves@tds.net.

Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP) offers a variety of ways to help, including how self-employed individuals can apply for COVID-19 financial help through the federal Pay-See Food on page 7

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A surprise for them is a spike in paint sales. Belletes Vice President, Mr. David Bellete, speculated the state's "Stay at Home" order has prompted some of the newly cooped-up people to do a little home improvement and make use of the time.

Summary

These businesses in town that have been allowed to remain open, are persevering, innovating, and expressing genuine concern for the safety of their customers. They understand the lo-

cal positive impact their business can have, and acknowledge the need to be engaged with the community on a continuing basis. In the near term they will continue to rely mostly on the people in Andover for their commercial survival and are making changes to remain relevant and accessible.

The long-term perspective is not clear for anyone at this point; however, these businesses are paying attention and should be more prepared for the next health and economic difficulty we all know will come at some point in the future.



because she cannot explore with the kids and because of the loss of daily in-person strength and support she gleans from her colleagues.

This virus has broken our world – literally – in two. There are those in our country who have done too little, too late and our people are paying a tragic price.

I am enraged for weddings and graduations that won't happen; for families who are mourning those lost but are unable to properly bury them; for those people with preexisting conditions who live in fear hour by hour; for the millions and millions who no longer can put food on the table because both adults have lost their jobs.

The list goes on and on. And yet for me, I try to embrace the following: to everything there is a season – and yes, even for COVID-19. I also wonder if this pandemic is amongst us to teach all of us to become better people – to ourselves and each other, to our family and friends. I will continue to try to remember every day to give thanks in all things – I hope you will join me.

Note from the Publisher: Thank you to everyone above for sharing their personal thoughts and feelings about the unprecedented changes to everyday life that we are all enduring. If anyone else would like to share their experiences with our readers in the June Beacon, please send them to Articles@AndoverBeacon.com by May 15.

**Little Pete Hildy ("Andover Secret Service" Canine)**

So, the last thing I remember about The White House where my two footer worked was having to get dressed in my fancy clothes. My two footer told me the only way I could continue to go to the office was to stop announcing everybody that walked through the door. Funny thing, isn't that what the Secret Service is supposed to do? So I stopped the pronouncement of the announcements, got my fancy duds on so I look as good as the President of Andover, learned to do this thing they call "schmoozing" ... how gross is that? And guess what? No more Auntie Lois, no more sausage sandwiches from Auntie Bonnie, Auntie Patti must have been fired... I haven't seen her in forever! I sleep a lot, and I am glued to my two footer like nobody's business ... does anyone understand how hard this is on us four footers? Please be kind to us and let us be kind to you.

The other Ms. Hilde (Kathy Hildebrand, Town Hall Custodian)

I am probably one of the few who can honestly sit here and say I have embraced my life since the beginning of COVID-19 and have never been happier in my life. People who are bored ... how can that be? There are always tasks to be done, chores to do, maintenance on your home, your shed, – there is so much to do! I am thankful I have my health, a little bit of know-how, tools, etc. I have accomplished so much!

My heart breaks for the students that once had order and stability in their lives. Now, only confusion and sadness ... The heart of my wife has been broken by not being with her kids. Her academic energy is at an all-time low

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KLS Community Food Pantry is Open to Andover Residents

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Press release

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee (KLS) Community Food Pantry serves 11 towns, including Andover, Wilmot, Springfield, Salisbury, and Danbury. They would like to make residents of their service area aware that they are open for those who have a need during this difficult time.

The KLS Community Food Pantry is open twice weekly: Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 PM, and Saturday from 10 to 11:30 AM. The Food Pantry is located in New London at the rear entrance to

the First Baptist Church at 461 Main Street.

There is nonperishable and perishable food available, as well as some household items. Both returning and new people are welcome. We ask people to stay in their cars, and they will be waited on by staff.

There is no need to call first, but if you are unable to visit the Food Pantry during the times it is open, you can call 526-6511 to make an appointment. If the church is not open, Marilyn Paradis can be reached by e-mail at MDPParadis@icloud.com. The pantry also has a Facebook page at Facebook.com/KLS-FoodPantry.

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roll Protection Plan. Visit KNPh.org or call 317-5900, extension 1, for more information and to have someone talk you through the application process. Or check with your friendly local banker for help.

This financial help for the self-employed is essentially a loan equivalent for up to eight weeks of "average monthly payroll," and if used for living

expenses is then entirely forgiven after the eight weeks. But the application process can be a bit confusing, apparently.

KNP volunteers are also available to cook and deliver meals to shut-ins; deliver food to clients of the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Food Pantry; pick up and drop-off pre-paid groceries, prescriptions, and face masks; or help access financial assistance or town welfare funds. Call 317-5900, extension 1 to request help.



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Andover Real Estate Market is OK for Now Despite COVID

Two homes, two parcels
sold last month

Ty Morris
Coldwell Banker Lifestyles

On March 26, Governor Sununu issued the stay-at-home order for New Hampshire. Happy five-week anniversary, my fellow "quarantiners"! It has been a difficult balance of life at home and work from home.

Those with children at home who are either still working or are working from home are left with the difficult daily moral dilemma of "Who gets my attention?" Of course, the answer should be the children. *Always* the children.

But for many, including our home, work life does not stop. For many, work life has gotten busier! Thank you to those who are still out keeping our country going, and especially our health care workers.

Four properties sold in Andover during late March and early April. In comparison, last year only two properties sold during this time period. In 2019, three houses were listed from March 1 to April 15; this year, there were 10.

So in the month of the coronavirus threat and the stay-at-home order, more homes were listed in our small community than any time since 2016. What's impressive is that a quarter of the homes that are on the market right now in Andover went under contract very quickly. The homes that are under contract have an average asking price of \$444,250.

Regionally, things are a little different. In Merrimack County, listings are down 30% from last year. My interpretation of this is optimistic. Our

market is a balancing act of supply and demand. A spike or dip on either side means price fluctuations. The COVID-19 virus has so far distributed its weariness evenly for both buyers and sellers.

Personally, I've seen a decrease in supply (listings) but an increase in demand (buyers). Traditionally this means prices should actually increase, but during this time of uncertainty, both buyers and sellers don't want to risk the money. Thus, prices are remaining stable. I can't stress enough, though, the importance of this balancing act, especially amid our (understandably) fear-stricken society.

More Virtual Tours

Logistically, the mechanics of buying or selling your home remain the same. We are seeing more virtual tours; however, private showings are still popular. Open houses are restricted.

Home inspection is business as usual. Appraisals seem to be a wildcard, and we have seen some delays due to this aspect of the financing process. Real estate closings are happening either virtually, via mail-in, or using separate offices so clients can maintain a safe distance from one another.

So, is COVID-19 wreaking havoc on our housing market? It doesn't appear to be. Inventory is up (for now, in Andover), demand remains high, and prices are stable. We all wish we had a crystal ball and I'm knocking on wood with each stroke of my keyboard.

For more local real estate information, call me at 237-2060.

Andover Real Estate Sales

Two homes sold in Andover between March 7 and April 16, 2020.

Dr. Dan Bezon sold 170 Kearsarge Mountain Road to Lany and Cynthia Clark for \$165,000. Built in 1993, this three bedroom and three bathroom modified ranch has 1,794 square feet of living space and sits on 1.0 acre. Debra Walker of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented both the buyer and the seller.

Gate City Development Partners, LLC sold 170 Switch Road to Jayson Thompson and Chelsea Lafond. Congratulations to them on their brand-new home! There were no real estate agents included in their transfer of sale.

Two parcels of land also sold:

John Jurta sold to David Margiotti 260 Emery Road, which consists of approximately 30 acres for \$100,000.

James Arone sold to Branden Singh 978A Franklin Highway, which consists of 2.61 acres for \$35,000.

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LETTER

Being at Home Has Its Advantages

Discovering a "new normal" together

Ken Wells

We all worry about "bad things happening" to us, and to those dear to us, in these pandemic days. There is growing anxiousness about the waning of our livelihoods and our environment, looming just over the horizon. I admit I feel cut off from my former routine and occupation, giving me too much time to worry about my grown children who are at risk as "essential employees" in the high-risk environments of grocery retail and an urban medical research lab.

But as frightening as these times may be, it is also true that times of adversity are when we learn of inspiring stories about acts of kindness and bravery, of neighbors reaching out to help their neighbors, and about everlasting bonds of life-long friendships being formed. These are great things that don't simply "happen to us," but are things that we deliberately go out of our way to do for each other.

We are blessed to be where we are right now, in the middle of rural New Hampshire. I think back to a wonderful story written by Donald Hall, String Too Short to be Saved. He described summers he spent driving a horse-drawn hay wagon and tramping in the woods around his grandfather Wesley Wells' farm near Ragged Mountain, almost a century ago.

Many things are different today than they were in Hall's youth, but most of the important things haven't changed. Whether our roots here go back generations, or whether the winds of fortune brought us to alight here just recently as newcomers, we are so fortunate to find ourselves in the midst of a caring community, surrounded by natural beauty and resources, and importantly, living at some distance from the first shock wave of the pandemic. Nevertheless, we know change is coming. We have been granted time to contemplate our next move together.

As one looks at how societies have changed over time, one sees long periods of slow, evolutionary change that altered little, interspersed with short, intense disruptions that caused major upheavals. Looking at it optimistically, those upheavals are opportunities for people to re-think what "leading the good life" means to them and gives them a chance to make different choices about how they choose to live. We are at just the beginning of such an upheaval.

There will be no going back – the future will be different from the past, as always.

The key to survival and success in such a fluid situation, if one has been granted time to think it over, is to coolly assess how the worst might come about, and then devise a plan to avoid that. Then with some clever re-thinking of what is most important to us, we might even discover a "new normal" that puts us in a better situation than our "old normal." Passively resisting the change will not lead to the best outcome, nor will a refusal to acknowledge the existence of new risks.

While my family and I searched for our own "new normal," we discovered that being active and constructive is an excellent way of coping.

"Staying at home" has a dreary, shut-in ring to it, but "being at home" sounds as inviting as a month of Sundays. While we were "being at home," we baked cookies and stitched masks for the hospital and an old folks' home. We took our dog for walks that were as long as the old boy hoped they would be. We worked in the yard and enjoyed the emerging daffodils, and on the rainy days we repainted a room for a fresh look.

Slowing down to watch the natural world transition into spring has been more refreshing than any new coat of paint. I'm hopeful about reports that worldwide, the atmosphere and wildlife have already shown signs of recovering, as worldwide pollution has declined in the past months. Can we imagine a "new normal" that finds new ways of making the things we need, growing our food and transporting it, buying less "stuff" that gets thrown away after one use, and doing more work from home, so that the health of our world improves?

Most of all, I hope we can all find good ways to cope, asking others for help when we need it, and offering to help others as we can. You can start very simply by merging your grocery lists with, say, two neighbors and taking turns with them to do one weekly shopping trip. That way, each of you ventures out in public only once every three weeks, you save fuel driving one car instead of three to the store, and you reduce the risk to the grocery workers by reducing the number of people they come in contact with.

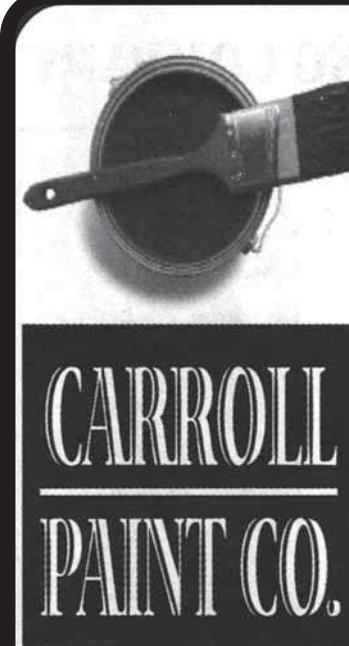
I'm sure that many readers will have their own great ideas to share about how we can help each other and how we can discover a safe, healthy, and uplifting "new normal" together!

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a bipartisan vote just before the coronavirus crisis set in. It will be before the Senate when it is back in session, hopefully in the first week of May.

Please join me in writing our Senator, Harold French, at PO Box 11, Warner NH 03278 and asking him to vote in favor of the bill. He voted for the HB 706 version for an independent redistricting commission, and, with a nudge from his constituents, he is likely to vote for HB 1665.

When I took American history in high school in Lenox, Massachusetts in 1953 and 1954, I learned about gerrymandering. So interesting! In 1812, as Wikipedia reminds me of specifics I had forgotten, Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry created a new voting district around Boston. On a map, the shape of the new voting district resembled a salamander.

The new district was meant to favor his party; the map (with claws, wings,

and fangs added) was published in the *Boston Weekly Messenger* with the title "The Gerry-Mander." It became the object of derision in text books and taught me the lesson that such manipulation was inappropriate for the Republic.

What is best for New Hampshire? A manipulated map, with the attendant shortcomings of Governor Gerry's creation? Or a transparency and structure that should eliminate the current gerrymandering and curtail future manipulation by either party – voting district maps that can be the pride of New Hampshire, with fairness to both parties and all voters?

Kent Hackmann

Absentee Voting

While the governor has taken a first step by broadening his interpretation of the absentee voter laws to allow people who "feel more comfortable voting absentee because of the outbreak," it is not up to any governor to grant or allow us to cast our vote under any circumstances. That is our constitutional

right, and governors have the responsibility to see that any and all barriers to that right are removed.

On the one hand, Governor Sununu is willing to "allow" us to vote absentee during a pandemic; on the other hand, he stated recently on MSNBC and CNN that he would still veto the bill implementing no-excuse absentee voting in New Hampshire for the long haul. In my opinion, this is a very serious abuse of power.

Voters should not have to explain themselves when requesting an absentee ballot. There could be several circumstances, beyond the four reasons that are currently approved, some of which may be very personal. I trust that if someone is mature enough to vote, they are also mature enough to make a decision as to whether they can physically go to a polling place on election day. Leaving it to the judgment of the voter would be a sign of respect.

I urge Governor Sununu to drop his objection to expanding voting by absentee ballot for all elections.

Judith Ackerson



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OPINION

How Do We Govern the State Without Holding Meetings?

GOFERR is not in the people's best interests

Ken Wells
NH State Representative

The customary title of this column, *Report from Concord*, seems peculiar to me now, since I've been unable to go to Concord for the past month. Just days after the all-night House session I described in the previous issue of the Beacon, the Governor locked down the State House and all the related government offices due to the rising pandemic. Roughly a week later, the Governor issued his stay-at-home order for the rest of New Hampshire citizens – a wise and necessary measure to quell the exponential rise in COVID-19 cases across the state.

But what does closing the State House mean? It is not merely a building that has been shut down. Because the Senate and the House are unable to meet, there can be no quorum, so no votes, and their standing committees cannot hold any public hearings to advance legislation. The Executive Council, a powerful and unique state entity

which approves or rejects every major purchase or contract with the State, is also barred from meeting in the State House, so no new state contracts can legally be entered into.

Many are raising serious concerns about whether our representative democracy will be able to function under these emergency conditions, especially since the COVID-19 emergency will likely continue much longer than any of us would like. As long as the emergency ban on meetings is in effect, and until virtual government meetings by teleconferences can be recognized as legally acceptable, a serious obstacle exists to the constitutional functioning of our state government.

Unfortunately, we have not quite figured out how our representative system can work during the current pandemic, which rightly demands physical distancing, because the legislative bodies cannot meet to discuss and modify their own rules to respond to the crisis, nor can they update existing laws.

History tells us repeatedly that times of crisis are times when autocrats have

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OPINION



Littering and evidence of drinking while driving has been accumulating on Andover roadsides.

Local Area Has A Problem with Nighttime Littering

Disturbing evidence of drinking and driving

Sandra Waine
Andover resident

Exiting off Route 11 in Andover onto Route 4 toward Danbury, you can't help but notice the accumulation of garbage deposited along this stretch of road. As locals perform area clean-ups, it's only a matter of days before progress is reversed and fresh trash emerges.

This route, popular and well-used between Andover, Wilmot, and Danbury sees high traffic daily. But during the darker hours of the night, something more troubling occurs and is revealed in the morning hours. A growing number of strewn alcohol beverage containers continue to accumulate. Both sides of the road display the shine of aluminum beer cans, hard cider, twisted teas, and plastic nips. There is no assuming here. People are operating their motor vehicle along Route 4 west and east, not just throwing waste out their car windows; they are driving and drinking alcohol. The debris on the sides of the road acts out no lies. Instead, it displays right out in the open a fact that's indisputable and disturbing.

What are the options? An inquiry was made with Robert Hyslop, Traffic Sign Maintenance Supervisor at the New Hampshire Department of Transportation about whether or not the State still installs littering signs. Hyslop responded that "No littering signs need to be posted any longer. It is a state law that littering is illegal in New Hampshire and anyone performing such deeds is subject to fines. If the town wished to purchase one out of funds, they can

do that on secondary roads, not main routes. They just need to ensure it's a proper legal littering sign in accordance with the appropriate RSA ordinance."

Local Andover Chief of Police Joseph Mahoney was contacted and asked about his thoughts regarding the alcohol containers and other rubbish along Route 4. "It's a peeve of mine. We've gone outside the box to watch for this, we patrol this road often, but not many will do that in front of a police officer. If they do litter, the first offense is a \$62 fine; the second \$124. DUI is an entirely different matter."

Details about the littering fines are found on the New Hampshire Department of Safety – Division of Motor Vehicles Notice of Fines and Violations area of their website.

A follow-up question was posed if there were any Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests along this road in the last 12 months correlating to the increase of alcohol containers in the last twelve months. His response was short and to the point: "Zero."

New Hampshire does not currently have a hotline for reporting litter, but we can all continue to do our part. Be watchful and diligent and keep our stretch of roads around Andover clean. Report suspicious behavior and talk to your local officials and ask them what they are doing about this problem and suggest your own recommendations.



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Roadside Clean-Up: 72 Volunteers, 155 Bags of Trash

Andover's first Earth Day clean-up a success

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

Responding to Andover's first Earth Day Roadside Clean-Up, 27 individual and team efforts, involving 72 participants in all, signed up to clear the town's highways and byways of accumulated trash during a five-day effort between April 22 and 26 (which included Earth Day itself, April 25).

Organized by the husband-and-wife team of Ty and Samantha Morris, and supported by the Andover Community Hub and the Andover Conservation Commission, the project provided participants with plastic bags and rubber gloves at four locations around town.

Of the 200 bags originally provided, only 45 were left at the end of the cleanup.

About the volunteers' efforts, Ty and Sam responded: "Overall, we were pleasantly surprised at how many participants signed up. It looks like there's a lot of interest and willingness in the community to work together on environmental matters. If Andover residents have suggestions for addressing further local environmental issues, efforts, please e-mail us at TheAndoverHub@gmail.com."

Roadside clean-up in Andover is scheduled to continue in May, with the town's 10th annual Town Clean-Up, a joint effort of the Conservation Commission, the Hub, and the Town of Andover. See article on page 18.

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Coffeehouse Goes "Virtual" For Monthly Gig on May 15

Kala Farnham will perform from her home

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

As the Beacon went to press, Andover Community Coffeehouse volunteers were completing arrangements to offer a public "virtual coffeehouse" as its May 15 "Third Friday" concert, beginning in your home, in front of your computer, at 7 PM.

Powered by a technology called Zoom, and using the "people skills" learned in a trial "virtual coffeehouse" held in April (see article on the right), the May 15 event can be viewed live by up to 100 "virtual attendees." To register in advance (which is suggested), and for more information, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.

Headliner for the event will be Kala Farnham, who, according to her website (KalaFarnham.com), "set out into the world with one vision: to inspire and heal through the transformative power of music.... Drawing from a classical education and a professional background in musical theater, Kala presents a hall-

mark reinvention of the folk tradition. Her passion for fairytales, ancient history, and storytelling draws audiences from around the country into the reinvented worlds of alternate times and places."



Kala Farnham will perform for the May 15 Coffeehouse live via Zoom from her home in rural Connecticut.

She will be performing live from her rural Connecticut home.

Also appearing live will be up to a half-dozen open-mic local-area musicians and spoken-word performers. Those wishing to request a ten-minute (or two-song) time slot on a first-come first-served basis should contact The Hub at TheAndoverHub@gmail.com as See Farnham on page 13



Kathy Lowe is shown in a computer screenshot as she plays for the first virtual Andover Community Coffeehouse event, using Zoom for performers and audience, held on April 17.

Zoom Brings Andover Coffeehouse into People's Homes

Feedback indicates it was a success

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

With live audiences discouraged because of the coronavirus outbreak, Andover Community Coffeehouse volunteers are experimenting with a new technology to bring local musicians to your computer screen as they perform live from their own homes (or other locations of their choosing).

The technology being used is a video conferencing service called Zoom, and it enables most computer users to communicate with one another visually and audibly in real time. The basic version of the technology is free and easy to install.

On Friday, April 17, the experiment's featured performers were the folk duo Sferes and White (Jimmy Sferes and Jennifer White) and "open mic" participants Gary Cassidy, Kara Colvin, Paul Currier, Doug Farrell, Kathy Lowe, and Lindsey Schust. In the audience were some 50 viewers, mostly regular attend-

ees at the third-Friday Coffeehouse performances held at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Asked to evaluate the performance after its conclusion, attendees responded enthusiastically.

"That was fun!"

"A total blast."

"So good making music together."

"This has been a gift in these challenging times."

"What a fun evening."

"Most wonderful."

"Go for it again," and more.

With live Community Coffeehouse concerts canceled until further notice, Coffeehouse volunteers hope to continue this new form of community outreach on a regular basis. Go to Andover-Coffeehouse.org for further information.

To learn more about the technology behind the performance, go to Zoom.us. And for information about installing and using Zoom for use by your organization, contact The Andover Community Hub at TheAndoverHub@gmail.org. The Coffeehouse operates under the umbrella of The Hub.



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tried to increase and consolidate their power. Not to draw a direct comparison to New Hampshire, but as a worst-case cautionary tale, recall that in 1933, Hitler cemented totalitarian control of his country's government with an emergency decree he issued the day after the German legislative building, the Reichstag, was totally destroyed by a mysterious nighttime fire. Unopposed, Hitler was free to do what he did. Let's learn from history.

With the State House shut down, all the co-equal branches of state government face a significant obstacle to their function, and our constitutional democracy faces a number of risks. The guard rails imposed by the New Hampshire Constitution's checks and balances provide a dynamic and productive struggle among 1) the General Court, composed of the House and Senate Legislative bodies, 2) the Executive Council, which must approve the State's contractual expenditures, 3) the New Hampshire judicial courts, and 4) the Governor's executive offices.

How does the venerable New Hampshire Constitution envision government? Your interests, as citizens of Merrimack District 1, are primarily represented by your elected officials in the Legislature. (That is, myself, David Karrick, and Senator Harold French.) The courts, presided over by judges appointed by this and previous governors, make sure that everyone is playing according to the "rulebook" embodied in the New Hampshire Constitution and in statute.

The Governor, as chief executive, is granted vast and sweeping powers he can wield with agility in the face of a sudden crisis like COVID-19, but his emergency measures are subject to review in the slower, but powerfully deliberative, processes within the Legislature and the Courts.

The New Hampshire Constitution is a brilliant document, crafted and refined over many years to consider past and future circumstances; even such an emergency as this current pandemic was planned for. In the case of emergency spending, the Legislature's "power of the purse" was delegated in RSA 9:13(d) to a small bipartisan "dream team" called the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee, which has the power to approve or nix any emergency expenditures on behalf of the full Legislature. (It's called "joint" because its members

include both House Representatives and Senators of both parties.) Especially important these days, the Joint Fiscal Committee is constitutionally permitted to conduct its business via telephone or internet teleconferences.

What does the New Hampshire Constitution say we are supposed to be doing in order to quickly and constitutionally distribute federal emergency aid to New Hampshire people when it arrives this month? Yeah, that's not what's happening right now.

The Governor has created his own, different "dream team" which he calls GOFERR. This body supposedly has oversight, but possesses no constitutional power to reject or halt expenditures by the Governor of the \$1.25 billion dollars in federal funds. GOFERR seems aptly named, because its only power, it seems, is to rubber-stamp the Governor's decisions on what happens to the money.

Now, I trust that the Governor means to do right by the People of New Hampshire, but could anyone stop him if he decided to send part of the state's \$1.25 billion in federal emergency funds to, say, bail out the out-of-state industries that are his political supporters? The New Hampshire Constitution says the existing Joint Fiscal Committee must be the body empowered to stand in the way of such questionable decisions. The Joint Fiscal Committee is already constitutionally empowered to make sure that the People get the monies intended for them.

The problem is that the suit challenging GOFERR brought by the Legislature will take some time to grind through the courts, and, in the meantime, the federal money might already have been spent improperly. Good luck getting any of that money back to New Hampshire people after the check clears, especially since it would be hard and slow to get the money back if it were cashed by an out-of-state entity. (If you would like more information about what state and federal aid might be available to you, your children, or your small business, see the "COVID-19 Updates" page at AndoverBeacon.com, or call me.)

I'm convinced that GOFERR isn't in the best interests of the People of New Hampshire, and that bypassing the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee is not consistent with the New Hampshire Constitution I swore an oath to protect.



during the event. The sponsor of the event is Huckleberry Propane and Oil.

Plans for a June "Third Friday" event are currently uncertain. Look for details in the June Beacon or on the Coffeehouse website at AndoverCoffeehouse.org.

**Farnham from page 12**

soon as possible for more information.

The concert will be free of charge, although viewers will be able to make a contribution electronically to the featured performer via instructions to be given

Fourth of July Committee Brainstorms Celebration Scenarios

Just in case shelter-at-home is still in place

Press release

Nothing in 77 years has ever stopped the Andover Fourth of July celebration, except the weather! The committee's enthusiasm and the town's support has never faltered in all that time. Now, we are up in the air as to how this year's celebration will play out.

At our last meeting, the committee discussed options for the upcoming July 4th celebration in the event that shelter-at-home might still be in force, or that large crowds would be discouraged because of COVID-19.

It was amazing to see the committee rally. Rather than feel down and out, they were excited to try new things

in order to ensure that Andover has a Fourth of July celebration no matter what.

We would have a Fourth of July website with many activities. For example: a virtual raffle, photos submitted by folks of their kids decorating bikes for the Fourth, coloring contest with pages for kids to download, and streaming of last year's parade. These are just a few of the ideas the committee came up with.

If any of you have suggestions, please let us know. One thing is for sure, this type of virtual celebration won't be hampered by weather!

Just like those who fought and died for this country, we all need to stand tall, be brave, and never give up! That's the Andover way!



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Local Sugarhouse Operators Report About-Average Yield

Loss of Maple Weekend had big impact on sales

Larry Chase
Beacon volunteer

As the maple sugar season wrapped up in early April, owner-operators of local sugarhouses seemed to agree that "it was a pretty good year" – about average, most indicated.

Mark Cowdry, who operates Ragged View Farm at 111 Bradley Lake



A bottle of the finished product from Mark Cowdry's Ragged View Farm maple sugaring operation.

Photo: Larry Chase

Road, put it this way in an e-mail exchange: "I made about my average – 52 gallons – but my quality seemed to be up a bit, probably due to more diligent equipment maintenance."

And about sales, Mark had this to say: "The cancellation of Maple Weekend (March 21-22) because of the coronavirus had a big impact on sales,

but people have been good about calling and arranging to pick up." Beacon readers can do the same, Mark said, by calling him at 724-7511 or sending an e-mail to rvfa-mlc1@usa.net.

The size of Cowdry's operation, all on his property, includes about 220 maple trees. His taps – a combination of buckets and an intricate system of plastic tubing that arrives eventually at a 500-gallon tank – yielded well over 2,000 gallons of sap. These in turn yielded, after considerable boiling, the 52 gallons of syrup cited above.

Other local sugarmakers appear to have had about the same success this year as Mark. This from Greg Stetson, who heads up Winter Hill Maple just off West Shore Drive:

"Though I was cautiously optimistic about this season from the start, due to the warm winter weather and lack of snowfall, we produced over 30 gallons this year, right in the same ballpark as last season. The COVID-19 pandemic meant no Maple Weekend and open house; however, we are still selling our syrup. We can be reached on Facebook; by e-mail at GMStetson84@gmail.com, or by phone at 455-4980 to place an order. We will do dooryard deliveries in and around Andover, and we can accept payment via PayPal, Venmo, credit card, check, or cash. Thank you for your support!"

And Zach Barton, who runs the Trail Side Sugar House on Currier Road, reported that he made "a little less syrup than usual." He tapped beginning the first of February as usual and finished about a week and a half earlier than typical. He noted that it seemed to take more sap to make syrup, indicating a low sugar content. Learn more, or make a purchase, by calling him at 748-1307.



In this 2015 photo, hikers enjoy the serenity of the old heron rookery near Fenvalle, one of many opportunities in Andover to get out of the house safely.

Photo: Larry Chase

Options Abound for Enjoying the Outdoors Safely

Numerous trails and Town-owned lands

Tina Cotton
Andover Conservation Commission

Staying at home is the new norm. Enjoy the outdoors locally, alone or with your family. You can work in your yard, walk, bike along your road or the Rail Trail (visit FNRT.org), or hike numerous trails in town. Three of the more popular trails are a segment of the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway (SRKG); Cascade Brook; and the former heron rookery.

The Andover segment map of the SRKG can be found on SRKG.com. However, the bridge over the Blackwater River, just after crossing the Rail Trail going from Proctor Academy to Winslow State Park, has a significant hole on one side of the bridge and has

been deemed not safe for travel. Take the detour on the Rail Trail to Bridge Street.

Cascade Brook is along Mountain Brook, north of Elbow Pond in the Newman conservation easement. Paths are on both sides of the brook. Please contact the owners for permission to cross their land though: Bill Barsdley on the west, and Susan Schnare on the east.

The former heron rookery in a conservation easement is accessed from a small parking lot at the end of Fenvalle Road. The beaver-dammed pond flooded trees and caused them to die. Blue herons built nests in the treetops in which to raise their young. However, time has taken its toll, and only some tree trunks devoid of nests remain standing. Paul Fenton is the landowner to contact.

Many conservation easements have trails. Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust holds many of these, and descriptions of properties can be found at AusbonSargent.org/Properties. Contact See Outdoors on page 15

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Dr. Jon Mishcon, MD of Andover (left) and Dr. Barry Taylor, DVM were each recognized by Peabody Home for National Doctor Appreciation Day.

Two Doctors Recognized for Their Work with Peabody Home

**Jon Mishcon, MD
and Barry Taylor, DVM**

Press release

Peabody Home in Franklin recognized the support and care provided by two local doctors associated with the non-profit residential home for the elderly in conjunction with the National Doctor Appreciation day for all doctors. It didn't matter to Peabody staff that the medical degrees held by Jonathan Mischnon, MD of Andover and Barry Taylor, DVM, were for people and for animals, respectively; the appreciation was the same.

Meg Miller, Administrator and Executive Director said "We are so incredibly lucky and honored to have Dr. Jonathan Mishcon as our Medical Director. He provides geriatric care delivered with such empathy and compassion that our residents live with joy and purpose made possible by his medical expertise in the special needs of the elderly."

Staff and residents greeted Dr. Mischnon with broad smiles, each wearing a signature bowtie. He was then presented with two new bowties of sophistication

to add to his collection. An impromptu demonstration of how to correctly tie a bowtie ensued; the dapper doctor made it look effortless!

Next, a contingent of residents boarded the Peabody Home bus and visited Dr. Barry Taylor at his Franklin Veterinary Clinic. Not only does Dr. Taylor – Doc Taylor as he is affectionately known – provide veterinary care to some of the privately owned pets at Peabody, he also takes care of the two felines who live there permanently. Both cats are well into the double-digits, but thanks to Doc Taylor's tender care they are spry and healthy. The good doctor was presented with an oil painting created by one of the talented residents, and was bestowed a gift card to Black Forest Nursery in Boscawen.

Peabody Home is a multi-leveled unique senior living community nestled in the heart of Franklin and located along the banks of the Winnipesaukee River, offering assisted living, nursing care, respite, hospice, and elder day care. To learn more about services offered, visit PeabodyHome.org or call 934-3718.



Hall. Proctor Academy welcomes people to explore their woodlands on established trails; visit ProctorAcademy.org and search for "Woodlands Management."

Remember to distance yourselves from others, and not try to challenge yourself on a more difficult excursion that might endanger rescuers if you get hurt. Also, remember your sunscreen and bug repellent. Those pesky black flies, ticks, and mosquitoes will be looking for you. However, you will be rewarded with spotting birds, wildlife, wildflowers, and maybe some good fishing.



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The Board of Directors of the Andover Community Hub used Zoom to hold a face-to-face meeting via computer. The members are identified in the article below.
Photo: Larry Chase

New Board Members Welcomed to Andover Community Hub

Face-to-face Zoom meeting proves successful

Press release

At a computer-enabled face-to-face meeting powered by Zoom, nine new members of the Andover Community Hub board of directors joined existing

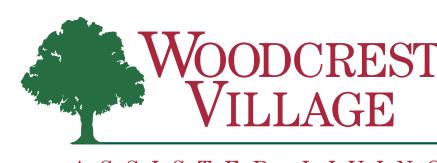
members in the expanded board's first meeting in April. With Zoom allowing all participants to see and hear one another (and also an occasional relative) on their home computers, board members laid plans for implementing a roadside trash cleanup in Andover (see See Hub on page 18



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Jon Champagne
Andover Road Agent

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We have started to grade the gravel roads in town. All roads have been graded at least once and will be fine-graded at least one more time before calcium is applied to keep the dust down. It also keeps the road stiff, giving it a better ride surface.

With spring comes pot holes on our

paved roads. We have put out approximately 40 tons of patch to date and plan on putting out a lot more.

Over the course of a year, street signs end up missing, and we have had to replace approximately 43 signs. Please reach out to the Town Office if you have a sign missing.

All the Town equipment is serviced and ready to go for the summer projects: Shaw Hill drainage, reclamation and paving, Shirley Road drainage, and more.

We can all agree it is cheaper to maintain and prevent than it is to replace. The Highway Department is planning yearly bridge washing, rail repair, spray preserve, and brush cutting around the base and sides. Not all bridges can be done each year, but we will get them on a schedule. With budget restraints we can only do what the budget allows for bridges and roads. Our Town properties and cemeteries will be getting their spring cleanup and routine mowings soon.

I would like to thank my crew, the Town Select Board, Marj Roy, and Elita Reed for making a great team.



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Protecting the rural character of our town

Lee Wells
Andover Conservation Commission

April 7 was a great day. While walking on Emery Road I saw my first Great Blue Heron, and later on Maple Street I heard my first Loon of the season. I was reminded that despite these difficult times, we are remarkably fortunate to be living in such a good community in such a beautiful corner of the earth. Despite being under stay-at-home orders, we can practice social distancing and still get outdoors, walk in the woods or along our country roads and the Rail Trail, and enjoy the beauty of Andover.

Along with our good fortune comes the responsibility to take care of and protect the natural beauty and rural character of our town.

It is important to remember that we all live downstream from someone, and upstream from someone else. What others do on their property or on our rivers and lakes impacts us, and what we do on our property and on our lakes and rivers can impact others. All of us need to take care of our natural resources.

During early spring and mud season we should sweep our driveways, walkways, and steps to remove leftover sand. Sand washed into our lakes and streams can cause all sorts of problems with our lakes and rivers. Sand can destroy fish spawning or nesting sites, and sand particles suspended in the water can clog fish gills. Deposited sand also causes water bodies to become shallower, often facilitating plant and algal growth. While having some plants and algae in a lake is a good thing, too much of either is not good for the health of the lake or our enjoyment of the lake.

Survey your property for areas where runoff water has caused erosion. Take a walk around your property to see if recent rains have created any gullies or other eroded areas. If possible, fix eroded areas before the next rainstorm occurs.

Remove storm debris in accordance with the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. If your property is located within 250 feet of a lake or river, downed and damaged trees and trees

posing an imminent hazard or threat may be felled and removed. But be sure to leave the stumps in the ground, since stumps do a very good job preventing soil from being eroded off of the landscape and polluting the water (and it is also illegal to remove the stumps).

Trees and storm debris from severe weather events can be removed from water bodies. If on-shore equipment is necessary for the removal of debris from a water body, be sure to monitor the equipment for fluid leakage and use temporary work pads to lessen the impacts to the shoreline. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services recommends that property owners take photographs of damaged trees and structures for documentation. It is not allowed for heavy equipment to come into contact with the water.

Reduce your use of fertilizer. Not only does fertilizer make your lawn green, when applied in excess or too close to the water it also makes your lake green with algae. State regulations prohibit the use of all fertilizers, except limestone, within 25 feet of the high water mark of water bodies.

Have your septic system inspected once a year. Have your tank pumped every two to three years.

Keep shorelines clean by not feeding waterfowl. Waterfowl waste contains phosphorus and nitrogen which contributes to undesirable algal blooms and also lots of bacteria and possibly parasites, which can make swimmers sick.

Wash boats, cars, and pets away from water bodies. Soaps and shampoos will add nutrients and other pollutants to the lake.

Remove hitchhiking plants and animals from boats and trailers – clean, drain, and dry. Aquatic invasives make recreation in and on the water dangerous and unpleasant, disrupt the ecological balance of lakes, reduce shoreline property values, are difficult and expensive to control, and are almost impossible to get rid of.

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The Secret Garden at Potter Place will remain open to the public, but people are urged to maintain social distancing.

Photos: Larry Chase

Historical Society Buildings to Remain Closed

Picnic area and Secret Garden remain open

Press release

The Andover Historical Society's museum facilities – Potter Place railroad station, Emons General Store, and Gordon-Lull House – will remain closed to the public until further notice in response to the continuing spread of COVID-19, according to Society president Gail Richards. The facilities had been originally scheduled to open on Saturday, May 23, and remain open on weekends through October.

A decision about a new opening date for the society's other major holding, the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse in East Andover, originally scheduled for early June, will be made later.

Meanwhile, the picnic area and the "Secret Garden" on the grounds of the Potter Place facilities will remain open for public visitation, with users urged to follow guidelines for avoiding large groups of people.

Although the Historical Society's store will be closed, items for sale – books, mementos, articles of clothing, and other items – may be purchased by calling Gail Richards at 498-6439. Items for sale are shown in the display window of the Emons store. Purchased items may be delivered to Andover-area residents.

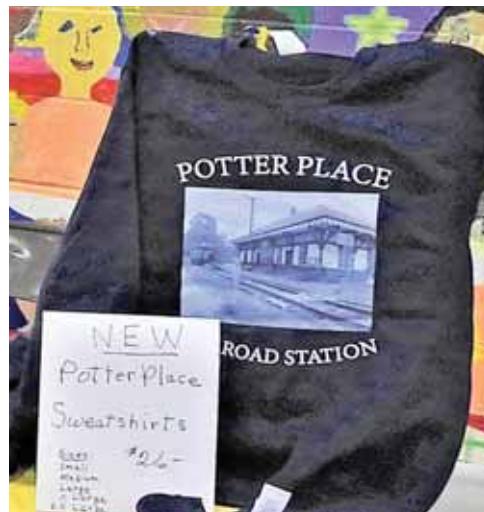
Keep an eye on the Beacon and the Historical Society's website at AndoverHistory.org for more information about reschedulings.

The Secret Garden

The Secret Garden in Potter Place is showing signs of first life in the new year. Work is presently underway to

clean away winter's wrath; fresh loam has been delivered; and antique garden elements have been added, thanks to generous donations.

The garden began several years ago when AHS members Robert Hamilton (now deceased) and Kenneth Reid cleared out the cellar hole of Richard



Merchandise (such as the new Potter Place sweatshirts) is available from the Andover Historical Society's Emons Store. Call Gail Richards at 498-6439 for local delivery.

and Sally Potter's home site located just behind the depot. Over time, the garden has developed nicely, and it is maintained through a combined community effort. It has become a delightful place of beauty and restfulness right here in Andover. As 2020 changes and improvements are made to the shade garden, we hope to achieve a renewed sense of beauty and optimism for our future.

The delightful beauty and cool shade of the Secret Garden are available for your pleasure – please stop by! In the meantime, be safe, do good, and stay healthy.

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Frank Haley Raising Funds for His 18th Annual "Walk for Sight"

Hopes to be top fundraiser again ... at 97!

Lauretta Phillips

At almost 97 years old, Frank Haley still plans on completing his 18th annual Walk for Sight.

Over the past 17 years, Frank has maintained the title of top individual fundraiser, bringing in more than \$102,000 to help provide funds for the services and programs of the New Hampshire Foundation for Sight, formerly known as the New Hampshire Foundation for the Blind.

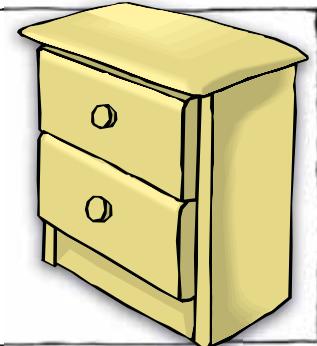
The foundation holds its annual 5K Walk for Sight fundraiser on the first Saturday in June each year. It is the major event to fund its programs and services such as education.

Frank is very grateful for all the people who have helped to make this event successful each year with their donations. Frank and his wife Anne begin their drive to collect donations in early April each year, continuing until the event.

While they can't go around town in person during the COVID-19 isolation period, you can still thank them for the amazing effort they both put into this event each year. Please dig deep in your pockets to help Frank achieve his best year ever, and help many others with sight issues by donating to this year's Walk For Sight.

Checks can be made payable to Future In Sight, and sent to Frank Haley at 58 Main Street, Andover NH 03216. Please reference his name and the 5K Walk for Sight in the memo section. All donations are appreciated.

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Andover Police Department March 2020

Press release

The Andover Police Department handled 201 calls for service during March, including:

- Alarm House: 4
- Ambulance: 3
- Assist Citizen: 12
- Assist Police: 6
- Assist Social Service Agencies: 4
- Civil Issue/Standby: 11
- Domestic Dispute: 3

- Dog Loose: 7
- Traffic Accident: 2
- Traffic Offense – Citation: 7
- Traffic Offense – Warning: 31
- Warrant – Criminal/Civil: 4

Arrests

- Sean Nelson, 36, Franklin: Theft
- Justin Blais, 39, Alexandria: Theft
- Katrina Nichols, 30, Malden, Massachusetts: Criminal Trespass

**Hub from page 15**

article, page 18) and for offering a “virtual” Community Coffeehouse on April 17 (see article, page 12).

The expanded board members of the Andover Community Hub are (from top of screen, left to right): Deb Brower, Susan and Larry Chase (with Larry behind the camera), Paul Currier, Jen Turner, Doug and Alita Phelps, Steve and Gisela Darling, Ken Wells, Mark Vashro (and daughter), Brenden Makechnie, Grace Schust, Thomas as Ware, Samantha Morris, Kathy Ordway.



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Town-Wide Clean-Up to Continue Throughout May

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Lee Wells
Andover Conservation Commission

The Andover Community Hub got us started on an Earth Day-inspired town clean-up for April 22 through 26. Now that we are off to a great start, let's keep going and join the 10th annual Town-Wide Clean-Up for the entire month of May. This is a joint effort by the Andover Conservation Commission, the Hub, and the Town of Andover.

Everyone is encouraged to enjoy being outside and contributing to making our town more beautiful. Participants can pick up free blue trash bags from the WA Bachelder Library porch, from the plastic bin on the front steps of the

Hub, from the Transfer Station, and from the lobbies of both Andover post offices. Please be safe: practice social distancing, and wear bright colors and work gloves. Find a section of road that you'd like to clean up, park your car on the shoulder of the road, put on your flashers, and pick up trash in the area in front of your car and well to the side of the road. If you find that your chosen area has already been done, please move to another area to clean-up.

Please take the bags to the Transfer Station. If you'd like to be a superstar, please separate the trash that you have collected into separate bags of trash to throw away, and bags of glass, aluminum cans, and recyclable plastic containers to be recycled. We hope that you will join this clean-up effort.



First Virtual Board Meeting of FNRT-MC a Clear Success

Attended from home by
every board member

George Heaton
Friends of the Northern Rail Trail-MC

Board: Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, Tom Frantz, George Heaton, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Chris Norris, Jack Shields, Peter Southworth, Nita Tomaszewski.

Loyal Trail Supporters: Ricker Miller, Patrice Rasche, Steve Rasche

In a sad sign of the times, the April Board Meeting of FNRT-MC had to be canceled, due to the need for social distancing in this moment. Undeterred, we decided to make a comeback: a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Overcoming the usual glitches of “one-click access,” Meeting IDs, microphones, and video, we eventually got the entire Board together on the screen, as well as a few others. With a presiding officer, a timekeeper, and a Zoommeister,

we successfully processed a meeting of more than an hour, and accomplished as much as usual. We are content!

Treasurer's Report: The unanimously-approved Treasurer's report by Steve Darling brought the welcome news of approximately \$7,000 in recent unrestricted donations: about \$2,000 from our e-mail Annual Appeal (the stuffing party for snail-mail having been postponed); and a generous gift of \$5,000 from a New Hampshire Charitable Foundation donor.

These gifts will supplement already-budgeted funds devoted to projects for the maintenance and improvement of the Trail during the summer months. With the financial picture thus augmented, the Trail will soon benefit.

Granite State Wheelers Grant: The Granite State Wheelers, a New Hampshire recreational bicycling club, offers a program of grants of up to

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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.

School Board

February 4

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 going above and beyond with extra committee work that includes budget preparation, interviewing, and other activities. There will be a work session with the Moderator on Wednesday, February 19 in preparation for the Annual Meeting to be held on March 2.

Principal's Report: Jane spoke about various school activities: the conclusion of basketball season, Boys/Girls Club garden proposal, Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser, MVHS eighth grade beginning transition activities, SPCA Community Service Fundraiser, Music Festival Student Participants, Kid Governor Ceremony with 5th grade and elected member of the council, JT Pourby of AE/MS, Professional Development Day on 2/11 and the Parent Breakfast on 2/20.

Budget for Annual Meeting: Adam made the motion to bring forward the proposed Andover School Board Budget in the amount of \$5,866,221 for the 2020-2021 school year. Aimee made the second. All were in favor and the proposed budget amount was approved.

Warrant: Aimee made the motion to approve the Andover School Board proposed warrant articles to be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held on March 2. Brian made the second. All were in favor and the proposed warrant articles were approved.

TOWN MATTERS!

The *Beacon* needs volunteers to help with reporting about town news and/or taking pictures around town. Do as much or as little as suits your schedule, but please help! The *Beacon* is not just *about* our community – it's *by* our community! Call Shelley at 735-6099

Transportation Contract Extension: Adam made the motion to approve the First Amendment and Extension to School Bus Transportation Services Agreement and authorization for the Board Chair, Dean Barker to sign the agreement. Brian seconded the motion. All were in favor and the agreement was signed with a witness and notarized.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Randy updated the Board regarding the Principal Search. Two finalists have been selected and Meet and Greet opportunities are scheduled with the staff and community for Wednesday, February 19 from 5 to 7 PM.

School Board

March 2

Condensed from approved minutes

Board present: Dean Barker, Brian Gilman, Adam Jones, and Aimee Menard

Administration present: Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Kathleen Boucher, Robin Heins, Jane Slayton, and Judith Turk.

Aimee made the motion to nominate Dennis Dobe as the new principal of Andover Elementary/Middle School beginning July 1, 2020 for the salary amount of \$100,000. Brian seconded the motion. All were in favor and the nomination was approved.



Office Hours & Meetings

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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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\$2,500 to New Hampshire bicycling organizations. Through the efforts of Lindy Heim and Tom Frantz, the FNRT-MC won one of these grants.

It will be used to improve, with lighting and other features, the Lawrence Street tunnel in Andover, which has long been on a wish-list of projects. Tom Frantz will begin discussions with contractors to move the project forward soon.

RTP Grant Application: Jack Shields and Lindy Heim reported on their continuing efforts to assemble an application to the New Hampshire Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for the Eagle Pond culvert project. Long presenting a problem of flooding and erosion, this culvert needs redesign and reconstruction, at significant cost. Various materials are necessary for the application – such as contractors' bids to estimate design and cost data – and endorsements from various organizations (towns, schools, businesses) that benefit from the Trail are being solicited. With a due date of June 19, Jack and Lindy are confident of an excellent and timely submission.

Summer Maintenance: Chris Norris is deeply involved with contractors and others in planning for the several summer projects that will be undertaken. Once priorities and time-lines are established, work will begin.

Possible Combining of Websites: Alex Bernhard presented the intriguing idea of combining the now-separate websites of the two counties covered by the Northern Rail Trail (Merrimack and Grafton) under one umbrella. He made the point that users of the Trail tend to see it as one 58-mile entity, and that it thus made sense to present in that way on the internet.

With unanimous agreement on these points, Alex was authorized to undertake an assessment, with our website managers, of the feasibility of

this change; and then contact Grafton County individuals, if appropriate.

E-Bike Recharging: Jack Shields displayed the very-attractive e-bike recharging station signs that are ready to be installed at three locations on the Trail: the Homestead Inn in Boscawen, the Highland Lake Inn in East Andover, and the Danbury Country Store. After final consultations with these three businesses, the signs will be installed.

Rail Trail Extension into Concord: Patrice Rasche and Jack Shields reported on the current status of a long-hoped-for extension of the Northern Rail Trail into Concord.

With little movement on this front, the FNRT-MC has focused its efforts anew on the .6-mile section that remains undeveloped in Boscawen. Inclusion of this mileage into the Trail would lead to the Hannah Dustin Memorial – a more natural terminus than the current cornfield!

To this end, Jack Shields, Myra Mayman, and Patrice Rasche developed and sent a letter to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation requesting support for the .6-mile extension.

Volunteer Efforts: With volunteers the lifeblood of FNRT-MC, we are pleased to recognize recent new and ongoing efforts in this regard. For one, Cathe Lisk, our website creator, is now making various updates and improvements, along with new postings.

In addition, the New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition is in the process of updating its website. FNRT-MC input will be provided by both Cathe and Charles Martin.

Lastly, there has been a major effort, led by Lindy Heim, to keep informational kiosks full of Trail maps. Debbie Miller, Lindy Heim, Myra Mayman, and Nita Tomaszewski have been distributing them.

Next Meeting: We intend to hold a virtual Board Meeting for May using Zoom on Wednesday, May 20, at 5 PM. 

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Programming for Center for the Arts Moves Online

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Press release

The Lake Sunapee Center for the Arts (CFA) is announcing that the following programs have moved online. Please make a note of these times and join from the comfort of your home.

May 1 at 7 PM and May 2 at 4 PM

First Friday Gallery Night Online will be streamed online at Facebook.com/CenterForTheArtsNH and posted on the CFA YouTube channel and website for additional viewing. Get a glimpse of the CFA MicroGalleries current exhibits: Alan Shulman at Blue Loon Gallery, Hugo Anderson at Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, and Proctor Academy Student artwork at Whipple Hall.

May 14 at 7 PM and May 15 at 4 PM

Lake Sunapee Music Fest: From Our Home to Yours! Online

Favorite regional musicians come together for this uplifting At Home event, including Patrick Ross, Tom Pirozzoli, Carl Beverly, Nicole Densmore, Kathy Lowe, Will Ogmundson, Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki, and a very special guest. A special event for special times! Visit Facebook.com/CenterForTheArtsNH. All proceeds from this event go directly to the CFA Artist Relief Emergency Fund.

May 15 to 30

Online Silent Auction to benefit the CFA 2020 Scholarship Fund. Bid! Bid! Bid! on restaurant, store, and theater gift certificates, museum vouchers, baskets to entertain you, handmade crafts, original artwork, and a few surprise items! To view and to bid, visit 32Auctions.com/CFA2020. All proceeds go directly to our Scholarship Fund.

May 30 at 7 PM and May 31 at 4 PM

Lake Sunapee's Got Talent – Online to benefit the CFA Scholarship Fund.

This online show will include all the elements of the live show including Lindsay Lund as MC, Missy Owen, Lara Hyde, and Michael T. Brown III as judges, competing acts of music, dance,

acrobatics, theater, and performance ensembles, as well as your chance to vote online for "The People's Choice Award."

Participating this year are Sofia Upton, AcroDance/Contortionist; Lauri Smerald, Jazz Vocalist; The Fern Family Band, Original Music; Renee and Steve Patten, Ballroom Dance; Oliver Andrews, Solo Violinist; Amita Ayer, Solo Pop Vocalist; Kristi and Elizabeth Upton, Contemporary/Modern Dance Pas de Deux; Mac Eldridge, Original Music, Vocalist and Piano; and Zoie The Wonder Dog. The Show will finish with award-winning dance ensembles.

The show will also be aired on YCN and posted on our YouTube Channel. This is the Center for the Arts' biggest fundraiser of the year for the their Scholarship Program, and because they will be unable to sell tickets to a live event, they hope you will consider purchasing a "virtual ticket" as a donation to this important program at CenterForTheArtsNH.org/got-talent.

Support is needed more than ever, so that they may continue awarding scholarships to the talented students in our region this year. They thank you in advance for donations in any amount! At CenterForTheArtsNH.org/student-scholarships, donations of any size are greatly appreciated!

Please note: May 30 at 7 PM will have an online voting option for the "People's Choice Award." May 31 at 4 PM is a re-broadcast and will not have that option.

June 5: First Friday with the New London Barn Playhouse – Online:

Join us as we co-host an entertaining program with the New London Barn Playhouse.

Keith Coughlin and The Barnies are preparing something special for this First Friday, so sit back and enjoy!

Please check the CFA website for up-to-date information about all these programs and more! Visit CenterForTheArtsNH.org or contact us at Info@CenterForTheArtsNH.org. Thank you!

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A Divided Loyalty, Charles Todd
The Glass Hotel,
 Emily St. John Mandel
In Five Years, Rebecca Serle
The Last Passenger, Charles Finch
Many Rivers to Cross,
 Peter Robinson
The Mirror and the Light,
 Hilary Mantel
My Dark Vanessa,
 Kate Elizabeth Russell
Redhead by the Side of the Road,
 Anne Tyler
Trace Elements, Donna Leon
The Traitor, VS Alexander
Valentine, Elizabeth Wetmore
Writers and Lovers, Lily King

Adult Nonfiction

The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees, Meredith May
How the South Won the Civil War, Heather Cox Richardson

The Sixth Extinction,
 Elizabeth Kolbert
The Witches: Salem, 1692,
 Stacy Schiff
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The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives,
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Through the Reading Glasses May 2020

Janet Moore
 Andover Libraries Trustee

Every year in New Hampshire, students nominate and vote for the perfect book for middle and high schoolers. Yes, there's a little vetting by librarians, but it's really just to narrow the lists. The Isinglass and Flume awards, respectively, are announced each spring to much fanfare from readers all over the state. While Lee and Priscilla will write about this year's nominees, I am providing below a list of the favorites of favorites from past years, just to whet your appetites.

Flume Award

The Sun is Also a Star, *Saint Anything*, *The Fifth Wave*, *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Clockwork Angel*, *Marcelo in the Real World*, *Deadline*, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, *Marley and Me*, *The DaVinci Code*.

Isinglass Award

The Crossover, *Roller Girl*, *The Thing About Jellyfish*, *I Am Malala*, *Counting By Sevens*, *The Warrior's Heart*, *Okay For Now*, *Hacking Timbuktu*, *Totally Joe*, *Football Genius*, *Peak*

On March 30, beloved children's

author and illustrator, Tomie DePaola, died in New London at age 85. Among his many wonderful books, the one that won the Caldecott Medal, *Strega Nona*, remains my favorite, especially when Big Anthony enters the scene in a later story.

DePaola always said his stories were inspired by his own life, and given the fact that his ancestors came from Calabria in southern Italy, it's no surprise that an eternally full pasta pot should be inseparable from *Strega Nona* herself.

If you've never shared a laugh or a tear with one of his characters, now is the perfect time, as his books are available everywhere. And remember, along with Harry Potter's JK Rowling, he shares the wonderful distinction of having had books banned in libraries for "painting magic in a positive light." Who knew?!

One last note: I have a complete set of the 1950s/1960s-era books *Trixie Belden: Girl Detective*, as well as all five volumes of *The Penderwicks*. Check them out on Amazon, and if you're interested for your children, give me a call, and we can make something happen!

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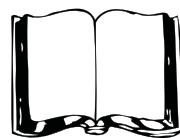
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News from the South Danbury Christian Church, May 2020

Public gatherings are still on hold

Linda Wilson

South Danbury Christian Church

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, it's uncertain when public gatherings at the South Danbury Church are able to resume, so we will do our best to use social media and e-mail to keep everyone updated. If you would like to receive our weekly e-mail news, or to be notified of church events, please let us know with a short message to SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com or a text message to 491-3196. You're also invited to follow us on Facebook at "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church."

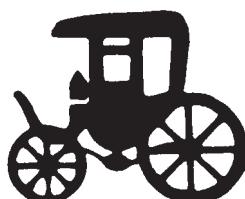
Even when we don't gather on a

Sunday, the church and its friends are busy all week long. Some of our current Missions activities are supporting the Danbury Community Center's services and its Danbury Food Pantry; the Blazing Star Grange's Neighbor Helping Neighbor program; Listen Community Services programs; and New Hampshire Wish List of the Kearsarge area.

The South Danbury Church, located at 1411 US Route 4 in South Danbury, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, UCC. Please contact us if you need a ride or other assistance to attend worship or events. We'll be happy to help.



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Distance Programs Bring Live Animals and Nature to Schools

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

Press release

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center announces its new Virtually Wild School Programs to provide distance learning science education to schools. Virtually Wild School Programs bring a Science Center naturalist and two live animal ambassadors to a teacher's virtual classroom.

With schools closed for the remainder of the school year and Science Center trails closed until further notice, what would typically be a busy time for field trips will be quiet. Science Center naturalists have been busy developing the most effective ways to bring distance learning education programs to schools. Naturalists understand that keeping students engaged in science and nature while teaching online can be difficult, so they have adapted popular programs to meet those needs.

Programs include Fur, Feathers, and Scales; Have to Have a Habitat; Marvelous Mammals; Stories on the Wild Side; and more. Virtually Wild School Pro-

grams connect securely with students and teachers and engage with students for a 45-minute program. Interaction between students and the naturalist encourages the students to discover more about animals in New Hampshire. Post-visit activities are also included and programs correlate to Next Generation Science Standards.

Naturalists have also created Nature Journal Pages. The pages encourage students and children to get outside and start a nature journal. Nature Journal Pages include directions so parents can easily help younger children with the activities and older children can do them on their own. The only materials needed are the journal page and something to write with.

Teachers can learn more at NHnature.org/teachers or Schools@NHnature.org.

About the Science Center

The mission of Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is to advance understanding of ecology by exploring New Hampshire's natural world. The Center is located on Route 113 in Holderness. For further information, visit NHnature.org or call 968-7194.



During Stroke Awareness Month, Be Aware Of Symptoms

Fifth leading cause of death in United States

Franklin VNA and Hospice
Press release

May is Stroke Awareness Month and, as the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, understanding what can cause stroke, signs to look for, and ways to reduce the risk of stroke are important steps we can take.

A stroke occurs when blood flow to part of our brain is interrupted. This interruption causes a loss of oxygen delivery to our brain cells in that part of the

brain, and if it goes on more than a few minutes those cells start to die.

All strokes are a medical emergency and can be life threatening. People who survive a stroke may still be left with a range of effects including weakness and paralysis, changes in their memory, attention and perception, vision problems, changes in their personality or behavior, depression, and fatigue.

The National Stroke Association suggests the acronym FAST to help remember the symptoms of stroke. Stroke symptoms come on suddenly, without warning. The sooner we can get medical attention to treat the blockage in the brain, the better the chance of survival, so if you see any of these symptoms in yourself or anyone else act FAST.

F: Facial drooping or uneven smile on a person's face

A: Arm numbness or weakness, most likely on one side

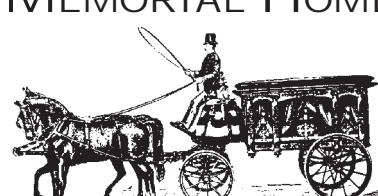
S: Slurred speech

T: Time to act now! Call 911!

Kristin Jordan, Director of Home Health & Hospice Services at Franklin VNA & Hospice notes, "By taking some sensible steps to reduce our risk of stroke, and knowing how to recognize the signs of stroke we can help decrease the number of strokes each year." For more information, call Franklin VNA and Hospice at 934-3454 or visit FranklinVNA.org.



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CARYL C. DETWILER, of Bullhead City, Arizona passed away on March 4, 2020. She was a native of Vermont, raised on Cape Cod. Her education was in Cape Cod, New York, and Connecticut.

She was a camper and camp counselor for 30 years in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. Caryl worked for the US Post Office for 21 years in Andover. After retiring she decided to move to Arizona, settling in Bullhead City.



In Bullhead City, she quickly made many friends and was always eager and ready to assist anyone needing help. Her generosity toward others was well known, and her ready smile and cheerfulness will always be remembered by her friends.

We thought of you with love today but that is nothing new. We thought of you yesterday and the day before that too. We think of you in silence and often speak your name. All we have are but memories, and your picture in a frame. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. A part of us went with you, that day God took you home.

FRANK J HANUS III, 71, of New York, New York passed away peacefully at home on April 3, 2020, after a well lived, but too short, life.

Born in Manhattan on March 25, 1949 to the late Frank and Elizabeth Hanus, he was the older of two children. He attended Montclair Kimberly Academy, and graduated from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. After the death of his fa-

ther, he took over at InsulFab Plastics, the family business established in 1923 and based in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Franklin, New Hampshire.

A lover of history, he was quick to share his knowledge with others, whether they wanted to listen or not. Before Hurricane Sandy, he had a home in Bay Head, New Jersey where he would host weekends full of food, wine, and friendship. He was a longtime member of the Bay Head Yacht Club and the New York Athletic Club, though he was neither a boater nor sporty.

He was predeceased by his parents, and his brother Scott Hanus, and is survived by his daughter, Anne-Nicole Hanus, of Westport, Connecticut. In light of current events, there will be no funeral, however memorial contributions can be made to University Hospitals, Cleveland, Westover School, or the Humane Society of New York.

TRUDY A. STICKNEY, 87, a resident of Contoocook, passed away on Good Friday, April 10, 2020, at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Concord after a fall.

Trudy was born on March 18, 1933, in Boston, and was adopted by World War One decorated veteran Walter A. Gillis and his loving wife Alice C. Gillis of Read-



ing, Massachusetts. The family moved to a small farm in Newmarket, New Hampshire, where Trudy was loved and cared for with many memories that she told throughout her life.

Trudy attended St. Mary's school

in Newmarket and, because of her articulate mind, she was placed in second grade at the age of five. She graduated from Newmarket High School in 1950 at the age of 16. After high school, she worked for Judge Griffin and Gallant Mfg. until moving to Hopkinton to raise her two children with her first husband of 24 years.

Trudy served on the Hopkinton School Board and worked as a waitress at the Casserole Restaurant in Hopkinton until she divorced in 1974. She then met and married William A. Stickney in 1976 and together they ran the Horseshoe Tavern and the Casserole Restaurant for many years. Next, Trudy and her husband Bill both worked at St. Paul's School in Concord. Trudy worked as the Chef to the Rector and her husband worked in the Maintenance Department. They both retired from St. Paul's School. Trudy was a lifelong Astrologer.

Trudy leaves her loving husband of 44 years, William A. Stickney of Contoocook; daughter, Nancy Eaton (Gielar) of Newmarket; a son, John Gielar and his fiance Heidi Bukoski of Gilsum; her husband's children, Michael Stickney of Swansey, Andrew Stickney of Philadelphia, Barbara Stickney of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and her only niece, Patricia Wadsworth (Gielar) of Georgiana, Alabama. In addition, Trudy is survived by her sisters-in-law Mary De Angelis of Concord, and Lois Magenau of Andover. Trudy also leaves grandchildren Brittany Eaton and Nathaniel Eaton, both from Newmarket, Russell Gielar of Keene, Ian Gielar of Pensacola, Florida., and Cody Gielar of San Jose, California. She was predeceased by her brother, Francis Gillis, and her son-in-law, David Eaton.

Trudy will be interred at her family plot in Newmarket, and with her loving

husband at the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. We are greatly saddened by the loss of a vibrant person who will not be soon forgotten. She taught us human kindness, compassion and was a bright light in our lives that will never go out. She was happy, loving, and she will be greatly missed. We also want to thank Pleasant View Center Nursing facility for their love and care that they provided during the end of her life.

ROSE MAY EMERY PRENTICE, 84, of Andover, died on April 13, 2020 at the Franklin Regional Hospital in Franklin.

She was born February 1, 1936 in Franklin to Daniel and Lillian Emery. She married the late Robert Prentice on May 10, 1952.



Rose is survived by two sons, Robert Prentice of Shelbyville, Tennessee, and Paul Prentice of Concord; three daughters, Nancy Bousquet of Andover, Gloria Gaudette of Warner, and Sally Watterson of Tullahoma, Tennessee. She is also survived and will be missed by several grandchildren and their families.

Her parents, brothers, Daniel and Charlie, two daughters, Linda Prentice-Lawrence and Jane Prentice-LaBraney, preceded her in death.

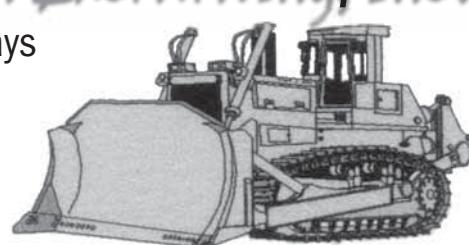
She loved to cook and enjoyed reading and playing card games. She enjoyed playing the guitar.

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munication, lesson plans, locker cleanouts, and a whole host of other things we had to figure out in a very short period of time. Parents would be arriving as early as noon on Tuesday to drive through and pick up needed items for students.

By the time we left on Tuesday, we were feeling good about our efforts. Everything was well organized and little had been missed. It gave us all a feeling of pride and accomplishment that we had achieved so much in such a short period of time. Wednesday morning, we were all ready to receive our students' questions and assignments in our new virtual school.

I think with all the adrenaline flowing through us, my fellow teachers and I didn't have time to think about what was really going on in the rest of the country. Of course we knew; it just hadn't sunk in. This was just a temporary situation, and we had one focus: to do what was best for our students.

As our three-week closure progressed, it had become apparent that this would be a daunting task. Meeting the varying needs of students face-to-face was a part of teaching that I had become accustomed to doing each and every day, but to do it without actually being in the same space was something I (or my colleagues) had never had to attempt with everyone ... all at once ... for weeks. Google Meets with students and staff have helped to make connections and made me smile, but my heart

was often heavy knowing that three weeks would become seven.

On April 16, thirty-two days after the original temporary school closure announcement, the moment we all knew deep down inside was going to happen had finally arrived. Governor Sununu announced that schools would not reopen for this academic year.

It was a hard reality to accept, as the one thing that I had been looking forward to through this entire experience was the day I would be able to teach my students in person back in our classroom. For me, having two-thirds of my students in the eighth grade, it was the reality that I would never have them together in my classroom again.

I also felt sympathy for the class of 2020, as they all had no choice but to accept the fact that their time had ended at AE/MS without the usual end-of-year activities. I reflected on the many staff members who are retiring at the end of this year as well. This is certainly not how any of them intended to wrap up their careers in education.

As I move forward with my online lesson plans, I will try to look at the positives with this unexpected twist in the year. I am able to give each individual student more specialized feedback on their work. I am discovering new resources I can use in my classroom when we finally get to return. And the bond being formed with my fellow teachers as we move through this process together will never go away.



Poem By AE/MS Student Strikes a Nerve During COVID-19 Crisis

The following poem was written by Elizabeth Henderson, AE/MS Class of 2020. While it was written before COVID-19 began affecting life around us, her teacher, Kasey Schoch, realized that it was very relevant and submitted it to go along with other reflections about life and remote learning during these trying times.

It is even more poignant in light of the fact that AE/MS eighth graders like Elizabeth will not get to participate in final school gatherings, parties, or graduation.

The poem:

Time is something we should never take for granted.

We never realize it but time is moving fast and the years are piling onto us.

We don't think about these things, but what if we did?

It's crazy isn't it? To think in five to seven years you and your friends will be having their own lives.

As time moves on, without even realizing it, we will slowly start to separate from each other.

We don't think about these "last" moments until they already happen.

Like someday we will have our last sleepover together,

Our last hangout together,

Our last party together,

Our last late night rant together,

Our last call together,

Our last birthday together,

Our last argument together,

Our last laugh together,

Our last cry together,

Our last happy moments,

Until finally we have our last conversation.

All of these "last" moments are ones that once they are over, you may never be able to gain them back again.

We are young and naive and we don't want to believe that at the end of the day everything will come to an end and we will all have these "last" moments.

But these memories will never be forgotten.

One day, your kids will find a picture of us and they will ask who we are.

Some may laugh, some may cry, but most will smile as the memories come flooding back to you.

You will remember your first sleepover together.

Your first hangout together,

Your first party together,

Your first late night rant together,

Your first call together,

Your first birthday together,

Your first argument together,

Your first laugh together,

Your first cry together,

Your first happy moments,

Until you finally recall your first conversation.

The conversation that started memories.

The conversation that pushed the limits of friendship.

The conversation that brought you out of your comfort zone.

The conversation that brought times of joy, sadness, and anger.

The conversation that started a pathway for a whole life of drama and chaos but also a life of fun and events that will never be forgotten.

Life changes and life evolves.

But you have to cherish the time you have now and the people you have now so that you have something to look back on in the future.



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teachers in this new landscape, and while this may feel intimidating, it has been equally liberating and has inspired incredible collaboration among our faculty, newfound creativity, and a critical rethinking of how and why we teach the way we teach that will most certainly impact Proctor's educational model post-COVID-19.

Here are thoughts from our teachers on their own journeys transitioning to online teaching this spring:

**Peter Southworth
English Department**

I'm more aware of the time I'm talking (explaining, reviewing, introducing new ideas, etc.) with student's attention spans in mind, which has been a powerful evolution for me in my teaching. I'm more conscious and committed to implementing activities and exercises that encourage student application now that we are online.

I am prioritizing my student's social connection and I feel the need for all my online students to share something at the start of or during class – something silly, a glimpse into their lives, or a reaction to our classwork.

**Annie Mackenzie
Learning Skills**

This is all new, so I am learning a ton. Specifically, I am learning how to share screens and help someone walk through a math problem while we are both doing it independently (together).

As a teacher, I am learning how important it is to focus on the nuances of what kids are saying. Each one of them is navigating all of this from such different places in such different ways. An unfinished homework assignment may not be as black and white as it seems, and we must understand and appreciate these nuances as we work with our students.

**Adam Jones
Technology Department**

Moving to a distributed learning environment meant having to rethink how my classes were designed, from the ground up. I learned that I needed to start over – and not try to simply translate (or carry over) what I was doing in the classroom pre-COVID-19. I needed to let go of that class and re-examine my assumptions about what was important, possible, and effective.

That is a thrilling project, because starting at square one means that I have to listen, respond, and iterate at a faster pace than usual because many of the variables had shifted – and would continue to do so. Teaching is an art form – it is a dance – and therefore, I needed to be flexible, adaptable, and ready to start over again and again.

**Tom Morgan
English Department**

The experience of abruptly switching from teaching in-person to online has reinforced my commitment to in-

tegrating the personal experiences of my students with class content and skill-building. Highlighting and making use of students' stories, thoughts, and reflections is even more essential in online education as informal interactions – in the dorm, on the field, at the beginning of class, outside of assembly, in the Dining Commons – that help us create community here on campus are missing.

While these personal touches do not make up for in any way or replace the lived experience of Proctor, they can bridge some of the distance that I felt during this prolonged quarantine period. Proctor is so much more than an assemblage of academic classes and organized events. As we move forward with online learning, we need to figure out how to create and highlight more of these moments.

**Kyle Connolly
Social Science Department**

Being in the presence of someone gives you so much insight into how they are doing and what is or is not working with them. In the absence of that, I have found that I have had to be much more direct and deliberate with my communication with students.

One way I have attempted to go about this is through journaling in class; I try to write back to each individual student once or twice a week so we can have digital conversations about the class, their ideas, and their curiosities.

Jon Beard
World Language Department

Having a sense of humor and a lot of flexibility and patience has been crucial. Sometimes students show up late, are confused, their internet connections are unstable, and their voices or images get all broken up. They sound like they're trapped in some kind of digital purgatory, and it's necessary to be able to laugh rather than give in to the internal terror I am experiencing.

It has been helpful for me to just take classes one simple step at a time, and to really slow down my speaking and transitions to show the students that I'm not in a rush and that I care more about supporting them during class than getting through a rigid agenda.

I'm also learning to spend more time making the instructions for both in-class activities (in groups as well as individually) and homework assignments more clear and succinct while still providing enough details to support the students. When teaching on campus, I always try to make my expectations clear, but in person it is much easier for me to turn to a confused student and clarify instructions using the whiteboard, body language, or an example of another student's work.

Online, I've realized it is even more important to make expectations crystal clear at the onset of any activity so that students can spend more time focusing

on language skill development, and so that I do not get inundated with too many questions in chat windows or via e-mail while trying to check in on various small groups and individuals online.

Obviously, I'm available to support students throughout class no matter what, and they know this, but the less I need to help students understand instructions, the more I can focus on helping students interact in another language. Spending more time making a daily plan easy to understand makes a big difference for the students while

they are making this transition.

**Sarah Whitehead
Math Department**

I have learned that students are far more patient with technical difficulties when we teach remotely than they are in the physical classroom. It's been nice to hear their verbal support when things take a couple of tries. I am appreciative of how the students can sometimes guide my technology struggles, but each day I am reminded how much I miss the students' energy and can't wait to be back in the real classroom! 

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The kitchen didn't have that beautiful fresh baked bread smell. I was pretty disappointed, but tried to keep my head held high.

So far this social distancing thing has been like that first attempt at making bread. Lots of waiting around for something to happen. Wanting to be with friends, hanging out on campus in the sun while the snow melted, but that wasn't happening, and I was, and still am, pretty disappointed. Of course there's FaceTime, but it's not the same as being with them in person talking about the most random stuff or going off on a new adventure.

After a month of waiting around, classes started and it was rough. The first week was full of tech problems, and for me an almost constant headache after each school day, but it was

something to do, something to keep me occupied instead of sleeping until noon and watching tv the rest of the day. Through all the struggles I've tried to keep my spirits up and my head held high.

A few days later I got some sourdough starter from a neighbor who had gotten it from a local bakery. I used a different recipe and the next day I pulled a beautiful golden brown loaf of bread out of the oven. The crust was crispy and flaky, the inside had nice big air bubbles and it tasted amazing!

Classes have been improving, I'm finding ways to manage my screen time and keep the headaches away. We're in a time when we need to be patient and flexible whether it be waiting for someone to figure out WebEx or making bread. Everyone needs to remember we're all in this together, we've got this, stay strong, and go Hornets! 



Mya Johnson, a second grader, was one of about 35 AE/MS students who created art to be displayed at Plymouth State University in conjunction with its staging of *Annie*.

Photo: Travis and Jessica Johnson

AE/MS Students' Artwork Displayed at PSU Play Annie

Ms. Minnehan
graduated from PSU

Ashley Neuberger
AE/MS grade eight

This past January, AE/MS' art teacher, Courtney Minnehan, organized projects for AE/MS students to participate in, and be displayed at, a famous play and art show at Plymouth State University (PSU). The play chosen this year was *Annie*. All of the artwork made for the play was based around *Annie* and New York City.

The play and art show were put on and organized by The Educational Theater Collaborative (ETC). The ETC is an "inspiring and innovative" program for arts education. The ETC is also known all over the state for putting on amazing plays and art shows every year at PSU.

Courtney Minnehan says that this art show was close to her heart because

she graduated from PSU. Ms. Minnehan also states, "It was really awesome to see my students' artwork hung up on the same walls I've had my artwork on as a student at PSU."

This is a wonderful experience for students of all ages because it helped



AE/MS student artwork inspired by *Annie* was displayed at PSU in January.

them to feel better about their art skills. Having their artwork displayed at a university is also a great opportunity for them to see art expand past their school. This was another successful art project set up by AE/MS' art teacher, Courtney Minnehan.



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Proctor to Continue Remote Learning through End of School Year

Commencement and reunion both postponed

Scott Allenby
Proctor Academy

A version of this information was sent to current parents, students, employees, alumni, parents of alumni on April 6. Our hope is this information updates the greater Andover community on Proctor's response to the COVID-19 crisis. We know the absence of Proctor students on campus this spring and the future void left by Gordon Research Conferences this summer has had, and will continue to have, a significant impact on local businesses. Our sincere hope is that come September, Proctor's campus will once again be alive.

All of us have experienced unprecedented disruption in our lives, all of us are struggling to come to terms with this new rhythm of learning, work, family, and community. It presents challenges, and while we have worked to adapt it has been difficult to find comfort in any of this.

The one silver lining seen are the small acts that make the fabric of a community whole; moments of kindness and appreciation seem to be cropping up all over the place. We wish someone were keeping statistics, because those acts might show an exponential growth that perhaps would ease the dislocation and worry of the pandemic state. It is through this lens of hope that we share the following updates.

Remote Learning will Continue

Proctor students and faculty are now more than a month into our remote learning model this spring. The feedback from parents, students, and faculty has been overwhelmingly positive.

Yes, there have been challenges, but the resiliency of the Proctor community has never been more apparent than it is right now. With the predictions we are seeing, the rise of COVID-19 in this country, and the almost unanimous recommendations across states that residents stay home, with the closing of schools and universities that at one point looked temporary and now seem permanent through the end of this academic school year, Proctor has made the decision to not bring students back to campus this academic year. It is not the decision we want to make, but it is the decision we must make for the well-being of this community and the communities around us.

School Matters!

The *Beacon* needs volunteers to help gather school news, especially news of our Andover students at MVHS! If you can help, please call 735-6099.

Commencement is Postponed

This is the biggest disappointment of the term for our seniors, but under no scenario that we could imagine would gathering in such large numbers be sensible, feasible, wise, or potentially even legal. But, we will celebrate the Class of 2020 with a virtual graduation ceremony on May 30.

The school is also exploring options for a potential late-summer gathering should it be responsible to do so. We are not wholly sure what that celebration might look like, but we will be exploring all options. While alternatives may not have the same feel as walking across the stage in late May, when we are able to celebrate the Class of 2020, the emotions will be the same: the hugs, the handshakes, the music, the sense of pride our faculty and staff have in the growth of our students will be more intense than ever.

Reunion 2020 is Postponed

In line with our decision to postpone graduation, we have also made the difficult decision to postpone Alumni Reunion 2020. We will be communicating directly with alumni already registered to return to campus in June, as well as to those in the classes ending in 0s and 5s.

As we work to keep Proctor's educational mission and our relationship with students at the forefront of what we do, our partnership with each of our families is critical. This is not the first time Proctor has faced a challenge of this magnitude in its history. The Great Depression saw the ingenuity and commitment of its faculty, staff, and students evolve Proctor's educational model. The social and economic unrest of the late 1960s and early 1970s again saw the school shift, radically changing the school culture into that which sits at our core today. A little over a decade ago, we navigated the economic downturn of 2008-2009 by becoming as lean as possible and demonstrating to our students and families that we would deliver on our mission.

Each time we face challenges, we demonstrate our community's resilience. Our world needs Proctor's educational model and the community it creates among our families now more than ever. Collectively, as parents, faculty, staff, alumni, and students, we will find a way through the challenges we face during this chapter of Proctor's history. We will come through this together, and will emerge as a stronger school than ever before. Thank you for being a part of the Proctor family during this time.

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Kasey Schoch, an AE/MS teacher, and her dog Dickens send a photo message to all her students: "I miss you all soooo much! #ProudEagle"
Photo: Ryan Schoch

AE/MS Student Appreciates the Pace of Remote Learning

"Devastated" by loss of year-end traditions

Trinity Delaney
AE/MS grade eight

Recently, due to COVID-19, students at AE/MS have started an online learning system. When the epidemic reached the point where we were sent home, I felt nervous and excited to be doing the work at home. I was mainly excited because of the idea of being able to work at my own pace, but I soon found out it was very easy to fall behind.

After the first week, everything became more comfortable and I started to form a schedule. When I found out that our eighth grade New York City trip was cancelled, I was devastated, but what brought me out of the sadness I felt for losing our trip was starting up mentoring again with my little buddy and sending e-mails back

and forth.

I think the best thing that came out of remote learning is the ability to control the speed that you work at. I believe this because it gives kids an opportunity to take things at their own speed, and have more time to talk with their teachers about their classes.

COVID-19 has affected all of our lives, and has left me upset, happy to be home, and tired, but hopefully our community, state, country, and world as a whole can get through this.

When I learned we would not be returning for the remainder of the school year, all I could think was, "This was not how my classmates and I planned to end our time at AE/MS." However, the best we can do is keep ourselves in a good mindset and look forward to a COVID-19 free future, our graduation, and to the time we can see our Andover family once again.



Proctor Student Finds Online Learning a Lot Like Baking Bread

A lot of waiting, but getting better over time

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This is the most amount of time I've been home since I started at Proctor my freshman year. In the summer I'm away for eight weeks at summer camp. I'm a huge baking enthusiast and any chance I get I'll make something, so with all this free time I decided to do something productive.

I walked into my kitchen, taking in the wooden island in the middle, the white cabinets, the stovetop, and oven. The ideas of what to make were bubbling to the surface. I wanted to try something new, completely different than my normal bakes. Homemade

breads have always interested me. A bit too ambitious, I went straight for trying sourdough bread, not a basic white sandwich bread. What I didn't know until I started looking at recipes is that you need sourdough starter, not yeast. I spent the next five days feeding my starter, a mixture of all-purpose flour and warm water. It started to become bubbly and smell like sourdough should.

I once again had to keep waiting. The dough was finally ready to bake after two days of working on it. I put the round dough onto a baking sheet and put it into the hot oven, I felt the heat coming out of the oven in waves on my face. I opened the oven door about an hour later to a flat, dense loaf of bread.

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Proctor Faculty Share Thoughts About Adjusting to Online Classes

A learning curve for teachers and students

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We talk often about the culture of lifelong learning that exists at Proctor; faculty designing new courses based on their passions, engaging in professional development workshops and graduate courses to further explore their disciplines. This growth mindset permeates the student culture as students witness adults take the same academic risks and willingly embrace the vulnerability

necessary to deep learning.

Our rapid shift to remote learning this spring has amplified our collective need to embrace an openness to failure and willingness to iterate. The motto of our teaching faculty this spring has been to fail fast, and to fail often. A license to experiment, fail, iterate, and experiment again allows teachers to step into the relative unknown of online classes with confidence.

After spending decades fine-tuning a craft, our faculty have been asked to pivot on a dime. We are all first-year See Proctor on page 25



A hallway full of empty lockers at AE/MS waits for students to return to school after the COVID-19 shutdown.
Photo: Kasey Schoch

AE/MS English Teacher Looks for Positives in COVID Shutdown

Team bonds as it moves through crisis together

Kasey Schoch
AE/MS English teacher

On Friday, March 13, as we were informing our students that there would be no school on Monday so that teachers could plan for "just in case," I truly believed I would see all of my students back in class on Tuesday, the 17th of March. That belief quickly vanished (and my stomach dropped) when on March

15 Governor Chris Sununu announced that all New Hampshire schools would be closed for the next three weeks.

Monday morning came and the staff at AE/MS arrived at school to try to plan for two-and-a-half weeks of remote learning. We did so with heavy hearts, not only because we already missed our students, but because we had also lost one of our staff, Vic Stewart, and wouldn't have time to properly reflect on that loss. There were scheduling, com-

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