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Taken in 1987, this picture shows people partaking of the Ham and Bean Supper held during the Fourth of July celebration.

Fourth of July Events Cancelled, But Committee Offers Alternatives

Visit their Facebook page to participate

Press release

It just doesn't feel right! This year's Fourth of July in Andover will be like no other! But, in the name of keeping our friends and neighbors safe, we've

made the tough decision to cancel the celebration for this year. Times like these are when Andover's spirit shines brightest. For this year we'll have to put on our own personal Fourth of July celebrations. We hope every house in town makes it a great day.

Normally, at this time of year, the Fourth of July Committee is going full tilt to get everything in place for the big day. Instead, we are already dreaming about next year's celebration.

The committee is offering a few bright spots, though. Go to the Andover NH July 4th Facebook page and post your favorite memory of past events. We already have at least 24 memories posted there and hope to have many, many more. Look around and find the previous posts and add yours. Choose from the list which includes the old Midway, past parades, Leapin' Lena, and let's not forget our own Andover One Wheelers.

Also on our Facebook page there will be a slideshow of photos of past

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This picture, taken in 1981, shows Etta Currier Haughton. She and Olive Seavey started the Andover Fourth of July celebration as we know it today.

Happy Fourth of July!

Andover's 78th annual Independence Day Celebration may have been canceled due to the COVID pandemic (see below, left), but there are still plenty of ways to celebrate our country's 244th birthday!

- Take a selfie with the picture of Uncle Sam on the Village Green!
- Pick up this year's Fourth program from locations around town.
- Visit Facebook.com/AndoverNH4thOfJuly for slideshows of past Fourth celebrations.
- Watch videos of past Fourth parades on Comcast 8 or TDS 16.
- Support the Andover Service Club's "Slices for Scholarships" pie sale on the Fourth at JJ's Market and Deli from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- Enjoy Highland Lake's Lighting of the Flares on Friday and the Boat Parade on Saturday (page 6)
- Attend American Legion Post 101's Distinguished Flag Burning Ceremony (page 6)

Practice safe physical distancing, wear appropriate personal protection, and enjoy everything that Andover has to offer!



Community members gathered for an organized vigil on the Andover Village Green to acknowledge the death of George Floyd and other victims of racism. Photo: Larry Chase

Vigil Held on the Village Green Honors Victims of Racism

Death of George Floyd inspires desire for change

Gabriel Lopez Low

On June 5, members of the Andover community gathered on the Town Green for a candlelight vigil honoring the death of George Floyd and other black victims of police violence.

Inspired by vigils and protests around the nation, the idea originated around Deb Brower's kitchen table on the previous Tuesday night as a way to bring the Andover community together to pay respect for the lives lost. By Thursday, Deb had e-mailed over 50 members of the Andover community

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Andover Businesses Opening Under Safer-at-Home Advisory

Restaurants can offer restricted indoor dining

Shelley Geoghegan
Beacon staff

With the expiration of the New Hampshire stay-at-home order on June 15, which has been in effect since late March due to COVID, there are now no restrictions on the number of people who can gather in groups, and more businesses are starting to reopen. However, the state still advises people to remain cautious about gathering in big groups and encourages the use of masks.

With these cautions in mind, Andover Town Administrator Marjorie Roy said they are working on a plan that would allow access to the Town Offices by two people at a time. At the time the July issue of the Beacon went to press, the Town Offices remained closed, except by appointment. To contact the Town Clerk-Tax Collector's office call 735-5018, or e-mail TCTC@Andover-NH.gov. Updates can be found on the Town's website at Andover-NH.gov.

The Andover Libraries have been offering curbside delivery, and the library trustees are now discussing how and when they will reopen the buildings for inside use. No announcements have been received from the State Library, which has not yet resumed Inter-Library Loan service.

The Andover branch of the Bar Harbor Bank and Trust is now allowing customers to conduct business inside again. Changes have been made to the lobby traffic flow to ensure proper distancing between people, and masks are being required of all customers entering the branch. Hand sanitizer has been made available.

Churches

According to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church's website, the church has opened its doors for public weekend masses but will be adhering to the many restrictions dictated by the Manchester Diocese. For details, visit offc.org.

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at the Stone Chapel on the Proctor campus has not yet reopened. They are offering Zoom virtual services through June and will be taking a break during July and August. For more information visit KUUFnh.org.

The Andover Community Church (AndoverCommunityNH.org) in East Andover is offering two in-person services on Sundays throughout the summer, one of which is available by Zoom.

All safety precautions have been taken into account with seating and taking communion.

Restaurants

Our local restaurants, which have been restricted to take-out or outdoor dining only, may now offer indoor dining, but only to the extent that tables can be kept six feet apart with a maximum of six people per table. This reduces serving capacity, more so for some smaller restaurants. Additionally, the rules for sanitizing condiments, tables, and any surfaces are very strict for each use.

Other than JJ's Market and Deli and the Circle K convenience store, both of which have always been take-out and which remained open, there are four Andover food establishments that were affected to one degree or another during the severe restrictions imposed by the state. These include the Blackwater Junction Restaurant, Pizza Chef, The Kitchen, and The Refinery.

On their Facebook page, the Blackwater Junction Restaurant announced that they would be open as of June 17, serving at 50 percent seating capacity (to maintain the six foot/six person rule) and 100 percent take-out capacity. They had closed down in March due to the stay-at-home restrictions.

Pizza Chef announced on their Facebook page that they had decided, after careful consideration, to keep serving outside rather than risk opening up the dining area inside the restaurant. They also have a take-out window that they encourage patrons to use. As of this writing, delivery service has been discontinued.

The Kitchen Andover continues to offer an outdoor seating area, a take-out window, and now allows inside ordering. The floor is marked to direct the flow of foot traffic, ordering, and pick-up. To ensure safety, clear plastic walls have been added to the counter area. Orders can be called in ahead of time, as always. Indoor seating is not yet being offered.

The Refinery, which had been open for take-out and outdoor dining, reopened their indoor seating after the stay-at-home orders expired. Here again, they must adhere to spacing requirements of maintaining a six-foot distance between tables, and only six diners per table. They are requiring reservations or a call ahead.

For more information or updates about any of the above restaurants please visit their Facebook pages or websites. Please eat local and help to support our Andover businesses. 



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'Yardbirds'

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Lots of fun!" was the feedback on the premiere of *The MisAdventures of MarMar*, a locally produced one-act play sponsored by The Andover Community Hub and attended electronically via Zoom by about 25 local households on Saturday evening, June 13.

This performance screen-shot shows Mark Vashro and Maryssa Wannlass (upper left and lower right), the play's co-authors and lead actors; Kenneth Heaton (upper right), the pizza chef; and El Beh (lower left), the spiritual-advisor-in-song.

Mark and Maryssa performed from their Andover home, Heaton from Brooklyn, New York; and El Beh from Mexico City. Not pictured is actress Amelia Adams, also from Brooklyn. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

Has the Pandemic Made You Appreciate Some Things More?

The COVID pandemic has affected all aspects of life, for good or ill, all over the world. To reflect some of the impacts here in Andover, we plan to pose a question each month to our readers. Here's the first:

"What small, specific, things has the pandemic made you appreciate more fully than you did before?"

Please share your thoughts with us in a few sentences sent to Shelley@AndoverBeacon.com or PO Box 149, Andover NH 03216. We will publish your answers in the next issue of the Beacon and on our website at AndoverBeacon.com.

Thank you for participating.

Shelley Geoghegan

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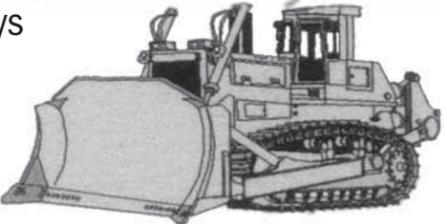
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Andover High School Alumni Share Memories with Each Other

Annual reunion cancelled due to COVID concerns

Judy Poblentz Perreault '53, Andover High School Reunion Committee

We are very disappointed that we are not able to have our Andover High School all-class annual reunion this year. We will miss seeing our classmates. For a small school, we had a lot of spirit, and all of the classes worked together. We needed everyone for teams, plays, and other school activities.

An activity that everyone looked forward to was our school newspaper, *The Blue and White Banner*. Each issue was eagerly awaited so we could see who was dating, what funny things had happened, the stories, the poems, and the sports news.

Fortunately, some forward-thinking folks saved their copies, so we are able to publish some of the items from these papers. The poem that follows was written by Ben Burroughs and seems

apt for the present:

Judge Not

Judge not lest you be judged yourself, a saying old and true.

Be careful what you say about a someone you may view.

Don't form opinions from the things you may chance to hear.

For information second hand is often out of gear.

Don't ridicule before you know what you are speaking of.

But rather practice tolerance and flavor it with love.

Before you speak, investigate and know of what you say.

For by your actions you can cause someone a real dismay.

But if you think, I know you'll break the chain of wrong and hate.

That seems to wrap around the world, touching the small and great.

Sadly, we have lost a number of our classmates since our last reunion: Jane Thompson Currier, Esther Lajoie Grace, Wilbur Grace, Patricia Dines Sharrar, Sousa Roberts Hoyt, Barbara Laughy Sanborn, and William Thomas. Our sympathies go out to their families and friends.

Let's hope that by next year our classes can meet again!

Fourth from page 1

celebrations. On the actual day of the Fourth, tune in to our local Andover TV station to see last year's parade.

As is our tradition, a program booklet with info about the committee, the origin of the Fourth celebration and the dedication will be available. This year we are honoring Howard and Ellie George. They have been helpers of the Fourth Committee, the elementary/middle school, the recreation program and the community in general for many, many years. We are humbled. Be sure to get your copy of the booklet at one of

our local businesses. (A big thank you to Jen Bent for her hard work in creating this year's booklet.)

There are many symbols for our great country: the Flag, the Capitol in Washington DC, and Uncle Sam. Stop by the Village Green, look for the huge cut-out of Uncle Sam, take a selfie with him, and post it on the Andover NH 4th of July Facebook page. (Thank you, Charlie Darling, for providing the image!)

So, in the name of safety, we'll see you next year. We will be busy preparing for the best celebration ever! The countdown starts now...

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and encouraged them to share it with whomever might be interested.

The turnout was much higher than Deb initially expected, with over 140 community members gathering together on the warm Friday evening. Once people arrived, Deb welcomed the community and shared a few remarks, before initiating an eight minute, 46 second moment of silence, which represented the amount of time George Floyd spent face down on the ground, with the knee of a Minneapolis police officer on his neck.

After the long moment of silence, community members lit their candles and were invited to come up and share

their own feelings regarding the tumultuous times.

One of those who spoke was Janet Moore, who shared that her lighted candle was for her nine-year-old grandson, John, "who should not be afraid to walk down the street alone." Janet also shared her hope for the future that "when he is old enough to drive, he will not fear being pulled over by the police just because he is a black man."

Ken Wells, Andover's local state representative, chose to lead the gathering in a rendition of *Lean on Me* as a showing of solidarity. As the evening wrapped up, the organizers and attendees alike indicated a desire to transfer the sentiment of the vigil into proactive change in the larger community.

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John Hanscom, Adjutant, Post 101

The American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 of Andover is going to perform a Distinguished Flag Burning Ceremony on the Fourth of July. The ceremony will be held at 7 PM on Saturday, July 4, at the amphitheater on the AE/MS grounds.

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Ice Cream Social is canceled for this year

Press release

Due to the COVID-19 crisis and social distancing recommendations and safe food handling protocols, the Highland Lake Protective Association (HLPAs) is cancelling its annual Ice Cream Social at the East Andover Fire Station.

However, the Lighting of the Flares around the edge of the lake starts at 9 PM the evening of Friday, July 3. Saturday, July 4 will feature our boat parade around the lake starting at 4 PM on the west shore, with a \$50 cash prize for the best decorated boat. The Annual Meeting will also be postponed until next summer as well for the same reasons as the Social.

Flares may be requested by e-mail at HLPAnh@gmail.com and will be delivered upon your request prior to 9 PM on July 3 or may be picked up at Beth Frost's home on Maple Street or Earle Davis' on West Shore Drive. Flares cost \$6 each or \$20 for 4 flares.

Recap of Last Year

The 2020 winter around Highland Lake was about average: slightly less than average snowfall but enough to ski, snowmobile, and skate for much of the winter. Ice-in was December 11 and ice-out was on March 26, so there were 111 days of coverage: 4.2 days shorter than the most recent nine-year average. Last winter, in 2019, we enjoyed 116 days of ice. The ice coverage over the last nine years has ranged from 73 days in 2016 to 141 days in 2014.

Water Quality

The 2019 individual lake water test results contained the following recap:

"Lake quality remained representative of borderline oligotrophic/mesotrophic, or high to average quality, conditions. Visual inspection of data indicates chlorophyll levels have improved slightly since 2012 resulting in improved water clarity (transparency). However, Metalimnetic turbidity levels were slightly elevated indicating above average algal growth was likely occurring in deeper waters. This highlights the delicate balance of lake systems and the importance of managing stormwater runoff to reduce pollutant loading to the lake.

"The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service's *New Hampshire Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management* and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service's *Landscaping at the Water's Edge* are great resources. Epilimnetic pH levels have gradually improved since 2008, likely due to the

recovery of New Hampshire's surface waters to historical acid precipitation. For more information consult the DES' Acid Rain Status and Trends report. Keep up the great work!"

Geese on the public and private beaches can be a nuisance and can contribute to e-coli levels, so it's important not to encourage them by feeding. Continued management of stormwater runoff and the maintaining of vegetative buffers to reduce nutrient loading have continued to pay dividends to continued lake water health. The 2019 water quality assessment can be viewed at [DES.NH.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vlap/categories/publications.htm](https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vlap/categories/publications.htm).

Loon Update

Our resident pair of loons did establish a nest and hatched two eggs, but within days the eggs were discovered under water a few feet away. The eggs were sent to the state biologists by Donna Baker-Hartwell for analysis. Now the loons have nested again (page 12).

It is important for boaters to please be cautious of waves created in areas in which loons build a nest, as big waves can dislodge the eggs. Distance away applies to paddle-boaters as well (kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, etc.), because those craft are so quiet loons will frighten if they do not hear you coming.

Community Support

New last year, the Highland Lake Protective Association (HLPAs) streamlined the organization and embraced technology by using electronic media to communicate with our community, as mailing costs for the annual letter were prohibitive. We are no longer collecting dues but welcome donations from the community to offset expenses.

We also encourage additional energy and input from new benefactors, as dues-based membership has been in decline for some time. Questions posed via e-mail (HLPAnh@gmail.com) or our Facebook page will be responded to accordingly. (Facebook: The Highland Lake Protective Association)

Supporting the HLPAs is a good way to get to know your fellow lake residents and demonstrate your dedication for keeping Highland Lake a clean, safe, and healthy place to live and play. The HLPAs thanks you for your past support, and hope you plan to continue.

Importantly, remember that any activity within the defined watershed boundaries of Highland Lake can ultimately impact water quality, not just the shoreline. As always, the HLPAs welcomes all members of the community who are interested in protecting and celebrating the beauty of Highland Lake, particularly those living within its

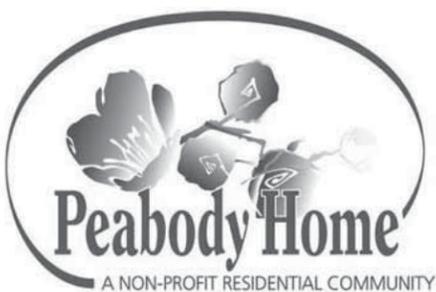
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Lightning Strike is Possible Cause of Fire on Ten Mile Island

No evidence of a campfire was found

Rene Lefebvre, Andover Fire Chief

On Monday, June 8, the Andover Fire Department responded to a report of an outside fire in the area of Bradley Lake. Forestry units responded with the four wheel drive utility vehicle along with the rescue boat.

Arriving members were notified of a fire on Ten Mile Island. Portable pumps and forestry tools were brought out to the island by boat, and additional crews were also ferried out by boat.

The fire was slowly consuming grass

and old ground cover. The fire burned very deep, and high-pressure nozzles were needed, along with forestry tools, to root out the fire.

After the fire was extinguished, crews carefully searched the burned area looking for a cause. No evidence of a campfire was found; the fire appeared to have started in a very rough area of the island. The remote location and the depth of the burn are consistent with a possible lightning strike. The cause of the fire is listed as unknown/accidental.

No injuries were reported. Time out was two hours. 

Minimize Risk While Having Fun This Summer

Plan carefully, and remember COVID safety!

Rene Lefebvre, Andover Fire Chief

There are two basic ways to perform a task. One is to do the task in a safe manner, and the other is to be unsafe. I don't honestly think that people intend to be unsafe when they set out in the morning. However there are emergency rooms full of people who, with the best intentions, need patching up.

Working safely takes a bit more than declaring, "I am a safe worker." Completing a task safely takes planning and some risk analysis.

For example, say there are several boxes in overhead storage that you want. Before starting the project, take a few minutes to analyze the risk. How heavy are the boxes? Is a six-foot step ladder sufficient? Should I have a second person help? Is there anything on top of the boxes that I cannot see from the ground?

The idea is to look at each aspect of the task, consider the risk and do everything possible to eliminate or minimize the danger.

In truth, we all consider risk every day, especially when we operate a motor vehicle. Things happen fast on the highway, and your mind is considering risk, making calculations, and working to take the safest course of action.

One of the greatest risks for any task is to hurry. How many times have you

been rushing through a project, thinking in the back of your mind, "This is a bad idea," and then, bam! Off for a band-aid, or worse? I am not above that little lapse in good thinking.

Doing good work in general, whether around the home or in your shop, takes some planning. I am a planner by nature. I tend to plan in my mind and eventually on paper for weekend projects. I would like to think the planning is so my work will be safe but, in truth, I am an immature adult when setting out on a task and find myself missing something. I'm worse than a two-year old.

For that reason, I will visualize the task many times, making notes about hardware I may not have. If the project requires ladders, chainsaws, wood chippers, or my trusty tractor, time is spent planning for what could go wrong and how to minimize potential risk. Some things are downright nuts to do alone, so don't.

Summer is a time for family and friends to enjoy our beautiful state. We are truly blessed to live here. However, this year we face a danger we cannot see.

There are some very brilliant doctors who have studied the risk and have given us things we can do to be safe. Be sure to wear your mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often.

Safety means minimizing risk. We will get through this together! Be safe! 

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watershed and not just along the shoreline. What your donation supports:

- The HLPAs support the State's VLAP program to closely follow the quality of our lake water. Samples are collected monthly and voluntarily driven to the DES lab in Concord for testing. This is a fee-based service.

- We provide and maintain the Porta-Potty by the boat launch for a fee and have contributed monetary resources to area organizations as appropriate.

- We support protection of our loons, bald eagles and fish, and encourage invasive weed monitoring practices.

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Rest assured we will be back next year with a big celebration honoring "50 years and counting" in service to you and the entire community!

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Andover Real Estate Transactions for May and June

Four Andover properties sold

Ty Morris
Realtor, Coldwell Banker LifeStyles

Four properties sold in Andover between May 15 and June 15, 2020.

Shawna Carlson sold 452 Chase Hill Road to Dan Fulp for \$159,900. This three bedroom and one and three-quarter bath mobile home sits on 2.4 acres and has 1,152 square feet of living space. Don Goudreau of ExP Realty represented the sellers and Michael Gagne and Shannon Casey represented the buyers.

Martin Adams sold a 2.0 acre parcel of land located at 202 Flaghole Road to Patrick and Gale Mead for \$45,000. There were no real estate agents involved with the transfer of sale.

Barbara Cassidy sold 21 Horseshoe

Pond Road to Ryan and Lindsay Barton for \$182,900. This three bedroom and one bathroom cedar cape sits on 1.2 acres and has 1,392 square feet of living space. Included is a shared lot with access to Horseshoe Pond and the Rail Trail. Lorna Platts of Old Mill Properties represented the sellers and Kathleen Davis of Coldwell Banker RB/Center Harbor represented the buyers.

The Barton Family Revocable Trust sold 110 Switch Road to Ryan Distefano for \$410,000. This three bedroom and three bathroom cape home with attached two car garage sits on 11 acres and has 3,188 square feet of living space. Jennifer Johnson of Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty represented the sellers and Margaret Duba of Granite Group Realty Services represented the buyers. 

New Residents Tell Why They Love Living In Andover

The deciding factor: Quality over quantity

Ty Morris
Realtor, Coldwell Banker LifeStyles

There is a special space between the three peaks of Ragged Mountain, Kearsarge Mountain, and Mount Sunapee. Many who live here can feel it; a peaceful, safe place we call home. If we ever leave, we frequently feel it tugging us back.

Sure, our population does not reflect that of a place where people flock to, however, with maturity comes the proclamation that within the argument of quality versus quantity; quality always prevails. Here is what some new Andover residents had to say about why they moved here and why they love it:

Jeff Hall: "I moved to Andover because of a painting."

Jeff grew up in the New London area in the 1960s. His family had their roots settled deeply in the New London region, having built some of New London's iconic farm houses. Jeff traveled far and wide since childhood and ended up spending 22 years living in South America, amidst the dramatic 21,000 foot peaks of the Peruvian Andes.

Jeff felt the pull to come home from a comparatively (to the Andes) small mound of earth and granite. You see, in the 1920s, Jeff's great-aunt had commissioned a famous painter, Gustave Adolph Wiegand (who summered in the Lakes Region), to paint a landscape of Mount Kearsarge from the view of

her farm. This painting that once hung in Jeff's great-aunt's home on Seaman's Road, traveled with Jeff's uncle west, then was bought from his cousins in California, to end up hanging in Jeff's parents home in Naples, Florida.

Upon his return to the States, the painting was on the wall when Jeff started looking for a New England farm. Seeing the painting every day helped him to narrow down his house searching to having just one must have: A view of Mount Kearsarge. Jeff is settled into his new (to him) home on Maple Street in East Andover where Kearsarge can be seen from the hill in the woods. The painting now hangs on his kitchen wall and Jeff loves seeing the painting come to life every day.

Christina Munger: "A perfect place to raise a family."

Christina, her husband Paul, and their two boys moved to Andover last summer. Christina and Paul settled in Washington state but wanted to find a small town to raise their family in. They also needed extra space for their horses.

Christina has family who has lived in Andover for a few years. After coming to visit recently from Washington, they fell in love with the town. Most of all, they loved the scenery and outdoor activities. They knew they had to find a house here!

Christina now works in town and has met many wonderful people. They cannot wait to raise their children in such a supportive community. Christina says: "It's better than we could have imagined!" 

Andover Police Department May 2020

239 calls for service in May

Press release

The Andover Police Department handled 239 calls for service during May, including:

- Animal, Wild: 2
- Assist Citizen: 13
- Assist Police: 7
- Civil Issue/Stand-by: 3
- Dog, Loose: 9
- Dog, Bite: 1

- Dog, Struck: 1
- Domestic Dispute: 3
- Missing Person: 1
- Road Rage: 1
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 6
- Sexual Assault: 2
- Suspicious Circumstances: 7
- Theft: 2
- Traffic Offense, Arrest: 1
- Traffic Offense, Warning: 19

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Thank You from the Walker Family

The family of Wanda L. (Sanborn) Walker want to thank the many people who sent cards, notes, and prayers during their loss.

God bless you all,

Jane M. Walker

Apply Now for Absentee Ballot

Do you worry that your health will be in danger from COVID-19 by traditional voting in person?

If yes, Governor Sununu says you can protect yourself and others by using an absentee ballot to vote by mail in the primary and general elections. The Secretary of State and the Attorney General believe that citizens concerned about their health have reasonable grounds to conclude that a “physical disability” exists.

Each voter can make a reasonable determination that a risk is present. Persons who are obligated to stay at home because of employment, with or without compensation, as caregivers for children or infirm adults, may also vote by absentee ballot.

The September 8 primary and the November 3 general election are coming up quickly. Absentee voters should act now to prevent a surge in requests at election time.

I have downloaded an absentee ballot application from the Andover Town website at Andover-NH.gov/files. (Scroll down the page to “Town Clerk & Tax Collector.”) I could also get the application from SoS.NH.gov.

Kent Hackmann

Remove Barriers to Voting

Our United States Constitution reminds us that we have a right to vote, and as such, all barriers must be removed. Our New Hampshire Constitution tells us in Part 1, Article 11, that we must have accessible voter registration.

As a resident of Franklin, I am very aware of the number of elderly people in our community and our state who are faced with a complex system for requesting an absentee ballot during our COVID-19 crisis. If you are a senior or at high risk of serious illness, you may not be able to download an absentee ballot application, fill it out, sign it, and

mail it by yourself. We need to make it easier, not harder, for our citizens to vote.

I call upon all representatives to remove all barriers by working with the recommendations of the Select Committee on 2020 Emergency Election Support. You may have the report of this bi-partisan committee by the time you read this message.

To residents, if you know someone who may face barriers in exercising their right to vote, please check in with them and guide them to the right forms and information. If you are unsure how to proceed, I urge you to speak with your town/city clerk, visit Open Democracy Action at OpenDemocracy-Action.org/absentee or the Secretary of State’s office at SOS.NH.gov for up-to-date information.

Judith A. Ackerson

Ads are Vital Support for the Beacon

In a recent conversation with some Andover residents, it became evident that advertising support for The Andover Beacon has been reduced from regional service companies trying to sell their services and by some local Andover businesses.

Following this conversation, I am wondering if regular advertisers in the Beacon understand the consequences of their action. Of course, these are hard

Your opinion matters! **Please send a letter to the Beacon** expressing your thoughts on any local matters. Our readers want and need to hear your voice!

times for many of us, and it is always easy to eliminate the support for the weakest link in the chain first.

Cancelling our support, here at the Highland Lake Inn, through advertising in the Beacon would not result in a loss of revenue from one less room night or one less wedding. However, we see supporting the local newspaper as our social responsibility to keep the newspaper alive, even though our business income has been negative since March and will most likely continue in this vein throughout the summer.

Andover residents are lucky to be served by the Beacon crew and to receive all their local information for no cost to readers about decisions made by Town management, its committees, and by the local schools. The Beacon in-

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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

Andover Students will Benefit from Apprenticeship Collaboration

Rep. Ken Wells gained bipartisan support

Jo Brown
Franklin City Councilor, Ward 1

As our schools end a difficult few months of learning from home, Franklin is still moving forward with our manufacturing initiative to pair up our students with local companies to develop internships while in school and follow on apprenticeships after high school graduation.

We held our Manufacturing Night in October with five companies: Watts, PCC Structural, Vitex, Sealite, and Ep-tam, whose outstanding presentations provided a real education about manufacturing in the 21st century.

State Representative Ken Wells of Andover invited us to the first Andover Dialogue, where we met with the German Consul General of Boston and the German American Chamber of Commerce of New York City. The German American Chamber of Commerce (GACC) Apprenticeship Program is based on the German National Apprenticeship System. This program, already

in place in several United States' cities, has graduated over 100 students with solid manufacturing credentials, an Associate Degree, and a follow-on job that could well be a full career.

To help get this started, Ken was instrumental in getting bipartisan support in the New Hampshire House to look at this successful apprenticeship model by recommending a committee to study this initiative that would positively impact many students in Franklin, Tilton, Belmont, Andover, Salisbury, Danbury, and other areas.

To provide highly qualified manufacturing students and future fully trained employees to our local industries is a win-win for all, and will set the stage for companies to look at Franklin, Andover, Salisbury, Danbury, and beyond as potential locations for operations.

We are in the early stages but have already held several conversations with the GACC, State Representative Wells, and others, as well as the local community college. Such a partnership between our students and manufacturers will help all of our communities move forward. Let's get started!



OPINION

Natalie Wells Running for New Hampshire House

Natalie J. Wells
Candidate, Merrimack District 25

Natalie Wells has filed to represent Merrimack 25 in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Natalie re-



Natalie Wells is a candidate for the New Hampshire House of Representatives, Merrimack District 25.

leased the following statement:

"I am proud to announce that I am running to once again represent Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Warner and Webster in New Hampshire's House of Representatives."

When Natalie previously served in the legislature, she fought to reduce regulations on small businesses and cut taxes, something the current Democratically controlled legislature has sought to reverse.

As a retired small family business owner, Natalie knows the effects that

small businesses are going through during these past few months during this COVID-19 pandemic. This past legislative session, the Democrats have attempted to pass an income and sales tax seeking to destroy our New Hampshire Advantage. Even in these current conditions while small businesses are trying to make it work, Democrats in the Legislature still want to raise taxes on our businesses. This is not the New Hampshire way.

As a mother and grandmother I'm concerned about our children's future like many of you are. I'm concerned about big government with excessive rules and regulations. I'm concerned about our Second Amendment rights and "red-flag" laws being imposed on us. I'm concerned that parental decision-making is slowly being eroded. I stand firmly in the belief that the best government is a limited government focused on fulfilling its constitutional duties.

Today I ask for your support and vote on Tuesday, September 8, and Tuesday, November 3 to serve as your State Representative. I will work to protect the New Hampshire economy and restore the jobs it created.





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cal news to be delivered to them for free without ever thinking of supporting the people and the company providing this service for them.

However, we, as business owners, should understand that a local paper like the Beacon cannot be for free.

Let us all try to keep it alive to enable us to communicate with the community about our services and goods we sell to the community.

Let's keep it alive for the community in which we do business.

Let's keep it alive to enable us to check on the performance of our Town government.

Let's keep it alive to learn more about the people we live with.

To the businesses which have cancelled their advertising: if you are able, please reconsider. Join us, the businesses continuing advertising, in support of the Beacon.

Let us all work harder to avoid becoming another small community without a local paper.

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OPINION

Joseph Kenney Runs on Restoring Civility and Responsibility

Press release

It's official. Former Republican Executive Councilor Joseph D. Kenney has signed up to run for his fourth term representing District 1, which includes 108 towns, four cities and several unincorporated areas in northern New Hampshire.

Kenney made an official announcement Tuesday afternoon while he filed for the seat at the New Hampshire State House in Concord.

Kenney, a Wakefield Republican, said in a statement, "The New Hampshire Executive Council is being run like a Washington DC boardroom, and it needs to restore its civility and responsibility to the citizens of New Hampshire.

"It's time to Keep New Hampshire, New Hampshire to preserve our traditions, way of life, and tax advantages."

There are five members of the Executive Council, and three are Democrats.

District 1 includes all the towns and cities in the counties of Coos, Grafton, and Carroll; the unincorporated territories of the northern counties; the towns in Strafford County of Milton, New Durham, and Middleton; the towns in Belknap County of Alton, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, New Hampton, Sanbornton, and Tilton; the towns in Merrimack County of Andover, Danbury, Hill, New London, and Wilmot; the towns in Sullivan County of Cornish, Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, Springfield, and Sunapee, and the cities of Claremont and Laconia.

"As it stands, it has been almost 10 months since the state has had a fifth State Supreme Court justice. The state has been left in an unsafe position during a pandemic crisis without a full court. This is not acceptable," Kenney said.

"The next set of state elected officials will need to embrace and educate the public on the impact of the coronavirus on our economy and the upcoming state budget," he said. "Taxpayers will expect the state government to trim the fat and support only expenditures for essential services.

"The North Country families and businesses have been hit hard and it's time to acknowledge their sacrifice and the needed support to re-energize small businesses and the travel and tourism industry – the driving force above the Notches.

"The faster we get our North Country economy going again, the more businesses and jobs are saved. It's time to unleash the North Country and maximize its potential.

"Serving the people of District 1 has been a great honor, and I look forward to earning their trust and votes again. It's time to get New Hampshire back on the right track, ditch the divisiveness, and make government transparent for the people."

Kenney will be making his fifth run for the District 1 seat. He won the seat in 2014 in a Special Election (filling out Ray Burton's term), 2014, and 2016. He lost to Michael Cryans in 2018 after previously having beaten Cryans three times.

OPINION

Report from Concord June 2020

Ken Wells

New Hampshire State Representative

In 2020 we have come to know a level of disquiet and disruption to which few of us can find comparisons in our lifetime. In my own life, having ridden through personal rough spots and through rough spots in the life of my community from time to time, I can suggest what we need in order to get through, if we have the wisdom and grace to seek it. First we need, in our own ways, to find that place of inner calm that allows clear thinking and problem-solving. Then we must cultivate the wisdom and grace to accept what is, and that which we don't have the power to change. We must be humble enough to seek the help of others when we must, and generous enough to

offer the help we can, even to strangers who can never repay us. If we can do those things, especially the last thing on this list, we will all prevail together.

For only the second time in 201 years the New Hampshire House was forced to find a new place to meet, as the novel coronavirus toll in the United States topped 120,000 dead in a few months. Unemployment in New Hampshire rose from 2.6% – among the lowest in the nation – to over 16% within those same months. Elsewhere, federal forces have been called up against American citizens exercising their First Amendment right to protest police murders of unarmed black Americans, while small numbers of heavily armed protesters storm legislatures, seeking to intimidate

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There was a brief moment in time when real estate experts were worrying about the negative impact of this Corona virus time on the real estate market. To the contrary, the real estate market is leading us towards a speedier close to the recession. Buyers are incredibly active! Inventory equally low! Multiple offers are common!

Properties are selling like hotcakes! If you have been thinking about selling your property (and have a place to go), this is an excellent time put it on the market! And we'd love to help! Give us a call! We'll devote our full attention and skills to accomplishing a smooth transition from P & S to closing.

“Bike The Northern Rail Trail” Helps Visitors Enjoy the Trail

Highland Lake Inn is a participating Country Inn

Press release

“Bike The Northern Rail Trail” is a partnership of inns, B&Bs, and other tourism businesses that makes it easy for visitors to enjoy the Northern Rail Trail just as the locals do.

The Northern Rail Trail currently spans 58 miles from the northern border of Concord to Lebanon. Gail and Pecco Beaufays, owners of the Highland Lake Inn in East Andover, are among the early supporters for the successful continuation of Northern Rail Trail, and they have always considered the Trail as the ideal environment for the individual bicycle rider as well as a wonderful area to spend time as a couple, with friends, or family.

A few days of bike riding is a healthy experience for body and soul with benefits of sun, shade, and gentle breezes, and even more enjoyable without interference of road traffic and hazards. The Northern Rail Trail runs alongside the Merrimack River, the Blackwater River, Webster Lake, Highland Lake, and Mascoma Lake, all offering places to rest, stop, picnic, and take a dip in the waters.

Along the trail, The Kitchen, Naugh-

ty Nellie’s, Danbury Country Store, and Mickey’s Roadside Café provide services for the hungry and thirsty. Historic inns throughout the Lakes and Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee regions of New Hampshire are connected by the Northern Rail Trail and offer trailside Inn to Inn packages. Cycling enthusiasts, casual bikers, nature lovers, and history buffs will appreciate these bike tours.

As New Hampshire is a cyclist’s paradise, our unique bike tours combine rides on the Northern Rail Trail with opportunities for relaxation in gracious inns that feature hearty breakfasts before hitting the rail trail again. Come ride the Northern Rail Trail and stay with us!

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- Highland Lake Inn at HighlandLakeInn.com
- Shaker Farm B&B at ShakerFarm.com
- Shaker Hill B&B at ShakerHill.com
- The Tilton Inn at TheTiltonInn.com

For the convenience of bicyclists coming from Lake Winnepesaukee, we have included the historic Tilton Inn in Tilton at the trailhead of the Winnepesaukee RiverTrail. Complete bicycle services are offered by S and W Bicycle store in Concord and by Omer and Bob’s in Lebanon. The website for Bike The Northern Rail Trail is BikeTheNorthernRailTrail.com.



Two eggs were washed out of this loon nest on Highland Lake on June 5.
Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell

Two Eggs Washed Out of Loon Nest on Highland Lake

Loon pair tries again, but still close to water’s edge

Donna Baker-Hartwell

As of June 19, I can confirm that our loons have started their second nest this season on Highland Lake, after having their two eggs, which were laid the week of June 1, washed out of the nest on June 5.

Usually, this second nest occurs within a few weeks of the failed nest. It is not uncommon for there to be only one egg the second time around. However, this female (banded in 2011 with green stripe over green on left foot and blue stripe over silver on the right foot) has laid two after failings in the past.

The first nest was very close to the water’s edge. Wake from boats can easily wash the eggs out. I found the two eggs submerged under the water about two to three feet from the nest. Please note that no one is allowed to take eggs from a nest site unless given special permission to do so. Phil Keefe, a state loon biologist, gave me permission to retrieve them. There is a \$5,000 fine if someone is found with loon eggs and was not authorized.

The New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee collects all eggs that are not viable. Sometimes, they are used for study.

Our loons will be sitting on their

second nest through the Fourth of July, which is a very busy weekend on our lake. With the COVID-19 crisis, I think all lakes will see an increase in activity, not just on the weekends but throughout the week.

If all goes well with this second nest, chicks could arrive between July 17 and 20. Loons need lots of space and protection, especially during the nesting peri-



With permission from a state loon biologist, Donna holds the two eggs washed out of the Highland Lake nest.

Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell

od, which lasts approximately 28 days. Thank you to everyone for watching out for them. Signage and buoys are out around the island, and yellow “Caution” tape on the island tells visitors what areas they need to stay away from. And remember, *no dogs are allowed on the island!*

It is not uncommon for other loons to be seen on the lake. Sometimes, they create quite an uproar, and we can see our loons defend their territory with lots of splashing and hollering. Usually, it all ends up just fine.



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date the people's elected officials during deliberations. These are all unsettling events, and seem to be coming at us from all sides.

I've been thinking about a time, years ago, I stood on a treeless hill of no great height in Pennsylvania, not as prodigious as the mighty hills hereabouts, not even so tall as the Proctor Academy ski hill. From that treeless rise I could look down into an antique Pennsylvania Scotch-Irish town with about 450 buildings. One hundred and fifty-six years ago, the battle of Gettysburg raged for three days on that hillside, ending on July 4. When the smoke cleared, eight thousand corpses lay strewn upon the hillside, wearing a jumble of U.S. Army or Confederate States of America uniforms, with three thousand dead horses scattered among them. The citizens of that little town buried them all.

Before the grass had grown deep over their graves, Abraham Lincoln gave a very succinct speech dedicating the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, in which he concluded, "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Lincoln realized that the democratic ideal of "government of the people, by the people, for the people" is the source

of American freedom. He also says democratic freedom is not simply an American birthright, but an ongoing "great task" for us to nurture and sustain. In order for democracy to provide "liberty and justice for all", we must agree that the will of the majority shall prevail, but with tolerance and forbearance toward the minority. In the ideal American democracy, any minority group has a right, not just to continued existence, but to equal protections and opportunities under the law. When any minority group obstructs the implementation of the will of the majority, or the majority uses its power to punish and oppress minorities for "being different", we are failing our "great task". American slavery, the systemic white supremacy and racism that has persisted ever since the Civil War, and the current obstructionism blocking the will of the majority in the New Hampshire legislature are all glaring evidence that our "great task" of maintaining our democratic freedom is far from over.

One hundred and fifty-five years ago, as the hate of the Civil War raged on and General Sherman was burning his way vindictively across the South, the New Hampshire House of Representatives was unable to meet in our State House, and instead found another location – an important precedent that allowed the House to legally conduct the People's business this June outside of its usual Hall. Your democracy has been threatened because your elected

Representatives have been locked out of the State House by the Governor's declared State of Emergency, and your democratically elected representatives whose constitutional responsibility it is to write laws that articulate public policy and to control the state's "pursings", was prevented from meeting for several months due to the conditions of those executive orders. Realize that there is an empowered minority who are directly benefiting politically and financially from this shut-down.

On June 11, 2020, the House convened for the first time since the 19-hour marathon session in March. Although the location was new - the huge and spectacular Whittemore hockey arena at UNH - representatives were pleased to see familiar old faces of their friends and colleagues of both parties. Jokes were made about throwing fish onto the ice after the first bill passed, and about the Speaker exiling members to the penalty box for misbehavior, but the mood quickly turned very serious. The average age of members of the House is 64 years old, with many of the two dozen House committees being chaired by very experienced representatives nearly 80 years of age. To minimize the possibility of contagion and to meet every requirement of the emergency orders, members on the floor wore surgical masks and/or clear face shields and maintained more than six feet of separation to the next member. Chairs were set on the rink surface at an appropriately

wide spacing. Members who refused or were unable to wear masks were seated in the stands, behind the rink glass.

The formalities of opening a House session always include a roll call of those whose absences have been excused. It was sobering to realize that among the roughly 380 legislators that had been a part of the previous 19-hour marathon session back in March, two had died and five had resigned due to ill health. Many more representatives who were present indicated that after the final full House session for this legislative year on June 30, they will retire and not seek re-election.

I have heard the calls from constituents across New Hampshire for the Legislature to "do your job!" I had hopes that this historic session would accomplish much, but the proceedings were vastly complicated by ideological turf wars. There were fifteen bills to be voted that had strong bipartisan recommendations from their committees coming in; nine were even unanimously recommended for passage. I won't list all of them, but two examples stand out as no-brainer "ought to pass" bills: SB295 - "relative to creating the office of child advocate" within the New Hampshire Division of Children Youth and Families, to represent children who otherwise have no legal voice, and HB1603 - "establishing the PFAS remediation and mitigation revolving loan and grant program and fund", which would essentially create
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New Hampshire Native and Conservative Louise ANDRUS of Salisbury

**Filed on June 3rd as a Republican candidate for the New Hampshire House Representatives seat for Merrimack County/District 1
Andover, Danbury, Salisbury**

I am pleased to announce that I am running once again for the District 1 House Representative seat. Late 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 response was "Yes." I obtained the 30-votes that are necessary in the Primary to be placed on the General Election ballot. Being that it was the first time I ran in a Primary election, I lost the General election by only 42-votes. Even though I did not win the Representative seat, it was a wonderful experience and pleasure meeting and re-connecting with constituents from District 1. With your support and your vote I look forward to winning the Primary seat on September 8th and the General election on November 3rd!

Some of the primary reasons that I am running: NH is a unique State and I want to fight for our Constitutional rights and Freedoms. I am pro-life and I am an advocate for parents making school choice for their children. We have seen a majority in Concord vote for disastrous bills in 2019 and 2020 that would burden our state's economy and take away our Second Amendment rights. I will always vote against an Income Tax or Sales Tax and or any other form of tax that burdens NH citizens and small businesses. I want to be a part of a new majority that fights for limited government in the Granite State and preserves New Hampshire Freedoms, Liberties, and Constitutional rights.

It is my belief that the election in the Fall will decide New Hampshire's future for years to come!

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Mountain Brook runs through the Mountain Brook Forest Preserve that was just transferred to Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust for conservation. Photo: Anne Payeur



This Beaver Deceiver is located at Elbow Pond Road and is working well. The debris around it is normal and, by design, doesn't interfere with the device's function. Photo: Vicky Mishcon

ASLPT Acquires Mountain Brook Forest Preserve in Andover

At 234 acres, it is ASLPT's largest property

Press release

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) is pleased to have recently acquired a 234-acre land parcel in Andover. This property was donated, transferring ownership to ASLPT by Frederick and Patrice Ficken, who wished for it to be protected forever.

The Mountain Brook Forest Preserve is adjacent to thousands of acres of already-conserved land, including the Old College Road Preserve, also owned by ASLPT. The protection of Mountain Brook, which flows into El-

bow Pond, will assist in the protection of the surrounding watershed.

The Mountain Brook Forest Preserve is now the largest property ASLPT owns. This property is highly ranked for wildlife habitat in the 2015 Wildlife Action Plan and, with good forestry soils, has been managed for forestry in the past. The preserve will remain open to the public for low-impact recreation on its existing trails.

Anne Payeur, Stewardship Manager at ASLPT offered, "Mountain Brook Forest Preserve is part of more than 2,500 acres of unfragmented natural area in the region. Conserving this land will allow for future generations to enjoy this wild area and experience Mountain Brook rushing through the forest."

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust currently protects 153 properties comprising 12,294 acres of land in the 12-town region that it serves.

Andover's Beaver Deceivers Still in Good Working Order

Debris collecting against fence is by design

Vicky Mishcon

Former Select Board member

Skip Lisle, President of Beaver Deceivers International, was recently in town to check on two Beaver Deceiver installations, one on Elbow Pond Road and one on Valley Road. There was concern about debris and beaver damming against the fencing as well as whether the pipes were blocked by debris.

The structures at Elbow Pond Road are in excellent condition. The beavers had clearly been active and had dammed up the sides of one structure. The pipes that pass through the fencing remain clear and continue to allow water to pass through. This prevents damming inside the culvert, and the road remains safe from flooding.

Skip explained that debris and dam-

ming along the fencing is expected and does not need to be cleared off. As long as water is running freely through the pipes, the system is doing its job.

At Valley Road, the concern is the amount of sand and sediment that has washed into the area and up against the pipe system. When Skip checked the pipe, it was completely clear of sediment. The fence had some debris that had washed up against it, which he cleared away. There is a lot of sediment washed up alongside the pipe that goes through the fencing, although there is a clear channel on the other side of the pipe.

Because of the amount of sediment in that area, anything that is placed in the stream will cause changes in how the stream flows. In that sense, we don't have a perfect solution. In terms of protecting the bridge and the road, the installation has been successful.

I'm told that concerned residents on Valley Road have often cleared debris or sediment out of the area. It would be helpful to contact me (Vicky Mishcon at 735-6402) so I can take photos and pass them on to Skip so he can see any problems before they get cleared away.

Beaver Deceivers in Andover

For readers who are unfamiliar with beaver deceivers, a short history of their use in Andover follows:

Since 2007, Andover has had eight beaver deceivers installed throughout our town. Skip Lisle

was contacted 13 years ago to solve an ongoing flooding issue on Elbow Pond Road. The primary purpose of a Beaver Deceiver is to prevent the beavers from building a dam inside a culvert or under a bridge. Skip's solution is unique in that the device prevents damming in the culvert, without killing the active beaver in the area.

A typical Beaver Deceiver is a trap- See Beaver on page 15

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Lindsey Schust (keyboard) and some of the Ragged Mountain Band.

Ragged Mountain Band Performs in Zoom Concert on August 2

Features two new songs by Grace and Lindsey

Larry Chase
Andover Historical Society

In place of the Andover-based summer events like the Fourth of July Celebration and the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair that have been canceled this year because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Andover Historical Society will present a one-hour (or longer) concert by Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, a local group that performs original material and a mixture of traditional Americana, folk, country western, bluegrass, and

folk rock.

To begin at 6 PM on Sunday, August 2, the concert will be delivered "live" over the internet to local homes via an easy-to-use technology called Zoom. There it can be viewed on home computers and hand-held devices. Up to 100 households can reserve "seats" in advance by sending an e-mail request to Treasurer@AndoverHistory.org.

Now in its tenth year, the Ragged Mountain Band includes, besides Lindsey Schust on keyboards, other members of the Schust family (Grace, Jim, and Jesse) plus several "friends of the family," among them Andover's Paul
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ezoidal fence that is narrow at the culvert and widens upstream. Shapes and sizes and overall design vary according to the site. The fence is made with cedar or pressure treated wood posts and concrete reinforced steel sheet fencing. The fencing and pipes allow water, fish, turtles, frogs, and other aquatic animals to pass through.

The fence structure is combined with polyethylene pipe which extends from the fence structure at the culvert upstream to a second structure which covers the end of the pipe to prevent damming. The pipe keeps the water flowing even if the beavers attempt to

dam the fence. The level of the pipe can be adjusted to the desired water level on the upstream side of the culvert.

The cost for a new installation is about \$3,000 depending on the site. For the past several years, the town has had a line item in the highway budget of \$1,500 to \$5,000 for Beaver Deceivers, which covers a new installation or any maintenance or design improvement needed.

Very little maintenance is actually necessary, due to the quality of the materials and workmanship. Many people think that sticks and debris that wash up against the fence have to be cleared regularly, but the device works with or without debris, as long as the pipes remain clear.



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ate the bank account for receiving and loaning Superfund dollars to address the "forever chemicals" in New Hampshire drinking water that have been linked to clusters of rare cancers across the state.

Frankly, little was accomplished legislatively, because the House could not agree to extend the deadlines for legislation, which had expired during the COVID-19 State House lockout. To suspend the House Rules and change the deadlines for all bills would have

required a two-thirds majority, and it failed to carry on a strictly partisan vote. Then, the House went through each of about 30 bills, one at a time, to vote on whether the deadline could be extended for just that one bill. Again, every bill failed to get a two-thirds majority, except a bill that now allows restaurants and breweries to refill half-gallon "growlers" with beer, regardless of whether the establishment's name is printed on the outside of the growler. Not an encouraging outcome, that only showed that most people seem to agree
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that “helping beer is good”, even when they disagree on whether “helping business is good” or “helping people is good”. Infuriating.

An interesting schism appeared in the Republican ranks, somewhat highlighted by the seating arrangement that placed those of a libertarian stripe who refused to don a mask in their own seating section. One member of the libertarian caucus seated in the stands had proposed a bill to end the Governor’s State of Emergency order (which is within the power of the House to do) because, he said, the stay-at-home order violates rights guaranteed in the United States Bill of Rights. The floor-seated Republicans were not willing to end the Governor’s ability to assign federal and New Hampshire taxpayer dollars on no-bid contracts (as reported in the Concord Monitor), and

to use non-democratic, and unconstitutional means (see my previous article about GOFERR and the Joint Fiscal Committee) to circumvent the House’s constitutional control of the “purse-strings”. Most Democrats did not support ending the Emergency either, because federal unemployment benefits to New Hampshire families will end if the State of Emergency ends, even as reopening cautiously happens before the end of the Emergency is declared. When so many are unemployed and collecting these benefits, ending them would reduce their spending power among New Hampshire businesses trying to reopen, deepening and extending the economic downturn in our state.

As the session neared the end, Minority Leader Dick Hinch addressed the House, saying that his party had blocked these bills (see <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1chUSylSh34f79vJVeu1GvflxC>

and would continue to obstruct all bills, because the majority “had wasted so much time” (was it only one afternoon?) pursuing reprimands of those House members of his party who refused for a whole year to attend sexual harassment training required by their employer. The party that Hinch leads failed to “do their job”, because they put ideology before their responsibility to the people of New Hampshire. This kind of cynical political maneuvering puts our democracy in peril.

Both party’s ideological “purity” hyperbole must end if our nation will again aspire to true greatness by embracing its core principles of democracy, forbearance and compromise. New Hampshire, birthplace of Daniel Webster, should understand and revere the pragmatic value of forging a compromise even if that is, as one wag put it, “an agreement between all parties that none are happy with”.

One hundred and two years ago, the world was in the grip of the 1918 influenza pandemic, in which 195,000 Americans died in the single month of October during the second wave of that virus. Eighty-nine years ago, environmental damage transformed America’s “breadbasket” into a “dust bowl” and triggered the employment and economic collapse known as the Great Depression. Fifty-five years ago, riots erupted in Los Angeles and spread to D. C. in protest over the repeal of fair housing policies, unequal employment and housing opportunities for black America. Our country has seen these troubles before, but not all simultaneously as we do today. We must learn from our own history, and strive to do better and become our best selves.

Above all, I am a moderate who believes in democracy, and the principle that every native and naturalized American may participate in our de-

mocracy by voting (and voting only once!) Beware that small factions at every extreme are working hard to amplify and take advantage of the chaos of recent days. I dare you to become well-informed by subscribing to the views and news feeds of those who oppose your views, as well as those who reinforce them. There is only one verifiable truth, even though there is usually an element of truth in every point of view. Think with your head, not your “gut”. Put yourself in the other guy’s shoes, and see if your “truth” looks valid from that point of view. Could it really be truth if it changes relative to your viewpoint? Is all this really about “us” versus “them”? I think it must be about “we”!

This pandemic is not over by a long shot, nor will the equality issues that have bubbled up again from one hundred and fifty five years ago be solved overnight. We in Andover are disappointed that our Fourth of July celebration has been put on hold. But remember that the battle at Gettysburg also ended on July 4, and it was a somber turning point towards a new and better future. We should think of this date as a point when we turned our expectations anew toward becoming a great nation “with liberty and justice for all”, as Lincoln envisioned. Lincoln’s call reaches out not just to the divided nation of his day, but to us across the future as well, that we are charged to do our part for true Freedom for all of us by supporting democracy, “that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

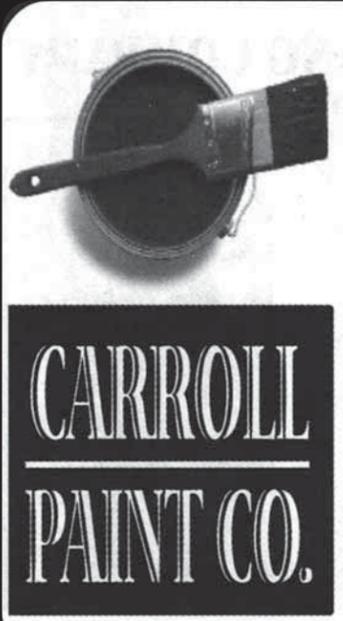
Be strong, but don’t be afraid to call for help if you need it. If you’d like to talk to me about anything that concerns you, or if you’d like to be part of the solution, you can reach me at 735-5756 or at KenWells3@gmail.com.

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Currier, who’ll be joining the August 2 concert. Their signature song, Hippie Hill, can be heard on the group’s website at LindseySchustRaggedMtBand.com.

Especially for the concert, Grace Schust has written a new gospel song called Slow Train, and Lindsey has written a love song called Parallel Lines.

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Four Students Receive Scholarships From WCA

Awards honor Kay White and David White

Susan Nye, WCA

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) is delighted to invest in local young people with two special scholarships. These scholarships were established in memory of Kay White, one of the WCA's founders, and David White, Wilmot's former police chief.

We are delighted to announce two Kay White Scholars, Erin Chouinard and Emily Swindell. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of service to the community.

nal justice, emergency medicine, or firefighting. We are happy to announce two recipients, Madison Hemingway and Caroline Bourque.



David White Scholarship winner Madison Hemingway

Along with a part-time job, Madison is active with dance, student government, and community activities. She is looking forward to attending Salve Regina University in the fall.



David White Scholarship winner Caroline Bourque

Caroline is leaving New England and heading to the University of South Florida. A pet lover, Caroline has been an active volunteer with New Hampshire Kitten.



Kay White Scholarship winner Erin Chouinard

Erin is off to Middlebury College in the fall to study political science. She has been active with the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence as well as the New Hampshire Crisis Center and the Wilmot Public Library.



Kay White Scholarship winner Emily Swindell

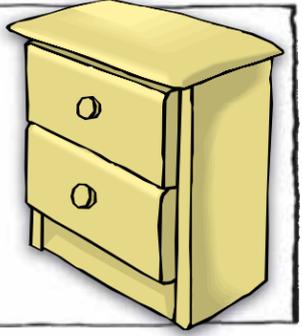
Emily is looking forward to joining the class of 2024 at Smith College. She plans to major in biochemical engineering and dance.

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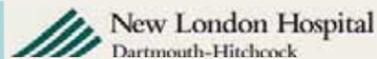
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OPINION

Socialism Versus Societal Awareness – There's A Difference

Fall election not between freedom or socialism

Pecco Beaufays

In Louise Andrus's Opinion piece, published in the June *Beacon*, she ends with the statement "I believe the election in the Fall will decide New Hampshire's future, either Freedom or Socialism." In my opinion, that's a false choice. One ideology does not necessarily exclude the other.

Perhaps she should explain her take on "socialism" as it applies to our American society. Nobody is proposing replacing the ideology of private enterprise with socialistic, collective ownership. In this case, the "social" aspect of life in the United States applies to social entitlements for every citizen, to level the field through equal access to education, health care, and invested "entitlements," such as veteran's benefits and pensions.

For a cursory reference, the reader can go to en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_market_economy to find a lengthy explanation of the Social Economy developed in Germany and copied by other successful countries.

One paragraph explains it best: "The 'social' segment is often wrongly confused with socialism and democratic socialism and although aspects were inspired by the latter, the social market approach rejects the socialist ideas of replacing private property and markets with social ownership and economic planning. The 'social' element to the model instead refers to support for the provision of equal opportunity and protection of those unable to enter the free market labor force because of old-age, disability, or unemployment."

What does "societal" awareness mean for our citizens? A responsible family unit strives to be healthy, well fed, and well educated. Communities

within our country will be more productive and successful when its citizens have affordable access to health care, education, and food on the table.

In the United States of today we have two political parties whose partisans look at issues from two different standpoints: The Republicans and right-wing factions espouse an ideology of small government without services, and say "please, do not interfere in my life." However, that ideology would remove "social" entitlements such as Social Security, government pensions paid to federal, state, municipal employees and many first responders. It would do away with workman's compensation, unemployment benefits, Employer Paid Health Insurance (which millions of Americans still do not receive), Medicare, Medicaid, Federal Student Loans, and Scholarships. Many of the people who say they favor a society that provides no services would find themselves unable to cope if those benefits were to vanish and strain to pay for their livelihood - rent, doctor bills, fees for services as well as higher education.

The Democrats, inaccurately labeled as "Socialists" by many Republicans, stand for and defend community responsibility for all American society, recognizing that a healthy and educated society is more productive. For this reason, Democrats support just entitlements for its citizens providing access to adequate healthcare, Medicaid, Medicare, living minimum wages, and Social Security benefits, and quality public education. These "social" services are essentially like insurance paid for by every taxpayer to benefit the health and well-being of American citizens who live and contribute to our American "society." This is not "Socialism" in the sense of the word defined as "collective

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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

School Board

April 7

Condensed from approved minutes

This meeting was held remotely (online/telephonically) pursuant to Governor’s Emergency Order #12, dated March 23, 2020.

Elected Board Member Brandon Adams was sworn in prior to this evening’s meeting on March 19 by Merrimack Valley School District Clerk Christie Coll.

As a preface to the meeting, Superintendent Mark MacLean presented the “Presiding Member’s Script To Ensure Meetings Are Compliant With The Right-to Know Law During The State Of Emergency.”

The Andover School Board (ASB) organizational meeting was called to order by Superintendent Mark MacLean.

Board Present: Dean Barker, home, solo; Brandon Adams, home, solo; Adam Jones, home, solo; Theresa Georges, home, solo; Aimee Menard, home, solo.

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

Public Present: Molly Morgan, Jane Hubbard

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Aimee nominated Dean Barker to serve as the ASB Chairperson for the new term. All were in favor.

Dean nominated Aimee Menard to serve as the ASB Vice-Chairperson for the new term. All were in favor.

Board Chairperson’s Report

Dean thanked everyone involved in the preparation of the 2020-2021 budget and for their participation in a positive and successful annual meeting. He also expressed appreciation to the SAU and the AE/MS administration and staff for their efforts with the onset of remote instruction for the students. He welcomed Brandon to the ASB and thanked him for serving.

Principal’s Report

Jane commented on the beginning success of the remote learning process, commending teachers, parents, and students for their hard work. It is a work in progress, and adjustments will be made.

Students in need continue to receive meals, and the Andover community has been generous with donations to families.

Professional development opportu-

nities are being planned for the end of the school year for staff.

Old Business

Oil Bids: Aimee made the motion to accept the bid of \$1.598 per gallon with Huckleberry Oil for the upcoming 2020-2021 fiscal year. All were in favor

New Business

April Break: Adam made the motion to adjust the April vacation schedule to give Monday, April 27, off, engaging in school for the remainder of the week in lieu of the previously scheduled April vacation. All were in favor.

Superintendent’s Report

Mark acknowledged the positive outreach of the teachers and community as remote learning has initiated. He congratulated Dean and Aimee on their nominations and welcomed Brandon to the ASB. He also commented on a successful annual meeting.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Randy commended Jane and the AE/MS staff for their positive and enthusiastic approach to the setup of remote instruction.

School Board

May 5

Condensed from approved minutes

This meeting was held remotely (online/telephonically) pursuant to Governor’s Emergency Order #12, dated March 23, 2020.

As a preface to the meeting, Board Chair Dean Barker presented the “Presiding Member’s Script To Ensure Meetings Are Compliant With The Right-to Know Law During The State Of Emergency.”

Board Present: Dean Barker, home, solo; Aimee Menard, home, solo; Brandon Adams, home, solo; Theresa Georges, home, solo; Adam Jones, home, solo.

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

Public Present: Hilary Denoncourt, Greg Stetson, Molly Morgan

Action From Non-public Session

Dean made the motion to accept the AE/MS staff nominations of Dennis Audet (Plant Manager), Beth Page (Special Education Case Manager) and Alita Phelps (Special Education Case Manager) as presented for the 2020-2021 school year. All were in favor.

Office Hours & Meetings

OFFICE HOURS

Town Office: Mon–Thu 9–2

Town Clerk & Tax Collector:

Mon, Wed & Thu 9–2

Tue 1:30–6:30

Last Saturday of month, 9–11

Zoning Administrator: Mon 9–12, Tues,

Thur 9–4, Weds 1–4

Transfer Station: Weds 7–6 & Sat, 7–5,

Swap Shop - 2nd Sat 8–12

Andover Library:

Mon, 6–8

Wed, 9–12 & 6–8

Thu, 1–5 • Sat, 9–12

Bachelder Library:

Tues, 9–12 & 6–8

Thu, Fri 1–5

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Cemetery Trustees: 2nd Tues, 10

Last Thu, 7

Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7

Emergency Medical Service:

2nd Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7

Fire Department: Mon, 7

Fourth of July: 1st Wed

Andover Fire Station, 7

Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7 Andover or

Bachelder Library (except July & Aug)

Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

Recreation: 2nd Wed, 7,

AE/MS Science Room (except July)

School Board: 1st Tue

(except July), 6:30, AE/MS

Select Board: 1st & 3rd Mon, 6:30

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3rd Tue, 7

For more information, call the Town Office at 735-5332.

Public Comment

Greg Stetson inquired as to the status of the current grant funding allocations and disbursement relating to COVID-19 support.

Molly Morgan requested consideration involving revising the current 2019-2020 school year calendar.

Board Chairperson’s Report

Dean acknowledged the receipt of thank-you notes from Jane and Gail for their recent Andover School Board retirement recognition presented at the Annual Meeting.

He expressed appreciation to the Andover School Board, school community at large, and all of those who have invested in the safety of our students at this time through their sacrifices.

He highlighted the relevance of Teacher Appreciation Week during remote learning.

Principal’s Report

Jane spoke of her pride and the generosity of the community at this time through donations. She detailed some current classroom happenings including live art sessions.

Graduation will be held drive-in movie style on June 11, details to follow. The

rain date will be on June 16. Teachers will reenter the school with social distancing and on staggered schedules to prepare their classrooms for summer cleaning on Fridays, beginning on May 15.

Professional development opportunities will be offered at the end of the school year.

New Business

Emergency Hire Authorization: Theresa made the motion to authorize Superintendent Mark MacLean to nominate and hire Andover School District staff as necessary beginning on May 5 and continuing until the September Board Meeting. All were in favor.

Superintendent’s Report

Mark acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week and recognized the supporting parents as well. The teachers will be provided with a small token in appreciation of all of their efforts.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Randy echoed the sentiments of Dean, Jane, and Mark, expressing appreciation to all who have been supporting remote learning. A technology consultant, Chris Vose, will be providing support to AE/MS as further needs progress. It will be a stipend position.

Awareness from page 18

control of property and means of production” but stands for a productive nation’s intelligent management of its resources and services to provide a viable system for all, including our most vulnerable citizens!

COVID-19 has demonstrated clearly to us all that the better our citizens are educated, participate, and are cared for by our medical services, the better we

will be as a nation. This is not a partisan ideology.

Countries with healthcare for all have lost considerably fewer citizens during their COVID-19 event.

Consider your own situation, your neighbors, friends, relatives, fellow citizens, and then decide what is best for the “society.” No freedom is lost in a society that functions to take care of those who, from time to time, must rely on others for help.



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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail: Minutes of June 17 Meeting

Lawrence Street tunnel to get upgrades

George Heaton, FNRT

Condensed from draft minutes

Board Attendees: Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, Tom Frantz, George Heaton, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Jack Shields.

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

With warm weather upon us, the community is out on the Trail, and the Board focuses its attention on a raft of summer projects to keep the Trail in good shape.

Budget

Consideration of the proposed 2020 budget necessarily required discussion of all major projects to be undertaken – particularly maintenance of bridges and ditching – in order to evaluate scope,

timelines, personnel, and funding. As some of this information had not yet been fully obtained from contractors and Board members, it was agreed to postpone budget approval until full information was available.

Nevertheless, a general framework for prioritizing and executing the projects was established. We expect to expend between \$20,000 and \$25,000 this year for bridge, culvert, and ditch maintenance, from funds generously contributed by our Friends and other supporters of the Northern Rail Trail.

Given the time-critical nature of these proposed projects, the Board further agreed to hold a special session to approve a new budget as soon as possible. The date is yet to be determined.

Ongoing Projects

FNRT-MC Annual Appeal: Although the schedule of our usual Annual Appeal was

postponed due to COVID, a mailing will be coming to all in the near future. Lee Carvalho, a stalwart Trail supporter from Connecticut and usual orchestrator of the mailing event, has the envelopes stuffed and ready to go in her home. Watch for an important letter in your mailbox!

Lawrence Street Tunnel, Andover: Tom Frantz has made final plans with contractor Jon Champagne for grading and resurfacing and will soon conclude arrangements for the lighting plan. The Granite State Wheelers awarded us a grant of \$2,500 in response to a proposal submitted by Lindy Heim and Tom Frantz that will cover this work. These long-awaited improvements are now imminent.

E-bike signs: George Heaton, Jack Shields and a Danbury Selectman will meet this weekend to sign the Danbury Country Store as an e-bike charging station and to consider better arrangement of signs in the Danbury Rail Trail Parking Lot.

Eagle Pond Culvert, Andover: Jack Shields and Lindy Heim happily reported the culmination of their long efforts with formal submission of the FNRT-MC proposal to the New Hampshire Trails Bureau to rebuild the culvert that has for years caused Trail flooding. The submission was made on June 15, and we eagerly await the State's decisions at a hoped-for early date.

New Initiatives

"Riding" Leaf Blower: The task of blowing leaves from the Trail – currently accomplished by Steve Rayno from Franklin with a hand-held leaf blower – presents a large challenge. Ricker Miller proposed a possible improved approach:

a "riding" leaf blower. The Board authorized Ricker to undertake this as an experiment at an appropriate time, with a short-term rental of this new machine.

Picnic Tables: The fire station in East Andover has unused picnic tables which could make an attractive rest stop on the Trail. Alex Bernhard was designated to ask the Fire Department for the use of the tables, and to assure them of reimbursement in the event of any damage to the tables.

FNRT-Grafton County: Charles Martin reported on discussions with the Grafton County FNRT about coordination of efforts between the two Trail groups. Use by Grafton County of the FNRT-MC logo on their website would help provide a unified identity to the two county sections of the Trail.

Matters of Interest and Concern

Extension of Trail: Patrice Rasche, member of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail Board, reported on ongoing discussions within the City of Concord about acquiring the PanAm right-of-way within the City to the Concord/Boscawen line. FNRT-MC appreciates this news and hopes for a fruitful outcome.

ATVs on the Trail: There continues to be clear evidence of ATV traffic on the Trail in East Andover and Franklin. Such motorized vehicles are not permitted on the Trail and can be a hazard to other users as well as the Trail surface. Anyone observing such unauthorized travel should report it to 1) the local Police Department and 2) New Hampshire Fish and Game at 271-3361.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 15, at 5 PM via Zoom.

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Andover Libraries Page

Library Trustees Decide Not to Open Andover Libraries Just Yet

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Janet Moore
Trustee, Andover Libraries

It's still going to be a while before patrons can return to the Andover libraries to browse for books and gather with friends.

In the meantime, you can contact the

librarians via phone, e-mail, or note in the return box as to your requests. During regular hours, the librarians will receive your bagged materials and place requests in a bag for you to pick up outside. Just call when you arrive.

Remember, the doors remain locked at this time – unfortunate but true for everyone's safety. If you so desire, the

librarians will gladly prepare a bag of new reads for you and/or your children – again, just call or e-mail ahead of time. Check the Beacon and the bi-weekly (e-mailed) Library Newsletter for more information on new books and DVDs.

Call the librarians if you would like to be added to the e-mail list. Check the catalogs on our website, too.

Finally, please do not leave any book donations! We just don't have the space at this time, thank you.

You can reach the Andover Library at AndoverPL@comcast.net or 735-5333. You can reach the Bachelder Library at WABlibrary@comcast.net or 735-5076. We look forward to hearing from you, and just keep on reading!



Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

Bombshell,
Stuart Woods & Parnell Hall
Masked Prey, John Sandford
A Long Petal of the Sea,
Isabel Allende
Bring on the Blessings,
Beverly Jenkins
The Book of Longings,
Sue Monk Kidd
The Summer House, James
Patterson & Brendan Du Boris
The 20th Victim,
James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
Hush,
James Patterson & Candice Fox
Walk the Wire, David Baldacci
Unveiling the Past, Kim Vogel Sawyer
Camino Winds, John Grisham

Hart's Hollow Farm, Janet Dailey
The Wedding Dress, Danielle Steele
Devoted, Dean Koontz
Once in a Blue Moon, Sharon Sala

Adult Nonfiction

Korean Dream, Hyun Jin Preston Moon
Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire,
Jen Hatmaker
Black Klansman, Ron Stallworth
Children's Books
Dragon Masters 1, 2, & 3, Tracey West
George Brown, Class Clown 1 & 2,
Nancy Krulik & Aaron Blecher
Jedi Academy 1, 2, & 3,
Jeffrey Brown
The Castle in the Attic,
Elizabeth Winthrop
Restart, Gordon Kerman
Chirp, Kate Messner
All Are Welcome, Alexandra Penfold
& Suzanne Kaufman
McDuff Moves In,
Rosemary Wells & Susan Jeffers

Librarians Have Been Busy Purchasing New Books

Books can challenge us to think differently

Lee Wells, Librarian

Settling into a comfortable chair and reading a book by a favorite author or enjoying a book of a favorite genre is one of the great pleasures of life. However, books have even more to offer us – they can broaden our horizons. They can challenge us to think differently about a wide variety of topics. They help us to see the world through different eyes. Bringing all of these kinds of books into our libraries and getting them into your hands is an important part of our mission.

While the libraries have been closed, the librarians have been busy, especially purchasing books, so there will be more to offer you when the libraries fully reopen. We have been trying to purchase the books that will be new favorites, those books we like to settle into a comfortable place to read, but we have also been trying to purchase books that will challenge us, broaden our knowledge of our world, and help all of us to grow and learn.

In addition to purchasing best-seller titles, the Bachelder library continues to work on expanding our collection in three areas.

We would like to see teens read more over the summer! Every year high school students and high school librarians nominate books for two prizes: the Flume Prize and the Isinglass Prize. Teens make the final decision as to which title wins the award. Andover teens: Come to the library, check out these books, and let your voice be heard. You will have until spring 2021 to cast your vote for the best books of 2021.

Working with the Andover Energy Group, the Bachelder Library has expanded its collection of books on environmental issues to include titles on climate change recommended by the New York Times and by members of the Andover Energy Group. It is a rich and varied collection of prize-winning

books ranging from a children's picture book about Greta Thunberg to nonfiction titles by renowned authors such as Bill McKibben, plus fiction titles. This growing collection includes titles ranging from Rachel Carson's classic, *Silent Spring*, to a science fiction novel about New York City in the year 2140. Challenge yourself, learn more about how our climate is changing, and how that is impacting us.

Given the protests following the death of George Floyd, it makes sense that the third collection category that we want to expand is our collection of titles that deal with the topic of racism. These books have been recommended by fellow New Hampshire librarians, local bookstores, national newspapers, and organizations dedicated to combating racism. They will be arriving at the libraries over the next few weeks and months. Some of the fictional stories' main characters are people who do not look like us, other non-fiction titles examine the systemic racism that has existed in our society for centuries. One of the most popular titles today challenges us to be more than non-racist but to learn *How to be an Antiracist* (by Ibram X. Kendi).

Our collection of children's books is being expanded to be more diverse and inclusive. Healthychildren.org tells us that, "As early as 6 months, a baby's brain can notice race-based differences. By ages two to four, children can internalize racial bias. By age 12, many children become set in their beliefs—giving parents a decade to mold the learning process, so that it decreases racial bias and improves cultural understanding." It can often feel like the world is full of anger and hate, but it's also full of hope — hope for a better future. It's so important for children to see themselves and their experiences represented in the books they read. It's also important for children to read about the experiences of people who are different from themselves.

Please check our catalog and check out these new titles.



Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

The Drowned World, J.G. Ballard
The Fifth Season, N.K. Jemisin
The Last Trial, Scott Turow
New York 2140, Kim Stanley Robinson
Parable of the Sower,
Octavia E. Butler
Salvage the Bones, Jesmyn Ward
The Stationery Shop, Marjan Kamali
Weather, Jenny Offill

Adult Nonfiction

Confirmation Bias, Carl Hulse
The Death and Life
of the Great Lakes, Dan Egan
The End of Nature, Bill McKibben
The Great Derangement: Climate
Change and the Unthinkable,
Amitav Ghosh
Losing Earth: A Recent History,
Nathaniel Rich
The Lucifer Effect, Philip Zimbardo
Merchants of Doubt, Naomi Oreskes
& Erik M. Conway

The Story of More, Hope Jahren
What We Know About Climate Change,
Kerry Emanuel & Bob Inglis

Middle Grade/Young Adult

Children of Blood and Bone; Children of Virtue and Vengeance,
Tomi Adeyemi
House of Salt and Sorrow,
Erin A. Craig
Once and Future,
Cori McCarthy & Amy Capetta
Shout, Laurie Halse Anderson
Unpregnant,
Jenni Hendriks & Ted Caplan
Tyrannosaurus Wrecks, Stuart Gibbs
Ways To Make Sunshine,
Renee Watson
We Unleash the Merciless Storm,
Tehlor Kay Mejia
Wilder Girls, Rory Power
Children's Books
Our House Is on Fire: Greta Thunberg's Call to Save the Planet,
Jeanette Winter
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Senior Health Clinic Returns to Andover Community Hub

COVID precautions will be in place

Press release

The Senior Health Clinic is back in business at The Andover Community Hub, 157 Main Street, starting on Monday, July 13; please note that the day of the week has changed. The clinic's return is good news for area residents who have come to rely on it for foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, or medication and nutritional information.

The service is provided by the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and staffed by a VNA nurse who is glad to help with toenail clipping and other foot care, a challenge

for many seniors. The clinic will be offered regularly on the second Monday of each month, from 10 AM to 1 PM, by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call the VNA at 224-4093. A donation of \$10 to the VNA is suggested but not required.

Extra precautions have been instituted due to COVID-19. Clients will be asked to wear masks or face coverings and wait in their cars until they are called in for their appointments. Appointments will be spaced further apart to allow time to wipe down surfaces. Clients will be screened for symptoms and given a temperature check upon arrival. The nurse will also be wearing personal protective equipment to keep everyone safe.

Hub Offers Family Trivial Pursuit Night via Zoom

Follow the Hub's Facebook page for updates

Press release

The Andover Community Hub continues its Virtual Events Series with a Family Trivial Pursuit Night via Zoom, on Thursday, July 23.

Trivia night will include questions for all ages, a local "celebrity" host (still in the works), and the encouragement to form family, friend, or co-worker teams to compete for the championship. Trivia night is a follow-up to the lively performance of "The Misadventures of MarMar - The Case of the Stolen Ingredient" broadcast in June, written and performed by Andover residents.

The COVID-19 experience has clarified some advantages of being more self-reliant, including that of being able to make one's own entertainment. With many well-loved community events being canceled, learning to create local entertainment and share it electronically with other residents fits right in with the Hub's mission of helping to nurture a more resilient community.

Please mark your calendars for July 23 (time to be determined) and plan to join in a fun night of Trivia and prizes. Keep an eye on the Andover Hub's Facebook page for more details as they develop, or contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com and ask to be added to its e-mail list to be kept posted.

Andover Service Club Awards Five Academic Scholarships

Community support makes program possible

Mary Phinney
Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club is delighted to announce that its Scholarship program has awarded a total of \$6,000 to five very deserving students. To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must have a close, personal relationship to the town of Andover. The awards are made on the basis of academic performance, character attributes, and community involvement.

The Andover Service Club would like to thank all those who submitted applications. Each application reflected strong character and diverse interests.

I would like to thank personally each of the Andover Service Club members for their help in raising funds to allow this program to continue. I also know that I speak for each member in thanking all the community members who

support our club's projects. This support is what makes our scholarship program possible.

The Andover Service Club wishes all those who participated in our program success and happiness in their future endeavors. The five students awarded scholarships are:

Olivia Beauregard: \$1,500. Olivia will continue her studies at Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts.

Jacquelyn Morris: \$1,500. Jacquelyn will continue her studies at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio.

Blaine Hinds: \$1,000. Blaine has been accepted to several institutions but is currently undecided about which to attend.

Chloe Makechnie: \$1,000. Chloe has been accepted to several institutions but is currently undecided about which to attend.

Samantha Parkman: \$1,000. Samantha will continue her studies at St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine.



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Andover Community Church Holds Two Sunday Services Indoors

One of them is also available via Zoom

Sandy Miller
Andover Community Church

We certainly hope you are enjoying your summer! However, this year is quite different from any year I can remember with all the turmoil going on right now. We pray that God will heal our land, get rid of the virus, and fill each one of us with His peace and love.

We have been collecting money for the Aspire Women's Center in Laconia, the campaign running Mother's Day through Father's Day. Aspire provides life-affirming pregnancy support services, including pregnancy tests and limited ultrasounds for pregnancy confirmation for women in our communities experiencing unplanned pregnancies. I will report next month on the amount received for this mission.

The Church is currently holding two services on Sunday: one at 8 AM and one at 10 AM. The 8 AM service is a contemplative service with no music and the sacrament of Holy Communion every Sunday. The 10 AM service has lots of music and celebrates commu-

nion the first and third Sundays of the month. The 10 AM service can also be found on Zoom from your computer (on our website, see below).

Our monthly "Flea Market" is running the last Saturday each month this summer. Watch for signs.

Beginning mid-July and in conjunction with St. Pauly Textile, the Church will also be accepting used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, curtains, etc. that can be dropped off into a white shed on the church property. The clothing will be sorted and sent off to United States government agencies, foreign government agencies, relief organizations, and private companies. Look for the "Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed" signs soon!

Remember, you are always welcome at the Andover Community Church. Now we have two services, each with its unique feel. Feel free to call the Church Office at 735-5160 to speak with Pastor Bill Blomquist for more information on what's going on at the Church, or check out our website at AndoverCommunityNH.org.

Thought for the day: "Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life." Read Galatians 5:22.

Happy Fourth of July!



School Matters!

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

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Wilmot Farmers Market Opens with COVID Restrictions in Place

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Donna Sprague
Wilmot Farmers Market

The Wilmot Farmers Market opens for the season on Saturday, June 27, from 9 AM to noon. The market plans to continue every Saturday through September with COVID guidelines in place to protect customers, vendors, and the community. It will be a market unlike any other before. The socializing and entertainment that characterize the Wilmot Town Green at 9 Kearsarge Valley Road have been axed.

Out of necessity, there will be no music, no kids' activities, and no education tent. If at all possible, one member of the family should be the shopper, and pets should not be brought.

For at-risk individuals, or those who do not want to wait in vendor lines, there will be options for ordering and picking up at the market's welcome tent. There will be some vendors who will not be at the market; however, their items will be available by order. SNAP benefits with Granite State Market Match and the

Veteran's Program will continue. Information on these programs and pickups will be at WilmotFarmersMarket.com.

Tents will be at least 10 feet apart. There will be no touching products. Vendors have been told to prepackage items whenever possible. Foods are not allowed to be eaten on the Town Green. Customer traffic will be one way, with all travel to the right. The entrance and exit will be from the paved parking lot of the Wilmot Town Offices.

Everyone needs to be masked. If you do not have one, one will be provided. A hand-washing station will be set up, and hand sanitizer will be available.

Do your best not to gather and socialize. While we know this is difficult, being able to open the market and provide fresh, nutrient rich, local foods depends on all of us following these guidelines.

During this time of uncertainty, it is very important to connect with those that grow your food. The committed core of local farms and artisans that make up your Wilmot Farmers Market vendors are looking forward to seeing you and serving you. That hasn't changed! For more information, call Donna at 768-5579. 

OBITUARIES

BRUCE R. BENT, 77, of Scituate, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully at home after a long illness on May 21, 2020. Born in Manchester, Connecticut to the late Roy Bent, Jr. and Agnes (Nevin) Bent on November 15, 1942, Bruce grew up in Hingham and Braintree, Massachusetts, graduating from Braintree High School in 1961.

He received an Associate of Engineering from the Wentworth Institute of Technology, class of 1970, and a Bachelor of Science from Northeastern University, class of 1973, all while attending evening classes.



Bruce was the loving husband and best friend to Judith (Bell) Bent for 53 years and father of three children: son Douglas Bent and wife Jennifer of Andover; son Stephen Bent and wife Kim of North Brookfield, Massachusetts; and daughter Elizabeth Colon and husband Travis of Portsmouth, Virginia. He was grandfather to Maggie Bent of Boston, Massachusetts and Matthew and Katie Bent of Andover; step-grandfather to Steven Ahearn of Hardwick, Massachusetts, Colleen Ahearn of Worcester, Massachusetts, and great-step-grandfather to Kayden Ahearn.

He is survived by sister Melissa (Bent) Matisoff and husband Larry of Milton, Massachusetts and sister Bettejane (Bent) Hanford and husband Marius of Moran, Wyoming; brother-in-law Andrew Bell and wife Janice of Freehold, New Jersey, brother-in-law David Bell and wife Susan of Lakeville, Massachusetts, and many nieces and nephews.

Bruce worked as a cryogenic engineer for many different companies,

working on space programs such as the SkyLab Project and received patents for his work with superconductors and other cryogenic materials.

Throughout his life, and upon retirement, Bruce enjoyed wood carving, fishing, camping, and model ship building. He belonged to the USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild, winning prizes for his ship models, enjoyed researching the Bent family genealogy, collecting stamps with the Granite City Stamp Club, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and growing vegetables in his large garden.

Having lived in Scituate for 49 years, he loved the ocean, volunteering at the Maritime and Irish Mossing Museum and talking about ship building on the North River. He enjoyed restoring old boats with other members of the Historical Society, recently restoring a Norwegian Pram and Cat boat.

Bruce volunteered with his wife on the Appalachian Service Project for several years, chaperoning and leading 50 to 60 Scituate High Schoolers to Appalachia to help restore peoples' homes. As an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 93 of the Scituate Boy Scouts, he was very proud of his two sons achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He was equally proud to see his only daughter, and light of his life, receive her Master's in Human Services Counseling from Regent University in 2017.

He was a vestry member at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and belonged to the Scituate Historical Society for many years. A voracious reader, Bruce was always filling his mind with useful, and useless, information. He enjoyed traveling, walking the beaches in Scituate, in Florida, and in the Bahamas collecting shells and spending time with loved ones, and his beloved Labrador Retrievers (five over the years).

He had a witty sense of humor and
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was quick to share a good laugh with others, and he will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bruce's memory can be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, c/o Dr. Geoffrey Oxnard at Dana-Farber.org; or the Scituate Fire Department.

Services will be private. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. For an online guest book, visit RichardsonGaffeyFuneralHome.com.

HELEN C. KENNEDY, 94, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2020 at Woodlawn Care Center in Newport, New Hampshire after a brief period of declining health. She was born on September 19, 1925 in Mansfield, Massachusetts to the late Carl and Harriet (Gwilliam) Gegenheimer.



Helen grew up in Mansfield and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Nason College in Maine. She worked for 20 years for the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and worked for 35 years as the Church Administrator at the Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society. She also served as President of the Connecticut Valley District of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Helen believed in reverence for all life. She had many rescued pets and was a lifelong vegetarian. She moved to Wilmot nine years ago to live with her daughter, Margaret. She became a member of the Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church in Andover and a proud patron of Cinema Cote. Helen loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and was immensely proud of them.

She was predeceased by her parents; her brothers and their wives, Arthur and Ruth Gegenheimer, Winthrop and Barbara Gegenheimer, and Bernard and Eleanor Ge-

genheimer; an infant brother, Carl Gegenheimer, Jr.; and son-in-law David S. Dugan.

Surviving family members include daughters Margaret Dugan of Wilmot, and Elizabeth Delisi and her husband Daniel of Gilmanton; grandchildren Helen Delisi of Milford, Heather Garcia of Keene, and Michael Delisi of Blue Springs, Missouri; great-grandchildren Isabel and Aaron Garcia and Adrianna Delisi; niece Marilyn Jordan and her husband, Robert, of Mansfield, Massachusetts; nephews Gary Gegenheimer and his wife Debbie of Virginia and Brad Gegenheimer of Jacksonville, Florida; and grandnephew Christopher Gegenheimer and his wife Mona of Virginia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society at 297 Boston Post Road, Madison CT 06443 or to Libby's Haven for Senior Canines, PO Box 65, Canterbury NH 03224. Memorial services will be held in both Andover and Madison, Connecticut at a later date.

ROBERT "ROB" A. SPRAGUE, 64, died peacefully on June 21, 2020 at The Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care in Lebanon, following a courageous battle with cancer.



Rob was born in New London to Ann Marie and Gerald Sprague, Sr. He attended New London Elementary school and graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School in 1973. He married Constance Powers in 1992.

Rob lived in New London and the surrounding area. He was a former employee of Labsphere, a long-time employee of The Sharon Group, and most recently at Avian Technologies and Village Sports.

His family remembers him as a kind, patient, fun-loving, supportive, and ad-

venturous brother, husband, step-dad and Grampa, who hated cheese. He faced cancer with his usual never-ending sense of humor.

Rob loved time with family and friends, traveling, and trying new activities and sports. He enjoyed motorcycles, biking, hiking, rock and ice climbing, skiing, kayaking, golf, disc golf, and, most recently, curling. However, his favorite activity was spending time with his grandchildren; they were his pride and joy. With a welcoming smile on his face, he was a generous individual, who was always willing to lend a hand or help a friend. He was loved and will be missed by many.

Rob is predeceased by his parents. Surviving family members include his wife, Connie; Connie's daughter, whom he loved like his own, Kimberly Cheever (husband Timothy Cheever), and his grandchildren, Caroline and Derek, all

of Wethersfield, Connecticut; brothers Gerald Jr. (Donna) of Chandler, Arizona, and Philip (Donna) of Danbury; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care or the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at DHMC, both at One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon NH 03756.

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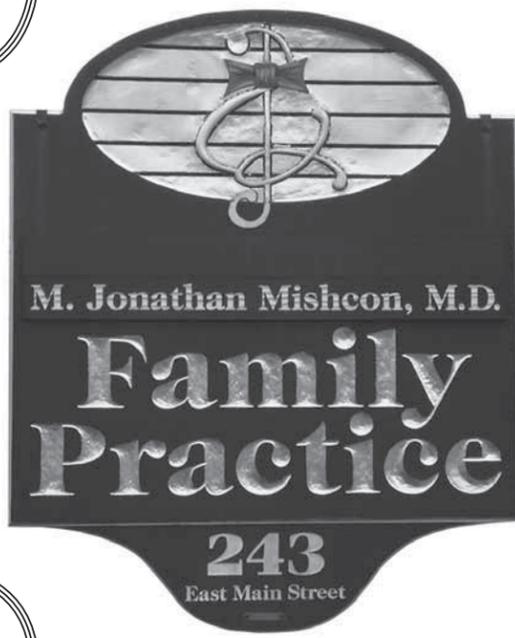
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Something Different?

Some of us have had a little more spare time than usual. Have you caught up with your reading, note writing and puzzles? Perhaps you have been busy with exercising, walking and watching television. Maybe you have been making phone calls and/or helping friends and neighbors with shopping or the mail. One thing you could do which wouldn't take very long is to give us a call or send us an email and begin the pre-planning process. Just a few questions to get things started and then you could make more decisions or stop right there. At least get something going and we could put your information on file. If you are someone who thinks about prearrangements every time you see us, now is the time! Take that step and give us an idea of what you are thinking. We could meet in person and continue the conversation in the near future. You'll get something done and cross a task off the list.

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Andover Middle School graduation this year was drive-in style (story, page 28). It got off on the right foot with a beautiful sunset as families gathered in the school parking lot. Photo: Kasey Schoch



Assistant Head of School Karin Clough and Head of School Mike Henriques were the sole guests at Proctor's virtual Commencement, broadcast around the globe to members of the Class of 2020 and their families. Caption and photo: Scott Allenby

Celebrating the Proctor Class of 2020: Stepping into the World

May 30 commencement was virtual and global

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

And just like that it's over. The planning, the preparations, the details, the mourning of what could have been had coronavirus not upended our lives; it is all behind us, and we shift our focus to reflecting on the raw emotions we felt today as we watched the Class of 2020 graduate from high school ... virtually around the globe.

While we were unable to gather together under the big tent on Farrell Field, had to forego the swatting of mosquitoes, and collectively marveling at how in the world our dining services team prepared and served meals for over a thousand people, we felt each other's presence.

There were no physical hugs exchanged between advisors and advisees, or tearful exchanges between students and teachers. No tangible moment for parents to share their deep, deep appreciation for the transformation in their children. And yet we still felt the love that exists within this community, a love that is strengthened through shared experiences, through adversity, through crisis.

Proctor's live, virtual Senior Awards Night and Commencement ceremony took on a personality of its own; a uniquely Proctor flavor that was serious enough to celebrate the enormity of what our seniors have accomplished, but not so serious as to forget who we are.

Friday evening's Senior Awards Night featured a red carpet event hosted by Patty Pond. The fun continued in the theater as faculty announced senior awards, students shared heart-felt virtual thank you's with the community over video, and talented musicians shined brightly in virtual performances.

Saturday's live Commencement from Alice's Garden began with a parade of faculty sharing messages with their students, riding unicycles, horses, bikes, and showing our students how much we love them. After opening remarks from Head of School Mike Henriques and Assistant Head of School Karin Clough, Tommy '20, Anya '20, Will '20, and Amy '20 each shared beautiful speeches, interspersed by musical tributes to the class by Tori '20 and Mackenzie '20.

Just before we read the names of each of our graduates, Commencement Speaker Matt Nathanson '91 painted a powerful picture of the world into which our seniors are stepping and the unique preparation they have to make an impact. He discussed the never-ending process of creating music as a parallel to our lifelong pursuit of better understanding ourselves.

Matt ended his speech with a quote from Bob Dylan: "An artist has to be careful to never really arrive at a place where he thinks he's at somewhere. You always have to realize you are constantly in the state of becoming. And as long as you can stay in that realm, you'll sort of be alright." It is this mindset we need to take forward into the days and weeks and months ahead.

The 24 hours surrounding graduation allowed us to step into a bubble. This safe, comfortable, loving sphere of celebration sheltered us from the backdrop of the world around us: a novel virus that has killed more Americans in the past three months than all wars of the last half century, yet another incident of sickening racial injustice, widespread rioting and protests around the country, unemployment levels at the highest point since the Great Depression. And while it is fine to step into

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Andover's Jill Jones Grotnes had a special "congratulations" message to her graduating seniors delivered from her unicycle during the pre-ceremony festivities. Caption and photo: Scott Allenby

Andover Graduates Recognized at Proctor's Senior Awards Night

Plus a service award for Diane Benson

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The Class of 2020 closed the Proctor chapter of their lives in a most bizarre manner. A virtual Senior Awards Night and Commencement afforded faculty and staff the opportunity to recognize members of the senior class with awards and recognitions. Among those honored were these Andover residents:

Philip H. Savage Award for outstanding leadership qualities: Vienna Marcus.

Alice S. Fowler Award presented to the student in the graduating class who best exemplifies strength of character, personal dedication, and commitment to the Proctor community: Vienna Marcus.

Stanley V. Wright Award for History: Vienna Marcus

Varsity Athletics Award: Vienna Marcus

Andover Service Club Award: Blaine Hinds and Chloe Makechnie

Award for Excellence in Mandarin: Chloe Makechnie

Dance Award: Ryelle Jenifer

Performing Arts Award: Tori Braley

Music Award for Vocal Contribution to Music Ensembles: Tori Braley

Nance Barrett Service Award

Andover's Diane Benson was also recognized with the Nance Barrett Service Award. This award honors the loyal services of non-faculty staff and seeks to achieve two goals: to recognize extraordinary service to the Proctor Community by a non-faculty member and to heighten awareness of the dedication, hard work, and loyalty of all its employees, which makes possible the smooth operation of this institution.



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Andover School District Looking For Two Full-Time Custodians

Katie Keyser, SAU #46

Andover School District has an immediate opening for two full time custodians. Applicants should have a high school diploma, general knowledge of cleaning products/procedures, and the ability to lift 75 lbs. Competitive salary and benefit package.

All applicants must complete an online application at AEMSeagles.org/human-resources and submit three current letters of reference to KKeyser@MVSDpride.org. Positions will remain open until satisfactorily filled.



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these bubbles periodically, we must be conscious to never allow ourselves to live in them permanently.

The gift of a Proctor education, the gift each of our graduates holds tight as they step beyond Proctor, is an eagerness to get proximate to their learning, to get their metaphorical hands dirty and really experience the world around them. Our collective responsibility is to empower our students to use this gift to be agents of change; to join (or lead) movements that nudge our society toward justice; to take action that leads to a more sustainable economy; to lift up brothers and sisters in need regardless of backgrounds, race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or beliefs; to quite simply make the world a better place than

it was before they had the privilege of stepping foot on it.

When we are asked by prospective families why invest in a Proctor education, all we need to do is point them to our graduates. Meet these young people. See the passion in their hearts. Witness the fire in the eyes. Feel the optimism oozing from their pores and then sit and listen to the change they believe they will make because of the experiences they have had. Have a conversation with the Class of 2020, the most resilient, positive, dynamic teenagers you will ever encounter, and see for yourself what is possible at Proctor, what it means to Live to Learn, and Learn to Live.

Congratulations, Proctor Academy Class of 2020. We are proud of you and can't wait to see you step into the world beyond Proctor.



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ily moved to Contoocook, where his third child was born. Nancy and Dennis' kids attended Hopkinton schools, where they enjoyed academic and athletic success, and attended state universities afterward.

Professionally speaking, Dennis has had the honor of contributing to collective excellence in New Hampshire public schools for more than 30 years, serving in varied communities and capacities. He began his career as a special education teacher in Pembroke, supporting primary grades students with emotional and varied learning disabilities.

As a middle and high school social studies teacher in Pittsfield and Kearsarge, Dennis came to learn how powerful cohesive educational teams and dynamic learning environments could be in the lives and learning of school children. Seeking new opportunities to contribute and lead, Dennis transitioned his career to school administration and

has enjoyed and grown from assistant principal and principal appointments in a number of schools from the capitol region, to the seacoast, to the lakes region, to the southern tier of our state, and back to the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region, where it all began.

Throughout his career, Dennis has promoted Whole Child Education, developmentally responsive and personalized academic programs that foster success for all students, 21st Century Learning, innovative and dynamic student-centered learning environments, and strong school-community partnerships.

Now with an "empty nest," Dennis and Nancy will downsize their lives, moving from Hopkinton to Grantham in the near future. Dennis views the opportunity to serve the community of Andover as its school principal a dream come true, and the culminating appointment of his career. AE/MS embodies everything he believes is best for kids in school and exemplifies the many benefits of strong school-community partnerships.



School Matters!

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

Thank you to the Andover Community

Wow! The AEMS Retiree Parade was something we will never forget! It was so special, so much fun, and the abundance of gifts, flowers, and cards were unbelievable!

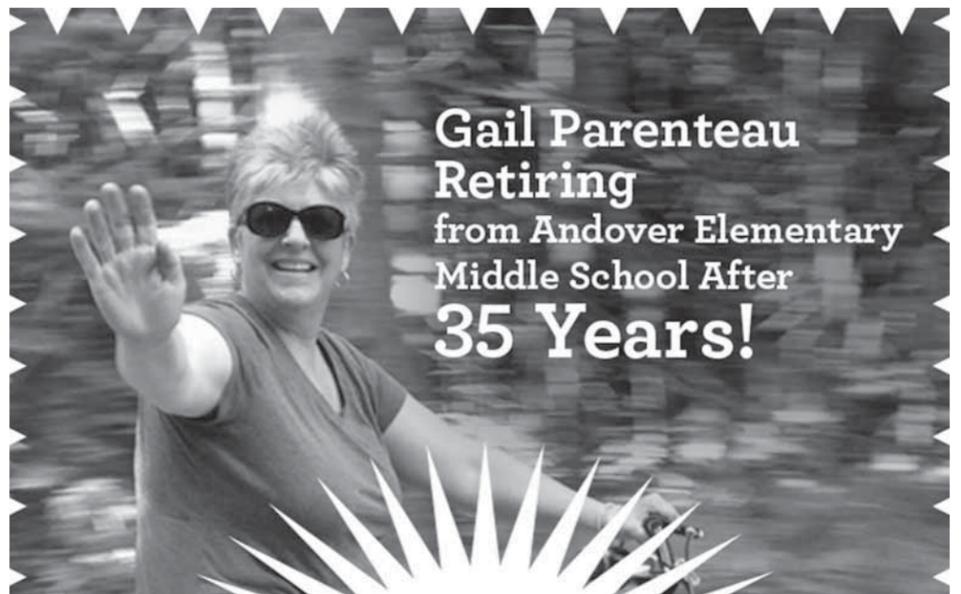
We are the lucky ones! Our time at Andover Elementary Middle School has always been something we've cherished. Andover is a special community and we have appreciated every minute of being part of it. It's been an absolute pleasure and honor to be part of this community.

Thanks for everything you've done and all that you will continue to do for the school, the students, and the community.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Appreciatively,

Holly Gagne
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On June 12, the Andover community came together to celebrate the many retirees at AE/MS. Cars lined up (pictured below) for a parade through the school parking lot, signs and balloons celebrated decades of service, and Ernie the Eagle came to show his support for Jane Slayton (pictured left), Michelle Stanhope, Gail Parenteau, Holly Gagne, Lynn Tiede, and Vic Stewart (in memoriam). Photo: Kasey Schoch



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Dennis Dobe Takes Over as Principal at AE/MS on July 1

Dennis and his family know Andover well

Shelley Geoghegan, *Beacon* Staff

The following profile was supplied, upon request, to the *Beacon* by the new principal of the Andover Elementary/

university. As the son of a professional artist and college faculty member, Dennis enjoyed a unique upbringing in a home designed and built by his father and friends. Childhood days were spent with friends and siblings building forts, running through the woods, climbing trees, swimming in ponds, and paddling down rivers.

Sailboat racing with his father on Lakes Sunapee and Massabesic had a major influence on Dennis as he grew up, as did his days with family at art fairs, shows, and galleries throughout New England. Dennis enjoyed great success in athletics in high school and college, coached high school cross country and track, and continues to lead a very active lifestyle (running, cross-country skiing, sailing, paddling, and hiking) with his wife and best friend, Nancy – who has spent

her career as a teacher in the Kearsarge and Merrimack Valley school districts.

Dennis and Nancy (happily married for more than 30 years) first settled in Potter Place, where two of their three children were born. The early days of his family at Highland Lake, in the fields, gardens, and on the Blackwater and rail beds around his modest home are some of his most fond memories.

When Dennis transitioned from teaching Social Studies and coaching at Kearsarge Regional High School to school administration, he and his family
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Dennis and Nancy Dobe. Dennis will start on July 1 as the new principal at AE/MS.

Middle School. Dennis Dobe starts his new position on July 1, taking the place of retiring long-time principal, Jane Slayton. While the Beacon was hoping to catch Dennis for an interview, we caught him during a very busy time. We'll catch up with him for a more personal interview for the August issue. Meanwhile, read on and get to know the next guiding force at AE/MS.

Dennis Dobe can be considered “local talent,” having grown up in New Hampshire, and attending New Hampshire universities: University of New Hampshire and Plymouth State Uni-



SAU #46 Superintendent Mark McLean appeared on the big screen to give a speech to Andover Middle School's graduating class of 2020.

Photo: Kasey Schoch

Andover Middle School Class of 2020 Enjoys a Drive-In Graduation

Some hope it becomes an annual tradition

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS Teacher

Andover Middle School eighth graders had a graduation like no other on June 11. Twelve weeks after remote learning began, they were honored with a drive-in style graduation, which some now hope will become an annual tradition for AE/MS.

Cars gathered in the AE/MS parking lot under a beautiful summer sunset (photo, page 26). Staff wore T-shirts that displayed the names of all the graduates, as police, fire, and ambulance crews drove through to kick off the event. The giant movie screen displayed a video graduation containing speeches from Superintendent Mark McLean, Governor Chris Sununu, students, and staff.

It was a night these graduates are sure to remember for years.



Learning Specialist Annie Mackenzie made sure her graduating advisees, Learning skills students, and dorm residents knew she missed them at Proctor's virtual commencement exercises on May 30. Stories on page 26.

Caption and photo: Scott Allenby