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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**

Perishable, nonperishable food; household items

**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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