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The East Andover Village Preschool's Fourth of July Float in 2015 was a prize-winner! Photo: Larry Chase

Fourth of July Promises to be a Fun-Filled Day for Andover

You're invited to enter a float in the parade

Press release

The Andover Fourth of July Committee is busy putting the finishing touches on what will be a fun-filled day for Andover. If we go back to the origins of Andover's Fourth of July celebration, the town's children were at the forefront. That holds true even today.



Children Lining Up for the Children's Parade, Andover Fourth of July 1980. Photo by (Unknown)

There will be lots of fun things for kids to do such as:

- Pancake Breakfast: 7 to 10 AM
- Oxen demo behind AE/MS: 7 to 11 AM
- Free kids' activities with prizes on the Village Green: Bullseye Blitz,

- Obstacle Course, and
- Basketball Game: 8 AM to 2 PM
- Traditional kids' games on the Village Green: 9 AM to noon
- Music for all ages on the Village Green: from 10:30 AM
- Children's Parade. Decorate and ride a bike, wear a costume and walk, or just walk. Registration for the Children's Parade is at the Andover Fire Station at 11:45 AM; there is no entry fee.

Finally, there will be pre-fireworks activities at Carr Field, with games and novelties available, starting in the early evening.

The Fourth of July Committee loves participation from the community, and one way to do this is to enter a float in the parade; we've never been disappointed. This year the theme is "Around Our Town in 80 Years." The committee is offering prizes for floats: Grand Prize is \$250! 1st Prize is \$100. Second Prize is \$75. Third Prize is \$50. For inspiration, see some of the past float photos included with this article. A person, group, business, family...anyone can

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE BEACON

#I'mInTheBeacon

A group of people from the Andover Community Church recently went on a trip to visit Israel. Here, Linda McGrail sits comfortably atop a camel while reading her copy of *The Andover Beacon*. The setting is the Negev Desert, on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, en route to the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is the lowest point on Earth (at 1,412 feet below sea level), and this shot was taken at sea level, halfway down.

Photo: Bill Blomquist



Customers peruse the offerings at the 2021 opening of The Exchange, a vintage and farm inspired market located at 216 Cilleyville Road in Andover. Photo: Tiffany Perkins

The Exchange Provides a Venue for Small Businesses to Grow

First market opens on June 11, 9 AM to 2 PM

Tiffany Perkins, The White Sparrow - Andover Exchange

A new season, a new adventure! We are very excited for the upcoming year at The Exchange. This year we have an even wider variety of vendors coming

to showcase their small business as well as live music, food trucks, and raffles to benefit local nonprofits here in New Hampshire.

Our first market is Saturday, June 11, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Can't make it? Don't worry, we will also be open on Saturday, July 23, and Saturday, Sep- See Exchange on page 4

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Franklin Welcomes Shorey's Grilled Cheese and Ice Cream Shop

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Press release

The City of Franklin is pleased to welcome Shorey's Grilled Cheese and Ice Cream to Franklin. Shorey's Grilled Cheese and Ice Cream will feature Blake's Ice Cream and unique grilled cheese sandwiches such as pizza, sweet apple and ham, Tuscan, and even fried grilled

cheese. All are handcrafted and made with the finest and freshest ingredients.

Owners Sharon and David Shorey are longtime residents of Franklin. Sharon and David arrived in Franklin over 38 years ago when David accepted a teaching position at Franklin High School. David and Sharon raised their family in Franklin and were very active in Little League, helping with building and running the concession stand at the field for many years.

Their daughter and her husband, Laura and Anthony Damiani, are also owners; Anthony was transferred from Vermont as a kitchen manager for a corporate chain restaurant and met Laura shortly after he arrived. They eventually married and bought a house in New Hampton.

For the past five years, Sharon has commuted to the New London area, driving by the property formerly known as Ariana's every day. Once the Shoreys learned the building was for sale, the notion of a



Shorey's Grilled Cheese and Ice Cream, located at 421 North Main Street in West Franklin, welcomed a hungry crowd at their open house on May 7. Unique grilled cheese sandwiches are their specialty, along with New Hampshire's own Blake's Ice Cream. Photo: Bob Norander



Dave Shorey, Sharon Shorey, Laura Damiani, and Anthony Damiani are the four co-owners of Franklin's newest restaurant.

Photo: Allyson Shorey

sandwich and ice cream shop seemed like an opportunity not to be passed up. The team was in place, renovations underway, menus developed, and a target date of a May 7 opening set.

"We are so excited to bring our unique grilled cheese menu to the Franklin area and to creating luscious ice cream offerings for the young and old alike. It will be wonderful to see old friends and greet new ones," said David Shorey.

"As the City of Franklin continues to grow, it is my pleasure to welcome another new business to the Franklin community. Franklin has so much to offer with downtown revitalization, new restaurants, Mill City Park, Veterans Memorial Recreation Area, and now there is one more reason to stop and take a look at what's happening," stated Mayor Jo Brown.

For more information, visit Facebook.com/ShoreysRestaurant.



Andover's Holly Trott, the Pro, and her dancing partner, Aaron Cherry, the Star, perform in April's 2022 Dancing with the Newport Stars contest.

Photo: Caleb Godwin Photography of Andover

Andover's Holly Trott Places Second in Local Dance Competition

2022 Dancing with the Newport Stars

Larry Chase, *Beacon* volunteer

Longtime Andover resident Holly Trott was among the winners of a recent 2022 Dancing with the Newport Stars contest held at the Newport Opera House and sponsored by the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce.

Trott and her dancing partner, Aaron Cherry, a resident of Newport, came in second among the six couples competing for the winner's trophy. Each couple consisted of a Pro – a current or former dance teacher – and a Star. Trott, a veteran dance teacher, qualified as the Pro in her couple, and

Cherry as the Star, as a first-time dancer and Newport resident.

Trott also danced in two other group numbers during the show: a second-act opening, and the finale, performed by The Newport Ballroom Ladies dance troupe, of which she is a member.

Born in Concord, Trott moved to Andover in 1985 and attended Andover schools. She began teaching dance at the Let's Dance Ballroom in Concord at age 19.

The contest, now in its 15th season, was a two-evening event, held before a live audience. Megan Mavor, owner of the Newport Ballroom, was the choreographer and creative director for the entire show.

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Franklin's Stevens Mill Receives Construction Financing

Renovations to Canal Street mill buildings

Press release

Franklin Savings Bank and Mascoma Bank are pleased to announce the extension of construction financing for the rehabilitation of the historic Stevens Mill building in downtown Franklin into a mixed-use property.

Lebanon-based Mascoma Bank, which has a specialized group dedicated to navigating complex government tax credit programs, was brought in to lead the group of lenders in the Historic Tax Credit financing transaction. Other financing was made possible through a partnership among Androscoggin Bank, New Hampshire Business Finance Authority, Capital Regional Development Corporation, and Regional Economic Development Center, along with historic tax credits. Eric Chinburg, Principal of Chinburg Properties, will spearhead the \$33.8 million project which will bring in 153 apartments along with over 27,000 square feet of commercial space as part of the City of Franklin's revitalization efforts.

John Bortolotto, Regional Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer for Franklin Savings Bank, commented: "Housing continues to be the focal point of discussions at the state level as many individuals and families are challenged with finding workforce housing options. This project will bring quality housing along with job opportunities to an area that is receiving a lot of interest from developers and investors as part of Franklin's revitalization."

"Mascoma Bank is always proud to partner with other community banks to help make a positive impact in our communities," said Michelle LeClair, Senior Vice President, Community Development Lending at Mascoma Bank. "We were pleased to be invited to lead the transaction, offering our historic tax credit lending expertise to help redevelop these five historic mill buildings."

"We are excited to see this project deliver more quality housing, jobs, and economic development opportunities in the greater Franklin area. As a Certified B Corp, we strive to use business as a force for good, and this project is in line with our values as a bank and a community partner."

The Stevens Mill project will involve major renovations to five mill-style buildings situated along Canal Street in Franklin. The apartments will include studio, one-, and two-bedroom units featuring modern finishes with granite

countertops, stainless steel appliances, oversized windows, exposed brick, and hardwood finishes.

Residents will also enjoy many amenities to include a clubroom, patio area, fitness center, pet-washing room, and a roof deck, along with picturesque views of the Winnepesaukee River and Mill City Park, a newly constructed white-water and outdoor adventure park. The residential units are anticipated to be finished by summer of 2023.

Two of the five buildings will include over 27,000 square feet of com-



Government tax credits and a partnership of lenders is enabling Franklin's Stevens Mills to do major renovations on the five mill-style buildings on Canal Street. Included in the plans are business spaces and apartments.

mercial space, which is projected to be complete by the fall of 2022. There is interest from local breweries to occupy space in one of the buildings, bringing more job opportunities and economic development to an area that serves as the gateway to the Lakes Region and all the attractions it has to offer visitors.

Developer Eric Chinburg, Principal of Chinburg Properties, added, "I am pleased to be involved in this project and the impact it will have on Franklin and all the positive changes occurring in the area. I appreciate the assistance of all the parties involved, and the time devoted to move this project forward."

The historic tax credits are used to incentivize developers to preserve and rehabilitate historic commercial buildings, like that of Stevens Mill. The tax credits offer a 20% federal tax credit towards qualified expenses for this type of project.

About Franklin Savings Bank

Established in 1869, Franklin Savings Bank is an independent, mutually-owned community bank, offering a full array of commercial lending, personal banking, and investment services.

Headquartered in Franklin, the Bank has offices in Bristol, Boscawen, Tilton, Gilford, Merrimack, and Goffstown. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Independence Financial Advisors, Franklin Savings Bank also offers investment, insurance, and financial planning services.

A recognized leader in providing the latest in financial services technology, Franklin Savings Bank is commit-

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Life Line Offers Affordable Health Screening Event in Franklin

Friday, July 1; pre-registration is required

Press release

Residents living in and around the Franklin area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Franklin Elks Lodge 1280 will host this community event on Friday, July 1. The site is located at 125 South Main Street in Franklin.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke, and overall vascular health.
- HDL and LDL cholesterol levels
- Diabetes risk
- Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis
- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

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enter a float!

Also, there are three other parade categories in addition to floats; prizes are also awarded for antique vehicles, other vehicles, and livestock.

There is no entry fee to enter a float, a vehicle, or livestock. Early registration is preferred, but you can also register by 11 AM on July 4. To get an early entry form, contact Donna French Smith at 603 735-6131 or DonnaFrench@comcast.net.

Following our theme "Around the Town in 80 Years," how the world has

changed! Eighty years ago, the average household income was \$2,000! Glen Miller and Tommy Dorsey were music greats. Disney's *Bambi* was newly released everywhere. Franklin D. Roosevelt was our president, and Joe Biden would soon be born (November 20, 1942)!

If you could volunteer for even a short period of time on the day of our celebration, we would

appreciate it. Contact Doug Phelps at 802 310-1045 or Doug.Phelps80@gmail.com; Donna French Smith (see above); or Beth Frost at 603 455-2882 or BFrost99@icloud.com. Thank you! 

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tember 24, from 9 AM to 2 PM, as well. Admission is only \$2 and helps offset the many costs of operating such an event and keeps vendors' costs low. We also allow local nonprofits some space for free. The location is 216 Cilleyville Road in Andover.

As The Exchange continues to grow, we still hold true to the same core values and mission since our start: Help small, local businesses and give them a venue to showcase their talent, feature sustainable businesses, and give back to the community, all while helping to grow our local economy.

Part of our mission is to help small businesses around us grow into whatever size dream they have. Some wish to continue with pop-up markets while others dream of getting the keys to their very own shop.

During just our first year we have helped many of our vendors find space in retail shops. One of our vendors from last year even opened their very own brick and mortar retail store!

Whether The Exchange had a hand in any of these successes or not, we are extremely proud. It is bittersweet as we watch our vendors grow because they are so busy now they can no longer attend our market, but they are living their dream. These types of achievements fill our hearts.

Are you interested in becoming a vendor? Maybe you have your own small business or you're in need of a venue to show the world what you do – The Exchange may just be the right place for you. We are a vintage and farm inspired market with handmade items, vintage finds, reimagined creations, incredible food (baked goods and food trucks) as well as local live music. We're not a craft fair and we're not a flea market, we're something very unique indeed.

Be sure to take some time to visit us this year. We're only hosting three markets in 2022: Saturdays, June 11, July 23, and September 24.

Finally, thank you to the fans, vendors, and local businesses who have continued to support us by sharing our social media posts, allowing us to post flyers in their place of business, and for donating items to our raffles. We feel the local love.

If you would like more information about our market, becoming a vendor, or chatting with us about what we do, please find us at: TheExchangeAndoverNH.blogspot.com or email Tiffany at TheWhiteSparrowNH@gmail.com. Looking for updates about the market, such as which vendors will be selling with us? Follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/TheExchangeAndover](https://www.facebook.com/TheExchangeAndover) and on Instagram [@TheExchangeAndoverNH](https://www.instagram.com/TheExchangeAndoverNH). 

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ted to serving the needs of businesses, families, and the communities it serves through a dedicated team of employees, a diverse line of financial products and services, and continued investment in emerging technology.

About Mascoma Bank

Mascoma Bank is a \$2.6 billion mutual bank and Certified B-Corporation with 28 branches and two loan production offices throughout Northern New England and is the controlling entity to

Mascoma Community Development. The bank has a 123-year history of being a force for positive change for its communities.

About Chinburg Properties

Chinburg Properties was founded in 1986 by Eric Chinburg and has grown to be one of the largest and most respected developer and builders of mill properties in New Hampshire and Maine. The company prides itself on creating dynamic mixed-use properties that provide unique spaces for people to live, work, and play. 

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LETTERS

Pro-Life is Not Limited Government

In the Opinion entitled *Louise Andrus' View from Concord, April 2022*, Louise Andrus, House Representative for the current Merrimack District 1, stated: "I am a freedom lovin' and liberty lovin' individual." She then went on to set forth all the principles for which she stands, including that she is "pro-life" and "pro-limited government."

I am a resident of Andover, within Rep. Andrus' district. I am not "pro-limited government" and I am pro-choice. I wonder, though, how a person could self-identify as pro-limited government and Vote in Favor of HB 1477 which prohibits abortions after detection of a fetal heartbeat, with only an exception for the life and health of the mother. HB 1477 also permits the New Hampshire Board of Medicine to discipline medical personnel for any violations. Fortunately, HB 1477 was defeated in the House (this time around).

It is likely that Roe v. Wade will be overturned by the United States Su-

preme Court, allowing individual state governments to deny women the right to make medical decisions affecting their lives, their health, their bodies, their families. It is time for the women of New Hampshire, and their allies, to recognize a possible future governed by a bunch of "freedom lovin' and liberty lovin'" legislators who fail to acknowledge the hypocrisy of claiming to favor limited government, while enacting laws that actually restrict the freedom and liberty of New Hampshire citizens.

Marie D. Nardino
Andover

The World as It Was and as It Is

Louise Andrus, in her April column in the *Beacon*, states that "Parents are against some of the content that may be taught in our public schools," and goes on to report approvingly of a book being removed from AE/MS. Her referenced parents must subscribe to the theory that if it's ignored, it will disap-

pear. If we "Don't Sat Gay" in Florida and don't read *Honor Girl* in Andover, no child will be gay. If we ban *Maus*, the Holocaust will not have happened. If we ignore the 1619 Project, slavery in the United States will have been someone's exaggerated telling of history.

Well, Ms. Andrus should understand that not all parents are in her group. There are very many parents (the majority, in my opinion) who wish that their children learn of the world as it was and is, to better navigate adulthood. When someone approves of banning books, that someone is not, by definition, "freedom lovin' and liberty lovin'."

Bill Radzelovage
Andover

Importance of Public Education

I am Pro Public Education. Public education is one of the pillars of our democracy. It's where children get to know others who are not the same as they are and who do not believe in the same things. It's where they learn that it is okay to have different beliefs and okay to talk about those beliefs and differences and still be friends. It's a place where, no matter your lifestyle, individual characteristics or income level, there is a place for you.

Governor Sununu has nominated and renominated, and Joe Kinney has approved, appointees like Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut and State Board of Education chair Drew Cline. These men are outspoken advocates for vouchers and charter schools.

The bills presented in the legislature this year by the Republican party,

and the actions of the Department of Education, seek to defund and weaken public education. A prime example is HB 1393, sponsored by Louise Andrus, which sought to establish a system of capped budgets for public schools.

Instead of looking at actual costs, this system would require a specific dollar amount times the average daily membership of the previous year and can only be increased due to inflation. This is the methodology Free Staters in the town of Croyden used to cut their school budget in half (later overturned by outraged town residents).

It is time to remember what the New Hampshire constitution says in Article 83: "Knowledge and learning, generally diffused through a community, being essential to the preservation of a free government; and spreading the opportunities and advantages of education through the various parts of the country, being highly conducive to promote this end; it shall be the duty of the legislators and magistrates, in all future periods of this government, to cherish the interest of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries and public schools, to encourage private and public institutions, rewards, and immunities for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences, commerce, trades, manufactures, and natural history of the country; to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and economy, honesty and punctuality, sincerity, sobriety, and all social affections, and generous sentiments, among the people: Provided, nevertheless, that no money raised by taxation shall ever See Education on page 8

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OPINION

Louise Andrus' View From Concord, May 2022

Louise Andrus, State Representative

It is time for candidates to sign up for the office they are seeking; filing is Wednesday, June 1 through Friday, June 10. I am a candidate for re-election in the newly-created District 5 (Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, Webster) for a second term in the New Hampshire House and will be on the primary ballot on Tuesday, September 13.

HB 50 apportioning state representative districts passed and was signed into law by the Governor. There will no longer be the districts of Merrimack District 1, which included the towns of Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, and Merrimack District 25, which included the towns of Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Webster, Warner. The passing and signing of HB 50 on redistricting created new districts. There will be two House Representatives elected for the new District 5 which includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury and Webster. Then there will be one House Representative member elected in District 26, which includes the towns of Andover, Boscawen, Canterbury, Danbury, Hill, Loudon, Salisbury, Webster.

The House held several sessions in May. At one of the sessions it was an honor to listen to the former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1983, Lech Walesa, as he spoke to a joint session of the House and Senate.

Many of our schools in New Hampshire have been visiting the State House and taking a tour. It is great that these tours have resumed and our schools are utilizing these tours as a tool for educating our children about the history of and how the New Hampshire Legislature works.

One of the bills passed in May and headed to the Governor's office for his signature was HB 1178, a pro Second Amendment bill. HB 1178, An act prohibiting the State from enforcing any federal statute, regulation, or Presidential Executive Order that restricts or regulates the right of the people to keep and bear arms. The vote was Yea 163 and Nay 143.

Another bill that has been controversial is HB 1661. It started out as an education bill, then an amendment was added and \$30 million wanted for a legislative parking garage which included tearing down Storrs Garage, demolishing the current building that houses the DOJ, and moving the DOJ to a new location.

I spoke against the parking garage amendment on the floor of a House Session. I realize we eventually need a parking garage, but do we need it here and

now? What are all of our options for a parking garage? I also asked for a detailed statement of the estimated expenses, which I have never received. I have received the totals of expenses but nothing in detail. With inflation out of sight, so to speak, I believe it is time for the State to spend only on what is needed.

The amendment was passed by the House (I voted against it), the whole bill passed with the amendment and went to the Senate. In the Senate several amendments were added which in my opinion made the bill worse.

In mid May the bill was sent to a Committee of Conference where it was being worked on as I am writing this article. I am hoping many citizens of New Hampshire emailed or phoned those on the Committee to say no to this bill.

Some highlights of this bill: 1. Relative to regional career technical education agreements, 2. An appropriation for preliminary work for a new legislative parking garage, 3. Health and Human Services establishing an extraordinary-need grant for schools, 4. The release of a defendant pending trial, 5. Training and procedures for Zoning and Planning Boards, and 6. Financial investments and incentives for affordable housing development.

I encourage every citizen of New Hampshire to become more involved in local, county, and state government. This is your State and we need your input.

Everyone have a great summer. I am excited that Andover is having a Fourth of July celebration this year. 



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OPINION

Redistricting by State Moves Andover into Larger Districts

Ken Wells, Andover

Readers have probably heard on the evening news about “redistricting” in New Hampshire by the party controlling the State House, but have not realized the effect it will have on Andover. Future court action this summer will likely determine the final shape of New Hampshire’s Senate, Executive Council, and US Congressional districts, but the New Hampshire House Districts have already been redrawn and signed into law by the Governor – a done deal.

Andover’s voting district has changed to Merrimack District 5 and has been enlarged by the addition of more towns. The towns in District 5 are Hill, Danbury, Andover, Salisbury, and Webster. That’s not all – Andover voters will now also vote to choose a Representative for District 26, which will include the towns of Hill, Andover, Salisbury, Webster, Boscawen, Canterbury, and Loudon.

Back in 1860, the good old house where my wife and I live belonged to a man named Elbridge Gerry Emery. He was named, no doubt, after the famous statesman Elbridge Gerry, born in 1744, who was the fifth Vice President of the United States and a leader of the Democratic-Republican Party of the day.

In spite of his many fine, but unfortunately largely forgotten achievements (such as signing the Declaration of Independence), Elbridge Gerry became eternally notorious for inventing the “gerrymander.” His gerrymandered districts were imagined by critics to resemble a squiggling salamander, wiggling across the map.

In redrawing districts, Gerry and his cronies sought to redraw new political boundaries snaking out from their

hometowns, creating artificial collections of supportive voters to ensure their reelection, while pushing their opponents into districts where they would be outnumbered. “Gerrymandering” is the name given to this anti-democratic ploy used by incumbent politicians to redraw their districts to “pick their voters,” rather than allowing a simple majority of voters the freedom to pick their representatives.

The new 2022 House districts will result in Andover citizens voting for three Representatives: two House Reps for District 5, and one in District 26. It’s going to be a procedure that many citizens may find confusing, as the ballot instructions will undoubtedly be a bit more complicated than they have been in the past.

Why has this happened? In theory, there should be one New Hampshire House Representative for each 3,500 people across the state, roughly. Our new enlarged District 5 has about 8,000 people, hence two Reps will certainly be chosen, but there will be yet more voters left over. Representation of those 1,000 people will be shared by creation of an overlapping “floterial” District 26, which includes most of District 5 plus Boscawen (population 4,000); Canterbury (population 5,600); and Loudon (population 5,600). In effect, Andover voters will have the opportunity to vote for three Representatives to the House.

In my opinion, creation of these overly-large, overlapping House districts (which exasperatingly bear little relation to the separately gerrymandered jigsaw districts for Senate, Executive Council, and US Congressional districts) make it

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OPINION

Proctor Recognizes Importance of Transparency with Andover

Recent property purchases explained

Brian Thomas

Head of School, Proctor Academy

Since 1848, Proctor Academy and the town of Andover have been inextricably linked: First as a school serving the children of the Andover and local area, and later as a boarding school serving high school aged boys, and now as a coeducational high school with students from 25 states and nine countries.

As Proctor has evolved and grown, so, too, has Andover. Much of this growth and evolution has been deeply intertwined with the town, not just in sharing the school’s facilities and being a partner in supporting our local elementary and middle school through service and donations of equipment, supplies, and expertise, but in taking over the maintenance of North Street, working with the Department of Transportation to install new crosswalks and paving Main Street, and in the payment of more than \$152,000 in property taxes to the Town of Andover this year.

While I am new to Proctor, and to Andover, I recognize the importance of open dialogue between the school I am charged with leading and the town in which I get to live and work. With 375 students and 200 full time employees (Andover’s largest employer), the challenges of providing adequate housing to our students and employees has led to the purchase of properties in town over the past few years. This spring, the school is in the process of acquiring both 25 and 26 North Street as additional housing for employees.

For each of these purchases, we thought long and hard about the impact they would have on the town and how to best balance Proctor’s needs for employee housing. As a residential school, housing for faculty is essential to attracting and retaining the qualified, dedicated teachers, coaches, and advisors who deliver Proctor’s mission.

The balancing act of Proctor’s needs and the town’s needs will never be perfect, but our hope is to remain in

dialogue with representatives from the Town Select Board and others in the community as we make these hard decisions.

Amplified by an incredibly challenging housing market over the past two years, I am fully aware of the perception of these actions by Proctor over the past seven years by those in town who might be looking to purchase a house or are concerned about Proctor’s impact on the tax base. My hope in this article is three-fold: to be fully transparent about Proctor’s recent real estate acquisitions, to clarify property tax policy for an organization like Proctor, and to invite those of you with questions or concerns to engage in dialogue moving forward.

As a non-profit educational institution, Proctor is not exempt from property taxes. In fact, this past year, Proctor paid roughly \$151,400 in property taxes to the Town of Andover, the largest taxpayer in town. The school does have a unique property tax situation, however, in that only buildings used directly for the housing of students and some administrative buildings are taxed, meaning these recent employee housing units are not taxed.

So while Proctor is paying taxes each year, the acquisition of employee housing units does have a direct impact on the Town budget, in the case of two recent purchases, or approximately \$8,500 in yearly assessed taxes. Proctor is actively looking to see how it can continue to partner with the Town to minimize the financial impact of these purchases.

Lastly, the Proctor/Andover Liaison Committee has long served both the school and the town as a place of important dialogue as decisions like real estate acquisitions are made. While this committee has not met for the past two years of pandemic living, we are working to reignite the necessary conversations that will allow both Proctor and the Town of Andover to thrive in the months, years, and decades ahead.

This Committee has included representatives from Proctor, the School Board, and Town Select Board in the past, and our hope is to expand membership on the committee to others in the community who have an important voice to share.

Thank you for welcoming me to Andover over this past year, and I hope we can continue to work together as a community in the years to come.

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Andover's Lakes Protected by Shoreland Water Quality Act

Permit required for some projects

Jenny Bodwell

Andover Conservation Commission

Andover is fortunate to have an abundance of public water resources, including lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams, some of which serve as supplies of public drinking water. Unfortunately, unplanned and uncoordinated development adjacent to these resources can threaten them by increasing unfiltered storm water runoff to them.

Today, stormwater runoff poses the greatest threat to our waterbodies because it contains the elements that accelerate the natural aging process of our waterbodies. Stormwater decreases water quality and clarity and increases the likelihood of toxic algae blooms and sedimentation. If left unchecked, this pollution could render our public water drinking supplies unfit for consumption.

Fortunately, we have the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA) in the state of New Hampshire to help prevent this from happening. In short, the Act seeks to protect the land around our waterbodies in order to protect water quality and provide wildlife habitat for the organisms that depend on the water and the surrounding lands.

Water quality is tremendously dependent on a natural buffer or protective area consisting of native trees, saplings, shrubs, and ground covers that aid in intercepting and filtering stormwater runoff. The more native vegetation surrounding a waterbody, the better the water quality will be. Additionally, from an economic standpoint, protecting water quality also serves to protect the value of shorefront properties.

The SWQPA protects all lakes, ponds, and impoundments greater than 10 acres; designated rivers and river segments designated under RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program; and all fourth-order and greater streams and rivers.

In Andover, the waterbodies protected by the SWQPA include the Blackwater River, Frazier Brook, Cascade (or Eagle) Brook, Highland Lake, Bradley Lake, Elbow Pond, Adder (or

Hopkins) Pond, Horseshoe Pond, and Cole Pond. Although many of Andover's smaller waterbodies are not protected by this law, they also serve an important role in filtering and cleaning our water.

All waterbodies protected by the Act are on a comprehensive list maintained by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) called the DES Consolidated List of Waterbodies Subject to the SWQPA. The list can be found at DES.NH.gov/documents/consolidated-list-waterbodies-subject-swqpa.

If you are planning any new construction, excavation, or filling, within 250 feet of a protected waterbody, a DES Shoreland Permit is required. When in doubt, call DES at 603 271-2147.

Within the first 50' from the water's edge (reference line) is where most of the regulations are focused. Within this area, also called the Waterfront Buffer, except for a 6' wide walkway to the water, existing natural ground cover and shrubs may not be removed, landscaped, or converted to lawn. Ground cover and shrubs may not be pruned to any less than three feet in height. To allow better views, the bottom third of trees may be pruned, so long as the health of the tree is not endangered. Tree and sapling removal is permissible without a DES Shoreland Permit within this area, but there are limitations. These limitations are explained in the Vegetation Management Fact Sheet.

True timber harvesting operations can occur within the protected shoreland, but they are subject to more stringent standards under New Hampshire Forestry Law RSA 227-J:9. For more information, please see the Vegetation for Water Quality Fact Sheet at DES.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/sp-5.pdf.

If you still have questions or want to be sure about something, you can call the DES Wetlands Bureau at 603 271-2147 or visit their Shoreland Program Permit Guidance interactive pages at SurveyMonkey.com/r/shoreland.

Please note that this article is for informational purposes only, and is not intended to be used as a reference to the laws. 

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much more difficult for voters to get to know their candidates.

Voters want to make informed decisions for local representatives who represent our shared local interests, such as good local public schools, lower property taxes, and free and fair elections. The larger the districts, the more difficult it will be for townspeople to meet those

candidates in person, and the more likely that non-local media such as TV and internet will be used to influence the outcome of local elections.

As prospective legislators announce their candidacies in June, I urge voters to pay close attention and watch how these gerrymandered boundaries shift during the summer months approaching the elections. Keep an eye on future issues of the *Beacon* for updates. 

Andover's Beaver Deceivers Attract Attention, Avoid Floods

Devices prevent damage, save money

Vicky Mishcon

Former Select Board member

I have received inquiries about the Beaver Deceiver program here in Andover from some pretty interesting places. People from all over the country find their roads and properties are an ideal beaver habitat and are looking for ways to co-exist.

Most recently, I received a call from a limnologist (a scientist who studies the characteristics of fresh water systems, such as lakes, ponds, and streams). He had heard about our Beaver Deceivers and wanted to see some "in action." I was happy to give him a tour around the Elbow Pond Road and Emery Road areas, both very active beaver habitats.

I have also received inquiries from a person at a United States Navy training facility that was being flooded by beaver activity. Another call came from a financial administrator in a Minnesota town who was looking for a cost-effective way to cope with culvert and road damage in areas with high beaver activity.

More locally, I have given tours to officials from the town of Hopkinton and the Deputy Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. A man from a community just north of the White Mountains wanted to see our Beaver Deceivers, as his community needed a better solution for flooding caused by a small dam being blocked by beavers.

These are all people who find themselves in the same predicament: Roads and homes and businesses are built near prime beaver habitat, and the installation of small dams and culverts are like neon blinking arrows to a beaver – there's a breach in the dam, berm, road! All hands on deck to block the breach! A beaver can dam up a culvert overnight using sticks, mud, and rocks, and suddenly you have a flood or a washout.

Clearing out a culvert can be expensive, as towns often use heavy equipment to ram through the dam and sometimes there is damage to the culvert. Sometimes towns use trappers to drown the beavers, but an empty beaver habitat doesn't stay empty for long.

An effective solution for Andover has been the Beaver Deceiver. Made from heavy duty materials, this is a fencing and pipe system that basically prevents the beaver from getting inside the culvert. Any damming attempts along the fence are foiled by a pipe system that goes through the fence underwater, allowing the continued flow of water through the culvert.

Since each habitat area is unique, a system is designed specifically for that area. And since these are living and changing habitats, adjustments have to be made to keep them working efficiently.

For that reason, the Andover Conservation Commission monitors each of the town's Beaver Deceivers. If you would like to learn more about Beaver Deceivers, contact a member of the Andover Conservation Commission. 

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Andover resident Bill Swenson is on his way to the Andover Transfer Station with this truck full of trash as part of Andover's annual roadside Earth Day clean-up effort sponsored by the Andover Community Hub and the Andover Conservation Commission (ACC) from April 18 to 24. Bill and his wife Sheila, along with Ken and Lee Wells, spent a good deal of Friday, April 22, picking up trash along Route 4 between Fenvale and the Salisbury town line. The Hub and ACC thank all those who pitched in to keep Andover looking good! Caption: Susan Chase. Photo: Cindy Benson

Cristy Reny-Perkins is the Town's New Finance Assistant

Press release

A new Finance Assistant, Cristy Reny-Perkins, has been hired to work in the Select Board office alongside Marjorie Roy, Andover's Town Administrator, and Elita Reed, the Town's Finance Director. Her duties, in addition to working with financial tasks, include updating the Town's website and greeting the public during posted hours.

According to Cristy, she and her husband moved to Andover in 2007. They have been married for 20 years. For fun they enjoy four-wheeling in their Polaris RZR. They have two dogs, a yellow lab (Diesel) and a black lab/shepard mix (Stella).

In addition to their hobby of four-wheeling, they love spending time working in their yard and on their home. Additionally, Cristy said, "I enjoy wine tasting and festivals with my friends. I was a store manager at Circle K in Concord for 26 years, prior to my new position as Finance Assistant."

Welcome, Cristy!



Cristy Reny-Perkins is the new Finance Assistant for the Town of Andover.

Photo: Marjorie Roy

Time Counts in an Emergency; Have ID and Instructions Ready

Vial of Life form available on internet

Andrew Perkins, Chief, Andover EMS

Have you ever had to call 911 for a medical emergency? Chances are it was not a calm experience, depending on the problem. Whether it is a family member, friend, or even your own emergency, important medical information written down and readily available can save valuable time for first responders.

Relevant information such as full (legal) name, date of birth, allergies, current medication list, and past medical history is a good place to start. Other information that can be helpful is emergency contact information for family or guardian, or even a Power of Attorney. Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) forms are also forms that need to stay with the person. Social security numbers are not needed.

A DNR is a pink form that is signed by the doctor and patient. The original needs to be with the patient if they are being transported to the hospital for any reason. The paper needs to stay with the patient at all times in order to be honored.

EMS and Fire personnel want to respect the patient's wishes, but without having the DNR in hand if needed, it cannot be honored. A living will is not a valid form of wishes EMS personnel can use.

There is a form you can get off of the internet called the Vial of Life. It is meant to be filled out and placed on the fridge at the person's home. If someone is unable to respond to questions, or if a family member does not know cer-

tain information, EMS personnel have been trained to check the door or side of the fridge to look for any paperwork. Visit VialOfLife.com to request information. You can also print it yourself if preferred.

Sometimes when 911 is called the door is locked at the residence because the caller is unable to get to the door. If your residence has a hidden key or code to get into the door to gain entry to the residence without causing damage, the information can be emailed to AndoverEMS@andover-nh.gov. This email is secured and only accessed by the officers of Andover EMS.

If you give the information, it is forwarded to the dispatch center for the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. They input it in your address on the computer. If 911 is called, the information pops up in their system. Emergency personnel will be asked to call the center by phone and the code is given that way. It is the most secure way to keep your information private.

Information such as key locations or codes are never given over the radio. Once the information is forwarded to the dispatch center it will be deleted from the EMS computer. No information is stored at the fire station.

Lastly, we are always looking to add members to our roster. For anyone who is interested in getting information to join the Andover Fire or EMS department, please feel free to email AndoverEMS@andover-nh.gov. No training or experience needed. Have a great summer!

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Select Board

April 4

Condensed from approved minutes

Members Present: Todd Goings; Jim Delaney

Also present for duration of appropriate item: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Jon Champagne; Donna Duclos; Steve Barton; and Lisa Meier, Secretary

New Business

Stick Building Informative Session: Barton asked what the pros and cons are of a stick-built versus metal building for the highway garage, as the engineer indicated the committee should

to the town.

Barton replied that town contractors did not get to give a quote, and Goings replied the Board got the information from the committee, and the figure was over what was expected. Delaney stated that the budget was \$650,000, and the asking price was \$750,000, and he recommends to get quotes for a stick-built from local contractors and go from there.

Champagne asked if the Town is locked in with a metal structure. Barton stated he commends the Board for the presentation and moving forward; he is not opposed to a metal building; however, he would like to know if the Town could go with a stick-built structure at this point where the town voted on a metal building.

He also asked how the Board came up with the figure they did. Goings replied they went with comparable buildings in other municipalities. Roy read the Warrant Article that the town voted on, and it does not indicate stick-built nor metal building. Duclos asked when the specs will be put out to bid, and Goings replied one to two months.

Road Agent Report: An estimate was received from Belmore Catch Basin Cleaners at \$185 per hour and advised that eight hours would be satisfactory. Goings asked if he spoke with New England Basin and Champagne replied

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 2nd Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7
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School Board: 1st Tue
 (except July), 6:30, AE/MS
Select Board: 1st & 3rd Wed, 6:30
Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3rd Tue, 7

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Select Board Moves to Wednesday Nights
 The Select Board meetings in June, July, and August will be held on Wednesday nights instead of Monday nights.

consider a stick-built structure. Goings replied that the quote they received for a stick-built was an additional \$300,000, and in order to change over to a stick-built structure, it would have to come before the town again.

Barton stated a metal building, in his opinion, is ugly and hard to insulate; however, he is not proposing going one way or the other but wanted it considered.

He also asked if a stick-built structure went to bid, and the response was no. He asked why, and the response was it was too late and the committee handled everything. Barton responded he was on the committee and was not notified of this.

Champagne indicated this came from Jim Hanson, the committee chair. Goings replied the Board went by the committee’s recommendations. Champagne stated from a financial standpoint, it makes more sense to go with a metal structure and recommended Barton speak with Hanson.

Barton stated that building was supposed to be considered in the future and asked who bid on a stick-built structure. Champagne replied they used the basic standard of what municipalities currently use. Barton asked if any contractors in town were asked to bid, and Goings replied that it has not gone out to bid, but the Board had to give a figure

yes, however they are more expensive.

A quote was received from R&D Paving. Barton asked why they are considering adding more paved roads if Champagne previously stated that it is more expensive to maintain a paved road, and Barton believes it is more important to bring the currently paved roads back to where they are supposed to be.

Goings stated that RSMS was done, and a half-mile of paving on Flaghole Road is to be done in 2022 for \$130,000, and then Maple Street is scheduled to be done in 2026. Barton replied that Maple Street won’t exist by 2026 if they wait until then.

Delaney asked if the Board could look at a highway bond for paving. Bar-

ton asked why the dirt roads don’t get graded and then rolled, as it would extend their life. Champagne agreed that it would add to their longevity.

Road sweeping has started. Goings

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asked why they were sweeping the roads at 8:30 PM, and Champagne replied he was unaware of this and would address it. Goings stated there is to be no more overtime by the Highway Department.

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Other items:

They are still grading the roads, and they are adding gravel as needed.

Roads are still posted.

There has been a complaint on Currier Road.

Champagne went over the Code of Conduct with the Department.

A spare broom has been ordered.

The 550 needs a new tank, as it is leaking.

The International is going in for an oil change, and the spinner shaft broke from hitting a hole.

Delineators have been ordered.

Champagne asked for the figures for the mowing budget. Goings stated that small items such as nuts and bolts are impacting the budget and stated that they have already spent \$350 just on antifreeze, grease, and shop towels to date.

Trash Compactor: Delaney asked if the compactor is original, and the response was yes. Roy stated that Naughton inspects the trailer once per month at a cost of \$75 per hour, and the price is going to increase to \$150 per hour.

Municipalities SB 249: Roy stated that there will be a hearing on April 7, and this bill will limit what towns and cities can do pertaining to vacation rentals. The vacation rentals are creating additional police time and budgeting in some cities, and this bill would completely eliminate the ability of towns and cities to limit and regulate short-term rentals.

The State is requesting the Select Board provide a letter advising they are not in favor of the bill. The Board voted unanimously in favor of sending such letter.

Beaver Deceiver: There was a *Beacon* article indicating Michelle Lambert continues to oversee the maintenance,

and the Board needs to determine if this can happen from a liability standpoint.

Cemetery Trustees: Delaney stated that there is \$3,600 allocated for cornerstones at the cemetery and \$1,500 for hedge trimming, and the department would like permission to spend this money. Goings stated he would like a quote.

EMS Grant: Andrew Perkins previously came before the Board in regards to the grant he applied for and got, and it has now been indicated that the total amount needs to be paid out, and then the Town would get reimbursed. It was originally indicated that the Town would be paying 10% of the cost, and the grant would cover the rest of the cost.

Perkins would need to get a Purchase Agreement or provide a sufficient obligation and then show proof of payment. The Board would like to speak with Perkins to find out where the 10% or \$5,000 is coming from.

Old Business

Highway Supervisor: MRI provides temporary employees for towns that are short-staffed, and they will provide Andover with information. The person would be in Andover 1 to 1½ days per week, and they would send someone solely to “plan” at \$95 per hour.

Jeff Hayes suggested the Town might want to share a Road Agent with another town. Goings asked if MRI would help the Town do a search for a Road Agent, and the response was yes.

Paving: Goings met with the paving company and asked if they would be cutting and matching, and the response was no, just rolling into it, and Goings believes this is unacceptable. Goings recommended sending a letter to District 2 asking for aprons to be done when paving.

Town Administrators Report: The Office Assistant position has been filled.

The Deputy Town Clerk / Tax Collector position has been filled. Roy would also like to welcome Jim Delaney as a Select Board member.

Roy advised that the Town credit card has had fraudulent charges. The card has been canceled and a new one received.

A resident was referred to the Care Program at NHEC. Three residents were assisted with General Assistance forms.

An email was received from Bruce Davis of Allstate regarding Road Maintenance 101 for Highway Departments and another email offering to meet with the Road Agent and Select Board.

Met with Mary Anne Broshek regarding Granite View Online Mapper. Worked with Plodzick and Sanderson to conclude the 2020 financial audit. Received an intent-to-cut from Ragged Mountain Fish and Game. Sent a letter regarding a Current Use violation.

Attended three webinars related to requirements for compliance and reporting in the American Rescue Plan Act, and attended and received information regarding grants for municipal projects.

Signatures and Correspondence: A thank you was received from Kathy Ordway and Larry Chase regarding the Hub. Applied procedures were received from the auditors regarding the audit on Charity Robinson ex-town clerk / tax collector.

A notice was received from the Purple Heart Community Project. Roy will contact them. A letter was received from Concord Regional Solid Waste regarding a joint board representative and alternate. Currently Mark Stetson is our representative, and we need to appoint an alternate. Delaney recommended Ken Tripp. Goings recommended someone from the Transfer Station. Roy will work on this.

Signature needed for a Post Closure Report for the old landfill. Goings signed the report. Solar exemptions were signed. A waiver for interest and penalties was signed. A pole license along Dyers Crossing Road was signed. Three sign applications were received and signed for Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

The Board would like a letter sent to Michael Campbell regarding his application for the Highway Supervisor position.

School Board

April 5

Condensed from approved minutes

April is the Board's Organizational Meeting; as such, the superintendent presides.

Board Members Present: Aimee Menard, Dan Newton, Steve Chella, Kayla Chandler.

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

Public Present: Janet Moore, Matt Welch, Vanessa Welch, Donna Crisp Duclos

Superintendent opened the floor to nominations for a Chairperson of the Board. Newton made a

motion to appoint Aimee Menard Board chair. Chandler seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Menard motioned to appoint Newton Vice Board chair. Chandler seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Menard introduced the new Board members, Kayla Chandler and Steve Chella.

Newton motioned, and Chandler made the second, to appoint Katie Keyser as the Board's alternate signer. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Financial Report

Denoncourt reviewed the current status of the budget; at this time the overages generally are due to special education contracted services. Chella moved to approve the finance report, Newton seconded. All were in favor with no discussion, the motion carried.

Public Comment

Duclos commented that the Budget Committee is being proactive for the upcoming year and will be meeting next Monday to review how the year went. MacLean noted that typically there is a School Board member who participates on the Budget Committee beginning in the fall.

Chairperson's Report

Menard thanked the school staff for all their hard work this year. She noted that there is a SAU Board meeting on May 4. Menard noted that the School Board is in the process of

reviewing the high school tuition agreement, and this will continue at the



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Principal's Report

Mr. Dobe spoke of a recent middle school dance, which was the first in over two years. The track and field program has just begun, and is up and running. The school held its second assembly this year targeting social emotional learning and citizenship. These assemblies have gone quite well.

The school is looking into Responsive Classroom training for our classroom teachers before the upcoming school year. Later on this month, AE/MS will have a book fair and art show. Lastly, AE/MS will be participating in statewide testing next month.

Ms. Page reported that she's seeing needs increasing, but is working with Mr. Dobe to ensure the staffing model will be supportive for the known needs for next year.

Mr. Audet continues working on door locks, researching the boiler, etc. Mr. Audet and some teachers (Minnehan, Bramley) are also working to update the AE/MS school sign, using wood and 3-D printed materials. Mr. Audet is also looking into working on the medians in the parking lot; he noted that trees are dead, and the grass could use a bit of a boost.

Local groups have an interest in putting a planting of flowers in front of and around the AE/MS signage, and have reached out to complete the amphitheater project on the AE/MS campus.

The team spoke of grants that Andover School District has access to. Chandler asked if a team has been gathered to begin work on that grant; this is still in progress. Chandler also asked about the current status of the AE/MS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO); Dobe would love to start that.

New Business

Staffing: Matt Orlando, Physical Education teacher, has put in his resignation effective immediately and has already left AEMS.

Deana Crucitti, Kindergarten teacher, has put in her resignation effective the end of the school year.

Superintendent's Report

Randy Wormald earned the New Hampshire School Administrators Association Outstanding Service Award.

MacLean spoke of changes on the

Merrimack Valley School Board and reiterated the May 4 meeting. MacLean and Wormald recently met with all new teachers in the District to get feedback. The labor shortage is not unique to AE/MS; it is rampant throughout the country in all businesses.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Wormald provided a shout-out to Page, from her reviews during the new teacher meetings.

Action from Non-Public Session

Stephen Chella made a motion to accept the slate of teacher nominations, seconded by Dan. Motion carried. Stephen Chella made a motion to accept the nomination of Laura Manteau as new physical education teacher for the 2022-23 school year, seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

Planning Board

April 12

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Nancy Teach, Chair; Donna Duclos, Vice-Chair; Dave Powers; Art Urie; Ken Wells; and Jim Delaney, ex officio.

Also present: Bob Ward; Nicholas Robinson; Kristin Angeli; David Leak; Pat Moyer, Planning and Zoning Administrator; and Lisa Meier, Secretary

Completeness Review: Site Plan – Kristin Angeli, agent for Nicholas Robinson, proposed new landscaping business at 112 Route 4A, Tax Map 28, Lot 386,337 in the Forest / Agricultural Zone.

A Site Plan Review application was submitted to Moyer which she distributed to the Board members. Robinson has been in business for 18 years and has outgrown his current shop. Robinson indicated that this is not a large commercial business, he has no employees at this time and should he have any, there would be no more than five.

The property is 1,920' up from Route 11 and there is 1,600' of frontage on Bog Pond. Angeli stated that Robinson will need to file a new driveway permit per her conversation with the Department of Transportation.

Powers asked what his hours of operation would be, and the response was they would be varied per season; however, he would follow Andover Noise

Ordinance.

Duclos asked what types of equipment would be on site, and the response was dump trucks, box trucks for example. Duclos also stated she was concerned with the flood area, and the response was that the area he has designated for his building, which will be 120 square feet, is within the non-flood area in the higher elevation.

Wells asked if the Board needed to worry about septic location, and Powers replied only that it would have to be 15' off the property line. Teach recommended the Board keep the packets for reviewing and coming up with any questions.

The Board reviewed the application, and Urie made a motion to deem the application complete pending receipt of the addendum pertaining to the Noise Ordinance and hours of operation. Powers seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the application complete pending receipt of the addendum pertaining to the Noise Ordinance and hours of operation.

Non-Binding Consultation: Bob Ward for Tax Map 14, Lot 828,028 in the Forest / Agricultural Zone

Ward presented a map indicating the location where he owns 32.60 acres near the Kearsarge / Dawes Road intersection, and the lot is split between the Forest / Agricultural Zone and the Agricultural / Residential Zone, and he would like advice on whether or not it is a buildable lot.

Delaney stated the Town maintains up to Gary Currier's property and would need to confirm with Jon Champagne where the Class V road ends. Moyer stated she will contact Champagne.

Ward stated that the zoning map indicates that Kearsarge Mountain Road is town maintained; however, Dawes Road is not. Ward will come back before the Board at a later date.

Non-Binding Consultation: David Leak of 135 Valley Road, inquiring about the process to make changes to the Zoning Ordinance

Leak indicated he would like to see changes to the Zoning Ordinance done, as the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance contradict each other. There are items indicating that the burden of

proof is on the abutters currently, and it needs to be on the applicant.

Powers stated that the D1 is a catch-all Special Exception. Teach requested that Leak put everything in writing, and the Board can discuss further and any changes would have to go before the residents of town at Town Meeting for approval.

Powers asked if individual residents can do Warrant Articles for changes to the Zoning Ordinance, and the response was yes; however, it has to be approved by the Planning Board.

Non-Binding Consultation: Ron Vary, 46 O'Neil Drive, Tax Map 11, Lot 235,021 in the Rural / Residential Zone – Site Plan Review for Car Rental Business

This did not come before the Board, as Vary was not present.

Town Owned Properties

This was not discussed as the Board needs more information.

Organization of the Board

Zoning Administrator

An inquiry came in for the Laflamme property on Tilton Brook Road. The property does not have any road frontage on a Class V or better road, and therefore if they wanted to pursue building a home there, they must go through the process of NH RSA 674:41.

The man stated that if he went through the process and did not receive a building permit, he would just homestead the property and that would not benefit the Town because his property taxes would be 60% less for the Town.

Moyer researched homesteading and could only find it attached to the bankruptcy laws. Moyer questioned the Board if they knew if New Hampshire was a homestead state, and the Board agreed that New Hampshire is not a homestead state.

Conservation Commission

April 13

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

Also attending: Donna Duclos

Motion made by Lee and seconded
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by Jesse to have Tina and Sooze be full voting members tonight.

ASLPT (Jesse): Route 4A Bog Pond land status. Before Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) could move on this property, a new buyer made an offer on the land. Nick Robinson (Robinson's Landscape Construction, LLC) has met twice with the Planning Board. Wants to build a storage shed for eight trucks and equipment: the building will be 60'x120' and on the highest point of land.

At first meeting he mentioned that he might want to set aside some land for building a home for his parents. He may also keep supplies on the property. He also does construction and plowing as well as landscaping.

Nick has expressed an interest in putting some of the land in conservation easement, and he has met with Andy Deegan at ASLPT. However, nothing was said at the April 12 Planning Board meeting about conserving the property.

Questions need to be asked about the possible house building, conservation plans, and the impact beyond the two-acre section that he says he wants to use. Jesse feels that Nick's plans are not compatible with Forestry and Agricultural zoning and will require a variance.

Motion made by Jenny, seconded by Sooze: all in favor that Jesse read his letter as representing the Andover Conservation Commission (ACC) at the next Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) meeting.

Jesse, Sooze, Nancy will attend the April 19 ZBA meeting. If passed, Robinson will meet with Planning Board on April 26, and there will be a public hearing on the second Tuesday in May with the Planning Board.

Meeting of area conservation commissions: Nancy will pass the minutes on to us when she receives them. Takeaways: some towns are getting help from colleges with projects; several communities are having talks on

plastics, especially micro-plastics that we ingest. We would like to take part if there is another presentation. In April there is a meeting for chairs and co-chairs; – Nancy will attend.

Natural Resource Inventory: When to update? How often is that done? Ideally, every 10 years. Tina documented everything with online links, so most of it should be up-to-date. Details of conserved lands may need to be updated. GRANIT is updated regularly.

Questions from townspeople: Piles of dirt on Bay Road: Are they too close to the river? Is this something we or DES need to look into?

Can the Town do more recycling? There was a Recycling Committee that was disbanded by the Select Board. Who negotiates what recycling we do? The staff at the Transfer Station, but the Select Board would have to approve? It would be good to support the Town making good choices about recycling. Vicky Mishcon and Danbury on recycling some plastics might be good sources for information.

Need to continue to look for members for ACC and Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Budget: Any balance from previous year in the ACC fund can be rolled over into the next year, but must be requested and voted at Town Meeting. Must appear as a warrant article, and submitted to Select Board and Budget Committee by January 15.

Warrant Article: To increase percentage of amount received from lands coming out of Current Use. We are currently receiving 50%; many towns get 100%. It is not a reliable source of income for the Town. Nancy can check with Elita to see what the income has been over the last few years. With the conservation subdivision, we may see more land coming out of Current Use. However, people in town might see this resulting in less revenue for the Town.

Beaver Deceiver Update: Elbow Pond and Emery Road seem fine. Valley Road looks fine, but the adjacent landowner would like to see it removed or

upgraded. DES needs to be involved in removal. Summer would be the best time to do that for least impact.

Wetland Buffer Signage: Lee will drill holes in signs and send out possible dates to install them. We will need to buy security stainless steel fasteners to attach them. Nancy made a motion to buy supplies to install signs not to exceed \$100; Jesse seconded, all in favor.

Partnering with Other Groups: Andover Historical Society: good turn out for geological presentation. It was recorded and will be posted on the Andover Historical Society website.

Andover Garden Club, Andover Hub (Earth Day): town-wide clean up: Nancy will check to see how we can help out. Garden Club is talking about planting native plants, looking into purchasing things wholesale.

Both libraries have seed collections, free for the taking. Lee will put in the next library newsletter, ask Garden Club if they want to be mentioned or have a seed exchange at the libraries.

John Bentley: lilac presentation/project at schools: the Katie Bentley Lilac Project. He'd like to do a presentation in town. He is going to be doing a lilac pruning workshop in June with the Garden Club – can we co-sponsor? Nancy will check in with Mary Lou.

NH Lakes: Should we look into starting a lake host program?

Planning Board would like to have a member of the ACC on the Planning Board. They meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Nancy will attend the next meeting.

and the Board will review it at a later date.

Champagne provided photos of a dry cistern on Pinewood Lane in which yard waste is being dumped. Champagne spoke with the property owner to no avail. Roy will send a letter to the property owner.

A list of pricing for paving roads was received.

Work orders were received for Belmore, Nikon Crack Filling, Hauling Gravel, Keystone for Keniston Bridge and tree and crane work.

An estimate was received from Osipee Mountain Electronics for radios. The quote is \$4,821.35.

Champagne contacted Jim Hanson regarding the cost of a stick-built building versus a metal building for the Highway Department. Documents were received as to why a steel building is the way of the future, along with information from the internet.

A photo of a Beaver Deceiver was received from a town resident showing someone having left their tool in it from cleaning it. There is a vortex under the bridge on Valley Road which is eroding the bank and bridge support. Dudek stated that if it becomes an emergency, it will be removed.

There is an issue with the concrete slab bridge on Bridge Road.

The crew will revisit the culvert in Fenvale.

An oil change is scheduled on the John Deere and the grader. Champagne will provide a copy of the maintenance plan.

Sweeping is being done. The list of culverts to be replaced has been done. The roads are unposted.

Moving ahead: a price point lease for a 12" chipper rental. Goings indicated it has to come out of the "Project" line item. Champagne will get estimates for screening.

Delaney asked what the plan is for water at Lake View Cemetery, and the response is there is no plan.

Dudek called for a Highway Department work session to be held on April

Select Board

April 18

Condensed from approved minutes

Members Present: Michelle Dudek, Chair; Todd Goings; Jim Delaney

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Jon Champagne; Donna Duclos; Art Urie; and Lisa Meier, Secretary

Road Agent's Report

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Town Properties

Urie distributed a list of Town-owned properties along with his proposal regarding Lake Farm Realty selling the properties. Roy will be the contact / point person and will provide information to the Board members when there is an offer.

Goings asked if there is a list of selling values, and the response was a signed listing agreement needs to be in place, which will include selling prices. Urie indicated that there is one property with a house on it and wanted to know if the Board wanted it included at this time, and the Board advised not to list it immediately.

Delaney made a motion authorizing Roy to sign on behalf of the Board for the listing agreements. Goings seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Urie requested that the full Board sign the Purchase and Sales Agreements. Delaney made a motion authorizing Roy to sign the Seller Disclosures on behalf of the Board. Dudek seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Urie will prepare a letter to the abutting property owners once the properties are in the MLS System.

Old Business

Two Barn Preservation Easements applications were received and will be continued to the May 3 meeting.

Dudek requested Roy to contact Primex to determine whether or not a property owner can clean out the Beaver Deceivers and advised that until a response is received, the property owner is not to clean it out.

There is a town interested in sharing a Public Works Director / Road Agent per MRI / LPC.

Town Administrators Report

Tax Relief Forms become available on May 1 for low to moderate income families.

Instructions are coming in regarding ARPA Funds. An idea of what the Board wants to spend is needed. In August 2021 we received \$124,214.28, and the same amount is coming in this August.

Correspondence and Signatures

An email was received from Nancy Teach regarding the reorganization of the Planning Board. The official inspection of the Lawrence Street bridge was received and signed by Dudek. Two Veterans Credits were signed by all Board members.

A denial of an Elderly Exemption was signed by all Board members. The denial was due to the applicant not meeting the income requirement. A State form for timber forest cut was received and signed by all Board members. Two solar exemptions were signed by all Board members.

A service agreement between Franklin and Andover for ambulance service was received.

Select Board

May 2

Condensed from approved minutes

Members Present: Michelle Dudek, Chair; Todd Goings; Jim Delaney

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Donna Duclos; Art Urie; Anne Hewitt; Lee Wells; Janet Moore; Gail Parenteau; Mary Lou McCrave; Bill Hoffman; Louise Andrus; Ted Andrus; Bill Keyser; and Lisa Meier, Secretary

Garden Club

McCrave indicated that she put together a Garden Club which is a program of the Hub and currently has approximately 50 members. Their goal is civic beautification including items to enhance the community.

One of the items is the landscape around Town Hall and the school as well as the perennial border between the Town Hall and the main road. The remainder of the gardens are maintained by the Service Club.

The Garden Club would like to do away with the border garden and create new gardens, retaining walls, and they are also looking to work on the amphitheater. Hoffman, who is a landscape architect, would like to be involved with the Club.

Dudek requested a walk around the building to better understand what the Club would like to accomplish and to discuss with the Board how the grounds will be used as well as the parking. Moore agreed with taking a walk around the property.

Dudek asked the Board if they would like the Club to do the work, and Goings stated he would; however, he would like to see a plan.

McCrave asked what the plans are for the Town Hall building. Dudek replied that there is no conceptual at this time and it may take a couple of years. McCrave indicated that the Club will go along with the Board's time frame. The Board recessed at 6:10 for a walk around the property. The Board came back at 6:20 and resumed their meeting.

Ted and Louise Andrus

Andrus indicated that they own two parcels on Fellows Road off Flaghole Road and had previously requested that the tax map be corrected as Avitar still indicates it being owned by another person. The Andruses would like the map to be corrected. Roy stated that the correct owner is on the plan with Avitar; however, the maps are only updated every two years.

Fire Warden Appointment

Roy indicated that Steve Barton has recommended Jake Otis to take over as Fire Warden. Delaney made a motion

to accept Jake Otis as Fire Warden. Goings seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of accepting Jake Otis as Fire Warden.

Cemetery Committee

Keyser indicated he accepts responsibility for the ad in *The Andover Beacon* and The Kearsarge Shopper pertaining to hiring someone to manage the cemeteries. To date, there have been no replies to the advertisement to get the cemeteries cleaned up, and Keyser is concerned about getting them cleaned up in time, as there are only 28 days until Memorial Day.

Delaney recommends hiring someone in the interim until bids come in and proposed Jim Reed. Keyser replied that Reed's quote was \$40 per hour. Goings replied that Reed does not have his own equipment, and that is why his quote is so high.

Roy stated that per the insurance company, only Town employees can operate the Town vehicles and equipment. Goings stated he is not comfortable making a decision at this meeting.

Keyser stated that a quote was received from Ethan Barton for \$50 per hour for two cemeteries. Goings replied that Barton has his own equipment.

Dudek asked what the typical cost from now through Memorial Day is and stated she would like all cemeteries cleaned. Delaney made a motion to hire Jim Reed for short-term at \$40 per hour for 80 hours. Goings seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of hiring Jim Reed for the short term at \$40 per hour for 80 hours.

Keyser indicated he will review the prior ad to update to reflect mowing and trimming and fall clean-up and submit for bids. Keyser will post the ad in the Post Offices and the ad will go onto the Town website and Roy will send it to The Kearsarge Shopper. The deadline for the bids will be May 23 at 10 AM, at which point received bids will be opened.

Keyser recommended the Board change the Procurement Policy to department approved from \$500 to \$1,000,

and Town Administrator approval from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Dudek replied the Board will take this under advisement.

Town-Owned Property

Urie indicated he has listed seven properties and has three Purchase and Sales Agreements. Urie also indicated there is a discrepancy on Bradley Point Lane and has pulled that listing for the time being. The Board signed Purchase and Sales Agreements for the property on West Shore Road; the 4.90-acre lot on Franklin Highway, which is contingent on a perc test and a driveway permit; and another property on Franklin Highway. Urie indicated this property has no recorded conservation easement and no contingencies other than driveway and septic.

Wells indicated that this is not a buildable lot, and a letter from Bill Bardsley was distributed advising this property is a gift to the Town. Dudek asked Urie if there was anything further the Board needs to do, and the response other than getting it recorded at Merrimack County Registry of Deeds after the sale, there is nothing else.

Urie stated that he received calls from property owners on both sides of the Bradley Point property, one indicating she owns a portion of this property. Urie indicated the property has value, and he suspects it is actually larger than they believe it is and recommends a survey being done.

Delaney made a motion to have a survey done. Goings seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of having a survey done. Roy will get quotes for surveys.

White Oak Building

Dudek asked what the options are between a metal building and a stick-built building. Scegell explained some of the differences between the two types of buildings.

Goings stated that a metal building would be a year out and a stick-built would be immediate. Scegell advised the Board needs to determine which type they would like and to decide on

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a design build; however, he is unsure if the Board could find a company to commit to a start date.

Delaney stated that there would be a good compromise going with a stick-built with steel skin. Goings stated they are better off going with a metal building. Roy asked if a metal building would be better from a fire standpoint, and the response was yes. Dudek stated it sounds like wood frame is the better way to go. Scegeell indicated that if the Board wants this done quickly, a stick-built is the way to go.

Goings asked what happens when a new Board takes over. Delaney replied that if there is a full plan in place, it remains. Roy stated the plan will not lapse until the garage is completed or until 2025, whichever comes first per the Warrant Article. The Board agreed to not go design-build. Scegeell stated he will get a proposal for the Board.

Handbook

The Town of Andover, New Hampshire Board of Selectmen Operational Guidelines and Handbook was distributed and the Board will review it at a future meeting.

Road Agent's Report

Michelle Dudek delivered the report. The department is short-handed; however, they have been grading and sweeping. Goings indicated he had asked for the gate at the Transfer Station to be repaired.

Champagne recommended to Dudek about getting a jump on crack sealing. Delaney made a motion to accept the quote from Nikon for \$4,350 per day for a total of \$8,700. Goings seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of accepting the quote from Nikon for \$4,350 per day for a total of \$8,700.

Change in Meeting Night

Discussion took place regarding meeting nights, and the Board agreed to try Wednesday evenings for the summer. Meeting nights will be Wednesday June 1, June 15, July 6, July 20, August 3, and August 17.

Town Administrator's Report

Rick Evans from DRA came in on April 15 to help Cristy with processing Timber Cuts. Select Board minutes have been added to the Town website. The Trustees of Trust Funds met, and the newest member – Kent Hackmann – was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Roy indicated that she received correspondence asking if Andover would like to become a Purple Heart Community. In order to become one, there must still be a living Purple Heart veteran in town.

Roy would like to have new Welcome to Andover signs incorporating Purple Heart Community Town at each end of town. Goings stated he would get back to the Board with the name of the person that Proctor uses for their signs.

Correspondence and Signatures

The Board signed an excavation permit so the Town can reconnect the side-

walk after the state relocates it during their paving project. The Board signed a reimbursement from the Capital Reserve Fund. The Board signed a \$2,800 invoice from the Department of Corrections for delineator posts.

The Board signed a \$1,246 fuel bill from the Department of Transportation. The Board signed a \$4,200 invoice for the annual support maintenance and upgrades for software from Municipal Resources. Dudek and Delaney signed the \$3,000 invoice for dump body screens that Goings previously signed.

The Board signed a \$25,564 payroll manifest. Two Yield Tax Warrants were signed. An Intent-to-Cut for a resident on Bridge Road was signed. A check manifest for \$66,776.28 was signed for accounts payable. A check manifest for \$1,500 for the cemetery was signed.

Pole licenses from PSNH for Peg Shop Lane and Dyer's Crossing were signed by the Board. The Board signed the second step notification to taxpayers that have applied for credits and exemptions.

Roy advised about the SB400 relative to training for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding workplace housing, adoption of school district budgets caps. NHMA is opposed to the bill.

Additional Items

Delaney stated that Tom Voss contacted him advising that there is an easement on the Bradley Lake property, and Delaney replied to him that the property has been taken off the for-sale list, and the Board is looking into having it surveyed.

Delaney stated that R&D Paving left a berm on Lockwood Road, and it no longer drains correctly, and this needs to be addressed. Delaney asked if new prices for radios have been received yet, and the response was no.

Discussion took place regarding disposal of fire extinguishers at the transfer station. Goings stated they need to be disposed of by a hazardous waste company or another specialty company.

A brochure was received with the quotes for aluminum, which is currently \$90 per pound. Goings asked if the other container was gone, and Roy stated she will make sure to tell the workers to have it removed.



A group of people, all in some way involved or related to people who were involved in the Elbo-Edge Cabins over the years, gathered on May 3 to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of its founding by Will Bardsley in 1922. Photo: Charlie Darling

Elbo-Edge 100th Anniversary Gathering Retraces Memories

Cabin project required lots of local help

Bardsley Family, Andover

A group of Elbo-Edge guests, employees, descendants of employees, family members, and the great-grandson of the real estate agent who arranged a big sale in 1922 joined Bill Bardsley at the corner of Elbow Pond Road and Franklin Highway at 5 PM on May 3.

It was the 100th anniversary of the first ride on Elbow Pond Road by Bill's father, Will, and his Aunt Hildur.

Bill has a copy of a typed April 27, 1922 letter from his father in New Jersey to Vernon Fisher, the real estate agent, saying he expected to be in Andover on May 3 in the afternoon. On that copy, a handwritten note says, "Hildur and I first rode in the camp road about five o'clock that afternoon". An arrow is drawn to the May 3 date in the letter.

Mr. Fisher must have been on that ride too. He had suggested an abandoned farm on "Elbow Lake" which might suit Mr. Bardsley's requirements for a place to build a family camp. Bard-sley had been searching from the Adirondacks to Maine for a year or more. He bought the Andover property.and

the next 100 years are history.

This year's May 3 party drove in the road to commemorate the occasion. The group included Les Fenton, the Vernon Fisher great grandson; Susan Schnare, whose grandfather Fred Smith supervised construction of all the Elbo-Edge cabins between 1923 and 1927;



The Elbo-Edge cabins signpost, on Elbow Pond Road. Photo: Charlie Darling

and Andover Town Administrator Marj Roy, whose grandfather painted the farmhouse in the mid-1930s and whose mother and aunt were a teen-aged bed making/sweep the cabins team in the late '30s; and finally current part-time employees Samantha and Tom Mackey.

Gregory and Anne Walsh and their mother, Maren, represented the guests. The Walshes came to Elbo-Edge in 1969 and have come back every year since. This will be their 54th year, more than half the hundred since 1922.

Along with two spouses and another mother, Bill's daughters, Jen Sjostedt and Christina Guevarra, both of whom had turns running the business in the 1980s, and his nephew Eric Andrews rounded out the celebrants. Eric and his brother Bill as young teen-agers did chores in the early and mid 1960s.

With the sale of RP Johnson's to Belletetes, Elbo-Edge appeared to become the oldest family-owned business in Andover. In the past 100 years, it has registered guests from 33 states and 10 foreign countries. Several guest families are now in the third or even fourth generations. What will the second hundred years bring?

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Galen Beale Discusses History of Andover's Elkins Family

Traces 40-year journey with Enfield Shakers

Rita Norander
Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society has invited Galen Beale to speak at its upcoming meeting about her recently published book, *Beech Hill: The Reconciliation of Hervey Elkins and the Enfield Shakers*.

Beech Hill traces the Elkins family's 40-year Shaker journey, using journals, diaries, letters, and pictures from the archives of the Andover Historical Society. It tells the interesting story of the lives of several generations of the Elkins family, who lived on Beech Hill in Andover, and how their daily lives were intertwined with the Enfield Shakers.

The family homestead on Beech Hill was settled in 1790 by Captain Samuel Elkins, and remained in the family until 1995 when Kimball Elkins sold the property to his neighbor, Paul Fenton, with whom he shared a barn! Paul allowed Kimball to remain in the house for as long as he wished, and Kimball spent several more years there before leaving for good. He left behind all of

his family's journals, neatly stacked on a kitchen shelf. Eventually, Paul Fenton donated these to the Andover Historical Society where Kimball had been the Society's first curator. Kimball was a graduate of Harvard University, and was employed as an archivist for Harvard University Library.

Author Galen Beale has been involved for many years with both the Canterbury and the Enfield Shaker Villages. At Canterbury she established a medicinal herb garden and co-authored *The Earth Shall Blossom: Shaker Herbs and Gardening*. Learning from the last two elders, she revived the Shaker poplarware industry and taught and demonstrated the craft for many years. Galen has served on the board at Enfield, and as curator moved the Museum from the Laundry Dairy Building into the Great Stone Dwelling.

This program is free and open to the public and will take place on Wednesday, June 15, at 7 PM. It will be held at the Stone Chapel, 194 Main Street in Andover. Refreshments will be available following the talk.

Contact Rita at BobRita@juno.com or 603 934-5397 with any questions. 



A rare photo from 1887 captures children playing baseball on the road in front of the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse in East Andover. In 2010, many folks from Andover came together to create a DVD, *Early Days of Education in New England: A Re-enactment of a Day at the Tucker Mountain School*, based on careful research into this photo. The video is on YouTube, and you can visit the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse on the second Sunday of the month, June through October.

Tucker Mountain School Holds First Open House of 2022

Sunday, June 12, from 1 to 3 PM

Donna Baker-Hartwell, Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society announces the first open house for the 2022 season at the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse.

Built in 1837, and in its original condition, the schoolhouse will be open to the public on Sunday, June 12, between 1 and 3 PM.

Period school books, slates, inkwells, and other artifacts will be on display. For more information or to arrange for a visit at another time, please contact Donna Baker-Hartwell at 603 381-5586 or DonnaBH@tds.net.

There will be an open house each month from June through October on the second Sunday. 

Friend Recalls Fond Memories of the Late George Kidder

Andover postmaster; enthusiastic volunteer

Kent Hackmann, Andover

Three years after his passing, I have strong, positive memories of George Kidder (1927–2019).

Many locals remember him as Postmaster, 1974–1986, especially for playing tricks on persons collecting mail from their boxes. That was before my time here in Andover.

I met George a few years ago in the morning Council on Aging walk in the Proctor Field House. He was a sociable walking partner, as was his good friend, Frank Haley, also deceased. While walking or taking a sitting break, George shared a fund of memories. Those ranged from his days as an enlisted man in Berlin to recollections of growing up in Concord.

George was a person of regular habits. One was visible to all driving past his modest home on the Franklin Highway. Many mornings he would collect the *Concord Monitor* from its tube, sit in his car at the end of his driveway, and read the paper, as the engine warmed. Perhaps he intended to drive across the highway to visit Frank. Three years after his death, I still have a nostalgic moment when I pass by his former home.

George loved fishing and being with

people. Although he died before we could go fishing, he took me on a tour of parts of Andover that were unknown to me. As he drove, he regaled me with stories about Andover, past and present.

I remember, too, the day we accepted Donald Hall's invitation to visit him at his home in South Danbury. George and Don were friends over many years with shared interests in the Lions and baseball. Hall and I had a University of Michigan link because he taught poetry there when I was a graduate student, and I knew a few of his colleagues in the English department. Reminiscing came easily. Possibly we were among the last guests at the home of our resident national poet laureate.

George stands out in my memory for what he contributed to Andover's civic life. I came to appreciate George as the volunteer without equal. He enthusiastically gave his time, especially when called on to raise money. Only in his last years did he decline those invitations.

The Lions, the Fourth of July Committee, and other civic groups benefited from his good will and energy. I rank George high among the town "worthies" as he would have been known in an earlier era. The town is blessed with many successors to George's commitment to Andover. 

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Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair Returns on August 7

Also Freight House sales and museum exhibits

Judy Perreault
Andover Historical Society

Don't miss the Andover Historical Society sale at the Freight House on Saturdays throughout the summer and fall. There are many vintage items for sale. We have beds, chairs, tables, lamps, dishes, tools, bureaus, and birdcages. You name it, we probably have one. If not, we may get it, as new items are arriving all the time. We recently sold a composting system.

The museum buildings will also be open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and Sundays from 12:30 to 3 PM. There is a special exhibit about the Thompson family in the Emmons General Store.

This year, the Historical Society is celebrating its 40th year with the return of its Old Time Fair on Sunday, August 7, 2022. Many activities are planned for the day.

On this date, there will be a special commemoration for Richard Potter, a famous black magician and ventriloquist, who lived in Potter Place from 1815 until his death in 1835. 



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Turtles find a log to rest on to sun themselves on Emery Pond.
Photo: Larry Chase



Spring is the time to catch sightings of geese with their brood of goslings. This group is taking time out from the water on Highland Lake to enjoy a sunny day.
Photo: Larry Chase



Sucker Brook, which borders the back two sides of the Bob and Rita Norander's property in East Andover, is a favorite fishing spot for a blue heron which returns each year. Their game camera took this picture in late April.

Feeding Waterfowl at Area Lakes Creates Multiple Problems

Please do not feed the ducks and geese!

Marj Roy, Town of Andover

Feeding waterfowl can create problems for the birds, their environment, and people. The idea that waterfowl cannot survive without human help is false. Many species of water birds have survived for thousands of years without human help, and they are thriving.

Please enjoy our local waterfowl from a distance and respect their wildness. By doing so, you will give them their best chance for survival, and you will keep beachgoers healthy.

The age-old practice of feeding ducks and geese bread, pastries, cookies, and other types of food can cause serious health problems for these birds. These foods are highly processed and provide no nutrition. In fact, human food may actually contribute to starvation among waterfowl. Foods get moldy and can make the birds sick. Ducks and geese are much better off to move their location in search of a healthy natural diet.

One goose can consume up to four pounds of grass a day, creating about

three pounds of poop daily. That is one goose and does not include the food provided by humans. Rarely do you see one goose, it's usually a gaggle of geese.

Large concentrations of geese can cause algal blooms and excessive plant growth in lakes. When geese, or ducks, defecate near shore or in the water, they create a risk to humans. Their fecal matter may contain the swimmer's itch organism along with fecal bacteria. Swimmer's itch is a temporary skin rash.

Overpopulation can become a problem when there is an endless food supply provided by the well-meaning humans. The birds do not move on and move in because of the easy and continuous food supplied by the well-meaning humans.

Once overpopulation happens the birds will fight for the food and are injured as a direct result of the intense aggression and competition that occurs when waterfowl overpopulation exists. Overpopulation is not sustainable. As numbers increase, natural foraging will decrease, and individuals will only become more dependent on the unhealthy food provided by humans.

For wild animals, survival is contingent on maintaining a healthy fear of humans. Feeding waterfowl can quickly cause them to lose their instinctive sense of fear. While people who feed the waterfowl have the best of intentions, the ducks and geese still have to live in a world filled with hazards like dogs, cats, cars, foxes, and people. The ducks and geese that keep their innate wildness have the best chance of survival.

Humans feeding waterfowl can lead to aggressive behavior towards humans, especially among geese. Finally, waterfowl that is used to human handouts are more likely to take up residence and less likely to be successfully driven from locations such as beaches and picnic areas. Unfortunately, feeding the waterfowl does more harm than good.

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Foxglove is Pretty, but Causes Reactions in Humans and Animals

Tall spikes with flowers are pretty but toxic

Nicole Hook, Andover

Foxglove is a pretty plant, with tall flowering spikes of colors in purple, pink, yellow, or white. People consider them pretty and like to pick them or have them in their gardens. But their appearance is deceptive in that the plants are actually very toxic, to both people and animals.

I learned about the properties of this plant because I had thought about planting some at my old house, but where I have cattle I look things up before I plant it. After learning about its dangers, I was disappointed to find it here at this house in Andover. It is hard to get rid of and is considered an invasive weed in many states. It has been referred to as an agricultural weed in New Hampshire.

There have been occasions where some people pick it, as the flowers are pretty, not realizing what it is, and the unfortunate end up in a hospital emergency room. It is usually limited to gardens in this area of New Hampshire, but it sometimes can be found on old homesteads, where it was grown for digitalis. It spreads by itself, as it self-seeds. So beware, and watch out for the plant with pretty flowers and a cool name. It's poison.

From my research, I learned that toxins can get on the hands from handling and crushing the plant, and then transferred to the eyes and mouth, and absorbed through open cuts on the hands. If too much toxin from the plant is absorbed or ingested, it can cause many unpleasant or dangerous side effects, including nausea, skin irritation, headache, diarrhea, small eye pupils, blurred vision, strong slow pulse, vomiting, dizziness, excessive urination, fatigue, muscle weakness, tremors, stupor, confusion, convulsion, abnormal heart beat, low blood pressure, and, although rare, death. Most people who have a bad reaction are still able to get medical help.

For some background, found in the Encyclopedia Britannica, the plant is native to Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Canary Islands. It flowers from June to September, although some varieties don't grow flowers. The spikes can grow from 18 to 60 inches tall. Each plant can produce 1 to 2 million seeds.

All parts of the foxglove plant are toxic to animals and people. Even inhaling the pollen can cause an adverse reaction in some people. The leaves have fine hairs that can cause a rash

that can last for two to three weeks. The plant contains digitalis (hence the botanical name *Digitalis purpurea*) and other cardiac glycosides which are used in medicine in very small doses.



Foxglove plants grow in tall spikes with flowers of varying colors. They are pretty but toxic to humans and animals. [PublicDomainPictures.net](https://www.PublicDomainPictures.net)

Also from the Encyclopedia Britannica, and library.uthscsa.edu, doctors in England, most notably William Withering, started experimenting with the use of foxglove around 1776 to treat dropsy or edema (fluid build up in the body - congestive heart failure), irregular heartbeat, and heart failure. Digitalis is used to slow heart rate and strengthen contractions of the heart muscle. It also increases heart output and decreases the size of the heart. It is only used in very small doses because half a gram of dried leaf or two grams of fresh leaf ingested is enough to kill an adult human.

In spite of the possible dangers of handling and/or being around Foxglove, it can still be found for sale at garden shops and nurseries in New Hampshire. Bedford Fields, in Bedford, advertises this plant for use in gardens. The only special consideration listed (plants.bedfordfields.com/12120032/Plant/4567/Common_Foxglove) is that it is "Self-Seeding," but it does state that "...parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets."

So, for anyone in Andover with kids or animals, I'd suggest becoming familiar with this plant, especially before adding it to gardens, or picking it in fields. If you still wish to add it to your garden because it's pretty, you can find more information from the UNH extension (extension.unh.edu), or from other gardening websites.

Hub's Capital Campaign Raffle Features Mini Bike and Quilts

Starts in June with Fourth of July drawing

Susan Chase, Andover Community Hub

A Caterpillar Machinery-themed mini-bike and two handmade lap-size quilts, all made by Andover residents, will be raffled off by the Andover Community Hub as part of their Come On In capital campaign.

Rebuilt by a local resident who prefers to remain anonymous, and whose hobby is restoring old mini-bikes, the raffle bike is virtually new, except for its rebuilt engine.

Raffle tickets for the mini-bike are \$25 each and limited to one per family to give all participants an equal chance at winning. The two quilts, made by Andover resident Katherine Stearns, will be raffled off separately at \$10 a ticket or three for \$25.

Raffle tickets for all three items will be available beginning in June at Hub events and continuing through the Fourth of July festivities on the Andover Village Green where the winning tickets will be drawn.

For further information, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or 603 735-5509.

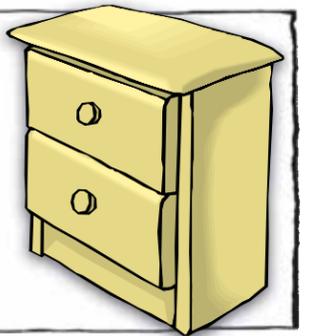


This mini-bike and two handmade quilts will be raffled during June, with the drawing held on the Fourth of July, to benefit the Hub's capital campaign. Photo: Larry Chase

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Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band – Jim Schust (guitar), Grace Schust (drums vocals), Lindsey Schust (vocals, piano, percussion) and Paul Currier (mandolin, dobro, fiddle, vocals) – will play at the June 17 Coffeehouse concert, being held at the AE/MS outside amphitheater.



Anne Hewitt, Jen Turner, and Joann Hicks recently worked at the Town Office roadside perennial border. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

Outdoor Coffeehouse Concert Features Ragged Mountain Band

Friday, June 17 in the AE/MS Amphitheater

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

The Andover Community Coffeehouse, launching a hoped-for return to its usual schedule of indoor monthly Third Friday concerts beginning in September, will be held outdoors on Friday, June 17, in the AE/MS outside amphitheater located between the school and bank parking lots.

Kicking off the season will be Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, all Andover residents, playing a mix of country, folk, acoustic rock, and original songs. Performing will be Jim Schust (guitar), Grace Schust (drums and vocals), Lindsey Schust (vocals, piano, and percussion) and Paul Cur-

rier (mandolin, dobro, fiddle, and vocals). Featured will be Lindsey's music, including several songs from her new album, Country Ways, to be released in June and available at the concert.

Music will begin at 6 PM; light supper food items will be available for sale, prepared by the folks from the Andover Community Church, well-known for the food they sell at regular Coffeehouse performances. Attendees should bring their own chairs or blankets or plan to sit on the grass. The event is open to the public at no charge, although the traditional Coffeehouse hardhat will be passed for donations for the band.

Parking is available behind the Town Hall. The concert will be canceled in the event of rain. For more information, call 603 735-5135, text 603 724-4670, or email TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.

Andover's Garden Club Prioritizes Civic Beautification

New garden competition awards program

Mary Lou McCrave
Andover Garden Club

A priority of Andover's new Garden Club is civic beautification, and you can help give the quaint and picturesque town of Andover a face-lift by participating in a new annual horticultural awards program, "The Beautification of Andover – A Garden Competition."

The first annual competition begins on Wednesday, June 1, and includes both businesses and residential locations in Andover. This program encourages people to enhance their surroundings with eye-catching gardens and horticultural displays. Any Andover resident or business is eligible to participate – no garden is too big or too small and can include container

gardens, patio gardens, water gardens, native gardens, vegetable or flower gardens, neighborhood gardens, rural mailbox gardens ... the sky's the limit!

Main Street business owners can especially help by responding "Yes!" when a member of the Beautification Committee approaches them to join in the fun.

Awards for first, second, and third place will be presented in mid- to late September. Winning gardens and displays will be judged using the Standards of Evaluating Landscape Design, including: suitability, implementation, plant materials, aesthetic, design, and structure. Preliminary judging will be conducted by the Club, with final judging made by local professional horticulturists and designers.

Email AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com no later than Thursday, June 30, for more information and to be included on the list of gardens to be judged.

The Club is also focusing its beautification efforts on the grounds around the historic Town Office building. The colorful perennial border outside of the Town Office on New Hampshire Route 11 has for many years been lovingly cared for by the Andover Service Club. It will now be maintained by the Garden Club.

Beautification Committee members spent a recent morning amending the soil and installing newly donated plants. In addition, they spread soil, grass seed, and straw mulch on the grass strip between the border and the driveway. If there is success reestablishing the lawn in this area, other sections will also be installed.

If you have perennial plants to donate for this garden, please email AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com to arrange
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Lorraine Keating and husband Jay Fitzpatrick stand in front of a vista of Mount St. Helens. (Photo by an unidentified fellow traveler using Jay's camera). The wife-and-husband team will be the focus of a Travel Night at the Andover Community Hub, where they will share photographs and stories about their travels out west.

Travel Night Offers Views of the American Northwest

Monday, June 13, 7 PM, at the Hub

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

Want to take a virtual 450-mile cruise along the historic Columbia and Snake Rivers from Astoria, Oregon, to Clarkston, Washington, with photographs and live commentary by two Andover residents?

And also learn of a recent elk-hunting experience in the Rocky Mountains of Montana by a semi-retired Andover nurse?

Then join the wife-and-husband team of Lorraine Keating and Jay Fitzpatrick at the Andover Community Hub at 7 PM on Monday, June 13, as they present their photographs and describe their 2021 travel experiences before a live audience. The Travel Night event is open to the public and free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

The Hub is located at 157 Main Street in Andover Village. Parking is available at the Hub, and also across the street in the Andover Post Office parking area.

The September 2021 river cruise was an eight-day event on the American Cruise Line's American Song ship and included evening presentations by a historian and passage through Hell's Canyon on the Snake River.

The elk hunt occurred last October,

with Lorraine riding horseback up into the Rocky Mountains to a hunting camp and spending five days with a group of other cowboys looking for signs of elk. Unfortunately, they didn't see any elk, but "had a wonderful experience in a most scenic area in Montana," according to Keating, who has been a hunter since the mid-1990s. Jay, meanwhile, remained in Andover.

Both events were extensively photo-



Multnomah Falls drops more than 600 feet and is located east of Troutdale, Oregon, in the Columbia River Gorge.

Photo: Jay Fitzpatrick

graphed by Lorraine and Jay. A veteran photographer and teacher of photography, Jay assembled the visual presentations for the event.



Participants gathered for a pre-COVID Bone Builders class at the Hub. The class is now being offered once again on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 AM. Photo: Larry Chase

Bone Builders Workshop Starts Up Again at the Hub

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

The Bone Builders class at the Andover Community Hub is welcoming new participants after a lengthy break during COVID.

The twice-weekly class meets at the Hub every Monday and Thursday from 9 to 10 AM and is aimed primarily at men and women aged 55 and above. The class focuses on exercises that develop strength and balance in order to help prevent falls and keep older bones strong.

Area residents are welcome to join the class at any time but are asked to have a physician's OK in writing before using the hand or leg weights available at class. There's no charge for the class, although small donations are welcome.

The Hub's drop-in Coffee Hour and informal card games of the Andover Card Sharks begin at 10 AM, also on Mondays and Thursdays, so those are good days to stop in and see what the Hub is all about! For more information, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or 603 735-5509.



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Members of Andover's American Legion Crosby/Gilbert Post 101 took part in the ceremonies of the Andover Youth Baseball's opening day on May 7. Leading a parade, some members rode in an antique car owned by Levi Southworth. The parade started at AE/MS and ended at Blackwater Park. Upon arrival, Post members raised the American flag to start the day's festivities. Legion members pictured are Bill Leber, John Hanscom, Ron Evans, Levi Southworth, Frank Haley, and Lloyd Perreault.

Caption: Lloyd Perreault. Photo: Meghan Barton



The Andover Majors gather for a team photo on Saturday, May 12, the opening day of the 2022 season for Andover Youth Baseball.

Photo: Meghan Barton

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The Rookies, another Andover Youth Baseball team, stand with their banner on opening day of the 2022 season.

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The Andover Minors, another team with Andover Youth Baseball, stand with their banner on May 12, opening day of the 2022 season.

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“1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” Encourages Kids to Read

Either Andover library can sign up your child

Lee Wells, Andover Libraries

According to its website at 1000BooksBeforeKindergarten.org/Find-A-Program/New-Hampshire, “New Hampshire 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early literacy initiative that encourages families to read to their young children and to use the resources of their public libraries.

“The project is based on the national 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative. New Hampshire 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is sponsored by CHILIS and the New Hampshire State Library, and supported by the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library, the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, the New Hampshire Academy of Family Physicians, and New Hampshire Family Voices.”

The program gives children a great head start in learning how to read once they do start kindergarten, and it is a wonderful bonding experience for parents and children.

If a family would like to take part in Andover, parents should contact either librarian and sign their child up. The child will be given a special book

bag and log sheets to keep track of how many books they have “read.”

Books read to children at preschool or day care count, and a book may be counted every time it is read. The child receives a book prize for every 100 books they read, and when they reach 1,000 books, they get a certificate and, with the parents’ permission, their picture is submitted to the *Beacon*. 



Ava Cotnoir, daughter of Lisa and Richard Cotnoir, finished the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program. Congratulations, Ava!

Caption and photo: Lee Wells

Service Club Awards Scholarships to Two Andover Students

Fourth of July pie sale at JJ’s Market and Deli

Mary Phinney, Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club has just completed its Scholarship Program for the 2022-23 academic year. We are delighted to announce that a total of \$3,000 was awarded to two very deserving students.

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must have a close, personal relationship to the town of Andover. The awards are made on the basis of academic performance, character attributes, and community involvement.

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

I would like to thank personally each of the Andover Service Club members

for their help in raising funds to allow this program to continue. I also know that I speak for each member in thanking all the community members who support our Club’s projects. This support is what makes our scholarship program possible.

The Andover Service Club wishes all those who participated in our program success and happiness in their future endeavors. This year’s scholarships were awarded to:

Lili Furtkamp, \$1,000. Lili will continue her studies at St. Louis University in Missouri.

Samantha Parkman, \$2,000. Samantha will continue her studies at St. Joseph’s College in Standish, Maine.

On the Fourth of July, stop by JJ’s Market and Deli for a slice of homemade pie. All donations support scholarships. 

Andover Thrift Shop Features Kids’ Month During June

Children’s clothing is half price; other specials

Nancie Jacobson

Andover Service Club

During the month of June, children’s clothing is half price at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop! Stock up on summer play clothes for kids of all ages. At these prices you won’t care, if the kids get dirty.

In addition, Chelsea McDowell, owner of Woodley Home, will have children’s dry erase activity books for sale just in time for summer vacation. The books encourage kids to learn while having fun and promote outdoor play, such as nature walks and scavenger hunts.

Mom, we didn’t forget you. Women’s dresses and skirts are just \$3 in June. Bring the kids along. The Andover Thrift and Gift Shop is “kid friendly,” with a designated play area set up so adults can shop while the kids are occupied with toys and books.

Did you know that every purchase you make at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop helps your community? The Andover Thrift and Gift Shop was established in the early 1990s and is part of the nonprofit Andover Service Club, founded in 1958.

For over a half century, the Andover Service Club has supported Andover and surrounding community organizations through fundraising initiatives, including proceeds from purchases made at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop. The shop

is managed 100% by volunteers who give their time and special skills to put together a collection of new and gently used clothing, accessories, jewelry, and handmade crafts at reasonable prices.

Interested in working alongside other women to make a difference in your community and having fun while doing



Boys and girls clothing for all ages are half price at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop during the month of June. Photo: Nancie Jacobson

it? Contact Club Membership Coordinator Evelyn Davis at 603 768-9838 for more information about the exciting opportunities and benefits of being a member of the Andover Service Club.

Whether you need a new outfit, a gift, or a card, visit the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop first. The shop is located beside AE/MS at 26 School Street and is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. Now accepting in-season, new, or gently used clothing as a donation or for consignment. Thanks for your support! 

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

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

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

Travel Night - River Cruise & Elk Hunt: Mon, 6/13, 7 pm. Open to all

Garden Club - Lilac Pruning Demo: Wed. 6/8, 3 pm. Info- 603 568-4194

Senior Health Clinic: Tue 6/14. Call Granite VNA, 603 224-4093, ext. 5815, by appt.

Garden Club Webinar: Tue. 6/16, 6pm. Info and register - 603 568-4194

Outdoor Live Music: Fri. 6/17, 6 pm. AEMS amphitheater. Bring lawn chairs

Tai Chi New Thursday series, 4 p.m. Contact The Hub for information

Sit & Quilt: Sat, 6/25, 9 am-3 pm. Info and to register - 603 491-0826

German Conversation: 6/27, 5-6 pm. Information, Gisela Darling, 603 735-5681

Garden Club Competition: Deadline 6/30. Info and register- 603-568-4194

Hub Summer Raffle: Tickets for sale until July 4th. Contact The Hub for details

For more information on any of the above, contact
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Andover Service Club Asks for Support During "NH Gives" Event

Donations accepted June 7 to 8; 24 hours

Press release, Andover Service Club
The Andover Service Club is asking for your help. Many of our fundraising events had to be canceled during the past years, and the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop remained closed until recently. Profits from those sources have plummeted. However, we still want to honor our commitments to the recipients of our donations.

ASC traditionally funds scholarships to local students entering or continuing in college or those pursuing other courses of study. The Club supports the Andover Community Hub, *The Andover Beacon*, Andover Elementary/Middle School, Andover After School Program, East Andover Village Preschool,

Danbury Elementary School, Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, Highland Lake Grange Hall Restoration, Kearsarge Council on Aging, and Child/Family Services of New Hampshire.

How can you help? The ASC has joined the ranks of nonprofits that can be supported through NH Gives – an initiative of the New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits. NH Gives is a powerful, statewide 24-hour online fundraising event that is designed to build community, connect donors to local nonprofits, and generate excitement about the nonprofit sector.

The NH Gives event will occur for 24 hours on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7 and 8. Simply go to NHGives.org/organizations/andover-service-club-inc and click the Donate button.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Andover Energy Group to Host E-Bike Lending Library

Opportunity to try out e-bikes

Press release, Andover Energy Group
From Wednesday, September 21 through Tuesday, September 27, the Andover Energy Group will be hosting the E-Bike Lending Library. This program is in its third year, but it is Andover's first time hosting it.

The E-Bike Library offers a selection of four e-bikes of different styles and retail cost. People can borrow and try these bikes for free to discover what they are like and consider whether one could become part of their everyday transportation.

Andover is one of 13 towns participating this year. Residents can attend a "demo day" to take a test ride and/or sign up to borrow a bike for one day or part of a day.

Our demo day will take place on the

weekend of September 24 and 25 at the Potter Place Freight Shed. Further information on times and how to schedule to borrow a bike will be in upcoming issues of the *Beacon*.

The Lending Library is run by volunteers and is funded by donations from local businesses, organizations, and individuals. We have found our community to be very generous and have received donations from Susan Schnare, Mane Street Salon, The Refinery Restaurant, Naughty Nellies, JJ's Market and Deli, Pizza Chef, and Northeast Collision.

Donations cover operating costs such as bike maintenance, repairs, accessories (including helmets and child seats), insurance, and transportation of the bikes from town to town.

The program is supported by Vital Communities, a nonprofit based in White River Junction, Vermont.

Garden Club from page 20

for digging, pick-up, or delivery.

Also ahead for Club members this summer and fall are especially coordinated outings and field trips. Program Committee member Liz Kingsley amassed an impressive list of garden sites and members were polled about their preferences. The final four are the John Hay Estate at The Fells in Newbury; Canterbury Shaker Village in Canterbury; Billings Farm in Woodstock, Vermont; and Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park in Cornish. Carpooling will be arranged for travel to the various sites and group rates arranged when possible.

A detailed outline of specific dates and times for each trip will be available at the upcoming Club meeting being held at the Andover Community Hub from 3 to 5 PM on Wednesday, June 8. Liz said that there might also be a

scramble of other "pop-up" trips!

Lilac Society President John Bentley also joins the Club at its meeting on June 8 at 3:00 PM for a lilac pruning demonstration at The Hub.

In addition, an informal perennial plant exchange will be held. Participants bring one or more labeled (plant name, size, color) perennials and take another one or two or more plants to bring home! No plants to trade? That's okay, there will be some available for everyone. Cash donations are gladly accepted to help support the Club's beautification efforts.

The Andover New Hampshire Garden Club is a program of the Andover Community Hub and membership is free and open to all. New Club members are always welcome. Email AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com for information. Information on up-to-date events and meetings can also be found on the Club's Facebook page.

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail April 20, 2022

Board Attendees: Alex Bernhard, Amy Chan, Barbara Couturier, Steve Darling, George Heaton, Lindy Heim, Craig Heim, Cody Hussey, Dustin Ladd, Myra Mayman, Don Moyer Jack Shields, Peter Southworth.

Welcome Guest: Gary LeBlanc, Scenic RailRiders, Concord

Business Matters

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dustin Ladd's report both presented the current financial picture of FNRT and offered the 2022 Budget for Board approval.

The recently accomplished transfer of \$110,000 to the State of New Hampshire for purchase of the Trail extension in Boscawen has significantly altered FNRT's cash position. Nevertheless, we are in a good shape to undertake planned projects with current funds.

Planned uses for the approximately \$76,000 on hand are: 1) approximately \$46,000 committed to Recreational Trails Program (RTP) projects for Trail improvement; 2) \$19,400 for use in constructing the Boscawen Trail extension; 3) a \$10,000 reserve.

With input to this year's budget projections being submitted to the Treasurer over the last few months, Dustin has been able to construct a detailed budget for 2022. This was unanimously approved, with the realization that it is a projection rather than a constraint.

One particularly happy development is the inflow of funds in response to our Annual Appeal. The FNRT thanks all those who have already donated, as well as those to come.

Committee Reports

Technology Committee: With our Squarespace subscription now committed and paid, FNRT is deep into the redesign of our website. Cody Hussey is undertaking the final review of this project.

Trail Building and Maintenance Committee: Chair Don Moyer presented, first, a comprehensive overview of "where we are" in terms of current and planned Trail maintenance projects, and then put a number of action items before the Board.

Six projects in Grafton County are at the heart of our current agenda. While it is unsurprising, but nevertheless dismaying, inflation is affecting the costs of these projects, particularly in materials. Our resolve is to move forward as fast as possible with these projects – which focus on ditching, raising the trail-bed, and culvert work – as they are urgently needed.

We are pleased to announce the approval of two new RTP projects: at Plains Road in Andover, and the Punch Brook bridge in Franklin. The Board

was pleased to unanimously authorize Ricker Miller to represent FNRT as Administrator on these two projects.

Plans for the Boscawen Extension of the Trail are proceeding apace. Don is in constant contact with New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT), working toward a Temporary Use Agreement (TUA) to govern the work process. One clear development – consistent with inflation – is a significant increase in construction cost estimates.

Don is gratified to report a big response from chainsaw volunteers for work on the Trail – with seven new recruits, our total is 19. Bravo! All should note that chainsaw certification from the State is necessary – but not an onerous process.

Progress is being made on the draft of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) with the State of New Hampshire that governs procedures for FNRT's work on the Trail. This document is now with the State and will be brought to the Board in due course.

Looking to the future, the Board authorized Don and the Committee to submit applications for next year's RTP grants. Our clear priorities are Potato Road and the Route 4 overpass, both in Canaan.

Lastly, Don emphasized the need for liaison and cooperation with all the towns along the Trail. All readily agreed, and began making plans in this direction.

Administration and Finance Committee: Chair Craig Heim reported the intention of the Technology Committee to be absorbed into Admin/Finance. This was agreed to by the Board.

The issue of uniform signage along the Trail prompted discussion, and a resolve to keep abreast of current efforts at the State level to put forward a new policy.

Marketing and Promotion Committee: Amy Chan reported on various outreach efforts. Two grant applications are now in the works for a "Cycling Without Age" project, which, in collaboration with Lebanon Recreation, would provide assistance to bring more seniors onto the Trail. LaVallee's hardware has offered the donation of a shed for storage. And on May 6, a "Walk on the Northern Rail Trail" moment is planned for 10 AM.

Things as diverse as Community outreach, the natural beauties of the Trail, and kids on bikes are covered with pleasure and pictures in our monthly newsletter "Get On It!"

The Board's next meeting will be on May 18 via Zoom.

FNRT Wins Generous Grant from Granite State Wheelers

One of 10 best bicycling improvement projects

Press release

On Sunday evening, May 15, the Granite State Wheelers announced the winners of their annual grant giving project. The Wheelers give out \$2,500 grants to each of the 10 best bicycling improvement projects proposed by New Hampshire groups competing for the honor.

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (FNRT) won one of these generous grants

to help fund an ambitious project that will start in Lebanon and hopefully be adopted by other cities and towns along the Northern Rail Trail. It is called Cycle Without Age (CWA) and is being spearheaded by FNRT board member Amy Chan in partnership with the Lebanon's Park and Recreation Department.

Cycle Without Age is an international volunteer-based program that connects seniors or less abled individuals with pilots (cyclists) who take them for rides on an electric passenger trishaw. The program aims to increase access to the Northern Rail Trail and the bike-friendly streets of Lebanon for those who have mobility restrictions. A side

benefit will be that volunteer piloting gives older adults who need e-assist but don't own an e-bike an opportunity to continue cycling by participating in our volunteer program.

Amy notes that "most of our passengers will be aged 80+, so those who grew up in this region will remember the railroads. I believe this will be the first CWA program associated with a Rail Trail. FNRT has always valued and invested in preserving our railroad history. What better way to preserve railroad history than to give

those who lived it a chance to tell their stories to a younger generation while out enjoying the Trail together?"

FNRT will raise the funds to purchase the electric trishaw and work with Lebanon Park and Recreation to build a storage shed onto a city-owned garage near the Lebanon trailhead. FNRT will build a team of volunteer cyclists and train them. Lebanon Park and Rec will facilitate the program with their online sign up and participant waiver system and will provide background checks for volunteers.

This generous award by the Granite State Wheelers validates our efforts to encourage safe and fun outdoor recreation for all ages in our area.



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Andover Libraries' Book Club Discusses *Hillbilly Elegy* on June 27

JD Vance memoir is enjoying fresh acclaim

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

The Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Bachelor Library in East Andover. Meetings begin at 7 PM, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion. June's meeting is on the 27th, so grab a book from either library and come talk with us! Despite its publication way back in 2016, JD Vance's memoir, *Hillbilly Elegy*, is enjoying a new round of acclaim as the author has chosen to run for Congress in Ohio. All politics aside, let's delve into the June book club selection that is subtitled *A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*.

As a self-proclaimed hillbilly from Jackson, Kentucky, whose family migrated north to Ohio after World War II and became part of the wave that the manufacturing and steel industries attracted, Vance seemed to live from crisis to crisis. His grandparents were the first settlers in Middletown, headed for the Armco plant, and appeared very much like any other middle class fam-

ily, except for the screaming and fighting. The house was a battle zone, and Vance's grandparents were an endless source of verbal abuse for the extended kin, and back in Jackson for the summers.

But that was how they'd always operated – you protected your family above all with loud love, taught the kids to fight, and expected the next generations to follow suit – with one exception. Education was a must-have, and by the time JD was in school, if he were to move onto a higher plane of economic life, he had to study and learn. Neither fights nor stepfathers nor divorce nor moves nor drugs were allowed to interfere with forward motion.

It's a remarkable story, all the more so for the love and protectiveness that seemed to settle each crisis. What Vance discovers at Ohio State, but even more so at Yale Law School after the Marines, is that even family can't make up for a lack of worldly knowledge. I'll leave that for you to discover. And pay attention to his analysis of why it's so hard for the middle classes to get in gear and achieve forward motion. 🚗

Through the Reading Glasses June 2022

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

TJ Klune's *The House in the Cerulean Sea* not only has a cover that depicts its stunning and beautiful location, but it's also a really beautiful description of the struggles and joys of being different. Should one conform and learn to fit in? What are the limits of tolerance and acceptance?

Believe it or not, the story takes place on a magical island populated by children who have been sent to the orphanage because they don't fit in. Their magic comes in the guise of a wyvern (a mythical two-legged dragon) and an earth sprite; a roly-poly, bearded gnome girl; an extremely shy shape-shifting boy; and some others who might tickle your funny bone.

As investigator Linus Baker from the Department in Charge of Magical Youth comes to understand, differences provide one with boundless learning opportunities, adventures, and plenty of love to go around.

A focus on the different peoples of our lands serves as Jennifer Raff's theme in the new book, *Origins: A Genetic History of the Americas*. As a ge-

netic anthropologist, she has spent her professional career so far studying the genomes of those who crossed the land bridge from Siberia into what is now Alaska. It's an exploration of the Indigenous peoples who populate the North and South American continents.

Questions act as bookends: When did the migrations begin and from where? How can Indigenous Mayans be linked to Arctic people in today's world? What kinds of evidence are more valuable than others? Well! So many questions and so much information, it staggers the mind.

Mitochondrial DNA only provides a matrilineal ancestry, while the nuclear genome is much more detailed. Clovis points, representative of stone technology, and burial mounds also provide clues to origins. DNA lab protocols are even more stringent than COVID, but one doesn't want to contaminate ancient DNA.

Raff writes for non-scientists and is mindful and respectful of Indigenous rites and sensibilities. Read this – it'll open up your mind to all sorts of possibilities about our origins. 🚗

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Fleming Center Opens June 15 at the New London Barn Playhouse

Many exciting new improvements at Barn

Press release

The New London Barn Playhouse is pleased to announce the official opening of the new Fleming Center for Artistic Development at the New London Barn Playhouse. The Fleming Center is due to the generous donation of Nancy Fleming and her family.

“Theater, music, and the arts have been a part of my life since childhood,” said Nancy. “From the time my late husband Sam and I moved to the Sunapee region in 1985, going to the Barn Play-

and the architect is Banwell Architect, Lebanon.

“This is a community effort from start to finish,” said John Finck, Board President. “Every nickel that built the new Barn campus was donated by our patrons. Every nail was pounded by local carpenters. We are grateful to both for investing in the future of the New London Barn Playhouse.

“After a year’s intermission due to the pandemic, the Barn returns to our historic theater for our 90th year. We welcome you back and can’t wait to have you experience our new campus setting.”

The 2022 summer season begins on Wednesday, June 15, and features the following shows: *A Chorus Line*; *She Loves Me*; *Boeing, Boeing*; *Mamma Mia!*; *Footloose*; and *Almost, Maine*. In addition there are a variety of Children’s Theater programs and classes throughout the summer.

For further information, please visit NLBarn.org, email Info@NLBarn.org, or call 603 526-6710.

About New London Barn Playhouse

The New London Barn Playhouse is the oldest continuously operating summer theater in New Hampshire. The barn, built in 1820, is on the state’s Register of Historic Places.

During the summer season the Barn employs over 100 staff members, making it the third largest employer in New London. Approximately 1,500 artists apply and audition from across the country for performing, technical, and education positions each summer.

In the past 10 years the Barn has been the winner of the coveted New England Theater Conference Moss Hart Award for Theatrical Excellence and has been nominated for over 100 New Hampshire Theater Awards. The New London Barn Playhouse is an IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.



Construction work being completed at the New London Barn Playhouse in New London.

house has been a constant.

“Early on we had seats in the first row of the balcony so our two boys could lean over and watch the musicians in the orchestra pit. I am thrilled to have our family participate in this campaign and have our name on the new center.”

The Fleming Center is being built as part of a multi-phase construction project. The lower level of the new building features a large scene shop, while the upper level will be an education and rehearsal space.

“On behalf of the community we are excited and very grateful to Nancy and her family for the Fleming Center,” said Keith Coughlin, Executive Artistic Director. “The Fleming Center for Artistic Development will be a transformational opportunity for us to expand the education work we do year-round. We are thrilled to create new ways to engage with our wonderful community.”

In addition to the Fleming Center, other phases of construction include the Barn, Red House, parking lot, and courtyard projects. Patrons and staff arriving for the 2022 season will see a porch expansion with theater-level restrooms, a new elevator from the parking lot to the porch, a new courtyard for socializing, an expanded box office, new offices and conference room, additional dressing room space, and improved production work spaces.

The builder for this project is Snow Building Construction, New London,

Andover Libraries’ Book Sale Returns on the Fourth of July

Same location at the Stone Chapel

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

It’s that time again. Yes, the Book Sale is returning to Andover!

On the Fourth of July, the Stone Chapel on the Village Green will once again host the Andover Libraries’ Book Sale. On Sunday evening, July 3, the sale will be open to residents of our great town from 5 to 7 PM. On Monday, July 4, doors will open at 7 AM, and we won’t shoo you out until 2 PM. We’re so excited!

We have three requests beforehand. The first is very important: after three years of accepting donations and amass-

ing books in the Library basements, we can take no more – really. After June 1, please do not bring any more book donations to the Libraries. Once the Fourth is past, we’ll resume collections.

Second, we need volunteers to cart books from the Libraries, to staff the tables, and to help re-pack at the end of the day on the Fourth. Just let the Librarians know.

Third, and please, we’re not promoting plastic here, we need lots and lots of bags of any kind so that happy book buyers can carry their treasures home.

Thanks for supporting the Libraries. We’ll see you on the Fourth of July!

Boston Civic Symphony Premieres Jonathan Bailey Holland’s Colors

At Sawyer Theater on Saturday, June 25

Press release

Summer Music Associates presents the esteemed Boston Civic Symphony on Saturday, June 25, at the Sawyer Theater at Colby-Sawyer College in New London.

Francisco Noya, the orchestra’s dynamic musical director, 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 the New Hampshire premiere of Jonathan Bailey Holland’s *Colors*; the *New World Symphony* by Antonin Dvorak; and Mozart’s *Piano Concerto in D minor* featuring pianist and Cliburn International Piano Competition participant Yutong Sun.

Concert tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets are available online at SummerMusicAssociates.org; by phone at 603 526-8234; by mail to SMA, PO Box 603, New London NH 03257; or with cash or check at Tatewell Gallery or the Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London.



Pianist and Cliburn International Piano Competition participant Yutong Sun will perform with the Boston Civic Symphony at Colby-Sawyer College.

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Salisbury Farmers Market Begins Season on Monday, June 20

Helen Binette, Salisbury Farmers Market

The Salisbury Farmers Market will open on Monday, June 20, from 3 to 6 PM at the Salisbury Town Hall on Route 4 in Salisbury. We will be there every Monday through August 29, except July 4. If you have any questions about the market, please call Helen Binette at 603 648-2156.

Weather permitting, we will be outside. When it's raining or if there is extreme heat, we will be inside, but we will be there every week.

We will have fresh vegetables as they come into season, as well as baked goods, jams and jellies, pottery, eggs, sewing projects, mustard, dog treats, fresh flower arrangements, and many other homemade items.

We look forward to seeing you at the market again this year. Thank you. 

Wilmot Farmers Market Opens on Saturday, June 25

Press release

Opening Day of the Wilmot Farmers Market is on Saturday, June 25. Stop by from 9 AM to noon, rain or shine. There will be music in the bandstand this year along with some new vendors. Breakfast is back as well.

Come and support the people who will bring you fresh vegetables, meats, poultry, baked goods, dairy goat products, as well as arts and crafts.

The Wilmot Farmers Market is located at 9 Kearsarge Valley Road. Visit WilmotFarmersMarket.com for more information. 

South Danbury Church News June 2022

Ukraine relief fundraiser continues through June 5

Press release

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation in South Danbury Church events and activi-



draiser for Ukraine relief, continuing through Sunday, June 5, to support an emergency appeal by our denomination (the United Church of Christ). Every dollar raised will go directly to in-country or refugee services in order to provide shelter, food, and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people.

For church news, programs, events, and announcements of worship services, follow us on Facebook at "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church;" watch for the outdoor sign at the church; call or text 603 491-3196; or email SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com.

Looking ahead, we're planning a Red, White, and Blueberry Bake Sale for Thursday, June 30, during strawberry and blueberry season! Save the date and watch for details as they are posted.

If you would like to be on our mailing list, send us an email. Please contact us if you need a ride to attend worship or events. We'll be happy to help.

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

ties! We appreciate 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 Rev. Gail Kinney, and thanks to Kendra Braley, 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.

We are especially grateful for your generous gifts to our four-week fun-

KLS Food Pantry Makes Stretching Food Budgets Easier

Also offers pet food, paper goods

Nancy Robart
Volunteer, KLS Food Pantry

In May's issue of *The Andover Beacon*, an article promoting the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry (KLSCFP) was submitted by the co-chairs of this incredible nonprofit organization. This is a follow-up article from a volunteer's perspective.

I started volunteering with the KLSCFP several months ago. As a retiree, there is no shortage for the opportunity to join and help out nonprofit or

local organizations.

The KLSCFP is one of those nonprofits that functions as a well oiled machine and therefore gives me great joy and satisfaction to play a small part in their mission.

Food is one of those essential elements to living. Having access to fresh, healthy food choices is not a given for all. The cost of food and fuel is on the rise, resulting in families making hard decisions on how to stretch their income. The KLSCFP is a viable option.

Signing up for the KLSCFP is easy. When clients arrive at the Baptist Church in New London during open pantry hours, the clients are given a shopping list to fill out. In addition to food options noted in last month's article, there's food for dogs and cats, and bathroom and kitchen paper goods are also available, as well as snack packs for school-age children, all packaged and ready to go.

I am promoting the KLSCFP as an option to consider for access to healthy food for you, your family, and pets during a time of need. The spirit of giving at the KLSCFP was shared with me on my first day of helping out when another volunteer said to me, "When filling a client's order, remember: When in doubt, always give more."

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Bill Blomquist, Linda McGrail, and Cinnamon Blomquist enjoy reading the Beacon while on the Mount of Olives, with the city of Jerusalem in the background. They were part of a group from the Andover Community Church that took a trip to Israel.. Photo: Jonathan Young

Andover Community Church May 2022

Andover Coffeehouse returns on June 17

Donna Thompson
Andover Community Church

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather. We even got into doing our spring cleanup around the church grounds. It was nice to see the green grass. We thought it would never come!

May has been a busy month for us. Pastors Bill and Cinnamon (and 11 others) returned from Israel safe and sound. Both looked refreshed and full of the Holy Spirit. We have heard bits and pieces through their sermons and look forward to a time when they can share about their pilgrimage.

On Mother's Day, flowers were handed out by the children in the church. We also began our baby bottle fundraiser for the Aspire Women's Center. Monies collected will go towards helping women with certain needs. For more information, visit AspireLaconia.org. You'll find much information there. The "piggy bank" bottles will be returned on Father's Day, when we'll give the monies to Aspire.

On May 14 we hosted a booth at Franklin Days. Prizes and even cotton candy were on hand to anyone who stopped by. On May 21 we hosted the first annual Life Summit, a time to honor life from conception to natural death. It was very well attended and provided opportunities for others to network.

Anglicans for Life is one of the ministries at Andover. If you would like to know more, visit our website at AndoverCommunityNH.org or contact the office at 603 735-5160.

On May 28, our first rummage/bake/pre-made meals sale of the season

started up. We were very busy. It was nice to see everyone again. We missed all our friends and are happy to make new ones.

We are doing this for an awesome adventure. All the money we raise is to fix up the Highland Lake Grange Hall. These sales will be the last Saturday of the month through October.

Speaking of the Highland Lake Grange Hall, we are looking for anyone interested in painting this building. We understand that some painters are booked up until next year. We can work with this.

If you are interested, please contact Donna Thompson at 603 744-6858 (home), 603 393-5470 (cell), or Crafty-Donna@metrocast.net. We are getting bids now. When we have enough, the board will sit down and go through them all.

Another exciting adventure is that the Andover Coffeehouse is starting up on Friday, June 17, and Friday, August 18, at the outdoor amphitheater at AE/MS. This event starts at 6 PM. We will be there selling meals and baked goods.

If you haven't been to one, you should come. There are many talented folks in the area. Oh, one thing: bring your lawn chairs to sit in!

In September, the Coffeehouse will return to the Highland Lake Grange Hall. These happen on the third Friday of the month.

Be looking forward to the cotton candy booth at the Fourth of July celebration. This year the flavors are cherry, blue raspberry, and a new flavor, maple. Also there will be a prayer tent for prayers. Stop by and say hi!

Finally, Andover Community Church would like to wish all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

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WILLIAM "BILLY" THOMAS HUNTOON of Springfield, 58, passed away on April 22, 2022 with family by his side. He was diagnosed with stage four esophageal cancer in May 2021 and fought a hard and courageous battle. He was born in New London on March 3, 1964 to parents Jerry and Joyce Huntoon.

Billy lived in the Springfield/New London / Sutton area his whole life and graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School in 1982. He was self-employed for carpentry and snow plowing. He began carpentry work in high school and was extremely skilled in his craft. He had many hobbies, including fishing, bowling, snowmobiling, playing cards, square dancing, making jokes, and spending time with his family and friends.



Billy was a "one of a kind" soul and was known for his dry sense of humor and quick wit. There was never a dull moment when Billy was around. He loved to make people laugh. Billy always put others before himself and was

a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He is predeceased by his father, older sister Sherry Huntoon, and nephew Jesse Stevens.

He is survived by his mother of Sutton; his oldest daughter, Samantha Rollins, and her husband Jonathan of Newport; his youngest daughter, Kristina Huntoon of Tilton; one grandson, Aaron Rollins; former spouse and mother of his two daughters, Marie Huntoon of Springfield; older sister, Carrie Stevens and fiancé Frank Szilagyi of Sangerville, Maine; older sister, Susan Huntoon Johnson of Andover; younger sister, Pamela Huntoon Theis of Sutton; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and several close friends.

Calling hours were on May 13 at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London. A graveside memorial service was held on May 14 at Pleasant View Cemetery in Springfield, with a reception following at the Springfield Meetinghouse. A square dancing celebration of life will be planned for a later date.

Billy received exceptional care from New Hampshire Oncology Hematology and Concord Hospital's Payson Center for Cancer Care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to either organization.



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Charles, Marion (Chadwick), and Dan Hafner

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Proctor Academy celebrated Earth Day on April 28, welcoming guest speaker JR White Hat '00 to campus for a keynote address, followed by faculty- and student-led workshops on campus and in the local area. One group summited Ragged Mountain via New Canada Road and enjoyed this view of Andover from the Balanced Rock lookout. Caption and photo: Scott Allenby.

Proctor Celebrates Earth Day 2022 with Environmental Stewardship

Guest speakers and outdoor workshops

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Human connection requires two parties to willingly step into relationship with one another. Nature, however, is always waiting with open arms. As we consider how we might better walk alongside each other as humans, we must spend time in nature to refocus and reframe how we live. On April 28, as a community, Proctor stepped into nature's embrace by celebrating Earth Day 2022.

This year's celebration of Earth Day brought Proctor alum and current parent JR White Hat '00 from the Rosebud Lakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota to campus for an all-school assembly before we broke into faculty-led workshops in the woodlands and throughout the local area. JR's message implored our students to use their voice for good and to seek and appreciate the interrelatedness of all species on Earth. "Mitakuye oyasin" in Lakota translates to "we are all related," and it is through this lens of interconnectedness that we must make decisions in our own lives.

Proctor's dedication to environmental stewardship began long before the school joined the progressive environmental movement and the inaugural celebration of Earth Day in 1970. Faculty member Roland Burbank started a Cabin Club and Outing Club in the 1930s as he simultaneously pursued and shared his passion for the outdoors. Students planted and harvested victory gardens during World War II, and then during the 1950s and 1960s student-led improvement squads built trail systems, cleared ski trails, and maintained the

school grounds.

The original trails first cut by students more than 75 years ago have been extended and built out significantly in recent years. Today, groups spread out throughout the woodlands to maintain those trails.

The 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s saw a deep commitment to environmental stewardship on campus and through Proctor's educational programming with the evolution of Wilderness Orientation, Mountain Classroom, forestry and wildlife science classes, and the creation of Proctor Environmental Action (PEA) as a student-led group on campus. The past two decades have seen increased commitment to environmental stewardship as an institution with the construction of biomass heating for the majority of campus, geothermal wells heating and cooling two main buildings, and the installation of solar arrays on more than a dozen buildings around campus.

The adoption of an Environmental Mission Statement in 2008, written by PEA, encourages us to filter all decisions through this lens of sustainability and interconnectedness that JR discussed during his keynote.

In this complex, confusing, weighty world, our willingness to have confidence in using our voice for good sometimes requires us to step away from the chaos and into the peace only the natural world can provide. On Earth Day, we took an intentional step toward this through spending time in connection with each other and Mother Earth. Thank you to Environmental Coordinator Alan McIntyre and his organizational team of Lindsay Brown '01 and Melanie Maness for organizing the day. 

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Proctor Academy's varsity girls tennis team (pictured) won the Lakes Region Championship this spring, while the JV girls tennis team also had an undefeated season and won the Lakes Region Tournament.

Caption: Scott Allenby. Photo: Lindsey Allenby.

Proctor's Girls Varsity Tennis Ends Season with Stunning Performance

JV tennis undefeated in match play

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor's girls varsity tennis team put an exclamation point on a tremendous season with an absolutely stunning performance at the Lakes Region Tournament. In 90 degree heat, this group of girls pulled together to win #1 singles, #2 singles, and #2 doubles, while finishing runner up in #1 doubles. Never has a team had such a dominating performance in Lakes Region tournament play.

Quad-captains Lucy Werner '22 (South Hamilton, Massachusetts), Mayson Blondek '22 (Sherborn, Massachusetts), Sarah Morgart '22 (Newport, Rhode Island), and Violet Sperry '22 (Norwich, Vermont) have led this team all season, and the Lakes Region Tournament performance was no different. Werner '22 won #1 Singles, while Blondek '22 won #2 Singles. Morgart '22 and Sperry '22 made a tremendous run in the tournament, finishing runner up in #1 singles. Kate Ji '22 (Shenzhen, China) and Rose Werner '24 (South

Hamilton, Massachusetts) finished out the scoring for Proctor by taking home the #2 Doubles championship.

Playing tennis in central New Hampshire during the months of April and May can be quite challenging. Rain wreaked havoc on the tennis season for much of April, as showers seemed to always coincide with match days. Despite these challenges, Proctor's varsity girls posted a 6-1 record on the season with the only loss coming to St. Paul's School, and each victory by convincing margin.

Head Coach Melanie Maness knew her team was poised to make a run at a Lakes Region title heading into the tournament, and yet was thrilled with the tenacity and perseverance of her girls throughout the afternoon in spite of record heat and humidity. The trust and positive energy on this team is contagious, and was absolutely a part of the team's success.

Proctor's girls' JV tennis team also had an undefeated season in match play and won the JV Girls Lakes Region Tournament. Andover's Norah Carlson '24 was a member of the JV girls championship team.



The Johnson Sugar House at Proctor Academy was named after graduate Eric Johnson, class of 1988, and his wife Heide, a current biology teacher.

Photo: Proctor's Flickr account

Johnson Sugar House Connects Students to History and Outdoors

Named for Eric Johnson, a Proctor graduate

Jackson Downey
Proctor journalism student

In between Peabody and Gulick House at Proctor Academy is a cabin with a vibrant green roof. This small building is the Johnson Sugar House, a part of Proctor's history and one way we connect to Proctor's 2,500 acres of land. The Sugar House is an expression of our community's love for the outdoors.

Laura Ostrowsky is a forest science teacher and Proctor's Woodlands Manager. Laura is enthusiastic about the outdoors and has a passion for teaching. Laura brings her love for the outdoors into the Sugar house.

The name of the Johnson Sugar house belongs to Eric Johnson, a Proctor graduate, class of 1988, and his wife Heide Johnson, a current biology teacher. Heide explained to me that before Eric was, sadly, diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), he was always a big part of the maple sugaring here at Proctor, first as a student and later as a graduate. He always looked at it as therapy.

Eric's family decided to help by re-

building a beautiful maple sugaring house here in our backyard that supports students and anyone who enjoys the process of collecting sap and boiling and bottling syrup.

It's clear that the Proctor community's happiness improves when we are helping other people. If we are able to translate this to our daily life and the people outside of school, we could all lead happier lives. Any chance you get, see what you can do for others.

Laura informed me about the history of the Johnson sugar shack. "There was a



Laura Ostrowsky, a forest science teacher and Woodlands Manager at Proctor Academy, stands over the evaporators used to boil sap at the Johnson Sugar House.

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big student project to build it, and Greg Allen and Brooks Bicknell built it along with students." The sugar house was part of

See Sugar House on page 33

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Eight Andover Students Graduate From Proctor This Year

Andover's Proctor '22 grads head to college, hockey

Press release

Andover's graduates in the Proctor Academy Class of 2022 are fanning out across the country for the next chapter in their adventures:

- Lilly Carlson, University of New Hampshire
- Maura Kelly, Whitman College
- Wesley Koziol, Loyola University of Maryland
- Brynne Makechnie, Utah State University, Majoring in Art
- Sasha MacKenzie, St. Olaf College, Minnesota, Majoring in Political Science
- Lily Menard, California Polytechnic State University, Majoring in Chemistry
- Jack Robinson, Juniors Hockey
- River Turnbull, Emory University, Majoring in Film and Media Studies

Sugar House from page 32

Brooks' architecture class, and the Woods Team afternoon activity got involved.

When I visited the Johnson Sugar shack during sugaring season, I noticed the massive, silver shiny evaporators, used to boil large loads of sap. The evaporators make it easier to boil big loads of syrup.

All of the syrup made in the Johnson Sugar House is tapped from the trees right on campus and in the Proctor woods. Laura walked me through all of the steps it takes to make the perfect Proctor syrup.

It all starts with Laura going out to the ski hill and drilling holes in trees to attach tubes to collect sap. The tree sap is brought to the Sugar House and gravity pulls it into the evaporator from the containers.

The tree sap is the water moving

through the tree. It is 98% water and 2% sugar. Laura boils the sap down until it hits a precise temperature, and you are left with 66.9% sugar. At this point, you're left with all the rich sugar in the sap that becomes maple syrup. This is then moved over to the finalizing box where it is cooled down and prepared.

Laura explained that there are some good seasons and some bad seasons. "Last season was one of the worst seasons Proctor has ever experienced, along with the whole state of New Hampshire." Good and bad seasons depend on the weather at the end of winter transitioning into spring. This year Proctor and the Sugar House had high expectations for the season – Proctor produced over 45 gallons – and eight students helped with the process during Proctor's four-day Project Period.



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"I'm in the Beacon!" – There's a Hashtag for That

Use #ImInTheBeacon to let the world know

Tom Hilton, *Beacon* Volunteer

One of the *Beacon's* most important jobs is bringing to our readers stories and photos of all the people who are part of our extended community, from long-timers to new residents, summer residents, former residents, and more.

It's really exciting when you are mentioned or see your photo in your hometown newspaper ... and on its website at Andover-Beacon.com ... and on its Facebook page at [Facebook.com/AndoverBeacon](https://www.facebook.com/AndoverBeacon). But wouldn't it be great to share the excitement on your social media accounts?

Well, there's a hashtag for that! When you (or a committee or organization you work with) appear in the *Beacon*, take a selfie of yourself holding that page and share the selfie on your social media account using #ImInThe-

Beacon. It's a great way to "see and be seen" by many others in our extended community.

It's Easy

If you've never done it before, posting a selfie using a hashtag is easy. Step one is to take the selfie, of course, holding the relevant page of the *Beacon*.

Then, on Facebook for example, create a new post by clicking "What's on your mind?" A box pops up, and you can type a few words to go along with the selfie. Be sure to include the magic hashtag: #ImIn-TheBeacon.

At the bottom of your post, where it says "Add to Your Post," click the green icon of a photo and select the selfie you just took. You're done!

As the *Beacon's* volunteer social media manager, I hope you'll join in and get Andover's little section of the online world buzzing about all the great community stories and photos in the *Beacon*. Thanks!



When you see this icon, it's your reminder to snap a selfie and post it using #ImIn-TheBeacon.



Aaron Weeks

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Students and staff outside of AE/MS wearing this year's Earth Day t-shirt designed by students Ada Grotnes and Emma McNutt.
Caption: Courtney Minnehan. Photo: Kim Drouin



Jayden Celata and Chloelynn Blinn created nature art on the Rail Trail with their third grade classmates as an Earth Day project. This integrated art project was a cross between Mike Jensen's science class and Courtney Minnehan's art class. They looked at artist Andy Goldsworthy and got inspired by the nature around them to create similar designs.
Caption and photo: Courtney Minnehan



Sahara Peterson and Victoria Koron are creating paper bowls out of recycled newspaper in Courtney Minnehan's art class for Earth Day. The project was focused around using old newspapers and scrap pieces of construction paper that would have otherwise been thrown out.
Caption and photo: Courtney Minnehan



Autumn-Lynn Meier and Charlotte Valerio excitedly read their new books that they got from the book fair this spring.
Caption and photo: Courtney Minnehan



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THE home PAGE

JUNE 2022

RISING RATES CURB HOME PRICES

by Ty Morris, Realtor®

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MEDIAN SALE PRICE
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6



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DATA RECEIVED FROM NHERN.COM / SINGLE FAMILY HOME SALES / AS OF MAY 17, 2022.

After nearly two years of rising home prices, the momentum is changing, but does this significant change benefit our local market? 30-year conventional rates skyrocketed from 3.5% in January to nearly 5.25% in May and we're already seeing this influence our local real estate market. First, home prices are beginning to decelerate. Although a comparative market analysis is the traditional approach in determining the listing value of a home, sellers and listing agents would be irresponsible to use comparable data from three months ago given the drastic change in the buying atmosphere since. Therefore, instead of home prices perpetually rising, relief is in sight. Second, although buyer demand is still very strong, buyers are less likely to unreasonably over bid with the price of each mortgaged dollar now at a premium. The result: the rate hikes have done their job, home prices are on the decline, but consequentially, the cost of a mortgaged dollar is on the rise. From my point of view, we are still a ways away from a balanced market.

Key Takeaways | Sellers: pricing appropriately and deliberately is more critical now than ever. Buyers: Relief won't come all at once, continue to expect competition, maybe just not as wild.



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"The Market Down Under"

Story: Ty Morris, Artwork: Samantha Morris

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EAVP graduates 11 preschoolers in June. The five shown here are: Briar, a child who wishes not to be named, Finn, Elijah, and Jason.

Photo: Stephanie D' Amour

EAVP Says Goodbye to 11 Preschoolers in June

Looking forward to summer camp activities

Stephanie D' Amour
East Andover Village Preschool

May has been a busy month, and preschoolers are excited for the planting season. We have started our seeds inside, watching the little sprouts break through the soil. We have a variety of vegetables, fruits, and herbs that we will soon transfer to our garden outside on the playground. A big shout out to Garden Life for donating soil and to J&B Landscaping for delivering it!

During our April vacation, a group of Proctor students came to refresh our playground for Earth Day, doing some spring clean-up and spreading out our new soil. We are hoping this will help our garden thrive this year. We are looking forward to summer camp so we can tend our garden daily.

Also in May we celebrated our wonderful mothers, hosted our annual 5K fundraiser, and welcomed a few new students.

With only a couple weeks left in our school year, we are trying to squeeze in preparation for our end-of-year celebration, Father's Day gifts, and as much time outside as we can get.

On June 17 we will say good-bye to 11 preschoolers as they move on to kindergarten. This year we send our EAVP graduates to Andover, Danbury, Frank-



Four other preschoolers who are about to graduate to kindergarten are: Jolene, Callister, Avery, and Lauralei.

Photo: Stephanie D' Amour

lin, Salisbury, Sanbornton, and Wilmot.

There will be an Open House on Saturday, June 4, from 9 until 10:30 AM. Come see the school and meet the teachers! Enrollment is now available for the 2022-2023 school year.



On Cinco de Mayo (no connection intended), AE/MS second graders presented their research on Earth Changes to the first and third graders. Everyone met in the library, and the whole space was abuzz with tornadoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, wildfires, land and marine sinkholes, waterspouts, landslides, avalanches, land and underwater volcanoes, floods, glaciers, erosion, the ring of fire, hurricanes, and sand and dust storms! It was fun to see the students listen, ask questions, and learn from each other – a bit of normalcy after the trials of COVID, thankfully! In this photo, AE/MS second grader Caspian Wright explains about the Pacific Ring of Fire to Mariah Hewitt.

Caption and photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Butterfly Project Takes Flight Through AE/MS Eighth Graders

Honors children lost during the Holocaust

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

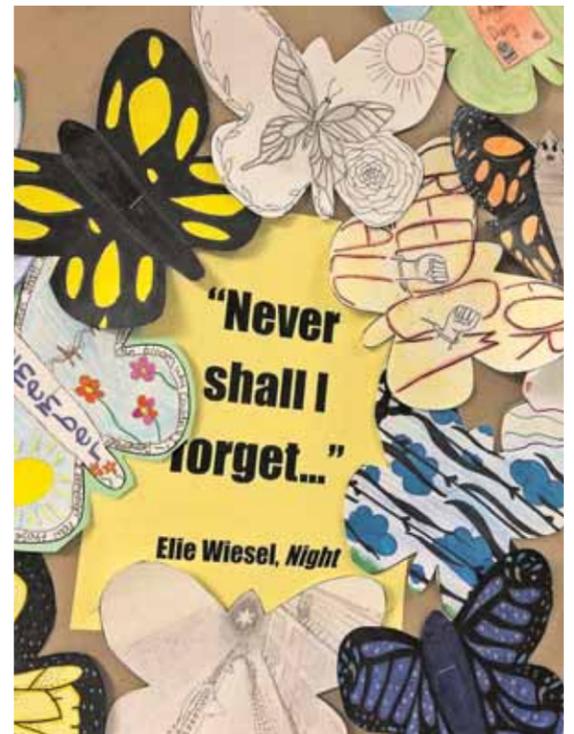
For the fourth year now, eighth graders at AE/MS have been taking part in a national project called "The Butterfly Project." Schools and museums all over the world create beautifully uplifting butterflies in honor of the the children lost during The Holocaust.

"More than 75 years after the young Czech poet Pavel Friedmann famously penned a farewell poem to 'the very last' butterfly at the Terezin Concentration Camp, the children of the world have answered Friedmann with the largest migration of butterflies ever seen. The United Nations will host an exhibit of handmade butterflies made by children from six continents over the last two decades to memorialize the 1.5 million mostly Jewish children who perished in the Holocaust," according to the Holocaust Museum of Houston website.

This year, the eighth graders at AE/MS created about 150 butterflies for the project. The artwork was inspired from poetry, children's stories, non-fiction pieces, and a play adaptation reading of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The unit not only helped educate students about this event in history, it also allowed them to show their comprehension in a creative way. Also included were butterflies from the class of 2020,

which never were able to be displayed due to the school closure at the end of the year.

The butterflies were hung in the



AE/MS eighth graders participated in a national butterfly project, in remembrance of all the children lost during the Holocaust, by creating 150 paper butterflies of all colors and designs.

Photo: Kasey Schoch

middle school hallway on April 27, the start of Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day. This day of memorial began at sundown on the 27th and continued through April 28. The display (which was placed side-by-side with a bulletin board collection of book covers that were inspired by the Holocaust and the events of World War II) remained for the students to observe upon their return to school on May 2, following their April vacation.

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