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Eldora Walker Heath led the Children's Parade during the 1976 Andover Fourth of July celebration.

## Andover's Fourth of July Celebration Has Been Cancelled

Committee is planning online games, videos ...

Press release

The Andover Fourth of July Committee, sad to say, has decided to cancel this year's Fourth of July celebration due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The reasoning for cancelling is the unneces-

sary risk.

At a normal event, we would have police, fire and other safety measures in place. But none of these will protect us from COVID-19. A single, infected person attending this event could infect many others. If one person were infected from attending our event and, heaven

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Three of Andover's restaurants have opened outdoor dining areas, now that those are allowed under the state's cautious reopening rules. Pictured here is the *al fresco* dining option at The Kitchen; both Pizza Chef and The Refinery now offer outdoor seating as well. Photo: Charlie Darling

## Local Businesses Rise to Challenges as Reopening Begins

Many creative safety measures emerge

Shelley Geoghegan, *Beacon* staff

With the beginning of the State of New Hampshire's phased reopening starting in May, the process of opening a business isn't as simple as turning the key and welcoming people back in. There are safety guidelines that must be adhered to, for which the business owner bears the financial, and time, burden.

This isn't the only consideration. A large number of business owners are skeptical about the safety of opening at this stage and must weigh their economic need to reopen versus the safety of themselves and their customers. Conversely, customers are also considering the safety of starting to shop in-person again at businesses outside of grocery stores and pharmacies.

### The Kitchen Andover

Some businesses in Andover, such as The Kitchen Andover, have been able

to stay open as an "essential" business by making changes to stay in compliance with the original shutdown rules. Now, in order to expand their offerings, they must make new accommodations and spend more on resources to maintain everyone's safety. To that end, The Kitchen Andover's owner Michael Prete related the following about current accommodations and creative changes, as well as plans for the immediate future:

"The Kitchen Andover has been staying ahead of this wave and has been adapting before the need. We closed our doors to inside patrons when we didn't need to, opened an online ordering and payment system, and opened our drive-up window. We offered bulk meats, produce, baking ingredients, and even masks, sanitizer, and toilet paper at near costs before there was a lack of these items in the grocery store. We have been helping the community with gift cards and free meals as well, with help

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“Looking at the future, we will soon be offering car service in the front of our building where someone comes out to wait on you, and we have cool trays that perch on your window like the old ‘50s car hop restaurants.

“Customers will be able to dine al fresco with compostable serving ware and tables spread 15 feet apart and sanitized between each party. We are also looking into producing our own retail products, and we will be getting our salads and soups for sale back at the New London Co-op soon, as well as Sunday Lobster Rolls for pick-up at our drive-

through window this summer!

“The newest addition is a liquor license, where now you can enjoy local draft beer, a great wine selection, and some craft cocktails outside or to-go. A new menu is soon to come, featuring more of Chef Michael and the team’s scratch-made innovative food.”

**Chadwick Funeral and Cremation Service**

Another “essential” business that has stayed open, but with the sacrifice of the “personal touch” that is so intrinsic to their nature is Chadwick Funeral and Cremation Service. Owner Marion Haffner offers this description of how their business is operating under COVID guidelines:

“Funerals, memorial services, and

celebrations have certainly taken on a different look over the last couple of months. The COVID pandemic has robbed us of mourning together as large families and caring communities. Many people crave the hugs and handshakes extended at a time of need and have been forced to wave from a distance. Some families are waiting to have a service until it is allowed and smart to do so. It seems that it must feel so empty without the human contact at the time when it is most needed.

“We have been able to have gatherings of 10 people and must wear masks and stay socially distant. Prearrangements and arrangements are often made over the phone or by mail or e-mail. We have had a Zoom funeral and made recordings. It is so difficult to have families we have known and served for years, or new friends, suffer a loss and not be able to reach out physically or be with them.

“We hope that in the near future we will at least be able to gather in reasonable groups and spaces and support our friends and neighbors. We will still have to be careful about those hugs, but eventually they will return.”

**Elbo-Edge Cabins**

This next account shows how the virus has a personal effect on a local lodging venue owner. Bill Bardsley shares his thoughts on the factors involved in deciding whether or not to reopen his Elbo-Edge cabins:

“Here I am, a 90-year old man with heart and lung problems. Could there be a better prospect for a fatal case of COVID-19? I was in Arizona when this threat began, and the need for personal distancing and isolation finally came to light in late March. From a small condo in thickly settled Tucson, the idea of getting back to the Andover woods looked pretty appealing.

“My son Nils was there in Tucson, too, and gave life to that idea by renting an RV and driving me back here. We stocked up on food before leaving, so stops en route were limited to gas fill-ups and sleeps. We got out of the rig only at gas stations.

“Back home, life and work in and around the woods and Elbo-Edge cabins are about normal for this season. On rides on local roads during some of our rare nice days, I’ve found neighbors to talk to outdoors, walking, gardening, or sunning. Daughter Christina, who lives across the road, does the grocery shopping, so my trips to the outer world since April 1 have been just two to New London and one to the post office.

“We are leaning toward not opening Elbo-Edge this summer, even though the guests in recent years have all been long-time repeaters. The widely separated cabins would make it easy for people to stay within their own family units, but there remains a risk for travelers arriving and later mixing up at the beach or other gathering spots. I am starting to consult with guests about their thoughts on this.

“All of us have some real problems

with this pandemic, but we here in Andover need to be thankful we are not confined in those countless crowded impoverished communities in this country and all over the globe, where handwashing, distancing, and finding masks and gloves is impossible. At the same time, we must not forget the unemployed, the hungry, the otherwise sick, and the challenged mortgage holders, property tax payers, and broken-down car owners right here among us. The difficult world for some is becoming a difficult world for many more.”

**Highland Lake Inn**

And finally, from the Highland Lake Inn in East Andover, an update on their plans and thoughts concerning re-opening. Both safety and economics are ongoing considerations while, as owner Pecco Beaufays refers to it, “reopening a small lodging business while the danger still is in the air.”

“When we say to our dogs, ‘Let’s go for a walk!’ most dogs react excitedly and start running to the door without concern for bad surprises they might find outside. Dogs know when their leader wants them to go for a walk, and no responsible leader will walk them into danger head-on.

“Can we people trust the advice we are getting? Are we ready to reopen our businesses without adequate mass testing or without a vaccine? We don’t know the answer, but we fear that reality might force us to live and work under the danger of contracting COVID-19 for a long time, since it may be up to two years before there is enough vaccine available, regardless of what we are being told. However, we are all part of a big turning wheel called the economy, and once the lead dogs tell us it is OK to go out into the world again, we will do so.

“Gail and I will re-open our doors at the Highland Lake Inn to accommodate guests, adapting some new service plans to ensure the health and safety of our guests, ourselves, and our community. Some measures are new; others have been standard procedures.

“For example, we have always been proud of our in-house laundry methods – we wash our Italian linens with environmentally safe Miele detergent in high-temperature washing machines that sanitize the linens during their three-and-a-half-hour washing cycles. And all hard surfaces are sanitized regularly.

“Room reservations will be taken with a 24-hour gap between room assignments; that will ultimately reduce availability. Breakfast seating will be staggered for six guests at a time in our dining room. We have rescheduled most weddings to 2020 or to 2021.

“We will continue to adapt to new procedures as necessary, and we are also prepared to return to a complete shutdown if COVID-19 infections increase.

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Caption: Lloyd Perreault. Photo: Bob Norander



Everyone is ready and waiting, decked out in fantastic costumes, for the Children's Parade at the 1978 Andover Fourth of July celebration.

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forbid, died as a result, there would be a stain on the event forever. We would like to have an event where the only risk is eating too many subs, too much fried chicken, french fries, hot dogs, burgers, fried dough, donuts, ice cream, cotton candy, strawberry shortcake and...well, you get the idea!

The Fourth of July celebration has always been a high point in Andover... something we all look forward to. Truly, nothing can replace the fun the event brings. The committee would like to offer a few online activities that can be done at home. We are working to present last year's parade on the local channel. A slide show of past events, a drawing/writing contest of your favorite memory are a few. These will be offered on our Facebook page at Facebook.com/AndoverNH4thOfJuly and, hopefully, on a separate Andover Fourth of July website.

Due to COVID-19, we did not solicit raffle donation prizes for our usual raffle event. The committee has purchased several grocery gift cards and will raffle them off to the folks who have already

purchased tickets. No more tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on July 4.

The committee is already thinking about next year with the hopes of making it a better than ever celebration. Think positive! Stay healthy! 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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## Mane Street Salon Re-Opens Under State's Strict New Rules

Limited services, limited contact for safety

Charlie Darling, *Beacon* volunteer

On May 1 the state announced Stay At Home 2.0, allowing for a partial re-opening of some businesses. My first thought was of Mane Street Salon: Seeing one of Andover's busiest and friendliest establishments sitting dark every time I drove through town had been a painful and too-frequent reminder of the wrenching changes we've all faced since mid-March.

I immediately resolved to be owner Meghan Barton's first customer when the state's closure order expired on Monday, May 11. Not because I wanted a haircut, but because this small change ... along with outdoor dining at restaurants, cautious re-opening of shops, and other provisions of Stay At Home 2.0 ... would actually be an important step toward recovery for our community. Of course the *Beacon* had to be there!

So I made my appointment, and at 8 AM Monday morning Meghan greeted me cheerfully in the parking lot to ask the now-routine questions about my



Mane Street Salon owner Meghan Barton gives the thumbs up behind her first customer, Charlie Darling, upon re-opening on May 11.

health and possible exposure to COVID. She took my temperature before we both went inside.

This new parking-lot skit is just one of many new rules salons must follow in order to re-open. A few of the others include:

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# Real Estate Markets Are Remarkably Stable And Growing

## Andover sales during April match 2019

Ty Morris  
Realtor, Coldwell Banker Lifestyles

### What's happening nationally?

Each state, city, and neighborhood has had different restrictions on what business is deemed essential and non-essential; therefore, the effect the coronavirus has had on the national real estate market differs tremendously.

Generally speaking, the market is stable, and many insiders believe that due to the strength and stability our market has sustained over the last eight years, we will have a strong late summer/early fall and even return to the steady growth we've been used to experiencing in the near future.

In fact, March of 2020 marks the 92nd consecutive month of increasing home prices (8% year over year). Although this might sound discouraging for prospective buyers and may prompt one to revisit the numbers leading up to 2008, consider that the price appreciation has only been 4.7% from 2018 to 2019, whereas it was 12% in 2004 to 2005. Furthermore, in 2006, the median income to purchase a home was 25.4% and in 2020 is only 14.8%. Today's numbers are much more sustainable!

### What is happening in New Hampshire?

Before the pandemic really hit, from January to March, listings were down 15%, but closings were only down 2%. The average sale price went up 4%, and the days on the market were down 13%.

In April, listings were down a whopping 40%, but closings were only down 9%. The average sale price went up 5%, and the days on the market went down 15%. This latter statistic is very efficient. Our local markets are not only remarkably stable but continuing to grow. Inventory is down, but buyer demand is strong.

### What is happening in Andover?

The statistics for Andover this year compared to the previous year, both pre-pandemic and during the stay-at-home order, are actually better. There were five home sales in this (quarantined) month of April 2020, and five home sales in April of 2019. Our year-to-date is 12 property sales with an average price of \$249,966 and 29 median days on market.

In 2019, the numbers were 11 property sales with an average price of \$215,981 and 31 median days on the market. Andover remains an extremely desirable town to live in, from its great school system to proximity for com-

muters and outdoor enthusiasts, and the statistics reflect that.

### How are mortgage rates?

Rates are great! A survey of the nation's top lenders for well-qualified buyers has a 30-year fixed rate at 3.12% and an FHA rate of 2.75%. In the last 20 days, the fixed rate has dropped by .24 and FHA has dropped by .70.

### Are profiles of buyers changing?

Again, each market is different. One thing this pandemic and the stay-at-home order has accomplished is enlightening us to appreciate the simpler things in life, whether that means being closer to family or away from urban areas, close to nature, etc. Consequently, many buyers are now looking to relocate to areas that promote healthy lifestyles. The "bigger is better" mentality is antiquated.

Additionally, many have had to adapt to work from home the past six weeks. The presence of a home office and high-speed internet will surely be more popular deciding factors for home buyers in the future.

Lastly, unnecessary housing has not been moving. For example, first-time home buyers, "downsizers" and "up-sizers" continue to be highly active, whereas second and third home sales are declining.

### Are commission rates changing?

Although we've seen discounted commission brokerages creep into central New Hampshire recently from the south, I believe our market is based more on quality than quantity. Commission fees are generally between 5% and 6% of the sales price for a single family home.

### Is there a change in vacation sales and rentals?

Short-term and AirBnB reservations saw a surge as the coronavirus began hitting the mainstream media. However, many local councils have since banned these types of businesses. We do live in a region with many vacation spots, including ski resorts and lake homes. Many local agents are reporting an increase in out-of-state interest for this type of real estate.

### What will the "new normal" look like for real estate?

These past couple of months have had consumers seeing home ownership as very intrinsic; a comfortable place to live in the event we are ever to be trapped in our homes for a long period of time.

Only one event in my lifetime before has had us as interested in ensuring that our family has a safe haven: September  
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## Andover Real Estate Transactions for April and May

### Five homes sold through May 15

Ty Morris Realtor, Coldwell Banker Lifestyles  
Five homes sold in Andover between April 16 and May 15, 2020.

Donald Thompson sold 218 Currier Road to Pilot Realty LLC for \$45,000. This two bedroom, one bathroom ranch sits on .76 acres and has 1,222 square feet of living space. Jane Snow represented both the buyer and the seller.

Stephen Eastman sold 881 Franklin Highway to Britni Halvorsen and Cody Amrol for \$193,500. This three bedroom, one bathroom cape also sits on .76 acres and has 1,424 square feet of living space. Katelyn Nash of Central Gold Key Realty represented the sellers, and Sarah Walazek of Keller Williams Realty-Metropolitan represented the buyers.

Nathan and Deana Crucitti sold 38 Blueberry Lane to Edgar Hewitt and Christine Guay for \$235,000. This three

bedroom, one bathroom ranch sits on 3.03 acres and has 1,536 square feet of living space. Karen Kimball of Dussault Real Estate represented the sellers, and Nicole Garrity of Keller Williams Realty-Metropolitan represented the buyers.

Steven and Cynthia Waterstrat sold 105 Flaghole Road to Kristen Pinto for \$395,000. This three bedroom, two bathroom ranch sits on 14.5 acres and has 2,147 square feet of living space. Mary Lou Cummings of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers, and David Cleveland of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the buyers.

Shelly Hyer Nemirovsky sold 332 Main Street to Karine Dumont and Stuart Green for \$697,000. This four bedroom and four bathroom colonial sits on 58.5 acres and has 4,258 square feet of living space. John Kinney of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers and Stacy Viandier of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the buyers.

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11, 2001. Unlike the 18% price drop of the 2008 recession, the recession following 2001 actually saw a price increase of 6.6%. Many real estate experts, including National Association of Realtors Chief Economist Lawrence Yun, believe we will see similar real estate growth amidst this economic slowdown.

For real estate professionals, the new normal will include a more digitized approach to limit face-to-face meetings as much as possible. This includes virtual tours, including the high-end Matterport tour. Ask your listing agent if they have access to these great marketing tools, and be sure to check them out.

The outlook for the future of our real estate market, both nationally and locally, remains very optimistic. If you are

a homeowner wondering when is the best time to list during these uncertain times, most agents would not suggest waiting for better timing. If you are a buyer wondering if now is a good time to buy, the answer is: Absolutely!

All of the information I've compiled for this real estate update has come from the incredibly knowledgeable mentors and associates of mine who have been involved in this business for decades. Other sources include NEREN.com; the Forbes magazine article *What Will America's Housing Market Look Like After The Coronavirus Pandemic Ends? Here's What Five Top Producing Real Estate Agents Had To Say*; Tom Ferry; and the National Association of Realtors.

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

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- Only one customer per stylist in the salon; everyone else (including parents of children getting a haircut) must wait in their cars.
  - Everyone masked at all times, so no shaves, beard trims, facial waxing, etc.
  - In fact, the only services offered are haircut, root touch-up, and shampoo – but no blow dry!
- Having been closed for six weeks – “It seems as though it has been an

eternity!” Meghan said – the pent-up demand for even the limited range of services available has been overwhelming. Meghan had scheduled herself for a 50- or 60-hour workweek that first week in hopes of getting much of Andover looking sharp again.

But for me, seeing the lights on at Mane Street Salon means something much more important than feeling the breeze across my scalp again. It means we may all be one small step closer to some sort of “normal” returning to our community.

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# LETTERS

## Coronavirus Coverage

Well done, *Beacon* staff! Please keep up the good work!

Rita Norander

The *Beacon* and its staff are to be commended for the excellent May issue coverage of the coronavirus story in Andover. Many thanks – and keep up the good work.

Bill Bardsley

## Keeping Connected

The May issue of *The Andover Beacon* was full of interesting stories and articles about the people of Andover and what they are doing to keep busy during their stay-at-home time due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

I found the articles concerning Andover's businesses very helpful in let-

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ting me know which ones were open, when they were open, and what services they were offering. These articles were enjoyable to read and had a way of connecting me to Andover and its people, even during this time when a personal connection is not always possible.

This is what *The Andover Beacon* does best for our community. It brings us together, and it keeps us informed.

## Physical Distance, Social Connection

Our community is well served by physical distancing and wearing masks, as well as by the many efforts around town to maintain our social connections despite the need for physical distance. Kudos to all for committee meetings via Zoom, a virtual Community Coffee House each month, neighbors helping neighbors, etc.

But what I find confusing is the nationwide use of the term "social distancing." Six feet is a measure of physical distance, not social distance. We need the physical distance (backed up with masks) to control the spread of the COVID virus. At the same time, we are doing everything we can to strengthen the social connections that physical distancing makes more difficult.

The phrase "social distancing" seems an inept and misleading way to refer to the twin imperatives we are living with in these extraordinary times. Referring to "physical distance" and "social connection" separately – and therefore accurately – might make it easier for us all to maintain our focus on each.

Charlie Darling



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

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# OPINION

## Agree Or Disagree, Chris Sununu is Governor of New Hampshire

Pandemic means all of us are in unknown times

Louise Andrus, Salisbury

I was very disappointed with an opinion article in the *Beacon* last month on "How Do We Govern the State Without Holding Meetings? GOFERR is not in the best interests."

I have felt and continue to feel that during this COVID-19 period of time, with everything pertaining to this virus being new in nature and all of us being in unknown times, that we were and continue to be united people working with one another to make our changes in life work, the best way we can. I have felt we were not partisan, meaning we were not Republicans, nor Democrats, nor Independents. But I was wrong. In my opinion this whole article was politically based and politically directed.

First and foremost, Chris Sununu was voted in by the voters of New Hampshire in 2018 as Governor. It was and still is his job to govern the State. Whether any one of us agrees or disagrees with his decisions, he is the Governor of New Hampshire. This whole COVID-19 pandemic has been new to everyone including Governor Sununu. I am sure he was not given a book on COVID-19 and what to do. I would not want to be in Governor Sununu's shoes, as no matter what he does or does not do it is impossible for him to please everyone.

In this particular article there was the mention of Hitler. Was the writer

referring that the Governor might act like Hitler? I felt the use of Hitler wording was inappropriate and insincere in a period of time when we need to be optimistic.

As for the State House being closed and the House Legislature not working, that is the Legislature's fault. There have been many governmental and non governmental organizations and businesses holding virtual meetings, and in my opinion the Legislature could have done the same thing. I have been attending one to three Zoom meetings a week. It is different but has served its purpose.

I was very taken aback when the article stated, "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." To me the disdain of Governor Sununu was very evident.

In my opinion, I would have rather had an article written by Representative Ken Wells advising his constituents on what was available that might be of help. What I mean by that is, for example, the Taxpayer Assistance for Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief, which most people do not know exists.

The Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; or married or head of New Hampshire household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; and
- owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - after May 1, but no later than June 30. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application.

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For assistance, contact the Department of Revenue Administration at 230-5920 - press prompt 2, then prompt 2 again.

Things like the property tax relief program help people who may at this time, through no fault of their own, wonder how they are going to feed their family, or pay the mortgage or rent, pay property taxes, or question when they can go back to work.

On another subject, absentee voting, it is my opinion that come Fall of 2020 when elections are held in September and November, that we all need to go to the polls to vote. The exception would be those who qualify for absentee ballots under New Hampshire laws, or who are vulnerable to COVID-19. They should be able to vote by absentee ballot.

I contacted a friend of mine, Representative Greg Hill, Northfield, on absentee voting, as he is very knowledgeable on this subject. Greg replied to my view of absentee voting in the letter by Judith Ackerson.

“New Hampshire consistently has a very high voter turnout in our elections under the current laws, so I’m just not sure what problem Ms. Ackerson proposes to fix. My concern of unlimited absentee voting lies in the confidence that the person requesting the absentee ballot is, in all cases, the same registered voter.

Nationally, many examples of lax adherence to laws and procedures, resulting in the possibility of fraudulent ballots actually being counted, have been chronicled in places where unlimited absentee voting is used extensively. We don’t want that to happen here, ob-

viously.

If the goal is to increase the percentage of voters by making the process and procedures looser, I simply say first, there is no evidence of voter turnout being a problem in New Hampshire, and second, there is no evidence that unlimited absentee voting will increase the percentages beyond our very high current standard.

How the elections will play out in New Hampshire is, at this point in time, anyone’s guess, however I, for one, would trust that the outcome reflects the people’s will *only if* the absentee registered voter in *all* cases was verifiable. And while that is currently *not* the case, therefore I can’t see how loosening the rules without tightening up the verification process makes any sense at all.”

Thank you, Greg, for your input.

Late in August 2018 I was asked if I would run as a write-in Republican candidate for the Merrimack/District 1 (Andover, Danbury, Salisbury) Legislative House seat. My answer was “Yes.” I obtained the 30 votes necessary in the Primary to be placed on the General Election ballot. I lost the General election by only 42 votes. I thought it was great for a newbie.

I am back and ready to be a candidate again. On June 2, 2020 I plan on filing the paperwork as a candidate for the Merrimack County, District 1 (Andover, Danbury, Salisbury) House Legislative seat. There will be an official announcement in the future.

I believe the election in the Fall will decide New Hampshire’s future, either Freedom or Socialism. 🗳️

# OPINION

## State Committee Work Continues in the Age of Zoom

House and Senate plan to gather safely

David Karrick  
NH State Representative

My fellow Andover State Representative Ken Wells has pretty much brought you up to date about the current state of the New Hampshire State Government. As of May 18 most Standing Committees have not met or taken votes on the multitude of bills referred to them from the House or the Senate. There are, however, a couple of exceptions.

I am still a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, where I started in 2012. Ways and Means looks at the many bills that might provide revenue to the State. We’ve been active on Zoom from our respective homes since March 24.

The House Finance Committee has also held Zoom meetings. Committee Democrats and Republicans initially held several separate caucuses to hear testimony about the economy and review pending bills. The entire Ways and Means met with public access through Zoom on May 12 to vote on six bills.

These bills dealt with subjects such as Incentives for Affordable Public Housing, PFAS Contamination Re-

mediation, Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces, and Fees For Starting New Financial Institutions. The vote was unanimously Ought to Pass on five bills. One bill, House Bill 1599, Establishing A Special Marriage Officiant License, was voted for Ought to Pass by 12 committee members and against by eight members.

The Ways and Means Committee meets again on May 20 and May 27 to hear State revenue estimates in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Other standing committees are now starting to meet remotely.

The entire New Hampshire House of Representatives will meet in regular session with most of its 400 members physically present on June 11 at the Whittemore Center of the University of New Hampshire in Durham. This facility is large enough to accommodate all members safely with proper social distancing.

Soon the New Hampshire Senate plans to meet in Representatives Hall in the Statehouse where the 24 Senators will have adequate room to spread out. Hopefully we’ll all get back to a healthy normal some time this summer. 🗳️

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## Andover Police Department April 2020

**Press release**

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- Domestic Dispute: 1
- Keep the Peace: 1

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- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 2
- Selective Enforcement Request: 1
- Suspicious Circumstances: 7
- Theft: 2
- Warrant, Criminal/Civil: 1

**Arrests**

William O'Mara, 60, Andover: Driving Under the Influence; Domestic Violence; Simple Assault

# OPINION

## New Hampshire's Fight Against COVID; Testing Available

**Wear masks; look for ways to help neighbors**

Ken Wells  
Representative, Merrimack District 1

As of June 10, the New Hampshire Legislature is back in session again, finally. Since the House of Representatives' 19-hour marathon session back on March 12, the House has been unable to meet. The Governor declared a COVID-19 state of emergency on March 17, locking the State House and the Legislative Office Building. On March 25, the Democratic caucus of the House of Representatives sent a letter to the Governor, imploring him to issue a stay-at-home order to protect the people of New Hampshire and slow the exponential spread of the disease.

Shortly thereafter, the Governor issued stay-at-home orders, followed by many other emergency measures designed to prevent widespread loss of life, to prevent overwhelming our hospitals, and to direct federal relief funds to keep our state, our businesses, and our families from experiencing catastrophic failure, in the short term.

But unfortunately, this coronavirus is not programmed to be a short term phenomenon. It is spreading, not just from cell to cell, but from house to house across our whole country. By the time you read this, the number of deaths nationally will be nearly 100,000, and it's likely someone you know will have contracted the disease. I have been keeping close tabs on the advance of the virus in Merrimack County, Franklin, and Andover, and the virus is here and beginning to spread with increasing speed. It would be foolish in the extreme to blithely travel out and about, without taking adequate precautions. That is why I have signed a letter with fellow Legislators of both the House and Senate, urging the Governor to enact a mandatory order for people to wear protective face masks in public.

It has been shown that without social distancing and protective masks, the probability of catching COVID-19 from encountering an infected person is very likely - about 75%. However, if both people are wearing masks, the probability drops below 1%. Those are good odds. Please always wear a mask.

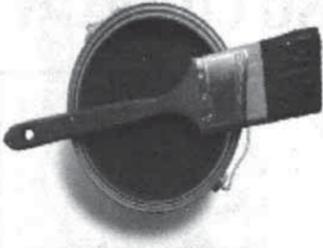
What we have been accomplishing by staying at home has had an important effect and has kept New Hampshire hospitals from becoming overwhelmed in the first months of the pandemic. But the tra-

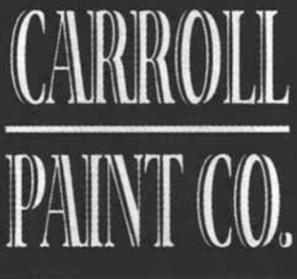
jectory of the disease continues to be upward. In March, the number of cases in our local area was zero, but we could observe the number of cases explode in the major metropolitan areas of Boston and New York, doubling every three days. In the week we began social distancing in New Hampshire, the virus continued to spread, but it now took seven days to double the number of cases. As the sixth week went by, the time to double had increased to fifteen days. At eight weeks out from the state of emergency declaration, cases are doubling every seventeen days. It is incorrect to describe the rate of infections as "slowing down"; it is still accelerating, but not as strongly as it accelerates without social distancing and staying at home.

I know everyone misses their "old normal" life and is impatient to get back to work or play as they once did. The White House and the Center for Disease Control both recommend that stay at home restrictions remain in place until the disease "has a downward trajectory for fourteen days". At this time, the trajectory of the disease remains strongly upward. The number of cases continues to double roughly every two and a half weeks because infected people who don't yet feel sick are spreading the virus. These people are tools of the disease, acting as "invisible infectors". In theory, if every single person in the world could go four weeks without exposing another person, the virus would become extinct. Sadly, we have not yet all agreed to cooperate this way, even though the lives of our friends and families, as well as our jobs and our livelihoods depend on it.

Someone you know might already be infected today. It is not okay to ignore social distancing. It is not okay to go out in public without a face covering to protect the people around you. The disorderly clamor to "reopen the economy" while spreading the disease further is irresponsible and wrong-headed. What amount of money is more important than the lives of the other people around you? Is it your "right" to endanger the lives of people around you, just as surely as if you were driving drunk? Instead, please identify yourself as a responsible person by wearing a mask in public, and be courteous and kind in helping others remember their masks and to maintain a safe distance. If restrictions are lifted now while the disease is still increasing, the effect on

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## Andover Fire Department Responds To Salisbury House Fire

Two die; Andover firefighter escapes injury

Rene Lefebvre  
Andover Fire Chief

It would be a profound understatement to say we are living in very crazy times. Likely, you have read enough about COVID-19 to last a lifetime. I will only say that your fire department has changed the way we operate with the goal of keeping you and our staff safe. We are a very “out there” team and enjoy being with the people we serve. Now, we, like everyone else have had to separate from you and our own team. We must all take this terrible illness seriously; your fire team does. Working together, paying attention to the experts, we will prevail.

Andover fire was recently dispatched to a reported building fire on West Salisbury Road in Salisbury. The initial request was for an engine and engine company. As the crew responded the Salisbury chief arrived on scene and requested a second alarm. This called for an additional engine, engine company and the rescue from Andover with additional equipment from neighboring communities. Our first arriving engine company became part of an interior crew and headed into the building. The second company set up water supply in the Blackwater River. They would spend many hours at this assignment supplying water to tankers that trucked water to the fire scene. The rescue was assigned to fill air tanks the firemen use to breathe inside the building.

Interior firefighting is a job for the

well trained, well equipped, and not one for the faint of heart. However, the task creates a trust and a bond that is the heart of the fire service. This incident was in a large old building and required the skill of all present to safely extinguish this fire.

One of Andover’s assignments was to conduct overhaul operations on part of the roof. The roof was tested for soundness as the team advanced, but burned buildings can be unpredictable. One of our officers felt the roof give way and tried to back away but found himself hanging between floors. An Andover Captain sounded a May Day call on the radio. That call is repeated over the radio network and all firefighting stops. Teams evacuated the building and all efforts were directed to the trapped firefighter. The firefighter was lowered by a team inside the building and taken to Concord Hospital for treatment. Thankfully, he was not injured and was released.

In spite of all the great efforts of the many firefighters that were called to Salisbury that afternoon, two lives were lost. Fire moves fast and can be deadly. Beyond smoke detectors and a good plan, early evacuation leads to the best outcome.

I want to take a minute and thank Deputy Stephen Barton and the Andover firefighters for their support for me and my family while I was out of service following surgery. I am not one that wants help; however, the choice was not mine to make. From the bottom of my heart a big thank you to my entire emergency services family. You’re all the best!

## Andover’s Cable TV Station Needs Recordings of Online Meetings

Public events can still be visible, even in these times

Charlie Darling  
Andover Cable TV Station

First, a few words of background:

Andover has its own local video channel. On Comcast, it’s Channel 8; on TDS it’s Channel 16. Volunteers Tina Cotton, Bob Norander, and I work to keep as much Andover-specific video – committee meetings, concerts, lectures, and other local events – airing on the channel as possible.

We also post a link on the Town’s website at [Andover-NH.gov](http://Andover-NH.gov), on the “Community Videos” page, to each Andover-specific video that we air on the cable channel.

The current pandemic has made it difficult or impossible for us to get the video around town that we need for the cable channel and the “Community Videos” page. In a time when maintaining physical distance is threatening to erode our community’s social connections and our ability to participate in

Town government, we’re asking for the community’s help.

If you’re running a meeting or an event online that would normally be open to the public, please consider clicking the Record button (in Zoom or whatever online meeting app you’re using) and saving the video to your computer. Once you’ve done that, our team can convert it, edit it if you like, and air it on the cable channel and post it on the Town’s website.

We’re all learning this technology together, so don’t worry if you “don’t know how to do it.” Neither do we! But we’re *very* good at figuring these things out. We can, and we will, figure out how to make it easy for you.

If you host public Andover meetings or events online, please contact me at [Station@AndoverCableTV.com](mailto:Station@AndoverCableTV.com). We can discuss all your questions and concerns, and we’ll figure out how to make your important contributions to our community visible to the community once again. In this unprecedented time, it’s important that we do that!

## Intent-to-Cut Form Must be Filed for Any Significant Logging

But the form is not a permit to cut

Marj Roy  
Town Administrator

The following information is a reminder for anyone intending to do logging, that an Intent-to-Cut form must be completed by all parties and submitted before any work can begin. Exemptions to this rule include cutting up to 10,000 board feet of logs or 20 cords of firewood from your own land for your own use, not for sale.

The Intent-to-Cut form originates with the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and is available online at [Revenue.NH.gov/forms/timber-gravel.htm](http://Revenue.NH.gov/forms/timber-gravel.htm).

It is a tax document only. It is not a permit. Once the landowner and logger

have filled out the form and sent it to the Select Board’s office, the Select Board will certify with their signatures that:

- All owners of record have signed the Intent.
- The land is not under the Current Use Unproductive category.
- The form is complete and accurate.
- Any timber bond required has been received.
- The Tax Collector will be notified with 30 days of receipt pursuant to RSA 79:10.
- The form will be forwarded to DRA within 30 days.

After certification, an operation number is assigned to the Intent-to-Cut form prior to distribution. The original, signed copy is retained by the Town; a copy goes to the owner, a copy to the logger, and a copy to the DRA.

## Transfer Station Limits Recycling to Keep Public, Employees Safe

Only recycling metal, mixed paper, and glass

Marj Roy  
Town Administrator

The Transfer Station remains open during posted hours. To protect employees and residents, the following changes have been made.

The Transfer Station can be a congregating area for people. While residents may normally stop to say hello and catch up, the Town asks residents not to linger or visit on the premises. Residents are asked to dispose of items quickly and maintain a six-foot distance between one another.

Cardboard, aluminum, and plastic require additional handling by the Transfer Station personnel and therefore, until further notice, need to go in the solid waste hopper instead of the Recycling Building.

We understand that many of you have your children home with you as the schools and daycares have closed, and you may not be able to leave them at home when you come to the Transfer Station. *Please* have your children stay in your vehicle while you are disposing of trash. This is for their safety.

We appreciate your cooperation!

### Transfer Station Supervisor

The Town of Andover is accepting applications for the part time position of Transfer Station Supervisor. Normal working hours are Wednesday 7 A.M. to 6 P.M., and Saturday 7 A.M. to 6 P.M., with additional hours as required.

This is a working position to oversee operations of the Transfer Station. Responsibilities include: assisting patrons, supervision of staff, managing the processing, transportation and sale of recycled materials, promoting the Town’s recycling program, and other duties as assigned.

We are seeking a self starter who can work with a minimum of supervision, has some mechanical ability, and is a problem solver. Successful candidates are expected to be certified as a Solid Waste Facility Operator through the State of New Hampshire or be willing to obtain certification as soon as possible. The starting salary is \$16.00 per hour.

Applications may be obtained and submitted at the Andover Town Office during its normal business hours of 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. Monday through Thursday. Applications also available at [www.andover-nh.gov](http://www.andover-nh.gov) Please return applications to Marjorie Roy, Town Administrator, PO Box 61, Andover, NH 03216

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people's lives and the economy will be catastrophic and permanent. The consequences of the pandemic are so serious, our response must transcend our political and ideological differences.

The most important recent development in fighting the virus is that New Hampshire has received \$61 million to expand COVID-19 testing. NH residents with any COVID-19 symptoms, or with underlying health conditions, or are over the age of 60, or who are healthcare workers can request and reserve a test. Interested individuals can sign up and reserve a test by going to the online portal at [prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page\\_id=8479](http://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=8479). They can also e-mail [COVIDtesting@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:COVIDtesting@dhhs.nh.gov), call the COVID-19 Coordinating Office at 271-5980, or by going through a health care provider. There are now seven drive-through testing sites as part of the

Community-Based COVID-19 Testing Program. The drive-through testing locations are in Claremont, Concord, Lancaster, Milford, Plymouth, Tamworth, and Rochester. The nearest to Andover is at 28 Stickney Avenue in Concord. You must sign up online or by phone to reserve a test. Please share this information with those who need to know about it.

While we don't yet have a vaccine, we have effective weapons to slow the accelerating spread. The virus is nothing but a mindless set of instructions, incapable of altering its behavior. We humans however are intelligent and adaptable. We can change how we behave to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors. This is not just about our own personal protection, but about protecting our whole world of friends, neighbors, and relatives.

We have a chance to reverse the spread of the disease by heeding scientific experts. Please be safe, help protect everyone else in our wonderful community, and help your neighbors who are struggling to get through this. 🚗

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**Managing Withdrawals Carefully Can Protect Retirement Income**

Throughout much of your working life, you contribute to your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts to help ensure a comfortable retirement. However, once you do retire, you'll need to shift your focus somewhat from building these investments to using them—in other words, you'll have to start withdrawing from your portfolio to meet the costs of living. How can you be sure you're not taking out so much that you risk outliving your resources?

First of all, you need to establish a proper withdrawal rate—the percentage of your portfolio's value needed for one year's worth of retirement expenses. Ideally, if you were to stick with this rate, your portfolio would last as long as you do. Your withdrawal rate should be based on a number of factors, including your age, amount of assets, portfolio mix and retirement lifestyle. A financial professional can help you determine the rate that's right for you, but it's important to understand that this rate is a starting point since you will want to review your withdrawals each year to ensure they are still appropriate.

If the financial markets performed smoothly and predictably, year in and year out, any adjustments you make would likely be more modest. But, as you know, and as we've all been reminded the last several months, the markets are neither smooth nor predictable. Rather than constantly trying to change your withdrawal rate and spending in response to movements in the markets—which may be challenging if you have grown accustomed to a certain standard of living—you might be better off adopting a more conservative rate at the beginning of your retirement. For example, if you are in your mid-60s, you could start at a withdrawal rate of about 4%, which also assumes an increase in withdrawals (a "raise") of approximately 3% each year to incorporate inflation. By starting at a more modest withdrawal rate, you would have some flexibility for those years in which the market drops significantly. And you could increase your chances of extending the lifetime of your portfolio.

But even if you started out with a conservative rate, you may need to review it during periods of extreme market movements. If, for instance, your portfolio were to fall 20% in one year, the 4% you had planned to withdraw would actually become 5% because you're taking out the amount you had planned, but now it's from a smaller pool of money. If this happens, should you consider making an adjustment?

There's no easy answer. The amount you withdraw from your portfolio has a major impact on how long your money lasts. You'll improve your likelihood of success if you are able to be flexible and make some spending adjustments—spending less on some of your discretionary items, for example, or not taking a "raise" until your portfolio recovers. Importantly, your financial advisor can help run different scenarios to determine if adjustments need to be made to ensure you remain on track.

In any case, think carefully about your withdrawal rate. By managing it carefully, and reviewing it over time, you can take greater control over your retirement income.

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 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

**FNRT-MC Board Meeting  
 May 20, 2020**

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Board attendees:** Alex Bernhard, Tom Frantz, George Heaton, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Jack Shields, Nita Tomaszewski

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

If snow on the Trail is normal for May, the times still are not. The constraints of Coronavirus coping continue to dominate daily life. And for the FNRT-MC Board, this meant that the monthly meeting would take place for a second time via Zoom. Happily, the Trail remains oblivious, and its Spring users appear as happy and more numerous than ever – albeit through the lens of masks and distancing. For the Board and friends, Trail projects and prospects abound.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was submitted in absentia by Steve Darling, and showed little change from last month, when various donations had been received, and little expended. Given this situation FNRT-MC is in good shape to begin the typical spate of summer maintenance and improvement projects.

**2020 Budget:** Alex Bernhard led the discussion of a proposed 2020 budget, submitted by Treasurer Steve Darling. While discussion showed the certainty of a nicely balanced budget

for the year, a number of items in the draft proposal need to be modified due to changed circumstances.

It was agreed that Lindy Heim would communicate with Steve Darling about modifications, and a new version of the 2020 budget would be presented for approval at the June meeting.

**Bridges and Ditches:** Ricker Miller reported that we are on the cusp of beginning the summer's usual work on bridges and ditches. Funds have been reserved for this purpose, and Chris Norris is in discussion with contractors about details and schedule.

**Eagle Pond Culvert:** Jack Shields reported on the status of the application to the New Hampshire Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for the Eagle Pond culvert project. Since last month, the original culvert design has been modified to one of significantly lower cost. The various permits, supporting documents, contractor bids, and expressions of community support should have the application ready to go by the June 19 deadline.

**Lawrence Street Tunnel:** Tom Frantz has been moving forward in discussion with the Town of Andover and various contractors (for the Trail bed and lighting) to begin work on the grading, resurfacing, and lighting of the Lawrence St. tunnel. This work will be funded by a grant from the Granite State Wheelers.

**Signage:** In Franklin, signs are being put up to indicate the connection between the Northern Rail Trail and the Winnepesaukee River Trail. In Danbury, plans are underway for signs to indicate the e-bike charging station at the Danbury Country Store.

**Valley Road Culvert, Andover:** After recent hard rains, the Valley Road culvert has again become clogged, drawing the attention of the Select Board of the Town of Andover. Ed Hiller has been in discussion about the matter with the Town.

There is also evidence of ATV traffic on the Trail in this vicinity. Anyone observing such unauthorized travel should report it to New Hampshire Fish and Game at 271-3361.

**New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition Website:** Charles Martin is engaged in an effort to post information on all trails in the state on the New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition website. With photos, maps, and other information, this site would provide a new statewide recreational resource.

**MUSE and Railroad History Project:** Lindy Heim reported on the ongoing effort involving museums, historical societies, towns, and others to highlight the history of the railroad from which the Northern Rail Trail grew. Some of the fascinating topics involve the impact of the railroad on native peoples and the situation of railroad

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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*.

## Planning Board

**February 25**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Members present:** Nancy Teach, Chair; Art Urie, Vice-Chair; Randy Monti; John Hodgson, Dave Powers, Dave Blinn, *ex-officio*, and Donna Duclos, Alternate

**Also present** for duration of appropriate item: Pat Moyer, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Jacquelyn O’Donohue and her children; Joe and Malora Rice

### Non-Binding Consultation

Jacquelyn O’Donohue, 261 Emery Road, for a home occupation. The property is in the Agricultural/Residential Zone.

O’Donohue presented a completed registration form for a home occupation for an art design studio. There would be no customers or clients on premises and the detached garage may be used for storage. There being no concerns from the board it was approved, and Moyer signed the Home Occupation Registration Form.

### Non-Binding Consultation

Joe and Malora Rice for a vegetable stand at 72 Main Street in the Forest/Agricultural Zone.

The Rices explained that the proposal is for the sale of vegetables and farm products to sell on premise. The second driveway that has been in existence for

some time will be utilized for this. A Site Plan Review Application will be completed and submitted prior to the March 24 meeting.

### Non-Binding Consultation

Rosemarie Roz for a Minor Subdivision at 52 Tilton Brook Road in the Forest/Agricultural Zone. Roz did not appear before the board.

### Completeness Review

Art Urie for a Minor Subdivision – Condominium at 164 Main Street in the Village Zone. The board tabled the discussion.

### Other Business

Hodgson stated he had received an e-mail regarding attending the Planning and Zoning Conference which is a meeting of the Office of Strategic Initiatives to be held on May 30.

Teach stated that Attorney Serge has indicated that the board may need to schedule a public hearing to review the blasting plan for the Champagne approval, and Serge wishes to be kept apprised of the plan moving forward. Serge also requested notice of when the blasting plan has been submitted.

Future projects of the board include Conservation Subdivisions and Commercial/Business Zone.

A letter regarding the bridges in town was received from Department of Transportation.

This will be Dave Blinn’s last meeting as he has opted to not run for another

## Office Hours & Meetings

### OFFICE HOURS

Town Office: Mon–Thu 9–2  
 Town Clerk & Tax Collector:  
 Mon, Wed & Thu 9–2  
 Tue 1:30–6:30  
 Last Saturday of month, 9–11  
 Zoning Administrator: Mon 9–12, Tues, Thur 9–4, Weds 1–4  
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### 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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er term of the Select Board. The board members thanked him for his service, wisdom, dedication, and humor.

### Pat Moyer

#### Planning and Zoning Coordinator

Received a building permit request for a new deck at 363 Bradley Lake Road and was concerned about the Shoreland Protection. Powers stated the deck has to be 150’ from the shore, and it needs a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment as it is a non-conforming lot. The deck/structure will not have a roof.

After this meeting and careful review of this request, it was determined that a Special Exception is not required per the Town’s Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, Moyer will simply issue a

building permit.

## Planning Board

**April 28**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Members present:** Nancy Teach, Chair; Art Urie, Vice-Chair; Doug Phelps; Randy Monti; John Hodgson; Dave Powers; John Kinney, *ex-officio*; and Donna Duclos, Alternate

**Also present** for duration of appropriate item: Pat Moyer, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Colin Brown (licensed land surveyor for Barton); Michael Chiarella (attorney for Art Urie); Melissa Barton, and Jen Johnson (real estate broker for Barton).

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, and in accordance with Governor Sununu’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically. The public has access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting through the video or by phone.

### Non-Binding Consultation

Update on Joe and Malora Rice for a vegetable stand at 72 Main Street in the Forest/Agricultural Zone

As the property is now in the Village Zone due to proposed revisions and the approved Zoning amendments at the March 2020 Town Meeting, it was discussed as to whether a Site Plan Review is necessary. Urie stated the board should request the Rices to submit a Site Plan Review Application, and Kinney, Phelps, Duclos, and Powers agreed that it should be requested.

Powers asked if the driveway is a legitimate access with the DOT.

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workers. The FNRT-MC praises this effort to bring more context to the Trail and urges all to watch for future dates.

**Trail Clean-Up in Boscawen:** The community of the Homestead Inn/ Sober House in Boscawen is undertaking a day-long clean-up of the Trail, proceeding north from Jamie Welch Field. They will focus on the debris left from the New Hampshire Trails Bureau work in brushing back the Trail over the last year. Contact Jack Shields at Jack.Shields@comcast.net if interested in participating.

**National Trails Day, June 6:** Recreational trails are celebrated nationwide on the first Saturday in June. Although there will be no official activities this year, FNRT-MC urges all who can to get on the Trail and to bring a bag

for clean-up efforts as needed!

**FNRT-MC Annual Appeal:** Although our usual Annual Appeal “stuffing party” did not take place this year in its usual time frame, it might do so before long. And there will certainly be an appeal mailing in the near future. Watch for a letter in your mailbox!

**Cancellations:** We regret the cancellation of Thursday’s Child at the New London Inn, a fun dinner to benefit the Trail. The Inn has canceled all Thursday’s Child dinners for the season, but hope to continue this wonderful program in 2020-21.

And, sadly, no Andover Fourth of July Celebration and no traditional FNRT-MC booth to welcome Trail enthusiasts.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 17, 5 PM, via Zoom. 

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**Completeness Review**

Melissa and Paul Barton for a Lot Line Adjustment for a driveway to access their property. The property is located at 110 Switch Road.

A property survey was received from Colin Brown along with a Lot Line Adjustment Application. Hodgson asked if there were any deed restrictions relevant to the request. Brown stated he was not aware of any and Kinney agreed.

Hodgson stated he was concerned with the 4:1 depth to width ratio. Brown stated that a new lot was not being created. Teach stated that a small section was being adjusted from the larger lot to the existing house lot and asked why. Brown replied in order to give more width to the house lot.

Phelps, Urie and Powers stated they had no concerns with the proposal. Phelps made a motion to deem the application complete. Powers seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the application complete by voice vote. A public hearing was scheduled for May 12.

**Completeness Review**

Art Urie for a Minor Subdivision – Condominium at 164 Main Street in the Village Zone.

Urie recused as he is the applicant. Donna Duclos appointed. Urie appeared before the board on January 28, and the board determined that the application was not complete. The proposal is to create a condo-conversion ownership format for the Real Estate Office and the US Post Office building. This will change the form of ownership and not the use of the property and will also create a boundary line between the two buildings/condo units. Locations of the septic and parking areas with each building are noted on the Condominium Plan of 1/09/20 (Raymond Critch, LLS). Chiarella stated that condos are lots on the land and not the building. The application was reviewed for completeness. The physical addresses for the property are 164 and 166 Main Street.

Monti asked what specific requirements does a Minor Subdivision require, and Urie responded that a Minor Subdivision is for two lots and a Major Subdivision is for three or more lots,

and that this is for condominiums and not lots, and there are no lot sizes for a condo transfer. Chiarella stated that condo units are parcels within the lot.

Powers stated there are two tax identification numbers for the structures and one tax identification number for the land. Urie stated that the “condominium act” applies here. Kinney stated that 328 Main Street is the same concept.

Teach stated she had spoken with Town Counsel regarding designation of the area representing each condo unit. RSA Chapter 356B is the Condo Act, and this proposal will be a condo conveyance.

Moyer stated that there is a different address on the condo plan for the owner versus what is on the application. Urie stated the official address for the LLC is in Bedford, and one of the owners resides in Bedford. Moyer stated that they should be consistent, and Teach stated the correct address should be indicated on the plan.

Phelps made a motion to deem the application complete. Powers seconded the motion, pending the board’s receipt of the condo documents. Phelps withdrew his motion.

Phelps made a revised motion to deem the application complete and requests that the board receive a copy of the condo documents. Chiarella stated that he did not have to submit condo documents to the Sunapee Planning Board for a different subdivision. Powers seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously via voice vote in favor of deeming the application complete pending receipt of the condo documents.

Andover’s legal counsel informed the board that at some point he will need to review the condominium declaration and by-laws to ensure the Town is adequately protected. This can be done as part of the condominium conversion conditional approval. A public hearing is scheduled for May 12.

**Other Business**

Teach stated that the town zoning maps will need to be revised to include the expanded Village Zones. Phelps agreed to explore this with the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Teach stated that the Commercial Zone and the Conservation Subdivision proposals need to be discussed at a future meeting. 

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Major inconveniences and a big financial hit

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Like businesses and organizations everywhere, *The Andover Beacon* has been scrambling to cope with the challenging impacts of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. We're doing everything we can to keep everyone informed about our community's response to the pandemic, starting with *AndoverBeacon.com/COVID*, the most complete source of Andover information you can find anywhere.

We closed the *Beacon* office in March, of course. We thought that wouldn't be much of a hardship, as we've built the *Beacon* from the ground up as a 21st-century organization, with everything we need (except the printing press and the Post Office!) online and available from anywhere there's an internet connection.

Publisher/Editor Shelley Geoghegan works from home in Canaan; Steve Foley lays out the ads from his new home in Utah; our ad sales team – Connie Powers in Sunapee, Sue Connor in Long Island – helps our advertisers keep their presence in the *Beacon* relevant and timely.

Our wonderful production volunteers, especially Beth Frost and Sue Winters on Highland Lake and Jan Brennan in Florida, keep the articles and photos flowing into our system and onto *AndoverBeacon.com*. Our volunteer proofreaders – Nan Kaplan in Concord, Margo Coolidge in East Andover, and Robin Powell in Andover – have foregone their usual printed proofsheets and squinted at PDFs on their computer screens in order to achieve “contact-free proofreading.”

Finally, sitting in Cilleyville, I've been laying out each issue and moving the final pages across the internet to our printer, Upper Valley Press, in North Haverhill.

It's all worked pretty well ... until the internet acts up and one of us loses our connection. Or “the cloud” (where we store every article, every photo, every ad, and every page layout) starts to slow down. Or the printer has to change our usual 2 AM press time until just a few hours before the paper is due at the Post Office. It's been an exciting game of “whack a mole” for a couple of months now, but we haven't missed a deadline yet!

### Collecting Articles and Photos

Every month we deal with dozens of people throughout our community, encouraging them to send us articles and photos that will entertain and inform

our readers and that will help all the organizations that make Andover work as a community – the Town Offices and all our Town committees, our schools, our local businesses, our dedicated non-profit organizations – connect with the community they serve.

Meeting face-to-face with people and businesses around town has always been an important part of the way we keep in touch with the community. COVID has changed all that, making it even more important for us to hear from Andover residents news that we might not otherwise know about.

Fortunately, we've always done a lot by phone and e-mail, which is now our only safe approach. But with everyone staying home and dealing with the stresses of the pandemic, it hasn't always been easy for them to work into their new schedules the things the *Beacon* asks of them. We understand completely, and greatly appreciate the effort everyone's making to keep the news and information flowing!

### Big Impact on Revenue

In round numbers, it takes about \$7,500 a month for the *Beacon* to appear “for free” in your mailbox ... for *AndoverBeacon.com* to appear “for free” on any of your web-connected devices whenever you need it ... for our news feed to appear “for free” on Facebook. Well over half of that monthly amount has to come from paid advertisements from area businesses and from local organizations promoting their events.

With many businesses closed and many events simply cancelled, our revenue stream from ads was down by about 30% for the May issue. No one can really forecast, but like everyone else we're trying to figure out how to deal with the clear possibility that the numbers could get worse, and that recovery could be a long time coming.

One COVID impact that's peculiar to newspapers is this: revenue from newspaper advertising has been in serious decline worldwide for at least a decade. When the world recovers from this pandemic, will newspaper advertising recover as well? There's a significant chance that the ads we're losing today – even those from businesses that survive the downturn – may actually be gone for good. That's a very, very sobering thought and raises grave questions for the future of the *Beacon*.

The rest of our revenue, even when ad sales are “normal,” has to come from donations from the community. (The *Beacon* is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable trust.) We would normally have kicked off our annual community fundraising

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## Andover High School Reunion Cancelled for 2020

Rescheduled for Saturday after the Fourth, 2021

Judy Perreault, Andover High School '53

The annual Andover High School Reunion scheduled for July 11, 2020 has been cancelled.

Due to the virus and the uncertainty of group meetings in the future, the committee has decided to cancel the meeting for this year.

Hopefully, things will be back to normal in 2021, and we will plan to meet on the Saturday after the Fourth.

We will miss seeing all of you. Stay well, everyone.





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The weather and the weight of the siren took its toll, and the cupola needed to be removed and rebuilt. Doug Cronin and Brad Varney of Belmont were hired to do the project.

The cupola was removed last fall and was rebuilt over the winter. It returned to East Andover and was reinstalled in May. The project came out great, and the fresh cupola would make Jim Lafiosca proud.

This project has made many of us older firemen realize the station is almost 40 years old. What does that mean for those of us who had a hand in its construction? **Caption: Chief Rene Lefebvre. Photo: Peter Agoos**

## Andover Community Church Welcomes New Co-Pastors

Cinnamon and Bill Blomquist are both priests

Sandy Miller

Andover Community Church

Greetings from the Andover Community Church (Anglican). I thought some of you might like to know a little bit about our new co-pastors, Cinnamon and Bill Blomquist.

Bill has been in the ministry since 1981 and was ordained after attending Fuller Theological Seminary in 1995. He has been involved in numerous churches from Denver to Houston and, more recently North Hollywood, California, where he was responsible for Discipleship and Pastoral Care. He has also served as Interim Priest at two other churches in the Anglican Diocese of New England.

Cinnamon, also an ordained priest, received her Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Seminary, and additionally earned a Master's in Music (Jazz Flute) from the Boston Conservatory, Berklee College of Music, and Oberlin Music Conservatory in Ohio. She is currently a hospice chaplain at Lake Sunapee Regional VNA and Hospice in New London.

Cinnamon also serves as a member of the Massachusetts National Guard. She says, "Both Bill and I love God's presence, His word, and His people. We look forward to serving and growing the body of Christ in Andover together." We feel very blessed to have them serve at our church.

My, how times have changed! The COVID-19 virus has certainly played havoc with our lives. We at the church

pray for our country, neighbors, friends, and families each time we gather, asking the Lord to watch over us and keep us safe and strong as we work through these difficult times.

We did get to have our Easter Sunrise Service on Maple Street. The 6 AM gathering was timed perfectly to see a gorgeous sunrise. The "Flowering of the Cross" was also held at this time and was beautiful against the rising sun. Everyone took precautions, wearing face masks and practicing safe social distancing, of course. A big "Thank you!" to Sandra and John Graves for hosting our service on their property.

As with most organizations, groups, etc., the work of the church is now being done on the internet. To keep abreast of what's going on, please visit us at [AndoverCommunityNH.org](http://AndoverCommunityNH.org) or call the church office at 735-5160. Our website is kept current by Pastor Bill.

The Andover Community Church does have a prayer chain. If you or someone you know needs prayer, call Ginny Newton at 934-3171, and she will get the word out. In addition, healing prayer appointments can be scheduled with trained leaders, either in person or on Zoom, by calling the church office.

Remember, you are always welcome to visit Andover Community Church, even in these times. Our website has everything you will need to know about our church, and how to get online via Zoom for our Sunday 10 AM services and other weekly gatherings.

*Thought for the Day: Forget yourself for the sake of others and others will not forget you.*

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appeal in the May issue, but times were so uncertain ... and the hope that things might start turning around soon was so enticing ... that out of respect for the uncertainty all our potential donors were facing we decided to delay our annual appeal.

Now that it's pretty clear that we're in for a long haul, we've had no choice but to roll out our vital annual appeal this month. (See the bright red box on page 1.) We know that this is a tough time to be asking anything more of the community, but if everyone could just do whatever they can manage at this time, it will make a big difference in the *Beacon's* ability to continue serving our community.

#### Paycheck Protection Program

Seeing the handwriting on the wall, the *Beacon* was one of the first to apply for a loan from the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program. With payroll making up about two-thirds of our monthly expenses

and ad sales dropping, we applied for and received enough to cover payroll for eight weeks ... through about mid-June. After that? Who knows! It's a huge unknown faced by many, many local businesses and organizations across the country.

So, bottom line: the *Beacon* was well positioned to do the hard work to keep the news and information flowing in a world of social distancing. We have, I believe, served the community very well in that regard.

But like almost every other small business in the country, we're extremely concerned about how we're going to continue to cover payroll in the months to come. And like every other non-profit in the country, we understand that there are very serious limits to how much the community can do to help us cope with the financial stresses that could soon stop us in our tracks.

I guess the *Beacon's* situation is just one more example of the degree to which, truly, we are all in this together.

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## Old Horse Duo to Play for Online June Coffeehouse

Jason Eslick grew up in Andover

Susan Chase  
Andover Community Coffeehouse

With one public “virtual concert” under its belt, the Andover Community Coffeehouse will offer a second live event on Friday, June 19, beginning at 7 PM in your home, on your computer screen. Featured performers are the folk/Americana guitar-and-banjo duo Old Horse.

Powered by Zoom, the 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](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com).

Performing from their home in the Boston area will be Sarah and Jason Eslick – aka Old Horse – an acoustic folk/Americana folk duo with deep roots in the Andover area. According to local friend and fellow musician Lindsay Schust, “Jason Eslick grew up in Andover, in a musical family. His parents, Susan and Tom, both taught at Proctor Academy. His dad Tom was a published writer, English teacher, singer-songwriter, and master picker on the guitar.

“Following in his father’s footsteps, Jason also teaches English, writes music, and now performs with Old Horse. He has published several albums of his own songs, which are available online.

“Most recently he put out a single called ‘Colorado Moon,’ which is a local favorite in Andover, covered by the Ragged Mountain Band. The single and other music by Jason and Sarah, self-accompanied by banjo and guitar, can

be heard on YouTube, Amazon Music, Spotify and other music streaming services.”

The June concert will also include up to a half-dozen local performers taking turns before the cameras built into their computers while performing live from their own homes. Those wishing to request a ten-minute (or two-song) time slot on a first-come first-served basis should contact [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com) as 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. The sponsor of the concert is Tim Gallagher’s Windswept Farm in Andover.

Following the June concert, the Coffeehouse will take a two-month break, returning on Friday, September 18.

At its first virtual public concert, in May, the Coffeehouse drew an audience of about 50, many of whom offered rave reviews for the featured performer, Kala Farnham, who participated from her rural Connecticut home, and for the half-dozen open-mic musicians.

By September, Coffeehouse organizers are hoping for the return to performances before live audiences in the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. Stay tuned for more details.

The Andover Community Coffeehouse operates under the umbrella of The Andover Community Hub, a non-profit community-centric organization located in Andover’s old town hall at 157 Main Street in Andover Village. For more information, visit [AndoverHub.org](http://AndoverHub.org).

## Salisbury Farmers Market Will Open, But With Guidelines

Vendors and patrons required to wear masks

Helen Binette  
Salisbury Farmers Market

The Salisbury Farmers Market will take place again this year.

Because of COVID-19 we need to follow safety guidelines. All the vendors will wear mask and gloves. The patrons need to wear masks also as well as practicing social distancing. If you don’t have a mask, we will have some available.

We will have fruit and vegetables as

they come into season. There will be eggs, meats, jams and jellies, mustards, honey, baked goods, and soaps, as well as other items.

The market is held every Monday starting June 22 at the Town Hall on Route 4, from 3 to 6 PM. There is room for other vendors. If you would like to join the market, please call Helen Binette at 648-2156.

We have been in isolation long enough, so grab your mask and come to the market and say hello. We would love to see our neighbors.

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## NHEC Forgoes Usual Summer Rate Increase for 2020

Rates will hold steady through November

Press release

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) has announced that it will hold its Co-op Power rate steady at the current level for the summer period (May 2020 through November 2020).

The Co-op Power rate reflects the cost NHEC pays to purchase electricity from the regional market on behalf of its members. The price NHEC pays for this power is directly passed along to its members who do not buy their electricity from a competitive supplier. Market prices have been low, so NHEC members will continue to benefit from lower regional electricity costs.

The current Co-op Power rate is 18% lower than last year’s summer period. “With all the uncertainty and

economic upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are pleased to be able to continue to provide low rates for our members,” said NHEC President/CEO Steve Camerino.

For members who purchase their power from NHEC, the Co-op Power rate will remain at 6.6¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh). The total billing rate for the summer period is 14¢ per kWh. For the typical residential member using 500 kWh per month, the total monthly bill is \$99.47. By comparison, last summer’s total monthly bill for a 500 kWh residential member was \$104.55.

NHEC’s complete schedule of rates and fees is available on its website at [nhec.com](http://nhec.com). NHEC is a member-led electric distribution cooperative serving 85,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities, including Andover.



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Lt. Derek Hinkley is welcomed home by his wife Trish and their East Andover neighbors after being deployed in New York City as part of a medical team on the USNS *Comfort*. Photo: Gail Beaufays

## Derek Hinkley Returns After Seven-Week Deployment to NYC

Served with medical team on USNS *Comfort*

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On Saturday, May 16, my wife Gail and I shared a very happy event with our neighbors on Maple Street. Our neighbor and friend Lieutenant Derek Hinkley returned after seven weeks of service in New York City.

Derek and his wife Trish moved to Andover from Florida in May of 2016 due to their employment as anesthesi-

ology nurses at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital. They liked living at Highland Lake so much that they accepted driving to Lebanon every day.

Derek, a reservist in the United States Navy attached to the Navy Operational Support Center in White River Junction, was deployed aboard the USNS *Comfort* in New York Harbor. He was part of a medical team providing support in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



This old postcard, shows men using an oxen team to maintain a road in Andover. An early model vehicle is seen in the background.

## Andover's Early Road Maintenance Practices Changed with the Times

Town histories show creation of Road Agent role

Rita Norander

When I came across these pictures, I was reminded of Andover's recent Town Meeting with its recurring discussion of road agents, a Town garage, and Town-owned equipment. As a result, I thought it would be interesting to take a quick look at how Andover's early road system developed, how the roads were maintained, and who maintained them.

According to John Eastman's *History of Andover New Hampshire, 1751 to 1906*, the proprietors of what would eventually become the township of Andover realized that passable roads were necessary in order to stimulate settlement. Many of their meetings dealt with this subject, as committees were set up to lay out roads and surveyors and workers were hired and paid by the proprietors to cut and clear the land.

After Andover's incorporation in 1779, money from a highway tax was placed in the hands of surveyors to be used on the roads in their respective districts, and by 1790 there were eight districts. Eastman also mentions that each taxpayer could work out his highway tax in his own district at a fixed rate per hour.

During the 1800s, Andover's road system continued to grow, as more and more settlers arrived. Surveyors were still in charge, and they hired workers to help as needed and as the allotted money allowed.

For the most part, work was done by hand with the help of horses and oxen. But in 1885 the Town purchased a horse-drawn iron road machine, or grader, which was a big help in shaping the road surfaces and carrying out ditching. The use of snow roller machines around this same time provided much better roads for winter traveling.

Ralph Chaffee, in his *History of Andover, 1900 to 1960*, notes that in 1892, Andover abandoned the old system of district highway surveyors in favor of the so-called "town" or two-road-agent arrangement. Instead of a dozen or more men, with each being allotted a small amount of money to maintain a few miles of road as he saw fit, the responsibility for the care of the highways could now be placed in the hands of one person at each end of the town.

Thus the labor and equipment could be used more efficiently and the available money spent where it was needed most. This system remained in use until 1953, when it was changed to a single road agent for the whole town.

Chaffee also mentions that the arrival of the automobile created many problems for Andover's roads, which were not built and maintained for this type of travel. But eventually the automobile also provided some solutions.

Beginning around 1920, dump See Roads on page 18



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The front window of Emons Store in Potter Place displays a few of the items that will be offered for sale at an outdoor table on two Saturdays in June, weather permitting; dates to be announced. Photo: Larry Chase

## Old Time Fair is Cancelled; Potter Place Station, Emons Store Closed

Historical Society is working on alternatives

Larry Chase

Andover Historical Society

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Andover Historical Society's board of directors has canceled its annual Old Time Fair, originally slated for Sunday, August 2, in Potter Place. A decision to close the Potter Place railroad station, Emons General Store, and Gordon-Lull House was made last month.

However, there are alternative plans in the works. A large map of Potter Place showing the Historical Society's holdings along with their histories will be mounted beside the entrance to the Emons Store, and new displays in the Emons Store windows and the railroad station will be offered.

The station display – viewable from outside the building – will include a working HO-gauge model train in the station's back room.

In East Andover, the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse on Tucker Mountain Road will be closed for the season, but a virtual tour may be viewed at [AndoverHistory.org/tucker-mountain-schoolhouse/](http://AndoverHistory.org/tucker-mountain-schoolhouse/).

In addition, the Society's 2021 fund-raising calendar, entitled "The Historical Homes of Andover," will be available for purchase later in June. And the Secret Garden – originally the stone foundation of Richard and Sally Potter's home site near the railroad station – will be available for rest and contemplation. For dining, the nearby picnic area's ta-

bles are accessed by a new gravel walkway and surrounded by new plantings.

Weather permitting, on two Saturdays in June there will be tables outside the Gordon-Lull House with the Society's store items and other collectibles for sale, including raffle tickets. Cash, checks, or PayPal via the buyer's phone are accepted.

Items for sale are also available by calling Gail Richards at 498-6439 for delivery in Andover or for pickup outside the Emons Store. All will be accomplished with masks, gloves, and physical distancing. See the ad on page 13 in this issue of the *Beacon* for sales items.

Also, in support of the Society's annual fund-raising efforts, raffle tickets are available by calling Gail at the above number, or by e-mailing Pam Cooper at [Treasurer@AndoverHistory.org](mailto:Treasurer@AndoverHistory.org). Ten dollars for two tickets is the minimum purchase. Please include name, phone number, address and/or e-mail. Payment may be made by mailing a check to the Andover Historical Society, PO Box 167, Andover NH 03216 or online by PayPal at [AndoverHistory.org](http://AndoverHistory.org).

And a message from Gail Richards: "All of the Society's work is accomplished by the trustees, members, and other volunteers who have been innovative in rethinking our outreach activities during the coronavirus outbreak in New Hampshire. Many, many thanks to every one of you who have worked to keep our Historical Society viable, and our holdings visible, in this difficult time." 



The historic 1923 red caboose owned by the Andover Historical Society is scheduled for a "roof-lift" this summer, thanks to a grant of \$5,000 from the non-profit Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts. Here, local builder Doug Bent of Bentwood Construction (center) discusses work details with volunteers (l-r) Bob Norander, Tim Norris, and Fred Nystrom. The restoration, expected to cost about \$10,000, will be the object of continuing Historical fund-raising.

Meanwhile, the Society received an additional \$5,000 grant in May, this time from the New Hampshire Humanities, as part of the National Endowment for the Humanities supplemental funding to assist cultural institutions affected by COVID-19. This grant will be used to help cover general operating expenses. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

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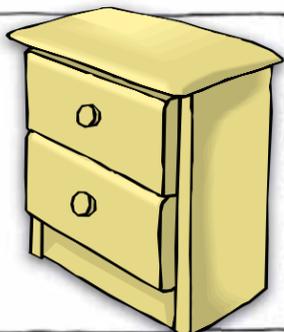
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## Franklin Animal Shelter Holds 5K Fundraiser Online

Other fundraisers are cancelled or postponed

Press release

During this COVID-19 crisis, many of the Franklin Animal Shelter's fundraising events have been cancelled or postponed. We would like to thank all the health care providers/employees, essential and non-essential employees for their commitment to keeping us safe. They truly are the heroes!

The Board has decided because of COVID-19, this year's 5K originally scheduled for May 23 will be held as a virtual 5K. The dates are Saturday, May 23, and Sunday May 24. Participants can register online, and each participant will receive a bib and a coupon for a free beer from Kettlehead. All registered participants may run anytime on the course, which is located on Daniel Webster Avenue in Franklin at Paul Smith School. The participants will keep their own time and submit their results after they run. All results need to be in by 6 PM on May 24. The course is US Track and Field certified.

Our FUNds4Paws 2020 Indoor Triathlon has been postponed until September. The competitions include bowling, miniature golf, and games. Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the end of the competition. All team members get a 2020 Triathlon shirt and a free pizza lunch. Support the animal shelter by signing up with your team. Teams who bring in pledges get tickets for the Super Pledges Prize. More pledges equal more entries!

The 2020 Super Pledge Prize at the end of the competition is a five-day

cruise to the Bahamas or Caribbean for two. There will also be 50/50 raffle tickets available. Join the fun. Sign up today. Limited number of team spots available. A four-person team entry fee is \$200. For more information, visit Fun-spotNH.com or FUNds4paws.org.

Additionally, the Franklin Animal Shelter Dinner Dance has been postponed. Stay tuned for further information.

Sadly, the Franklin Animal Shelter must cancel the June golf tournament as a result of the COVID 19 crisis. With staggered tee times, single-user golf carts, pro shop closed, and the function room being closed, it was clear that our tournament could not take place. The good news is that we have reserved June 21, 2021, and ask that you mark your calendars.

As these difficult times continue, we want to thank everyone for your kindness, generosity, and understanding. In order to protect our employees, volunteers, and community members, the shelter will remain open by appointment only until further notice. We will re-evaluate our status on a weekly basis and reopen once the threat is no longer imminent. Our staff will continue to be on the premises to ensure the proper care of all of our four-legged guests. Donations will still be accepted during this time via our website or delivered to our doors.

The Franklin Animal Shelter is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Tax deductible contributions may be made at FranklinAnimalShelter.com or mailed to PO Box 265, Franklin NH 03235.

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



This photo from the Robie Family photo album shows the massive amount of effort involved in removing snow after a large snowstorm. It is believed to have been taken on Sam Hill Road, formerly known as Cilley Hill Road.

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trucks made it possible to haul better gravel a greater distance, more of it, and faster. In 1927 the Town purchased its first snow removal unit, a Mead-Morrison crawler tractor with a Snow King rotary plow, thus ending the days of the snow rollers. In 1929 the Town bought a four-wheel-drive truck and snowplow, and thus began the move to modernize and mechanize Andover's highway system.

### Early Andover Pictures

The summer picture at the beginning of this article is from a real-photo postcard that was my mother's. I believe the third man from the left is Guy Hersey, her father. Guy grew up on Chase Hill Road, which may be where this picture was taken, although it looks more like nearby Emery Road. Note the car just below the work crew, along with its driver, and the man wearing a dress suit (second from the left).

These men, along with the photographer, may have been connected with the Halcyon Hills Farm on Emery Road which was owned for a number of years by Willam A. Richardson. (If anyone has a similar picture, or has more information on the people, or where the photo was taken, I would love to hear from them!)

The winter picture, above, I believe was taken on Cilley Hill Road (Sam

Hill Road today), and the man on the left in the front may be Robert Robie, my great uncle. Robert moved here with his parents and sisters in 1895, and he later took over the family farm. (A part of the house can be seen in the photo.) This picture was copied from a Robie photo album.

This area, even today, is noted for its blowing and drifting snow! (Again, if anyone has more information about this picture or the people in it, please let me know.)

Early Andover town reports list the names of workers who were paid for labor on the highways. As just one example, the 1905 report says that from December, January, to February 15, Robert Robie was paid \$45.43 and Guy Hersey was paid \$10.50.

Speaking of early town reports, they can make for some very interesting reading! If anyone has ancestors who lived in Andover, their names can most likely be found in the town report. Every bit of money that was paid out of the treasury lists the name of the person it went to, what it was for, and how much.

Teachers' names are listed and what they were paid. The school children were named, what term they attended, who was on the honor roll, and who had perfect attendance. So if you need a change of pace in your reading material during this stay-at-home time, pick up an old town report! 

### TOWN MATTERS!

The *Beacon* needs volunteers to help with reporting about town news and/or taking pictures around town.

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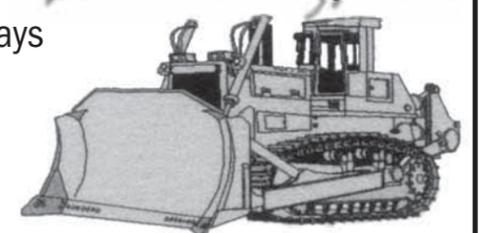
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# Andover Libraries Page

## Curbside Book Pick-Up To Begin June 1 At Andover Libraries

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Janet Moore  
Trustee, Andover Libraries

The Andover Libraries are reopening. Phase One starts with curbside book pickup service. Please follow the steps outlined below to order books:

Check our online catalogs to see what is available. Links to the catalogs and important announcements can be found at [AndoverNHLibrary.weebly.com](http://AndoverNHLibrary.weebly.com).

Request titles from the Andover Library at 735-5333 or [AndoverPL@comcast.net](mailto:AndoverPL@comcast.net) and from the Bachelder Library at 735-5076 or [WABLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:WABLibrary@gmail.com).

We will let you know when we have the titles ready for you.

Come to the library during our regular hours. (Please see the website for our hours.) The library will be locked; please call us to let us know that you are outside the library. We will leave a bag for you on the steps or on the porch.

If you would like to return books, please do so only during regular hours. There will be a cardboard box on the steps of the Andover Library and on the porch of the Bachelder Library for returning books. If you are returning books to the Andover library and it is

raining, please place the book carefully in the drop box, which will have a paper bag or cardboard box liner.

Please hold any used book donations at home right now.

Please be in touch with us if you have any questions. We are excited to begin library services again! 



**At almost 99 years of age (as of July 2020), Irene Jewett still loves reading a good book. She is shown here with a book from the Andover Library in hand. Yes, she still reads from the Library!**

Photo and caption: Becky Dobretz

## Through the Reading Glasses June 2020

Janet Moore  
Trustee, Andover Libraries

Delia Owens' first novel was published in 2018, after she'd already written three non-fiction accounts of her life as a wildlife scientist in Africa and won the John Burroughs Award for Nature Writing. *Where the Crawdads Sing* remains on the bestseller list and for good reason; the woman can write! This book is a beautiful evocation of life in the North Carolina low country, from tiny shells to the most magnificent of birds.

Raised in a dilapidated shack in the marshes, Kya Clark learns to fend for herself in childhood after her drunken and abusive father has driven the rest of the family away. She absorbs nature, building a collection of flora and fauna, then adding paintings and words over the years until she is able to produce enough material for a reference book.

Along the way, she has learned to read and write and "count past 29" from Tate, one of the very few townspeople she allows in, and their relationship grows until he leaves for the University

in Raleigh. What happens after that? Let yourself sink into the complexities of nature and the human heart.

For those who are old enough to have made the acquaintance of Ramona Quimby through Beverly Cleary's delightful stories, take heart. Ramona has a contemporary in *Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renee Watson. Both stories are set in Portland, Oregon, and both feature similar life circumstances.

Ryan Hart's father loses his job; a new one necessitates a smaller house and a smaller paycheck. How Ryan navigates her changed circumstances – grocery shopping is much more de-liberate now – make the book resonate with what's happening right now. And to add to that, Ryan finds it hard to explain to her new girlfriends why her dark, curly hair changes texture when they go swimming.

Thank heaven the world of children's literature is helping us cope with family and societal issues right now. And if you've never read the "Ramona" books, there's still time! 

### Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

#### Adult Fiction

*Long Range*, CJ Box  
*Blindside*, James Patterson & James O. Born  
*Hunger Winter*, Rob Currie  
*The Boy from the Woods*, Harlan Coben

#### Adult Nonfiction

*Untamed*, Glennon Doyle  
*A Woman of No Importance*, Sonia Purnell  
*Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire*, Jen Hatmaker  
*The Honey Bus*, Meredith May  
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*Before and After: The Incredible Real-Life Stories of Orphans...*, Judy Christie & Lisa Wingate

*Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable...*, Brene Brown  
*Unsinkable: How to Bounce Back Quickly...*, Sonia Ricotti  
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#### Children's Books

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*Skylanders: Secret Agent Secrets; Return of the Dragon King*, Ron Marz  
*My First Book of Lacrosse*, Editors of Sports Illustrated Kids  
*Guinness World Records 2020 All About Sam*, Lois Lowry  
*A Treasury of Poetry for Young People Great Girl Food*, American Girl Library  
*Quiet*, Tomie DePaola  
*Bird & Squirrel: All or Nothing*, James Burks

### Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

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## South Danbury Church Remains Active Helping the Community

E-mail and social media replace gatherings

Linda Wilson  
South Danbury Church

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, it's uncertain how to predict when public gatherings at the South Danbury Church can 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 be notified of church events, please let us know with a short message to [SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com](mailto: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 Grange's Neighbor Helping Neighbor program, Listen Community Services programs, and the New Hampshire Wish List of the Kearsarge area.

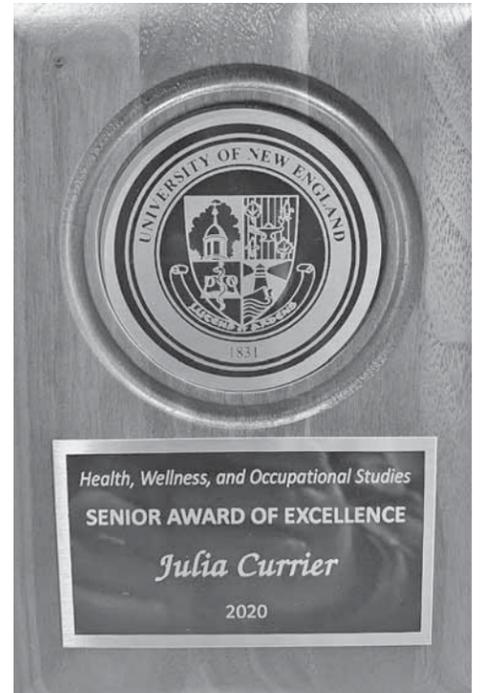
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## Clyde and Shirley Currier's Granddaughter Graduates UNE

Plans to attend UNH to pursue Masters Degree

Julia Currier, daughter of Bruce and Kellie Currier of Bow and granddaughter of Clyde and Shirley Currier of Andover, graduated *Summa Cum Laude* in May 2020 from the University of New England (UNE) in Biddeford, Maine with a Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Therapy.

She received the Senior Award of Excellence for Health, Wellness, and Occupational Studies. While attending UNE, Julia studied one term in Morocco. To add to her career development, she also taught in the Adaptive Ski Program at Sunday River, Maine. She worked with boys and girls after school two days a week. In the fall Julia will pursue her Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy at the University of New Hampshire.



Julia Currier, granddaughter of Clyde and Shirley Currier, received the Senior Award of Excellence from the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine.

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## Caleb Heath Earns Salisbury Historical Society Scholarship

MVHS senior will study business at St. Anselm

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Caleb Heath, 18, has been named recipient of the Salisbury Historical Society's 2020 Scholarship.

Caleb, a senior at Merrimack Valley High School, plans to study business at St. Anselm College in the fall. He is the son of Wendy and Joseph (Sonny) Heath of 521 Old Turnpike Road in Salisbury.

Caleb has excelled academically and athletically, playing varsity basketball and making All-State in baseball last spring.

He was also a member of the MVHS Ethics Team. Congratulations, Caleb!

Several factors go into the selection of the scholarship winner, including grade point average, SAT scores, and other information from MVHS. Applicants are asked to write an essay on an historical figure they admire. Caleb's essay was on Nelson Mandela.

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# OBITUARIES

**NICHOLAS E. HAMP**, 81, passed away on May 7, 2020 as a result of an automobile accident.

Nick was born on April 21, 1939, son of the late Edward and Katherine (MacKenzie) Hamp. He grew up in Andover, where he graduated from Proctor Academy in 1957.



After graduating from the University of New Hampshire, Nick began working as a loan officer at Concord National Bank. Looking dapper and polished (most likely as a result of clothes purchased by his mother), he caught the eye of a young bank teller, Elizabeth (“Betty”) Ralls. At a company party, Nick and Betty shared a dance together. Little did they know, that night would spark a relationship that lasted over three decades.

Nick and Betty eloped in September of 1969 and shared nearly 36 years of marriage. Their beloved daughter, Elizabeth, was born in August 1970. The family lived in Bow until 1989 when they moved to Cumberland Foreside, Maine. Nick and his business partner owned and operated Peterbilt of Maine before retiring in 2009.

Those who knew Nick knew he was a man dedicated to his family and friends and to his routines. While working, he would arrive early, put his feet up on the desk, drink his coffee and get on the phone to sell trucks.

In retirement, he would wake hours before sunrise, grab his flip phone, make his way through town, stopping at Dunkin’ Donuts for his hot coffee and newspaper, head down to the air-

port to watch the planes take off, then swing through Dunkin’ Donuts again for another hot coffee.

Nick was known to have a “look” – dark rimmed glasses, trucker cap, coach’s jacket, dark slacks, and his infamous slippers. He loved to gamble at the casino, watch old movies and sports on TV, eat, and shoot the breeze with his friends. However, one of his favorite things to do was to take a drive to Georgetown to visit his daughter, son-in-law, and much adored granddaughter, Katherine, to whom Nick was known as Popo.

Nick was known to be a funny, smart, and hard-working gentleman. A genuinely good person, Nick never passed judgment on others. If someone was struggling, he would reach out, help them up, and provide a foundation for them to build upon. It was not uncommon for Nick to offer someone a job or a home. Simply put, he was a loyal, generous, and dedicated man who cared for others.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Betty, in 2005. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Hamp, son-in-law, William Squires and granddaughter, Katherine Grace Hamp Squires of Georgetown, Massachusetts; sister, Josephine Wescott of Belfast, Maine; niece, Pamela Roy of Penacook; nephew, Michael Ralls of Gilmanton; nephew, Mark Regan of Norwood, Massachusetts; several cousins; and many dear friends.

There will be no formal ceremony at this time. To honor Nick’s life and love for his daily routine, his family had a private procession taking him through his morning route one last time.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Conroy-Tully Walker Funeral Home of Portland. Instead of flowers, his family requests that donations be

made in his honor to the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland.

To view Nick’s memorial page or to share an online condolence, please visit [ConroyTullyWalker.com](http://ConroyTullyWalker.com).

**THERESA MARGARET (PISANI) LAFIOSCA**, 89, passed away on May 7, 2020. She was a New York native and New Hampshire resident for more than five decades.

Initially a reluctant transplant to the Granite State, Terry retained traces of the distinctive New York accent throughout her life. But in support of her beloved husband Jimmy, to whom she was married for 48 years before his death in 2001, she embraced country life and partnered with him to fulfill his desire to run his own business.



Terry was born in Brooklyn, New York, the only child of Italian immigrants Frank and Rosina Pisani. After graduation in 1947 from Sewanaka High School on Long Island, she earned a bachelor’s degree from Hofstra University and went on to complete a master’s degree in Spanish. She was proud of her inclusion, for academic accomplishment, in *Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

A “baby and child whisperer,” Terry started her career as a second-grade teacher. Though she gave up the profession, children have always gravitated toward her natural warmth.

Terry and Jim relocated first to Franconia Notch in 1958, where they ran the inn Chalet Call, which catered to a cast of skiers who traveled from the city to the slopes and who shared colorful tales. They then moved south to East Andover, where they enjoyed living on Highland Lake and ran a commercial and residential real estate brokerage.

Though she lived on the lake – and co-hosted with Jim an annual July 4th party – she was mercilessly teased by her children for rarely joining them in swimming. Terry preferred dipping a toe then quickly retreating to a lounge chair.

A consummate homemaker, Terry was the ultimate hostess – making social gatherings seem effortless, whether entertaining a group of four or forty. Experimental and accomplished in the kitchen, she regularly tackled laborious recipes by the *New York Times*’ formidable Craig Claiborne. Her family was an appreciative audience for her culinary skills, as were the guests at her frequent dinner parties.

Baking was a much-enjoyed family tradition, especially at the holidays, when the kitchen became a “workshop.” Christmas inspired dozens of varieties of cookies and other confections,

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platters of which would be dutifully delivered by Jim to friends and neighbors. Those kept at home were eagerly consumed. On Easter, Terry always included traditional Italian favorites, made from family recipes passed down through generations.

In addition to raising three children and being an involved volunteer at their schools, she was an avid reader, puzzlemaker, and competitive Scrabble player who loved to sing, kept a journal, enjoyed tending her flower garden, and was a whiz on her Singer sewing machine – a talent she learned from her seamstress mother. Terry also was a popular 4-H leader and member of the Andover Service Club, for which she helped spearhead a fundraising cookbook and was among the original Thrift Shop volunteers.

On a mid-1980s “girl’s trip” to Italy with her grown daughters, Terry experienced “La Dolce Vita” with gusto and charmed those on their tour with her personality and *joie de vivre*. She spoke fluent Italian with the natives, sang and danced at artistic performances, enjoyed the local fare, and turned a few male heads during the trip, during which she celebrated her 56th birthday.

When she became a grandmother in the 1980s to now-adult granddaughters Katie Theresa and Kristina Rose, she was elated to turn her house over to them on playdates. They fondly recall having “high tea” using her collection of fancy china cups, dressing up and decking themselves out in her jewelry, and being catered to in the kitchen. They were a joy in her life, and Terry

loved and embraced them.

She also lived with and cared for her parents, who remained at home until their declining health necessitated a move to a nursing home, where she was a regular visitor.

In her later life, when Terry could no longer remain at home, she moved to Massachusetts near the homes of her daughters. She enjoyed her residence in a lively assisted living facility, where she made many friends, prior to a health deterioration that required her relocation to Belmont Manor nursing home, where she lived until her passing.

She is survived by her daughter Tina Lafiosca and husband Rob Stiratelli; son Daniel Lafiosca and his wife Karen (who was a devoted daughter to Terry); daughter Rosanne Pellegrini and her husband Lee; granddaughters Katie McCadden and her husband David, and Kristina Lafiosca; and great-grandchildren Milly Rose and Alasdair McCadden.

A private celebration of Terry’s life will be held at a later date. Chocolate, her one true vice and indulgence, will be served and relished in abundance.

**DAVID ELLSWORTH GOODWIN**, 85, of Portsmouth, passed away on May 8, 2020 at Bridgeport 360 Health Care Center. He was born April 3, 1935 in Birmingham, Michigan, a son of the late Alvin Henry and Marvel Boucher Goodwin. David was a retired owner and operator of Charmur Kennels in Wixom, Michigan, a former Lions Club member, and attended Stoney Run Tabernacle. He was a 1953 Seholm (Birmingham, Michigan) High School graduate where he performed in the choir with Paul Stokey of Peter, Paul,

and Mary fame.

David was also preceded in death by the mother of his children, Barbara Lender Goodwin in 2016; a son, Keith Goodwin; a stepdaughter, Kelly Vincent; two brothers, Paul and Jack Goodwin; and an infant sister.

He is survived by his wife, Lavada Adkins Goodwin whom he married July 19, 1986 in Bradenton, Florida; two sons, Dennis (Barbara) Goodwin of Fenton, Michigan and Kevin (Renee) Goodwin of Andover, New Hampshire; two stepdaughters, Nancy (Robert) Neeley of Otway and Paula (Kevin) Mathis of Franklin, North Carolina; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Roseland Park Cemetery in Michigan. Arrangements are under the direction of the McKinley Funeral Home in Lucasville.

**PAUL TIMOTHY STAFFORD** was born on December 30, 1959 and passed away on May 9, 2020.

He was born in Franklin, and lived in Andover in his youth. He graduated from high school and joined the army. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and attending Christian concerts with family members. Paul was fascinated with genealogy and did a lot of research on where his family came from, and all the history. He was married to Hanna.

Anyone who came to know Paul knew he was a man of God, with a pure heart and sweet soul. He is survived by Hanna Stafford, wife of 20 years, his brother Stephen Stafford, his sisters Grace Goodearl, Esther Cain, Doris Shedd, Joyce Shedd, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by parents Eunice and James Stafford, sisters Janet Shedd, Martha Stafford, and Marilyn

Stafford, and two nephews, Patrick and Pete Hollenbeck. The Celebration of Life Funeral Home in Augusta, Georgia, is handling arrangements.

**WANDA LEE (SANBORN) WALKER**, 78, died peacefully May 9, 2020 at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen.

She was born in Rio Del, California, on January 8, 1942. She always was pleased to share Elvis Presley’s birthday. She was adopted by Ernest and Emily Sanborn of Alexandria.



Wanda graduated from Newfound High School, Class of 1960.

She moved to East Andover and married William “Ted” G. Walker, Sr. on August 20, 1960 at the Andover Congregational (Community) Church. They lived in the same home until Ted’s passing on September 19, 2006. About 2012, Wanda moved to The Clough Center in New London until its closing, and then she moved to the Merrimack County Nursing Home in 2016.

Wanda worked various jobs, including Allen Rogers Lumber and Proctor Academy Housekeeping for 20 years. Wanda was a member of the Andover Congregational (Community) Church and made many crafts and dolls for the church fairs.

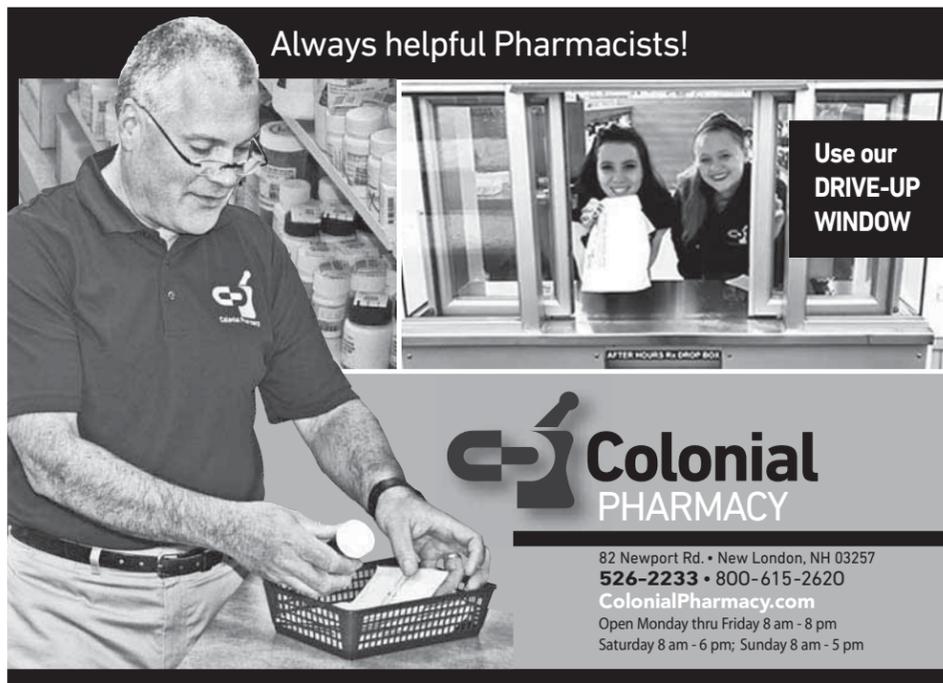
She was predeceased by her husband Ted, her parents, a brother, Lucian Schofield on March 17, 2017, and a sister-in-law, Ethel Schofield on April 21, 2020.

She is survived by a daughter, Jane M. Walker of East Andover; a son, William “Bill” G. Walker, Jr. and his wife, Rene and a granddaughter; a brother, Melvin (Brenda) Torsey of New Hampton and a sister, Nettie Luciano of Bristol; aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews,

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**Proctor Academy held virtual all-school assemblies throughout the spring to bring the community together. Here, Andover's Vienna Marcus '20 and Student Wellness Coordinator Megan Hardie announce the 2020-2021 school leader candidates to the community on May 7.**

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**Proctor Academy students and teachers have engaged in remote learning since April 6 using Webex Teams and Webex Meetings as an online video conferencing platform. During the month of April, students and teachers logged 8,858 Webex meetings, totaling 307,106 minutes.**

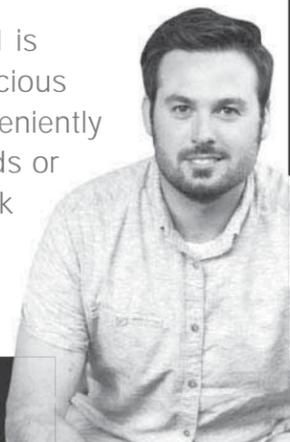
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corded and streamed to the thousands of parents, alumni, and students in attendance. Student speeches will move us to tears despite our geographic distance from their delivery, and yet, even as we collectively celebrate this remarkable class, an emptiness persists. This campus, this town, this community only feels whole when Proctor's students are streaming to Pizza Chef and JJ's, crossing Route 11 to the skatepark, and filling the sidewalks and pathways with laughter.

Over the past three months, Proctor students have engaged in a synchronous online learning model. A structured class schedule allowed for daily video conferences between students and teachers in each class, while more than 30 afternoon program offerings engaged students around the globe in baking activities, yoga, Strava and other fitness challenges.

Virtual assemblies brought the whole community together regularly, and we enter summer break exhausted from the emotional, physical, and mental challenges of a rapid shift to a remote learning model, but confident in our ultimate goal of keeping students and families engaged in the learning process.

While a normal June routine on Proctor's campus would involve the wizardry of our Maintenance and Housekeeping teams turning over dormitories for Alumni Reunion (originally scheduled for June 4 through 6) and then Gordon

Research Conferences for the duration of the summer, this routine, too, has been altered by COVID-19. Alumni Reunion has been postponed to June 2021, and Gordon Research has canceled their summer conferences across the globe.

Just as Proctor's business model has been challenged by the issuance of room and board refunds to boarding students earlier this spring and lost revenue from Gordon Research Conferences, we also recognize the serious impact a shift in our operations has had on local businesses reliant on the steady stream of students and out-of-town families to town. Proctor encourages all in town to surround these businesses who serve as the lifeblood of our community with support.

Proctor's leadership team continues to actively plan for the potential return of students in the fall, understanding the need to plan for multiple scenarios depending on how COVID-19 tracks in the state. At the forefront of the scenario planning is the health and well-being of the greater Andover community.

As a boarding school drawing students from across the globe with roughly 70% of students hailing from New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Connecticut, the complexities of a return-to-school plan exceeds those issued by the State for public schools. The school will continue to update its COVID-19 Resource page ([ProctorAcademy.org/about/covid-19-resources](http://ProctorAcademy.org/about/covid-19-resources)) on its website as decisions are made related to return-to-school.

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Additionally, she said she enjoyed being at the school every day “because of the people. I am lucky to work with the very best teachers, students, and families. We are one team working together. I will miss my AE/MS family more than anything. We are truly a community of learners. AE/MS has been my life for 23 years.”

Jane’s vision for the future of AE/MS is that it continues to be “a welcoming and safe place for students. I see AE/MS students thriving, learning, and giving back to their community into the future.

“AE/MS is not about the building or the materials. AE/MS is all about the people, the relationships, and the community-building. Keeping that as a focus will always make AE/MS a special place. Andover is a special place and will continue to do the right things for their school system.”

Asked what she would like to say to the students, past, present, and future, Principal Slayton offered this statement: “I would say thank you to the students of the past and present. Thank you for letting me share your school days, and

thank you for all you taught me over the years. I will leave AE/MS with the best memories ever!

“Students of the future are following in the footsteps of the students before them. Learn from them and follow their examples. Be true to yourself and never forget AE/MS is your home. I love following the successes of our students long after they leave AE/MS. I also love that our students return to AE/MS and give back to their communities. I love seeing AE/MS students on the School Board, working as firefighters and police, volunteering in the school, coaching in the community, and being wonderful parents for the next generation.”

Principal Slayton’s long-time Administrative Assistant Gail Parenteau is also retiring. When asked about their time working together, she called her “Saint Gail of the Office,” “amazing,” “a friend and partner,” and said that not only is Gail dedicated to the school, but she is the “heart and soul of AE/MS.” Gail was on the hiring committee that chose her as the new principal years ago.

Jane lauded Gail’s other qualities in describing her activities outside of work. “I admire Gail as I watch her give back to her community. After a long day at school, she can be found cooking and serving at a local soup kitchen. During

the holidays, she works between donors and families in need and helps make holidays happy for all. Gail has a heart of gold and is one of the best parts of AE/MS!”

They used to joke about how they should write a book, but admitted they never had time. “Maybe we do have time to write a book now. It would definitely be a bestseller!”

Jane does not have any set plans for retirement outside of some work and making time for outdoor activities such as running, hiking, kayaking, and traveling, and enjoying family and friends. In closing, she states that she has “been a school administrator since 1980 and I am looking forward to having less responsibility, working part-time, and spending more time exploring life.”

from eighth grade. It is wonderful to see them grow up and to see what they accomplish at AE/MS. It is even more heartening to see them become adults and watch their own children become part of the AE/MS family.

“Over the past 35 years, getting to know all the students and their families has brought me such joy. There have been so many memorable moments with all the people I have worked with, all of whom hold a very special place in my heart and have given me many long-lasting memories.”

About Jane Slayton, Gail reminisced that she was on the committee that hired her as a new principal 23 years ago. They knew as soon as they interviewed her that “she was the one we wanted to lead the way, and AE/MS has never looked back.”

She said that Jane is “kind to the children,” and that “she truly has the students’ best interest at heart, and it shows. The students love Jane and all she has done for the school. We all owe Jane a debt of gratitude for all the hours she has put in to AE/MS and how wonderful our school is. Jane is a wonderful leader, but then again AE/MS has the best staff and one I am so glad to have been part of.”

When asked about her vision for the future of AE/MS, she said that the Andover School District is made up of a “wonderful group of hardworking people who all have the same goal: to keep AE/MS the best it can be.” She said their one-time motto says it all: “Soaring To Be the Best We Can Be.”

To the students of the past she says, “I am so thankful to have known you and to have watched you grow up and become the wonderful people you are today.” To the students she is leaving behind, she says “study hard, and I will be back to visit you in the fall, I hope.” To all students she expressed that “you have all brought me great joy, and I thank you for this.”

Gail’s retirement plans are simple. She plans to enjoy her family, traveling, See Retirements on page 27



**Gail Parenteau**  
**Administrative Assistant, 35 years**

Gail has been responsible for the daily front office operations, which included assisting the principal and other school staff, communications with students, parents, visitors, and community members, among numerous other duties. She said that “the office was a busy place all day long!”

When asked what she loved most about her time at AE/MS, she said “I love meeting the new groups of kindergarten students in the fall, and in a blink of an eye they are graduating



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good books, biking, walking, gardening, volunteering, and most of all to “get up when I want to.”



**Holly Gagne, Special Education Teacher, 27 years**

Currently, Holly has been working with students from kindergarten through the fourth grade, but at one point she worked with all grades. She described her work as having “the honor of working with students requiring specialized instruction,” as well as their therapists, other classroom teachers, and para-educators. About AE/MS and the Andover community in general, she feels that they “have created an atmosphere where students can learn and flourish. There is much shared in a very supportive environment. I hope this is able to continue and grow.”

For all the students she is leaving behind, her wishes are for them to “have fun. Be open to new adventures and learning experiences. Show kindness whenever you can. And always, always, have a good book close at hand.”

Holly had many words of praise for Principal Slayton. She said that she “has been a constant, steady presence these past 20-plus years. She has done so much for AE/MS, but I think her shining star is the way she has blended the school and town together into a wonderful learning community. Jane

has created many opportunities over the years for the two to blend together, sharing skills and teaching each other. There is a strong sense of acceptance felt by each group.”

About Gail Parenteau, she also referred to her as “Saint Gail.” Their school “motto” is to ask Gail when in doubt. “She can rattle off needed addresses and phone numbers from memory, tell us where to look for specific supplies, and organize breakfast for 400 in 30 minutes.”

For retirement, Holly said she isn’t sure what she will do. These are “uncertain times.” Working part-time in a small shop is a possibility, but mostly she has “two beautiful granddaughters who are looking forward to spending more time with their Grandma.”



**Lynn Tiede, Special Education Teacher, 23 years**

In her role as a middle school special education teacher, Lynn said what she most loved was “working with students who are struggling and helping them become stronger learners; and the staff – they are the greatest!” Her wish for AE/MS is for it to continue its strong partnership with the community “because without that community support, we would not have seen the success we have experienced over the years.”

When asked about what she would say to her students, she said her goal has

“always been to teach students a good work ethic that would prepare them to be successful community members throughout their lives. I know I could be tough and had high expectations for them, but I wanted them always to be happy and to feel good about themselves in school so that they could become anything they set their minds to.”

She would also like to thank the Andover community for being so supportive of her as a teacher and “for giving me the chance to work with your children over the past 23 years. The

friendships and memories that have been made while at AE/MS will always be cherished memories for me.”

Lynn’s memories about working with Jane Slayton as the Principal of AE/MS are very complimentary. She said that they “have shared some wonderful experiences over the years” and that Jane always gave her good advice and support. “Her friendship is one that I will cherish for years to come.”

About Gail Parenteau, she said that “Gail is one in a million. Her giving  
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to others through support and encouragement have always been something I could rely on to get me through my school day. Oh! the laughs we have had over the years, of which many still bring tears to my eyes. She has helped me over the years become a better person, parent, and teacher just by always giving me support and guidance.”

Some of the other memories include a “cruise to Nova Scotia, fairy dust in bathrooms, very early morning Parent Breakfasts, Grandparents Thanksgiving, Saturday Night Live Christmas video, and the conversations that have always brought me back to reality.”

Her retirement plans include lots

of relaxation. She will work part-time closer to home, “do some traveling, and I will hopefully be taking my photography to the next level. My goal is to sell my photos in a unique way through craft fairs and online.”



**Michelle Stanhope, Math Teacher 15 years**

Michelle has taught middle school math at AE/MS for 15 years, and prior to that she taught math for seven years at Newfound Memorial Middle School. When she retires, she will have been teaching math for 22 years.

During her time at AE/MS she not only taught math, but organized the annual Math Night, tutored students, helped to organize many dances at which she was a chaperone and DJ, coached the Andover One Wheelers and basketball, mentored prospective

teachers, and served on many committees aimed at helping AE/MS “grow as a community.”

For Michelle, AE/MS is a “special little school.” She enjoyed and will miss many aspects of what she experienced there, from the “caring, loving, and family-oriented staff members and students,” to the collaborative nature of the teachers in coming up with “fun activities that will get our school and community together (parents breakfast, Veteran’s Day Assembly, Grandparent’s Thanksgiving, Math Night, Art Shows, band/chorus recitals, SHARE Day).” She said she “truly loves the people who make this place a great place to work” and will “miss everything about AE/MS.” Return visits are definitely in her plans.

Growing as a community and keeping traditions is her vision for AE/MS. To her past students she said that she cherishes the memories of students returning to share their lives and stay connected. For her current students: “This sure has been an interesting year! I feel like my time with you has been cut short due to the pandemic. We are all in this together, and I will make sure that at some point, I will visit AE/MS next year to say good-bye in person. I really hope that you stay in touch with me, and always remember to work hard and never give up!

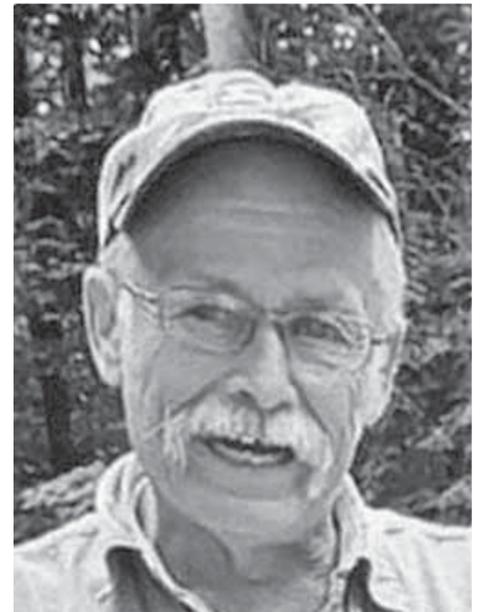
“Always remember to set your goals high. You can make a difference if you try. Don’t be afraid to ask for help.” For the future students of AE/MS, words of encouragement include to “strive for the best and always remember that the only obstacle you see is when you take your eyes off the goal. Reach for the stars!”

Michelle has many fond memories of her time working with Principal Slayton, including the times they chaperoned dances and field trips, Zumba in the gym, student activities, Secret Santa gifts, challenging physical plant problems, working weekends, and birthday celebrations. But most importantly, she “loved working for Jane. She always allowed me to be the teacher I wanted to be. She was always supportive and open-minded and always pushed me to be the best educator I could be. I could always count on her to help out whenever needed. She will be missed in our AE/MS community.”

Gail Parenteau will be remembered as being “so kind, happy, easy to talk with. Honestly, she runs that school.” The list of everything she does is very long. Michelle loved being able to sit in her office talking about their kids, Maine, the school kids, and many other topics. Like her, Gail has roots in Maine and is hoping she will come to visit her.

For retirement, Michelle plans to move back to her home in Downeast Maine. Her son Riley will be starting college in the fall, so she will help him prepare. While she doesn’t have a “set plan” for retirement, she is “glad to be moving back home to Maine to enjoy the sights and smells of the ocean that I have so greatly missed,” and helping her husband on his lobster boat. She

may even do some substitute teaching because she loves the classroom.



**Vic Stewart, Head Custodian 8 years**

AE/MS Principal Jane Slayton wrote the following tribute:

Vic Stewart was a key figure at Andover Elementary/Middle School for the past eight years. Vic could be counted on to be at school by 5:30 AM and have the building ready for students and staff members. In the winter, he would have the classrooms warm and the walkways shoveled. He would be outside by 7:30 AM to welcome parents driving their children to school, and he’d wave to the buses.

Students knew they could go to Mr. Stewart and he would retrieve balls on the roof without complaining. He’d re-adjust swings on the playground and fix the gaga pit. He was there at lunchtime to help with clean-up. He was just always there!

Our school community was devastated when Vic passed away during the first weekend that schools in New Hampshire were closed for remote learning. It was very difficult for us to not be together as a school community to mourn Vic’s passing. Vic was very much looking forward to his retirement next month. He had lots of plans for hunting and family. We are so sad he never got to enjoy his well-deserved retirement.

Vic was a friend to all at AE/MS. He is missed.

**Robin Heins, SAU Business Administrator, 19 years**

By her own account, Robin started as a receptionist and worked her way up to her current position. She will miss everyone she has worked with, many for more than 30 years. “Wonderful folks.”

She believes that “nothing is impossible if you work hard, can laugh at yourself, and care about other people.”

About Jane Slayton, she said that she “is an outstanding person and principal.” They have shared many memories. Her take on Gail Parenteau is that she is “the face of AE/MS.” When she leaves she’ll be taking her “historical knowledge with her.”

Her retirement plans include spending time with her grandchildren, reading books that she has been waiting for time to read, and not setting the alarm at night.

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Books with student's notes marking the pages have sat untouched since mid-March when classes moved online due to the COVID pandemic closures. Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch

## Teacher Faces Sad Reality Packing Up AE/MS Classroom

This year, annual routine is anything but

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS teacher

While I knew it was coming, the e-mail hit me right in the heart. Teachers were given assigned days on a calendar to return to their classrooms and clean out for the end of the year.

It happens every year. Teachers pack things safely away until fall, take down their bulletin boards to make room for fresh ideas next year, and make sure that all surfaces are clear for cleaning. Of course I expected it, but this year it's different.

My room, and I assume all of the other rooms too, is a sort of time capsule. Everything is as it was on March 13, our last day at school.

The date is still on the board, and so are the lesson agendas. What were they doing that day? I know eighth grade was working on *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, and my seventh grade class was on an adventure with *The Hobbit*. What else had they been assigned?

The thought of heading to school when it was "my turn" delivered immediate sadness. I knew I was going to cry when I walked in. It's the finality of it, really. The idea that it is really over. That



those kids in that group will never be in my room together again, eagerly waiting to find out what we would be doing that day.

Their laughter would not be there anymore. The ongoing jokes and distracting conversations ... gone. The lockers outside my door would not be slamming. I wouldn't be trying to pack things up between lessons. It would be

quiet and unbearable.

During this entire pandemic, the keycards that unlocked the door to the school had been shut down. Something so ordinary and everyday as unlocking a door became a momentous moment.

A brief trek down the hall and I



Students left messages and artwork on teachers' white boards before leaving classrooms on March 13. At the time, they had no idea that they would not be returning to the building this school year.

Caption and photos: Kasey Schoch

would be at my door. Entering felt just as I had imagined it would, sort of. Placing my coffee on my desk as always, I looked around to prepare for my day, and that is where the familiarity ended.

I set up my laptop and turned on my Google Meet in the event that a student needed immediate help while I was there; and with that began the task of making the year in my room final.

On the plus side, I was able to see a few colleagues from a distance. As we stood in doorways to chat, it felt

like things were normal for a moment. There were no tears after all; there were smiles to see each other without a computer screen.

As I packed it up and tucked it all away, I said my goodbyes to the year. I couldn't allow myself to think what the new year would bring. Packed up or not, I don't think any of us are ready to let it go.

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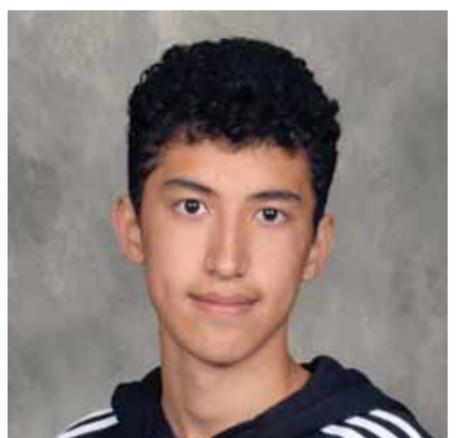
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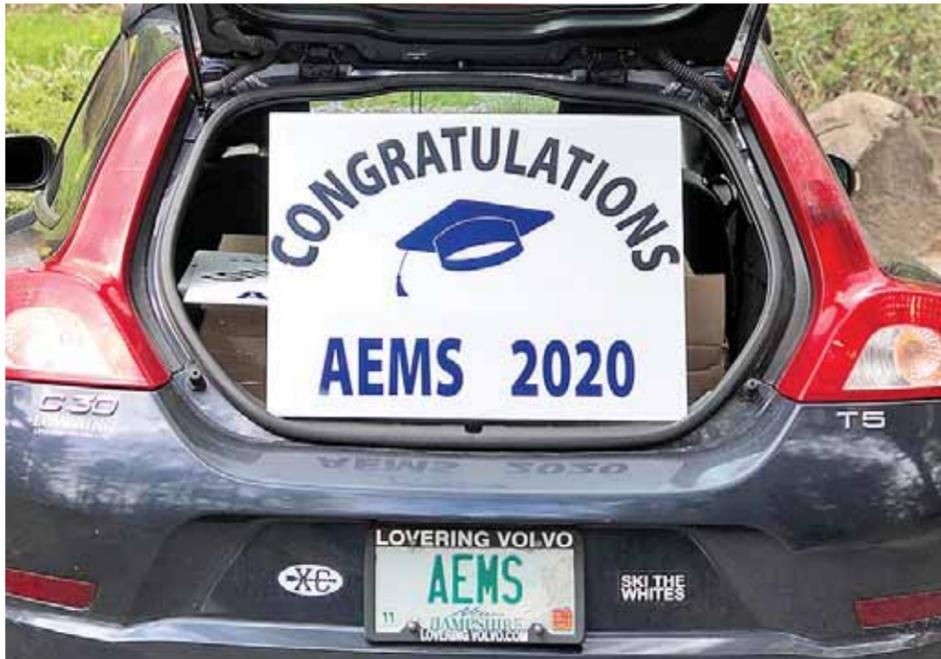


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Lawn signs celebrating AE/MS' extraordinary Class of 2020 were distributed in May. Photo: Jane Slayton

## AE/MS Class of '20 Graduates in School Parking Lot on June 11

“Drive-in movie”-style event with a 32' screen

Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

It's time to celebrate the AE/MS Class of 2020! The lawn signs for graduates have arrived and will be distributed in May.

Our 30 AE/MS eighth grade students will graduate on Thursday, June 11, at 8:30 PM. The AE/MS parking lot will be transformed into a drive-in movie theatre. There will be a 32' screen, and the audio will be broadcast through an FM channel on the car radio.

We have 60 parking spaces – two per graduate family. The presentation will be filmed and compiled ahead of time. There may be some live presentations included. There will also be a celebratory parade during the event.

The rain date is June 16 at 8:30 PM. We are very excited to celebrate our students!

## AE/MS Principal Jane Slayton to Retire After 23 Years of Service

Also: Gail Parenteau, four other long-time employees

Shelley Geoghegan, *Beacon* staff

This year has turned out to be a year of major changes for Andover, not the least of which was the announcement of a number of retirements of long-serving employees of the Andover Elementary/Middle School. Principal Jane Slayton, Administrative Assistant Gail Parenteau, and classroom teachers Holly Gagne, Lynn Tiede, and Michelle Stanhope are all leaving as of June.

Victor Stewart, who passed away recently, was also planning to retire this year. Another long-term employee who is scheduled to retire in June is Robin Heins, Business Administrator for the Superintendent's Office.

None of the prospective retirees could have imagined under what circumstances they would end their final year of service in the Andover School District. As with graduating eighth graders, these professionals were cheated out of all the final interpersonal interactions and special events that would have normally marked the end of their

time at the school.

The following narratives are based on answers to questions posed to each retiree. Jane Slayton also wrote a special tribute to Vic Stewart.



Jane Slayton, Principal, 23 years

Jane describes herself as having been the “proud principal” at AE/MS, as in proud to have been trusted with the very big job of running the school. She feels she was there to “support, nurture, cultivate, guide, teach, laugh, See Retirements on page 26



Proctor Academy's campus will remain quiet throughout the summer as Gordon Research has canceled its 10 weeks of conferences normally held on Proctor's campus during June, July, and August.

Caption: Scott Allenby. Photo: Lindsey Allenby

## Proctor Moves Its 172nd Commencement Exercises Online

Planning begins for possible return-to-school

Scott Allenby  
Proctor Academy

On May 30, Proctor will host its 172nd Commencement exercises online, recognizing the 103 members

of the Class of 2020 (including six Andover natives). Like everything this spring, our first ever virtual Commencement will be different; not bad, just different.

Awards will be granted, diplomas granted, and musical performances re-line, recognizing the 103 members See Proctor on page 25

## Vehicle Parade to Honor Five AE/MS Retirees on June 12

Vic Stewart will also be honored posthumously

Jen Bent, AE/MS teacher

On Friday, June 12, there will be a vehicle parade honoring five beloved professionals who are retiring from Andover Elementary/Middle School at the end of this term.

All vehicles will assemble at Proctor Academy's dining hall (Field House/Hockey Rink) parking lot between 5:30 and 5:55 PM. We encourage you to decorate your vehicle; honking horns and megaphones are appreciated. *But please stay in your vehicle at all times!*

At 6 PM sharp, the parade will go

down Main Street and around the AE/MS building. Ms. Slayton, Mrs. Parenteau, Mrs. Stanhope, Mrs. Tiede, and Mrs. Gagne will be standing (six feet apart) with memory buckets near them. As cars pass by, one person from each vehicle can step out if they have a picture, card, written memory, gift, etc. to put into the bucket.

There will also be a separate bucket in honor of Mr. Stewart, our beloved janitor who passed away unexpectedly several months before his retirement. These donations will be used to plant a tree in his honor.

Rain date for the parade will be Friday, June 19.