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Women of Andover pose in Victorian costumes at the opening of the Potter Place Railroad Station on October 9, 1983: Bernice Powers, Sandy Graves, Julie Mayo, Kendel Currier, Patty Hines, Barbara Upton, Jackie Hazel, and Eldora Heath.

Caption: Lindsey Schust. Photo and research: Luan Clark, AHS curator



Leapin' Lena made an appearance, as has been the case for every Fourth of July parade for over half a century. Photo: Kathleen DeGrassie

Old Time Fair Returns to Potter Place on Sunday, August 7

40th anniversary and Richard Potter marker

onstrations, food, pumper car rides, museum tours, and a miniature train ride for kids.

Lindsey Schust
Andover Historical Society

This year's fair celebrates the life and career of the famous magician and ventriloquist Richard Potter, who settled in Andover in 1815. To celebrate this historic event, there will be a special presentation from 10:30 to 11:30 AM with
See Old Time Fair on page 6

After a two-year break during the pandemic, the Andover Historical Society's "Old Time Fair" returns to Potter Place on Sunday, August 7. Festivities include live music, craft vendors, dem-

Andover Steps Up for an Amazing 80th Fourth of July Celebration

Thank you to all the valued volunteers

als who were excited to join in the fun.

The parade was outstanding once again. Parade winners were as follows:

Press release

We're back! Andover stepped up for another amazing Independence Day Celebration. The weather could not have been better. Spirits were high as the town turned out to make

Floats

Grand Prize: East Andover Village Preschool

1st: Andover Outing Club

2nd: Byron's Septic Service

3rd: Andover Fish and Game Club

Antique Vehicles

1st: Eric Swenson, 1933 Packard

2nd: Bill Miskoe, 1940 Buick

3rd: Ed O'Brien, 1957 Cadillac

Other Vehicles

1st: Rich Marley, 1968 VW

2nd: Larry Wilson, 1985 Monte Carlo

3rd: "Ladybug", 1973 VW

Animals

1st: Courtney Shaw, The Outriders

2nd: Renee Wesojo, 1½ year old Brown Swiss

3rd: Sawyer Sanborn, 1 year old Hereford Holsteins

A big thank you to all who partici-

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An inflatable Obstacle Course was a successful addition this year.

Photo: Doug Phelps

this 80th celebration one for the record books.

Non-profits reported brisk sales of raffle tickets and refreshments. They could barely keep up. We had some of our usual vendors as well as new arriv-



Members of Andover American Legion Crosby/Gilbert Post 101 gathered on the Village Green at 10 AM on the Fourth of July to raise a new American flag. This has become a tradition that the Post has done for the past few years. Legion members pictured are Bill Leber, Don Clendenen, Levi Southworth, Lloyd Perreault, and Ron Evans. Caption Lloyd Perreault. Photo: Nicole Southworth

NHEC Power Rate Set to Rise with August Bills

Average increase is \$37.55 per month

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Press release

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) is increasing its Co-op Power Charge from 9.62 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to 16.98 cents per kWh. The new rate will take effect with bills rendered on or after August 1.

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parted in the parade and to the judges who volunteered to help us out. It was also great to have so many antique vehicles this year. Smoky Bear and all the animals were a great addition. And who can forget Leapin' Lena, which has appeared in every Fourth of July parade



Smoky Bear made an appearance at the Fourth of July parade this year.

Photo: Jen Bent

for well over a half century.

Our latest addition of the inflatable Obstacle Course, Basketball Game, and Bullseye Blitz were all a smashing success. Those attractions were not idle for one minute as the day went on. After all, it's all about the kids! The origin of

our Fourth of July celebration in 1942 was the Children's Parade, which continued with gusto as well.

Steve Smith, our Master of Ceremonies, did a fantastic job once again, and his recitation of *The Ragged Old Flag* brought tears to our eyes. Jason Wood, Steve's new MC partner, was also a wonderful addition. Kudos to both!

This year the committee splurged on an extensive fireworks display, hoping the "Oohs" and "Aahs" on Carr Field would be louder than ever. Those in attendance were blown away!

Thank you to all our valued helpers: Toby Locke for assembling the reviewing stand once again, Andover Police, Andover Fire and EMS Departments, Proctor Academy, sponsors, nonprofits, vendors, Immaculate Sound, and Tex's Troubadours. Without their support, our celebration could not happen.

The Andover Fourth of July Committee is an all-volunteer organization of people who truly care about Andover and the traditions that make it a great place to live.

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Andover Fire Chief Rene Lefebvre Honored with 2022 Dedication

Annual recognition in Fourth of July program

Andover Fourth of July Committee

Each year the Andover Fourth of July Committee chooses an outstanding volunteer to receive the annual dedication. This year, they are very pleased to announce their choice of Fire Chief Rene Lefebvre. The following text appeared in the booklet printed by the Committee for the celebration:

Andover is very fortunate that Rene Lefebvre made East Andover his home in 1977. And our community is even more fortunate that Rene started volunteering with the East Andover Fire Department. Rene and Sharon raised their daughters, Martha and Amy, and are now the proud grandparents of two grandchildren.

Over the years, Rene has volunteered thousands of hours to keep the Andover community safe. We admire his courage and bravery. We appreciate his regular articles in *The Andover Beacon* regarding fire safety and prevention.

It is community members like Rene that make Andover a special place. Not only does he respond to emergencies, but he also works to educate and mitigate situations before a problem arises. He has been an amazing resource for schools, businesses, organizations, and for community members.

Deputy Chief Stephen Barton Sr. summed it up well when he said, "If I was asked for an example of dedication or volunteerism, I would say Rene Lefebvre is a prime example. For each time his pager has gone off, Rene is always

one of the first members to respond and one of the last to go home. He has been a member of our team for 44 years, and has led us for 39. I feel that is pure dedication to our community."

Rene has always been involved with the Fourth of



Andover Fire Chief Rene Lefebvre received the annual Fourth of July Committee dedication for 2022.

Photo: Sharon Lefebvre

July festivities. Over the years you've seen him on a firetruck, fundraising on the Green, or at the Andover Fire Station.

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Press release

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To opt out of treatments for the calendar year, fill out and submit the form at NHEC.com/nhec-herbicide-and-stump-treatment. Opt-out submissions are valid for the calendar year during which you submitted your request. For example, if you opt out in August 2022, you will need to resubmit your opt-out form in January 2023.



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al charges or fees to its Co-op Power Charge, and the Co-op Power Charge does not fund NHEC's operations.

In New England, natural gas is the predominant fuel used to generate electricity. The price of natural gas is nearly three times higher than this time last year. Natural gas prices are impacted by global supply and demand, which has led to historically high electricity prices in New England and across the country.

The new Co-op Power Charge and Regional Access Charge will result in a \$37.55 a month increase for the typical residential member using 500 kWh per month, or 32% total bill increase. Members using 1,000 kWh per month will see a total bill increase of \$75.09 per month, or 37%.

"The price of the electricity NHEC purchases for our members who opt to take Co-op Power energy service has continued to climb," said Brian Callan, NHEC's VP of Power Resources and Access. "An adjustment to the Co-op Power Charge will help stabilize our members' electricity costs through the upcoming fall and winter."

"From the supermarket to the gas station to the electric meter, costs are up across the board," said Jim Bakas, NHEC's Interim General Manager. "We know that any rate increase is difficult for our members, many of whom are on fixed incomes or already struggling to pay their bills."

"We want our members to know that

we are here to help and there are Co-op, state, and local assistance programs available. We encourage members to call us at 800 698-2007, or visit NHEC.com/financial-assistance. Our Member Solutions representatives are ready to create payment plans or budget billing that works for you.

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Co-op Power Rate Adjustment Schedule

NHEC has traditionally adjusted the Co-op Power and Regional Access Charges in May to reflect power and transmission costs for the upcoming summer period, and again in November for the winter period ahead.

To mitigate seasonal price fluctuations and provide NHEC members with more stable rates, NHEC is changing the time of year it sets these charges to August and February of each year. Setting the Co-op Power Charge in August and February will align NHEC with other New Hampshire utilities and avoid the large swings in electricity prices that have occurred over the past several years.

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Drake's Place Eatery and Market Changes Hands

Press release

Drake's Place Eatery and Market was recently sold to a young family from Grafton. Reopening in mid-August as Drake's Place and Wilbur's Country Store,



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Mark and Carole will be serving up breakfast and lunch with homemade pastries and hot coffee and stocking their already established Wilbur's Country Store with convenient items you'd need "in a pinch."

Previous owners Nate and Shelby are thrilled to be sending off their "baby" in such good hands as Mark and Carole's vision of supporting local farmers, businesses, and community is priority.

Stay tuned for the reopening date on their Facebook page at [DrakesPlaceNH](https://www.facebook.com/DrakesPlaceNH), and please stop in to introduce yourself! Nate and Shelby will miss the kind folks of Andover and wish everyone health and happiness!



Old Time Fair from page 1

speakers from the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire (BHTNH), followed by the unveiling of the official BHTNH historic marker for Richard Potter. The whole Fair runs from 9 AM to 2 PM next to the Old Potter Place train station at 105 Depot Street in Andover.

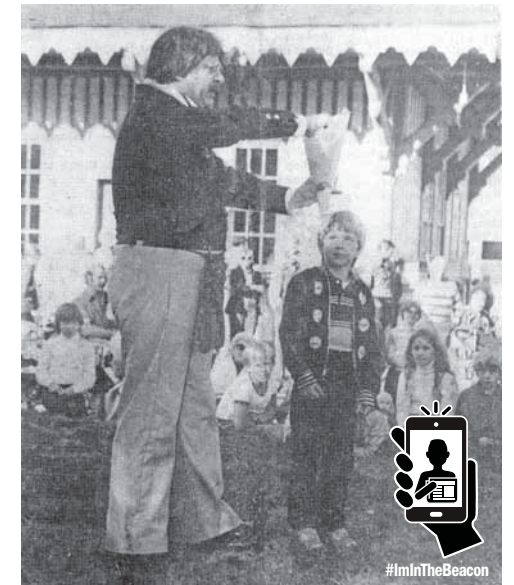
40th Anniversary of the Andover Historical Society

"Is there a future for our past?" Howard Sargent, one of the early members of the Andover Historical Society, asked this question back in 1982 at their first general meeting. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Andover Historical Society, and to answer his question: Yes!

Cheryl Swensen's article in the July issue of the *Beacon* talks about the fascinating series of events leading up to the creation of the Andover Historical Society in 1982, and she recounts many

Potter Place) like I did, then you may have come across the Andover Historical Society during your time at Andover Elementary/Middle School. I remember visiting the old Potter Place Train Station with my class in fourth grade.

We looked down the old railroad



1983 gala festivities included a concert by the Hopkinton Band and a performance by magician Robert Olson, whose performance was based on Richard Potter's magic shows. Many local children (pictured here) enjoyed the show including Seth Currier, who will be running the sound board this year on August 7. Pictured here is Robert Olson and Seth Currier.

Caption: Lindsey Schust

track and listened as the AHS volunteers described the olden days. We heard the amazing story of Richard Potter, the famous magician who performed across the entire country. We walked over to Richard and Sally Potters' headstones and learned that the magician and his wife were buried there. I remember wondering, "Who was this magic man?"

In 2018, the magician's story came to light again when Andover scholar John Hodgson published his book *Richard Potter: America's First Black Celebrity*. Hodgson first heard about Potter in the 1970s while visiting his wife's family. He was so fascinated with the story that he spent 25 years researching the mystery of Potter's life and career. With the publication of his book, Potter's name began to circulate and draw people's attention to Potter Place.

Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire

This year, on behalf of the Andover Historical Society, John Hodgson applied to the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire to create an official historic marker for Richard Potter.

The BHTNH is a non-profit organization based in Portsmouth which works to promote awareness and appreciation of African American history and culture in New Hampshire to build more inclusive communities today.

The BHTNH hosts education and public programs across the state. They See Old Time Fair on page 7



In 1983, Elinor and Charles Taylor (pictured here) gave the newly formed Andover Historical Society a home base of operations. The couple generously donated the old Potter Place Railroad Station and the land beside it, which used to be the homestead of Richard Potter (1815-1835). The Andover Historical Society hosted a gala event on October 9, 1983 to honor the Taylors and celebrate a new chapter in Andover's history. Over 450 people attended. Caption Lindsey Schust. Photo: Garry Rayno, *The Argus Champion*, October 12, 1983.

of the milestones reached over the following 40 years.

We hope that down the road there will be articles on the Old Time Fair 2022, since it marks another milestone, the installation of the official Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire historic marker for Richard Potter. Andover will now be a part of the network of BHTNH historic markers and the second in the Lakes Region, after Warner, to join the trail. People visiting New Hampshire will now have another reason to visit the Andover Historical Society and the historic area of Potter Place.

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Old Time Fair 2022 Schedule of Events

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Press release

The Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair will be held this year on Sunday, August 7, at the Railroad Station Museum in Potter Place.

9 AM to 2 PM: Live music, entertainment, craft vendors, freight shed sale, demonstrators, pumper car rides, miniature-train rides for children, ice-cream, coffee, cold drinks, caboose, Emmons Store and Post-Office Museum open, tours of Railroad Station

10:30 to 11:30 AM: Richard Potter and the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire marker ceremony

11 AM to 2 PM: Lunch served by Andover Community Church

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM: Music by Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band

The Old Time Fair is free and open to the public. It takes place at 105 Depot Street in Andover, at the historic Potter Place Railroad Station and Andover Historical Society grounds.

Old Time Fair from page 6

also create memorials at significant locations within the state, such as the one coming to the Andover Historical Society to honor Richard Potter.

Old Time Fair 2022 schedule

The Old Time Fair activities will run from 9 AM to 2 PM on Sunday, August 7. The local community has turned out in force with an outpouring of volunteerism and donations toward this event and marker. Donors include Harbor Bank, Ledyard Bank, Merzi Excavation, Huckleberry Propane and Oil, and Spring Ledge Farm.

The Andover Community Church will be providing food for sale through-

out the day. The Richard Potter marker ceremony will occur from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. Members of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire and John Hodgson will speak, along with a few other distinguished guests.

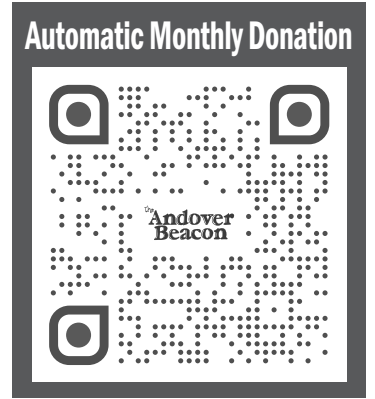
The ceremony will showcase Louise Grasmere (jazz vocalist) along with the Timbre Drums Ensemble (African Drumming). Following the ceremony, Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band will play music between 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Admission is free.

The fairground is on Depot Street in Andover. Hope to see you on Sunday, August 7, in Potter Place! For more information, visit AndoverHistory.org.

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LETTERS

Thank You!

The memory of this past Fourth of July celebration will stay with me for the rest of my life. It was an unexpected and amazing honor to be chosen for the dedication of the Fourth of July activities. I very much appreciate the kind words of my friends. My family and I are truly grateful.

It is equally important to recognize that Andover is blessed with a very dedicated team of first responders. Our teams include fire, medical, and auxiliary members. The training, equipment upkeep, and call responses consume a great deal of time. I am very grateful that such a strong team of responsible people live in Andover.

To these fine people and the people of Andover, I give a heartfelt "Thank you!"

Rene Lefebvre

Chief, Andover Fire Department

Praise for Natalie Wells

I'm writing as the Democratic chair of the Town of Warner to thank New Hampshire Representative Natalie Wells for her service in the legislature.

In 2016, 2018, and 2020, Natalie ran to represent the five-town flatorial district of Danbury, Andover, Salisbury, Webster, and Warner - an exhausting task in itself. After winning in 2016 and 2020 she served long hours on the highly contentious and partisan House Election Law committee, and at House sessions that often lasted deep into the evening, seldom missing a vote.

This year she has chosen not to run for re-election, foregoing the generous \$100 per year salary with which New Hampshire thanks the dedicated public servants who give so much of their time and energy to keep the light of represen-

tative government burning from year to year, and generation to generation.

I know I speak for many when I say that the heated frustrations surrounding political disagreements are entirely put aside with her retirement, replaced only with the gratitude of neighbors for years of sacrifice.

David Bates

Chair, Warner Democrats

Is This the Democrats' Best?

This letter is in response to a recent letter published in *The Andover Beacon* by Pecco Beaufays. In this letter, he states that he "feels sorry" for the Andover residents who still believe and support the lies of Donald Trump. I think, if you check the facts, you will find out that the Democrats are not immune from telling lies.

As the Democrat-led January 6 hearings continue, in my opinion, to waste taxpayers money, everyone, again in my opinion, knows the real purpose of the hearings is to prevent Donald Trump from taking back the Presidency in 2024. I find it ironic that nothing, at least to my knowledge, has been done to prosecute those involved in the so

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called "peaceful protests" throughout the country, which included burning, looting, and the tearing down of statues of many prominent American heroes.

Why is it that instead of pointing out all of Biden's accomplishments like the record high gas prices, record inflation, a border crisis like we have never seen

before, the Democrats try to draw the attention away from our current crisis by going after Trump for what happened 18 months ago? They blame the current increases on the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which I believe would never have happened if Trump had remained our President.

It's sad to see our country continue

in the current direction, led by a President who I feel is incoherent and cognitively declining. After Biden in the order of the succession is Kamala Harris, and next is Nancy Pelosi. Is this the best that the Democratic party has to offer?

Gene Shaw
Salisbury



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OPINION

Louise Andrus's View From Concord August 2022

Louise Andrus, State Representative

It is with pleasure that I would like to congratulate some of the students I have learned about from Andover, Danbury, and Salisbury on their college achievements.

Kaitlyn Abele of Danbury graduated from the University of New Hampshire. She earned a BSET degree in Mechanical Engineering Tech.

Madalyn Pfeifer of Andover graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy in the Graduate College from the University of Vermont.

Matthew Slick of Andover received a Bachelor of Arts degree from College of the Holy Cross.

Elizabeth Abrahamson of Andover graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences from the University of Vermont.

Courtney Nepveu of Danbury was a graduate of the Class of 2022 and earned an Associate of Science in Nursing from Vermont Tech.

Ashlynn Hatch of Danbury has been named to the Dean's List for Spring 2022 by the University of New Hampshire.

Deanna Holmes of Salisbury has been named to the Dean's List for Spring 2022 by the University of Hartford.

Garrett D. Munson of Andover has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Spring 2022 semester.

Jadyn L. Holmes of Salisbury has been named to Husson University's Honors List for the Spring 2022 semester.

There were very important bills passed in this House Session, but one that is an asset for all of us was passed and signed by the Governor. The bill was HB 1439, relative to health care facility visitation policies. This law will allow a specified family member to be present and to serve as a patient advocate when a person is in a medical facility.

This is a much needed law. For example, when my husband was in the hos-

pital with COVID, I was not allowed in to see him, and I was not allowed to be there to know how he was being treated medically and what drugs were being administered to him. I had never experienced anything of this nature before in my life. I felt my husband's rights had been violated. This new law will correct the deficiency in a patient's rights.

A few weeks ago I read a letter in the *Beacon*, and in the article it was requesting people to take down particular signs. Then I was approached about other signs in Andover. I will be brief and to the point on the Freedom of Speech. The US Constitution in the First Amendment states the following: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The New Hampshire Constitution states: [Art.] 22. [Free Speech; Liberty of the Press.] Free speech and Liberty of the press are essential to the security of Freedom in a State: They ought, therefore, to be inviolably preserved. June 2, 1784. Amended 1968 to include free speech, which is also known as Question 6, was on the ballot on November

5, 1968 as a constitutional convention referral. It was approved by the voters of New Hampshire –Yes 185,340 and No 27,797.

Freedom of Speech is part of our rights, and the Freedom of Speech is here to stay. That means that any person can display signs whether agreeable or not to others. That right will never be taken away from us.

I am not sure where to start, but we all need to be concerned about the raging out of control inflation inflicted upon us. As of this writing the June CPI was 9.1%, the highest in 40 years. I lived through the inflation of the '70s and '80s, but it was not as harmful as the current inflation. We cannot sustain this rate of inflation.

I am very worried with winter coming in a few months as to how many people are going to pay the light bill and the heating bill and buy food. I am thoroughly disgusted with our federal government not opening up the oil pipelines in this country, which in my opinion would have averted the high prices of gas and diesel. Yet we can sell our oil reserves to China. Ludicrous!

Another situation that has brought us to where we are is the new green deal. I am in favor of working toward making
See Andrus on page 12

RE-ELECT INCUMBENT New Hampshire House Representative Louise ANDRUS

Republican Candidate for Merrimack County/ District 5/Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, Webster

1. Some of the reasons a voter should vote for me in the Primary on September 13th, and then vote for me in the General Election on November 8th is because I am an Honest, Native NH Conservative. Next, I am not a politician. American theologian, James Freeman Clarke said, "The difference between a politician and a statesman is that a politician thinks about the next election while the statesman thinks about the next generation." I think about working for and serving the people of Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury and Webster here and now while preserving NH for future generations.
2. My platform is that I am: PRO LIFE, PRO SECOND AMENDMENT, PRO LAW ENFORCEMENT, PRO VETERAN, PRO GUN, PRO SCHOOL CHOICE, PRO LIMITED GOVERNMENT, AND PRO SMALL BUSINESS.
3. I will always DEFEND the U. S. Constitution and New Hampshire Constitution, and I will BE A VOICE for the people of Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, Webster and FIGHT FOR all citizens on the "Live Free or Die" we stand for.
4. I PLEDGE TO VOTE AGAINST an income tax, sales tax, and any tax increases for the citizens or business owners of NH
5. I stand with every Parent in that any and all decisions that relate to their child, the Parent and the parent alone makes decisions for that child. No one else is ever granted that right.

In my opinion the Democrats have with their policies turned our Country in the wrong direction with out of control inflation which is at a 40 year high and in June at a 9.1% CPI. This unsustainable inflation includes but is not limited to food, gas, diesel, home heating oil and gas and propane, electricity, building materials, etc. And to top it off 5 million barrels of oil from our reserves were sold to a China company. Open border policies allow each and every day an invasion of our Country on the Southern border of thousands of illegal immigrants. In many cities across the Country police have been defunded. Enough is enough. Time to turn it all around by voting Republican.

It is my opinion that in New Hampshire there have been attacks on anyone that is "Liberty" minded. It happened to me in an article in the Beacon several months ago because the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance had rated my votes on bills at 100%. **What is the definition of "Liberty?"** Answer: The quality or state of being free. The power to do as one pleases. The power of choice. Limited government. **What is the definition of a "Libertarian?"** This is the definition that I found, "A **Libertarian** is committed to the principle that liberty is the most important political value. Liberty means being free to make your own choices about your own life ." What is wrong with living your life as you choose and having limited government? I like the definition of and I live by Liberty, and if someone wants to "label" me because I believe in being free and the power to make my own choices, then that is okay with me as I love being FREE and I choose FREEDOM for everyone else.

Have a great summer. If you would like to chat I can be reached at 603 648-2510 and leave a message and I will return your call. Or email me at l.a.andrus21@gmail.com or louise.andrus@leg.state.nh.us Or stop in and see me at 406 Raccoon Hill Rd, Salisbury. Your input is important to me.

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

RSA 91-A:2 states that minutes from each meeting of each Town body must “be promptly recorded and open to public inspection not more than five business days after the meeting.” Minutes are often not in publishable form at that point. Considering the time it takes to make them publishable, and the long lag between issues of the *Beacon*, it may be a month or more before they appear in the *Beacon*.

Conservation Commission

June 8

Condensed from approved minutes

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

Also: Jim Delaney, Donna Duclos

Select Board was to attend, but Marj and Michelle are both not feeling well. We talked a bit with Jim about the hearing about the sale of the land at the intersection of Dyer’s Crossing and Route 11.

ACC worked on Jesse’s letter to the

should be conservation land. We should make this an official easement.

Jenny will work on wording for a petition to present to the Select Board to have the town vote on the issue of placing this land into a conservation easement at the 2023 Town Meeting. ACC members will work on collecting signatures per RSA 41:14A.

ACC reviewed the properties owned by the Town for environmental concerns.

Motion made to share the research on the environmental concerns on the Town lands for sale to the Select Board, made by Nancy, seconded by Sooze. All in favor.

ZBA meeting re: Route 4A property. The application for an exception was turned down. He will appeal.

Hal Tuttle as Andover representative to the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Has he been approved by the Select Board?

Signs installed at White Oak.

Bradley Lake: A septic system may not have been connected properly. Contractor needs to submit a letter of completion that the new system is properly hooked up.

Still working on getting the Andover Garden Club to come to a meeting.

Ten Town Project: Andover is listed as a possible future participant for recycling through Susan Chase.

Office Hours & Meetings

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Town Clerk & Tax Collector:
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Zoning Administrator: Mon 9-12,
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MEETINGS

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

For more information, call the Town Office at 603 735-5332.

Minutes Online

Minutes and agendas for Town boards and committees are posted, when available, on the Town website at Andover-NH.gov.

Town Administrator and Select Board. All in favor of motion that the letter be sent, with minor revisions.

Nancy went to the Northeast Resource Recovery Agency (NRRRA) conference. She learned a lot, especially regionalizing recycling efforts. Nancy spoke with Mr. Clauson of Wilmot who is interested in working with us. Wilmot had been working with Casella and will be switching to Nottingham.

Correspondence

Taking Action for Wildlife: 2022 Conservation Cohort: CCs and municipal boards get involved in particular projects; three members from ACC need to attend. On-line training sessions, and work on community project.

ASLPT Mountain Brook trail trimming on June 24, and Roby and McLeod signs installed on June 23. Can we help?

Financial Update: General fund, \$1,050. CDs: \$52,908.

NHACC’s Barbara Richter has been very helpful – well worth the dues we pay! She sent Nancy a draft for a voter petition, which might be used for the Dyers Crossing land. The land is shown in GRANIT as “permanent conservation land.” It can only show in GRANIT as conservation land if the Select Board submitted it to GRANIT/UNH as conservation land.

It does not appear to be buildable land. It is zoned Forest and Agriculture. The donor gave the land, feeling that it



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We still need people to fill vacancies in your town government. There is a

vacancy on the Select Board, an opening on the Planning Board for one full member and an alternate, an opening on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for one member, two openings on the Budget Committee, as well as two openings on the Conservation Commission.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these positions, please call Marj at 603 735-5332. If she is on the phone or away from her desk, please leave a message for her and she will call you back.



Town Officials Thank Jon and Joane Champagne

They stepped in to help where needed

Marjorie Roy and Andover Select Board, Town of Andover

Thank you, Jon Champagne!

A long overdue "Thank you!" goes out to Jon and Joane Champagne. In the Town's time of need, Jon stepped up to be Road Agent for two years and, of course, that meant Joane stepped up to do the required bookkeeping and record-keeping.

Small town America was built on neighbor helping neighbor, pride of town and country, and doing what was needed. Many people seem to forget those days, which is sad, but it makes us genuinely appreciate those who do remember and are willing to act and do what their town needs. Thank you, Jon!



TOWN MATTERS!

The Beacon needs volunteers to help with reporting about town news.

If you can help, call Shelley at 603 735-6099

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our country green, but I am not in favor of the new green deal when it hurts the people of this country financially.

The people and businesses pushing the new green deal need to take a step back and look at their own lives before pushing others toward green energy they cannot afford. Do you own all-electric vehicles, and do you only ride in electric vehicles? Or do you own or ride in gas powered vehicles? Is your lawnmower or the lawn mower that cuts your lawn electric and not gas powered? Have you instituted and converted all of your electricity to natural

resources? Do you as an individual or a business use any harmful pesticides on your lawn to keep it looking beautiful? Do you fly in an electric plane?

It is my opinion that each person or business that is pushing the new green deal needs to "walk the walk" 100%, if you are pushing green energy.

Roe vs Wade being overturned did not stop abortion. Rather, if you believe in democracy, the decision sends the decision making back to each individual state, where it belongs.

Have a happy August! If you have any questions or want to talk I can be reached at 603 648-2510 or L.A.Andrus21@gmail.com.



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Public Session for Corrections to the Andover Voter Checklist

Press release

The Voter Checklist for Andover will be posted at the Andover Town Office for public review by Tuesday, August 16.

A public session of the Supervisors of the Checklist will be held on Saturday, September 3, at 10 AM at the Town Office to make any necessary corrections to the Voter Checklist. This public session will be the last opportunity for new voter registrations until Primary Election Day on Tuesday, September 13. 

New Hampshire Primary Election on Tuesday, September 13

Checklist public session on September 3

Lee Wells, Deputy Moderator

The New Hampshire Primary Election is on Tuesday, September 13.

As pointed out by the New York Times in an article about events in Croydon, one of the enemies of democracy is complacency. Don't take democracy for granted: be informed, be involved, and vote!

You may register to vote at Town Hall during regular hours up until Saturday, September 3, when the Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at 10 AM at Town Hall to finalize the checklist for the Primary on Tuesday, September 13; you can register to vote with them then. If you miss that deadline, you may register on Election Day at the polls at Andover Elementary/Middle School from 8 AM to 7 PM.

In order to register, you need to bring proof of identity, age, citizenship, and residency with you. A driver's license, passport, or other photo ID will work for ID and age. Tax or utility bills addressed to you will show where you live. A birth certificate, passport, or naturalization papers will prove citizenship. You may also register to vote by mail by contacting Lisa Meier, our Town Clerk.

When you register you will need to register as an "undeclared" voter, a Republican, or a Democrat. On Primary Election Day you will be handed a ballot for the party for which you are registered.

If you are registered as "undeclared," you will need to "declare" as a Republican or Democrat in order to receive a ballot for the Primary Election. After you have voted, you may then go to the table where the Supervisors of the Checklist are located to change back to "undeclared."

If you will not be able to vote in person in Andover on Election Day, you may request an absentee ballot. Reasons for requesting an absentee ballot include being away from Andover on Election Day, religious reasons, family care reasons, or medical reasons.

You may request an absentee ballot in person from the Town Clerk. You can call the Town Clerk and ask that an

absentee ballot application be mailed to you, or you may download an absentee ballot application from the Secretary of State's website at sos.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt561/files/documents/Election%20Documents/absentee-ballot-application-state-election.pdf, fill it out, and bring it or mail it to the Town Clerk.


Be sure to allow enough time to receive the ballot and return it by mail if you are returning it by mail. If you are returning your absentee ballot in person, your ballot must be handed to the Town Clerk in person when Town Hall is open. You may also complete the entire absentee ballot process in person at Town Hall once the ballots have been mailed to the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk's office will be open on Monday, September 12, from 3 to 5 PM to receive absentee ballots. Absentee ballots may also be submitted on Election Day to the ballot clerks up until 5 PM. This is usually done by a family member for the absent voter.

Voters with mobility issues may request curbside voting on Election Day, and an absentee ballot application and ballot will be brought to them.

Please note: An important change from the 2020 election is that we are no longer under a state of emergency due to COVID-19, and concern about COVID-19 is no longer an accepted reason for requesting an absentee ballot. However, if a voter has a medical condition, such as a respiratory condition or being immunocompromised, which puts them in a much higher risk category should they contract COVID-19, then they should request an absentee ballot for medical reasons.

Please contact Lee Wells, Deputy Moderator, at LeeWells.LocustFarm@gmail.com or 603 735-5756; or Lisa Meier, Town Clerk, at TCTC@Andover-NH.gov or 603 735-5018, if you have any questions.

See you on Tuesday, September 13. The polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM. Be sure to be informed and vote! 

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Draft Zoning Changes for Village Tackle Housing Shortage

Public hearings on August 9 and September 13

Ken Wells, Andover Planning Board

The Andover Planning Board is tackling the challenging housing crunch that many are experiencing in Andover.

In an article published in the July issue of *The Andover Beacon*, the grave problems caused by our region's shortage of workforce housing were explained in some detail. [You can read the July article at AndoverBeacon.com/index.php/43984.]

In short, new workers such as recent graduates cannot afford to rent or buy a place to live in our town, even if they accept one of the many decent entry-level jobs being offered by companies in our area. They therefore have little option but to move away from New Hampshire, and it is likely that companies may also move elsewhere to meet their labor needs.

The current housing shortage has been decades in the making and is caused by our ordinances that prevent the construction of anything but single-family housing – the most expensive option. Surrounding towns have similar restrictions and the same problems.

Essentially the only loophole for creating apartments in Andover has been through "accessory dwelling units," which allow homeowners to carve out a "mother-in-law" apartment from an existing single-family residence. This has not resulted in sufficient numbers of satisfactory homes being created for

young folks and their families, and our existing restrictions have prevented the market from meeting the demand.


Therefore, the Planning Board is proposing the following changes, which will be up for public hearing and discussion at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 9, and Tuesday, September 13, at Town Hall.

First, the words "constructed by interior alteration of an existing residence" have been struck from the description of the type of apartments allowed in Andover.

Second, general farming and forestry continue to be allowed, as always, in the Forest and Agriculture (FA) and the Agriculture and Residential (AR) as well as Rural Residential (RR) zones, but the Village zone is limited to "Horticulture, vegetable gardens, small flocks of hens (less than 25) and personal pets (ponies, lambs, etc.)"

Third, and most significantly, "Only one building for dwelling (Single family, multi-family, or apartment building) may be constructed on any lot in the Village or Rural Residential zones" changed. This change allows the creation of housing other than single-family dwelling units.

A few further details preserve the requirements for set-backs and clarify how driveways may be shared, and provide at least one parking space for each dwelling unit.

Copies of the current draft ordinance may be obtained at Town Hall or viewed online at AndoverBeacon.com/index.php/44097. 

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E-Bike Lending Comes to Andover and New London

Loaners in Andover on September 21 and 27

Larry Chase, Andover Energy Group

As gasoline prices top \$5 a gallon, and as alternatives to the internal combustion engine grow, the focus on electric bikes is increasing across the country – not least in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire, where an Upper Valley E-Bike Lending Library is under way in its second year.

What this means for Andover residents is two local opportunities to try out various types of e-bikes for free – one in New London, between Wednesday, July 20 and Tuesday, August 9; and one in Andover between Wednesday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 27. In both instances, two kinds of e-bike experiences will be offered: one-hour demos, and overnight borrowing. And four different varieties of e-bikes will be available.

In New London, the Lending Li-

brary will be managed by the New London Energy Committee and located at the offices of the New London Recreation Department at 25 Seamans Road.

In Andover, the project will be managed by the Andover Energy Group and located at the Andover Historical Society's freight shed on Depot Street in Potter Place.

For more information, contact Vital Communities at 802 291-3939 or VitalCommunities.org/events.



Vital Communities shows off one of their loaner e-bikes, part of an e-bike lending program aimed at giving people the chance to try out one of these electric bikes.

AARP Awards 2022 Community Challenge Grant to FNRT

Funding for Cycling Without Age project

Press release

The AARP Community Challenge grant program announced their 2022 grantees on June 29. Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (FNRT) is very excited to be one of the winning organizations.

AARP grants are intended to make tangible improvements in communities that jump-start long-term change. The program is part of AARP's nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods, and rural areas to become great places to live for people of all ages. To learn more, visit AARP.org/Livable.

The ambitious project AARP is funding for FNRT will start out in Lebanon, in collaboration with Lebanon Park and Recreation, and hopefully be adopted by other cities and towns along the Northern

Rail Trail. It is called Cycling Without Age (CWA) and is being spearheaded by FNRT board member Amy Chan.

Cycling 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

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FNRT purchased an electric trishaw with the proceeds from the AARP Community Challenge grant recently awarded. The program is called Cycling Without Age and will start out in Lebanon.

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Buying “Pre-Owned” Clothing Equals Sustainable Shopping

Vintage jewelry and brooches on display

Nancie Jacobson
Andover Service Club

Buying “pre-owned” clothing and jewelry is one option when shopping sustainably. It not only reduces demand for new manufacturing and mining, but it recycles items back into the economy, avoiding waste. When you buy recycled you give longevity to perfectly usable goods!

Shoppers will find a nice selection of gently used, clean clothing items for the whole family at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop, in addition to an exquisite collection of vintage, estate, retro, and artisan pre-owned necklaces, bracelets, rings, and earrings.

Starting this month, the shop will have a sparkling array of brooches on display.

Pronounced “broach” and otherwise known as a “pin,” the brooch in recent years has made a comeback and crossed generational lines as a piece of jewelry



The brooch is back in style and available at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop.

worn from head to toe. You’ll see these pieces of jewelry on shoes, bags, backpacks, headbands, and the more traditional lapels, scarfs, and hats.

Chelsea McDowell of Woodley



Vintage jewelry is on display, and for sale, at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop.

Photos: Nancie Jacobson

Home is selling her ever-so-soft, sustainably made baby blankets with yarn made from recycled plastic bottles. You have to feel them to believe it! Many colors are available at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop.

When shopping sustainably, please visit the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop first. The shop also carries all-natural Cardigan Mountain soaps, handmade pottery items, art prints, handmade cards, and children’s books.

The shop is located beside AE/MS at 26 School Street, Andover. The shop is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM, and Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. Thank you to all who support the shop with your purchases and donations!

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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?”

With funding from this grant, FNRT purchased the electric trishaw and will donate it to Lebanon Park and Recreation, which will also assist in training a team of volunteer cyclists (pilots), provide online sign-up services, and conduct background checks for volunteers.

This generous award by the 2022 AARP Community Challenge grant program validates what can be done and is being done to encourage safe and fun outdoor recreation for all ages in our area. For more information about the Northern Rail Trail, please visit FNRT.org.



A new sign is installed for the ASLPT Roby and McLeod Preserve. Shown are Ken Wells, Sooze Hodgson, and Nancy Robart, all from Andover.

Photo: Glennie LeBaron

Conservation Groups Encourage People to Enjoy Local Greenspaces

Sooze Hodgson, SRKG

Come enjoy our local greenspaces, whether for a walk, bird watching, sketching, or doing trail work. This summer, the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) and the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway (SRKG) collaborated in hosting a walkabout on easement land in Sunapee from the Webb Woods to Simpson Reserve on June 10.

Both organizations have been busy with trail work and placing new signs on their easements and trails. Please visit AusbonSargent.org/calendar to see the ASLPT 2022 summer events which are open to the community. Visit SRKG.

org to obtain maps of the 75-mile loop of the SRKG trails which link Mount Sunapee, Ragged Mountain, and Kearsarge Mountain. A long portion of the loop passes through Andover.

Also posted on the SRKG website may be volunteer trail work dates. Contact any of the town SRKG Board members (see website) for local information about trail work days.

Thank you to members from the Andover, Sunapee, and New London Conservation Commissions for your participation in many of these events and trail work projects. We love everyone’s participation!

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Andover Community Church August News and Events

Selling food at August 7 Old Time Fair

Donna Thompson
Andover Community Church

It is hard to believe we are in August already. We have been so blessed with the great weather we are having. The month of July was very busy.

At the Fourth of July celebration, Andover Community Church had two booths. One was for the Outreach Missions. There were games and prizes which all the children enjoyed. The other booth was our cotton candy. Everyone seemed to enjoy this sweet treat. We added an extra flavor this year – maple.

The wind certainly made for a very entertaining day for everyone. We couldn't have been blessed with a better day. Looking forward to next year.

The rummage/bake/pre-made meals sale continues to be very popular. It is awesome to see so many returning people every

month. The money raised is going towards either painting or vinyl siding for the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Monies needed to reach our goal for this are \$41,000. We invite you to stop in to say hello.

Here's what's going on in August:

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Donna Thompson of the Andover Community Church volunteered to operate the cotton candy booth at the Fourth of July celebration this year, but got more than she bargained for when the wind picked up and dressed her in the sticky stuff. All in all, the day was fun and entertaining. Photo: Bill Blomquist



The neighborhood watch continues as the two loon chicks, named Tuft and Tumble, grow. Photo: Ally Resch

Highland Lake Loon Chicks Continue to Grow and Thrive

Swooping eagles keep loon parents on alert

Donna Baker-Hartwell, East Andover

On June 27, after approximately 28 days of nesting, two fuzzy light brown loon chicks arrived on Highland Lake. Because the nest is on the very edge of shore, the chicks tumble into the water and swim shortly after hatching. This year they seemed to hatch just hours apart. It is not uncommon for the second chick to arrive a day after the first.

Loons are egalitarian mates. Our adults and chicks spent more than a week near the nesting site, taking turns fishing for minnows, feeding the chicks, carrying them on their backs and under their wings. After dark, they usually huddle together under the cover of overhanging bushes along the shore.

On June 6, a team of loon biologists from the New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee came to Highland Lake after dark to band the adults. One of our adults was banded in 2011. This loon turns out to be the male. He received new leg bands matching the original: his left leg has a green stripe over a solid green and his right leg has a blue stripe over silver.

The female, who was never banded, now has a yellow stripe over a red band on her left leg and a blue stripe over silver on her right. The biologists also noted that one chick is markedly smaller than the other, which is concerning but not uncommon. Blood samples were also taken.

As I write this update, our chicks are 18 days old and growing. Both are actively swimming and “diving” – more like dipping underwater for 15 seconds

or more. They have spent many days at the northern cove where it is quiet and safe from speed boats.

At this time, they are moving all around the lake. At least one adult is always tending them. They remain vulnerable.

A lake resident reported on July 14, “An eagle swooped down on them twice, with much noise and flapping on the part of the loons.” Eagles are nesting on Webster Lake. They have a strong presence in the lake region, and they will feed on loon chicks.

We can only hope that our two chicks, affectionately named Tuft and



Donna Baker-Hartwell caught this picture of the young loon chicks with a parent when they were only three days old. At this point, she said, the chicks spend “most of their time tucked under an adult wing or perched on top of their back.”

Tumble by photographer Ally Resch, will remain safe under the protection of their parents.

It is important that human approach towards the loons keep a 150-foot distance. We wouldn't want to distract the adults from keeping their attention on other threats, such as an eagle swooping from above.

Loons will, however, swim close to humans if you are on the shore or sitting still in a boat. It truly is a joy to have the opportunity to observe them.

In the weeks ahead, providing that See Loons on page 19

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The Fred Moyer Jazz Trio will play a program of "Classical Jazz" on Thursday, August 18, at the First Baptist Church in New London.

August Concert Series Brings Medley of Music Styles

From classical to jazz, Joel to Lennon

Press release

Summer Music Associates will present two concerts in August.

On Thursday, August 4, the powerhouse duo of Thomas Pandolfi and Lindsay Deutsch will take the audience on a whirlwind journey through the hits of the centuries, expressing a variety of musical styles from classical to jazz to Billy Joel.

Spiced with humor and laughs and a bit of history, audiences everywhere rave about these unique artists and their diverse and entertaining programming.

The program will include a Billy Joel medley, works by Louis Armstrong, George Gershwin, John Lennon, "Beethoven's Greatest Hits," and romantic aria favorites, along with some other wonderful surprises!

On Thursday, August 18, the Fred Moyer Jazz Trio will bring its program of "Classical Jazz" to New London. The first half of the concert is classical piano presented by Fred Moyer including Bach, arranged by Rachmaninoff: *Prelude from Violin Partita in E Major*; Chopin's *Variations on Mozart's "La ci darem la mano" Op. 2*; and Schumann's *Presto Possibile - Original Finale movement to Sonata No. 3 in F Minor, Op. 14*.

For the second half of the concert, Fred is joined by Evan Palmer on bass and Bob Savine on drums. While they play their own arrangements from the Great American Songbook, the trio also takes a uniquely "classical" approach to jazz by recreating note-for-note great recorded performances by legendary trios of the past - trios led by such pianists as Oscar Peterson, Bill Evans, and Chick Corea.

Commenting on this program, Moyer states, "I am delighted to see how immediately classical audiences have embraced our jazz transcriptions. Classical music embraces many styles, cultures, and centuries. As long as the music has

great ideas, form, heart, beauty, excitement, and authenticity, classical audiences are on board. Also, we do exactly what other classical musicians do: bring to life musical creations conceived by others."

Both concerts begin at 7 PM at the First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street in New London. Tickets are \$25 for



The Pandolfi-Deutsch Duo will play in concert on Thursday, August 4, at the First Baptist Church in New London.

adults and \$5 for students and are available online at SummerMusicAssociates.org; by phone at 603 526-8234; by mail at Summer Music Associates, PO Box 603, New London NH 03257; by cash or check at Morgan Hill Bookstore or Tatewell Gallery in New London; or at the door the evening of the concert.

Outdoor Coffeehouse Features Andover's Louise Grasmere

Friday, August 19, 6 PM; food available for sale

text 603 724-4670, or email TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.

Susan Chase

Andover Community Hub

The Andover Community Coffeehouse will hold its second summer outdoor concert on Friday, August 19, featuring Louise Grasmere, Andover summer resident and "Boston's best-kept vocal secret," accompanied by Linda Shoemaker. The event will take place in the grassy amphitheater located between the school and bank parking lots in Andover Village. Parking is available in the school parking lot.

Music will begin at 6 PM with a short opening act by Andover resident and folksinger Gary Cassidy. Light supper food (sandwiches, hot dogs, wraps, desserts) will also be available for sale, prepared by the folks from the Andover Community Church, well-known for the food they sell at regular Coffeehouse performances in East Andover. Attendees should bring their own chairs or blankets. The event is open to the public at no charge, although the traditional Coffeehouse hardhat will be passed for donations for the featured performer.

In case of rain, the event will be held indoors at the Andover Hub, next to Pizza Chef. The decision will be made at 3 PM the day of the performance; for updated information, call 603 735-5135,

Who's Louise? From a review: "Combining all the grace and elegance of the classic jazz singers with the ringing power and authority of the great blues shouters, Louise Grasmere has a voice that will lift you out of your seat and into the heavens." And from



Louise Grasmere and Linda Shoemaker are the featured musicians for the August 19 outdoor Coffeehouse, sponsored by the Andover Community Hub.

another: "Grasmere's sound is wholly her own - a unique fusion of jazz-influenced rhythm and blues seasoned with Motown, gospel, and soul."

Louise's family started coming to New Hampshire in the 1960s, eventually settling in New London and then in Andover. Louise now calls Andover's Bradley Lake her summer home.

The Coffeehouse is an arm of the Andover Community Hub, and is now planning a return to their traditional schedule of concerts on the third Friday of each month, September through June, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. Stay tuned!



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Third Annual "Wheels for Meals" Car Show Fundraiser on August 20

Show was canceled for two years due to COVID

Press release

After canceling this fun event for two years due to the pandemic, Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry is scheduling the third annual Wheels for Meals Car Show Fundraiser for Saturday, August 20, from 10 AM to 2 PM, at the Franklin Shopping Center, 880 Central Street in Franklin. Car parking starts at 9 AM. Come and enjoy this awesome event!

The event is free and open to the public. Entrance fee for show cars is by monetary donation or donation of nonperishable food items. At the event, a raffle of prizes from generous area businesses, a 50/50 raffle, and food sales provides vital funding for the Pantry's mission to provide healthy food and nutrition resources to neighbors in need. We are grateful to our show sponsors: Aubuchon Hardware, Benson Auto, Hannaford, Watts Water Technologies, Service Credit Union, Citizens Bank, and Franklin Savings Bank.

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Always needed and appreciated are volunteers, plastic or paper grocery bags, fresh garden produce, eggs, and nonperishable food items. Call 603 934-2662 or email Info.TwinRivers@gmail.com for more information.

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We were asked by the Andover Historical Society to set up selling food during the Old Time Fair, which is being held on Sunday, August 7 this year. The Andover Community Church will be selling hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and chili. There will also be bake sale items, soda, and water. Whether or not we will add more items to the menu will depend on the number of volunteers we can get to help. The profit we raise for this will also go towards the Highland Lake Grange Hall.

On Friday, August 19, a group of us will be at the Andover Coffeeshouse being held at the outdoor amphitheater by the Town Hall and AE/MS. Come for some food and listen to the great music. This starts at 6 PM. Praying for great weather.

On Saturday, August 27, we will be holding our rummage/bake/pre-made sales. If anyone would like to know what the menu is, you can give me a call at 603 744-6858 (home), or 603 393-5470 (cell phone). We have many people that do the pre-ordering – which is a great idea to assure we won't sell out.

On Saturday, August 28, we will cel-

ebate our annual Church Picnic on the grounds of the church. We're praying for a beautiful day to gather, eat grilled food, play cornhole, and enjoy friends. All are welcome!

Each Wednesday you'll see our outreach team on the streets in Franklin at the park giving away food, talking, and even praying with those who request it. This ministry has been ongoing for over four years. We are grateful for nice weather these days! We are there at the new waterside park every Wednesday from 4 to 6:30 PM. Swing by and say hi!

On Sundays, a study/discussion group on the Lord's Prayer is currently happening after the service. In August, the study will shift to the Sunday morning Anglican Liturgy. In September, a class based on Max Lucado's book, John 3:16, will begin.

If you are ever curious about what is going on at the church on the hill, visit our website at AndoverCommunityNH.org. We've recently added a photo gallery with many pics from the Fourth of July. Check it out on the Community page – there may be people you know!

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The O'Halloran Group held a successful third virtual race to raise funds for area food pantries. Shown here are: Lori Meding, Dan O'Halloran, Susan Morrison of Warner Connects New Hampshire Food Pantry, Mary Jannenga of Newport Food Pantry, Clara Sheehy and Marilyn Paradis of Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Food Pantry, Josh Lizotte, Brandy Waterman, and Christina O'Halloran.

Virtual Race Raises Over \$19,000 for Local Food Pantries

Kearsarge Lake Sunapee pantry benefits

Press release

The O'Halloran Group, Keller Williams Lakes and Mountains Realty, held its third annual virtual Ultra 1K road race throughout the month of May. The goal of the event is to raise funds and awareness in support of three area food pantries: the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry (which serves Andover), the Newport Food Pantry, and the Warner Connects New Hampshire Food Pantry.

During the event, racers participated from all over New Hampshire, creating their own race routes or enjoying one or all of the official routes located around the Lake Sunapee region. Many participants took the opportunity to go much further with their walks or runs, logging several 1Ks throughout the month.

Between racer participation and generous sponsor support, O'Halloran Group raised \$19,305 and will be donating all proceeds equally among the three food pantries. This is an increase from the \$15,000 raised in 2021 and \$8,000 in the inaugural race in 2020. To date, \$42,305 in proceeds have been donated on behalf of Ultra 1K.

"We are very excited and appreciative of the support this year," said Dan O'Halloran, broker/owner. "To raise over \$19,000 in our third year of the event is amazing. We received incredible support from our generous local businesses and people in our community."

"It's a great feeling to raise money for our local food pantries, who work so hard throughout the year. We are very lucky to live in such a giving community. Thank you so much to all those who helped, sponsored, donated, and participated in the race."

Combined, the three food pantries support residents in 24 towns in the Sunapee Region. The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry, with their 80 volunteers, served 1,093 households last year, including 48 new families needing assistance.

In 2021, the Newport Food Pantry provided more than 47,145 meals with only one director and one volunteer. The Warner Connects New Hampshire Food Pantry made 300 visits per week with 100 hours in volunteer time per week.

The fourth annual Ultra 1K will return in May 2023, and you can expect even more fun and entertainment from the event. Stay up to date on event details at Ultra1K.com.

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they remain protected and healthy, we will see the chicks learn more and more skills. Soon they will be too big to climb on top of their parents' backs.

Finally, I received the following from Kaila Hodges, Outreach Intern at the Loon Preservation Committee:

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Andover Historical Society's 40th Anniversary: Part 2

Expanded during its second 20 years

Cheryl Swenson
Andover Historical Society

The second half of the Andover Historical Society's 40 years began with the addition of three new properties.

In 2003, the Historical Society accepted a gift of a tract of land on Route 11 from Dalbello Sports Company near what is now the Millennium Moving Company. Two months later, the Historical Society officially accepted the property of the Tucker Mountain School House donated by Madeline Baker.

In the fall, the B&M railroad shed was donated by RP Johnson and Sons and the Amos Johnson family. These buildings added extensively to the Historical Society's assets but increased the workload for maintenance and care.

The Historical Society undertook the Barn Survey Project, with support from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, to catalog all of Andover's historic barns. To quote Charlie Darling, "Left to themselves, old barns eventually fall down. And when an old barn vanishes, an important part of our New Hampshire heritage and our Andover history vanishes with it."

In 2004, the Andover Library Trustees placed their set of 13 historic Bachelor scrapbooks on indefinite loan to the Historical Society. The Freight Shed was used to store and exhibit larger and more cumbersome historical artifacts. A hand-cranked phone between the Emons store and railroad station was installed, to the delight of kids of all ages!

In 2005, the Schoolhouse was placed on the Register of Historic Places. The

Oral History Project moved forward, as did the Barn Survey. The grand opening of the Rail Trail, a 1.7 mile trail at that time, from Potter Place station to Blackwater Park in Andover brought an increasing number of visitors. Over 500 visitors signed the guestbook that year.

The highlight in 2006 was the production of "Our Town" in co-operation with the Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theater. It was a sold-out success that helped with on-going repairs to the properties.

Ken Reid and Bob Hamilton set up Emons Store as an old general store museum. The Gift Shop moved to the Store from the Railroad Station, and a group of volunteers worked on extending the length of the railroad tracks to provide for longer pumper-car rides during the Society's annual Old Time Fair.

In 2008, several informative historical DVDs and videos were produced. A "Welcome to Andover" video was created, with the first segment about the Andover Historical Society. A DVD was created from old movies to show ice harvesting on Highland Lake.

A series of video programs was created featuring 50 readings from Elder Moody's Hat and Other Stories of Andover: A Compilation of Newspaper Articles about Andover, New Hampshire by Ralph Chaffee. The stories were read by Andover residents and taped in and around Emons Store.

On June 13, 2009, the long-awaited freight car, arrived after two years in storage, and was placed beside the Freight Shed awaiting a face lift. A video was made of the freight car's move to Potter Place and shown on Channel 8.

In 2010, Donna Baker-Hartwell, with the expertise of Ethney McMahon, created a DVD reenactment of a day at Tucker Mountain School. A Secret Garden was created by Ken Reid and Bob Hamilton in the cellar hole of the old Potter place, with benches for relaxing, meditating, and enjoying the beauty of the garden.

In September 2011, the Historical Society organized an Antiques Roadshow-like event held at the Andover Fire Station with Dan Olmstead as the appraiser. Over 60 people came with antiques to be assessed and to observe the evaluations and to hear the humorous comments from Dan.

In 2012, the freight car was stripped with sand blasting. A map of the Potter Place historical area was created by Deborah Emeny. The Historical Society participated in the 175th anniversary of Colby-Sawyer College in New London, as most people who went to Colby arrived by train. There was a photograph-
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Potter Place Joins Black Heritage Trail with Historic Marker

Dedication on Sunday, August 7

Press release

The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire (BHTNH) and the Andover Historical Society (AHS) are excited to announce the dedication of a new marker commemorating the life and works of celebrated Black ventriloquist and magician Richard Potter. The ceremony will be on Sunday, August 7, at 10:30 AM, at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair.

Fairgrounds will be open from 9 AM to 2 PM at Potter Place on 105 Depot Street in Andover. Fairgoers can enjoy food, live music, miniature train rides for children, and old-fashioned pumper car rides. The event is free and open to the public.

Guest speakers for the event will include John Hodgson, author of *Richard Potter: America's First Black Celebrity*, and BHTNH Executive Director JerriAnne Boggis. There will be a

short demonstration of 19th-century magic by Andrew Pinard, African drumming, and the singing of *Lift Every Voice and Sing* by vocalist Louise Grasmere.

Richard Potter, a magician, ventriloquist, and humorist in the early 1800s, was the first American performer to gain nationwide fame. He helped make popular entertainment a major part of American life.

Born in Boston to an enslaved mother, Potter studied there and in Europe with renowned performing artists. Early on, Potter's wife Sally assisted him on stage. He toured the United States and Canada for nearly three decades, charming audiences with his humor, ready wit, and showmanship.

Nonetheless, he encountered racism and danger. Potter and his wife Sally, both Black, moved to Andover in 1815, where he built a house of his own design. The Potters are interred here at Potter Place.

On Friday, September 30, AHS and

BHTNH will co-sponsor an evening to celebrate Potter's influence on American theater, hosted by Proctor Academy. Award-winning magician, ventriloquist, and puppeteer Dan Richard will give a ventriloquism show. In addition author John Hodgson will present a talk on Richard Potter's impact on American theater. Hodgson published the definitive biography of Richard Pot-



Andover Historical Society celebrates its 40th anniversary on August 7 with the return of the Old Time Fair. In collaboration with the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, the AHS will commemorate early-19th-century magician and ventriloquist Richard Potter and unveil a new historic marker.

Photo: Grace Schust

ter in 2018, after 25 years of research on Potter's life and career.

The Andover Historical Society owns and maintains several historic buildings including the grounds and family graveyard of Richard and Sally Potter, the Potter Place train station, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and a Boston and Maine railroad freight car and freight shed. The nonprofit offers museum tours on weekends, from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. For more info visit AndoverHistory.org.

The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire promotes appreciation and awareness of African American history and culture and fosters dialogue about race, diversity, and inclusion. The BHTNH offers educational programs, exhibits, curriculum development, and research that can change the way we understand human dignity when free of historical stereotypes. For more information, visit BlackHeritageTrailNH.org or call 603 570-8469.

Historical Society Freight Shed Offers Antiques and Useful Items

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Judy Perreault

Andover Historical Society

Don't miss shopping at the Andover Historical Society's Freight Shed. In addition to items listed in previous *Beacon* issues, we have added inventory. There are two nice drop leaf tables which, as they are the same height but different lengths, can be put together to accommodate a large gathering. The drop leaves mean they take up less space, but you have added width when you need it.

Another Danish style kitchen table was also donated. An adorable antique school desk complete with inkwell would be a perfect addition to a child's bedroom. A comfy rocking chair, throw pillows, three nice bureaus, one with a marble top, and two bikes in good condition. Need more light? We have a large collection of table lamps and floor lamps and lanterns. For storage we have a blanket chest and a couple of steamer trunks.

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ic display of Potter Place through the years, and they also sold memorabilia.

Over the next several years, all while paying attention to the constant needs of the museum buildings, picnic tables were placed across the tracks, a new colorful brochure was printed, and old oral histories were transferred to CDs.

A significant event in 2016 was the retirement of Pat Cutter, after serving 12 years overall as the Society's president. She had become a member of the Historical Society in 1987 when she and her husband moved to town. She was a driving force from the very beginning.

In 2017, a Facebook page was set up and the website updated. The Society received several boxes of old records and archives from the Andover Town Office that were discovered in the basement of the Town Hall. In addition to other wonderful items, the museum now had over 5,900 acquisitions!

The Historical Society encouraged the participation of Andover students by creating a contest called "I am part of history, too" in the spring of 2018. The kids presented their work about what Andover means to them. An historical room/pop-up museum took place on the Fourth of July at the Hub. The Historical Society was frequently present at local events with Andover Historical Society information and books to sell.

In 2018, Society member John Hodgson's book, "Richard Potter: America's First Black Celebrity," was released. An interpretive sign was placed near the Potter grave site that gave a brief history of Richard Potter. In October "A Retrospective," an all-new art exhibition featuring selected works of Andover sculptor Winslow Eaves and painter Annaleida van't Hoff, was held, and over 300 people attended.

In 2019, the Museum buildings were open 7.5 hours for 18 weekends a year, drawing over 600 visitors. The Historical Society created another pop-up exhibit at the Hub on the Fourth of July which drew over 100 visitors.

The arrival of COVID-19 in 2020 did not slow things down. Meetings took place via Zoom, museum exhibits were changed to window exhibits, and a virtual tour of the Schoolhouse went online. Work on the fundraising calendar went ahead, featuring photos of Andover's earliest homes. They held outdoor sales in the Freight Shed and the auction went online. The never-ending repair list to maintain antique buildings and equipment is not cheap, even with volunteers giving their time and talents.

The Historical Society worked to

secure donor support and grants to allow them to continue big projects, each costing over \$10,000, for repair of the Caboose roof, continued work on the semaphore, and repair of the Freight Shed roof. Following CDC guidelines, the museum buildings were opened, and over 170 visitors signed in.

In 2021, the Historical Society hired archivist consultant Daniel Peters to assist with construction details for a new archive area and to help with obtaining estimates. He also looked at different ways to fundraise as well as file for available grants.

The museum buildings opened using CDC guidelines. The Schoolhouse had a visit from Zac Rivard and his oxen. Saturday sales in the Freight House continued as well as another online auction and a flea market.

So far in 2022, the Historical Society has joined the Black Heritage Trail, and plans are underway to have a marker honoring Richard Potter and a window exhibit about him at the August Old Time Fair. A special exhibit has been installed inside the store about the Weare Drake Tuttle family of East Andover. Many items are on loan from their descendants.

The Society has received partial payment of a LCHIP grant to rehab the slate roof of the railroad station. Research and plans are underway in cooperation with the Andover Lion's Club to create a structure to house the Concord Coach.

A lot of work has been happening at the museums over these 40 years, not to mention the time and energy spent organizing and executing the annual Old Time Fair, staffing the museum buildings, and creating interesting programs to share with Andover residents. Many dedicated hours go into making Potter Place railroad station and its buildings very special. They can always use your help!

You can support the Andover Historical Society in a number of ways: by becoming a member, by donating money or your skills to assist projects, or by attending events on Andover history. I encourage you to take the time to visit, stroll through the gardens in Potter's cellar hole, have a picnic on the grounds, climb up into the Caboose, and enjoy the displays and photographs of Andover's past within the buildings. You won't be disappointed.

The museum is open every weekend from May through October, Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM, and Sundays from 12:30 to 3 PM. Come visit the Andover Historical Society during their annual Old Time Fair on Sunday, August 7, from 9 AM to 2 PM. You will be glad you did!



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REMINISCENCE

ON THE ROAD IN 1949

Walter Walker, Andover High School '49
Reprinted from August 2011 *Beacon*

This is the 13th and last installment of Walter Walker's reminiscence of his trip through the US in the summer of 1949. His companions were Skip Powers and Harold Crane. All three had just graduated from Andover High School.

Thursday, September 15, found us up at 6:15 AM helping get breakfast and doing the dishes before we put the Kansas number plate back on the Olds and also the "Harold Club" shield. We gave the car a good cleaning and then cut some more bushes before going swimming. Later we helped get supper, did the dishes, and listened to the radio before bed at 10:30 PM.

September 16 found us doing some laundry after breakfast, and after lunch I read some folders Mrs. Conant had, and then we went swimming until supper time, after which we went to a high school football game. We got in as students and sat in the cheering section among a bunch of "junior high brats, which didn't help any." Back at the Conants we did the dishes and went to bed around 11:30 PM.

Saturday, September 17, found us staying in bed until about 8 AM. After getting cleaned up, we had breakfast and did the dishes. We got our things packed and left the Conants around 10:30 AM.

We had gone only about a hundred miles when the back wheel just about came off. We hitchhiked back to Centerville to get the bearing put back on and caught a ride back to the car, where we put things back together. We took off again and stopped for some oil and had a heck of a time getting the Olds started. We finally got it going and headed for Jacksonville, Florida. We entered Georgia at 6:05 PM and drove until about 40 miles from Jacksonville and hit the sack around 11:30 PM.

On Sunday, September 18, I "fought

my way out of the mosquitoes at 7:30 AM, packed up, and took off. Entered Florida at 8:16 AM."

I am sad to say that is the last entry in my diary. I remember we briefly visited an elderly lady, Mrs. Lenard, whom Harold had lived with for several years near the Andover/Wilmot town line. We then headed north. On a back page of my diary I show the following mileages and times: Tennessee: 76,614 at 10:40 PM; Virginia: 76,675 at 8 AM; West Virginia: 76,824 at 1:35 PM; Virginia: 77,005 at 7:40 PM; Massachusetts: 77,795 at 9; New Hampshire: 77,852 at 10:40.

Photos in my album show we went over Virginia's famous Skyline Drive before we visited Washington, DC. I remember we tried to run up and down the Washington Monument and visited a few important buildings there. The truth is, I think all three of us were homesick!

Also, we were running out of time, as Harold had learned Anna Roberts had registered him to attend the University of New Hampshire, so one of the last trips for the faithful old Oldsmobile was to ferry Harold to the university.

But before that trip, that great lady Anna threw a welcome home party for we three and the girls we were going with at that time: Jane and Caroline Thompson and Josie Lorden. It was a wonderful and fitting end.

Sadly, the famous '36 Olds ended up in Anna Robert's barn and forgotten as the Korean War came along. We three ended up enlisting and serving in the United States Air Force until being honorably discharged.

I hope *Beacon* readers have enjoyed this series half as much as I have, as I went through my diary and relived those days. Also, I tip my hat to editor Charlie Darling [in 2011] for finding room for my scribblings and photos.

The End



Shortly after the trip was over, Walter's parents received this letter from Louis Conant, whose family the boys had stayed with.

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 21, 1949

Dear Frank and Annie,

Two weeks ago three husky and healthy looking youngsters reached our place in their Oldsmobile after a fairly steady trip from California. We were glad to see them, and I guess they were kind of glad to settle down for a few days. We made them at home as well as we could, and tried to help them find jobs, with only fair success.

Tuscaloosa unfortunately has a lot of surplus labor at present, thanks to a strike at a big tire factory, and partial shutdowns in their plants, so jobs are not plentiful. Thanks to a good neighbor, however, who took an interest in the boys, they did get a profitable job unloading a carload of lumber and got some pleasant (?) work clearing a building lot close to a private swimming pool where they were welcome to go in. That job didn't pay very much, but did afford some money and a few good times.

They also tried picking cotton one day, but quit at noontime after a morning's hard work had netted less than 75¢ apiece.

The boys made a fine impression on the people they worked for, who were pleased with the way they buckled down to work and got a lot done. Such manner of work is uncommon in these parts....

We enjoyed the boys a lot, they are all so nice, and such a clean-cut bunch of fellows. Having boys in the family for several days was an especial treat to our girls, who have remarked wistfully "we wish there were some boys like that in Tuscaloosa."

For a change, our girls enjoyed helping with the dishes. With the three boys all pitching in on the dishes, our little kitchen was a busy place after each meal. It was also an interesting experience for G. to cook for boys with real appetites, in contrast to the appetites of her two daughters and a middle-aged husband who works in an office. She enjoyed it.

The boys really seemed to be in good condition. At first they appeared to have had enough wandering for a while, but I think that after the opportunity of settling down for a few days they felt rested and showed a renewed spirit.

You folks are to be congratulated on having such a fine son. We surely hope that Walter will be able to find something for work after his trip in which he will be interested. Whatever he does, however, we'll bet that he tackles it with a will and makes good. You may also tell the other parents, if you see fit, that we think Harold and Skip are fine fellows. Such a trio from one small high school class is impressive....

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Wilmot Public Library Holds "Painting on Seashells" Workshop

Thursday, August 4, from 3 to 6 PM

Press release

On Thursday, August 4, from 3 to 6 PM, artist Marina Forbes will guide a three-hour workshop: Painting on Seashells. Ages 7 to 77+ are welcome! The workshop will be held at the Wilmot Library, 11 North Wilmot Road.

Please register in advance by calling 603 526-6804 or email Glynis at WilmotLibrary@comcast.net. There will be a small materials fee for participants.

Marina Forbes (MA Philology, Uni-

versity of St. Petersburg, Russia) is a lecturer, historian, master iconographer, and award-winning artist who has lectured extensively on traditional arts, history, and the rich tapestry of Russian culture. She is currently the Director of International Programs at the New England Language Center in Rochester, New Hampshire, where she coordinates cultural exchange programs, teaches Russian culture and language, and leads art-related tours to Russia each year. She is an active watercolorist and art teacher and regularly does dramatic performances of Russian fairy tales.

Another Excerpt from Beech Hill

Galen Beale, author of *Beech Hill*

The Andover Historical Society recently received a donation of 50 journals written by Wendell Elkins, the son of Hervey Elkins, who is the focus of the Beech Hill story.

Wendell Elkins grew up on a farm on Beech Hill in Andover. Beech Hill was a closely knit farming community overlooking Mount Kearsarge. The farm was settled in 1790 by his great grandfather, Captain Samuel Elkins, a Revolutionary War soldier who, like many early settlers, had migrated inland from the coast looking for land and water power.

Wendell's grandfather, Josiah Elkins, took his whole family to live with the Enfield Shakers, but most of the family returned to Beech Hill. Wendell grew up in the shadow of his father's close association with the Enfield Shaker community and his journals reflect his struggle to separate himself from his father.

From *Beech Hill, the Reconciliation of Hervey Elkins and the Enfield Shakers* by Galen Beale:

As Wendell approached his teenage years, he began to chronicle his life. In 1873, at 11 years old, he tentatively began what would become a lifelong series of journals which would describe, often in poetic detail, life at Beech Hill and beyond.

Hervey may have encouraged Wendell because he could see that his son's life was about to change. Up to this point, Wendell's life had been filled with Shakers, preachers, family, and farm life. Hervey had ensured that his son got to know people who were im-

portant in his own life: Wendell Philips, George Severance, JM Peebles, and of course the Shakers.

For most of his childhood, Wendell had observed his father's life; he pondered the value of the Shakerism that had consumed his father's life and wondered about the alternatives. The two spent their days in animated discussions arising from the many books they both consumed.

Wendell admired his father deeply but did not wish to stay on the farm as his father hoped. He wanted to pursue his education as far as he could, and it was Eleanor who helped her son achieve their common dream. Wendell began his first full journal the year before he entered Proctor Academy, after which he went to Harvard College and Harvard Divinity School.

In his first few journals, Wendell described the Shakers as family friends who were cherished by his father; and their Shaker Village as another home filled with relatives, and a fun place to visit.

But as he matured, his viewpoint changed. He had heard a variety of opinions about Shakerism from discussions among his farming community, from the visiting apostates, from clergy, and from the Shakers themselves. He saw how hard the Shakers worked to be successful, and he saw their moments of quiet discouragement disclosed in their letters and as they rested at his father's home. He would eventually witness the closing of Enfield Shaker Village.

Beech Hill, the Reconciliation of Hervey Elkins and the Enfield Shakers, by Galen Beale, is published by Couper Press, Hamilton College, in Clinton, New York. It is available for sale at the Andover Historical Society. Visit AndoverHistory.org for more details.

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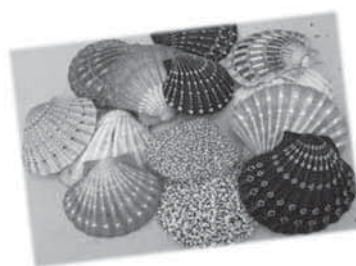
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Andover Libraries Page

Through the Reading Glasses August 2022

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

Good grief! It's still summer, and that's the way I like to see August – full of sunny possibilities for reading. However, two of the tomes that await me might actually block out the sun.

One is Annie Proulx's "Barkskins," a 713-page exploration of the woodcutters and loggers in the New World from 1693 onward. The second is Eleanor Catton's Booker Prize novel, "The Luminaries," weighing in at 832 pages, in which New Zealand's goldfields attract miners and murderers alike.

The final book, Eddie S. Glaude Jr.'s "Begin Again," will challenge me to confront racism in America from a James Baldwin scholar's point of view.

Book, books, and more books – the Library's Fourth of July book sale at the Stone Chapel drew in lots of readers and buyers, relieved to once again participate in this annual ritual of scanning titles from all directions at once. Talk about happy!

Of course, sharing the space with the strawberry shortcake concession didn't

do us any harm.

This year the event was a giant undertaking, given three years of accumulated donations and weedings. It began with collecting and sorting in each Library and ended with the pick-up of leftovers two days afterward. Below is a list of everyone who helped make this year's event such a success:

Many, many thanks to Priscilla Poulin, Gene, Michaela and Santigie, Lee, Ken and Katrina Wells, Caroline Moulton and Mario Ratzki, Ann Parke, Susan Chase, Tina Wagler, Connie Ressler, Jon Mishcon, Kim and Charlie Baer, Adam Brand and son, others whose names I did not catch, Proctor Academy and their security team – the list goes on, as this event requires a monumental effort!

Priscilla Poulin and Lee Wells have developed into an extraordinary team, and I have no doubt that Priscilla could run this with her hands tied behind her back. As she said: "When you have five children, you learn to be organized!"



The Fourth of July Book Sale, put on by the Andover Libraries, attracted many happy book buyers. Photo: Janet Moore

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Adult Fiction

- The German Wife*, Kelly Rimmer
- Hatchet Island*, Paul Doiron
- The Heart of the Deal*, Lindsay MacMillan
- Hidden Pictures*, Jason Rekulak
- Hotel Nantucket*, Elin Hilderbrand
- The House Across the Lake*, Riley Sager
- The Lies I Tell*, Julie Clark
- The Lost Summers of Newport*, Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig, and Karen White
- Nightwork*, Nora Roberts
- Someone Knows*, Lisa Scottoline
- Things We Do in the Dark*, Jennifer Hillier
- Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*, Gabrielle Zevin

Adult Nonfiction

- Ageless: The New Science of Getting Older Without Getting Old*,

Andrew Steele

- How to Give Up Plastic: A Guide to Changing the World, One Plastic Bottle at a Time*, Will McCallum
- On Animals*, Susan Orlean
- Our Plastic Problem and How to Solve it*, Sarah J. Morath
- Successful Aging: A Neuroscientist Explores the Power and Potential of Our Lives*, Daniel Levitin
- Thicker Than Water*, Erica Cirino

Middle Grade/Young Adult

- All American Boys*, Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza*, Mac Barnett and Shawn Harris
- The Plastic Problem*, Rachel Salt
- The Plastic Problem: 60 Small Ways to Reduce Waste and Help Save the Planet*, Lonely Planet Kids

Children's Books

- Hot Dog*, Doug Salati
- Lizzy and the Cloud*, Terry Fan
- No More Plastic*, Alma Fullerton

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

- The Book Woman's Daughter*, Kim Michele Richardson
- Cat Shining Bright*, Shirley Rousseau Murphy
- Heart Bones*, Colleen Hoover
- The Secret Place*, Tana French
- This Time Tomorrow*, Emma Straub
- Vigil Harbor*, Julia Glass
- Dark Tides*, Philippa Gregory
- The Last Tudor*, Philippa Gregory
- Bloomsbury Girls*, Natalie Jenner
- Another Kind of Eden*, James Lee Burke
- Every Cloak Rolled in Blood*, James Lee Burke
- Aurora*, David Koepp
- The Heart of the Deal*, Lindsay MacMillan

The Only Woman in the Room,

- Marie Benedict
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Wilmot Historical Society Offers Supper at Bandstand Concert

The Fern Family Band performs

Press release

The Wilmot Historical Society is serving supper at the Saturday, August 20, Wilmot Bandstand Concert. Denise's famous Mac and Cheese will be accompanied by coleslaw and a beverage. Homemade cookies and watermelon are on the menu for dessert. Entertainment will be provided by a local rhythm and blues group, the Fern Family Band.

Have a question about Wilmot history? The history room in the Wilmot

Town Office is now open every Saturday during the Wilmot Farmers Market from 9 AM to noon.

If you would like to inquire about your Wilmot genealogy, docents are on hand to help you. A new addition to help you do your research is a form on which to build your family tree and sheets for you to fill out with pertinent info on family. They are also providing links to help with research.

Wilmot genealogical papers that were compiled many years ago are now available in digitized form. The goal is to upload these files to the Wilmot Historical Society website.

If you have any questions about the history room, please call either Catherine Stearns at 603 525-8606 or Liz Kirby at 603 496-4883.

Wilmot Farmers Market Encourages Community to Eat Local

Donna Sprague
Wilmot Farmers Market

Wilmot Farmers Market joins markets across the country in celebrating National Farmers Market Week, from Sunday, August 7 through Saturday, August 13, and New Hampshire Eat Local Month for the entire month of August.

The Market encourages the community to attend our market during August and to participate in the New Hampshire Eat Local Challenge. Purchase foods from at least five different farms or food businesses that source from local farms. By Wednesday, August 31, submit a challenge form, available at the market while supplies last, for a chance to win one of a variety of nice prizes.

Later in the month, on Saturday, August 20, the market will be the host for a Cooking Matters workshop from 10 to 11 AM. In partnership with the New Hampshire Food Bank, the Nutrition Connections from the New Hampshire Corporation conducts the hour-long program, which features recipes, a tour of the market, and \$10 in vouchers to shop at the market.

Registration is required. Email Alyssa.Lemmermann@UNH.edu or call 603 815-2038.

Amid a global pandemic, farmers markets, in general, innovated to continue operations to sustain farms and continue to feed the communities that depend on them. Farmers markets create their own community, fostering direct relationships between customers and vendors, while building a lo-

cal food system. Farmers market hubs support local farms, enhance the local economy, and provide an outlet for small businesses of all kinds.

The 2022 Wilmot Market hosts about 20 full-time and part-time vendors, selling a wide variety of products, like soap and body care, goat products (including ice cream), beef, pork, chicken, eggs, produce, herbs, bakery items, pottery, jewelry, a book on Richard Potter, flowers, no-salt seasonings, note cards, woodworking and needlecrafts, maple syrup, and breakfast too.

After two years of strict guidelines and restrictions to reduce gathering, the market welcomes the return of the education tent and live music. The education tent is a space set aside for community nonprofits to spread their mission.

Veterans shopping at the market may bring an ID to the Merrimack County Conservation tent to receive \$20 per month in market vouchers. The vouchers can be used at any vendor tent. Donations to help continue the veteran's program are welcome and should be mailed directly to Merrimack County Conservation District, 10 Ferry Street Suite 211, Concord NH 03301.


Celebrate New Hampshire Eat Local month by visiting the Wilmot Farmers Market at 9 Kearsarge Valley Road in Wilmot Flat. The market operates rain or shine, from 9 AM to noon, every Saturday through September 24.

For information on vendors and musician schedules, visit WilmotFarmersMarket.com.

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Hub Brings a Pickleball Clinic to Andover

Thursday, August 4,
10 AM to noon


Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

A beginners' pickleball clinic for adults will be held on the Proctor Academy tennis courts in Andover on Thursday, August 4, from 10 AM to noon, sponsored by the Andover Community Hub. The rain date is Saturday, August 6, same time.

Pickleball – one of the fastest growing sports in America, combining elements of tennis, ping-pong, and badminton – is played on a court half the size of a tennis court. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn.

While pickleball was invented as a backyard game for kids and is a sport the whole family can enjoy, the game has particularly taken the retired community by storm.

The clinic is limited to 12; those interested in attending are asked to register at TheAndoverHub@gmail.com. A \$5 donation is requested to help pay for gas mileage for the volunteer instructor. Paddles will be provided, although participants are welcome to bring their own.

Sneakers are suggested. It's also been suggested that watching a beginner pickleball video on YouTube may be helpful, but it's certainly not necessary. The only requirement is that you come prepared to have some fun! 

Salisbury Market Offers Fresh Pastries and Made-to-Order Meals

Two new vendors;
Mondays, 3 to 6 PM


Helen Binette
Salisbury Farmers Market

We are halfway through July, and the Salisbury Farmers Market is going well. The market is open Monday afternoons from 3 to 6 PM at the Salisbury Town Hall on Route 4.

One of our newest vendors is Brambleberry Farm and Catering. Order fresh meals by Thursday, and pick them up at the market on Monday. Her menu will be posted on the Salisbury Friends and Citizens and the Salisbury New Hampshire Farmers Market Facebook

pages.

The other new vendor is Ruth Ann, a pastry chef who will have something different every week. Other products at the market will be baked goods, jams and jellies and relishes, mustard, honey, eggs, maple syrup, and meats, as well as vegetables as they come into season. There are plenty of gift items such as pottery, woven goods, sewing projects, felted ornaments, house plants, and dog treats.

Please come and meet the vendors. Please do not park inside the cones. They are there for safety reasons. If you have any questions, please call Helen Binette at 603 648-2156. 


Kearsarge Chorale Invites Singers to Perform Handel's Messiah

Concerts on November 19 and 20

Press release

Kearsarge Chorale will perform Handel's *Messiah* at two public concerts on Saturday, November 19, and Sunday, November 20. We are seeking singers to join us in this experience.

Weekly practices will begin on Monday, August 22, at 7 PM. Practice location is the choir room at First Baptist Church in New London; performance location is Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, New London.

Kearsarge Chorale is a local, volunteer, non-denominational group of dedicated singers of all ages whose goal is to bring the best of classical and contemporary choral artistry to the Lake Sunapee Region. Our Artistic Director, Alex Ager, provides the challenge and guidance for achievement and musical artistry. For more information, please visit KearsargeChorale.org. 



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OBITUARIES

GERALD (JERRY) R. SMITH died on June 6, 2022 after a long illness.

Born in Franklin on May 25, 1946, Jerry grew up in Danbury. He attended Andover High School and graduated from New London High School in New London. In 1965, he married Wanda (Prescott) Smith. Together, for the next 57 years they celebrated the good times and leaned on each other through the bad. They lived in Andover until moving to Englewood, Florida eight years ago.

Most of Jerry's career was spent in the construction field, where he retired from Jeremy Hiltz Excavating and where he was known as a hard worker and natural leader. When his sons were growing up, he coached Little League in Andover. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. His easy smile, quick laugh, and friendly manner put anyone around him at ease.

In his younger days, he enjoyed playing baseball and basketball, while in his older years he enjoyed them as a spectator from the comfort of his home. He also possessed the ability to repair almost anything that needed fixing around home.

Jerry was preceded in death by his sons, Todd Smith and Christopher Smith, and by his parents, Rodney Smith and Mary (Stevens) Smith. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Smith; sisters Connie McLeod, Janet Kuhlmeier, and Eleanor George (Howard); sister-in-law Dawn Kinevich; and nieces and nephew.

Burial will be at Proctor Cemetery in Andover at a date that is convenient for his family.

ment in 2001. He was involved in well known projects like the Saturn V, A10, F16 military planes, as well as many others. His ability to draw and understand the complex needs of the interiors for the people who flew them was remarkable.

He adored history and reading as well. He took trips to find antiques and vintage items, especially clocks and radios, as they brought him closer to the Americana he loved. He loved to be outdoors. Gardens, snow removal, or designing the interior of the F22 Raptor fighter jet, whichever it was, he worked with his hands, and they served him well.

Jim's fondness for animals made him a great father to many special dogs and cats.

He is predeceased by his parents, Thure and Helen Reenstierna; his sister, Carole S. Sullivan; and his twin brother, Jon G. Reenstierna.

Jim is survived by his wife, Diane Reenstierna of Jaffrey; his daughters and their spouses: Jodi (Kevin) Sleeper of Andover and Jeanna (Scott) Gagnon of Amherst, New Hampshire; his step-daughter, Kelly Cruz of Tucson, Arizona; and his son, Joel Reenstierna of Tucson, Arizona.

He is also survived by two grandchildren and their spouses: Naomi (Conor) Sands and Jeffrey Gagnon (Yejeshwi Karki); as well as his brother-in-law, Richard Sullivan of Colorado and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private farewell will be held graveside.

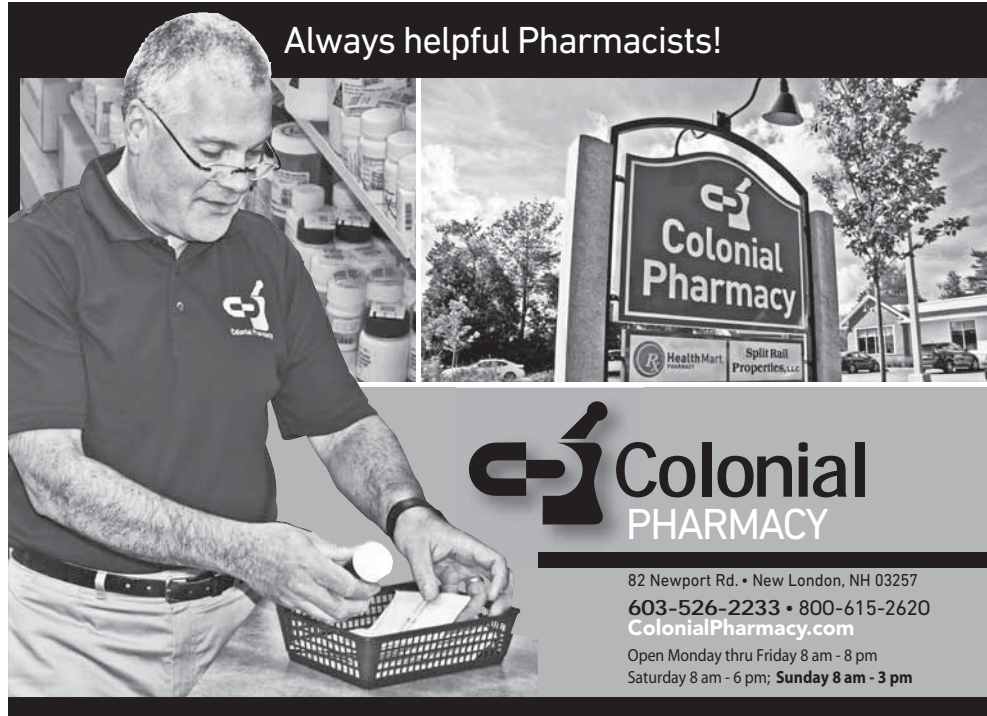
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Jim's name to the Monadnock Humane Society at 101 W Swanzey Road, Swanzey NH 03446 or MonadnockHumaneSociety.org.

MARGARET "PEG" COLBURN, 87, of Laconia, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on June 22, 2022, after a short battle with medical complications.

Peg was born to Leo T. Lacy and Sadie Blanche Lacy in Haverhill on April 30, 1935. Peg was one of 10 children. Raised in Andover, Peg graduated from Andover High School in 1953. She was married to Kenneth W. Colburn, and they raised four children in Penacook.

Peg was known for her strong work ethic, and she was an accountant at Rivco and George Colburn, CPA for many years.

Peg cherished spending time with her family. See Obituaries on page 29



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JAMES LIBERT REENSTIERNA, 83, of Jaffrey, peacefully passed away on June 21, 2022, at the Monadnock Community Hospital. He was surrounded by all who loved him.

He was born on May 30, 1939, in Leominster, Massachusetts. At approximately 10 years old, Jim and his family moved to Lake Contocook in Rindge. He graduated from Conant High School in 1957.



After moving to Jaffrey, he began training at New Hampshire Ball Bearing in Peterborough as a draftsman and designer.

Jim's education took him (and his two new daughters) to Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut. His design ability was recognized by Sanders Associates of Nashua, and it allowed him to return to his beloved New Hampshire, and that is where he remained until his retire-



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family and friends. She enjoyed helping others, traveling, and studying the Bible. Peg had a gift of understanding others and was a great friend to many.

Peg was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth W. Colburn; her siblings, Charles Dines, Patricia Sharrar, Jean Lacy, Edward Lacy, Leo Lacy Jr., Alberta Lacy, and Larry Lacy; and her grandson, Benjamin Jenkins.

She is survived by her sisters, Sarah (Sally) Marcouiller (by one day) of Apopka, Florida and Leona Gillespie of Hemet, California; her children and their spouses, George and Kristen Colburn of Concord, Leona Jenkins of Rochester, Kevin and Michelle Colburn of Eliot, Maine, and Kent and Karen Colburn of Salisbury; her honorary daughter, Patricia (Dines) Ingalls of Standish, Maine; her grandchildren, Megan Jenkins, Sadie Jenkins, Brad Colburn, and Katelyn Colburn; many nieces and nephews; and two great-

lee. He is also survived by his good girl Alice, his "grand puppy" Millie, and many nieces and nephews who call him their "FU" (favorite uncle).

The Tuerk love story started on a job site in 1983 where Carol and her sisters, in search of firewood, stumbled upon Jim, where the two lovebirds struck a deal trading firewood for a 30-rack of beer.

They were happily married on May 7, 1988, committing their lives to each other and their two sons. Jim's family, friends, and community became everything to him. Car rides to Boston for cannoli, creating and building with his hands, backpacking, hiking, camping, gardening, coffee, and making people laugh were some of his favorite things. Unanimously, he had the world's best laugh, hitting everyone's funny bone with endless "Dad jokes".

"Jimbo" was an all-or-nothing kind of guy and, luckily for the ones he loved, he was always all in. His dedication to his crafts and his jack-of-all-trades talent covered a wide range of working

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lowing there was a graveside service at Lakeside Cemetery in Andover.

Assisting with arrangements is the Cremation Society of New Hampshire, Boscawen. To view Jim's online tribute, send condolences to his family, or for more information, visit CSNH.com.

GEORGE S. MILLER, 86, of Franklin, passed away on July 7, 2022, at Concord Hospital – Laconia after a period of failing health. He was born



on July 28, 1935, in East Andover, the son of William J. and Violet E. (Small) Miller Jr. George grew up in East Andover and graduated from Andover High School in 1953. After high school,

he proudly served in the US Army.

At home, George utilized his carpentry skills doing home improvement projects and took great pride in his garden. He also enjoyed making homemade donuts, bread, and baked beans.

George loved country music, and one of his favorite past times was playing guitar. In the '70s, George was a square dance caller and formed a band, George and the Hay Shakers, with his wife, two sons, and brother-in-law.

George was a fishing and hunting enthusiast and once harvested a 10-point buck that qualified for the Boone and Crockett Club. He was a longtime member and past president of the Andover Fish and Game Club.

George was a story-teller extraordinaire and enjoyed sharing his many stories with family and friends. He also enjoyed playing bingo and vacationing in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. On occasion,

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Memorial Service

A memorial service for Gay Ellen Rayno, 85, who died on February 24, 2022, will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at 11 AM at the First Congregational Church of Wilmot, UCC, 19 North Wilmot Road, Wilmot.

grandchildren.

Her devotion to her family, support of others, and caring nature will be missed. Her spirit will live on for eternity in Heaven.

At Peg's request, a private graveyard service will be held for immediate family members. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Meals on Wheels by visiting MealsOnWheelsAmerica.org.

Assisting the family with arrangements is the Cremation Society of New Hampshire, Boscawen. To view Peg's online tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, visit CSNH.com.

JAMES MICHAEL TUERK, 57, of Andover was set free on June 23, 2022, at home after a brave and valiant battle with cancer. He was born in Manchester and was a



life-long resident of the state. His late parents, Jeannette (Gauthier) Walters and James Tuerk welcomed Jim, the baby of his family, on December 9, 1964.

James is survived by the loves of his life Carol (Dolliver) and his two sons, Peter and Michael, along with his two sisters Jacqueline Bachman, Denise Biddle, and his brother Richard Val-

experiences. He started by building houses with his longtime friend Michael Kearney, the owner of M and K construction.

In 1999, Jimmy and Carol took a leap of faith, packed up and moved to North Woodstock, and purchased The Maple Lodge Motel and Cabins. Repeat guests, family, and new friends alike vacationed at this beautiful property during the summers in the White Mountains. During the winters, Jim was the resident DJ with his love for music and operated the tow ropes at the Kancamagus Ski Area.

He loved the winters, traditionally playing hooky with his sons to ski in the first fresh powder of the season, and one year invented the "Jim-boni" – something he used to keep his ice rink in ideal skating condition in his front yard.

In recent years he repurposed his talents, working with the guys at Beau Trusses in Boscawen. This allowed him to dream and build his paradise and forever home in Andover with his sweetie, Carol. Together they turned an abandoned property into a farm bursting with life, gardens, animals, and love.


When they moved to Andover, Jim renewed and strengthened his faith in God with the support and love of the Andover Community Church, drawn by the bells that he could hear from his front porch.

A funeral service was held at Andover Community Church in East Andover on June 29. Immediately fol-


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Janet Moore, Sam Mishcon, Betty Manahan, and Vicky Mishcon took a copy of The Andover Beacon along with them on a visit to the Marshall Point Lighthouse in Port Clyde, Maine, on a beautiful July afternoon.



Charlie Welch was all smiles playing with the parachute during AE/MS' Field Day in June. Caption and photo: Jen Bent

PARENTS: HOW ARE THE KIDS?

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

Send news of how they're doing in college, in their careers, engagements, marriages, babies, promotions, etc. Everyone in town takes great pride in seeing how "our" kids turn out – please help us keep them up to date.

Send news and pictures to Articles@AndoverBeacon.com!



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Party of three! Mane Street Salon welcomes Trisha Laro. Trisha joins us from Salon K in Concord. She has her license in cosmetology and master barbering. Trisha lives in East Andover with her family and is looking forward to meeting all of you in our wonderful community. Trisha will join us on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Try scheduling with her online at Schedulicity.com. Help us give Trisha a warm welcome to Mane Street!



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he enjoyed trying his luck at the casinos.

George enjoyed watching old westerns and documentaries on the Civil War and World War II. He was an avid Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan and looked forward to watching the games with family on weekends. Most of all, George loved playing cribbage, win or lose, and looked forward to weekly games with his friend Bob.

George's professional career included working as a CNA at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover and at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen. He and his wife also operated a shared home in Andover before retiring in 1992. George was a member of the American Legion.

He was predeceased by his parents; his wife Janet (McLeod); and four siblings: Barbara Fraser, Marilyn Annis, William Miller III, and Dorothy Miller.

He is survived by his four children: Kevin Miller and his wife Marie of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Tammy

Miller of Franklin, Craig Miller of Andover, and Tanja Cloutier and her husband Joseph of Andover.

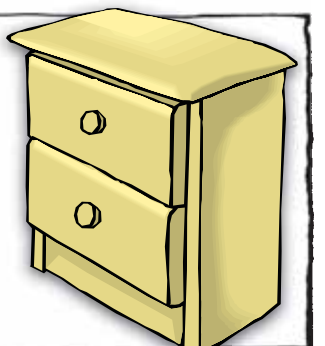
He leaves behind six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, his sister Calista (Cris) M. Tilton and her husband John of Franklin, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends. How precious you all have been to George!

Many thanks to the kind-hearted doctors and nurses at the Veterans Administration, VNA, and Concord Hospital – Laconia who provided care to George.

A committal service with military honors will be held at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen at a later date. Memorial donations in memory of George can be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka Kansas 66675-8516.

The William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home of Tilton is assisting the Miller family. For more information, visit SmartFuneralHome.com.

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It goes without saying that we are living in a global housing crisis. Each nation and culture has different solutions for their housing challenges. Middle Eastern cultures will live in the same family house for generations, and have you seen coffin housing in Hong Kong? Here in the US, we value our privacy and single family housing, but we have a new generation who are struggling to find even the simplest of accommodations. The strict rental market aside, the NH housing market affordability index dropped 31 points to 70%. It's lowest ever in recorded history. This means that the median household earns 30% less than what is needed to qualify for a median priced home. Even though inventory has been increasing as we stride into summer, we are still 4% below last year. From my perspective, it will take a great deal of inventory to pacify our growing demand. But how can we accomplish this when the price of construction has increased so significantly? Not to mention the price of land has also increased (maybe not as drastically) and the cash needed to close on a construction loan is typically 20%. As I reported last month, the fed's stepped in to manipulate our market via interest rate hikes. This summer, our state legislation is stepping in to make it easier for new construction and expansion of existing structures to allow for multi-unit housing. Take a look at NH House Bill 1661 which encourages and offers training to local zoning boards in regard to land use. Additionally, this bill incentivizes workforce/affordable housing the same way elderly and retirement housing is treated. Another incentive at the state level is the 100-million-dollar housing development fund which will help fund developers of multi housing units and bring their projects to completion quickly. End of summer quickly. Find out more information at invest603.com. For more local real estate information contact Ty Morris at 603.237.2060

WORD PUZZLES

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NO NO right	B E D	W E S S D
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ANSWERS (LEFT TO RIGHT): neon lights, high frequency, no one to blame, right under the nose, bedspread, West Indies, split level, once upon a time, just right, put two and two together, forgive and forget, count the ways

TRANSACTIONS

70 SWITCH ROAD
4 Beds | 3 Baths | 2.08 Acres
Kenneth Johnson sold to Jason and Kara Berlin for \$527,000

206 BEECH HILL ROAD
3 Beds | 3 Baths | 2.63 Acres
Sarah Witcher sold to Talia Parkes and Casey Smith for \$420,000

37 NORTH SHORT STREET
5 Beds | 3 Baths | 0.69 Acres
William O'Mara sold to Alicia Hakins and Richard Martin for \$312,500

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Our summer campers had a field trip down at the East Andover Fire Station where we brought our bikes and scooters to ride around on the driveway and on the rail trail. We also enjoyed a picnic lunch under the trees! Left to right: Alice, Jolene, Quest, Elijah, Liam, Addilyn, Kinleigh, Lauralei, Charlotte, and Miss Robyn.
 Caption and photo: Stephanie D'Amour

Proctor Prepares for the 2022-2023 School Year

Students arrive on campus on September 2

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

As we flip the calendar to August, preparations for the 2022-2023 school year at Proctor Academy are well underway. The first students will arrive on campus on Friday, September 2, and in total 380 students will attend Proctor this year, including 122 new students. Among those new students are 72 ninth graders, 27 tenth graders, 18 eleventh graders, and six new twelfth graders.

Over the course of the first week of September, Proctor's annual Wilderness Orientation program, a program that has run continuously for 52 years, will take these 122 new students into the White Mountains for a five-day backpacking trip. Check out Proctor's website at ProctorAcademy.org and our social media channels to learn more about the upcoming school year as the month of August unfolds.



The Proctor Woodlands Building is nearing completion. The final project in the \$40M+ Campaign for Proctor, the Woodlands Building will serve as a science teaching space and gateway to Proctor's 2,500 acres of woodlands. The timber frame construction of the building utilizes timbers harvested on Proctor's land near Elbow Pond.
 Caption and photo: Scott Allenby

Proctor Woodlands Building Nears Completion for September Use

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The final project in the \$40M+ Campaign for Proctor, the new Proctor Woodlands Building will open its doors for the first time to students this September.

Serving as a gateway to Proctor's 2,500 acres of woodlands for science

classes and other outdoor-focused pursuits, the Woodlands Building's timber frame construction utilizes timbers harvested on Proctor's land last summer and then milled in Tamworth, New Hampshire before returning to campus.

Located to the north of the Mary

Lowell Stone and Sally B dormitories, and adjacent to Leonard Field, the building features two large wet-labs/classroom spaces, a grand common area with a fireplace for group gatherings, and an attached greenhouse that will host science classes, including Proctor's new botany class. Proctor will host an open house for this new building later in the fall. Stay tuned for details!



Front entrance of the new Woodlands Building at Proctor Academy. Photo: Scott Allenby

Summer Provides Lots of Fun and Learning for Preschoolers

Enrollment available for 2022/2023 school year

Stephanie D'Amour

East Andover Village Preschool

We are enjoying summertime here at EAVP, spending all the time outside. We are getting creative with bringing materials outside to stay cool, like water beads in the water table and a slip 'n' slide down our hill.

We were happy to be back in the Andover Fourth of July parade and even winning the grand prize for our float! If you missed our float, we displayed pictures from past years to go

with the "Around Town in 80 Years" theme. It was a lot of fun looking back at all the great years the preschool has been around.

We found a few familiar faces in our search through old photos. Our very own Miss Robyn is an East Andover Village Preschool alumna, class of 2000. Families have come for generations. One of our current students' mom came here as a preschooler, class of 1994.

There are a limited of enrollment spaces available for the 2022-2023 school year. Please email EAVP@tds.net if you are interested.



Elementary kids have been enjoying fun science experiments during the summer program at AE/MS. They made predictions, observations, and discussions about chemical reactions. Caption and photo: Holly Croteau

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