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Our Hometown Newspaper

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The Wilmot Garden Club's famous annual plant sale, on Saturday, May 28, will feature local perennials as well as flowers and vegetables raised by Jolly Farmer Nurseries. See page 21 for details. Photo: Lindy Heim



The spirit of giving continues as representatives of Bar Harbor Bank and Trust meet with board members of the Andover Community Hub on the Hub doorsteps to deliver the bank's gift of \$2,000 in support of the Hub's \$100,000 Capital Campaign to support new uses for Andover's old town hall, now the Hub headquarters. Conveying the check was Kayla Chandler, Bar Harbor branch relationship manager. To her left: Charles Seugling, the bank's regional manager, and Hub board member Ken Wells. To Chandler's right: Hub board members Gisela and Steve Darling, Susan Chase, and Thomas Ware (far left). Behind them: Bar Harbor's community banker Elliot Hale. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

Sights and Sounds of 80th Fourth of July Celebration are Coming

A chance to show what our little town has to offer

Andover Fourth of July Committee

Imagine you are a stranger arriving in Andover on the Fourth of July. As you approach the town, you pass one of the large signs announcing our celebration. You might think ... hmm, what would a small New England town have to offer?

You won't be disappointed, because in this small town there is a commaderi and community-mindedness like no other.

Since it's fairly early in the day, all the activity is at the school. You will see a line of old friends chatting as they wait for their pancake breakfast, cooked to order. You might also notice that these old friends haven't seen each other for awhile and are catching up; and you might notice the young ones waiting with anticipation.

If you stay a little while longer, you could wander over to the Village Green and hear the Kearsarge Band playing *Stars and Stripes Forever* and smell the aroma of food cooking. A thousand conversations and laughter are in the air!

Kids are playing games such as bas-

ketball toss and running through the inflatable obstacle course as their parents watch nearby. For-profit and non-profit vendors are displaying their wares, and there's a smile on everyone's face. It's contagious! You might never have seen a community come together like this before.

By the time you've been able to take all of this in, you can hear the drumbeats of the parade approaching and the announcements from the grandstand and feel the excitement of the crowd. Kids are picking up candy being tossed. As a stranger in a small town, you've probably never felt so at home.

The parade is over now, so why not take another lap around the vendors on the Green and take a swing through the library book sale in the stone church, grabbing a hotdog and listening to the music from the bands playing. Now's the time to stop and catch your breath, because people will soon be heading to Carr Field for more activities before the big finale.

Picnic blankets are spread on the field with children orbiting around them. Conversations, laughter, and joyful noises, the sounds of happy people, are all around as the evening dew

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NHEC Decreases Electric Costs This Summer by About 4%

Less of a decrease than in years past

Press release

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's (NHEC) Board of Directors has approved changes to the Co-op Power rate and Regional Access Charge which will result in an overall bill decrease for most residential members of about 4%, or \$5.06 per month. The new rates will take effect with bills rendered on or af-

ter Sunday, May 1.

The Co-op Power portion of members' bills will decrease from the current winter rate of 9.8 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to 9.6 cents per kWh for the summer. The Co-op Power Charge includes the cost that NHEC pays to purchase electricity from the wholesale electricity market. The cost of this power is directly passed through to members who have not chosen to

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THE SWAP SHOP WELCOMES

REUSABLE ITEMS IN WORKING CONDITION:

TOYS, CLOTHING, BOOKS, BICYCLES, YARD TOYS, KITCHEN WARE

PLEASE NO UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE, TIRES, WINDOWS, DOORS, ELECTRONICS, or PORCELAIN FIXTURES!

The Swap Shop will be open on Saturday, May 14 from 8 AM to noon and welcomes (before noon) reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchenware. Please, **no** upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures.



The Andover Highway Department has been hard at work on many projects this spring. Here, members of the road crew – Jim Reed, Bruce Murphy, and Mike Campbell – put Town-owned equipment to good use picking up winter sand around the Town Hall and AE/MS parking lots. Photo: Charlie Darling

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Check Your April NHEC Bill for Capital Credit Allocation

More than \$4 million in equity returned

Press release

As a member, you're also a part-owner of your electric cooperative. Instead of generating profits for investors, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) is nonprofit, which means that when our finances allow, we return any excess revenue after expenses back to our members.

Your ownership, or "equity," in NHEC is represented by capital credits. Capital credits are allocated annually to each member based on their individual usage. You can see your capital credit allocation for 2021 on your April 2022 bill.

NHEC keeps track of each member's allocation every year, and when the Co-op's finances allow it, portions of those capital credits will be "retired" (returned to members) as a direct payment or bill credit. NHEC retired capital credits for the first time last year and returned more than \$4 million in equity to members!

Each year, the NHEC Board of Directors will review the Coop's finances and vote to continue returning capital credits if it can be done without causing financial harm to the business. Check our website for updates on capital credit payments in 2022 and learn more about capital credits at NHEC.com/capital-credits.

First Swap Day Event of the Year

Second Saturday of the month, May to October

Ken Tripp, Swap Shop

The first Swap Day of the season will be Saturday, May 14. The event is open 8 AM to noon at the Transfer Station.

Events are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month, May through October. Please donate items that you assume someone would desire. Do not use the event as a junk-clearing opportunity.

If a Saturday event is canceled due to rain, we try to reschedule for the following Saturday.

Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Can Apply for Tax Relief

Must file by June 30 for 2022

Marj Roy, Town Administrator

In 2001, the State of New Hampshire enacted property tax relief for eligible low-to-moderate-income claimants who own a homestead in New Hampshire. The definition of a homestead is "the dwelling owned by a claimant which is owned and used as the claimant's principal place of residence and the claimant's domicile."

The DP-8 application form may be obtained annually by visiting the Forms Page on the New Hampshire Department of Revenue (DRA) website at revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm, or you can get a form at the Town Office. Completed claims shall be filed on Form DP-8 no sooner than May 1 and no later than June 30 following the due date of the final property tax bill for

state education property taxes.

You must own a homestead subject to the state education property tax; have resided in such homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim for relief is made; have a total household income of \$37,000 or less if a single person, or \$47,000 or less if married or head of a New Hampshire household.

You will need your final property tax bill, showing the "net" assessed value of your homestead and a copy of federal tax returns for each claimant and all adult members of the claimant's household for the corresponding period. You will also need the Map and Lot numbers (which are printed on the property tax bill) and the address of the property.

Mail your claim to New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, Taxpayer Services Division, PO Box 299, Concord NH 03302-0299.



Andover Emergency Services Auxiliary
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WHAT'S UP @ THE HUB?
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May PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Bone Builders: Ongoing strength & balance for seniors, Mon & Thu, 9-10 am

Coffee, Conversation & "Andover Card Sharks:" Mon & Thur, 10-11 am

Barre Exercise & Slow Flow Yoga: Tue & Thu mornings. Info, LizDyment@gmail.com

"Stitch & Bitch" Craft Circle: Tue, 6:30 pm. Chat while working on crafts

Parent/Child Playgroup: Beg. Wed 5/4, 10:30 a.m. Info - Alison, 505-234-5784

Gentle Flow Yoga with Maris: Fri, 8:30 am, monthly series. Info, 603 661-8587

Garden Club Native Plant Fundraiser: ends 5/7. Info, call/text 603-568-4194

Senior Health Clinic: Tue 5/10. Call Granite VNA, 603 224-4093, ext. 5815, for appointment.

Garden Club Webinar: Tue. 5/10, 6pm. To register, call/text 603-568-4194

Quilting 101: Sat. 5/14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 603-491-0826 for info & to register

"Wasted: The Story of Food Waste:" Film & discussion, Mon. 5/23, 7 pm

Tai Chi (beginner & 2nd level), new classes start Thur. 5/26. Info: Contact The Hub

Sit & Quilt: Sat, 5/28, 9 am-3 pm, 603-491-0826 to register

German Conversation: 5/30, 5-6 pm. Information, Gisela Darling, 735-5681

For more information, contact
TheAndoverHub@gmail.com, 603 735-5509
www.AndoverHub.org, click "calendar," click on event

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purchase electricity from a competitive supplier. The Co-op Power Charge does not fund NHEC's operations. Last May, NHEC set its summer rate at 6.5 cents per kWh.

The May 1 rate changes will also include a 23% decrease in the Regional Access Charge portion of members' bills. The Regional Access Charge includes the costs NHEC pays transmission companies to deliver electricity to its distribution system. The rate also includes the state-required refund of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) proceeds. As with the Co-op Power Charge, the costs NHEC incurs from transmission companies are passed directly through to members.

"The Co-op Power Charge reduction for the summer period is not as low as we've seen in years past," said

Brian Callnan, NHEC's Vice President of Power Resources and Access. "The primary driver is natural gas prices remaining high throughout the summer, which is the fuel used to generate nearly half of the electricity in New England.

"The United States exports an increasing amount of natural gas. As a global commodity, natural gas prices are impacted by international events and markets. As with other fuels, high natural gas prices are leading to higher electricity costs this summer."

For more information about NHEC rates, charges, and fees, visit NHEC.com/rates-tariffs. NHEC is a nonprofit electric cooperative that is owned by the members it serves. NHEC provides electricity and energy solutions to 85,000 homes and businesses in 118 communities across New Hampshire, including Andover.

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touches their skin.

As the sun is fully set and darkness settles over the town, the first boom announces the fireworks. Sit back and enjoy the ride! Oohs, aahs, and applause

are heard as the display continues.

As the last boom fades into the night, you'll know you've experienced something special that will stay in your thoughts forever. You will have just experienced the 80th annual Fourth of July celebration in Andover!



The Andover Area Democrats are proud to support the Andover Beacon!





It's springtime in Andover, and the first calves have been born at the Hersey Farm in East Andover, one of my all-time favorite places. I had the good fortune to see these beauties less than 12 hours after they were born and, of course, I fell in love with all of these beautiful creatures.

Photo and caption: Ulricke Smith



Pictured are three of the four pieces of construction equipment that were badly damaged on April 6 near Bridge Road. Photo: Charlie Darling

Police Seek Information on Heavy Equipment Vandalism

Many smashed windows and other damage

Press release, Andover Police Department

On Wednesday, April 6, the Andover Police Department received a complaint of criminal mischief to construction equipment at a pit located on Bridge Road. Upon arriving at the pit, officers met with the property owner, who showed them multiple pieces of equipment that had windows smashed out of them by rocks being thrown at them, as well as damaging a door to one of the pieces of equipment.

It is believed that the vandalism took place on April 6 between the hours of 10 AM and 1:30 PM. Officers were able to recover some physical evidence from the scene, but are asking for the public's assistance if they saw any suspicious activity in the area of the Rail Trail and Bridge Road.

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Deadlines Coming Up for Seven NHEC Scholarships

Six are for high school seniors

Press release

The NHEC Foundation offers six \$1,500 scholarships (one of which will be reserved for a student entering a vocation/technical institution) to support and enhance the education and resulting careers of our members and their children.

To apply, the student must be a senior in high school as of December 31 of the award year; they must be a US citizen; and they must be a resident of New Hampshire and a New Hampshire Electric Co-op member.

The student must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in an accredited undergraduate educational or training institution (in state or out of state) as defined by the Internal Revenue Code (Bachelors, Associates, or certificate program) at the time of application.

The deadline for applications is June 17. To apply, please use the application at NHEC.com/nhec-foundation-scholarship-application, or call NHEC Member Solutions at 800 698-2007.

You may mail completed applications to New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation, c/o Scholarship Programs, 579 Tenney Mountain Hwy, Plymouth NH 03264; or via email to Foundation@NHEC.com.

Kathy Anderson Scholarship

Kathy Anderson, the wife of former NHEC President/CEO Fred Anderson,

passed away in 2010 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Kathy was a lifelong learner and spent years studying nights at the dining room table, often with help from her two children, to earn her degree from Marywood University in her early 40s.

Kathy was active in her community, volunteering at school and serving as a member of the PTA. Kathy cared about her community, she cared about her friends, and, most of all, she cared for her family.

To honor her legacy of caring, the Kathy Anderson Scholarship will award one female adult learner who seeks to better her life through education, a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.

To apply, the student must be a female over the age of 25 as of December 31 of the award year, a US citizen, and an NHEC member. The student must be enrolled at least part-time during any term or semester in an undergraduate or master's program at an educational institution as defined by the Internal Revenue Code (Bachelors, Associates, or certificate program) at the time of application.

The deadline for applications to be received is July 8 for awards made in late August.

Please use the application form at NHEC.com/kathy-anderson-scholarship. Transcript(s) must be mailed separately to the address referenced at the end of the scholarship application.

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JJ's Market & Deli	Gift Certificate	Lisa Turton
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The Refinery Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Richard and Patsy Powers, Jr.
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Andover Police Department March 2022

Press release

The Andover Police Department handled 178 calls for service during March, including:

- Assist Citizen: 9
- Civil Issue/Standby: 3
- Dog Loose: 4
- Fraud: 2
- Juvenile Complaint: 2
- Liquor Law Violations: 3
- Manner of Operation: 5
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 8
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- Haley Dukette, 19, Danbury: Prohibited Sales
- Janine Skinner, 49, Salisbury: Prohibited Sales
- Courtney Carrol, 35, Allenstown: Prohibited Sales

Town Clerk's Corner, May 2022

Register dogs by April 30 to avoid late fees

Lisa Meier, Andover Town Clerk

Darlene and I have been able to attend several training classes over the last month and plan on attending more in the coming months. Thank you for your patience while we attend these.

Thank you to all residents who have registered / licensed their canine companions to date. Please remember that any dog four months or older must be registered by their owners or keepers with the Town Clerk by Saturday, April 30. All dogs must be up-to-date on their rabies vaccination at the time of registration.

After April 30, please register/license your dogs in person, as we need to calculate any late fees which, unfortunately, we cannot waive. A \$25 forfeiture fee will be assessed on any dog that is not licensed by Wednesday, June 1, per RSA 466:13.

Thank you very much. You can contact us at 603 735-5332, ext. 102.





Your Slice Of Heaven Awaits On Lake Todd!



Enjoy coffee by the lake each morning, paddling and swimming in the afternoon, listening to the melodic call of loons, and savoring s'mores around the campfire at night. This Lake Todd waterfront cottage with dock (168 acre lake) is literally steps away from the water and is a wonderful mix of needed simplicity with modern touches (like fiber optic internet & Nest thermostat/ security cameras). The wide open living room has a HUGE picture window offering panoramic lake views and is the perfect spot for playing board games or snuggling up with a good book. This year-round retreat is only 7 miles from Mt. Sunapee Ski Resort and close to conveniences like Dunkin Donuts, pizza, restaurants, etc. It's a special spot to refresh your mind and spirit! Sellers have a vacation rental history thru VRBO and Airbnb and can transfer existing bookings or cancel them.

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LETTERS

Roadside Trash

Many towns in New Hampshire follow the national trend on Earth Day and sponsor town-wide clean ups. What differentiates us from our New

I noticed that all of the other volunteers were gray-haired, as am I. That means that we older folks are cleaning up the various kinds of trash that the younger generations are tossing onto the roadside. We do it for safety reasons and for the pride we take in our community.

How about the trash tossers – what’s your reason for littering? An easy-access garbage container in your car or truck might solve the problem until you can bring trash to the Transfer Station on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Please be kind to us and dispose of your trash responsibly. The real reward, until a bottle bill is passed, is knowing you contribute to the good of this community.

Janet Moore



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

England neighbors is that we have no bottle bill, no incentive to return drink containers for recycling.

Today, as I was picking up trash and plastic, aluminum, and glass containers,

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.

OPINION

Sheriff David Croft Reflects on His First Year in Office

Adapting to the changing role of police

David Croft
Merrimack County Sheriff

As I reflect upon my first year as the Sheriff for Merrimack County, I am humbled and honored to report to you the successes and changes that we have undergone to adapt to the changing role of police operations and services in our county, state and our country.

Members of the Merrimack County Sheriff’s Office have worked tirelessly to ensure you can trust us, rely on us, and expect the highest quality of law enforcement services for you as taxpayers.

The year in review was full of new police-community trainings and initiatives to help bring us closer together. Many people in our community have mentioned that we have brought back the human element to law enforcement.

I strongly believe that our community service and mission initiatives have been executed in a way that offers dignity and honor, coupled with accountability and respect for the rule of law. We are here to serve. We appreciate the need to work together with our community stakeholders for the betterment of Merrimack County.

We have implemented numerous strategies and new initiatives to make sure every member of our team fully understands the rapidly changing dynamics of police operations and services. We work hard to provide services in a way that ensures the highest degree of integrity and promotes fairness and equality to every person we come into contact with.

The State of New Hampshire, through the office of the Governor and Attorney General’s Office, approved/suggested following the recommendations of the New Hampshire Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and transparency (LEACT). The Merrimack County Sheriff’s Office implemented all of their recommendations. More specifically, we immediately developed and set up mandatory training for all deputies in ethics, bias policing, culture awareness and de-escalation.

We accomplished this even prior to the New Hampshire Police Training Academy releasing their recommendations. We wanted to ensure that this critical component of the LEACT recommendations was completed as soon as possible.

We are currently developing lesson plans and training for dealing with mental health crises, working with people with disabilities, and enhanced community outreach programs. As the for-

mer director of the Merrimack County Diversion Program, I truly have a great understanding of the value of these programs and trainings. As a former small-town police chief, I have a firm belief in community policing. I also believe that our agency is only as successful as the people who reside in the county.

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted the criminal justice system substantially, and we do not know how this is going to impact us in the future. The Merrimack County Sheriff’s Office must still contend with bail reform, transportation of prisoners, court security, civil process, and providing police services to local communities that are in need. We have not been able to truly gauge the full impact this is going to have due to the changing environment and how the courts will operate regarding the pandemic. I am confident that, as an agency, we will adapt and overcome; something I learned in the United States Marine Corps many, many, many years ago.

The mental health crisis, which is a national issue, also continues to be problematic in Merrimack County. As an agency, we are currently working diligently to address this crisis and train our staff to be able to handle these situations with care and compassion. The men and women who serve and protect our community, on the road, in the courts, and in dispatch services, will continue to do so to ensure we keep Merrimack County residents and visitors safe. We have learned to do more with less and implement improved efficiencies wherever possible.

The Merrimack County Sheriff’s Office continues to invest in public safety and looks forward to continuing its strong relationship with the community. We are also implementing more technology in 2022 to increase public safety.

The Merrimack County Sheriff’s Office has been successful because we understand the importance of listening to and working with a multi-disciplinary approach to problem solving. We are successful because we work together as a team and I believe that no member of the team is more important than the other. We all have a job to do, and we must make sure that we continue to do that job to the best of our ability to keep our county safe and conducive to living, working, learning, and raising families.

We have embraced the changes made to modern policing and value each person and family we serve. All our members will abide by their oath of office and the code of ethics, and we will continue to be an agency that leads in law enforcement standards and makes our county residents proud.



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OPINION

Louise Andrus' View from Concord, April 2022

Louise Andrus, State Representative

In just a few weeks we can plant our main gardens. Very exciting until then to be working outside.

In the April *Beacon*, Mary Ann Broshek wrote an opinion regarding the need for voters to pay attention to what is happening with bills, etc. in the state, and I totally agree with her. The voters in New Hampshire need to pay attention and become more involved with the bills that are going through the Legislature. We need and want your input and involvement. This is your state!

On another note in Mary Ann Broshek's article, my name was mentioned in regards to the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance which reviews bills and then gives a rating of either "pro- or anti-liberty" to each legislative member depending on their vote. My rating was 100%, and I am proud of it.

I am a freedom lovin' and liberty lovin' individual. My candidacy in 2020 for House member was based on my being a New Hampshire native and conservative; pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, pro-gun, pro-school choice, pro-limited government, pro-small business, and support law enforcement.

These are the reasons the voters in Andover, Danbury, and Salisbury elected me to the House seat. I have not changed my position on who I am and will never change what I stand for. I firmly believe in our state and "Live Free or Die."

Ken Wells had an opinion article in the *Beacon* regarding a lack of knowledge about teachers leads to misinformation. In the article, Mr. Wells stated that he taught in residential high schools for 37 years, but he forgot to add to the article that his tenure was in private schools like St. Mark's in Southborough, Massachusetts and Tilton School in Tilton, New Hampshire.

In my opinion, there is no way a suitable comparison can be made between what resources and environment are available to teachers in a private school and what is available to teachers in public schools. In other words, in my opinion there is no way he could know what occurs in public schools.

Parents are not against public schools, and I stand with the parents that they are the decision makers for their child and not the school.

Parents are against some of the content that may be taught in our public schools. What do I mean: Previously in AE/MS there was a book, Honor Girl,

which was taken out of the school.

In some schools there is a dispute and debate regarding a company called AMAZE, and the content of its videos that might be tapped as a teacher resource. I have learned that this is part of a comprehensive sex education program in many schools.

I watched two of the videos – "Porn is Not Sex Ed" and "What are Pronouns?" The content of both videos is in my opinion questionable, and I hope our schools are not using these materials. Parents need to be aware of what curriculum is in use for their child.

Busy in Concord

We have been very busy with House sessions and committee meetings. One bill in particular I spoke against in a House session was amendment 2022-1173h to HB 1661. The bill was "Relative to regional career technical education agreements and relative to an appropriation for constructing a legislative parking garage." The amendment, which was the legislative parking lot, was not germane to the education bill. My speech was:

"I am not against a legislative parking garage appropriation next year, but I am against amendment 2022-1173h appropriating \$35 million this year.

"As for the proposal for a new parking garage, for me there are many unanswered questions. 1. The current suggested location at 33 Capitol Street – Are there viable alternatives? 2. Do we really want to vote to destroy the

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Help Minimize Wildfire Risk in Dry Forests

Woods are driest and most vulnerable in spring

Chief Steven Sherman
NH Forest Protection Bureau

April 17 to 23, 2022 was Wildfire Awareness Week in New Hampshire, and it's a perfect opportunity for everyone to learn more about wildfire in our state as well as what we all can do to protect the forest resources that are so important to our day-to-day lives.

You may know that, at 82% forest cover, New Hampshire is the second-most forested state in the country. We depend on healthy forests for recreation and jobs, as habitat for wildlife, and to help keep our air and water clean.

Wildfire Awareness Week in New Hampshire takes place in April, timed to coincide with the start of wildfire season here, when forest floors, meadows, and lawns haven't greened up yet, and the forest canopy can't provide protection from drying sunlight and spring winds, each of which make conditions even more combustible.

While wildfires in New Hampshire tend to be smaller than the dramatic fires out west that make the news, that doesn't mean they aren't destructive and dangerous. Ninety percent of wildfires in New Hampshire are human caused, and we have, on average, 250 wildfires each year, with 250 acres destroyed.

Most wildfires in New Hampshire are contained quickly and with minimal loss, but even the smallest wildfire can result in the loss of structures or other personal property. Injuries can also be a factor.

The New Hampshire Forest Protection Bureau works all year long to minimize both wildfire incidents and

their impacts. Our full-time staff covers the state from Pittsburg to Hinsdale to Rye, working closely with forest fire wardens, fire departments, fire tower lookouts, aerial surveillance, and others to implement a comprehensive program of prevention, training, early detection, hazard mitigation, and wildfire suppression. Our team is dedicated to keeping you and your loved ones safe from the damage wildfires can cause.

But our most important partner is you! You can help minimize wildfire risk in New Hampshire by developing a few good habits. These include:

- always checking with the local jurisdiction and obtaining a fire permit before burning any materials outdoors – no matter how small the fire you plan on having
- being careful about sources that you might not immediately think could start a wildfire, including sparks or heat from machinery, embers hidden in ash from a woodstove, or even stray bullets hitting rocks and igniting forest fuels
- always being sure your fire is completely out by drowning it in water, stirring it, feeling it for residual heat, and repeating the process until the heat source is 100% extinguished.

Smokey Bear's wise words, "Only you can prevent wildfires," is as true today as when he first became the icon of wildfire awareness in 1944. Please join him – and us – by remaining vigilant and on high alert for wildfire danger, not just during Wildfire Awareness Week, but also all year long.

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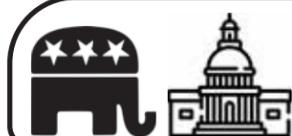


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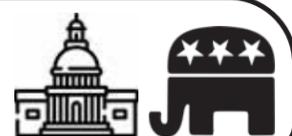


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Fire Wardens Issue Permits for Safe, Legal Outdoor Burning

Only when weather and humidity within limits

Rene Lefebvre
Andover Fire Department

I stopped by a home recently to issue a burn permit so that the homeowner could legally burn some brush. As he was signing the permit, he noticed that the document was from the State of New Hampshire and not the Town of Andover. I explained that the authority to issue a permit to "kindle a flame on the ground" is granted to State Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens.

The state is the authority for any outside burning. Most wardens are local firemen that attend additional forest fire training every year and represent the state for issuing outside fire permits and managing safe outside burning habits.

Permits are issued only when the weather and humidity are within safe limits. The Forestry Service issues this information to the local wardens every day.

An out-of-control fire in the woods can quickly become very large and destroy anything in its path. It is the warden's job to pay special attention to outside conditions and to prevent forest fires.

To be issued a permit, please call the warden or a deputy warden. You can reach them at:

- Warden Stephen Barton
603 848-3346
 - Deputy Warden Jake Otis
603 491-0641
 - Deputy Warden Jeff Miller
603 454-5030
 - Deputy Warden Fred Lance
603 340-4846
 - Deputy Warden Rene Lefebvre
603 344-1201
- They can issue a campfire permit for

the season; you will be able to have a campfire at any time.

A brush fire permit is good for up to seven days. Brush can be burned on the permitted days whenever it is actively raining. If rain is not falling, then brush can only be burned between the hours of 5 PM and 9 AM the following morning.

Other materials such as clean, unpainted scrap wood may be burned. However, painted, varnished, or pressure-treated wood and plywood cannot be burned. Your warden is able to help you with burnable materials.

Some safety tips for burning brush are:

- Keep the fire to a size you can safely manage
- Feed that small fire from a large pile
- Have a charged hose at the location of the fire, should the wind pick up
- Never leave the fire unattended
- Never use gasoline to start your brush fire.

Burning material is not a playground, and extra caution is required when children are around. When you are finished, please extinguish the ashes. Smoldering ashes and a little wind can start unintended fires.

With a permit, you will be able to burn legally. However, you are responsible for damages and suppression costs, should the permitted fire get out of control.

Having said that, please be responsible. If the fire becomes an issue, call 911. The faster we are called, the smaller the damage is likely to be.

You may also purchase a permit online at NHFirePermit.com

Outside burning is a good way to clean up woodland debris in the spring and can be a nice family activity. Your wardens and deputy wardens will help you to be safe.

Last Day to Change Party Affiliation is May 31

Get ready for primary on September 13

Supervisors of the Checklist

Attention, all Andover voters: It's time to check your party affiliation. The last day to change your party affiliation before the September 13 party primary elections is Tuesday, May 31. Prior to May 31, changes can be made at any time at the Town Clerk's office during her regular office hours.

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Andover will hold a public session for new voter registration, for correction of the checklist, and for changes to political party affiliation on Tuesday, May 31, from 7 to 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room.



Andrus from page 7

building at 33 Capitol Street, which now is the location for the Department of Justice?

"This building was built back in the 1950s for New Hampshire Savings Bank, and in the 1970s the State purchased the property, as the FDIC wanted to sell the property. Is \$35 million a feasible amount for demolishing the Storrs Street Garage, finding a new location, and moving the Department of Justice, then demolishing the building at 33 Capitol Street and building a new parking garage?"

"I understand a project usually goes through the House Public Works and Highways Committee, but we did not go through this process. In 2018, Quantum Construction Consultants, Inc., was hired to inspect the Storrs Street garage and provide a report. Repairs were estimated at \$1.9 million, and there was a Capital Budget request for the Storrs Street garage.

"We have spent much money on repairs. What is the projected lifespan of the Storrs Street garage? One month or one year, two months or two years? I deal in details and have requested details of the \$35 million to be spent.

"I know eventually a new garage will have to be built, but I believe the time is not here and is not now. We are in double-digit inflation. Many citizens

in New Hampshire are trying to figure out how to pay their gas bills for their vehicle to get back and forth to work; how to pay the food bill with the rising costs; how to pay for their electricity and heating bills. I hope inflation is going to lessen, but I don't believe it.

"If we are going to have a \$35 million surplus, then why don't we make plans to give some of it back to the citizens of New Hampshire and utilize the remainder of the surplus to possibly pay down some of New Hampshire's debts?"

"I represent the citizens of New Hampshire, and I am voting "No" on this amendment and ask you to vote "No." Let's help our citizens. Next year, the Legislature can work on viable areas and costs for a new parking garage."

Sixty-five of us House members voted "Nay," and 271 voted "Yea" on the amendment 2022-0356h to demolish the building at 33 Capitol Street and Storrs Street garage; to move the Department of Justice to another location, and to build a new Legislative parking lot. HB 1661 with Amendment passed by voice vote.

On Tuesday, March 29, I asked for the detailed breakdown of how the \$35 million was going to be spent. As of Wednesday, April 13, still no report, and I was advised the original report was being updated. I keep asking myself, does no one care how our money is being spent?"



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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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

School Board

February 1

Condensed from approved minutes

In Person Board Present: Adam Jones, Dan Newton, Lisa Burbach, and Aimee Menard

Administration Present: Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Dennis Dobe, Dennis Audet, Hilary Denoncourt, Beth Page

Public Present: Caden Heath, Donna Crisp Duclos, Kent Hackman, Myles Keyser

Finance Report: Most overages have not changed. Chromebook purchases will be reimbursed.

Public Comment: Mr. Heath feels that wearing masks hurts and is damaging to children.

Chairperson's Report: March 7 will be the School District's Annual Meeting where the school budget will be presented to the public. Ms. Duclos thanked the Board for their support of the Budget Committee.

March 8 is town voting; the school will hold a Professional Development day for staff, no school for students during elections.

There are two open seats on the school board. A feasibility study for heating systems is in progress. There will be an update in April. The tuition agreement review remains in progress, spearheaded by Jones. There is no Board meeting on March 1, as the Annual Meeting is being held the next week.

Principal's Report: Dobe spoke of yesterday's teacher in-service day, where recently completed Winter STAR assessment data was reviewed and used to guide programming. AE/MS will begin an in-house student recognition program.

The annual Spelling Bee was recently completed, with Lorenzo Guzman as champion. The Ski/Skate program is up and running and scheduled to continue until February 11. AE/MS Basketball program ends next week. Audet spoke of looking into a monitoring system for our boiler. Window quotes have been received and came in higher than anticipated. It was recommended to use CARES money for the windows.

Audet is looking into grants to support a new key card access system.

Old Business: The Board discussed impacts of COVID and the Omicron strain. New CDC guidelines were discussed. Prior to the Omicron surge, there was a plan to discuss the potential for lessening masking restrictions. Burbach reviewed statistics from last month's notes and referenced the frequency of email communication from Dobe in regard to COVID cases at AE/MS.

Menard noted that at the last meeting, Omicron was appearing to peak in our area. Jones feels that our current framework that supports masking is conservative and would be worth re-evaluating. MacLean suggested working with Wormald, Dobe, and nurse Frost, to come up with suggestions and have them presented at the April meeting. This will provide time to continue watching the infectious rate and determine that trends remain to decline.

Wormald provided some context to last month's reported numbers, as the data had included populations from New London and Franklin which was impactful. A review of past trends indicates a swift decline of numbers, which

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 Last Saturday of month, 9-11
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MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted
Cemetery Trustees: 2nd Tues, 10
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Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7
Emergency Medical Service:
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Fire Department: Mon, 7
Fourth of July: 1st Wed
 Andover Community Hub, 7
Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7 Andover or
 Bachelder Library (except July & Aug)
Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7
Recreation: 2nd Wed, 7,
 AE/MS Science Room (except July)
School Board: 1st Tue
 (except July), 6:30, AE/MS
Select Board: 1st & 3rd Mon, 6:30
Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3rd Tue, 7

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Wormald reported is currently happening for the Omicron strain.

A cluster is defined as 3+ cases from the same cohort, and at this time an outbreak is defined as 2+ unrelated clusters within the community. DHHS defines cluster and outbreak events.

Dobe advocated for taking a slower approach and possibly convening in March if the number of cases continues to decrease. Burbach offered some observations from her work in that vaccinated staff continue to contract COVID.

Jones made a motion to adjust the stay-at-home framework to make masks optional, with the continued decline of Omicron numbers (to be reviewed February 11) to go into effect February 14th. Newton seconded.

Burbach noted that previously a community forum was provided to support the Board's decision. MacLean discussed stocking high quality masks. Menard feels that the community has been afforded the opportunity to be a part of this conversation.

Menard agrees with the February 14 start date, and in the presence of an outbreak, mandatory masking is reinstated for two weeks. Wormald noted that DHHS will not release numbers on the 11th. Burbach advocated for striking the conditional nature of the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

For clarity: Starting on Monday, February 14, masks are optional at AE/MS with the following caveats: an identified
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Lee Wells
Andover Conservation Commission

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All of us can agree that Andover is a beautiful town and that we are lucky to live here. We have impressive hills and trails, and we have many beautiful lakes, rivers, and streams.

With this beauty and good fortune comes the responsibility to take care of our natural resources. Fortunately, there are organizations that can help us. NH Lakes is a non-profit organization whose mission is to keep New Hampshire's lakes clean and healthy. They work with partners, promote clean water policies and responsible use, and inspire the public to care for our lakes.

Our lakes are threatened by overuse, climate change, invasive species, and pollution. It is up to all of us to help take

care of our lakes. Please take the time to check out the NH Lakes website at NHLakes.org to learn directly from them what we can do to enjoy the beauty of our lakes and protect them.

At NHLakes.org/explore-lakes-webinars you'll find webinars that would be especially helpful to Andover residents who live on or near our lakes, including:

- Lake Birds: Beautiful and Sometimes Problematic
- Water Quality Friendly Lawn Care
- Septic Systems and Our Lakes
- LakeSmart: Where to Start?
- Perfluoro-what? PFAS and Persistent Contaminants in Our Lakes
- Microplastics and Our Lakes.

Some of these webinars have already taken place, and recordings can be viewed on the NH Lakes website; others are coming up, and you can register for free to take part in them.

Make the time to learn more about what we can do to be sure future generations get to enjoy our lakes as much as we do now.



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cluster results in mandatory masking for that cohort (for two weeks or until the cluster has abated), and an identified outbreak results in mandatory masking for the entire school community for two weeks or until the outbreak has abated.

New Business: The draft warrant was provided and reviewed. Jones made a motion to accept the warrant, Burbach seconded. The Board discussed how the budget will be presented. All were in favor, the warrant was approved.

Superintendent's Report: MacLean reported that he will be attending the AASA conference later this spring. It will be in Nashville.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Wormald spoke of he and MacLean visiting with the AE/MS staff recently and hearing from teachers over coffee. Both Wormald and Denoncourt are involved in finance training at this time, which hopefully will support further education funding initiatives.

Conservation Commission

March 2

Condensed from approved minutes

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

Also attending: Donna Duclos

Motion made by Lee to have our alternates be full voting members for this meeting, seconded by Tina. All in favor.

February Minutes: Minutes accepted as amended.

Agenda Addition: Ty and Sam Morris would like to be included in some of our meetings so they can inform us if any environmentally important properties come on the market. We can't purchase everything, but we can contact other organizations – Forestry Society, ASLPT – and encourage conservation easements.

ASLPT Route 4A land status: Purchase and sale agreement has been withdrawn. ASLPT will be meeting tomorrow, March 3, to discuss acquiring the land.

Sooze spoke with the real estate agent, price listed at \$175,000 now, but agent feels that price could go lower and owner might be willing to see it go into easement. ASLPT is wondering how much we can contribute.

Motion made by Nancy that we make a \$10,000 donation to ASLPT for the purchase of the land and conservation (112 Route 4A) pending Select Board approval and ASLPT taking on this project. Seconded by Jesse. All in favor.

Jesse will be the contact person with Andy. Action item: Jesse: Let Se-

lect Board know for their meeting on the 14th that we will be coming to the meeting on the 21st.

Brick Road Update: Andy Deegan, ASLPT, will let us know if there is any change.

Bernhard Easement: Ask Andy what and when the next step is.

Could ask Town for more in our budget for this kind of project, or we could ask that we get a higher percentage of the Change in Current Use Status, which would have to be a warrant article for next year. The latter would not affect the Town's budget.

ASLPT Outreach Meeting: April 7; Nancy attend.

Correspondence: Verbal communication from Elita that we will be getting more money for our funds as a result of a couple of properties coming out of Current Use.

ACC Membership: Possibilities – Rob-in Benincase. Nancy will contact her.

Town Meeting Informational Table: Have brochures on table, a clipboard for signing up for possible new members, and how to join our meetings via Zoom.

Beaver Deceiver Update: Emery Road looks in good shape. Water was flowing through well during warm weather/melt. Michelle reports that Elbow Pond Road is flowing well. Sooze reports that the Flaghole Road BD is flowing well.

Entry of Info to our Website: Lee will show Nancy how to do this.

Lakes Region Planning Commission: Potential members. This is in the hands of the Select Board; we may need to remind them of it. They need to approve, but maybe we can find candidates to attend quarterly meetings. Jesse will contact Harvey Pine.

Wetland Buffer Signage: Put signs up late April or early May.

Nancy has been in touch with Mary Anne about Merrimack County Conservation District for getting plants for us to give away.

Events

Perspectives on the Geology of Andover and Salisbury. Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 pm on line only: Zoom Meeting ID 81896927543 (Passcode: 3242022). Sponsored by Andover Historical Society, Andover Conservation Commission, and Salisbury Historical Society.

SRK annual Board meeting - Sunday, April 10, at the white church in Sutton, near Kezar Lake at 5pm. Speaker will be Dave Anderson, Senior Director of Education at the Forest Society. Members and Guests are welcome. More details on SRK website. (SRKG.org)

Motion made to close meeting by Lee, seconded by Sooze; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.



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Andover School District Annual Meeting - March 7, 2022

Condensed from draft minutes

Moderator Adrienne Summers called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Moderator Summers introduced School Board members: Adam Jones, Dan Newton, Lisa Burbach, and Brandon Adams; Budget Committee members: Donna Duclos, Mark Cowdrey, Greg Stetson, and Todd Goings (ex officio); SAU #46 Administration: Superintendent Mark MacLean, Assistant Superintendent Randy Wormald, Business Administrator Hilary Denoncourt, and Human Resources Director Kathleen Boucher; District Attorney Jim O'Shaughnessy; AE/MS Administration: Principal Dennis Dobe, Director of Student Services Beth Page.

Moderator Summers briefly reviewed the rules of the meeting. Only registered voters may vote. All meeting participants have the right to speak but may not be able to speak more than once during each specific discussion. Only one person at a time may speak, and all comments should be addressed to the Moderator. Motions to reconsider an Article may only be made immediately after the vote on the Article. Only one amendment will be considered at a time to maintain clarity.

Article 1: To see if the District will vote to accept the reports of Officials, Agents, Auditors, and/or Committees as printed in the School District report.

Adam Jones moved to accept Article 1, Greg Stetson seconded. Article 1 was adopted on a voice vote with no discussion.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million, Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$6,283,711) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of School District officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District. [The Budget Committee recommends passing this Article.] [The School Board

recommends passing a budget in the amount of Six Million, Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$6,333,987).]

Donna Duclos moved to accept Article 2, Greg Stetson seconded.

Dean Barker moved to amend Article 2 to \$6,333,987, Andrew Guptil seconded.

Leighton Terwilliger questioned the timing of the amendment. Adrienne Summers stated the motion was made and seconded, and the amended motion was now on the floor for discussion.

Andrew Guptil asked if the Budget Committee's budget would affect staffing or benefits.

Mark MacLean explained the District was given a health rate increase of not to exceed 12.2% from the health insurance provider. The Board used that rate for budgeting.

Lisa Burbach gave an overview of the School Board's recommended budget. Mark MacLean gave additional clarification in the School Board's recommendations versus the Budget Committee's recommendations.

Leighton Terwilliger asked if the Budget Committee still wants to decrease the budget or if they now agree with the School Board. Donna Duclos stated they would now agree with not decreasing the health insurance percentage.

Adam Jones reminded everyone that if money was not spent it would be returned to the taxpayers. Adam asked what the fund balance was last year. Hilary Dencourt stated that in 2021 the fund balance was \$231,396. Adam asked Mark if he could provide an estimated tax rate increase for the Board's recommended budget versus the Budget Committee's recommendation. Mark MacLean estimated the difference to be approximately \$0.16 per thousand of valuation.

John Kinney asked the average cost per student and how that compares to

other school districts. Mark MacLean stated that \$18,500 per student is the approximate state average. MacLean estimated that considering the high school tuition agreement, ASD is likely under \$16,000 per student.

Jay Hubbard stated he likes to know what his money is going towards and spoke in favor of a full time PE Teacher.

Leighton Terwilliger feels it was a gut punch to amend the budget before discussion. Despite that, he is in favor of the School Board's budget.

Article 2 was adopted on a hand vote.

Katie Keyser moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 2, Andrew Guptil seconded. The motion passed on a hand vote.

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be deposited in the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust for the purposes of saving for the boiler replacement with said funds from

the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. [The School Board and the Budget Committee support this Article.]

Greg Stetson moved to accept Article 3, Donna Duclos seconded the motion.

Adam Jones stated we have been saving money to replace an aging boiler. The District currently has \$73,488 saved. The Board is hoping for additional savings to replace the boiler.

Article 3 was adopted on a hand vote.

Article 4: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Andrew Guptil stated that in Article 1 we voted to accept the audit report as printed in the Annual Report, which is not printed.

Vicky Miscon moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill Keyser seconded. With no discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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Weare Drake Tuttle and Ellen Flanders Tuttle in 1892 with their children Lynford, Stella, Issa, and Ralph.

Historical Society Exhibit Features Tuttle Family and Descendants

In Potter Place, Memorial Day to Columbus Day

Donna Baker-Hartwell
Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society will present an exhibit of photos, memorabilia, furniture, and household items from Weare Drake Tuttle and his descendants, as well as paintings and crafts by his daughter, Stella Tuttle Thompson. The exhibit will be on display in the JC Emons Store Museum at the Andover Historical Society in Potter Place from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. For details, visit AndoverHistory.org.

of the Andover Provisions Company. Ralph Chaffee wrote in his History of Andover, 1966: "In the early part of the [20th] century, several meat and provision carts were operated out of East Andover. The most ambitious project of this sort was the Andover Provision Company, consisting of Weare D. Tuttle, F. Carroll Colby, and Ernest B. Thompson, with headquarters at the



"The Homestead" at 47 Maple Street in East Andover, circa 1940.

Weare Drake Tuttle came to Andover in 1860 from Effingham, New Hampshire. His six-times great-grandfather, John Tuttle (1610-1663), sailed from England on the "Angel Gabriel" in 1635 and survived its wreckage off the coast of Maine.

John was granted land to farm in Effingham, near what is now Dover, by England's King Charles II. This farm has become known as the country's longest continuously run family farm.

After arriving in East Andover, Weare Drake Tuttle bought the 15-room colonial-style farm with barn at 47 Maple Street. For generations, this Tuttle farm has been called The Homestead. It was built by Squire Brown circa 1824.

In 1866, Weare married Ellen "Nellie" M. Flanders, whose family lived on Cascade Road/ Kearsarge Mountain in Wilmot. They had four children: Issa, Lynford, Stella, and Ralph. Nellie was a milliner and dressmaker. Weare served as a state representative (1900-1901), selectman, and supervisor of the checklist.

He was a very successful businessman. The Homestead became the site

Tuttle Farm [the Homestead]."

Weare and Nellie lived the rest of their lives at the Homestead. Nellie had a successful dressmaking and hat business out of the Homestead, as well. Stella Tuttle Thompson, their third-born, lived there until her death in 1968. She married Ernest Bertelle Thompson, who became a partner in business with his father-in-law.

Bertelle also established the Farm Bureau Insurance Company. Stella and Bertelle had four children: Donald, Katharine, Tuttle, and Alan. Alan K. Thompson (1911-1986) farmed alongside his father, purchasing the farm next door to the Homestead in the 1940s. He married Florence Hall and had five children: Madelyn, Jane, Carolyn, John, and Mark. Alan was successful in the insurance business started by Bertelle.

Following Stella's death in 1968, the Homestead was passed down to Alan's son, Mark E. Thompson, and his wife Sandy Rayno Thompson. They had

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Walter Walker
Andover High School '49
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Sunday, September 11, found us staying in bed until 8:15. After breakfast and the dishes, we cleaned out the car, did some repair work, and put some decals on the rear windows, which were just about full by now. After the mid-day meal, the Conants took us to Moundville, which used to be an old Indian village. The museum had been built over an old burial ground, and there were skeletons and pottery all around, as well as other artifacts. Back at the Conant's, we had supper and the usual routine and went to bed around 11 PM.

On Monday, the 12th, we got up real early and, after breakfast and the dishes, we went looking for work; again and again no luck. But back at the Conant's later, we learn that the carload of lumber is in, and we can work unloading it. We drive to the plant and find a bigger train car than we had expected, with about 19,000 board feet in it. The owner of the plant, which made furniture, will pay us \$3 a thousand to unload that lumber. We rented a U-Haul truck, and after lunch went to work and kept at it until 7 PM. We took much needed baths, had supper, and hit the sack at 10:30 PM.

We were up early again on the 13th and after breakfast went and rented the truck again and worked on the lumber 'til noon. After a lunch of two hamburgers and a quart of milk each, we went back to work and finished the job at 1:45 PM. We got paid, took the truck back, and got cleaned up. I wrote some letters, then did some washing, and we helped get supper. "Did the dishes, then played double solitaire. What a game, especially when five people play," says my diary.

Wednesday, the 14th, found us up at 6:30 AM helping get breakfast and then the dishes, and next I did some laundry. Next, we went and cut some more brush

for the lady friend of the Conants and went for a swim after. Poor Skip lost his ring in the pool.

After lunch at the Conant's, we went to see a man about tarring his roof, but he was not home, so we gassed up the Olds and returned to our home-away-from-home and mowed some of their lawns. We also washed our car, took



This is how the Conant Family looked nine months before the Andover boys showed up.

baths, and had supper. This was followed by another game of cards and then bed at 10 PM.

I should step away from my diary a minute and talk about the two Conant girls. I cannot recall their ages, but I remember the oldest, Mary Lou, had breasts when we were there and was entertaining her younger sister, Harriet, one evening by jumping up and down in front of a mirror in their bedroom, and Harold caught a glimpse of this as he came back from the upstairs bathroom. This involved a lot of laughter on the girls' part, and before Skip and I could enjoy the show, their mother Georgie called up and put an end to the fun.

Louis was the father's name, and he was a rock. He was the one who got us the lumber job. The family had been there for a long time, so the girls and their friends had that beautiful old-time southern accent, and we used to have a lot of fun comparing our "talk" with all those young girls.

We loved every minute we spent with them, and I think they enjoyed our company as much as we enjoyed theirs.

Sadly, our Great Adventure ends with the next installment.

Tuttle from page 12

three sons: John, Jerry, and James.

In 1995, the Homestead was sold to Patrick and Christine Frost after being in the Tuttle and Thompson families for 165 years. Today, it is owned by Frank and Justine Puliafico.

Fun Notes of Interest

Weare Drake Tuttle's name is written on a stained glass window in the East Andover church.

It has been told that Weare and Ellen

attended Lincoln's second inauguration in 1865.

It has been said that Lincoln visited the Tuttle family farm in Effingham.

Issa taught at the Tucker Mountain School for one year in 1887. She and Stella are present in the photo published in Ralph Chaffee's book.

It has been said that Stella was the first woman in Andover to cast a vote, in 1920.

Stella was a prolific artist and crafter.

Historical Society Buildings in Potter Place Opening for the Season

Weekends, Memorial Day to Columbus Day

Judy Perreault
Andover Historical Society

Spring is just around the corner, and so is the opening of the Andover Historical Society museum buildings in Potter Place. The railroad station, the JC Emons Store, and the caboose will be open on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, from 10 PM to 3 PM and will continue every weekend until Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9. Watch for the sign on Route 11.

The windows in the general store have been redecorated, as well as a new exhibit inside. The caboose has its new coat of paint and is very eye-catching. Railroad enthusiasts will especially enjoy the large collection of items in the railroad station. The Station Master will be happy to show you around.

Andover is very fortunate to have these historical buildings as well as dedicated volunteers to maintain and

staff them. Don't miss a chance to look back on Andover's history. Bring your family and friends. I am sure they will find it interesting.

The freight shed will also be open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend. We have a wide assortment of items for sale in the freight shed including tools, furniture, dishes, toys, jewelry, lamps, and other odds and ends. New items are arriving all the time.

We do accept items that are in good condition. It is best to check ahead of time.

This is a good fundraiser for the Society and a good way to furnish homes, camps, apartments, and dorm rooms at bargain prices.

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On April 21, about 30 seniors attended the last Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon of the spring season at the First Congregational Church in Wilnot Center. Everyone enjoyed the hearty meatball meal and cookies followed by Mother Quinlan (aka Judy Lowe) reading a letter to her son. We had a good laugh at Mother Quinlan's jokes.

When it was time to go, we grabbed our door prizes, free books from the Wilnot Public Library, complimentary breakfast bags, and frozen dinners-to-go and headed home. In the photo, Rose Tilton is shown packing up a couple of the frozen dinners-to-go.

The six sponsors of the Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheons are very pleased to have been able to host this last luncheon of the spring season. Hopefully luncheons will resume in the fall and continue through the cold months into 2023. Fingers are crossed. Photo and caption: Lindy Heim



Fiddling pals Ellen Carlson, Melissa Caron, and Kathy Sommer join the High Range Band for a lively concert at the Franklin Opera House on Franklin Community Day, Saturday, May 14.

Fantastic Fiddlers Perform at Franklin Opera House

On Franklin Community Day, May 14

Press release

Fiddling pals Ellen Carlson, Melissa Caron, and Kathy Sommer released a new album last year as "Fiddlers Three," with fiddle tunes of many styles and backing up singers with the triple fiddle sound. These gals will rev it up and sweeten your day while they have piles of fun putting some energy into your soul.

They'll be getting together at the Franklin Opera House on Saturday, May 14, with the acoustic roots band High Range. With a long list of rave reviews from national publications, they

add to the mix with guitar, upright bass, mandolin, banjo, and drums.

This will be a great way to close out Franklin's Community Day celebration on May 14. Tickets for the 7:30 PM show are available online at FranklinOperaHouse.org or by calling 603 934-1901 during office hours. Reserved seating is \$20 for adults or \$17 for seniors and students.

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Bringing distinctive and diverse classical and jazz concerts to the Lake Sunapee-New London region is the mission of Summer Music Associates, and what a spectacular 49th season is planned for this year. We are thrilled to be back!

The esteemed Boston Civic Symphony, now in its 97th year, will return for the ninth time to New London. Francisco Noya is the orchestra's dynamic musical director. Francisco is a native of Venezuela and is a prominent figure in the Boston and New England music scene, where he has earned a reputation as a versatile interpreter of symphonic and operatic literature.

The program will include Dvorak's *New World Symphony*, Mozart's *Piano Concerto in D minor* featuring Yutong Sun, a Cliburn International Piano Competition participant, and Jonathan Bailey Holland's New Hampshire premiere of *Colors*.

Frisson Ensemble features the best and brightest of classical music's rising stars. Frisson showcases a myriad of rarely-performed masterworks. The program in New London will range from Bach to Ravel's *Bolero*.

The Beacon Brass Quintet returns with a wide spectrum of music, ranging from early works by William Brade to the luscious melodies of Duke Ellington. The quintet is noted for its expertise across a wide spectrum of music, presenting nine world premiere performances.

The Pandolfi-Deutsch Duo is a stunning combination of flying keys and dazzling strings! This powerhouse duo takes the crowd on a whirlwind journey through the hits of the centuries, expressing a variety of

musical styles from classical to jazz to Billy Joel. Spiced with humor and laughs and a bit of history, audiences everywhere rave about these unique artists and their diverse and entertaining programming.

Fred Moyer Jazz Trio closes the season with an evening of classical piano and classic jazz solos. The first half of the program features renowned pianist Fred Moyer performing classical piano solos. Fred is joined in the second half by Lowell Ringel on bass and Bob Savine on drums to bring to life the improvisations of legendary jazz pianists and their trios through note-for-note transcriptions of their greatest performances.

Schedule

Boston Civic Symphony: Saturday, June 25, 7 PM, at the Sawyer Center Theater, Colby-Sawyer College, 541 Main Street, New London

Frisson Ensemble: Thursday, July 7, 7 PM, First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London

Beacon Brass Quintet: Thursday, July 21, 7 PM, First Baptist Church, New London

Pandolfi-Deutsch Duo: Thursday, August 4, 7 PM, First Baptist Church, New London

Fred Moyer Jazz Trio: Thursday, August 18, 7 PM, First Baptist Church, New London

Tickets: Adults \$25, Students \$5. Season tickets: \$100. Flex Tickets: Three for \$70, for use at any 2022 concert. Gift tickets are available and may be presented at any of the five 2022 concerts.

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Andover Fish and Game Club Holds Kids Spring Trout Derby

Help stock Highland Lake on May 20

Rich Gross, Andover Fish and Game Club

The Andover Fish and Game Club is sponsoring its 25th annual Kids Spring Trout Fishing Derby at Highland Lake in East Andover on Saturday, May 21. The derby is for all kids age 15 and under.

Registration starts at 7 AM at the Andover Fish and Game Clubhouse on Channel Road. You may begin fishing from the time you register until 10 AM.

Food and drink are provided, with lucky prizes, ribbons, and trophies to be awarded. Please bring your own fishing poles and bait.

There will be a stocking of trout for Highland Lake on Friday, May 20, at around 5 PM along the Channel. All kids are welcome to come and help with the stocking.

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On Maundy Thursday, April 14, the Andover Community Church surprised the youngsters at the East Andover Village Preschool with an Easter Egg Hunt.

Life Summit is Coming to Andover Community Church

Rummage and bake sale starts on May 28

Donna Thompson
Andover Community Church

May is here! Warmer weather is so welcome. Even we are being blessed with flowers coming up.

Palm Sunday was a wonderful day of praise, worship, and "Hosannas." At the second service, we began in the

parking lot and walked into the church, raising our palms and singing. Truly, what a glorious way to start the service!

Later that week, on Maundy Thursday, the EAVP kiddos were surprised with an Easter Egg Hunt gifted by the church. All the children really enjoyed this surprise. (Not sure who enjoyed it more, the children or the adults.)

Easter began with a beautiful time
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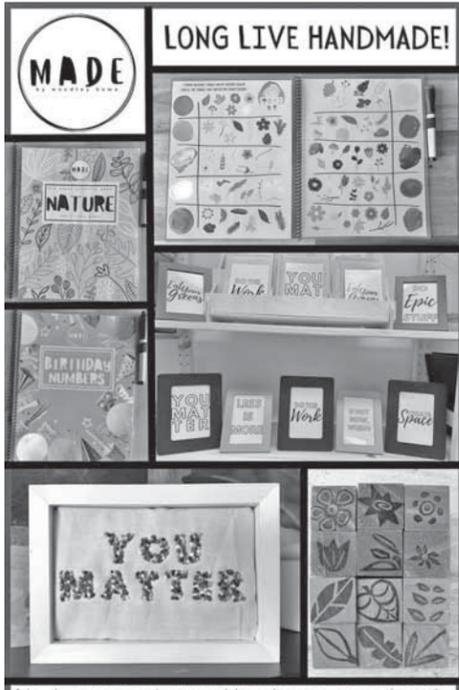
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Thrift Shop from page 17

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Whether you need a new outfit, a gift, or a card, visit the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop first, and support the nonprofit Andover Service Club with your purchase. The shop is located beside the Andover Elementary/Middle School at 26 School Street in Andover. The shop is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM.



Chelsea McDowell's inspirational embroidery art with a message and children's dry erase activity books will be in the Thrift and Gift Shop this month, in time for school vacation.

Church from page 16

watching the sunrise on Taunton Hill. Thank you, Sandra Graves, for providing such an inspirational place.

The service was followed by a breakfast provided by Judy Faller and her team in the Highland Lake Grange Hall, a community egg hunt, and a resurrection celebration complete with wonderful music and the flowering of the cross. It was quite a thrill to see a wooden cross transformed into a garden with so many colored flowers.

Later that day, Pastor Bill took off with 10 other travelers for a 13-day spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This was an exciting time of travel, from Dan to Beersheba. These trips come around about once a year and are welcomed to all. Information can be found at Blomquistian.com.

This month we have a full agenda. Saturday, May 14, is Franklin Community Day where we will have a tent with free water and cookies and special games for children. So stop by to say hello, meet the pastors, receive prayer, or just talk. We love meeting new people.

On Saturday, May 21, Andover Community Church and Anglicans for Life are hosting Life Summit. Life Summit is designed to address life is-

ues from conception to natural death and is an opportunity to hear great speakers, connect with others, and be inspired.

The gathering will feature both media presentations from the Life Summit DC gathering in January and in person speakers involved in Life ministry here in New Hampshire. Come join us at Andover Community Church, 1 Chase Hill Road, for refreshments at 8:30 AM and the summit from 9 AM to noon. For more information, contact us at 603 735-5160 or AndoverChurch@tds.net.

On Saturday, May 28, the rummage/bake sale/pre-made meals start up, to run through October. The hours will be 9 AM to 1 PM. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. Please stop to say hello and look around. We have a lot of new items. Any questions, please contact Donna Thompson at 603 744-6858 (house), 603 393-5470 (cell), or Crafty-Donna@metrocast.net.

And of course, we're already making plans for Andover's Fourth of July celebration, where we will have a cotton candy booth on the Village Green. Yum!

We would like to take the time to thank Acer Landscaping for taking care of our parking lot during the winter and Huckleberry Propane and Oil for the great job replacing the furnace in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Greatly appreciated!

Last but not least, we'd like to wish all mothers a Happy Mothers Day. Enjoy your day!

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Volunteers working at the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry are Kathy Dalrymple, Bryan Dalrymple, and Kathleen Belko.

Kearsarge Food Pantry Welcomes Clients From Andover

Rear of First Baptist Church in New London

Press release

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry (KLSCFP) is a non-profit committed to individuals and families needing food assistance in the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee area. We are located in the rear of the First Baptist Church at 461 Main Street in New London.

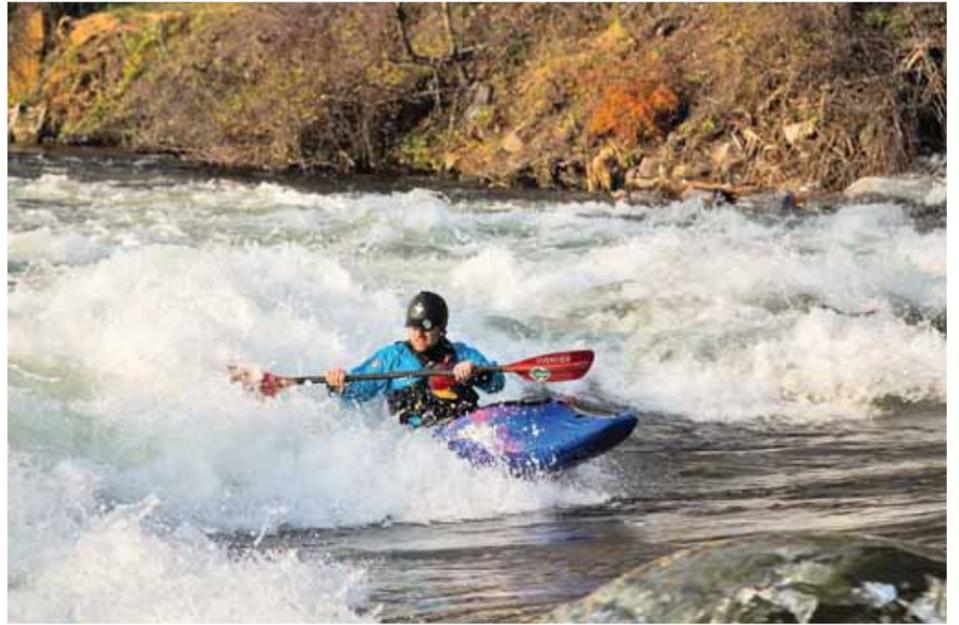
The pantry is open on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 PM and on Saturdays from 10 AM to noon. People can come weekly. We serve those who live in Andover, Wilmot, Newbury, Sunapee, Springfield, New London, Sutton, War-

ner, Bradford, Danbury, and Salisbury.

During this time of rising food prices and food insecurity, we are fortunate to have good nutritious food in our food pantry. We have multiple food sources, and our volunteer “shoppers” who buy food at our local supermarkets.

At the food pantry you will find meat, milk, eggs, butter, cheese, fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as nonperishables such as canned soup, chicken or tuna, baked beans, cereal, tomato sauce, pasta, and locally grown fruits and vegetables. Our goal is to find nutritious, tasty food which we all enjoy.

Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic we have been serving people
See Food Pantry on page 20



The Franklin Falls Revitalization continued in April with the Jackson Kayak Fun Tour bringing professional paddlers from Tennessee and Georgia to Franklin for free clinics. The event was a great showcase for the Franklin community, with free live music, food vendors, and beer served by Vulgar Brewing Company.
Photo: Tiffany Eddy

Jackson Kayak Holds Free Clinics at Franklin Falls

Community of paddlers is "one big family"

Press release

Franklin Falls’ Revitalization made a commitment to free outdoor infrastructure years ago. This has been a story that folks have heard around the state.

The excitement and vibrancy of this small city continued on April 16 when Jackson Kayak, a Tennessee-based company and a leader
See Kayak on page 20



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All Welcome to Andover Service Club Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, at 10 AM

Sandra Graves, Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club would like to welcome all of you to a meeting of the membership on Wednesday, May 11, at 10 AM at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. Come one, come all, and bring a friend!

Refreshments will be provided by the Executive Board. Join us to conduct important business of the club and to enjoy meeting new members as well as seeing each other again after such a very long interval.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday, May 11, at 10 AM. The wearing of masks is encouraged. 

Crutches, Walkers, and Foot Care are All Available at the Hub

Senior Health Clinic is second Tuesday

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

In need of the loan of some crutches or a shower seat due to an injury or recovery from surgery? Need some help with regular foot care, blood pressure screening, or vitamin B-12 injections?

The Andover Community Hub has both an ongoing "Mobility on the Go" equipment lending closet as well as a regular Senior Health Clinic to help residents meet some health needs.

The Hub keeps a small inventory of wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, etc. ready to be loaned out to residents who may be recovering from injuries, surgeries, or hospitalizations and therefore have a temporary need for such items. Equipment is loaned for six weeks at no charge; the only request is that borrowed equipment be returned in clean

condition.

Residents can make an appointment to borrow equipment by contacting the Hub at 603 735-5509 or TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.

Area residents have also come to rely on the Senior Health Clinic, now in its third year at the Hub, especially for toenail clipping and other foot care, which can be a challenge for many seniors. The smiling face of a friendly nurse is a regular presence at the Hub on the second Tuesday of every month, from 10 AM to 2 PM by appointment.

The health clinic is provided by the Granite Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), based in Concord, and staffed by a VNA nurse who is also glad to answer questions about medications and nutrition. To schedule an appointment, residents should call the VNA at 603 224-4093, ext. 5815. A donation of \$10 to the VNA is suggested but not required. 

KNP Partners with Repeat Boutique to Help the Community

Your spring cleaning
can help those in need

Nancy Allenby
Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners

Are you spring cleaning your closets and drawers? Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP) has an account at the Repeat Boutique in Andover (upstairs in the Circle K near Belletetes on Route 11).

Drop off your spring and summer clothing donations Wednesdays through Fridays from 10 AM to 5 PM or Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and let them know you want the proceeds to go onto the KNP account. KNP Advocates can then take neighbors to shop for whatever they need, whenever they need it. The cost of neighbors' clothing will come out of credit we have on the account. Everybody wins!

Tray It Forward

Spring Ledge Farm in New London is actively growing 400 beautiful trays of veggie seedlings for folks in our community who are experiencing food

insecurity. Just \$20 helps a family grow their own garden!

If you're interested in sponsoring a tray, stop in at the Spring Ledge farm stand. Each tray will make its way to either a family in need or a community garden site, in one of 12 local towns (including Andover).

National Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer Month, and we want to celebrate the huge impact made by KNP volunteers! Thanks to each of you for being part of the KNP community and for making our neighborhood a better place, every single day.

We're very excited that so many good things are happening during coming weeks: wood stacking, Tray it Forward preparations, a KNP hat sale, and plans for a summer gathering. Thanks for being on this ride with us!

KNP's service area includes Andover, Bradford, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot. For more information about KNP, visit KNPnh.org. 

Food Pantry from page 19

in their cars but hope to change that soon to allow everyone to come back inside to see what is available. Our volunteers try to assure our clients that they are welcome at the food pantry for as long as they need assistance.

The only requirement for shopping at KLSCFP pantry is that you bring some proof that you live in one of the above

towns. It could be a driver's license, a rent receipt, a gas or electric bill, or something similar. We do not ask for financial information, nor do we share information about our clients with anyone else.

If you have an emergency, cannot come at the above times, or have questions, please contact us at 603 526-6511. All who are in need of food are welcome to the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry. 

Kayak from page 19

in the paddlesports industry, came to Franklin Falls for a series of free clinics at the city's new whitewater park. The company's full line-up of whitewater and recreational kayaks was on display at Trestle View Park during the event.

"We are one big family, a community of paddlers, and we want to make

sure that everyone has a great time out on the water!" brand manager and professional paddler Emily Jackson stated.

This is exactly what the Jackson Kayak Fun Tour achieved. Bringing professional whitewater paddlers from Tennessee and Georgia hasn't ever happened in Franklin or New Hampshire. Whitewater paddlers are pumped.

However, the day was really about showcasing the Franklin community. As such, there was free live music, food vendors, and beer served by Franklin's local brewery, Vulgar Brewing Company. 



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Andover Garden Club members Jen Turner, Kerin Gallo, Edibeth Farrington, Gail Parenteau, Nance Teach, and Vicky Mishcon make Bee Hotels for the Club's Earth Day celebration. Photo: Mary Lou McCrave

Garden Club Hosts Webinars, Plans Civic Beautification

Floral display contest coming in May

Mary Lou McCrave
Andover Garden Club

During May, Club members will begin civic beautification plans. Local businesses and organizations will be approached to participate in a floral summer window box or hanging basket display. Awards for first, second, and third place will be presented in mid-August.

Winning arrangements will be judged on color, container design and structure, and plant selection. Let's give our quaint and picturesque town of Andover a face-lift! Business owners, please respond "Yes!" when a member of the Beautification Committee approaches you to join in the fun.

In April, Garden Club members enjoyed a four-week webinar series on sustainable gardening. Each Tuesday, members gathered at the Andover Community Hub in front of a recently donated large-screen smart TV to view an informative Fine Gardening series. Topics covered were: sustainable garden design; naturalistic approaches to landscape planning; native alternatives for common plants; pollinator-friendly plant selections; habitat conservation; enhancing soil sustainability; and successful native-plant integration.

It was a great learning experience, not only giving members an opportunity to expand their knowledge of sustainable gardening practices, but also in introducing Club members with like-minded interests. Plans are now being made to offer webinars year-round featuring timely and relevant topics. The next webinar will be held on Tuesday, May 10, at 6 PM. For more information, email AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com.

On April 27, in honor of Earth Day, Club member and apiarist Kim Pease presented "Why Honeybees are Important and Other Pollinators." Native bee (and insect) "hotels" were given away, and native plant- and bee-themed books, art prints, and tote bags were sold, as well as honey products from Ball Family Farm in Salisbury. Proceeds benefit the Club's education programs and civic beautification efforts. It was a lively meeting, and much fun and learning was had by all.

The next Club meeting will be held at the Hub on Wednesday, June 8, from 3 to 5 PM, when Lilac Society President John Bentley will demonstrate how to prune lilacs, using the Hub's overgrown shrubs as examples. Members will also participate in an exchange of perennial plants. For more information, visit the Club's Facebook page at Andover NH Garden Club.

And be sure to "Like" the Club on Facebook to receive up-to-date information about events and activities.

The Andover Garden Club is a program of the Andover Community Hub, and membership is free and open to all.

Wilmot Garden Club Hosts Annual Plant Sale

One day only,
May 28, rain or shine!

Press release

The Wilmot Garden Club's famous annual plant sale will be held from 8 AM to noon on Saturday, May 28, on the Wilmot Town Green, right off of Route 11 next to the bandstand and Wilmot Town Offices at 9 Kearsarge Valley Road. Follow the signage from Route 11.

In preparation for the plant sale, Wilmot Garden Club members dig, pot, and nurture perennials donated by local gardeners to sell alongside a wide selection of picture-perfect, greenhouse-

raised annuals and vegetable plants trucked directly from Jolly Farmer Nurseries.

Every year funds raised by the plant sale are used to beautify the town of Wilmot and to award a scholarship to students demonstrating a strong interest in the field of horticulture.

As usual, the garden club's annual plant sale is a one day only, rain or shine event. Members of the Wilmot Garden Club will be on hand to assist you with your choices. Convenient parking is on-site. See you there!

For questions, contact Lindy at Lindy@HeimFamily.org or 603 748-2627.

Franklin Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 28

Press release

There will be a community-wide yard sale in Franklin on Saturday, May 28, rain or shine, from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Maps will be available for \$2 starting at 7:45 AM on the day of the event in front of Franklin High School at 115 Central Street, Franklin.

Proceeds from registration fees and map sales will benefit the Twin Rivers Food Pantry, which serves income-eligible individuals and families from Franklin and surrounding towns, including Andover.

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Through the Reading Glasses May 2022

Children's books for summer reading

Janet Moore
Andover Libraries Trustee

It's time for children's books: before you know it, the kids will be released from school and ready to read – right? Of course right!

In *Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?*, Frenchie spotted the piebald deer right before school and decided to follow it. Major upset, especially for best friend and school guide Aurora, who quickly became part of a town-wide search and rescue effort, seeking the sixth grade boy who doesn't speak.

The two children, one autistic and the other ADHD, had become fast friends three years before, when Frenchie and his mom moved next door to Aurora's family in a small, coastal Maine town. Aurora taught him how to float; he helped her collect rocks, and together they learned to be quiet when observing that unusual deer.

Leslie Connor has drawn another wonderful portrait of friendship and small town togetherness with humor, suspense, and occasional bouts of relief – but no more!

Another well-drawn example of children finding and supporting each other occurs in Barbara O'Connor's new book, *Wish*. Charlie has been sent to live with her childless aunt and uncle in what one might call backwoods North Carolina, unwillingly. Her mom won't get out of bed while her dad is in jail, not exactly the perfect home for a child willing to just stay home and ignore the world.

Gus and Bertha, though, welcome her with love, while her new fifth grade "backpack buddy," Howard, introduces Charlie to his rambunctious family and a school willing to give her a whole lot of chances to succeed and many hugs, too. Yes, there's a wish, and it comes in the form of a stray dog, so read on!

Moving all the way across the country to unmistakable San Francisco (the fog, the fog), we find Lou and Casey, aged 10 and 15, whose mom is about to get married again. Not only will they be faced with a stepdad, but they'll be moving to his house in the suburbs, a mere 15 miles but a whole world away.

New school, new house, new friends, and new neighbors all make for a set of marvelous possibilities, like a talent show and block party, if only Lou and Casey are willing to accept the changes and the stability they bring. This is *A Song Called Home* by Sara Zarr.

I've saved the best for last: *The Beatryce Prophecy* by Kate DiCamillo. I'd like to press this into the hands of every elementary school child as they enter summer and say, "See what's possible!"

Yes, it's set in medieval times, and Answelica the goat plays a major role, and the former king has simply walked away from the throne, and Beatryce, disguised as a shaven-headed junior monk, has to hide her skills at literacy. But, oh, what a tale, and it begs to be read aloud.

She and her new friends, Jack Dory and Brother Edick, avenge the wrongs done to their families with guile and perseverance, rescuing her mother, setting their world a-right and living happily ever after – yes, it's true!



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Young Sci-Fi Author Has Andover Connections

Senior project leads to book of five stories

Press release

With his first book, *Split Track and Other Science Fiction Stories*, young author McHale Cahill, a senior at Sunapee High School, exemplifies classic science fiction elements with a personal take. Each story includes an important message on the human condition and questions its involvement with the world.

McHale's Andover connections include his mother, Tina Walker, who grew up in Andover and graduated from Proctor in 1986; and his grandmother, Donna Wiggin, who has lived her whole life in Andover.

Split Track is a quick read, yet every story contains descriptive imagery and detailed worlds that keep the pages turning. Through each story, McHale captures human themes, even if the characters aren't completely human.

"McHale's characters struggle with human problems and resolutions in far-away times and places," says Thomas Coverdale, an English teacher at Sunapee High School, "allowing him to scrutinize what it means to be an individual of today's world, in bas relief

against a culture or society that is constantly changing into what tomorrow might bring.

"Kale's nuanced fiction sets the standard in my classes – characteristically demonstrative, helping me instruct his peers to 'put the audience into the narrative.' He is undoubtedly one of the best student fiction writers that I have witnessed in 35 years of teaching."

"I write because I like to create my own worlds and tell stories within those worlds," McHale says. "Writing helps me live in worlds that can only be accessed through the imagination." The stories, while each exploring different themes of science fiction, will certainly give readers a character or message with which to relate.

Split Track was born out of McHale's senior project and has won an award from the Center for the Arts Teen Writing Competition. He wrote and self-published *Split Track* by himself using Kindle Direct. He hopes to continue writing and publishing books in the future.

Split Track is 92 pages long and is now available in paperback at Amazon, locally at Artisan's at 11 Pleasant Street, New London, or by contacting the author at yaknkvd@gmail.com.

Book Club Pick for May is Jessica Bruder's *Nomadland*

Surviving America in the 21st century

Janet Moore

Andover Libraries Trustee

The Andover Libraries Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Bachelder Library, just up Chase Hill Road in East Andover. Anyone is welcome to pick up the monthly read and come sit around and talk about books.

On Wednesday, May 25, at 7 PM, we'll be discussing Jessica Bruder's *Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century*.

The Great Recession of 2008 hit older adults pretty hard, so hard in fact that a number of them gave up the struggle to maintain their brick and mortar lives and took to the open road to work seasonal jobs. They moved between trailer parks and campgrounds, forming a new and often unwilling segment of society; those who couldn't afford to live on Social Security, lost their pensions, but were aged out of mainstream jobs with benefits. What they discovered was a mix of the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Amazon fulfillment centers across the country rely on their "camperforce"

workers to fill in during the fall rush toward Christmas. It's not a pretty picture, as the elderly are held to the same "standards" that pressurize the younger workers. State and federal camping associations haggle over what they term petty grievances but what the transient workers call overtime.

But the camaraderie and sense of community and downright ingenuity make the struggle worth living. Compassion rules as these nomads travel back and forth across the country, living a new kind of American dream in the retirement years.

Pick up a copy of *Nomadland* at either library and join us on the 25th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janet Moore at 603 735-4018 or JMPcille@tds.net.

Andover Libraries Announce March Madness Raffle Winners

Press release

The Andover Libraries are happy to announce the recipients of the March Madness Raffle prizes. This raffle could not have happened without the generous support of Andover businesses.

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Do you have photos or stories? Be sure to bring them.

Speaker Dr. Lourdes Avilés is Professor of Meteorology at Plymouth State University in central New Hampshire. She is currently chair of the program and teaches a variety of courses to prepare future meteorologists.



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The Great New England Hurricane of 1938

Program explores its causes and effects

Press release

At 1:30 PM on Sunday, May 8, Dr. Lourdes Avilés, with her collection of amazing stories and photos of the Great New England Hurricane of 1938, will be the guest speaker for the Wilmot Historical Society.

Dr. Avilés, Program Chairman and Professor of Meteorology at Plymouth State University, has been studying the causes and effects of this devastating Hurricane since she moved to New Hampshire in 2004.

She will speak to us not only about the basics of hurricane science, but about how such storms fit within their historical times and how they affect the everyday lives of the people who live through them.

Local stories, photos, people's journals, news and magazine articles of the times, and more are all part of the trove of research she will share with us.

The program will be held at the Wilmot Town Hall, 9 North Wilmot Road. Bring your own family stories, as well. Refreshments will be served at 1 PM, and Dr. Avilés will present her talk at 1:30 PM. The program is free and open to all.



Dr. Lourdes Avilés

South Danbury Church News May 2022

Linda Wilson, South Danbury Church

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation in South Danbury Church events and activities!

We are especially grateful for your donations to the South Danbury Church Essential Home Goods Shelf at the Danbury Community Center (DCC). The (non-food) home goods collection

began this year with a suggestion from Reverend Gail Kinney, and thanks to Kendra Fifield, the DCC is hosting it.

Personal care items are especially helpful. Contributions are always welcome, and can be brought to the DCC or to church services and events.

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The South Danbury Church, located at 1411 US Route 4 in South Danbury, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, UCC.

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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Minutes, March 16, 2022

Condensed from draft minutes

Board Attendees: Alex Bernhard, Amy Chan, Barbara Couturier, Steve Darling, George Heaton, Lindy Heim, Cody Hussey, Dustin Ladd, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Ricker Miller, Don Moyer, Chris Norris, Jack Shields

Committee Member: Patrice Rasche

Welcome Guest: Gary LeBlanc, Scenic RailRiders, Concord

Business Matters

February Draft Minutes: Unanimously approved, as corrected, to include Steve Darling's attendance at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dustin Ladd's report highlighted FNRT's most dramatic financial action: the transfer of \$110,000 to the State of New Hampshire for purchase of the Pan Am right-of-way in Boscawen that will extend our Trail. Besides this, \$19,000 waits in reserve for the construction of this Trail extension soon.

With recent cash contributions of about \$7,000, an upcoming Annual Fund drive, and about \$26,000 in uncommitted funds, FNRT is in a good position to embark on a wide range of needed Trail improvements this year. (See discussion from the Trail Building and Maintenance Committee.)

Committee Reports

Trail Building and Maintenance: Chair Don Moyer's report focused on building of the new Boscawen extension as well as a multitude of projects on the remainder of the Trail.

Experienced chainsaw people are earnestly sought, particularly to help maintain the section between Andover and Canaan. For fun, fellowship, and further information, contact Don Moyer at MDonNH@gmail.com.

Don Moyer and Jack Shields are spearheading plans for construction of the Trail Extension in Boscawen, with no time wasted. After the recording of the deed on March 11, a meeting with NH DOT was scheduled for March 21. A Terms of Use Agreement will be designed, covering the many construction issues, such as rails, ties, brush and trees, culverts and gravel pack. Equipment will be needed, and, hopefully,

contributed – an initiative that Alex Bernhard is pursuing. Our time-line aspiration for the work is mid-summer.

In attendance, Gary LeBlanc, of Scenic RailRiders offered his perspectives on this project, and agreed to work with FNRT on design and other issues that affect us both.

In addition, Don offered a "Project Scoreboard" of 14 other worthy maintenance and improvement projects, mostly in Grafton County. With plans for a 2023 Recreational Trails Program grant application in the works, the Board voted unanimously to make two sites the basis of our application: Potato Road resurfacing (Canaan) and the Route 4 overpass at Tunnel Road (Orange).

The other projects on the "Scoreboard" will be concretized further in the near future.

Administration and Finance: Although this committee had no meeting or report, Myra Mayman noted plans for our Annual Appeal "Stuffing Party" on April 13, 3 PM, at the Highland Lake Inn in East Andover, to address, stuff, and mail envelopes.

Marketing and Promotion: Although this committee had no meeting, it happily reports the publication of the March "Get On It" FNRT Newsletter.

In addition, Amy Chan reported her plans to apply for a grant to fund a "Cycling Without Age" project, which, in collaboration with Lebanon Recreation, would provide assistance to bring more seniors onto the Trail. Amy also reported on a project in Lebanon, proposed by a local Eagle Scout, to build a new bike rack and kiosk.

Technology: Chair Cody Hussey reported on plans for website migration, using Squarespace. A motion for Cody to go forward with the initiative was unanimously carried.

Exciting Events

FNRT welcomes Governor Sununu and state officials to a celebration of the finally-achieved purchase and authority for the Boscawen Extension of the Trail, held on March 25 on Hannah Dustin Island in Boscawen.

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Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Opens on May 1

Redesigned "Celebrate Birds" building opens

Press release

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is preparing for opening day of the 2022 trail season which begins Sunday, May 1. The ¾-mile live animal exhibit trail features coyote, fisher, red and gray fox, bobcats, black bear, river otters, white-tailed deer, various owls and raptors, and more. Plan at least two and a half hours to walk the animal exhibit trail, which meanders through open meadows, mature forests, and marsh boardwalks on a packed gravel path.

Regular hours are 9:30 AM to 5 PM, with the last trail admission at 3:30 PM. Trail admission rates are \$22 for adults; \$20 for seniors age 65+; \$16 for youth ages three to 15; and free for children age two and under and for members.

Squam Lake Cruises begin in mid-May and run through mid-October. Visit NHnature.org for more information.

This season the Science Center is hosting *Giant Insects* from July 1 through September 30. These giant animatronic insects will help visitors learn about the importance of insects in our natural world through educational interpretation, movement, sound, and even spray!

Five giant insects, including bombardier beetle, blue-eyed damper, devil's flower mantis, grasshopper, and stag beetle, will provide a dynamic larger-than-life experience for visitors to the Science Center. *Giant Insects* are included in regular trail admission and free for members.

The Science Center is also opening the completely redesigned Celebrate Birds building, which includes live Bittern, Black-crowned Night-Heron, and Broad-winged Hawk in addition to new interpretation and interactive exhibits. This complements the new Raptor Exhibit, which opened in 2021.

The Gordon Children's Center will

re-open for the 2022 season, which has been closed since 2020. Visitors will enjoy crawling through tunnels, on spider webs, and experiencing nature through sight, sound, and touch.

Kirkwood Gardens continues to add to the huge variety of plants with identification plaques identifying the



Great Horned Owl

plants and their benefits for the natural world.

Special Events

New Hampshire Day: Saturday, May 7. New Hampshire residents may visit the live animal exhibit trail for \$5 admission with proof of residency thanks to generous sponsors Dead River Company and New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation.

Visitors will enjoy *Up Close to Animals* presentations at the Amphitheater at 11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM. Advance tickets are required and available at NHnature.org.

Virtual Science Pub: *The Gulf of Maine – Changing Climate and Changing Fisheries*, Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Squam Lakes Association, and Squam Lakes Conservation Society partner to bring Science Pubs to a virtual audience.

This virtual discussion about climate change will look at impacts on local animal populations. Graham Sherwood from the Gulf of Maine Research Institute will talk about a changing climate and changing fisheries. There is no charge to attend, but advance registration is required at NHnature.org.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Becomes Dartmouth Health

New Hampshire's only academic health system

Press release

Nearly three years ago, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health initiated a strategic effort to update its brand identity, and today one of the nation's premier academic health systems announces its new brand and name: Dartmouth Health.

"Our new Dartmouth Health brand was created to reflect and celebrate the high-quality care we provide across the region, bolstered by world-class teaching and research that combine to make our academic health system one of the nation's best," said Joanne M. Conroy, MD, CEO and president of Dartmouth Health.

"At its core, the Dartmouth Health brand represents and celebrates the clinical excellence and spirit of innovation that has been the hallmark of our organization's tireless, passionate drive to provide the highest-quality care to the people across our region every single day. With, hopefully, the darkest days of the pandemic behind us, we see this as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the incredible work our colleagues have done, and continue to do, in collaboration across our system, for the benefit of the people and the communities we serve."

The new brand is part of Dartmouth Health's strategic plan to strengthen its relationships with the patients it serves in communities throughout northern New England. It will also serve to increase awareness of the academic health system; to affirm its position as the healthcare provider and employer of choice in the region; to elevate the system's reputation nationally; and to better articulate the strengths and benefits of the growing and increasingly integrated system in a dynamic and competitive healthcare environment.

The new brand also respects and reflects its work in local communities and will mutually benefit and further reinforce the historically strong relationship among the health system, the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, and the Dartmouth community.

"Spring is the season of rebirth and renewal, and is an ideal time to introduce Dartmouth Health," said Jennifer E. Gilkie, Dartmouth Health System Vice President of Communications and Marketing. "This evolution is long overdue, and it positions our system for the future. We are grateful for our creative partners and our communications colleagues across Dartmouth Health for their committed and collaborative efforts on this dynamic rebranding initiative over the past nearly three years."

Dartmouth Health will phase-in its new brand identity over the next two to three years, beginning with its website, collateral materials, digital assets, and other publicly visible elements such as facility signage and employee badges. The majority of branded assets will be updated or replaced during the normal replacement cycle or when inventory levels are low and reordering is necessary – a "deplete and replace" approach that reduces costs and minimizes waste.

Dartmouth Health is based at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, the center of the academic health system in Lebanon, and includes Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in Lebanon; Cheshire Medical Center in Keene; New London Hospital in New London; Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center in Windsor, Vermont; and Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire, serving patients in both states.

Dartmouth Health also comprises more than 24 locations of Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinics around the region; Dartmouth Cancer Center (formerly Dartmouth's and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center); and Dartmouth Health Children's (which includes Children's Hospital at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, or "CHaD").

While the Dartmouth Cancer Center and Dartmouth Health Children's are new names under the rebrand, both remain keystones of the Dartmouth Health system and continue their missions of providing high-quality, innovative care to patients across the region.

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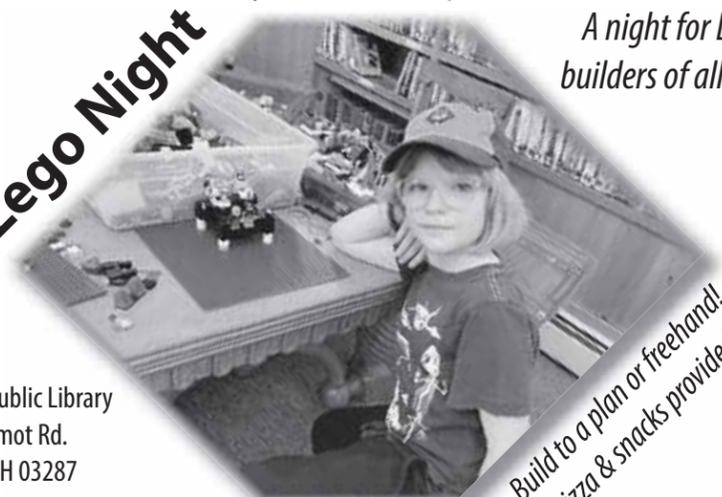
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OBITUARIES

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that the family of Mary Jo Cutty announces her sudden passing on March 29, 2022 in Andover at the age of 75.

Mary Jo recently relocated from upstate New York to New Hampshire, always a favorite state to visit. She was a graduate of the College of New Rochelle and a retiree of United Services Automobile Association (USAA) in Tampa, Florida.

Mary Jo enjoyed traveling and visited many different countries. She was an avid student of the arts and an amazing landscape artist. She always found time to volunteer and assisted many organizations, most recently the Shaker Heritage Society in upstate New York.

Mary Jo was predeceased by her parents John and Dorothy (Marlo) and two brothers, Mike and Mark. She will be lovingly remembered by her sister Nancie and brother-in-law Craig Jacobson of Andover and their family, her brother John of upstate New York, sister Sharon of New Jersey, sister-in-law



Harriet of Albany, New York, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends throughout the United States.

Special thanks to the Franklin VNA and Hospice for their care and support.

RICHARD FRANCIS "DICK" RHATTAN, 91, of Salisbury, died peacefully at home on Monday, April 18, 2022 surrounded by his family.

Born in Harlem, New York, amidst the Great Depression, Dick was the fifth child of Arthur Hattan and Susan Carey, two hardworking, proud individuals, who knew great sorrow but persevered.



He grew up on the streets of New York, attending school in the morning and using the afternoon and evening to go to Yankees games, movies, and the Metropolitan Museum of Natural History, and to listen to the radio. Always bright and always searching, he taught himself Latin so he could serve as an

altar boy. Later he gained admission at Stuyvesant High School and Queens College.

The day after his college graduation, Dick enlisted in the US Army. He served in Army Intelligence in Germany, signing up for an extra year to "see the world." He enjoyed his years of service and stated that it made him the man he was. After discharge, he hitchhiked throughout Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

In the late 1950s, he returned to New York and began his career in healthcare as a mental health worker at St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan.

There he met student nurse Mary Curley, his love and partner for the next 63 years of his life. Mary and Dick married in 1960 and moved to St. Louis, where they dove into family life and medical school. Dick became a child psychiatrist. After years of moving, Dick and Mary settled their growing family in Salisbury, New Hampshire, though Dick remained a Yankees fan forever.

Over his lengthy and accomplished career, Dick served the youth of the Granite State at the Anna Philbrook Center of New Hampshire Hospital, Riverbend Community and Genesis Mental Health Centers, and in private practice. Respected and admired by colleagues, he emphasized strength and potential in his patients and their families, rather than weakness or illness.

He retired at age 84. While not working, he relaxed by felling trees in the forest, building (and rebuilding) stone walls, and re-roofing his 1755 colonial home: the cherished Albatross of his last decades.

Dick was an avid fan of music, art, film, and literature. He loved classical music, pop music, and show tunes. He collected hundreds (thousands?) of 45s for his home jukebox and taught himself piano in his 70s. He passionately watched movies his entire life. Dick

loved history.

He led adventurous road trips to museums, National Parks, and battlefields for his ragtag group of ornery children, nieces, and nephews. He forever encouraged loved ones to seek opportunities to grow and learn.

He loved sports, particularly those played by his children and grandchildren. The Yankees, Celtics, and Redskins were his teams. Mary, however, converted to a Red Sox fan – a source of constant banter and a little marital tension. A masterful card player, Dick played any game expertly and maintained his enthusiasm for cards 'til the very last days of his life.

Dick threw a mean party. He and Mary hosted countless cocktail hours, holidays, impromptu events, and wed-

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dings at their home. All were welcome, even, once, a stranger who saw all the parked cars and mistakenly thought the gathering was a meeting of the Salisbury Historical Society. After getting some food, the stranger asked Dick, "Are all your meetings this fun? Do they all include dinner?"

Finally, and most importantly, Dick loved his friends, his family, and above all, his beautiful wife Mary. He was available to all – for help with any activity, for support or good advice, or just for a fun visit. While identifying himself a conservative, he pushed his children and grandchildren to think freely and for themselves, always advising to "follow your nose" and "trust your instincts."

Dick's memory began leaving him in
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his last years, yet his concern for others never wavered. Some of his final thoughts were with patients, worrying aloud that everyone be well cared-for and safe. The day before he died at home, surrounded by family, he told Mary, "You know what? I've lived a damned good life."

Dick is predeceased by his parents and siblings; his best friend and card partner, Frank Scaliti; beloved sister-in-law Eileen Scaliti and cousin Joan Dickson; his son Richard Lawrence and granddaughter Mary Elizabeth. He is survived by his wife Mary; their 12 children and children's spouses; 32 grandchildren; and countless devoted nieces, nephews, and friends.

We are all better people for having known Dick Hattan. He will never be forgotten.

The funeral mass will be at Immaculate Conception Church, Potter Place, at 11 AM on Monday, April 25. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry, 2 Central Street Unit C, Franklin NH 03235; or to the National Alliance for Mental Illness at NAMInh.org/donate or NAMI New Hampshire, 85 North State Street, Concord NH 03301.

ANN L. JONES, 86, passed away on April 17, 2022 at the Merrimack County Nursing Home after a period of declining health. She was born on May 15, 1935 to Homer J. and Eva R. LaBier in Peterborough, New Hampshire.

Ann graduated from Peterborough High School in 1953. She married Alan Davis, Sr. on March 16, 1954 and began her life as a wife and mother. They resided in several New Hampshire towns, eventually settling in Plymouth.



Ann served as the Administrative Assistant of Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth for 17 years. She then began her legal internship with Brown and Nixon Law Firm in Manchester. In 1984 she joined the Orr and Reno Law Firm in Concord as a Litigation Paralegal specializing in medical issues. She realized a lifelong goal to earn a college education in 1984 as a Cum Laude graduate of Notre Dame College in Manchester.

In 1986 she met F. Donald Jones of New London, and the couple married on August 8, 1987 and resided in New London. In 1987 she began employ-

ment with McSwiney, Jones, Semple, and Douglas Professional Association as a Real Estate Paralegal.

In 1990 Ann completed the Upper Valley Teacher Training Program and subsequently began her four-year teaching career in Andover Middle School. From 1996 through 2006 she was a Paralegal/Secretary for John Holton Law Firm in New London. Also, she served as Administrative Assistant with Rock Dental Clinic for dental education for children in the Lake Sunapee Region.

While in New London she was a six-year Ballot Clerk, seven-year member of the New London Zoning Board of Adjustment, and a twelve-year Supervisor of the Checklist.

Ann is survived by her loving husband, F Donald Jones, New London; her son, Alan Davis, Jr. (Christine), Franklin; son, Stephen, Laconia; daughter, Nancy (Kevin) Morse, Campton; and son, James (Lynn), Plymouth; her former husband, Alan Davis, Sr.; grandchildren, Eric Davis; Kevin Davis (Danielle), Jeffrey Davis (Katie), Matt Benedix, Taylor Davis (Elena), Corey Davis, Hannah Davis (Sam); great-grandchildren, Colby Davis, Meera Mae Davis, and Nolan Davis; stepchildren, Kelly Belinsky (Mark), J Scott Jones (Julie); step-grandchildren, Jacob Bailey (Alex), Kara Belinsky (Gavin), Addison Jones (James), Josh Belinsky (Ally), Tyler Jones (Hannah), Jonathon Morse, and Alexis Morse; her brother, Ronald LaBier, and Paul Strong, husband of Ann's stepdaughter Kimberly Strong.

Ann was predeceased by her parents, Homer and Eva LaBier; her half brothers, Orin and Norman; her grandson, Nicholas Benedix; her stepdaughter, Kimberly Strong; and Cindy Jupp Jones, the wife of her stepson J Scott Jones.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 11 AM at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 724 Main Street, New London with a reception to follow in the area on the lower level of the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer Association at alz.org; Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice, PO Box 2209, New London NH 03257; Council on Aging, Inc., PO Box 1263, New London NH 03257; or to the charity of your choice.

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Andover Girls Softball Season Starts on May 7

Public welcome to home games at AE/MS

Jill Jones Grotnes
Andover Girls Softball
"Let's Play Ball!"

Andover Girls' Softball season has started, and we have three teams ready to take the field. We are excited with our numbers and enthusiasm from both the coaches and players.

Unfortunately, we are still not in the position to have a T-ball team, but Andover Baseball always welcomes our younger players for T-ball, and we are very thankful for that.

This year our organization is going through some major transitions. President Chris Bentzler has stepped down after serving for a number of years on the board in multiple positions, as well as Vice President Elizabeth Perry and Treasurer Linda Perry.

Chris, EB, and Linda have given years of time and energy to the Board, as parents and most substantially as coaches. They have passed over their knowledge and love for the game and have been available for support and guidance to the new Board members. We will miss them on the field this season and want to thank them for all the hard work and positivity they have brought to our organization.

Our current Board members are: Jill Jones Grotnes, Dara Gove, Donna Bates, Andrea Newton, and Michele Stetson. We are always open to new members!

Andover Girls' Softball will have 8U, 10U, and 12U teams this year. Our coaches are:

8U: Andrea Newton and Stephanie Martz

10U: Kyle Tremblay, Brad Hardie, and Jessica Davis

12U: Jill Jones Grotnes, Dara Gove, Mark Tremblay, Michele Stetson, and Pete Shedd.

Without volunteer support, our organization would be lost. Thank you to our coaches!

We are looking forward to our annual field clean up day on Saturday, April 23, and are really happy that Garry George is willing to help us put down our new bases. We will definitely be on the Village Green to celebrate Andover's Fourth of July selling our fried dough this year.

Come out and support our teams at one of our home games – we would love to see you! All of our home games are played at AE/MS. Our Opening Day Parade is on Saturday, May 7, at 8 AM. The parade runs down Main Street, then Lawrence Street, ending at the baseball field with introductions to all softball and baseball teams and coaches.

The home game schedules are below. Unless noted otherwise, games are at 6 PM.

8U: May 2, 12, 18, 23, 25, and June 10

10U: May 3, 5, 7 (at 9 AM), 17, 26, and June 11 (at 9 AM)

12U: May 7 (at 11 AM), 9, 11, 14 (at 3 PM), 31, June 4 (at 10:30 AM), June 7



Andover Youth Baseball Opening Day is May 7

Historic registration numbers this year

Adam Jones
Andover Youth Baseball

The Andover Youth Baseball (AYB) Program started practices in early April this year. Initially, some of the teams were practicing in the gym at AE/MS, but once the mud and grass dried out, the teams started to migrate down to Howard George Baseball Field on Lawrence Street.

With Opening Day scheduled for Saturday, May 7, it has been a blessing to have an extended amount of practice time on the field before games really kick off. After May 7, the season will run until the final week of the school year in mid-June.

TBall plays on Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM; Rookies play on Thursdays at 6 PM and Saturdays at 10:30 AM; Minors play on Tuesdays at 6 PM and Saturdays at 3 PM; and the Majors play on Mondays at 6 PM, Wednesdays at 6 PM, and Saturdays at 1 PM.

Building on an impressive 63 participants last spring, AYB has seen historic registration numbers this year. We have 75 participants across six teams, ranging in age from 4 to 12 years old. Given the dwindling baseball interest in the towns that surround our community, our numbers are incredible. Baseball is alive and well in Andover!

The TBall Blue Team is being coached by James Vara, and the TBall Red Team is being coached by Cameron Doucet. The Rookies are once again being coached by Myles McLeod. Once a Majors Coach, Jim Carelton is back coaching his younger son on the Minors. His Assistant Coach, Lauren Koron, is moving up from Rookies to coach alongside her son as well. Majors Blue is being coached by Steve Barton,

and Majors Red is being coached by Adam Jones.

During last season, the Andover community graciously helped us raise funds to revitalize the infield, build new bleachers, and purchase a new electronic scoreboard. In addition to installing the new scoreboard in the coming weeks, we've also purchased a new outfield fence and a flagpole, completed another round of field maintenance, and restocked the Concession Stand for the season. In addition to those projects, we have a few others planned.

We would like to thank all of our community donors for donating again this season: Byron's Septic, Braley Standing Seam Roofing, Pizza Chef, Turning Leaf Builders, Belletetes, JJs Market, TerraStryke, Barton and Sons Builders, and TE Austin Property Maintenance. Without their generous support and all the parents who volunteer their time before, during, and after the season, we could never successfully run this program.

The health of our little baseball program is truly a testament to the generosity of our town and the belief that youth sports really make a difference in kids' lives. Win or lose, there is so much that can be taught on the baseball field about living a life of passion, integrity, and kindness.

Please join us down at the Howard George Baseball Field this spring – maybe on a weeknight or at some point on a Saturday. You don't need to know anyone on the teams to enjoy a few innings or even an entire game. There will be baseball music, hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, ice cream, and all the candy you can eat.

I promise you that the small-town magic of baseball will be on full display. I wouldn't miss it for the world!



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Andover Rec Needs New Soccer and Basketball Directors

Neither can continue without new leadership

Andover Recreation Committee

After a successful winter season of basketball and skiing, Andover's Recreation Committee is looking to next fall's soccer season with excitement. Sign-ups for fall soccer will be distributed through the AE/MS parent newsletter and online in June. As always, the Rec Committee will be looking for volunteers to step into coaching roles for all ages.

This year, the Rec Committee is also looking for new leadership for both the Rec Soccer and Rec Basketball programs. These programs operate best when they have co-leaders to help handle logistics, scheduling, equipment,

league fees, referee assignments, and volunteer coaches.

We share a huge thank you to outgoing directors Scott Allenby and Abby Webster for soccer and Scott Allenby for basketball. These individuals have helped keep our rec programs running for the past seven years and are ready to help the next set of directors as they transition into the role.

Please email Scott Allenby at AllenbySc@ProctorAcademy.org or Alan Hanscom at Alan.Hanscom@yahoo.com if you are interested in stepping into one of these program leadership roles.

Without someone stepping into these program leadership positions, we will not be able to offer a soccer or basketball season next year.

Andover's Katelyn Barton Helps Wheaton College to Softball Wins

Wins over Babson, Smith, and Emerson

Press release

Senior shortstop Katelyn Barton of Andover has been making a lot of noise as a member of the Wheaton College softball team, the Lyons.

On April 8, the Lyons split a doubleheader with Babson College, dropping the first game, 12-2, before winning the nightcap, 9-6. Katelyn was 2-4 with a double, two RBI, and a pair of runs scored.

Wheaton scored the first three runs of the game in the home half of the first, helped by a two-run double from Katelyn.

The Lyons entered the bottom of the fifth trailing 6-5 when Katelyn beat out an infield single to shortstop; the next

batter singled up the middle to put runners on first and second with no outs. The next pitch was crushed over the center field fence, and Wheaton took an 8-6 lead.

On April 16, Katelyn was a combined 5-8 with five runs batted in to lead the team to a doubleheader sweep over visiting Smith College. She tripled and scored a run as well.

And on April 22, Katelyn helped Wheaton to another doubleheader sweep, this time over Emerson College, going 2-3 with a double, two runs batted in, and a run scored in her team's 9-0 win in the first game; and 1-3 with a walk, a run batted in, and a run scored in the Lyons' 5-1 win in the second game.

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Public Welcome to Proctor's Spring Sports Events

Baseball, softball, lacrosse, and tennis

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's spring sports teams are in full swing. All games are open to the public, and while schedules may continue to evolve given rain dates and cancellations, the Proctor community is hoping to see plenty of fans at games and matches during the month of May.

Varsity Baseball

May 13, Kimball Union, 4:30 PM

Varsity Softball

May 7, Tilton, 2:30 PM

May 9, Holderness, 4:30 PM

Varsity Girls Lacrosse

May 6, Brewster Academy, 4:30 PM

May 9, Dublin, 5 PM

May 11, Holderness, 2:30 PM

Varsity Boys Lacrosse

May 6, St. Paul's, 5 PM

May 13, Tilton, 5 PM

Varsity Boys Tennis

May 9, Cardigan Mountain, 4:30 PM

May 11, New Hampton, 2 PM

Varsity Girls Tennis

May 4, St. Paul's, 2:30 PM

May 7, Holderness, 3 PM



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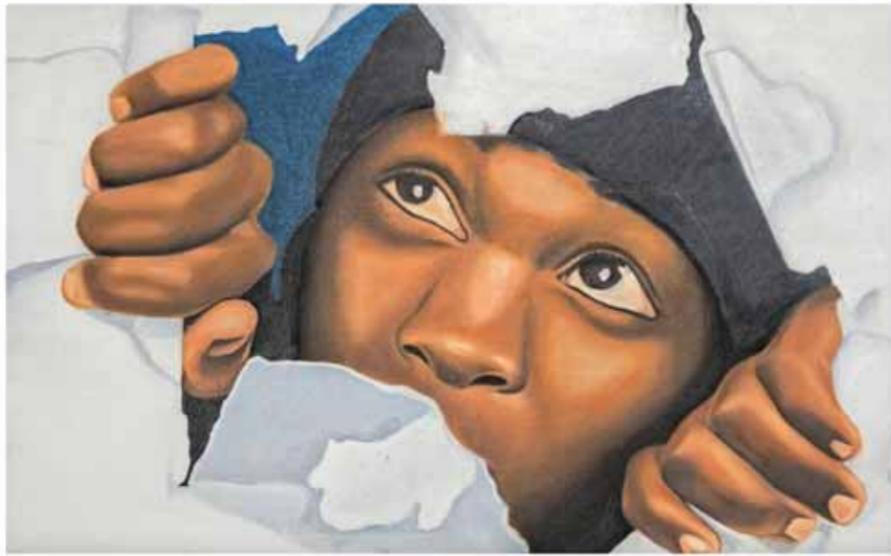
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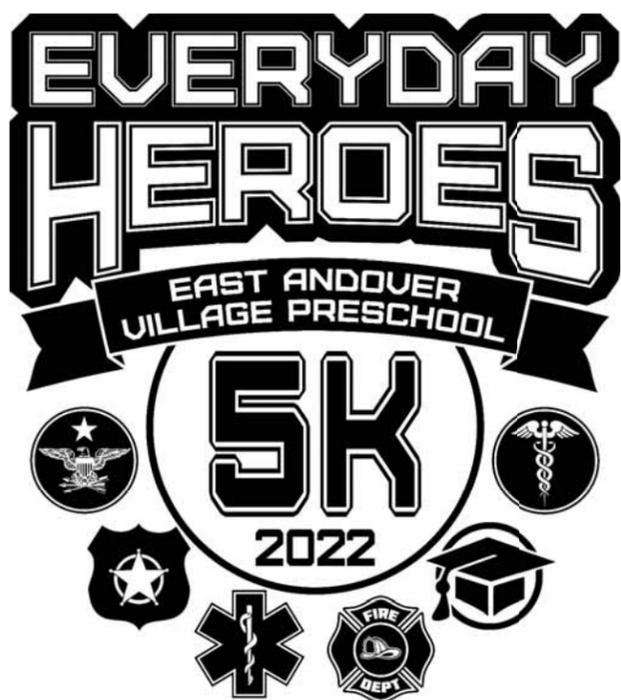


Meet the Artist! Jozimar Matimano

A fine art painter originally from the East Democratic Republic of Congo, Jozimar Matimano now lives in Manchester. Join us in welcoming Jozimar to Proctor with light refreshments, conversation, and the experience of this incredible collection of original oil paintings. The event takes place on Friday, May 6, from 5 to 7 PM at Proctor Academy's Lovejoy Library. Contact Molly Leith, curator, with any questions at LeithMo@ProctorAcademy.org.



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Student Assistant Program Helps Middle-Schoolers Find Success

Builds self-esteem and empathy

Jen Bent, AE/MS teacher

The sixth and seventh graders at AE/MS have benefited from a Student Assistant Program (SAP) lead by Megan Hanrahan. SAP is a school-based, evidence-informed framework for prevention, early intervention, referral, and support for students with needs that may prevent them from fully benefiting from their educational experience.

The program has covered topics including emotional intelligence, positive self-awareness, healthy responses to situations, and finding commonalities between one another.

Our students have gained a stronger sense of themselves and have been weaving empathy into interactions with one another. Ms. Hanrahan's lessons were interactive and fostered healthy discussions each Monday.

Sometimes circumstances in our lives can make learning difficult, and SAP has provided some tools to help AE/MS middle school students implement new coping skills and increase self-esteem and, as a result, find continued success in school.



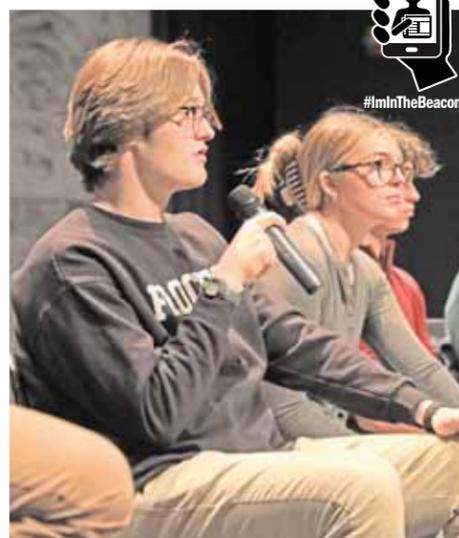
Bria Tremblay and Jaxson Daigneault are thinking about a question posed by Ms. Hanrahan during a Student Assistant Program lesson. Photo: Jen Bent

Proctor Seeks the Sweet Spot in Facing Dichotomies

Challenges and support; accountability and trust

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

We feel more fragile than we did two years ago. We worry our children are more fragile, too; their childhood upended by a global pandemic, school interrupted, screens trying in vain to replace the human interaction that we know fuels their soul.



Andover's River Turnbull '22 shares his perspectives during Proctor's Accepted Student Days.

And yet, as we step into the bright light of a post-pandemic world, squinting our eyes against the flood of "how it was before," we must realize it is through challenge that our children are strengthened.

As we listen to our teenagers and

their journey through Proctor, we encounter a seemingly contradictory dichotomy of principles that has long guided Proctor's educational model: academic rigor alongside integrated support, a powerful sense of community on campus alongside an ever-changing community due to more than 75% of students studying abroad on off-campus programs, informal relationships between faculty and students alongside accountability and clear expectations. We are deeply confident it is in this space of apparent contradiction that students grow into the adults this world desperately needs.

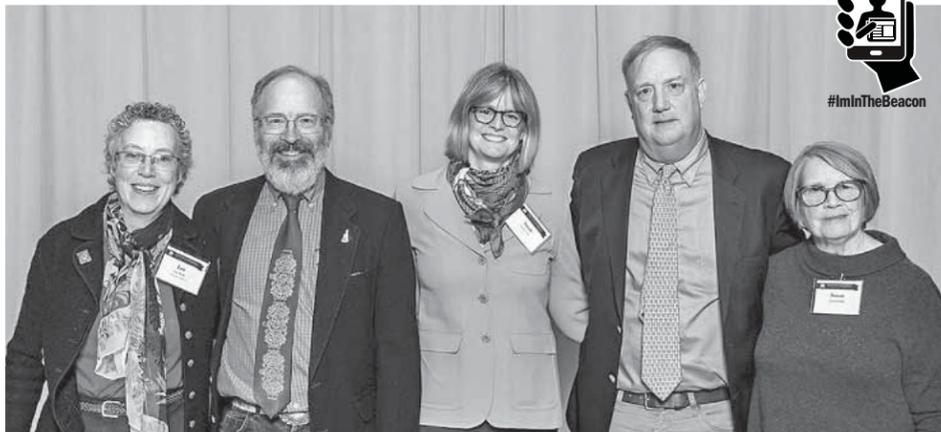
During Proctor's recent Accepted Student Days, Andover's River Turnbull '22 shared, "If anything seems uncomfortable – on-campus or off-campus – run toward it, because that is where you will change and grow the most."

Stanford University psychology professor Carol Dweck is quoted in a recent New York Times piece, "The answer isn't taking away challenge, it's giving more tools to deal with challenge." At Proctor we believe we cannot, and should not, prevent our students from encountering challenges. Instead we must continue to use frameworks, feedback mechanisms, and the teaching of self-advocacy skills to help young people step into the learning opportunity before them.

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Lee Wells, Ken Wells, Sarah Eslick, Jason Eslick, and Susan Eslick were all on hand at St. Mark's School for Jason to receive the Richard A. Rader Chair. Photo: Andy Weigl

St. Mark's Rader Chair has Many Andover Connections

Jason Eslick is most recent recipient

Lee Wells, Andover

On April 8 at St. Mark's School in Southborough, Massachusetts, English teacher Jason Eslick was honored at a special ceremony at which he received the Richard A. Rader Chair.

Many people in Andover remember Jason, who grew up in Andover and attended Proctor Academy. More will remember Jason's parents, Tom and Susan, influential members of the Proctor faculty for many years. Tom taught English, and Susan worked in the Admissions Office.

The Richard A. Rader Chair was established at St. Mark's in 2001 to honor Richard "Dick" Rader, who taught physics and computer science at the school. Dick also wrote academic software used by many other schools. He inspired his students, and some went on to be leaders in the computer industry.

A couple of grateful students, each founding well-known Silicon Valley companies, endowed the Rader Chair to be awarded to a "faculty member who shows the same foresight and enthusiasm about teaching and learning that characterized Dick Rader's work at St. Mark's."

The first recipient of the Richard Rader Chair was Ken Wells, also of Andover. Ken taught math, physics, chemistry, environmental science, and engineering at St. Mark's.

Jason is the second recipient of the Rader Chair. In addition to being an English teacher, he is also a successful songwriter and performer.

Both Jason and Ken feel it is a great honor to receive this chair, established to recognize an outstanding teacher at St. Mark's.

But surprisingly, the Andover connection goes even further back! Dick's father, Harold "Dutch" Rader, taught at Proctor, and Dutch met his wife, Dorothy, while at Proctor.

Ella from page 32

edge that our perfectly green grass was winter wheat!

"As I'm writing this, everyone is scrambling around the living room finishing final preparations for our

first long voyage tomorrow. Mason is strumming the guitar, and all our stomachs are filled with Hachis Parmentier (French version of Shepard's Pie) and Kara's lemon tart. Safe to say we are all in love with the European lifestyle."



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Proctor Presents Shrek, the Musical on May 20, 21

Tickets are free, but reservations required

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's drama department will produce *Shrek, the Musical* on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, in the Norris Family Theater at 7 PM. The show, at the time of this publication, is open to the public at no charge, but tickets must be reserved on Proctor's Performing Arts website at ProctorAcademy.org/on-campus/arts/performing-arts prior to the show.

Should Proctor's COVID-19 policies shift in the coming weeks prior to the show, the school will provide notice online prior to reserving tickets.

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As parents and educators, we have to fight the tendency to smooth the path of our students as we emerge from a trying two years of pandemic disrupted education. We are at an inflection point, both in our children's lives and our lives as educators, where we can choose to lower expectations for our students because we are worried about their well-being, or continue to push them toward challenges because we know that is where growth and confidence blossom.

At Proctor, we believe we must trust that challenge, when combined with consistent feedback and support, yields powerful learning experiences for our students.

Now, more than ever, our work must be focused on continuing to find that sweet spot of accountability and trust, rigor and support, demanding expectations and honest feedback. This is what Proctor does so well. We see our students thrive when we are willing to embrace these dichotomies as a community.

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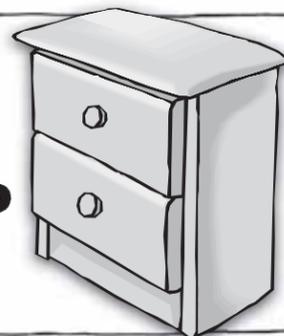
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Ella Makechnie Falls in Love with European Lifestyle

Proctor's European Art Classroom opens doors

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy is currently running four trimester-long off-campus programs this spring: European Art Classroom (Aix en Provence, France),

chnie '23 on European Art Classroom, and Maura Kelly '22 on Mountain Classroom. Ella shared the following reflections in a recent blog post:

"Our program director, Dave, proposed we knock on the door of the great estate and ask to picnic on their property. We were all a bit uneasy with the idea but soon caught on to the surprise as we made our way up the steep, grand driveway.

"Dave announced we would be spending the day at the home of his dear friend Monique, who later toured us around her property and studio. Monique started building the home in 1974 alongside her late husband and brother as the architect. The place was in shambles with the exception of the chapel, utilized by monks back in the day (11th century).

"Monique was smiley and welcomed us into her home with warm open arms. Her French rolled off her tongue and was soothing to listen to; Dave would translate for us, and we instantly fell in love with her.

"Her gallery had us in awe. It was magical, making a connection with someone regardless of a language barrier...

"After a long picnic, we parted ways to establish our own painting spots. Dave, Trin, Thomas, and I hiked down to a seemingly luscious field of green grass; a farmer driving by in a tractor would later enlighten us with the knowl-

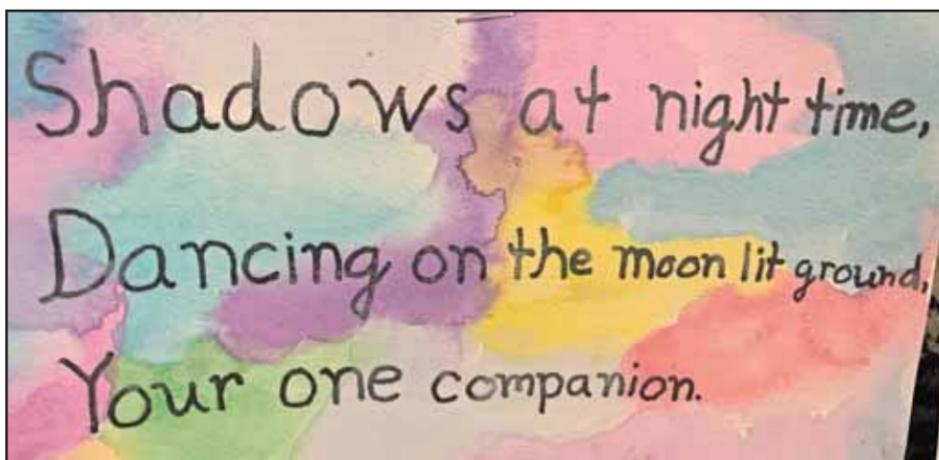
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Andover's Maura Kelly '22 (alongside Hayse Broom '23) on Proctor's Mountain Classroom off-campus study program in Nevada this April. Photo Jeffrey Prado

Proctor en Segovia (Segovia, Spain), Mountain Classroom (American Southwest), and Proctor en Monteverde (Monteverde Region, Costa Rica).

Three Andover students are studying off-campus this spring, as Elliot Norris '23 studies in Spain, Ella Make-



Audrey Leith, a sixth-grader at AE/MS, wrote this haiku (a three-line Japanese poem of 17 syllables) in Ms. Bent's class. Photo: Jen Bent



Proctor Academy's Johnson Family Sugar House was in full swing this spring, producing more than 45 gallons of syrup. Here Proctor students and Woodlands Manager and Forest Science Teacher Laura Ostrowsky draw finished syrup during Project Period in March. Photo Lindsey Allenby

Proctor's Johnson Family Sugarhouse Boils About 45 Gallons

For sale in the bookstore in Maxwell Savage Hall

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's Johnson Family Sugar House was in full swing throughout March and into early April, bottling about 45 gallons of syrup over the course of the season, while also giving away quite a few samples and maple candy.

Woodlands Manager and Forestry Teacher Laura Ostrowsky led the operation with significant help from Chris Jones '04 and Jim Cox. The group hung 100 buckets around campus and 125 taps on tubing in the sugarbush by the Proctor Ski Area this year. As always, more than two dozen students were involved in the sugaring operation this year through Project Period, Woods Team, and Forest Science class.

Overall, it was a fantastic season! Proctor syrup is for sale in the Proctor Bookstore in Maxwell Savage Hall.

Andover's Oliver Andrews Performs at All-State Music Festival

KRHS sophomore qualified sixth in state

Press release

Violinist Oliver Andrews of Andover, a Kearsarge Regional High School (KRHS) sophomore, was selected to perform at the New Hampshire All-State Music Festival. Oliver auditioned for the Festival in November and qualified for the All-State Orchestra, scoring sixth in the state. The Orchestra performed at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on April 9 during Festival Weekend.

This is the second year in a row that Oliver has qualified for the Festival.

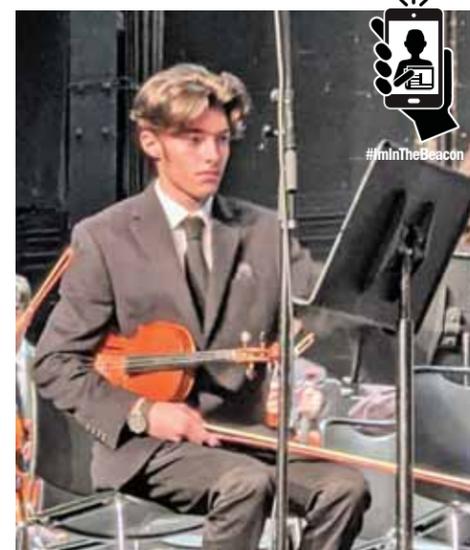
Oliver began studying violin when he was three years old. He is immersed in the arts, both in KRHS and the region. He regularly performs in music competitions and plays and was KRHS Poetry Out Loud champion in 2021.

At age 12, he performed in a string ensemble from the Upper Valley Music Center that played at the inauguration of Governor Chris Sununu.

The Festival is organized by the New Hampshire Music Educators Association, a state association of the National Association for Music Education. NHMEA promotes the development of

music educators and the advancement of all forms of music creation, performance, and literacy.

"The All-State Music Festival showcases the best high school musicians in



KRHS sophomore Oliver Andrews of Andover Photo: Kearsarge Regional School District

New Hampshire, and performing in it as a freshman and sophomore is a special accomplishment," Kearsarge Regional School District Superintendent Winfried Feneberg said. "Congratulations to Oliver and to all in our Music Department who have worked so hard to support our students in the performing arts."

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