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Andover Singer-Songwriter Lindsey Schust Debuts New Single

Parallel Lines is from the height of the lockdown

Press release

New Hampshire singer-songwriter Lindsey Schust will release her new single, *Parallel Lines*, on Friday, April 22. Listeners can stream the song on all music platforms (including Amazon Music, Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube). This song is the first of two singles preceding the release of her full album, *Country Way*, in June.

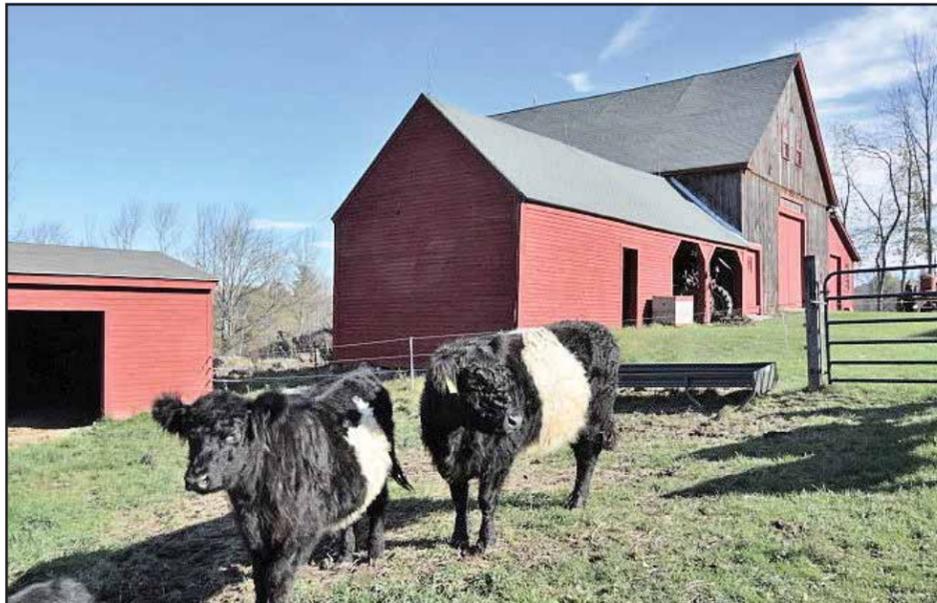


Lindsey Schust is an Andover singer-songwriter. She is revealing a new single, *Parallel Lines* on April 22. Photo: Lindsey Schust

Parallel Lines was completed during the height of the lockdown. Most of the recording was done remotely and sent to Andover's own music producer Jimmy Sferes of Hummingbird Studios, who co-produced the song with Lindsey. Gerry Putnam of CedarHouse Sound and Mastering added the final touches. The cover artwork was drawn by visual artist Grace Schust.

The song reflects the isolation many felt during the pandemic and offers a breath of hope for the future. It falls into the category of Americana music, with a blend of folk, country, R&B, rock, and pop. Lindsey sings lead vocals and plays keyboard and bass. She is joined by master

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The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance asks property owners with barns to apply for the Barn Tax Incentive Program. See page 2 for details.

Andover Voters Approve Budgets at 2022 Meetings

Pursuit of SB2 meetings nixed by straw vote

Donna Duclos
Andover Budget Committee

On March 7 and 8, in slightly less than three hours, Andover residents voted to spend \$8,397,508 for the School District and the Town budgets. With possibly 50 residents attending the School District annual meeting on March 7, the School Board's budget of \$6,333,987 passed on a voice vote.

We did learn that the state average to educate a student is approximately \$18,000 per year. Superintendent McLean estimates that, with the budget that passed, Andover's per pupil rate will be about \$14,000.

The School Board also requested, and attendees agreed, to add an additional \$40,000 to the School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust account for the potential repair or replacement of the school's boiler. There are plans to review energy efficient and sustainable replacements.

Town Meeting

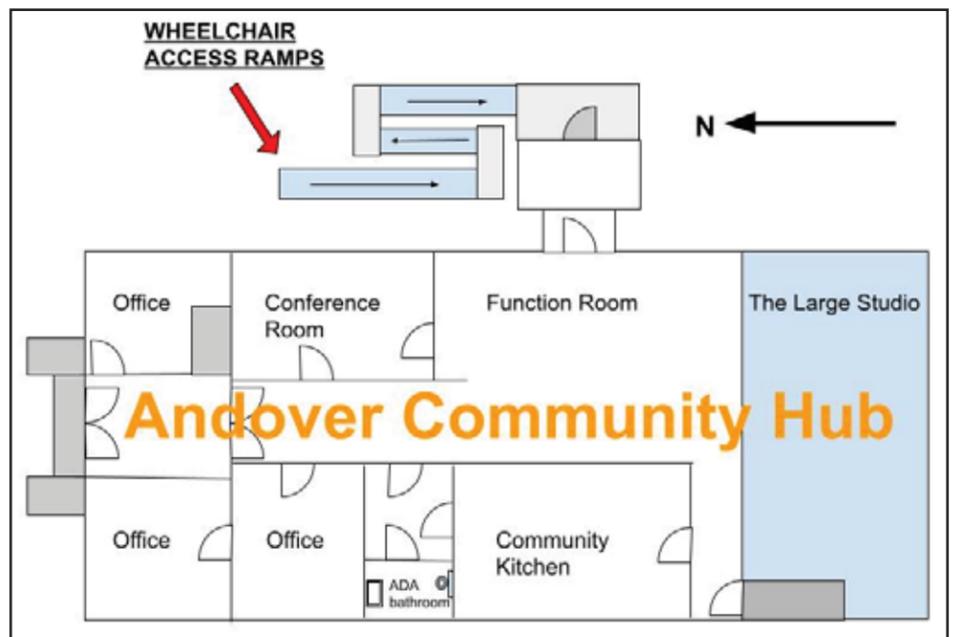
In contrast to the School District meeting, there were probably over 100 Andover residents to review and vote

on the Town budget at Town Meeting on March 8. After a brief discussion, \$15,000 was added to the Budget Committee's operating budget to increase the salary for the new position of Highway Department Supervisor.

Several people expressed their frustration with the official state-required budget form that is part of the annual Town Report. Many citizens would like more detail by line item. That information is always available at the Budget Committee's public hearing that is held before the report is printed.

All proposed warrant articles were adopted, and an additional \$250,000 was passed to be added to the White Oak highway department project for building and site work. Select Board member John Kinney revealed that because there was an error in how the public hearing was advertised for reviewing SB2 changes to how the annual Town Meeting would be held, there would not be an official vote.

It was suggested that a "straw vote" could be taken to see if there is any interest in pursuing the issue. With a resounding "No" voice vote, it was determined that SB2 won't be on future town warrants for a while.



Ken Wells' drawing of the Hub's first floor shows where improvements will be made, using the funds raised by the Capital Campaign.

Hub Passes Three-Quarters of Capital Campaign Goal of \$100,000

Needs more local support from individuals

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

With a campaign invitation to "Come on In," the Andover Community Hub, having achieved more than three-quarters of its \$100,000 capital campaign to make its headquarters more user-friendly, is extending its outreach more widely to local individuals, families, and small businesses to help bring its fundraising effort over the top.

The campaign funds received will support construction of a community kitchen, a ramp to provide universal building access, an accessible bathroom, and a new water-

proof roof in Andover's Old Town Hall at 157 Main Street, now the Hub headquarters.

As of March 19, The Hub had received \$55,272 in gifts and grants, mostly from foundations, local businesses, and unsolicited contributions, and another \$23,395 in pledged grants.

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The Hub's "Come On In" welcome banner, advertising the ongoing Capital Campaign. Photo: Larry Chase

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Andover Real Estate Transactions March 2022

Three Andover homes sold on MLS

Ty Morris, Coldwell Banker Lifestyles
Three homes sold on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) last month:

John and Jean Kaiser sold their home at 22 Kearsarge Mountain Road to Brittany Fife for \$235,000. This three bedroom and one bathroom cape sits on one acre and has 1,232 square feet of living space. Ty Morris of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers and Elle Bezanson of New Way Realty represented the buyers.

Stephanie and Steven Lamb sold their home at 444 Bradley Lake Road to Steve and Bonnie Soule for \$606,000. This beautiful two bedroom and two bathroom A-frame has 1,050 square feet of living space and sits on the shore of Bradley Lake with stunning views of

Ragged Mountain. Ty Morris of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers and Susan Tillery of The Masiello Group – Manchester represented the buyers.

Wood Sutton sold 48 Brick House Lane to Hannah Jacobsen for \$685,000. This expansive two bedroom and two bathroom antique cape has 2,293 square feet of living space and sits on 206 acres. Terry Calder of Farms and Barns Real Estate represented both the buyer and seller.

There are currently four active land listings and one active single-family home for sale in Andover. For more local real estate information, contact Ty Morris at 603 237-2060.

Note: This article only features properties sold on the Multiple Listing Service.



Barn Tax Incentive Program Invites Applications

Deadline is April 15 for property owners to apply

Press release

Friday, April 15, is the deadline for property owners seeking tax relief for their historic agricultural structures. All New Hampshire towns and cities are authorized by state law (RSA 79-D) to grant property tax relief to owners of historic barns and farm buildings who can demonstrate the public benefit of preserving these structures. Owners also must agree to maintain them throughout a minimum 10-year preservation easement. For more information or to apply, visit NHPreservation.org/old-barn-resources-overview.



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Earth Day Inspires Week-Long Effort to Clean Up Andover

Monday, April 18
to Sunday, April 24

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

During five days in April 2020, as part of Andover's first Earth Day Roadside Clean-Up, 72 local volunteers picked up 155 bags of trash along town roadsides and walkways – and the Andover Community Hub and the Andover Conservation Commission are inviting residents to do it again this year.

The official Earth Day is Friday, April 22, but the week-long Andover effort will launch on Monday, April 18, and continue through Sunday, April 24. Participants will have an opportunity to sign up ahead of time on Facebook or on the Hub's website at AndoverHub.org and to identify a route they'd like to clean up; parents may want to get their kids involved, families may want to work together on a neighborhood effort. Signing up is not required, but encouraged to help track results.

A supply of blue plastic trash bags and rubber gloves will be available at the Hub, the Andover and East Andover post offices, and the Bachelder Library in East Andover, beginning on Monday, April 18. Residents are asked to take their filled bags to the Transfer Station during normal hours.

The theme of Earth Day 2022 is "Invest in Our Earth," and those interested can go to the Earth Day website at EarthDay.org/earth-day-2022 to learn more about ways to get involved in this and other environmental issues.

As is increasingly clear, there's a lot

of hard work to be done to protect our planet from the growing effects of climate change and other environmental threats. Cleaning up the roadsides is a good first step, and the Hub will also provide a display highlighting additional actions one can take for those who stop at the Hub on Saturday, April 23, between 9 AM and 3 PM. The display includes:

- Vegetable and native plant seedlings to encourage residents to consider growing some of their own food, as well as planting a pollinator-friendly yard

- A drop-off point for used standard plastic plant pots to be recycled through a project between Lowes in Concord and East Jordan Plastics in Michigan which recycles/reuses them

- Free samples of "green" household and personal products to encourage residents to try them, which reduces the amounts of plastics and non-recyclable packaging that increasingly pollute our landfills, waterways, and air

- Coupons for a discount on alternative "earth-friendly" or refillable household goods from BonaFide Green Goods in Concord

- Information highlighting an Andover Garden Club program on the importance of bees and other pollinators, to be held at the Hub on Wednesday, April 27, at 6 PM

More details about the Roadside Clean-Up are still developing and will be shared through the Hub's Facebook page, website, and email. Anyone wishing to be added to the Hub's ongoing email list for updated information can contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com and request it.



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for a total of over \$78,000.

Going forward, members of the Hub's board of directors will be using phone calls, emails, and the US Postal Service to contact potential sources of support for the "Come on In" project.

Everyone in town who appreciates the preservation and "resurrection" of Andover's Old Town Hall, who has made use of Hub programs and services or looks forward to doing so, or who agrees that there's a need in town for a welcoming and active community center, is encouraged to support the efforts to rehab the building by making a contribution. As Board Chair Larry Chase says, "Lots of small donations add up, and every big or little bit makes a real difference."

Contributions can be made by sending a check to The Andover Hub at PO Box 157, Andover NH 03216, by dropping it in the mail slot by the Hub's front

door, or by going to the Hub's website at AndoverHub.org and making an online contribution using PayPal. Donations are fully tax-deductible.

About the response so far, Doug Phelps, chair of the Hub's Buildings and Grounds Committee, said, "We're of course delighted – and extremely thankful – for the support we've already achieved. Based on this result, we're confident that this next round of Hub outreach will be equally generous and supportive of the Hub's contributions to our community."

The theme of the campaign, "Come on In," was designed, first, to encourage area residents to learn about (and participate in) the many events and activities that the Hub has to offer; and, second, to encourage local support – financial and otherwise – for those activities and events. Construction of the designated improvements has begun and will continue throughout 2022. Watch for articles in the *Beacon*.



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1981 Fourth of July: Parade Band



1976 Fourth of July: Parade Color Guard



1980 Fourth of July: Kids Parade



1980 Fourth of July: Animal Parade



1981 Fourth of July: Parade Float

“Around Our Town in 80 Years” is the Fourth of July Parade Theme

“Best ever” plans are in full swing

Andover Fourth of July Committee

The Fourth of July Committee is working to put on the best event ever. One of the highlights of our celebration is the parade, started by the Blackwater Grange in 1942, 80 years ago.

Speaking of 80 years ago, that’s our theme for 2022 ... “Around Our Town in 80 Years.” Andover’s parade consists of a color guard, children’s parade, bands, floats, animals, and vehicles. We went into our photo archives to find fun pictures of years past. We hope you enjoy them!

Anyone who would like to join our committee, please come to a meeting. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Andover Community Hub



1981 Fourth of July: Etta Haughton

at 7 PM. For more information, contact Doug Phelps at 603 977-0037 or Doug.Phelps80@gmail.com; Donna Smith at 603 735-6131 or DonnaFrench@comcast.net; or Beth Frost at 603 455-2882 or BFrost99@icloud.com.



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fiddler Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki, Jimmy Sferes on electric guitar, and Luke Dobrowski (of the Dobros) on drum set. The quartet paints a hauntingly beautiful backdrop to this ballad about the joys of love and the pain of isolation.

Get ready to upload or add this new song to your playlist. For more info or to join her mailing list, visit LindseySchustMusic.com. For direct links to stream *Parallel Lines*, visit LindseySchust.HearNow.com and listen to the song starting April 22.

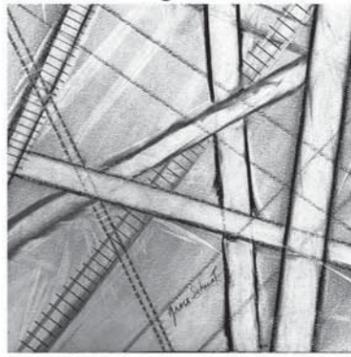
“The essence of joy flows through the sounds and beats of Lindsey’s music – it transports her listeners to a rich and colorful world,” according to Calico Rechy, visual artist.

Lindsey Schust is a New Hampshire composer, singer-songwriter, pianist, and percussionist. She grew up in Andover in a musical family with the beat of African drums in the background.

Her family founded Timbre Drums and brought international percussionists to New Hampshire

through their non-profit, Arts Bridge the World. She learned African drums at an early age from her mom, Grace Schust, and learned classical piano from Margo Coolidge. At

PARALLEL LINES
Lindsey Schust



Featuring: James N. Sferes
Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki
& Luke Dobrowski

Cover art for Lindsey Schust’s new single *Parallel Lines*. Art by Grace Schust.

Proctor Academy she studied jazz-rock with Keith Barrett.

Lindsey holds a Bachelor’s in music from Brandeis and a Master’s in music from Tufts University. She now directs her group, Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, which performs throughout New Hampshire.

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AT THE POLLS - MARCH 8

Results of townwide voting on Tuesday, March 8.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

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Recent Bills Demonstrate Need for Voters to Pay Attention

Mary Anne Broshek, Andover

There are two bills that were recently voted on in the New Hampshire House of Representatives that demonstrate why voters who care about public education and the growing influence in New Hampshire politics of the Free State Movement need to pay attention.

HB 1671: In February, New Hampshire Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut introduced HB 1671. The bill changed the core academic requirements for an adequate education by removing art, health, and physical education, engineering, computer science, digital literacy, and world languages. It also changed the reporting and accountability requirements for public schools and hurt the state's college-and-career readiness effort, the "Drive to 65 Act."

Due to significant public opposition, on March 8 the House Education Committee removed the Edelblut changes and added personal finance literacy and logic/rhetoric. HB 1671 came from the Commissioner of Education who was nominated by Chris Sununu and approved by our Executive Councilor Joe Kinney. If you care about good public education, remember this in the November elections and vote them out.

CACR 32: On March 10, the House defeated, by a vote of 323 to 13, a proposed constitutional amendment to "peacefully declare" the state's independence from the United States and establish itself as a sovereign nation. The debate over sovereignty was the

first in a state legislative body in this country since before the civil war.

This constitutional amendment was heard in committee in January. New Hampshire Public Radio reported that Committee Chairman Rep. Al Baldasaro, a Republican from Londonderry, asked how many members of the public who came to testify were members of the Free State Project – about two-thirds raised their hands.

While CACR 32 was an extreme piece of legislation, many other bills that change the New Hampshire way of life are being proposed and passed. Voters need to pay attention and learn how their Representatives and Senators are voting.

Free Staters and Libertarians who run as Republicans have won 90 seats in the legislature, and Free Stater Jason Osborne was made New Hampshire House Majority Leader. The legislative system in New Hampshire is set up so each bill is heard before a committee where people from all sides provide testimony and Legislators can ask questions to better understand the proposed legislation.

The New Hampshire Liberty Alliance reviews bills and gives them a rating of either "pro liberty" or "anti liberty" and provides these ratings to Legislators before a vote. The 2021 ratings show the following for Andover's legislators: Louise Andrus: 100%; Natalie Wells: 93.8%; and Harold French: 75%, according to NHLiberty.org/liberty-ratings.

Lack of Knowledge About Teachers Leads to Misinformation

New Hampshire teachers rank sixth in survey

Ken Wells, Andover

Nearly everyone in Andover with personal knowledge of our Andover Elementary/Middle School gushes about what a great place it has been for their children and how fabulous the teachers have been for their kids. Yet public schools and teachers in our town, and all across our state are under fire today. Why?

New Hampshire has the sixth highest ranking in the United States for its public schools, as reported in a WalletHub study published in Forbes magazine.

I recently spoke in Andover with a fellow who said he was passing through from Bradford. (I'll just call him "Brad.") He claimed that "teachers only work part-time, nine months of the year, quitting time at 3 PM, they get all those teacher in-service days off to go skiing, so they should only get paid for part-time work, but they're making, like \$65,000 dollars a year. Teachers get paid too much!"

Wow! As a public school graduate and retired teacher who worked in residential high schools for 37 years, I know this could hardly be farther from the truth! I know only too well how many 14-hour days we teachers worked; sometimes one long day followed another, and another.

We'd start our day in the classroom, followed by coaching in the afternoon, then participating in evening duties or meetings, finally sitting down to grade that day's student work and prepare the next day's lessons at around 10 PM. The cycle started again the next day with an 8 AM class. Some years, I was lucky to have only 25 advanced students; other years there were more than 60.

On top of the daily face-to-face work with students comes a relentless need for detailed student reports and evaluations to be written, along with thoughtful college recommendations for juniors and seniors.

Teachers must attend professional development seminars, or mandatory training sessions required by various safety, health, and insurance authorities. Teachers learn things like CPR, how to address bullying, how to identify and respond to sexual harassment, how to respond to an active shooter in the building, etc.

If you doubt any part of what I'm

saying, find a teacher and ask them about all the things they do, and then really listen to their answer.

A web search shows teachers' average starting salary in New Hampshire is just under \$39,000 per year; that's barely over half the \$75,000 median income in Andover. (The state-wide median income is even higher, at \$79,000.) In spite of the high academic results our schools and teachers achieve, New Hampshire teacher salaries are lower than teachers earn in half the other states of the US. Who thinks this is fair?

In New Hampshire, we are in an ever-deepening labor shortage for qualified teachers. This is only partly due to the strains the pandemic has imposed on teachers, health care workers, and others who play essential face-to-face roles. If a teacher unexpectedly misses a day, colleagues pick up extra work without compensation.

Many teachers have decided to retire early or seek other work. And why not? A teacher with four, six, or more years of expensive post-secondary education and strong professional "people-skills" is almost certainly qualified to do much more lucrative work than being a classroom teacher, and do it with less risk to their health and well-being.

I understand that for some, leaving the classroom is a melancholy but timely decision. For those that stay on, I applaud them for their unselfish dedication to making our future world a better place!

It seems that people like Brad don't actually know what teachers really do, yet they keep spreading this harmful rubbish. It is strange and suspicious to me that I have heard Brad's same story repeated almost verbatim in political circles over the past several years.

These people insist on telling the fable that our public schools are failing, that they are no good. They describe that teachers are only at work when "lecturing" in front of a class of mostly disengaged kids.

If that was the limit of Brad's educational experience, I'm sorry for him. In my experience, the most effective teachers rarely lecture, but involve their students in carefully designed interactive lessons, changing them up so the activities will be engaging and uniquely different from day to day.

But why would anyone want to tell such untruthful stories about our public schools and dedicated teachers? Perhaps the answer lies in the

See Teachers on page 7

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

Louise Andrus' View From Concord, March 2022

Louise Andrus, State Representative

Happy April! I have positive and exciting news to share with you. On March 10 we held our first House Session at Representatives Hall in the State House since 2020. Sessions were also held on March 15, 16, 17, and 31.

I was passionate about sitting in my assigned chair and being a part of history. There is so much history in our State House. If you have not seen the State House, I suggest that you call 603 271-2154 and take a guided tour, or you can do a self-guided tour anytime Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. It is a great place for a child to learn some New Hampshire history.

The following are a scant number of the bills passed on March 10.

One of the bills voted on by the full House was CACR 32 relating to independence. Providing that the state peaceably declares independence from the United States and proceeds as a sovereign nation. The House State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee voted 20-0 that this bill was Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL). One of the questions was that this bill was not constitutional.

The first vote was to Table and the results were yea 162 and nay 170. The second vote was ITL. The vote was 323 yea and 13 nay and to ITL the bill was adopted. I voted yea on both votes. A couple of the reasons I voted to ITL was the question of constitutionality; and is something of this nature feasible?

HB 1151-FN, prohibiting the display of a deadly weapon at a parade, funeral procession, picket line, march, rally vigil, or demonstration. The Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee vote on this bill was 13-6 to ITL.

Inexpedient to Legislate was adopted by the House on a roll call vote of 192 yea and 141 nay. I voted yea to ITL. New Hampshire is a "Live Free or Die" state, and the gun owners have been carrying guns for years at events without incident and in my opinion this law was not needed.

CACR 21, relating to registers of probate. Providing that eliminating the office of register of probate and all references to such office. The Judiciary Committee (this is the Committee I am on) voted 20-1 for Ought to Pass.

Was adopted by a House vote of 294 yea and 143 nay. I voted yea as several years ago the Legislature reformed the court system and established electronic filings for probate court matters. This made the registrar of probate office no

longer needed.

There is so much going on in our Country and one of the negatives is inflation. I believe the State and Federal governments temporarily need to do such things as reduce gas taxes and open and approve our oil pipelines. In my opinion we need to be self-sufficient.

I will say I was surprised how easily money was spent in, for example, the Salisbury Town Meeting and at the Merrimack Valley School District meetings. The reason I am mentioning this is with inflation and the town and school's increase in budgets, property taxes will probably increase, and who can afford more in property taxes?

Let me give an example. In the Merrimack Valley School District in which are the towns of Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, and Webster, we have over 11,000 voters. Yet at the annual meeting on March 4, a total of 239 voters with a vote of 183 yea and 56 nay passed a \$43,778,504 budget, and this did not include other monied warrant articles. This was an increase of the budget over the current budget.

By the time you read this article I hope and pray that the war in Ukraine has ended and that the people of Ukraine can return to their country. The atrocities happening to the people of that country have to be stopped. No country has a right to inflict its idea of taking over another country and causing damage to the country and its citizens.

Be safe, and have a great spring.

Teachers from page 6

State House, with bills like HB 1255 (LegiScan.com/NH/text/HB1255/2022), the "teacher loyalty act" that would force teachers to parrot nationalistic "patriotic" indoctrination. More answers might be found in HB 20 (LegiScan.com/NH/text/HB20/2021) and HB 607 (LegiScan.com/NH/text/HB607/id/2241928), which would defund our public schools and ultimately turn a portion of our tax dollars over to out-of-state, for-profit "scholarship organizations" serving religious-, private- and home-schoolers to satisfy new but ineffective requirements for "oversight."

Yet more answers can be found

in HB 1399 (LegiScan.com/NH/text/HB1399/2022), which describes how the buildings, computers, and vehicles of cooperative school districts such as our own Merrimack Valley can be legally liquidated and then doled out to towns that decide to abandon the cooperative school district.

Those of us who understand the worth of New Hampshire's constitutionally guaranteed public education "available to all," who value the dedication of our teachers and public schools, and who object to having our shared investment in our children's future bled away from our community, should be very alarmed by this cynical political effort to discredit and defund our schools.



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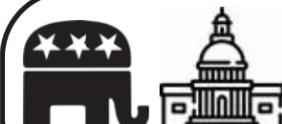
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Voters' Support of Town Yields Positive Results

Voices heard about areas of concern

Michelle Dudek
Andover Select Board

The Andover Select Board and Town personnel thank everyone who came out to vote and attend Town Meeting on March 8. This year's Town Meeting was well attended, and discussions and questions were thoughtful, respectful, and productive. Likewise, the annual meeting was efficient and expertly moderated.

The overall support for our town is promising and encouraging. Because of your support and yes-votes, we are look-

ing forward to hiring a full time Highway Department Supervisor at a competitive wage, building a Town Garage to house our Highway Department, fully funding all Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds, and providing for our town with a reasonable budget.

We hear the concern and frustration over the lack of information in the Annual Report and will work to rectify that by providing more detailed and accurate information throughout the report.

We strongly encourage all residents to attend meetings and public hearings and to reach out to the Town Administrator or Select Board with ideas, concerns, and questions.

Newly Elected Select Board Member Introduces Himself

James Delaney sworn in and "working diligently"

James Delaney, Select Board

As a newly elected Select Board member, I think I'm fitting right in with our Select Board. We have a lot of views that are the same, and that is to do all we can for the town of Andover and do it well, managing to keep our taxes down.

We are trying to make sure our town government is transparent, and we invite all town folks to attend our

Select Board meetings. If anyone has any problems that they feel need to be discussed, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We will be glad to sit down and discuss anything with you and see if we can come up with a solution to help you.

While I'm writing this, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who voted for me, and also those of you who voted for Donna Duclos. I will try to be the Selectman you all expect me to be. Thank you.

Andover Town Clerk April 2022

New Deputy Clerk has been hired

Lisa Meier, Town Clerk

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me to be your Town Clerk / Tax Collector at this year's election. I appreciate your confidence in me. I have thoroughly enjoyed the position since I started. I would also like to congratulate everyone on winning their respective positions.

Only a few changes in the office at this time – my new Deputy, Darlene Tilton, has started. We will be attending

a multitude of seminars for training in the next few months, and our office will be closed on those days. We will post those dates here at Town Hall, on the Town website, and at the Post Offices as those dates come up.

We are no longer offering Saturday hours; however, we encourage online, mail-in, and drop-off for registrations and tax payments, but your smiling faces are always still welcome as walk-ins.

Please remember, your canine friends must be registered no later than Saturday, April 30. Thank you very much.

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to all who wrote my name in for Select Board. Very appreciated.

I will continue to attend their meetings. So if you have a question, let me know and I'll try to get an answer for you.

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Success of 2022 Town Meeting Attributed to All Players

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Stuart Green and Lee Wells
Moderator and Deputy Moderator

Marked ballots have been securely sealed up. Other election materials: unused ballots, check-lists, and tally sheets have also been securely stored. Newly elected officials have been sworn in, and budget numbers have been adjusted: another successful Town Election and Meeting have been wrapped up.

None of this would happen without the commitment and dedication from dozens of volunteers and the voters themselves. We'd like to thank Lisa

Meier, Town Clerk; the Supervisors of the Checklist; the Ballot Clerks; the Runners and Greeters; the Ballot Counters; the staff at Town Hall; the staff at Andover Elementary/Middle School; the Select Board members; and the Andover Police.

Thank you to the individuals who ran for office or launched write-in campaigns.

Thanks, too, to the voters who came out for the elections and the Town Meeting. We feel both went smoothly and we are grateful for your contributions.

This is Democracy in its purest form.



Andover Police Department February 2022

The Andover Police Department handled 163 calls for service during February 2022, including:

- Assist Ambulance/Rescue: 3
- Assist Police: 9
- Assist Social Service Agencies: 2
- Civil Issue/Stand-by: 4
- Dog Bite: 1
- Domestic Dispute: 2
- Drugs/Possession: 1
- Fraud: 1
- Sexual Assault: 1
- Suspicious Circumstances: 1
- Theft: 1
- Traffic Accidents: 3
- Traffic Offense – Citation: 4
- Traffic Offense – Warning: 35

Warrant – Criminal/Civil: 3
Welfare Check: 1

Arrests

- Audrey McLeod, 50, Andover: Warrant – Bad Checks
- Anthony Abbondanza, 36, Sutton: Warrant – Conduct After Accident
- Mary Charles, 36, Andover: Breach of Bail
- Anthony Abbondanza, 36, Sutton: Theft
- Christopher Hawkins, 37, Franklin: Theft; Operation After Suspension II
- Terry Sams, 33, Plainfield: Operating After Suspension II; Suspended Registration



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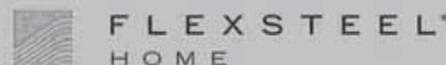
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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

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*.

Conservation Commission

February 9

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Nancy Robart, Tina Cotton, Jesse Schust, Sooze Hodgson, Lee Wells, Jerry Hersey, Jenny Bodwell

Also attending: Andy Deegan, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT)

Jesse moved that we make Sooze and Tina voting members for this meeting, seconded by Lee. All in favor.

Bog Pond Parcel: Jesse has been in touch with Andy Deegan of ASLPT as a result of concerns by the abutters who asked if that land between Bog Pond and Route 4A could be put into conservation easement. The land has wet-

lands, vernal pools, abundant wildlife, and varied plants and is in the highest-ranked biological area noted by New Hampshire Fish and Game.

Andy said that it is important that we have a plan, in case the present purchase and sales agreement falls through. Andy suspects that the landowner simply wants to make some money off it,

Minutes Online
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and Andy is not adverse to working with this kind of landowner. ASLPT is open to owning the land; they own other land in Andover.

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OFFICE HOURS

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Town Clerk & Tax Collector:
 Mon, Wed, Thu 9-2
 Tue 1:30-6:30
 Zoning Administrator: Mon 9-12,
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MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted
Cemetery Trustees: 2nd Tues, 10
 Last Thu, 7
Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7
Emergency Medical Service:
 2nd Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7
Fire Department: Mon, 7
Fourth of July: 1st Wed
 Andover Community Hub, 7
Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7 Andover or
 Bachelor 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 603 735-5332.

We would need to get a quote to take the structure down; ASLPT can only contribute up to the appraised amount of the land. We would need to have it

appraised.
 Andy has a Lands Committee meeting in March. Andy will present a plan
 See Minutes on page 11



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Minutes from page 10

for purchasing the property. If we get a fee appraisal, it would be less, roughly \$1,500. Andy has done fundraising campaigns in Andover, and they are happy to do it again. Andy thinks we could have a successful campaign.

Andy wants to go forward to his Lands Committee and Board. ASLPT would own and conserve the property.

Jesse's proposed letter to the ZBA, submitted at the meeting, recommended that the ZBA should require an official mapping of the wetland if they are so inclined to allow this current purchase agreement by Whyte Landholding, LLC.

Lee has contacted Earle Chase, Rick Libbey, and Ty Morris about this issue. Ty came up with a great suggestion that the ACC work with a real estate agent to look out for property like this coming on the market, who can try to prevent land from possibly being degraded.

Motion by Sooze, seconded by Jesse, all in favor, to present this statement at the ZBA meeting:

The ACC believes that the plans of Whyte Landholdings LLC are not compatible with the total wetland functionalities of the property parcel. If allowed there could be significant and potential-

ly permanent environmental damage, risk of pollution, negative impact on the aquifer, flora, and fauna, and the ACC therefore opposes a zoning exception for this property.

Website: Town and ACC's website still needs updating because Alan is no longer a member.

Correspondence: An email from Michelle Dudek, who would like to meet with Jesse and Nancy to go over RSAs and the ACC's responsibilities.

March Event: Kline Easement snowshoe event in Andover.

Planning Board: Status update on Conservation Subdivision. There will be an article in the March issue of the *Beacon*. Hearings helped fine-tune the proposal. It will be on the ballot.

Motion to move our March meeting to March 2: all in favor. Jesse will publicly post the change.

Beaver Deceiver: Nancy spoke with Michelle Lambert, who will connect with Marj. Michelle will continue overseeing and cleaning the BDs on her property and will need to sign a contract giving the Town peace of mind that she will take care of it.

Community Outreach: Joe Schmidl works for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and is a member of the Salisbury Histori-

cal Society. Jesse is working with him through the Andover Historical Society about giving a talk on the geology of the towns and its impact on the development of the town. Motion made by Jesse that we co-sponsor the event, seconded Jenny, all in favor.

SRK Greenway: Had Solo wilderness training for 20 people for safety in the woods. Sooze will try to do an article later on the lead (graphite) mine in Goshen.

Motion made by Jesse to send the following letter to the *Beacon*, seconded by Jenny, all in favor. Lee will send it to the *Beacon*.

"The ACC supports the adoption of the Conservation Subdivision zoning proposal. This will allow Andover to continue to preserve green space and to develop different types of housing that are needed in our town."

Action Items

Jesse: Read statement at ZBA meet-

ing.

Lee: Submit letter about Conservation subdivision.

Nancy: Talk with Mary Anne Broshek about obtaining saplings and other plants from the Merrimack Conservation District.

Work with other organizations that have some similar goals such as the Andover Garden Club.

Jenny and Jesse will meet to talk about managing the ACC website.

Jesse will work on recording a tutorial on accessing logging permits and maps on the internet.

TOWN MATTERS!

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Caption and photo: Larry Chase



The old Emery Farm, circa 1900, from *History of the Town of Andover* by John R. Eastman.

Attempt at Title Restrictions on the Emery Place Fails

Legal shenanigans thwart daughter's intentions

Ed Hiller, Andover Historical Society

Ralph Chaffee, in his book *East Andover and Its People Fifty Years Ago and Today*, includes a history of one of Andover's very earliest settlers, Captain William Emery in 1764-65. His settlement has become known as the William B. Emery place at 363 Chase Hill Road (formerly known as Emery Road). Chaffee stated that William B. Emery put a restriction in his will that the property could never be transferred out of the Emery family. This was not really the fact.

It was actually William B. Emery's daughter, Lucy Jane Aiken (wife of John D. Aiken), who established the restriction on ownership of the Emery homestead farm to direct descendants of William B. Emery. She had acquired the farm at a public auction held in 1900 to liquidate her father's estate, as directed by his will. His will placed no restrictions on any subsequent disposition of the real estate.

At her death in 1909, Lucy Jane Aiken bequeathed the farm to the three children of her niece Nellie Augusta Kidder

(all of them of Tilton), the sole living descendants, along with their mother, of William B. Emery. In a touching attempt to preserve family ownership of the homestead farm that had been in the family continuously for four generations, she stipulated in her bequest that

“The aforementioned children of Nellie A. Kidder and their descendants forever are to have and to hold



Old Emery Farmhouse circa 2017 or 2018 in winter. Photo: Pamela Cooper

the aforementioned real estate upon the condition that it shall not pass out of their ownership and possession so long as any of the said children or any of their descendants are living, my intentions and desire being that the real estate described in lines 2 and 3 should be retained and possessed by direct descendants of the late William B. Emery of Andover so long as any of his descendants are still living.”

This attempt was doomed to failure, as sketched by Ralph Chaffee. The Town of Andover and the descendants eventually implemented a plan to circumvent the restrictions established by the bequest.

In 1928 the descendants, then living in Laconia, sold off all of the standing softwood timber on the property, allowing a period of five years for its removal. At the end of that period, the Town took the farm for unpaid taxes and immediately transferred it back to one of the descendants with an unrestricted title. This allowed him to sell it, out of the family, to a Mrs. Sarah C. Woodley from Cleveland, Ohio.

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ON THE ROAD IN 1949

Walter Walker
Andover High School '49
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Monday, September 5, found us up around 9 AM and driving until we needed gas, to a place where we also got the car greased. "Darn nice grease job, and only a buck, too," says my diary.

We drove until we found a shady spot, where we stopped and I wrote some letters.

Skip Powers, a lifelong resident of Andover who joined Harold Crane and Walter Walker in the adventures recounted in *On the Road in 1949*, passed away on March 6. You'll find his obituary on page 27.

We entered Oklahoma and went through Oklahoma City. At Warner [Oklahoma] we bought a very good watermelon for only 50¢. We got on the wrong road and went 70 miles out of our way. We finally got back on our correct route and hit the sack around 9:30 PM.

On September 6 we crawled out of bed at 8 AM and crossed into Arkansas at 9:30 AM. We stopped and looked for a job at Fort Smith, with no luck. We then headed south and entered Louisiana at 3:54 PM. We had a quart of milk for lunch and drove across the state. "The stinkingest state I've ever been in," says my diary. We crossed the Mississippi at 10:30 PM at a cost of \$1.55. We drove until 11:30 PM then went to bed.

We got up at 6:30 AM on September 7, hit the road, and listened to the growl from the rear end, which meant the need for a new bearing. We entered Alabama at 1:40 PM and installed a new bearing ourselves. Cost: over \$7.00.

We drove a little way, and it began making another noise. We made it to Tuscaloosa, though. We had supper at the Conants, talked and read until about 10 PM, then hit the sack in one of their bedrooms – with air conditioning!

On September 8 we got up at 8:15 AM, had breakfast, and went to have the car fixed. The first man we saw did not dare to tackle the job, but the second would and did. When we went to get the car, we had a bill of over 14 bucks!

We looked for work, but found nothing. We had supper at the Conants and went to bed around 10 PM.

Friday, September 9, found us doing the dishes after breakfast and then off to the employment office. The only work they had was for cotton pickers, so we said, "What the heck, it's work!" and we gave it a try. We started at 9 AM and picked that white fluffy stuff as fast as

we could until 1 PM, when we weighed in. Our pay for four hours work was 73¢ – total! That ended that.

As I look back today, I think how we were ahead of our time. Many years later we all saw the rich white kids go south to pick cotton alongside the poor blacks.

One thing we all remember is the little black girl, very cute and probably about four years old, who came over to our row probably three times that morning and said, "Please, Mist'ers, will you all tell me the time?"

Back at the Conants, we had lunch, did the dishes, and I wrote some letters. We did the dishes after supper, also. This became a ritual which was helped along by the Conants' two daughters.

On Saturday, September 10 we got a job cutting brush just outside town. We were paid 50¢ per hour and made six bucks among us. We went swimming in a nearby pool and returned to the Conants for the evening meal, dishes, and to bed around 11:30 PM.

Next time you will read about how Mr. Conant finds us work.



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FNRT Donates \$110,000 to State for Extending Rail Trail to Concord

State's purchase of right-of-way is big first step

Press release

Fans and supporters of the Northern Rail Trail attended a special ceremony at Hannah Duston Park in Boscawen on March 25, to celebrate the State's recent purchase of the .6 mile right-of-way from Pan Am Railways with funds raised by FNRT from generous donors, as well as FNRT's promise to extend the Northern Rail Trail to the Concord city line.

During the ceremony, Governor Sununu was handed a ceremonial check for \$110,000 by Jack Shields, member of FNRT's board of directors and Boscawen Extension Project leader.

Jack also laid out what the rail trail's friends group has planned for extending the existing 59 mile, four-season recreational trail to Concord and improvements envisioned for the Hannah Duston Park trailhead.



Jack Shields, a member of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, hands Governor Sununu a check for the purchase of land to be used for an extension of the Rail Trail. The funds were raised through donations. Photo: Ellen Kolb



Easter sunrise, April 4, 2021.

Photo: Mary Camara

South Danbury Church News April 2022

Easter programs held from April 8 through 17

Linda Wilson, South Danbury Church

We invite everyone to share in our April church events, which are centered on Easter.

Easter Happy Hour will be held on Friday, April 8, from 3 to 5 PM. Free lemonade and goodies. Easter breads, hot cross buns, baked goods, and pies. Homemade baked beans, meals to go, casseroles, chili, soups, stews, sides,

and more.

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Maundy Thursday Service will be See Church on page 15

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Andover Community Church: Holy Week and Easter Events

Easter Sunday sunrise service on Maple Street

Donna Thompson
Andover Community Church

As I write this, it is snowing outside. I'm looking forward to spring! It is just around the corner.

On Sunday, April 10, we will be celebrating Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week. It is celebrated by the blessing and distribution of palm branches. Some have asked, What is the true meaning of Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday? It is a celebration that commemorates and honors Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem. Services are at 8 AM and 10 AM with palm branches.

The 15th of April is Good Friday. This day is a solemn day of the year for Christians, a day when we remember Christ's death on the cross for all. We remember the suffering He endured for our sake. We are reminded of the depths of His love for us. We'll gather at 7 PM to reflect upon these things through an ancient service of music, prayer, and readings.

Two days later, on the 17th, is Easter Sunday. There will be a sunrise service on Maple Street at 6 AM followed by a breakfast with coffee and refreshments at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. A good old-fashioned Easter Egg Hunt for the church and community happens at 9:15 AM, with Easter Services following at 10 AM at the church. All are welcomed as we celebrate this special day.

On Saturday, April 16 we will be sell-

ing pre-made meals, also some baked goods. These are scrumptious meals (BBQ meatloaf and chili) that only need heating up when you get home. They will be sold at the Highland Lake Grange Hall from 11 AM to 2 PM. Funds raised go to further improve the Grange Hall.

On Saturday, May 28 we will be starting up the Rummage Sales. We are asking if anyone wishes to donate items to please wait until the week of the sale. Just a reminder: no electronics of any kind. If items need to be plugged in or run on batteries please be sure they work.

If there are any questions, please contact Donna Thompson at 603 744-6858. Also, there will be pre-made meals and baked goods. We look forward to seeing everyone. These sales will continue through the summer and into the fall, on the last Saturday of each month.

Our "mission of the month" is helping Ukrainian families during these troubled times. We are sending prayers for them to be safe and protected. The church is giving funds for the cause through the Anglican Relief and Development Fund. If you would like to contribute, earmark your checks to ARDF-Ukraine and bring them by the church or mail them to Andover Community Church, PO Box 211, East Andover NH 03231.

We welcome you to check out our website at AndoverCommunityNH.org, where there is a lot of information to discover. So much is going on in this community church family.

We hope you have a blessed, safe, and healthy month. 

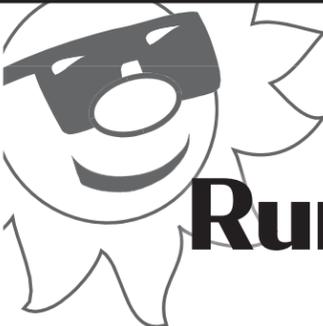
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held on Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 PM.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 5:45 AM at the intersection of Frazier and Walker Brook Roads, looking toward Ragged Mountain and Mount Kearsarge.

The South Danbury Church at 1411

US Route 4 in South Danbury is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, UCC. Follow us at Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church on Facebook; call or text 603 491-3196; or email SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com for more information. 



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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail February 16, 2022

Condensed from draft minutes.

Board Attendees: Alex Bernhard, Amy Chan, Barbara Couturier, George Heaton, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Ricker Miller, Jack Shields

Committee Member: Patrice Rasche

Welcome Guest: Gary LeBlanc, Scenic RailRiders, Concord

Treasurer's Report: With Treasurer Dustin Ladd absent, the Board appreciated Dustin's Report and Balance Sheet, and, confident that all is in good order, tabled further discussion until the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Trail Building and Maintenance: With Chair Don Moyer, absent, the Board appreciated Don's brief email update and tabled further discussion until the next meeting.

Marketing and Promotion: Chair Lindy Heim, reported that the committee will meet on February 17 to consider a variety of issues. One was discussed.

As the FNRT logo is in need of a vector-image format, Jack Shields informed us of a volunteer offer from a professional in the field to do so. The Board is grateful for this offer, and authorized Jack to bring it to fruition.

Technology Committee: Chair Cody Hussey being out of the country, discussion of this committee's work was

postponed until next meeting.

New Business

A draft letter from FNRT in support of the Merrimack River Greenway fundraising efforts was presented to the Board. It received hearty, unanimous approval.

Scenic RailRiders: Gary LeBlanc told us that the northern end of his Scenic RailRiders lease ends in Boscawen where the US Route 4 bridge crosses the Trail. We thank Gary for his presence and look forward to working together.

Legislative Initiatives: Alex Bernhard reported the good news that more money, through Federal infrastructure funding, is likely to come to New Hampshire and eventually to trails throughout the state. In addition, efforts are also underway to propose changes to State law so as to allow highway toll credits to be used as matching funds for projects such as the RTP projects that FNRT undertakes.

The Biggest News: The New Hampshire Governor and Council has just approved the purchase by NHDOT of the right-of-way for the Extension of the Northern Rail Trail in Boscawen. This puts the Boscawen Extension of the Trail one step closer to reality!

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16, at 5 PM via Zoom. 

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Durham County Poets will perform at Franklin Opera House on Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 PM.

Durham County Poets Bring Soulful Blues to Franklin Opera House

Inspired by The Band, James Taylor, and others

Press release

Franklin Opera House welcomes Durham County Poets on Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 PM. This lively, soulful group was born out of the vibrant music scene of Ormstown, Quebec in

Canada, once called County Durham.

These seasoned musicians, all of whom are also songwriters, manage to work together individually and collaboratively in composing their music. Delving into a variety of styles and genres, their musical influences include a broad range of artists from The Band

See Blues on page 18



Ann and Marc Davis earned the 2022 designation of Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year.

Woods Without Gile Talk Focuses on Tree Farmers' Stewardship

Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year 2022

Press release

The Wilmot Public Library and the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) will cosponsor an in-person

talk and slide show by Ann and Marc Davis at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 27, at the WCA's Red Barn at 64 Village Road in Wilmot.

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Apiarist Will Present Honeybee Lecture to Celebrate Earth Day

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Mary Lou McCrave
Andover Garden Club

Earth Day, also known as Mother Earth Day, celebrates its 52nd anniversary on Friday, April 22 with the theme Invest in Our Planet. In observance of this theme, on Wednesday, April 27 at 6 PM, the Andover Garden Club will host Apiarist Kim Pease, who will present “Why Honeybees are Important and Other Pollinators.”

Kim will discuss honey bee biology and behavior, demonstrating with an actual hive – without the bees! Participants will learn about the danger of pesticides and what they can do to help the honey bee and other pollinators, including the role that native plants play.

Kim has been a beekeeper for five years and is currently enrolled in the Cornell University Master Beekeeper Program. We are so very fortunate that Kim is also a member of our club!

In addition, meeting attendees will hear reports from the various club committees and will learn about plans and activities of the Beautification, Program and Education, Hospitality, Fundraising, and Special Events Committees, and how they can help.

This meeting is free and open to all. As in past meetings, please consider purchasing a raffle ticket or making a donation to support our education programs and civic beautification efforts.

Thanks to a donation of a 55-inch smart TV, during the month of April club members will be able to tune in to Fine Gardening’s webinar series Sustainability in the Garden. The series will be held each Tuesday (April 5, 12, 19, and 26) from 6 to 7 PM. Each

session is taught by a leading expert in the field and includes informative handouts.

Topics include: ideas for sustainable garden design; naturalistic approaches to landscape planning; native alternatives for common plants; pollinator-friendly plant selections; habitat conservation at the backyard level; steps



A honey bee gathers nectar from a dandelion flower, one of the first sources of food found in spring.

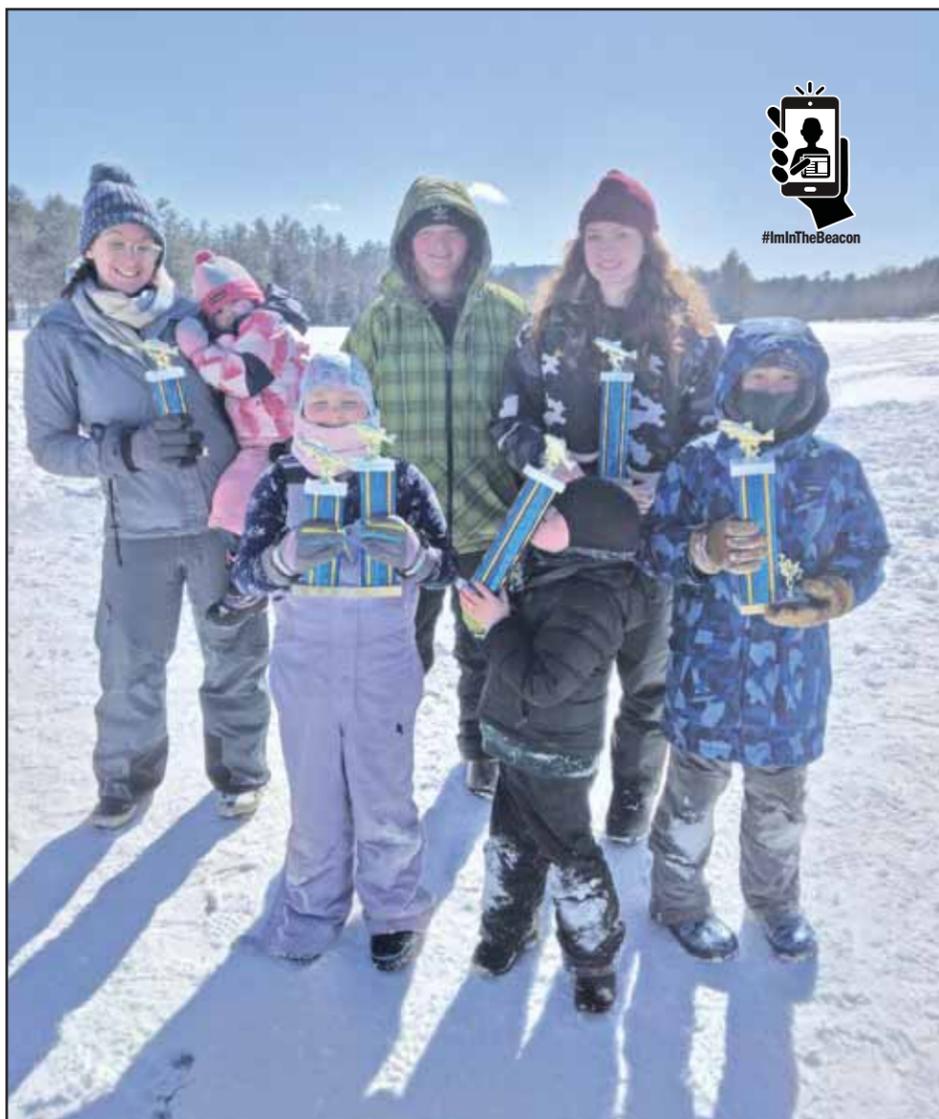
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for enhancing soil sustainability; and conditional improvements for successful native-plant integration.

This is a member-only offering and the fee for the entire series is only \$10 per person. It’s so much more fun to learn with a group of friends, reserve while there’s still space! To reserve, call or text 603 568-4194 or email AndoverNH-GardenClub@gmail.com. Refreshments are provided.

Many thanks to our generous donor, Kathleen Ordway, for making this webinar series and other similar classes possible!

The Andover NH Garden Club is a program of the Andover Community Hub and membership is free and open to all. New members are always welcome – call, text, or email for more information.



#InTheBeacon

The Andover Fish and Game Club’s annual Ice Fishing Derby took place on Highland Lake on a bright, sunny day in February. In one category, Ian Szilagyi won first place with his 19 7/8 inch pickerel. Dashani Mariah won second place with a 19 1/2 inch, and Haddie Huyler third place with a 17 inch catch. In the other category, Lincoln Huyler won first place with an 11 1/8 inch perch, Haddie Huyler with a 10 1/2 inch, and Leon Nguyen with a 7 1/4 inch catch. Hanna Forge caught an 8 1/4 inch fish.

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Parent-Child Playgroup Hopes to Launch at the Hub This Spring

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

Several Andover parents are hoping to launch a weekly parent/child playgroup for infants to five-year-olds, to begin this spring on Wednesday mornings at the Andover Community Hub. Other parents with preschool kids who would enjoy some play time with other children are asked to contact Alison Holler at 505 234-5784 by phone or text, or at AlisonMineko@icloud.com to let her know of their interest.

The group would offer a chance for

indoor social play, some activities and crafts, as well as a chance for parents to get to know each other. Moms or dads would stay with their children and share in planning and carrying out developmentally appropriate group activities. The group may also be looking for donations of good basic toys, puzzles, and books, once the group has further developed their plans.

For information about the Hub and to be added to the Hub's ongoing email list, parents and any other interested readers can contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.

Favorite Pre-Pandemic Event, Paint and Sip, Returns to the Hub

Saturday, April 9;
no masks required

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

Paint and Sip, a favorite pre-pandemic event at the Andover Community Hub, will return (without masks required!) on Saturday, April 9, from 5 to 7 PM. A chance to sip a glass of wine, grab a paintbrush, and give one's creative side free rein, Paint and Sip is a sociable and light-hearted evening guided by Andover artist Molly Leith. While producing his or her own piece

of "fun art," participants can experiment with form, color, value, and shading, while creating their own colorful still life based on "Blue and White Plate with Oranges," inspired by Piet Mondrian.

Paint and Sip is limited to 12 participants; advance registration required; prepayment guarantees a spot. The \$25 fee includes wine, soda, snacks, and art supplies. To register, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com. Payment can be mailed to The Andover Hub, PO Box 157, Andover NH 03216, or dropped off in the mail slot to the right of the Hub's front door.

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Woods from page 16

Year, live in Wilmot.

"Woods Without Gile – Our Journey to the Land That Time Forgot" will focus on the Davises' stewardship of the woodlot in Springfield and Wilmot they have owned for nearly 20 years.

Using photographs of views, plants and animals, timber harvests, and people working and enjoying the land, the Davises will introduce the audience to their work at the property.

"Woods Without Gile is beautiful," Ann Davis said. "Marc and I, with help from many skilled professionals, have done our best to ensure the land grows healthy trees, provides habitat for wildlife, protects the water resources (of which there are many on the property) and provides a network of maintained trails where the public can walk."

The speakers will ask all attendees to wear masks during this program. For information, contact Jodi Hedderig at WCA@WilmotWCA.org.

Blues from page 16

to Dire Straits, and from James Taylor to Muddy Waters. They have managed to weave it all together to create their own musical style.

They stand out for their original blend of blues, gospel, and folk. With four acclaimed albums under their belt, including their latest effort, *Hand Me Down Blues* from September of 2019, produced by Bill Garret, they have made it to several "Best-of" lists and charted on satellite and community

blues radio stations.

They have released four indie albums in 10 years, with their latest almost-all-blues effort receiving a JUNO Awards nomination, followed by two Maple Blues nominations and a 2021 Canadian Folk Music Awards nomination for lead vocalist Kevin Harvey. In 2020 they took home the JUNO Award for Blues Album of the Year.

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A variety of handmade tote bags from the Crafty Fox are available at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop. Caption and photo: Nancie Jacobson

Thrift and Gift Shop April Special Features \$5 Bag Sale

Also featuring local artisan creations

Nancie Jacobson
Andover Thrift and Gift Shop

Mark your calendar for a stop at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop this month, and take advantage of the annual \$5 bag sale!

That's right. During the month of April, shoppers can fill a full-size brown bag of clothing items for just \$5. The shop has a great selection of new and gently used clothing for the whole family, including the kids! From casual clothing to attire for an occasion, you'll find great bargains at the shop.

See ASC on page 21



From designer suits to casual sweaters for spring, you'll find a great selection at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop.

Caption and photo: Nancie Jacobson



Liz Dymont of Wilmot will be offering a barre class, followed by a yoga class, at the Andover Community Hub on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Photo: Susan Chase

The Hub Now Offers "Mind Body Barre" Classes Each Week

Followed by "Slow Flow Yoga" class

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

Even if you haven't heard of barre yourself, its reputation as a workout with amazing results has been widespread since its development in the 1950s as practiced by Marilyn Monroe, Audrey

Hepburn, and, more recently, by actress Natalie Portman. It's a workout that strengthens the whole body with low-impact, high-intensity movements set to upbeat music, often described as a combination of ballet, yoga, and Pilates.

Certified barre and yoga teacher Liz Dymont of Wilmot (pictured above in the Hub's studio) is now offering two
See Barre on page 21



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Andover Libraries Page

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

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When the Shooting Starts, William W. Johnstone
Road of Bones, James R. Benn
Nothing to Lose, JA Jance
One Step Too Far, Lisa Gardner
Joan Is Okay, Weike Wang
City of the Dead, Jonathan Kellerman
Abandoned in Death, JD Robb
The Horsewoman, James Patterson and Mike Lupica
Caramel Pecan Roll Murder, Joanne Fluke
Oathbringer, Brandon Sanderson
Gwendy's Final Task, Stephen King and Richard Chizmar
Fallen Mountains, Kimi Cunningham Grant

The Innocent Man, John Grisham

Adult Nonfiction

Sea Stories: My Life in Special Operations, William H. McRaven
The Age of AI and Our Human Future, Henry Kissinger, Eric Schmidt, and Daniel Huttenlocher

Children's Books

Big Nate: Beware of Low-Flying Corn Muffins, Lincoln Peirce
Little Excavator, Anna Dewdney
Just a Piggy Bank, Gina and Mercer Mayer
Dear Reader: A Love Letter to Libraries, Tiffany Rose
Everything Will Be OK, Anna Dewdney
My Weirdest School, Books 5 to 7, Dan Gutman
The Traitor's Son, Pedro Urvi
The Lost Heir: The Gryphon Chronicles, Book 1, EG Foley

WA Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

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The Age of AI and Our Human Future, Henry Kissinger, Eric Schmidt, and Daniel Huttenlocher
Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals, Oliver Burkeman
Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an American City, Andrea Elliott
Lincoln and the Fight for Peace, John Avlon
Madhouse at the End of the Earth: The Belgica's Journey into the Dark Antarctic Night, Julian Sancton

Permaculture for Beginners, Nicole Faires

Ultimate Guide to Natural Farming and Sustainable Living, Nicole Faires

Middle Grade/Young Adult

Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?, Leslie Connor
A Song Called Home, Sara Zarr

Children's Books

And Tango Makes Three, Justin Richardson
Little Blue Truck's Valentine, Alice Schertle
There's a Ghost in This House, Oliver Jeffers
Tomatoes for Neela, Padma Lakshmi

DVDs

King Richard (nominated for Best Picture)
Nightmare Alley (nominated for Best Picture)
West Side Story (nominated for Best Picture)
The Windermere Children
All Creatures Great and Small, Season 2

Andover Libraries April 2022

April is Poetry Month; Earth Day is April 22

Lee Wells and Priscilla Poulin
Andover Libraries

Who said "I was created to love New Hampshire"? Read on for the answer.

By Friday, April 1, we should know who won "Best Picture" for 2022. Can you name that film? Can you name the film that won "Best Picture" the year you were born? The first color motion picture film to win? The only X-rated film to win? The two films directed by women that have won? The film that received 14 nominations, but did not win "Best Picture"? The only foreign language film to win? Swing by either library to check out our collections of films that won Best Picture from the Academy of Motion Picture Art and Sciences.

Friday, April 22 is Earth Day. Swing by either library to check out our environmental books or books on sustainability. You could check out books on gardening and get a head start on the season.

Remember that thanks to the Andover Conservation Commission, there is a Pullerbear Pro at the Andover Library that you can check out. A Pullerbear is a tool designed to easily remove saplings and invasive vines. It is much easier on your back than tugging on the vine or sapling, and it is better for the environment than using chemicals!

If you do borrow it, it is critical that you return it clean. Please wash it so that there is no dirt, bits of invasive vine or urushiol (the nasty oil in poison ivy that causes the rash and the itch) on it when you return it.

The Bachelder Library will have blue trash bags available for people who would like to do some Earth Day clean up around town. Swing by the library and pick up some bags.

It would be great if you could separate the trash as you pick it up. Please put glass containers in one bag, aluminum cans in another bag, and trash in a third bag. Please take the bags to the Transfer Station and recycle the glass and aluminum and throw away the trash.

The Book Club will meet at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 27 at the Bachelder Library to discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. "*Homegoing* is a historical novel that traces the descendants of two half-sisters, Effia and Esi, born into different villages in Ghana. The sisters' lives follow different paths: Effia marries a wealthy Englishman and lives in Cape Coast Castle, while Esi is captured during a raid and sold into slavery."

Homegoing has won several major awards, including the American Book Award, the PEN Hemingway award for debut fiction, and it has made the list of *The New York Times* 100 Notable Books of 2016. Swing by either library to pick up a copy.

Spring should be in full force by the end of the month. Please join the WABL Walkers every Monday and Wednesday at 10:30 AM to enjoy the beauty of spring in Andover on our loop of Chase Hill Road, Emery Road, and the Rail Trail.

Borrowing our State Park Pass from either library is another great way to enjoy spring in New Hampshire. Please remember that you need to reserve the pass at least one day in advance.

By the way, April is Poetry Month, and the quote at the beginning of this newsletter is from New Hampshire's very own Poet Laureate and National Poet Laureate, Donald Hall. Check out the poetry collections at both libraries.

Please feel free to let us know of any books you would like to have us purchase for the libraries, or if there are any activities or programs you would like to see take place at our libraries. 

Janet Moore
Trustee, Andover Libraries

Louise Erdrich's new novel, *The Sentence*, takes place in Minneapolis during the time of George Floyd's death and the onset of COVID. Like the author herself, Louise owns Birchbark Books, a small and independent bookstore whose focus is primarily on Native writings, although the store does serve the needs of eclectic readers.

The staff includes Tookie and Jackie, Tookie's former teacher, who kept her supplied with books during Tookie's six

year prison term. Two former friends had set her up in a drug smuggling situation, and her arresting officer, tribal policeman Pollux, became her partner. They are living somewhat happily ever after when several things happen.

Pollux' daughter Hetta appears toting a newborn named Jarvis, and that changes the entire atmosphere of relationships and the house itself. The father is not in residence, but gradually it appears that he may be the odd duck from the bookstore.

Through the Reading Glasses, April 2022

Former difficult reader, dead and cremated, Flora returns to haunt the store and Tookie specifically. Don't forget the uproar of the protests surrounding George Floyd's murder, followed by the incoming plague.

The bookstore weathers the pandemic magnificently, due to renewed interest in matters race-based and indigenous. Flora steps up her mischief by attacking Tookie. And then the plague arrives at the house's doorstep.

I can't tell you any more, but just

know that the humor revolves around Tookie; she's one of those characters to whom everything happens, both on a molecular scale and an epic one. Settle yourself in for an illuminating experience and don't forget the title, because sentences are at the crux of this story.

April is the month to celebrate poetry. Try some Amanda Gorman, the inauguration poet whose new books are in the Andover libraries, and look up *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd*. Now who penned that? 



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SRK Greenway Annual Meeting Features Dave Anderson

Guest speaker from
Forest Society

Press release

On Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 5 PM, the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition will hold its 2022 Annual Meeting. This year the meeting will be in person and will be held at the White Church in North Sutton, overlooking Kezar Lake.

Members and guests are welcome. There will be a brief annual business meeting at which the new SRK officers will be announced and a few of the SRK's accomplishments from 2021 and 2022 will be highlighted. The guest speaker will follow the brief business meeting.

Sorry! There will be no potluck supper before the meeting this year. Watch for an announcement later in the summer for an SRK-sponsored barbecue.

The guest speaker will be Dave Anderson, speaking about The Forest History and Land Protection History of Mount Sunapee.

"Beginning in 1911, Philip Ayers of the fledgling Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

worked with Sunapee resident Herbert Welch and others to forever protect the core 656 acres on the north slopes of Mount Sunapee. Eventually the Forest Society's Mount Sunapee ownership exceeded 2,100 acres, including Lake Solitude and the summit ridge.

"Subsequently, the Great Hurricane of '38 and the Sunapee Ridge fire in October 1947 reshaped the forestland at



Mount Sunapee, with the exception of protected pockets of old growth forest still found on the peak today."

Join Dave Anderson, Senior Director of Education for the New Hampshire Forest Society, to re-learn some of the forgotten early history of Mount Sunapee.

Barre from page 19

45-minute "Mind Body Barre" classes each week at the Andover Community Hub: Tuesdays at 8:30 AM and Thursdays at 11:45 AM. Liz challenges participants to come to two "Mind Body Barre" classes each week for three weeks to feel more energized and stronger.

Immediately following "Mind Body Barre" on both days is a 45-minute

"Slow Flow Yoga" class, also taught by Liz. Participants are welcome to take part in either or both. All her classes are offered on a drop-in basis, "by donation," with no set fee. For more information and to check out the live-streaming option for her classes, readers can go to Liz's Facebook page, her website at LizDyment.com, or contact her at LizDyment@gmail.com.

Thrift & Gift from page 19

Jewelry and consignments are not included in the bag sale, but you will still enjoy the shop's everyday low prices on both.

Need a special gift for a friend or loved one? How about a handmade tote bag from the Crafty Fox? The shop also carries a full line of Cardigan Mountain Soaps, lotions, and gift sets, including the sought-after "Gardeners Healing Hands Soap," a perfect gift for the start of spring!

Looking to donate or consign spring and summer items? The shop is now accepting new or gently used and laun-

dered men's, women's, and children's clothing and accessories. We do not accept footwear. The shop's consignment percentages are the best in the area!

Whether you need a new outfit, a gift, or a card, visit the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop first and support the non-profit Andover Service Club with your purchase.

The shop is located beside the Andover Elementary/Middle School at 26 School Street in Andover. Interested in being a featured artisan with our shop? Stop by or contact us for more information at ASCThriftAndGift@gmail.com. Booking now for spring and summer spaces!

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Annual Choose Franklin Community Day Returns

Saturday, May 14; seeking vendors

Press release

Come join in some community fun at the 18th annual Choose Franklin Community Day on Saturday, May 14, rain or shine at Odell Park in Franklin from 10 AM to 2 PM. This is an outdoor event, so plan accordingly.

Highlighted activities include the Hero Hustle 5K Fun Run/Walk at 8 AM; the River Road Extension Parade at 10 AM from Franklin High School to Odell Park; a rock wall, bungee jump, game truck, bounce houses, and more!

Visit with vendors and community partners from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Booth spaces are available to non-Franklin businesses. We are accepting vendor registrations until Wednesday, April 20. Registrations received after April 21 will be charged a late fee. For more information, contact Krystal at 603 934-2118.

Visit FranklinNH.org/parks-recreation/pages/community-day for the participation agreement and other information.



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Franklin Animal Shelter Reopens After Recent Renovations

Now accepting cat and dog surrenders

Press release

The Franklin Animal Shelter is delighted to announce to the community that we have reopened our doors to the public. The shelter has been closed for renovations since the end of 2021.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our staff, volunteers, and board members we are ready to reopen and ready to continue our mission of helping the dogs and cats of the greater Franklin area. We would particularly like to thank Cyr Lumber of Tilton, Sherwin Williams in Laconia, and Capitol Paint and Wallpaper of Concord for their generous donation of materials that helped make our renovations possible.

We can only accept dog and cat surrenders, and only from the following towns: Andover, Boscawen, Franklin, Hill, Salisbury, and Tilton. Surrenders are by appointment only and can be set up by calling the shelter at 603 934-4132.

For more information, visit FranklinAnimalShelter.com.



Franklin Animal Shelter Plans Spring Fundraising Events

50/50 Raffle, 5K Run/Walk, Golf Tournament

Press release

The Franklin Animal Shelter, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping dogs and cats in the Lakes Region, is announcing the beginning of their 2022 spring fundraising season. The shelter, which saw a brief closure to the public due to renovations at the end of 2021, continues to provide care and assistance to abused, neglected, and unwanted dogs and cats in the greater Franklin area.

To better serve the community of Franklin and surrounding towns, the shelter has begun its spring fundraising efforts with a goal of raising at least \$20,000 over the next four months through a combination of grants, fundraising events, and community donations.

“The need for the services our shelter provides has never been greater,” says Jeff LeBlanc, marketing coordinator for the shelter. “With spring coming, we expect to have many more kittens showing up on our doorstep very soon. We plan to use these funds to provide the best care possible to all the dogs and cats that come to us.”

The shelter is planning three major fundraising events this spring. The first is their Lucky Paw 50/50 raffle, in which 200 tickets will be sold at \$50 a ticket, making for a winning ticket of up to \$5,000. Note that taxes will be withheld prior to payout.

Tickets can be purchased online at the shelter website, in person at the

shelter, or at Wyatt’s Family Restaurant in Franklin. The winner will be drawn live during the Franklin Community Day on May 14, 2022 in Odell Park.

The second is the eighth annual 5K Run/Walk event, scheduled for the weekend of May 29 at the Paul Smith Elementary School in Franklin and sponsored by Watts Water Technologies. This year, the event will be held live at 9 AM on Sunday, May 29. This event is held in cooperation with Millennium Running.

The third event is the fourth annual Golf Tournament, being held on Monday, June 20 at the Lochmere Country Club in Tilton. Local businesses can sponsor a hole for \$150, giving each one a sign at a different hole on the day of the event.

For those wanting to play, early bird pricing of \$115 per player is available until Saturday, April 30, after which the price goes up to \$125 per player. The shelter particularly would like to see local first responders come out to play this year.

Both the 5K and golf events are currently looking for sponsors and participants. Information for all events can be found on the shelter’s web page at FranklinAnimalShelter.com/events.

As always, the Board of Directors and staff of the shelter want to thank the generous people in the communities we serve, including Andover. We could not do what we do without you, and we hope you will all continue to make a difference by joining us at our fundraising events.



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Drake's Place in Andover (left) received the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce award for Rookie Business of the Year in January. Tim Mathewson (right) of Millennial Moving Solutions in Andover was named Young Professional of the Year.
Photos: Ashlee Rowley

Andover Business, Professional Each Win a Chamber Award

Drake's Place, Tim Mathewson recognized

Press release

During the 2022 annual meeting of the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce (LSRCC), two Andover business professionals were among the annual award winners.

Rookie Business of the Year went to Drake's Place in Andover. According to the award citation, "Drake's place is an amazing new restaurant and market in Andover. It is owner-run and operated by the nicest couple, Nate and Shelby, and named after their two-year-old son, Drake. The food is top notch and usually prepared solely by Nate, executed perfectly and with a creative, farm-to-table menu.

"On top of the amazing food, they have a farmers' market where one can buy meat, dairy, and produce from local farms as well as baked goods and homemade apparel. By supporting this local business, customers are also supporting other local businesses, which is an incredible concept, and we are thrilled to see it in Andover."

Young Professional of the Year went to Tim Mathewson of Millennial Moving Solutions in Andover. According to the award citation: "Tim is a young man with an enormous potential to boost our communities. He has become a very prominent person around the Lake Sunapee community. Besides being from the area, he has a genuine love of the region, the businesses, and the families that make up the Lake Sunapee area he is part of."

"He is the co-owner of a local business which has found success right away. Furthermore, he is full of bright ideas to use his space on Main Street in Andover to better the greater community. He is involved with local charities and very generous with his time and efforts.

"Tim has been integral in several community service projects and has been working on several new ideas. He is a savvy businessman who has a keen sense of civic responsibility and its importance in the marketplace. We are sure that the Lake Sunapee Region will be hearing a lot more from this amazing young professional, and our area, our region and our communities will be better for his presence in it."

"Note: Tim is also a new member of the LSRCC Board of Directors." 

Senior Luncheon Resumes for Final Spring Gathering

Thursday, April 21 for registered guests

Press release

Organizers of the popular senior luncheons in Wilmot have decided the time has come to invite all previously registered Kearsarge Area Luncheon guests to gather for a hot lunch, a little entertainment, and the company of others at noon on Thursday, April 21 at the First Congregational Church in Wilmot Center.

Folks who attended before will be contacted by phone asking for confirmation that they wish to reserve a seat at the table. Please use your best judgment as to whether to attend, as masking will be suggested but not required.

The six sponsors of the Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheons are pleased to

be able to host this last luncheon of the spring season. Luncheons hope to resume in the fall and continue through the cold months into 2023. Fingers are crossed.

A quick reminder; the Community Action Program of Concord, which provides the delicious hot meals for the occasion, will be selling frozen meals-to-go for guests to take home as they leave the building.

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Indian Museum Seeks Volunteers for Indoor and Outdoor Opportunities

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Press release

The Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner will be opening for the season on Sunday, May 1, and is looking for volunteers. Positions include a variety of indoor and outdoor opportunities, from lending a hand for a few hours with an event, to helping on a regular basis in the gift shop, gardening, overseeing building maintenance, or helping to plan events.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum may contact Barbara at: Volunteer@IndianMuseum.org, or call 603 456-2600.

Veterans Home Offers New Licensed Nursing Assistant Course

Press release

The New Hampshire Veterans Home (NHVH) is now accepting applications for their new, in-house Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) course. Students will earn hourly wages while learning in the expense-paid course. The competitive salary includes a 15% enhancement of the base pay available for all NHVH nursing positions.

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Students who make a commitment to providing exceptional care at NHVH will receive education in both a classroom setting and through clinical hours. Additional paid hours may be available during training, up to 29.5, including nights and weekends.

Successful completion of the course prepares students for the Board of Nursing license exam. After completing training and passing the exam, students will apply for full- or part-time positions to serve our state's veterans.

Applications for the LNA course are due by Thursday, April 7. Applications are available at NH.gov: click Careers; click NH State Government Job Opportunities; click Search for Jobs; enter Tilton in the Location box; click Search Jobs; and apply for one of the six LNA Trainee positions. Additional information is available from NHVH Human Resources team at Careers@NHVH.NH.gov or 603 527-4400.

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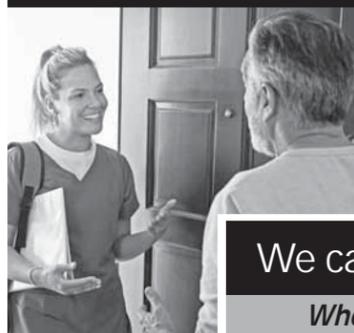
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The summer scene at Marshall's Garage across from Elkins Beach, circa 1985.

Marshall's Garage Celebrates 75th Anniversary in 2022

Customer celebration event this summer

David Marshall, Marshall's Garage

Marshall's Garage, located in Elkins, is excited to celebrate our 75th anniversary this year. We want to say thank you to all of our valued customers who have helped us reach this milestone. We invite you to continue your walk through history with us. Along those lines, here is some background on how we started:

The business was started in 1947 by my grandfather, Leroy (Roy) Marshall, and his wife Francis. "Franny," as she was called, was a nurse at New London Hospital for many years, and people remember her for delivering many babies along with Bill Clough in the old hospital and the "new hospital."

"Roy" previously worked for the telephone company in New London and Little's Garage, which was a Chevrolet car dealership in New London. He was a car salesman and a mechanic at Little's.

In 1947 he built and opened his own repair shop at his residence in Elkins. The story is that he hand shoveled the ground for where the foundation was poured. At some point early on, gas pumps were installed, and they sold gas and did repairs.

His son Ralph worked at the garage for 15 or so years after getting out of the Air Force in about 1957. In 1967, a five-bay garage was added on the property to accommodate the growing business.

In 1978, grandson David Marshall started working there full time after completing technical school in Manchester. That's me ... although I worked there as a kid pumping gas and learning car repair skills starting at age 12 ... that would have been about 1970.

When I look at 12-year-olds today, I

can't even imagine them being able to do the stuff we did when we were that age, but that's another story.

David's wife Carla has worked as a service advisor and bookkeeper at different times as the need required.



Roy Marshall with Paul Gross, around 1947.

Somewhere in the 2000s ... fourth-generationers and great-granddaughters of Roy and Franny, Kate and Devon have done various jobs at the shop from being lowly lemonade stand entrepreneurs, shop cleaners, and finally progressing to bookkeeper.

Currently, great-granddaughter Devon is the general manager. Fifth-generationer is Casey Piquette ... great-great-granddaughter of Roy. She does some radio advertising for the shop.

The business has grown over the years, from a one-man shop to nine people currently, but our primary goal has always been to provide great customer service, great car repairs, and great advice. We couldn't have done it without our loyal customers!

A customer appreciation event is being planned for sometime this summer. Stay tuned for more information. 🚚



A nostalgic photo of Marshall's Garage, in Elkins, 1960s. Rumor has it that Roy Marshall dug the foundation for the garage by hand.



A more recent photo of Marshall's Garage, taken in 1990.



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OBITUARIES

STEPHANIE BROWN FEHM, a 50-year resident of Davis, California, died on January 26, 2022 after bravely living with cancer for over two years.

Stephanie was born in October, 1940 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to Barbara (Nath) and Chester Brown. She grew up in Kent, Connecticut and spent summers in Campton, New Hampshire at her beloved family home on Mad River. She attended St. Mary's School for Girls in Peekskill, New York and later Northampton School for Girls, in Northampton, Massachusetts, from which she graduated in 1958.



After graduation, she entered the nursing program at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut from which she graduated in 1961. She continued to practice as a registered nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital. The family moved to Florence, Italy where her husband, Tony, worked on his Ph.D. in Art History. After returning to the United States, the family settled in Davis, California, and she always returned to New Hampshire for as many summers as possible.

In California Stephanie continued to practice nursing and later became a nurse practitioner. She was a member of one of the first classes to graduate from University of California, Davis, Nurse Practitioner Program when it was established in the 1970s.

Stephanie worked as a nurse practitioner in rural health clinics and in vulnerable communities during her clinical career. She went on to become a labor representative for the California Nurses Association until she retired in 2005. Through her hard work, along with all the dedicated people at CNA, nurses in California have safer working

conditions, higher salaries, better benefits, and more secure retirements.

Stephanie was a life-long FDR Democrat and an ardent women's rights advocate. Over the years she worked for numerous candidates both on the local and national level. She was passionate about her civic obligation to be an informed voter and an active participant in the democratic process.

In retirement she became deeply involved with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program in Davis. She served on a variety of committees and enjoyed a host of friends and courses.

In one of her OLLI writing classes, she wrote: "I would want to be remembered as a good and loyal mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. I hope that I would be remembered as a fair person, one who tried to treat all people equally. It would please me if others would remember me for two absolute rules: never cross a picket line or buy art to match the furniture!"

Stephanie was also an active and devoted grandparent to her three granddaughters. When they were young, she picked them up from school, took care of them when they were sick, and attended every school function and athletic event. She was a powerful support and role model.

Stephanie was predeceased by her father, Chester; mother, Barbara; brother, Jonathan; and sister, Katharine. She is survived by her daughter, Gretchen (Ian) Blake, Sacramento, California; her granddaughters, Anna Blake, Portland, Oregon; Allison Blake, Berkeley, California; Elizabeth Blake, Santa Cruz, California; her sister, Susan Norris (Tim), Andover, New Hampshire; and her nephew, Matthew Norris, Seattle, Washington, along with many cousins.

Stephanie's family could not have managed her final weeks without the loving care, professionalism, and unwavering support from Lisa Saephan, RN and Vihn Tran at Honest Living. We will be forever indebted.

Her family would also like to express gratitude and thanks to Mercy Cancer Center, Sutter Home Health, Sutter Hospice, and Sutter Davis Medical Group for their commitment and dedication to Stephanie's care.

Stephanie was a woman of substance, determination, and kindness. She was greatly loved, will be hugely missed, and long remembered.

New Hampshire was always in her heart, and Stephanie's hope was to get back again for a visit. There will be a summer family gathering and remem-

brance at Mad River Cemetery, Upper Road, Campton. For all her friends and family in the Davis area, there will be a celebration of her life at a later date.

For more information, please email: Steph.Brown.Fehm.Celebration@gmail.com.

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worked at the Laconia State School, taking loving care of the children.

Colleen and Roger were married in 1971. She worked in the Gilford Elementary School cafeteria so she could give her children and others warm smiles and hellos during their day. Colleen also worked for the Lakes Region Community Services and for the Laconia / Gilford Easterseals in the community residential program for nearly 20 years.

She made everyone she cared for feel special. Her lifelong dedication to caring for others is a tribute to the special person that was Colleen. She always had a smile on her face, a sparkle in her eye, and was always glad to chat with anyone with a genuine interest in their life.

Colleen also enjoyed frequent gatherings of her large extended family. She was a good host and cook who made many a delicious meal, including her famous macaroni and cheese, for those regular gatherings, whether they were on a mountaintop, in a dining room, or by a pool. She was also an avid sports fan, especially of her and her husband's beloved Red Sox.



Colleen's home had a number of beloved pets, most recently her dog, Charlie, whom she had to give up as a result of her declining health.

As a daughter, sister, mom, grandmother, aunt, friend, and neighbor, she is deeply missed.

Per Colleen's and her family's desires, memorial services will be private. For those who wish, the family requests that memorial contributions in Colleen's name be made to Easterseals of New Hampshire, 555 Auburn Street, Manchester NH 03103, or another suitable charity.

The Cremation Society of New Hampshire is assisting the family with arrangements. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolence,

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GAY ELLEN RAYNO, 85, passed away on February 24, 2022 at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, surrounded by her loved ones.

Gay Ellen was born on January 26, 1937 to Kenneth and Anna (Gay) Rich in New London and remained a life-long resident of the area.



Gay graduated from New London High School in 1955. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper at her first husband's business, Sanborn Auto Body, before working at RP Johnson and Son for 18 years, and then at Walker Automotive, where she retired in 2013.

Gay was a member of the Wilmot Congregational Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ionic Ragged Chapter 20, and served as Worthy Matron. She had a passion for music and loved singing and playing the piano and organ.

Gay is predeceased by her husband, Robert Rayno; son, Michael T. Sanborn; parents, Kenneth and Anna (Gay) Rich; and her brother, Kenneth Rich, Jr.

Her surviving family includes her brother, Fred Rich of Sanbornton; her son, Bruce Sanborn of New London; her daughter, Emily (Sanborn) Collinson and her husband Andy of Sanbornton; her son, Peter Sanborn and his wife Anna of Andover; her daughter, Kitty (Sanborn) Burnham and her husband Nick of Hartland, Vermont; and her daughter-in-law, Pam Sanborn of New London.

She leaves behind 11 grandchildren: Claire Sanborn, Michael Sanborn, Joan E. Champagne (and her husband Jon), Christopher Lyons (and his wife Emily), Andrew Collinson, Brooke Collinson-Doda (and her husband Enio), Amanda Vadala (and her husband Matt), Michael Sanborn (and his wife Karena), Jaden Sanborn, Kayla Burnham, and Rylee Burnham; as well as 10 great-grandchildren: Tyler Champagne, Julianna Champagne, Olivia Lyons, Henry Lyons, Charlie Lyons, Gabriel Vadala, Vincent Vadala, Jacen Sanborn, Lincoln Sanborn, and Levi Sanborn.

Gay was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and she will be missed.

A graveside service will be held at the Pine Hill Cemetery in Wilmot in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Merrimack County Nursing Home, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen NH 03303.

To sign an online guestbook, please visit ChadwickFuneralService.com.

DOLLY (DOROTHY) OLSON, 56, of Andover, died at her home comfortably, while in her family's arms on February 28, 2022.

She was born in Franklin on December 28, 1965, the daughter of Lawrence I. Marsh Sr. and Katherine (Nault). She was a Franklin and Northfield resident for several years before moving to Andover.



Dolly was loved by most everyone she met. She was sweet as pie and tough as nails. Dolly loved feeding and watching her hummingbirds as well as anything in nature. With her kind, compassionate personality she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and was a very loving mother and wife who will be greatly missed.

Family members include her husband, Carl R. Olson Jr. of Andover, her daughter Elisha Marsh of Franklin, her daughter Samantha Marsh of Manchester, stepson Carl Robert Olson III of Franklin, her mother Katherine Chainey of Franklin, her sister Verniece of Colebrook, and her brother Richard of Meredith.

Burial will be in Franklin Cemetery in the spring.

If you would like to make a donation

in memory of Dolly towards her burial costs, please contact the family.

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HENRY "SKIP" R. POWERS JR., 90, formerly of Depot Street, died peacefully on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen. He was born in Andover on June 14, 1931, the son of Henry R. and Bernice I. (Huntoon) Powers Sr.

After graduating from Andover High School in 1949, he and two good friends, Walt Walker and Harold Crane, drove across the United States, going through nearly all of the Lower 48 states. On returning from their adventure he joined the United States Air Force. After being honorably discharged, he returned to work for CB Granger Company in New London as a carpenter under the GI Bill for 10 years. He then spent 31 years as the devoted Caretaker for Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club. Upon retiring in 1996 he continued to do various carpentry jobs and later worked with his wife Edie as United States Postal Contract Delivery Carriers.

Skip was active in the Andover Lions Club, American Legion Post 101, and the New Hampshire Freemasons. He was a Past Worshipful Master of Kearsarge Lodge #81, Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer, and Past Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master for District 7, along with being the Grand Sword

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Thank you
Skip Powers
for all your service
to Andover!



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Bearer under close friend and Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of New Hampshire, Mayland “Dutch” Morse. Their travels around the state, country, and Canada gave rise to many great stories, memories, and friendships.

Skip enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and watching his grandchildren participate in all of their school events and sports activities. He was an “outdoorsman” and could often be found exploring Ragged Mountain and photographing its wildlife.

He is predeceased by his half brother, Richard Powers Sr., and his half sister, Irene Rivers, and a daughter-in-law, Martha Ann (Regan) Powers.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 66 years, Edith “Edie” (Bailey) Powers; three children: James (Regina) Powers of Huntsville, Alabama, David (Laura) Powers of Andover, and Christine (Bruce) Homa of Tampa, Florida; six grandchildren: Jeffery, Matthew, Brian, Madison, Bailey, and Myles; three step-grandchildren: Deanne, Tiffany, and Kimberly; two great-grandchildren: Wilkes and Jude; three step-great-grandchildren, Etta May, Daniel and Alice; along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Honoring his wishes, there will be no service. To sign an online guestbook please visit ChadwickFuneralService.com.

LEE V. (PHILLIPS) HUFF, 81, of Sunapee died on March 7, 2022 at the New London Hospital.

She was born in Lynn, Massachusetts on July 26, 1940, the daughter of Robert and Mildred (Burbank) Phillips. Lee graduated from Sunapee High School in 1959 and received her RN degree from NHTI. She worked at the New London Hospital from 1959 to 2003 and from 2000 to 2003 also worked for Franklin Regional Hospital.

Lee was a member of the Lake



Sunapee United Methodist Church, loved to play cards, read, and swim in Lake Sunapee.

She is predeceased by her daughter, Kathleen, and her granddaughter, Jennifer, and a sister, Louise “Dolly” Hartman. Members of her family surviving include her husband of 62 years, Danville A. Huff of Sunapee; two daughters: Marlene Robbins of Sunapee and Carolyn Lamos of East Andover; seven grandchildren: Stephen, Amber, Amy, Heather, Rebecca, Rachael, and Charlene; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on March 12 at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London. Burial will be in Eastman Cemetery in Sunapee at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Upper Valley Humane Society, 300 Old Route 10, Enfield NH 03748.

DONALD EDWARD (TOM) BERGH, of Dover died on March 21, peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by his loved ones.

Donald was born in 1934 in Bristol, New Hampshire, the son of Frank A. Bergh and Dorothy (Trumbull) Bergh. He was raised in Bristol and graduated from Bristol High School in 1952.



Answering the call to serve his country, he enlisted in the US Navy and served three years before entering the US Air Force for another 17 years, working on military planes. Upon leaving the service he worked for 23 years with Canova Moving Company out of Fairfield, California.

Upon retirement, Donald and wife, Carol, moved to Danbury for 20 years and faithfully attended the Andover Community Church. From there they moved to Dover and regularly attended First Christian Church of Kittery Point.

He was a devoted husband and a loving father to his children and Grampa Tom to his 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. His other loves included collecting sea glass, reading, and long walks on the ocean shore.

He was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Dorothy Bergh of Bristol; brother Vernon Bergh; sister Lorna Patten; two sons, Donald Edward Bergh Jr, and (Tommy) Eric Bergh; and a daughter, Margaret Linda Bergh.

Donald is survived by his loving wife, Carol Bergh; two sons, Chris Bergh of Livermore, California, and Michael Bergh of Florence, Oregon; a daughter, Lisa Hawk of Springfield, Oregon; six step-children, 19 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 26, at the First Christian Church of Kittery Point, Maine. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Christian Church’s humanitarian efforts on behalf of the Ukrainian people through Samaritan’s Purse Ministries.



Andover native and Proctor Academy alum Jed Hinkley ‘99 traveled to Beijing, China to take part in the 2022 Olympic Games as director of sports for US Nordic.
Caption: Scott Allenby. Photo: Jed Hinkley (selfie)

Jed Hinkley of Andover at Beijing Olympics

Served as Sports Director for US Nordic

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy alumni are no strangers to the Olympic Games. Five Proctor alums have competed in the Olympics, with many others directly involved in the Games through leadership and support roles.

During this winter’s Beijing Olympics, three Proctor alumni were directly involved in supporting the United States’ efforts. Christine (Toriello) Walshe ’97 serves as President of the US Olympic and Paralympic Foundation, raising funds to support athletes and coaches on all of the US Olympic and Paralympic teams. While Christine was stateside throughout the Beijing Olympic games, her unending support of Team USA was felt halfway across the globe where Max Cobb ’83, President of US Biathlon, and Jed Hinkley ’99, Sports Director for US Nordic, were onsite supporting athletes during the games. Read reflections from Max and Jed below:

Max Cobb ’83 shared these impressions from the Olympic Games in China.

I have been fortunate enough to be a part of each Winter Olympics since 1992 as a coach, chief of competition, official, or technical delegate. Each has its own magic, but none of them were conducted in the middle of a pandemic like this year’s games in Beijing. It was most certainly unique and changed the way we all interacted with our Chinese hosts.

In some ways, I think a dedicated fan at home in the USA got to see more than we did on the ground, since COVID protocols and distances between venues made it difficult to get to see sports beyond our own competition clusters.

The infrastructure was simply amazing – very fit for purpose, as is required, but also stunningly over-built from my perspective based on likely future use. The Chinese not only provided athletes

with a great competition venue but also impressed the world with their engineering and investment.

I love trains, a boyhood fetish, and riding on the sleek ultra-modern train to and from Beijing to watch the women’s hockey final was a real treat. It covered a three and a half hour bus ride in 50 minutes, smooth and fast.

Town-sized ski resorts were built in two clusters linked by high speed trains to Beijing. The mountains are not that big and do not get much natural snow, a few inches per year, and in January and February it was very cold and very windy, but the facilities were top-notch.

In biathlon, where I spent nearly all my time, we had really exciting races and some best-ever finishes by the American team, though we continue to fight for our first Olympic medal, despite having won many at the World Championships.

The weather conditions were a severe challenge. Competition in cold weather is always difficult for the athletes because it takes much more energy. On top of that, the athletes try really hard to keep good feeling in the trigger finger. We had special gloves made especially for the conditions, but it was still very hard for the athletes.

In most of the regions where we compete, very cold temperatures are accompanied by calm winds, but that was not the case in China, so the athletes faced difficult shooting conditions and the effects of wind chill, making for some of the most extreme conditions we have ever experienced for a major competition. I admire the athletes for facing these challenges day after day with a good spirit.

For every athlete and team member, the Olympics are special and an unforgettable experience; for many, it’s a defining moment in their lives, to achieve their dream of competing at the Olympic Games, sport’s biggest stage.

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Proctor Academy Spring Athletic Schedule

Andover community is welcome at games

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The spring athletic season at Proctor Academy is upon us! We encourage all Andover community members to come check out the lacrosse, baseball, softball, tennis, and cycling action on campus this spring.

Below is a list of scheduled home varsity contests for the month of April. There are no admission charges for any athletic events at Proctor. Game times and locations are subject to change, but Proctor's athletics website will always have up-to-date game information at ProctorAcademy.org/on-campus/athletics.

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

- April 9, 3 PM: Bridgton Academy
- April 16, 2 PM: Phillips Academy
- April 22, 6:30 PM: Northfield Mount Hermon School
- April 27, 3:30 PM: Cushing Academy
- April 29, 6 PM: New Hampton School

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

- April 6, 2:30 PM: Tilton School
- April 22, 4:30 PM: New Hampton School
- April 30, 2 PM: Kimball Union Academy

Varsity Baseball

- April 6, 2 PM: Tilton School
- April 9, 2:30 PM: Kimball Union Academy
- April 13, 3 PM: Brewster Academy
- April 20, 2:30 PM: Holderness School
- April 22, 4:30 PM: Vermont Academy
- April 27, 2:30 PM: New Hampton School
- April 29, 5 PM: St. Paul's School

Varsity Softball

- April 8, 4:30 PM: New Hampton School
- April 13, 4 PM: Gould Academy
- April 22, 4:30 PM: Kimball Union Academy
- April 29, 5 PM: Brewster Academy

Boys Varsity Tennis

- April 9, 3 PM: Brewster Academy
- April 18, 5 PM: Vermont Academy
- April 20, 3:30 PM: Holderness School
- April 22, 4:30 PM: Kimball Union Academy
- April 29, 4:45 PM: St. Paul's School

Girls Varsity Tennis

- April 15, 4:30 PM: Vermont Academy
- April 22, 4:30 PM: Kimball Union Academy
- April 27, 3 PM: Brewster Academy
- April 29, 4:30 PM: New Hampton School



Preschoolers go on a scavenger hunt on the rail trail with clipboards to find items on their list to circle along the way. Each child also drew a map of how to get back to preschool. Shown (not in order) are Miss Kristie, Miss Stephanie, Jolene, Briar, Addie, Finn, Elijah, Jason, Owen, Marina, and Callister.
Caption and photo: Robyn Boisvert

Rail Trail Offers EAVP Students Learning Adventures

Robyn Boisvert, East Andover Village Preschool

As we enter spring, we take advantage of the Rail Trail by going on scavenger hunts searching for items such as animal prints, snow, ice, bodies of water, mushrooms, pine cones, trees, and more. East Andover Village Preschool uses an emergent curriculum supporting our student's interest along with developmental needs.

Enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 school year, along with our summer program starting on Monday, June 27. If you are interested in enrolling or would like more information, please email EAVP@tds.net.

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with the best athletes of every country. The challenging conditions and COVID risks and protocols were faced by all, and coping with all that added stress while creating an even stronger bond between the athletes, one born of shared sacrifice.

Even more than other Games, these ones truly brought the athletes of the world closer than ever, delivering on the fundamental promise of the Games even in a pandemic. Many thanks to our Chinese hosts for the great venues and all the extra efforts to allow the Games to happen for this generation of athletes, even during a global pandemic.

Jed Hinkley '99 sent this update from Beijing.

This was my first Games since I was an athlete in 2002, and it definitely seemed like a "different" kind of Games given the state of the world right now. Our teams were lucky to not have had any major setbacks with COVID in athletes or coaches, but many teams have been impacted, particularly on arrival with individuals who had recently had COVID.

The Beijing Olympic committee did a good job at mitigation at the venues, village, and hotels, and I definitely felt safe while being there, but we were

pretty limited on what we could go see and do outside of our own events and the village. We were tested each day, and wore N95 or KN95 masks at all times outside our rooms unless we were eating, training, or competing, so we all had pretty raw noses.

We qualified a woman's ski jumper late and were able to get her and her coach Blake Hughes to Beijing without any issues on short notice. They were here more for the experience, but we were definitely happy to be able to field an athlete in all our events.

We also qualified four athletes for the men's ski jumping finals on the normal hill, with our best result being Casey Larson in 39th, but each of our athletes had their longest jumps since being here in competition, which was great. We have qualified three athletes for the large hill and were hopeful to be able to crack the top 30 in that event.

On the men's Nordic Combined side, we had our best result since 2010 in the first event with four athletes in the top 25, and spirits are good amongst the team. Even though it is very restricted, it is still the Olympics, and it is really cool seeing all the other teams coming together to celebrate sport despite all the crazy things happening in the world.

PARENTS: HOW ARE THE KIDS?

Parents, please help the *Beacon* keep alive the connection between your grown kids and the community they grew up in!

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Sixth Through Eighth Grade Get Surprise Spring Fling Dance

First dance in two years due to pandemic

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

The one thing sixth through eighth grade students have been asking for over the last two years is a dance. It is something that they have always looked forward to and typically happens four or five times each academic year. Students were able



Eighth graders Declan Bisson, Aiden Whitman, Donovan Simard, Tony Mori, Caden Heath, Isaac Norris (seventh grade), and Carter Wheeler try their hands at the photo station at the AE/MS dance.

Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch

to attend an outdoor movie night back in October, but the possibility of a dance has been out of reach to them for far too long.

Finally, on March 9, the middle school teachers at AE/MS surprised them with the announcement that there would be a dance on Friday, March 18. Students cheered at the news and quickly began making plans. Eighth graders had not experienced a dance since February 14 of 2020, and both sixth and seventh graders had yet to have the experience.

Coincidentally, remote learning began on March 18, 2020. Although unintentional, this dance marked the two-year anniversary of COVID-19 being a guiding factor in their social and academic lives. It



Ember Morgan, Bria Tremblay, Arianna Johnson, and Sofia Johnson have some fun at the photo station at the AE/MS Spring Fling dance held in March. Captions and photos: Kasey Schoch

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ANDOVER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



The time has come to register your future AE/MS Kindergartener!

Children entering kindergarten should be five years old on or before September 30, 2022.

A kindergarten registration/information gathering event is scheduled for the morning of Thursday, April 7, 2022 at the Andover Elementary/Middle School.

Please call or email Mrs. Drouin at AE/MS **603 735-5494, KDrouin@AEMSeagles.org** to schedule a meeting time and request a registration packet.

We look forward to meeting you and your future Kindergartner soon!

seemed as if they had reached the end of a very long two years and were being given the opportunity to celebrate.

The Spring Fling Dance was attended with excitement and enthusiasm. About 90% of the middle school students were in attendance, and there were even a record number of chaperones on hand, as staff members were just as excited to see them all enjoy the event.

All dressed up and wearing giant smiles, these students made the most of the two-hour social event that they had

been craving for so long. One student even proclaimed, "This was the best night of my entire life."

After two hours of singing, dancing, laughing, and lots of silly photo booth photos with their classmates, students left the gym still overjoyed. They thanked their teachers repeatedly for taking their time to plan, set up, and chaperone the dance.

As for the teachers, they left with some pretty big grins on their faces as well. It would seem that things are finally back to normal at AE/MS.



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The sixth grade students at AE/MS worked on a research essay focusing on a non-profit organization that had special meaning for them. After writing, each student presented the information they learned in front of teachers and peers. Following the presentations, students voted on the top three charities that they felt should be given a donation. Mrs. Bent and Mrs. Brake collaborated on this project, and an anonymous donor awarded \$100, \$75, and \$50 to be donated to the charities selected.

The winners were Jaxson Daigneault (third place, Make-a-Wish Foundation) tie for second, Ada Grotnes and William Churchill (American Cancer Society), and Sofia and Ariana Johnson winning a first place donation on their behalf to The Epilepsy Foundation. Each of the winners had a family connection to the organization they researched. This project was both rewarding and empowering for these students. Shown are: Sofia, Ariana, Ada, Jaxson, and Will.

Caption and photo: Jen Bent



Ava Eltzroth dressed up as her hero, Science Teacher Ryan Murphy, for Superhero Day during AE/MS Spirit Week.

Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch

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campus. Residents of MLS, Guilick, and Sally B dorms were just as relieved as the contractors when the ledge was finally removed. Thankfully, crews have made up ground in other areas, allowing the construction process to remain on schedule.

The week of March 14 saw a con-

crete floor poured throughout the building, followed by shingles going on the roof the week of March 21. Solar panels will cover all roof areas on the south, east, and west sides of the building with installations beginning in April.

In addition to the classrooms, lab space, and open nave in the center of the building, a greenhouse will be placed on the eastern side of the building.

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Twins" gather for fourth grade Twin Day at AE/MS, held during Spirit Week, the week before February vacation, when students get to dress up for a new theme each day, ending with AE/MS Eagle gear on Friday. Other days include Superhero Day, Crazy Hat Day, and Crazy Hair day. In the past it has ended with a Winter Carnival fun day, which we hope to bring back next year. Back row: Adalyn Tremblay, Charlie Welch, Hayden Page, Mason Hewitt, Ian Szilagyi, Candice Goodwin, Azalea Morgan. Front row: Emmett Peterson, Titus Bison, Ava Strahan-Howe, Lydia Buteau, Aleigha Charles.
Caption: Kasey Schoch. Photo: Michelle Horbert



Construction of the internal timber framing of the Proctor Academy Woodlands Center was completed by Steeplechase Timberframing.

Caption and photo: Scott Allenby

Woodlands Center Poised to Transform Life Sciences at Proctor

Contractors make progress through winter

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The Proctor Woodlands Center is a project that has been three years in the making. Through the support of generous donors who understand Proctor's deep connection to the natural world and surrounding woodlands, this build-

starting next fall.

When designing this new science building, architects and members of the internal design committee sought to incorporate the very woodlands to which the building would serve as a gateway. Jack and Jake Bronnenberg, longtime partners in managing and harvesting Proctor's woodlands, identified a stand of trees near Elbow Pond that could be milled and used for the timber frame construction. Jack and Jake harvested these trees in the late summer and sent them to Tamworth, New Hampshire where they were milled and prepared for framing. In December, the timbers arrived back on campus ready for construction.



Jack and Jake Bronnenberg have harvested and managed Proctor Academy woodlands in partnership with the school for over a decade. This past fall, they harvested timbers to serve as the timber frame for the new Proctor Woodlands Center.

Caption and photo: Scott Allenby

ing will transform the life sciences at Proctor. With an estimated completion of July 2022, the Proctor Woodlands Center will be open for science classes

Throughout January's frigid and February's volatile weather, contractors have continued to make progress on the exterior of the building, allowing us to see roughly what the finished space will look like.

A few weeks ago, while drilling a channel for plumbing lines and conduits for wiring, excavators hit the dreaded ledge that runs under much of See Woodlands on page 31

Spring Book Fair and Art Show are Back at AE/MS

April 18 to April 22; Family Night is on April 21

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

Come celebrate reading! The Andover Elementary/Middle School will be having its Spring Book Fair from Monday, April 18, through Friday, April 22. The book fair is a wonderful way to help children get excited about summer reading.

On Family Night on Thursday, April 21, the book fair will have extended hours. It will be a great time for families to spend a fun evening at AE/MS.

The AE/MS Annual Interactive Art Show will also be part of Family Night. We will have all K-8 student self-portraits on display, along with fun art stations for families to do art activities with their children. Stations will include activities like painting a giant group mural, participating in an art Jeopardy game, and even creating your own self-portraits.

There will also be several musical showcases presented by middle schoolers throughout the night.

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