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Lee Wells, Deputy Moderator

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If you are registered as "undeclared," See Election on page 5



The Hub's universal-access ramp will begin in its parking lot at 157 Main Street and end at an outdoor deck being constructed by volunteers Steve Darling, Ken Wells, Doug Phelps, Paul Currier, and Harvey Best.

Captions and photos: Larry Chase

Hub Capital Campaign Nears Goal, But Needs \$20,000 More

Many improvements have been completed

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

As of the last week in August, the Andover Community Hub reported that a total of \$98,000 had been received in contributions to its "Come On In" capital campaign begun in September 2021, and that about 50% of the improvements to its historic structure at 157 Main Street had been completed.

The news was not entirely positive, however. Although \$100,000 had been announced as the campaign's goal, the Hub also reported last month that because of increased material costs and additional project requirements, campaign success will require an estimated additional \$20,000 to be raised.

"We are of course delighted with the generosity of the responses so far," said Susan Chase, Hub treasurer, who noted that about 93% of the funds re-

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Brenda Lett helps to unveil the new marker, honoring local magician Richard Potter, provided by the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire.

Photo: Arnie Alpert

New Black Heritage Plaque Honors Potter Place's Namesake

Ceremony took place during AHS Old Time Fair

Arnie Alpert, InDepthNH.org

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As of August 7, there's another reason to visit the village of Potter Place in the town of Andover: a Black Heritage Trail plaque in honor of the village's namesake, Richard Potter.

If the name is unfamiliar, you are no doubt living in the wrong century. Potter, who lived from 1783 to 1835, was one of America's first celebrities, a status he earned by traveling the country performing magic and ventriloquism. That he was a Black man who performed in every state makes his story that much more remarkable.

"He went everywhere," said [Ando-

ver's] John Hodgson, author of *Richard Potter: America's First Black Celebrity*, a speaker at the dedication ceremony sponsored by the Andover Historical Society. "He traveled around the entire country as it then existed, between 1819 and 1823," offering performances in big cities and small towns. "And when he went everywhere, he also performed to all audiences. And this was extremely unusual then." According to Hodgson, Potter was the most widely seen entertainer of his time.

Born the son of an enslaved woman in Massachusetts, Potter was performing in circuses and learning the magic trade in England by his early teens. By 1811, he was performing on his own back in the United States. According to the Andover Historical Society, "Richard had often performed at Benjamin

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Andover Garden Club Launches Scarecrows and Pumpkinheads

Part of town-wide beautification program

Justine Puliafico
Andover Garden Club

It still feels like summer, but fall will be here before you know it, so it is time to start planning for Andover's fourth annual Scarecrows and Pumpkinheads All Around Town event. This year the event will be coordinated by the Hub's Andover Garden Club as part of its town-wide beautification program.

We are asking that the entire community get involved. There is no specific theme for your display. The hope is that both businesses and residents will use their imagination to create fun scarecrow displays throughout town.

Need some inspiration to get started? Look around the house and try to incorporate items you already have. Stools, benches, wheel barrels, tractors, See Scarecrows on page 5



Caught relaxing at the corner of Route 11 and Maple Street in East Andover was this 2021 scarecrow, one of about two dozen observed around town.



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Old Time Fair Brings Magic Back to Potter Place

40th Anniversary celebration a huge success

Lindsey Schust
Andover Historical Society

After months of planning and organizing, the Andover Historical Society's Old 2022 Time Fair went off without a hitch. With over 50 volunteers, we made it happen.

toric demonstrations, including Spunk and Lance Ford's Hercules engines. We had a giant sale at the Freight House, pumper car rides, craft vendors, and miniature train rides by conductor Aaron Gonthier. There was a café set up at the Gordon Lull House, an ice cream stand, and all the museum buildings were open for show.

Between 10:30 and noon, festivities centered around Richard Potter and the unveiling of the newly-placed Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire (BHTNH) bronze plaque, which sits on the hill beside the Potters' gravesite.

The entire event was full of beautiful music, including the singing of Amazing Grace by Louise Grasmere, African-style drumming by Timbre Drums Ensemble, a New Orleans-style "second line" parade led by the Wildman Brothers jazz duo, and music by Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band to finish off the afternoon.

With gratitude and much apprecia-



Tim and Jim Wildman led a short New Orleans-style parade through Potter Place and the Old Time Fair as a prelude to the unveiling of the new BHTNH plaque for Richard Potter.
Photo: Arnie Alpert



Grace Schust, Cate Cushing, and Lindsey Schust of the Timbre Drums Ensemble performed at the Old Time Fair.

Photo: Dan Comley, BHTNH

We had food by the Andover Community Church, thanks to Donna Thompson. There was a bean bag toss by Herbie Barton. We had several his-

tion from the Andover Historical Society for everyone's contribution of time and hard work, thank you everyone! It was magic!

Volunteers: Charlie and Kim Baer, Frank Baker, Herbie Barton, Billie Benincase, Peter Brackman, Arlon Chaffee, Larry Chase, Luan Clark, Colin Coolidge, Pam Cooper, Seth Currier, Dana Dakin, Charlie Darling, Janet Dickson, Gigi Dougherty, Alex Estin, Carlyse and Bob Evans, Spunk Ford, Ken and Linda Grant, Sandra Graves, Donna Baker-Hartwell, John and Sooze Hodgson, Bill and Linda Hoffman, Stephanie Hurlburt, Nathan Irving,

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Jorge Casas, a resident of East Andover, caught this dramatic lightning strike near Highland Lake during an August storm.

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ceived to date have come from 46 individuals or families, six local businesses, and five foundations. Community-supported fund-raising events, including the July “Food ‘n’ Fiddle” fest at the Andover Barn, have accounted for the remaining 7%. (“Food ‘n’ Fiddle” itself attracted well over 100 attendees and brought in \$5,001.)

Chase added: “Though we still have work to do to reach our new goal, we’re confident that the Hub’s base of community support is more than sufficient to achieve it within the next few months.”

The campaign’s three components, announced last September, include (1) the replacement of a badly leaking roof, (2) the provision of universal access to the building, and (3) installation of a community kitchen.

The roof replacement was completed in June; building accessibility is about 50% completed; and the kitchen installation is now in the advanced planning



Additional support was provided by Proctor Academy, which supplied a backhoe and operator Jim Hanson for construction of a firm foundation; and by Belletetes, which donated \$1,000 of construction materials.

stage. A rough drawing of the kitchen’s proposed floor plan is now on display inside the Hub, for those interested in this element of the Hub’s future.

Potter from page 1

Thompson’s tavern in Andover and liked the area and the people. He purchased a 175-acre farm in 1814 and built a home that became a showplace. The neighborhood soon became known as ‘Potter’s Place.’”

As for how he earned his fame, Hodgson said, “We have to begin with his expertise.” Addressing about 100 people dodging the sun under a tent or grabbing patches of shade by the old Potter Place train depot, Hodgson emphasized, “He was expert in magic, in ventriloquism, in one-man theatrical entertainments; he really had no peer at that time. He was assiduous in his honing of his skills; he was extraordinarily good at all of them.”

He was also a Black man in

a country where slavery was legal, even in New Hampshire. The year of Potter’s death, 1835, is also noteworthy for the destruction by local racists of the interracial Noyes Academy in Canaan, just See Potter on page 6



John Hodgson meets Mason Frederick Summers, Past Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge (formerly the African Lodge) in Boston, the first black Masonic lodge in America. Richard Potter was a prominent member. Photo: Dan Comley, BHTNH

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snowmobiles, bales of hay, bikes and boats are all great "large scale" starting points.

To build your scarecrow, you can use plastic bags stuffed with newspaper, hay, or other lightweight materials to make arms, legs, and bodies. Then head to your closets or check out the Andover Service Club's Thrift and Gift Shop for clothing items.

If you want to get really fancy and incorporate real pumpkins into your display, the best way is to start by securing the "head" to a dowel or stake. Remembering that pumpkins can be heavy, the wider the base stake, the sturdier your structure will be.

There is also a great YouTube tutorial by the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce at [YouTube.com/watch?v=6Ko5EqCfXw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ko5EqCfXw) that has a ton of great ideas and tips for displays.

More information will follow in next

month's *Beacon*, but for now, let's get planning! It would be great to have displays up by Saturday, October 1, so everyone has the entire month of October to enjoy. We hope that you will all join us for some fall spirit and family fun!

And, one last thing! While we are thinking about fall and pumpkins, it's time to make the rearrangements and additions to your perennial gardens that you have been eyeing and noting throughout the summer. Need some help implementing these changes? We can help! Attend the September 28 program, *All About Perennials*, being held from 3 to 5 PM at the Perennial Border located at the Andover Town Office.

Fall is a great time to plant, divide and rearrange your perennials. Learn how to do these things and more at this hands-on demonstration. The program fee is \$10 and reservations are requested by September 23. Email AndoverNH-GardenClub@gmail.com for reservations.



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you will need to declare as a Democrat or as a Republican to receive the ballot of your choice. If you would like your voter registration to return to "undeclared" after you have voted, be sure to check in with one of the Supervisors of the Checklist to change back to undeclared before leaving the polling place.

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Please be an informed voter. Take the time to look at the sample ballots in the *Beacon* and do some research on the candidates.





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Potter from page 3

20 miles northwest of Potter's home.

The ceremony for the new plaque was just one part of the Andover Historical Society's 40th annual celebration, which included crafts sales, a flea market, music from Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, children's activities, and more, including the popular railroad handcars.

The Historical Society has also preserved the site where Potter and his wife, Sally, are buried, near the old depot, which serves as the Society's headquarters and museum. It's also a hub on the Northern Rail Trail, popular with cyclists.

Nearby, on Route 4, a State of New Hampshire historical marker notes that the village "takes its name from Richard Potter, noted magician, ventriloquist, and showman." Although that plaque calls him "a master of the Black Arts," it does not note that he was a Black man.

The new plaque fills the void.

Lindsey Schust, who emceed the ceremony, recalled that when she was growing up, Potter's race was obscured or treated as an embarrassment. Now, she told me, "we don't have to hide that anymore."

"Having the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire marker is a major step forward for Andover," Schust said. "I hope that this will help make this feel like a very welcoming, open place."

Following the speeches, music with the Timbre Drums Ensemble, a stirring rendition of Amazing Grace from Louise Grasmere, and a New Orleans-style parade led by Tim and Jim Wildman, the crowd gathered around the site of the new plaque, mounted on a rock behind the depot. After removing a covering, Brenda Lett read the wording aloud.

"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 Unit-

ed 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."

Lett, a Black Heritage Trail volunteer who lives in Manchester, told me afterward that she sees Potter as someone who "appeared to bring out the good in everyone."

He must have had some bad days due to racism, she said, but "it feels like the majority of his life was lived as a human being, and urging other people to treat him that way, which lifts up their own humanity."

Also at the ceremony was JerriAnne Boggis, the New Hampshire Black Heritage Trail's Executive Director. Based in Portsmouth, where the largest concentration of Black people lived in New Hampshire's early days, the Trail has of late been expanding its presence in other parts of the state. Boggis said they erected plaques last year in Hancock and Warner. Already this year, they placed one in Windham and one in Kittery, Maine, and have plans for additional markers in Exeter, Dover, Jaffrey, and Milford.

Boggis says it's important to tell the full story about New Hampshire's Black history. "We wanted to make sure that all these stories were revived, reintroduced to communities that had long forgotten," she told me after the dedication ceremony. There are stories of racism and stereotyping, she said, but also stories of inclusion. "The more we tell these stories, the more we bring them to life, the better we can build those bridges, bridges of understanding, and create, hopefully, a more just society."

"It's a big goal," she said, but it's one they are reaching for one plaque at a time.

Arnie Alpert is a retired activist, organizer, and community educator long involved in movements for social and economic justice. Arnie writes an occasional column, Active with the Activists for InDepthNH.org.

Old Time Fair from page 2

Music Tent: Charlie Baer, JerriAnne Boggis (Executive Director of BHTNH), Larry Chase (photos), Dan Comley (BHTNH photos), Cate Cushing (drum), Paul Currier (mandolin, dobro, fiddle, vocals), Seth Currier (sound), Dana Dakin (consultant), Louise Grasmere (vocalist), John Hodgson (speaker), Gary Samson (photos), Jim Schust (guitar), Grace Schust (drums and vocals), Lindsey Schust (drums, vocals, keyboard and MC), Ellie Taylor (speaker), Proctor Head of School Brian Thomas (speaker), and Tim and Jim Wildman (New Orleans jazz parade).

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Hub Thanks Supporters

The Andover Community Hub's "Food and Fiddle at the Barn" fundraising event in July succeeded beyond our wildest dreams. In spite of it being a scorcher of a day, everybody had a great time, and we raised over \$5,000 toward our future community kitchen.

We would like to publicly thank all those who supported us by buying tickets, and particularly those who also lugged tables and chairs, baked scrumptious des-

serts, decorated tables, donated and arranged their garden flowers, and helped underwrite the music and supplies.

Cindy Benson, Larry Chase, Susan Chase, Paul Currier, Gisela Darling, Steve Darling, Samantha Morris, Ty Morris, Kathy Ordway, Doug Phelps, Dana Swenson, Thomas Ware, and Ken Wells
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Representative Wells Endorses Andrus

I come to the citizens of Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Webster, and Hill to endorse Representative Louise Andrus.

I first met Louise at Old Home Days in Salisbury back in 2015. I just loved her high energy and passion in what she believed. For years, as a citizen of Salisbury, Louise attended her local school board meetings. Her mission was to have transparency and fight for parents' rights. When she decided to take that leap of faith and run for New Hampshire State Representative, her spirit was in full gear.

She has earned an "A" scoring from Americans for Prosperity (looking out for small businesses) and from NH-Cornerstone.org (looking out for families, and this includes the unborn). If she felt a bill didn't seem quite right to her, she would do her research and go down to the "well" of the House Chambers and explain her reasons to the 400 House members. In her first year as a fighter for conservative values, she received the "Ebenezer Mudgett Champion of Freedom Award."

Louise is like the Energizer Bunny, working hard for school choice in education, family, election integrity, our Second Amendment rights, and to vote against any taxes to the New Hampshire citizen. For these reasons, and many more, I endorse Representative Louise Andrus. Now, more than ever, we need to keep a conservative in charge of the purse strings in this beautiful Granite State.

I ask you to join me on Tuesday, September 13, and Tuesday, November 8, to re-elect Louise Andrus and send her back as your New Hampshire State Representative again.

Natalie Wells

New Hampshire Representative

In Support of Mike Cryans

Mike Cryans seeks election to the Executive Council, District 2. Mike has the energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to effectively represent all people in the District.

Mike served with distinction when he was elected for a two-year term in 2018. Then, he personally visited all 108 municipalities in the District. The Executive Council acts as a board of trustees for the state of New Hampshire.

Raised in Littleton, Mike has worked for New Hampshire residents during his entire career – first as a teacher, later as a banker, and up until a few years ago as an administrator of a social service agency. Mike served for 19 years as a member of the Grafton County Board of Commissioners.

Mike is a strong supporter of renewable energy projects. As Grafton County Commissioner, Mike supported a geothermal project for the new Grafton County Jail and a biomass project for the County. Together, these projects significantly reduced the County's oil consumption.

Mike's priority is constituent service, and he has assisted many people with unemployment compensation, disability claims, and state permitting issues. Mike will serve all the people of District 2, regardless of political affiliation.

Recently, a long time State Representative said the following of Mike:

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

serts, decorated tables, donated and arranged their garden flowers, and helped underwrite the music and supplies.

And a huge thanks to Pecco and Gail Beaufays for the donation of their wonderful Andover Barn and grounds for the event; to the Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio for music enjoyed by all; and to Ty Morris, ably assisted by his wife Samantha, for donating, preparing, and serving such marvelous food for everyone. It all couldn't have been better – and we couldn't have done it without

The mission of The Andover Beacon is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome (by the 15th!) civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another's religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The Beacon reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason. You'll find a much longer discussion of what we consider civil and reasoned, and why, at AndoverBeacon.com/Letters. Please read it carefully before you write!



LORNA CARLISLE REPRESENTATIVE

District 5 – Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury & Webster

I'm a Webster native and Salisbury resident for 18 years. I retired in 2021 and was looking forward to running our farm stand full time. However, with the state of politics I felt compelled to run for state representative rather than complain. I hope you'll consider voting for me, as well as Ken Wells and David Nesbitt, my fellow Democrats, in November. I will work to halt the erosion of your basic human rights being advanced by New Hampshire Republicans.

I stand for:

- Strengthening public schools and supporting public-school teachers.
- Ensuring that birth control and abortion remain personal healthcare decisions, not matters for politicians to determine.
- Protecting marriage equality, understanding that people's sexual orientation and gender identity are civil rights.
- Caring for our environment: We must support local, state, and federal policies that protect clean air, clean water, and a rapid transition to a sustainable energy future.
- Balancing your 2nd amendment rights with your right to keep your families, all of our children, and our communities free from the threats of gun violence.
- Making it easy for every citizen to vote and to have their vote counted.

I think of the U.S. Constitution as a brilliant framework, a living document we should interpret through the lens of modern technologies and scientific understanding.

This is the United States of America. Truth matters here.

** Paid Political Advertisement • Paid for by Lorna Carlisle **

Letters from page 7

“He provided a strong and effective voice for the North Country and our area (Upper Valley), as we all know.”

Please vote Mike Cryans for Executive Council, District 2 in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, September 13.

Gerald Coogan
New London

More Support for Mike Cryans

I write, with enthusiasm, to support the candidacy of Mike Cryans, as he runs for the New Hampshire Executive Council, District 2, a post he has served before with great distinction.

Mike's qualities hardly need repeating. He is known for his honesty, integrity, and effectiveness as a leader.

Other laudable qualities include discipline, strength, commitment, willpower, perseverance, and stamina – all qualities that show up in his career as an Executive Councilor and are magnified by his long history as an elite runner.

Mike has been running regularly since turning 40 and has logged over 111,111 miles, the equivalent of going around the world more than four times over the last 31 years. His current streak

of running every day is over 11 and a half years, or 4,250 days. Mind-boggling!

Mike has and will bring all of these qualities serving as a member of the Executive Council, and for me, voting for Mike is a no-brainer.

Be sure to vote for Mike Cryans in the upcoming election to serve in the New Hampshire Executive Council.

George Hathorn
Hanover

Liberty for Whom?

In my opinion, Representative Andrus displays the same blindness toward the abortion discussion as do some of her like-minded Republican associates. Early in her big ad, published in the August *Beacon*, she states that she is pro-life and pro-limited government.

Later she praises a definition of Liberty: “The quality or state of being free. The power to do as one pleases. The power of choice. Limited government.” Still later she says, “...I believe in being free and the power to make my own choices...”

Whether it is big government or small government that decrees abortion outlawed, one must ask where that freedom then goes for the 16-year old who doesn't want to have a baby? Where does it go for the 30-year old professional woman

who doesn't want a baby which will interfere with a promising career? Where does it go for the 40-year old mother with a house full of kids who thinks another one will be one too many?

I believe that any regulation blocking abortion represents an intrusion by government into women's freedoms. I don't know how Republicans, or anyone for that matter, are able to rationalize this conflict in their thinking.

Bill Bardsley
Andover

Again, Liberty for Whom?

I'm Lorna Carlisle and I am running for State Representative. Unfortunately, the state of politics and the attacks on basic rights made me want to do something rather than just complain.

Many of the current Republicans claim they are for freedom, but if you dig deeper, in my opinion, their actions are actually taking away our freedom. Basic human rights, again in my opinion, for LGBTQ-IA+ are under attack. Roe v. Wade was reversed, and they don't plan to stop there. If women don't have control over their own healthcare choices and when and how to start a family, what's next?

Clarence Thomas already signaled

what's next. Do we want to go back to the days of segregation, no birth control for women, no marriage equality, etc.? Pro-life seems only to mean giving birth. After that you're on your own.

Democrats have been trying to pass legislation to protect our environment. I believe we have to make our best effort every day. Not give up. It's too important for future generations. That to me is Pro-Life. All life.

Growing up in rural New Hampshire I learned how to shoot, but I don't think people need assault rifles. Too many kids have been killed. Our public schools are under attack. Teachers deserve respect and not be questioned on their curriculum at every turn.

Republicans, and anyone else who is worried about their children seeing “inappropriate books”, should consider cell phone usage, and monitor social media and internet content. I think that these can be way more dangerous than books.

Public education is for the benefit of all. Personally, I don't feel that books are dangerous – they are a source of knowledge, wonder, and science. Future generations are our greatest hope. Let's make sure we protect their rights and the environment so they have a future.

Lorna Carlisle
Salisbury





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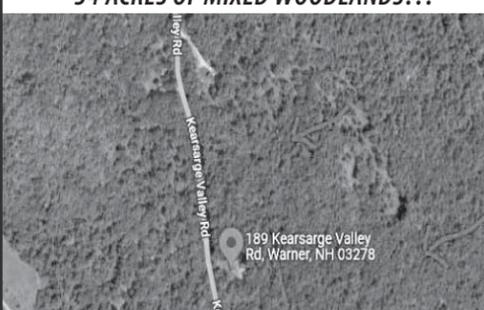
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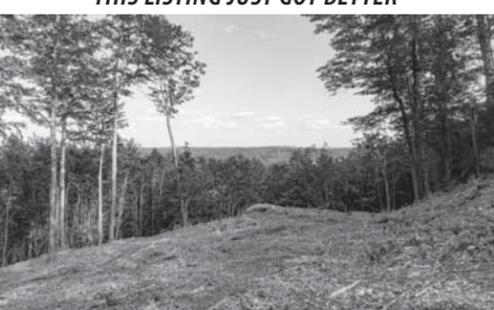
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OPINION

There's More to Inflation Than Supply and Demand

Electric energy more than doubled in Andover

Ken Wells, Andover

Prices for gasoline, food, building materials, electricity, and all sorts of consumer products have climbed steeply for more than a year. Why? Economists say “the law of supply and demand” determines prices of all ordinary goods on the market.

“Supply” depends on how much merchandise is produced and can reach the market. “Demand” is a little more complicated, but depends on people’s needs or desires. To understand why it’s complicated to predict, compare demand for “needed” clothing versus demand for those “desirable” Beanie Babies that were trending a few years ago.

Prices go up whenever Supply falls. Supply falls when producers make less product, or when the supply chain can’t get it to market. Shelves become empty, and prices soar.

Prices also go up when Demand rises. Heating oil prices go higher in winter because demand for fuel goes up. Demand rises when there is real or perceived need. For example, toilet paper sells out when there is the possibility of snow in the forecast, whether it actually snows or not.

To say that our government sets the prices is incorrect – that’s not how capitalism works. In our free market system, prices for ordinary goods are supposedly set by supply and demand on an open market.

But many important goods don’t seem to follow supply and demand, and are not sold to us through a free market. Gasoline and electricity are two such things, and they both represent energy. Who sets their prices?

The demand for gasoline (and diesel, heating oil, natural gas and similar fuels) is “inelastic,” meaning that even if the price rises steeply, people will keep buying about the same amount because they have to get to work, etc. It just isn’t an optional purchase, so we pay for it and grumble, then buy more.

The producers have us over the proverbial barrel because we can’t cut back our demand to zero. They want more money from us for less product, so they reduce production, or impede distribution, or sell the product in another market so less is available here. (Consider our situation with the European Union following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.) Exxon-Mobil recently reported their largest profits in 40 years.

In Andover, the price of electric energy more than doubled in the past month, from about 9 cents to 19 cents/kWh, plus other fees. Electricity prices

follow the price for natural gas, because nowadays much more than half the electricity in New Hampshire is made by burning natural gas. Natural gas prices have about tripled since August two years ago, long before Putin’s invasion started, because gas wells were capped and production slowed.

Electric prices across New England are negotiated in an open market auction every 10 minutes by the Independent System Operator of New England, because the amount of electricity generated has to exactly match the amount demanded at that moment. We’ll fry equipment if too much electricity is produced, or we’ll get “brownouts” when producing too little to meet demand.

The grid today has very little capacity to store excess energy for later when demand is high, so some generators just idle for most of the year when demand is low, then jump into action during the hottest days of the year when air conditioning loads peak just as folks start to prepare dinner, turn on the TV, lights, etc. Not an efficient system!

These so-called natural gas “peaker plants” sell their juice at the highest prices seen all year, because demand is so high, and every other generator gets paid that same high price at that time. It’s not efficient, but if you are selling the same product at a higher price, why worry about that? Profit!

The government of New Hampshire gets into the price-setting game when it regulates industries that have a monopoly, such as the electric utilities. Because you can’t easily shop around and connect the wires leading into your home to a different company, it’s a geographic monopoly.

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) supervises the sale of electricity and will not allow rate increases without its permission – a very long and complicated legal process for the utilities. However, if the price of fuel increases, the utilities are allowed to pass that increase on to customers. That’s what just happened to your electric bill. But why did the fuel prices rise?

Electric rates just doubled because natural gas has nearly tripled since August 2020. So who controls the price of natural gas? And what else does this “gas company” make?

Koch Industries, the largest corporation in the nation, collects \$115 billion annual income – or about \$350 per year from every person in the United States! It extracts and pipes natural gas to New Hampshire from Texas and Pennsylvania, makes gasoline from Canadian tar sand crude, makes plywood from yel-

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OPINION

Louise Andrus' View From Concord, August 2022

Louise Andrus, State Representative

What is the Bill of Rights? It is the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution. These amendments guarantee us freedom of speech, the right to bear arms, freedom of religion, and much more.

The United States Constitution and the New Hampshire Constitution are very important to every person. Have you read these two Constitutions? Do you believe in the Constitutions?

One of the reasons for the Constitutions is to limit the power of government. Without these Constitutions, the power of government would be unlimited. When we take our oath of office as a State Representative, we swear to support the Constitution. Yet how many when voting on bills go against the Constitution and the oath of office?

The next House Session is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, to act on bills vetoed by the Governor. If you go to the House calendar you can find a list of bills and the reasons vetoed.

As of August 4, the House calendar listed the following bills vetoed by Governor Sununu: HB 52, apportion-

ing congressional districts; HB 275, relative to the declaration of a state of emergency; HB 319, requiring students in the University and Community College System of New Hampshire to pass the US Citizenship and Immigration Services civics naturalization test; HB 1022, permitting pharmacists to dispense the drug Ivermectin to treat Covid-19; HB 1131, an act relative to facial covering policies for schools; HB 1454, relative to permits for the siting of new landfills; HB 1625, repealing the prohibition on entering or remaining on a public way or sidewalk adjacent to a reproductive health care facility.

Tuesday, September 13, is a very important day to each of us, as it is Primary Election Day. Voting is a right. Voting is a very important part of being part of a democracy. It is a right we should not take lightly. There are foreign countries where citizens do not have this right. Don't take this right for granted. Your vote does count.

Lastly, I am running for re-election as a State Rep in the new district created by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor: Merrimack See Andrus on page 11

Louise and Ted Andrus Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Nicki French, their daughter

A backyard celebration was held on Saturday, August 6, in Salisbury with family and friends in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Louise and Ted Andrus. The Andruses were married August 3, 1962 in Franklin by a justice of the peace.

Ted and Louise had no honeymoon. They had no home and owned no home furnishings. They had two assets; their second-hand green Chevy that seemed to break down every time it went past a garage, and each other.

They lived with Ted's parents for a couple of weeks until they found a furnished apartment in Wilmot Flat. Eventually, they bought their first home on North Wilmot Road in Wilmot. They moved seven times in 14 years, with their last move being when they purchased their land in Salisbury and built their own home and barn, where they live today.

Both Louise and Ted are retired from full-time jobs; however, both manage to remain active. They keep their small farm running by gardening; canning and freezing the fruits and vegetables they have grown; cutting, splitting, and stacking firewood for both their home and Ted's maple sugaring; taking care of their chickens and three horses; and haying one of their neighbor's fields and their own. Louise remains active in her community by attending town meetings

and school board meetings, and she is also a State House Representative.

Their greatest joys in life are their three daughters, Nicki French, Naomi Lamas, and Bobbie Newberg, their three sons-in-law, and their four grandsons.

When the wedding vows are taken "for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness, and in health," Louise believes



Louise and Ted Andrus celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 6, 2022.

she and Ted have been through it all, and says, "It is hard to put into words what 60 years of marriage is and what it means."

Some have asked, "How did the two of you do it?" Louise's amusing reply is, "We both have never quit on the same day." And when asked if they would do it all again, the answer is definitely "Yes!"



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- VOTE AGAINST an income tax, a sales tax, and any tax increases for the citizens of New Hampshire

In 2021-2022 some of the Republican majority led Legislature accomplishments: Fiscally responsible and balanced state budget with \$13.5 billion in total spending. Cut spending by \$172.5 million over the prior state portion of the budget, and a roughly 3% cut from budget to budget. Reduced the Meals and Rooms Rate to 8.5%. Fully phased out the Interest and Dividends Tax over five years. 30% revenue collected annually from Meals and Rooms will be restricted for distribution to cities and towns. Sent over \$60 million to municipalities for bridge and road maintenance. Reduced the Business Profits Tax rate from 7.7% to 7.5%. Cut regulations on local breweries, affording them the same freedom as their larger counterparts.

In my opinion the Democrats have with their policies turned our Country completely around from what it was two years ago which had a great economy, a controlled southern border, and great foreign policies. Today with the out of control inflation which is at a 40 year high and in June at a 9.1% CPI, this is unsustainable inflation and includes but not limited to food, gas, diesel, home heating oil and gas and propane, electricity which rates have doubled, building materials, etc. And to top it off our government is still selling the oil, that you and I own, from our reserves. Open border policies allow each and every day an invasion of our Country on the Southern border by thousands of illegal immigrants. In many cities across the Country police have been defunded. Enough is enough. **On September 13th...**

PROTECT OUR "COUNTRY AND OUR STATE" AND OUR MOTTO "LIVE FREE OR DIE"... VOTE REPUBLICAN!!!

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AT THE POLLS - MARCH 8

These are samples of the ballots
for Tuesday, September 13, 8 AM to 7 PM, at AE/MS.

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Energy Costs from page 9

low pine forests they own in Georgia in mills they own in Washington state, is the country's largest producer of grain-based animal feed for your pets, feedlots, meat production, etc.

This single corporation has a "vertical monopoly" in several key industries, controlling all aspects of supply and setting prices by manipulating the supply and distribution of goods. For example, their refineries and distribution network wholesales their gasoline to several differently branded retail gasoline stations, who then "compete" with each other to sell you that gasoline. (If you would like much more detail than I can put in a newspaper story, ask your library for *Kochland* by Christopher Leonard.)

This big corporation decided it could grow richer and more powerful if it spent a big chunk of its profits influencing legislation and elections – especially in New Hampshire. If our state government and New Hampshire regulatory agencies like the PUC are too weakened to protect us from their price-gouging, we will continue to see increasing costs for nearly everything.

What can you do to stop this? Vote! Vote for candidates for New Hampshire office who understand the complexities, economics, and politics of New Hampshire's energy landscape, who understand how we can address our local high housing costs, and who think hard and deeply about problems that affect every one of us in Andover and surrounding towns.

Andrus from page 10

County District 5. If elected, I will represent the towns of Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster.

If you would like to chat or email me I can be reached at 603 648-2510 or

L.A.Andrus21@gmail.com or 406 Raccoon Hill Road, Salisbury. Or you can visit my Facebook page at Facebook.com/LouiseAndrusNH or my website at LouiseAndrus.com.

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There is still time to vote absentee

Lee Wells, Deputy Moderator

Yes, you still have time to vote absentee!

If you will not be able to vote in person in Andover on Primary Election Day on Tuesday, September 13, you may request an absentee ballot. Reasons for requesting an absentee ballot include being away from Andover on Primary Election Day, religious reasons, family care reasons, or for a disability.

Given how close we are to Primary Election Day, there may not be enough time to vote absentee via mail; please take care of it in person to ensure that your ballot arrives on time.

The first step is to submit an application for an absentee ballot. You may request an absentee application in person from the Town Clerk, 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 to the Town Clerk, who will then hand you an absentee ballot.

Please return your absentee ballot in person. Your ballot must be handed directly to Lisa Meier, our Town Clerk, when Town Hall is open. You may also complete the entire absentee ballot pro-

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cess in person at Town Hall (i.e. you fill out the application and the ballot in one visit).

In addition to regular Town Clerk's hours, 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 Primary Election Day to the ballot clerks up until 5 PM. This is usually done by a family member for the absent voter, and that family member will need to fill out and sign an Absentee Ballot Return Form.

Voters with mobility concerns may request curbside voting on Primary 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 higher risk category and "medical authorities advise them to avoid going out in public," then they should request an absentee ballot due to a disability.

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.

Volunteers Needed to Help as Poll Workers at Primary

Encourage your friends and neighbors to help

Lee Wells, Deputy Moderator

Would you like to help your community by being a poll worker? More ballot counters are needed.

This is critically important work. It requires patience, accuracy, and a desire to help people fulfill their right and their desire to vote. You will be required to take an oath of office in which

you will swear to uphold the laws and the Constitution of the State.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out. Counting ballots runs from 7:30 to 10:30 PM on Tuesday, September 13, although people may leave earlier as needed.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and feel free to encourage friends and neighbors to help out too in this exercise of government by, of, and for the people!

Andover is in Some Different Districts for 2022 Elections

House District 5, but still Senate District 7

Mary Anne Broshek, Andover

Every 10 years, the New Hampshire Legislature determines what towns and cities are in each district for the New Hampshire House and Senate, the US House and Senate, and the New Hampshire Executive Council. You can view all of these new districts on the New Hampshire Secretary of State website at SOS.NH.gov/elections/running-for-office/voting-districts.

New Hampshire House

Andover used to be in Merrimack District 1 with Danbury and Salisbury, and we voted for one representative. In 2022, Andover is in Merrimack District 5 with Salisbury, Danbury, Hill, and Webster, and we now will vote for two representatives.

Andover used to be in Merrimack Floterial District 25 with Danbury, Salisbury, Warner, and Webster, and we voted for one representative. In 2022, Andover is in Floterial District 26 with Boscawen, Canterbury, Danbury, Hill, Loudon, Salisbury, and Webster. We will still vote for one representative.

New Hampshire Senate

Andover's Senate district remains as

District 7, but there are big changes in who is included in this district. There used to be two different counties in this District – Belknap and Merrimack – with the following towns and cities: Andover, Belmont, Boscawen, Canterbury, Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Northfield, Salisbury, and Webster.

In 2022 there are five different counties included in the new District 7.

- Belknap County: Tilton
- Grafton County: Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Grafton, Hebron, Orange
- Hillsborough County: Hillsborough
- Merrimack County: Andover, Boscawen, Bradford, Danbury, Franklin, Henniker, Hill, Newbury, Salisbury, Sutton, Warner, Webster, Wilmot
- Sullivan County: Goshen

Executive Council

There were major changes to the Executive Council districts. Andover used to be in Executive Council District 1. In 2022, Andover is now in Executive Council District 2.

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AT THE POLLS - PRIMARY ELECTION - SEPTEMBER 13

The Beacon asked candidates running for an office to submit up to 250 words and a picture.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY State Senator Vote for one

Governor Vote for one

Tom Sherman

I am Dr. Tom Sherman, a State Senator from the Seacoast and the Democratic nominee for Governor. I found my passion for service when I was working as an EMT during high school. That passion for service has fueled my career as a doctor and as a legislator.



Over the course of 35 years as a doctor, I have learned two valuable lessons: the importance of listening, and how we can accomplish goals when we all work together. As a state legislator I have relied on these lessons to work across the aisle to expand health care to 50,000 Granite Staters, lower prescription drug costs, ensure our drinking water is clean and safe to drink, and protect American manufacturers.

Since March I have been traveling the state listening to Granite Stater's concerns. And what I'm hearing is that Granite Staters are concerned about attempts to defund our public schools, soaring energy prices, and attacks on reproductive rights across our state and country.

New Hampshire needs a leader who will sit down and listen and work to solve these problems. As your governor I would take common-sense measures like working with stakeholders to reduce red tape and build more housing. I'd legalize adult-use marijuana so that revenue stops going to surrounding states. And I'd support our public schools and put Roe v. Wade into statute.

Richard A. Lobban, Jr.

I am glad to present some of my background and visions as a Candidate for New Hampshire Senate District 7. I was trained in Biology and Anthropology, and I have taught in a variety of schools, colleges, and universities around the world. Education provides security, mobility, and empowerment to serve the citizens of New Hampshire.



Convergent with this is my deep commitment to gender, racial, religious, and ethnic diversity; science and critical thinking on matters such as health care, reproduction, environment, and climate change; conservation; and beekeeping. Education includes the balanced study of our complex national and state history.

I am deeply engaged in human rights as an expert witness in Immigration and Homeland Security courts. This means I am focused on ethics, mutual respect, and transparency in elections in our polarized nation that serves no one.

My ethics relate to my vision of equitable taxes, especially for large corporations that do not pay their fair share.

As a war journalist in Africa, and 17 years of work at the Naval War College and recent consultant with the New Hampshire National Guard, I support our Constitution fully, noting that some weapons should only be for the military. I support the police, especially with either specific retraining or hiring other specialists for social and domestic issues.

My vision on economic issues includes raising the minimum wage, lowering property taxes and costs for housing and energy, as well as costs for childcare and support for small business-

Order of Parties on the Ballot

In the November general election, per RSA 656:5 and the Secretary of State's website, the Andover ballot will list the "Other" candidates in the first column, Democratic candidates in the next column, and Republican candidates in the last. For the sake of consistency, the Beacon's At the Polls section follows the same order.

The order of candidates for a given office is based on the primary election ballot (RSA 656:5-a).

es to bring our citizens back together.

For more information, visit RichardLobbanNH.com.

Executive Councilor Vote for one

Cinde Warmington

For the past two years, I have been the lone Democrat on the Executive Council fighting to protect public health, ensure reproductive freedom, and reduce everyday costs for working families. During that time, I have proven that one



voice at the Council table can make a real difference for Granite Staters.

I came to this role having worked in health care and as a health care attorney for more than 40 years in total. This combination of health care and legal experience has enabled me to be a powerful and effective advocate for expanded access to quality, affordable health services across our state.

During my term, I have successfully prevailed in securing \$27 million in COVID-19 vaccine funding after the Council's initial rejection, succeeded in funding opioid treatment, and educated the public about the dangers of the Council's decision to defund Planned Parenthood and other family planning clinics.

As a woman and a mother, I bring a unique and important perspective to the Council table at a time when reproduc-

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tive freedom is under assault at both the national and state level. I am proud to be the only candidate in this race endorsed by Planned Parenthood and to have earned the endorsements of Senator Shaheen, Senator Hassan, Congresswoman Kuster, and Congressman Pappas.

I am running for re-election to continue serving the people of District 2, a district which now includes Andover and other surrounding communities. I humbly ask for your vote in the Democratic primary on September 13.

Michael J. Cryans

My name is Mike Cryans, and I am running to be your District 2 Executive Councilor. From 2019 to 2021, I served in the Democratic majority on the Executive Council. Prior to that, I was a Grafton County Commissioner for 19 years. My work life helped me as a Councilor, as I was a teacher, banker, and Executive



Director of a substance misuse center with a 24-hour crisis hotline.

My time on the Council was during the peak of COVID-19. Many calls, texts, and emails were from people needing help to get unemployment benefits or trying to keep their business going with various loan programs. Claims that went through Employment Security increased from 4,000 to 118,000, and there was a lot of suffering and hardship. We should continue to accept federal funds to help us get back to pre-pandemic health.

A major issue in 2023 will be nominating a new New Hampshire Supreme Court justice. I played a strong role in rejecting Governor Sununu's nominee for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, a staunch anti-abortion justice. I'll always fight for a woman's right to choose, because we are a pro-choice state. It's time to bring back a pro-choice Democratic majority to the Executive Council.

Constituent service is still my most important priority, and I have personally visited all 81 towns in our district. I will work hard each and every day to represent the 270,000 residents of District 2, and I'll be your voice in Concord.

I'm running for you, in District 2!

State Representatives, Merrimack District 5 Vote for two

Ken Wells

As a retired teacher of math, physics, mechanical engineering, and environmental chemistry, I bring a depth of technical understanding and an analytical thinking that is greatly needed in the New Hampshire House. My skills include writing clearly and speaking persuasively before the 400-member House, which is crucial to getting the votes for bill passage.



Serving as your representative in the 2018-2020 session, I was the author and prime sponsor of six bills, five of which were passed by the House.

I pushed to save your energy dollars, protect our children's and our own health and environment from pollution, and to limit the improper influence of corporate dollars on New Hampshire laws and policies. I spoke up for the interests of loggers and foresters, for improved radiation monitoring and reduced pollution, and for getting anonymous corporate "dark money" out of New Hampshire politics. I strongly support public education, lower local property taxes, and our personal right to control our own reproduction and to love whomever we choose.

I take pride in my community involve-

ment. I designed and built accessibility for seniors in Danbury and at the Andover Hub, on whose Board I serve. I led a non-profit called New Hampshire Forward to establish industry-sponsored apprenticeships in our region, and I serve on the Andover Planning Board, where I helped draft and present to voters a successful new Conservation Subdivision ordinance for the benefit of our community.

I want to hear your views on New Hampshire issues and respectfully ask for your vote. Visit ElectKenWells.org for contact info.

Lorna Carlisle

I am Lorna Carlisle, running for one of the two positions for District 5 - Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster. I was in sales my entire career. My skills at negotiating, listening, innovating, etc., will be essential for work as a State Representative. I retired in 2021.



This is a critical time for our democracy. It is imperative that people vote to have their voices heard. Let's make voting more efficient and user-friendly. Local politics can affect our lives in so many ways.

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We should also enshrine a woman's right to self-determination on her health-care, when to start a family, and allow her and her doctor to make decisions without government interference. I believe we should respect everyone's rights – especially the LGBTQIA+ community.

As a full-time farmer I see the direct implications of climate change: droughts, erratic weather patterns, and higher temperatures for longer periods of time.

State Representatives, Merrimack District 26 Vote for one

David A. Nesbitt

My name is David Nesbitt, and I am running to represent the Merrimack 26 flatorial district.



I am a New Hampshire native, brought up in a military family and thus experienced life in different parts of America and Western Europe. As a result, I approach problems with a broader perspective. I earned my college degree from the University of New Hampshire system and worked in two careers: 20 years in outdoor recreation and 18 years as a public school history teacher.

When I retired in June of 2020, I did not anticipate running for elective office! I had dreams of traveling with my wife Chris, gardening, reading for pleasure, and maybe fulfilling a long-held desire to bicycle across the country. Recent events changed my mind. I had two choices: I could get frustrated watching the nightly news, or I could get more involved and make a difference.

I support our public education system and will work for stronger state financial support for it. I believe in a woman's right to choose; I also believe urgent environmental action must address the immediate threat posed by cli-

mate change and its very real impact on our lives. Finally, civil and voting rights must be protected.

I am deeply concerned with the world my former students and my own granddaughter will inherit. I feel compelled to act and will devote my energy to work within the legislative body to ensure a safe and just New Hampshire. I hope you will support me in this effort.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Governor Vote for one

Chris Sununu

Today in New Hampshire, unemployment is at its lowest rate in history, and we had the fastest growing economy in the nation last quarter by GDP growth.



Throughout the COVID pandemic, New Hampshire was rated the #1 state for personal freedoms while also having one of the lowest death rates in the nation. We let data guide our decision making, and empower individuals, families, and businesses. We continue to monitor the data and are prepared with the tools in place for whatever might come this winter to keep our citizens safe and our economy open – just as we have for the last two years.

We've passed three balanced budgets without raising a single tax or fee and have lowered taxes on small businesses, stopped a 17-cent-per-gallon gas tax increase, eliminated the electricity consumption tax, and are completely zeroing out the Interest and Dividends tax within the next five years.

We're investing \$100 million to help build new housing which will help grow our workforce and economy, helping our workers live and work in New Hampshire.

We are doing everything we can to return more money to people's pockets by cutting taxes. To limit the impacts of the nationwide energy crisis, we are providing a \$100 credit to every New Hampshire res-

idential ratepayer to offset electricity increases, and we are working to help small businesses maintain strong supply chains.

It has been the privilege of a lifetime serving as your Governor, and I hope to earn your vote for another term.

State Senator Vote for one

Daniel E. Innis

My name is Dan Innis. I am a businessperson, professor of Marketing and Hospitality Management at the University of New Hampshire (UNH), entrepreneur, and owner of Trails End Farm in Bradford.



I am also the former Dean of the Paul College of Business and Economics at UNH, and I have founded, owned, and operated several New Hampshire businesses, including two inns and a hotel.

I have had a successful career as an educator and small business owner, and yet I always sought to return to my family's heritage of local farming. Several years ago, I purchased the former Battles Farm in Bradford, and renamed it Trail's End, after my grandfather's farm. The 18-month restoration project is now nearing completion.

I am a lifelong conservative Republi-

can. Following the shutdowns of the pandemic and the economic crisis caused by poor policies in Washington, I decided to run for the New Hampshire State Senate to focus on improving our economic climate and helping to grow good-paying jobs in rural New Hampshire, to protect our constitutional freedoms, to preserve our New Hampshire traditions, and keep our taxes low and government small.

My focus is on getting inflation under control and working to lower grocery, gas, and energy costs for New Hampshire families. Also, critically important to me is working to make sure our small businesses, so important in District 7, have the ability to compete and grow, helping our state to become even stronger.

I reside in Bradford and have three children, all UNH graduates.

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A large group of people gathered for an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Andover Area Democrats and met candidates running in the upcoming election. Photo: Marie Nardino

Ice Cream Social Draws Large Crowd in East Andover

Delicious ice cream provided by Naughty Nellie's

Marie Nardino, Andover Area Democrats

On a beautiful August evening, some 70 people gathered at the Andover Barn for an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Andover Area Democrats, to which all were welcome.

They came to hear our New Hampshire House and Senate candidates speak of their values and goals if elected in November 2022. Merrimack House District 5 consists of Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, Webster – Ken Wells and Lorna Carlisle are running to represent District 5.

Merrimack House District 26 is our new flatorial district, and David Nesbitt is running to represent District 26. Richard Lobban, Jr. is our Democrat candidate who is running for New Hampshire Senate District 7.

Their messages reverberated with the large group of neighbors and friends who came to learn more about our candidates and their visions for a better future for New Hampshire residents.

Delicious ice cream was provided by Naughty Nellie's.



Jim and Jerry Hersey were able to get most of the first crop of hay mowed before the late July heat wave hit.

Caption: Rita Norander. Photo: Bob Norander



A duck and a turtle share the same log on Emery Pond. This log seems to be a favorite resting place for all sorts of wildlife. A Great Blue Heron was spotted there recently.

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FNRT board members Lindy Heim watches and Peter Southworth helps Lucas Marcos pick the winning tickets at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair. Caption: Peter Southworth. Photo: Ana Reynoso de la Garza

FNRT Summer Raffle Supports Maintenance and Projects on Trails

Prizes donated by many local businesses

Peter Southworth
Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail recently awarded prizes donated by businesses along the trail as part of their summer raffle. Supporting maintenance and projects on the FNRT's 59 miles, Lucas Marcos, 11 years old, picked the winning tickets at the end of the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair in Potter Place on August 7.

The winner of the Trek Bike donated by Omer and Bob's of Lebanon was Elizabeth Almeida of Westford, Massachusetts. Mario Ratzki of East Andover won the other grand prize of two nights

lodging donated by the Highland Lake Inn, the rail trail Welcome Center in East Andover.

Winners of the other big prizes were Ryan Benincase of East Andover (Goodale's Bike Shop in Nashua) and Paul Couturier of East Andover (S and W Sports of Concord).

Other gift certificate winners were Ryan Benincase (Belletete's), Paul Hodgdon (Three Tomatoes Trattoria), Sarah Taylor (The Refinery), Brigid McNamee (Flying Goose Brew Pub), Cindy Benson (JJ's Market), Danny Robart (Blackwater Junction Restaurant), Larry Kelly (The Smoke Shack), Denise Champion (The Baited Hook), Sherry Boschert (Salt Hill Pub), and Melanie Laurandean (Andover Pizza Chef).

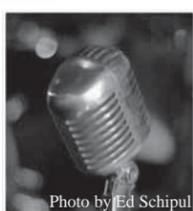


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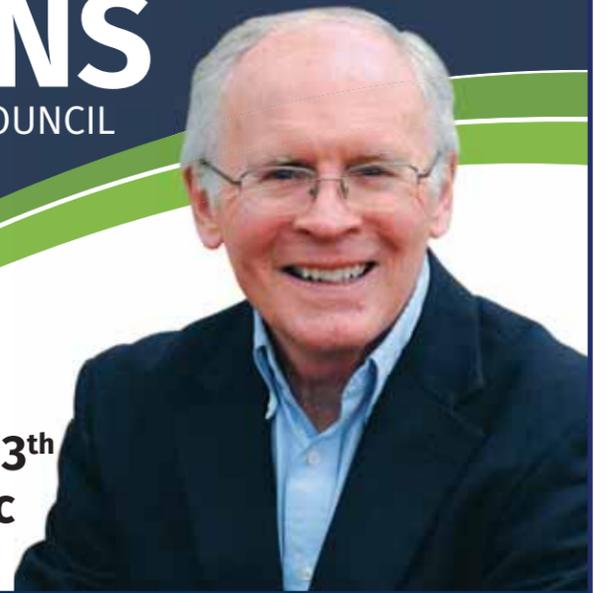
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Demo Day on Sunday, September 25

Larry Chase, Andover Energy Group

From Wednesday, September 21, to Tuesday, September 27, the Andover Energy Group and the Upper Valley E-Bike Lending Library (UVELL) are offering a great opportunity in Andover to "try before you buy" and allow you to get a feel for how an electric bicycle might fit into your lifestyle.

The UVELL has a selection of four e-bikes of assorted styles and retail costs, from a "cargo e-bike" that can haul groceries or kids to a lighter-weight "commuter e-bike." Local residents can borrow and try these e-bikes for free to discover what e-bikes are really like and consider whether one could become part of their everyday lives.

On Sunday, September 25, from 9 AM to 3 PM, the Energy Group will hold a "Demo Day" at which attendees can see all four e-bikes and take them for quick spins. The event will be held at the Andover Historical Society's freight shed at Potter Place. The freight shed will also be the location for reservation pick-ups and drop-offs.

You can reserve a bike for a day or part of a day. To reserve a bike, go to VitalCommunities.org/upcoming-events. Scroll down to E-Bike Library in Andover, click "View Details," and then click "Reserve an E-Bike." The

"Reserve an E-Bike" function for each town should become active about a month before the scheduled event. If you see another town's schedule that suits you better, feel free to reserve in that town.

Child seats and helmets will be pro-



Andover Energy Group members Vicky Mishcon and Steve Darling went out for a late-summer e-bike spin.

vided with the bikes, if you don't have your own. You will be asked to sign a liability waiver before you get on the bike you have reserved, and you must be at least 18 years of age. A photo ID is required when you pick up your bike.

To pick up your reserved bike, you will need a truck or van, or be able to ride it away. The bikes are too heavy for regular vehicle bike racks. Remember, pick-up and drop-off are at the Potter Place freight shed.

If you have further questions, contact Vicky Mishcon at 603 735-6402 or VLMishcon@comcast.net; Susan Chase at 603 735-5135 or SRFChase@gmail.com; or Vital Communities at 802 292-3939 or VitalCommunities.org.

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Proctor Academy Event Continues Richard Potter Celebration

Friday, September 30,
at 7 PM

Lindsey Schust
Andover Historical Society

On Friday, September 30, at 7 PM, Proctor Academy will host an event to celebrate 19th-century magician and ventriloquist Richard Potter. The evening will be co-sponsored by the Andover Historical Society (AHS) and Black Heri-

Hampshire, with the unveiling of a new historic marker honoring the life of Richard Potter. The BHTNH marker sits on the site of Potter's historic homestead. Visitors on the Northern Rail Trail can view the marker when they pass through Potter Place.

The September 30 event will be the follow-up to the unveiling ceremony. Audience members will experience the wonders of ventriloquism first-hand. They will also learn more about Potter's life and impact on the course of American entertainment.

The event begins at 7 PM in the Norris Family Theatre at Proctor Academy and is free and open to the public. People are encouraged to reserve a ticket ahead of time, as there will be limited seating. To reserve seats, visit TicketSource.us/Proctor-Theater/t-ojlnopm. For more information on the September 30 event, contact Starr Fair at FairSt@ProctorAcademy.org.

Dan Ritchard is an award-winning magician, ventriloquist, and puppeteer. He also wrote *Ventriloquism for the Total Dummy*.

John Hodgson published *Richard Potter: America's First Black Celebrity* in 2018 after 25 years of research. Hodgson is the former Dean of Forbes College at Princeton University and is now an Andover resident and an active member of the AHS.

The AHS museum and store in Potter Place are open Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and Sundays from 12:30 to 3 PM; the Freight House fundraising sale is open Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. The AHS visiting hours remain in effect from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. For more information, visit AndoverHistory.org.



The coffeehouse on Friday, September 16, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall, will feature Decatur Creek, made up of Doug Farrell, Jack Henry, and Beth Eldridge, all accomplished New Hampshire-based musicians and singer/songwriters.

Coffeehouse Returns to Grange Hall in September

Friday, September 19,
at 7 PM; food at 6 PM

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

After a two-year break during the pandemic, with only sporadic Zoom or outdoor performances in the interim, the Andover Community Coffeehouse will be back in its usual space at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover on Friday, September 16.

The featured performers will be Decatur Creek, made up of Doug Farrell, Jack Henry, and Beth Eldridge, all accomplished New Hampshire-based musicians and singer/songwriters who keep up a busy schedule of playing around New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts.

Music will begin at 7 PM, although the Grange Hall doors will open at 6 PM for simple supper food and beverage purchases, for sound checks, and for open mic sign-ups on a first-come,

first-served basis.

Decatur Creek will lead off with a 35-minute set and come back on stage around 8:30 PM to close out the evening. In between, up to a half-dozen open-mic performers from the area will perform two songs each.

Admission is free, although the hat will be passed and donations, most of which go to the featured performers, are much appreciated and gratefully accepted.

The Andover Community Coffeehouse, now an arm of the Andover Community Hub, was in its fifth year of providing live music evenings on the third Friday of each month, September through June, when it had to close down due to COVID in March, 2020. To learn more about the Coffeehouse as well as Decatur Creek and earlier featured performers, visit AndoverCoffeehouse.org. For general questions or directions, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.



Ventriloquist Dan Ritchard will perform at Proctor Academy on Friday, September 30, at 7 PM, for the Richard Potter event co-sponsored by the Andover Historical Society and the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire.

tage Trail of New Hampshire (BHTNH). Ventriloquist Dan Ritchard will perform a live ventriloquism show, and author John Hodgson will speak about Potter's impact on American theater.

On August 7, Andover officially joined the Black Heritage Trail of New

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Wilmot's First Congregational Designated a Racial Justice Church

Kimberly Swick Slover
FCCW UCC

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8

Parishioner Doug MacDonald arrived early on a Sunday morning in July 2018 to unlock the doors of First Congregational Church of Wilmot (FCCW) United Church of Christ (UCC). As he ascended the stairs, he found anti-Semitic symbols and language scrawled across the white front doors. MacDonald scrambled to cover the graffiti before the congregation arrived,

but the act of vandalism would unsettle this close-knit church community and alter the trajectory of their future.

The congregation came together to discuss how best to respond and decided to hold a gathering of solidarity to convey the triumph of love over hate. Their leader, the Reverend Sara Marean, invited faith leaders from surrounding communities to speak and hundreds of people of all faiths joined the FCCW UCC congregation to hear speeches, sing songs, and join in prayers for hope and healing.

Since joining the FCCW UCC in 2014, Reverend Marean shared her passion for racial justice and equality with her Wilmot congregation.

“It’s important for people to understand the deep and ongoing history of racism in our country and that entrenched, systematic inequality is not just a thing of the past,” she said. “That history continues to affect how people live today.”

As the incidence of Black men killed



FCCW UCC Racial Justice Steering Committee members are: Reverend Sara Marean, Bonita Better-Reed, Paul Currier, Donna Reade. Missing: Nancy Allenby.

Photo: Christine Jensen

by police escalated across the United States, the topic became a frequent theme in Reverend Marean’s conversations and church sermons. Following the horrific televised murder of George Floyd in May 2020, she and her congregation agreed it was time to act.

“After George Floyd’s murder, it became important for us, as people of faith and citizens of our nation, to do a deeper dive,” Reverend Marean said. “We would continue the trajectory we had been on but take it to a different level and investigate what it might mean to focus our collective energy on becoming a racial justice church.”

As the Black Lives Matter protests against police violence and racial injustice continued across the country, the FCCW UCC formally began its journey in spring 2020 toward creating a Racial Justice Covenant and becoming a Racial Justice Church. The church formed an ad hoc Racial Justice Steering Commit-

tee (RJSC), and Reverend Marean invited church member Dr. Bonita (Bonnie) Better-Reed, Professor Emerita from Simmons University, and a diversity educator with 40 years of expertise, to chair the Steering Committee. Better-Reed would work creatively and collaboratively to design and lead the committee, which included fellow parishioners Paul Currier, Donna Reade, and Nancy Allenby, the church’s director of Christian Education.

In subsequent months, amid a global pandemic, the RJSC led the congregation in a mostly remote yet intensive journey of education and enlightenment. Following The Process of Becoming a Racial Justice Church provided by the New Hampshire Conference UCC (NH-CUCC) Mission Group, the congregation collectively read books, watched videos, and listened to speakers from across the country and participated in interactive workshops over a period of 18 months.

This robust and intergenerational series of programs focused on three themes recommended by the NHCUCC:

1. Learners in a community of mutual accountability studying the historic and continuing impact of white privilege and slavery on racism.

2. Interrupters of the continued cycle of racism with a focus on current events.

3. Becoming allies" with People of Color in challenging race-based injustice in the areas of criminal justice, environmental degradation, economic deprivation, and exclusion from full participation.

The new church covenant reads as follows:

"All humankind is created in God’s image, and each of us is a beloved child of God. The presence of inequality and racism embedded in our systems harms God’s creation. As

followers of Jesus, we are called to confront and heal the racial injustices that separate humanity from God’s will and See Justice on page 23



Nancy Allenby is the Director of Christian Education at FCCW UCC and a member of the Racial Justice Steering Committee. Photo: Bonita Better-Reed

South Danbury Church News September 2022

Blazing Star Grange Fair, Saturday, September 10

Linda Wilson, South Danbury Church

Danbury’s Blazing Star Grange Fair is Saturday, September 10. Come spend the day (and evening) enjoying festivities, food, games, prizes, raffles, auction, music by Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, and by Cardigan Mountain Tradition – and watch for our float in the parade at 11 AM.

Looking ahead, the church’s annual Homemade Pie Sale will be on Friday, October 7, from 3 to 5 PM. Come promptly to be sure of finding your favorites!

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation in South Danbury Church events and activities! We are especially grateful for your donations to the South Danbury Church Essential Home Goods Shelf at the Danbury Community Center. The non-food home goods collection began this year with a suggestion from Reverend Gail Kinney and, thanks to Kendra, the DCC is hosting it. Personal care items are especially helpful. Contributions are always welcome, and can be brought to the DCC or to church services and events.

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

If you would like to be on our mail-



The South Danbury Church's float for the 2019 Danbury Grange Fair featured the theme "Danbury's Got Talent." Artelia Lyn Ellis represented the many talented bakers and cooks at the South Danbury Church.

Caption and photo: Linda Wilson.

ing list, send us an email. Please contact us if you need a ride to attend worship or events. We’ll be happy to help.

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



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North Wilmot Church to Hold Service and Hymn Sing

Meeting House undergoing extensive restoration

Press release

The North Wilmot Union Meeting House Society (NWUMHS) will have a service at 10:45 AM on Sunday, September 18, at the historic North Wilmot Church on Breezy Hill Road in North Wilmot. The Reverend Dick Dutton will lead the ecumenical, non-denominational worship service.

The NWUMHS has set its annual community hymn sing for 4 PM on Sunday, September 25. Margaret Doody will lead the hymn sing. Fred Ogmundson will provide musical accompaniment for the worship service and the hymn sing.

“Margaret’s leadership for the hymn sing last year was fabulous. We are thrilled she has agreed to organize it again this year,” said Ann Davis, president of the NWUMHS Board of Directors.

The NWUMHS is hosting both events. A time for fellowship will follow the service and hymn sing on the lawn in front of the church. All are welcome.

“The 2022 schedule of services is

shorter than in a normal year. Access to the church was limited this summer because the meeting house society is in the midst of restoring the exterior of the church,” Davis said.

See Service on page 28



John Thompson of JLT Painting removes one of the 14 large windows in the sanctuary of the North Wilmot Church. He is restoring all the windows in the 1829 church.

Photo: Marc Davis



Autumnal gifts and decor from veteran-owned "For The Love of Crafts" are available at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop during September.

Captions and photos: Nancie Jacobson

Thrift and Gift Shop Features Fall Items and \$5 Bag Sale

Handcrafted gifts from a variety of artisans

Nancie Jacobson

Andover Service Club

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

During the month of September, shoppers can fill a full-size brown bag of clothing items for just \$5.

The shop has a great selection of new and gently used clothing for the whole family, including the kids! From casual clothing to attire for an occasion, you'll find great bargains at the shop.

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

Need a special gift for a friend or loved one? This month the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop will feature fall décor items from veteran-owned "For the Love of Crafts." Browse a selection of fun decorations perfect for a Halloween party or display, along with autumnal gifts.

Check out the creations from HWB Pottery and Jewelry, soaps and lotions from Cardigan Mountain Soapworks,

and a display of watercolor prints and notecards by Conrad Young, along with his book, New Hampshire's Historic Covered Bridges.

The Andover Thrift and Gift Shop is part of the non-profit Andover Service Club, providing service to Andover and surrounding communities for over 50 years. Please stop by and support the shop as well as our local artisans.



Four pairs of pants and six tops fit into this bag with room to spare! Fill a bag for \$5 at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop during September.

The shop is located beside the Andover Elementary/Middle School, at 26 School Street. Shop hours are Tuesday to Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. We are accepting only fall and winter clothing donations and consignments at this time. Thank you!

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At the Polls from page 15

**State Representatives,
Merrimack District 5
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Deborah Aylward

For anyone worried about paying skyrocketing energy prices, shopping for out-of-sight groceries, or opening their property tax bill, the question is: Whom do you trust to represent you and your community in the legislature to make life better than it is today?



Having a proven record of achieving excellence on behalf of the people served, as a legislative and community activist, an author, board(s) member, a highly self-motivated industry leader, and entrepreneur, now retired, I have the time, interest, and competencies necessary to represent citizens' interests. Therefore, I'm humbly asking for the opportunity to earn voters' trust, and subsequently, your votes.

As a private investigator, parents of children reported as missing placed their utmost trust and children's lives into my capable hands. When safely returned, accomplished was that which local, state, and federal law enforcement would not, or could not do.

My volunteer and expert accomplishments speak for themselves facebook.

com/profile.php?id=100078625385425 and were often the focus of media coverage, including in the *Washington Post* and *Sunday Magazine*, *Fairfax Journal*, *Fox News*, *Miami Herald*, *Akron-Beacon Journal*, *PI Magazine*, and were featured in a Discovery Channel documentary.

A proud, forward-thinking Republican, when elected, citizens will be made partners in the law-making process to arrive at logical conclusions for the improvement of our communities – in keeping with state laws and the New Hampshire Constitution.

Louise Andrus

I am a native New Hampshire conservative candidate and the incumbent in the House of Representatives for Merrimack County District 1, Andover, Danbury, Salisbury (one seat).



Due to re-districting, I will now be a candidate for District 5, Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster (two seats).

I am not a politician, rather I work for the citizens. I extremely like and enjoy serving the people of my district here and now, while preserving New Hampshire for future generations. If you wish to view my voting record, it may be found at the New Hampshire General Court website.

My positions have been and continue to be: I am pro life, pro Second Amend-

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When you make up your mind who you're voting for in the November general election, send a few sentences about what you like most about the candidate you've picked. We'd like to run those short bits in the Beacon so we can all see what's persuading our friends and neighbors.

Please! Nothing negative about the other candidates, parties, policies, etc! (Not even "clever," subtle, or indirect jabs.) There's enough of that going around already. Let's hear what's attracting you to the candidate you've picked.

Send a few sentences to Elections@AndoverBeacon.com or to PO Box 149, Andover NH 03216. Those received by September 15 will be in the October issue; those received by October 15 will be in the November issue.

ment, pro law enforcement, pro veteran, pro gun, pro school choice, pro limited government, and pro small business. I will always defend and uphold the United States Constitution and New Hampshire Constitution. I am a voice for the citizens of my District and fight for all citizens on the "Live Free or Die" we stand for. I pledge to vote against an income tax, sales tax, and any tax increases for the citizens or business owners of New Hampshire.

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.

If you wish to chat, I can be reached at 603 648-2510 or L.A.Andrus21@gmail.com, or at 406 Raccoon Hill Road, Salisbury.

I ask for your vote on September 13 and in the General Election on November 8. Thank you for your support.

**State Representatives,
Merrimack District 26
Vote for one**

Alvin See

I am Alvin See and am running for State Representative in District 26. Currently serving on the Loudon Zoning Board, when elected, I will be a conserva-

tive voice for the citizens of this district.

Inflation is one of the many concerning issues affecting citizens this year, with huge increases in the prices for both fuel for our cars and for heating our homes. Food prices, along with almost all other consumer goods and services, have increased as well.



While the administration in Washington must address these particular issues to help bring about relief, there is plenty that legislators can do in Concord to alleviate some of the price pain. When elected, citizens can count on me to help small businesses thrive post-pandemic and work to reduce impediments to bringing jobs back to our communities.

I will also diligently work to improve the integrity of our elections such as supporting ballot access control, recounts, and additional audits after each election, thus ensuring confidence in the final vote count.

Merrimack County District 26 is a "floterial" district that overlays District 5 serving Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster, along with District 1 serving Boscawen and District 4 serving Canterbury and Loudon.

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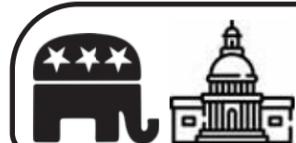
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 - 9 AM - 1 PM Attic Treasures Sale @ Legion Hall
 - 10 AM - 2 PM Games, Veg Exhibit, Crafts, Author-Mary Lyn Ray
 - 10am Parade Lineup @ Restful Road
 - 11am Parade- Theme: Wild West
 - 11 AM - 2 PM Lindsey Schust & the Ragged Mountain Band
 - post parade-2pm Ice Cream Social @ the DCC
 - NOON Bed Races
 - 1 PM Tractor Pull @ Spa Road
 - 1pm Horseshoe Tournament @ Independence Park
 - 3 PM Dutch Auction
 - 5-6 pm Outdoor Concert by Cardigan Mt Tradition- bring a chair
 - 5-6:30 PM TAKE OUT BAKED BEANS/HAM SUPPER, salads, roll, pie limited inside self-serve seating; Adults / \$12; Child /\$5
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Invitation to Bid

2023 Cemetery Maintenance

Andover Cemetery Trustees will be taking bids for the 2023 season for Spring clean-up, summer mowing (5/1/23 thru 9/30/23) plus Fall clean-up in October. Bids must be submitted by October 14, 2022. A bid information packet may be picked up at the Selectmens Office.

For questions, call or text Jim Reed at 402-219-3466 or email Beth Frost at bfrost99@icloud.com.

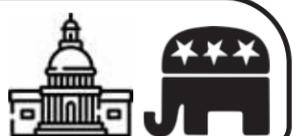


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Press release

The Andover Transfer Station asks that people using the facility read all the signs and ask questions if something is not understood.

Corrugated cardboard is our number one moneymaker, by far, with steel and aluminum next. We see far too much glass and metal go into our regular trash and compactors.

We hear a lot of people complain about taxes, while at the same time they are not recycling. This is not helpful at all.

The Town can get fined by not doing the right thing and following the rules. The Town has got the fire pits up to code.

Please plan to come 15 minutes before the Transfer Station closes and not right at 5 PM. That would be a huge help to get everybody in and out.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Town Clerk/Tax Collector Corner

Looking for a Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Lisa Meier, Andover Town Clerk

I hope everyone has had a great summer! Things here at the office are on an even keel. I am looking to hire a Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, so if you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact me.

Just a friendly reminder that a lot of residents still need to renew dog licenses or do an initial license for dogs four months and older. Please bring a current rabies certificate with you.

Your dog license must be done in person at this time as any late fees need to be calculated – we cannot waive those late fees. If you had a dog that unfortunately has passed away within the last five years, please contact me at 603 487-6795 or TCTC@Andover-NH.gov so I can remove them from our database.

Please remember that when you are registering a vehicle, the person(s) that the vehicle is going to be titled to must come

in to process the original registration. Also, if you are transferring plates, please make sure that you bring in the current registration for the vehicle you traded or sold. It's very important that you *do not give it to the person that purchased the vehicle if a private sale or to the dealership if the vehicle was traded in!*

If you have lost your registration, you can purchase a duplicate registration, for a fee, in order to do your transaction. Also, when registering a vehicle, please be sure you bring a current, valid license. If your license is expired, you cannot register your vehicle. If you have lost your license, you will have to get a replacement in order to register a vehicle.

Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 AM until 2 PM, and Tuesday from 1:30 PM until 6:30 PM. We are no longer open on the last Saturday of the month. Appointments are no longer required or accepted.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk/Tax Collector – I appreciate your confidence in me.



Cemetery Trustees Need Volunteer Help to Clean Gravestones

Workdays are September 17 and 28, 9 to noon

Cheryl Swenson

Andover Cemetery Trustee

Geologist Don Hilton said, "All rock begins to weather from the moment it is removed from the earth." Weathering from rain and wind, as well as lichen growth can make the names and dates on our local gravestones difficult to read. A damaged gravestone means a loss of family, community, and cultural history. We can't save gravestones indefinitely, but we can slow the deterioration.

The Andover Cemetery Trustees are looking for volunteers to work with us to clean off the moss, fungi, and lichens that have grown over time and made some gravestones less readable and damaged older stones. Fungi, moss, and lichens growing on the gravestones can infiltrate the tiny crevices between the crystals of the stone where moisture gets trapped and can further damage the stone as well as creating stains, making them unreadable.

If you would like to join us we will be working Saturday, September 17, and Wednesday, September 28 from 9 AM to noon at Philbrick Family Graveyard on Old College Road. No prior experience is necessary. There is a short training session each day, and we will be using the simplest, gentlest, and least invasive method of cleaning gravestones – water and elbow grease!

If you are good with a scrub brush, please join us. Work will be directed by Cilleyville resident Lance Ford, who has volunteered with the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association over the past five years restoring gravestones.

We will have cleaning tools and water available for use, but it would be helpful if you could bring a soft brush (if you would use it on the hood of your car, it is safe for the stones), a spray bottle with water (like an old Windex bottle) and a plastic gallon jug of water as well.

If you would like to help or have questions, please contact me at 603 454-8249 or Cheryl.Swenson@tds.net. We hope you decide to join us.



Justice from page 20

God's kingdom.

"We, the First Congregational Church of Wilmot, UCC commit to: walking humbly in a continuous journey of learning about past and present racism and inequality; challenging race-based injustice to change cycles of oppression; becoming allies with Black, Indigenous, and all People of Color; and reaching out to collaborate with local and distant community partners.

"We covenant to allow our deep sorrow about the evil of racism to sustain our passion to work toward justice and

equality for all God's people."

Better-Reed declared: "Our covenant is very activist. We're the good trouble church. We want to be open, engaged, and diverse, and increase awareness of these issues, as well as grow our organization to be more impactful."

The church unanimously approved its Racial Justice Covenant on December 5, 2021, officially committing to become a Racial Justice Church. On April 13, the Racial Justice Mission Group of the NHCUC voted "enthusiastically and unanimously" to designate the First Congregational Church of Wilmot as a Racial Justice Church. Hallelujah!





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Genesis is a composite of several documents. New interpretations will change traditional Jewish and Christian thinking.

Sept 25, 2022: **Rev. Dick Dutton** – Help Me to Believe in Beginnings
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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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

School Board

June 7

Condensed from approved minutes

In Person Board Present: Aimee Menard, Dan Newton, Steve Chella, Kayla Chandler, Brandon Adams

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

Public Present: Donna Crisp Duclos

Finance Report: The fund balance will have monies deducted for food service and the boiler, with a balance of approximately \$175,000. MacLean spoke of the “Rainy Day” fund which was established years ago, but monies have not been added to. This may require a public hearing; this will be researched.

Due to inflation and rising food cost, the cost of lunches needs to be reviewed; food prices are going up while reimbursements are going down.

Overages reviewed, and these will be covered by the fund balance. Newton moved to approve the finance report, Adams seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Public Comment: Duclos feels that the school year, considering everything, has gone very well, and that Mr. Dobe has done a good job.

Chairperson's Report: Menard thanked the AE/MS team for a wonderful year. There will be no meeting

in July; the next meeting will be in August. Menard proposed moving the School Board meetings to either Mondays or Wednesdays to accommodate schedules.

Principal's Report

Dobe reports this has been a challenging year, but feels that teachers and students have stepped up and shined. There's been all kinds of growth this year.

The eighth grade recently went on their school trip and rose to the occasion. Upcoming events include Field Day, the eighth grade graduation, Share Day, and a number of class field trips.

STAR and NH SAS testing was completed over the past month. Growth was reflected in district assessments. With the implementation of a new math program over the past school year, growth in this domain is not as strong, but we expect progress over time with

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Minutes Online
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this consistent instruction.

The PTO will be meeting tomorrow night to develop the organization and plan for next year.

Office Hours & Meetings

OFFICE HOURS

Town Office: Mon-Thu 9-2

Town Clerk & Tax Collector:

Mon, Wed, Thu 9-2

Tue 1:30-6:30

Last Saturday of month, 9-11

Zoning Administrator: Mon 9-12,

Tues & Thur 9-4, Wed 1-4

Transfer Station: Wed 7-5, Sat, 7-5

Swap Shop: second Saturday,

May through October, 8-12

Andover Library

Mon 6-8

Wed 9-12 & 6-8

Thu 1-5 • Sat 9-12

Bachelder Library

Tues 9-12 & 6-8

Thu, Fri 1-5

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Cemetery Trustees: 2nd Tues, 10

Last Thu, 7

Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7

Emergency Medical Service:

2nd Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7

Fire Department: Mon, 7

Fourth of July: 1st Wed

Andover 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.

The school is working with the Town to review our part in Andover's Emergency Services plan and make updates as needed.

MVSD will be hosting a four-day institute for Responsive Classroom, and AE/MS will be sending a team of staff to learn this model. Other PD will be provided through Demonstrated Success later on in June.

Page discussed the AE/MS ESY program (summer school) which will run the month of July. Details discussed.

Audet spoke of recent quotes for door locks, which is expected to be wrapped up next week. Dobe noted that funding has not yet been solidified for this project. Quotes range up to \$41,000. Boiler options and estimates are also being

acquired. One quote requires the construction of a detached building. Audet is prioritizing a list of summer projects. He also presented the new AE/MS sign, which was recently completed by a team of AE/MS staff.

New Business: Two new hires were presented for Music Teacher and Art Teacher. The critical shortage list for new hires has been updated for the state of New Hampshire.

There is a law that allows the local school district to identify our own local critical shortage area. The board discussed the current open positions for AE/MS. Adams motioned to define elementary teacher as a local critical shortage area RSA 189: 39a, Chella seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Superintendent's Report: AE/MS graduation is next week; Wormald will be present. Administration is quite busy
See Minutes on page 25

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Hub Sponsors Presentation Focuses on Political Polarization

Speaker will offer ways to address this issue

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

"Political Polarization: How Good Politics Creates Bad Outcomes" is the topic of a presentation to be held at the Andover Community Hub on Wednesday, September 21, at 7 PM. Eric Boyer, PhD and a professor in the Department of Business and Social Sciences at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, will share his thoughts on how our society became so divided, why this polarization is so corrosive, and how we might address the problem. The program is sponsored by the Hub and all are welcome.

Professor Boyer's areas of scholarly interest include American studies, government, and history; his research interests focus on political theory and the history of American political thought. He has written extensively about the US Constitution and the various ways in which it can be read and interpreted. In his teaching, he particularly likes to engage students in their learning by using a variety of historical simulations in his classes.

Following his remarks, there will be an opportunity for questions and further discussion. For further information, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or 603 735-5509. The Hub is located at 157 Main Street in the center of Andover.



Kearsarge Chamber Donates to Andover Fish and Game Club

\$200 for their annual barbecue fundraiser

Press release

The Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) is supporting the services of the Andover Fish and Game with a donation of \$200 for their annual barbecue fundraiser.

"These types of community events foster community spirit and are what make the Kearsarge Area such a wonderful place to live and work" says Dan Watts, KACC President.

The Andover Fish and Game Club is a non-profit charitable organization which promotes the great outdoors to the younger generation and supports conservation efforts to protect the en-

vironment. The club raises funds for activities, which include a kids' ice fishing derby, hunter education, firearms safety demonstrations, and scholarships for two to three children each year to attend the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, New Hampshire, where they learn about camping, hunting, fishing, and more. The Club also stocks local lakes and ponds and supports conservation efforts in the surrounding area.

The Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 170 member businesses, artisans and non-profits located between New London and Concord. Members participate in educational workshops and networking events, while the Chamber assists them in promoting their businesses.



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with end of year planning and hiring season. The team is already planning for next year as well.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: MacLean spoke of a seed grant available at this time, which might support creative ways for sustainable energy in the future. The seed grant is up to \$150,000, which possibly could be used in tandem with the money that's been reserved for the boiler, to support new methods of energy for AE/MS.

MV will be traveling to Boston to present MV's mentor program. MacLean thanked the AE/MS team.

Conservation Commission

July 13

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Nancy Robart, Tina Cotton, Lee Wells, Jenny Bodwell

Also present: Donna Duclos, Mark LaFlamme

Mark LaFlamme, who currently lives in Danbury, was present to ask about his property on Old College Road and the possibility of putting the land into conservation easement. We recommended that he contact Andy Deegan at ASLPT.

Financial Update: We will get \$230 for our portion of Current Use.

ASPLT: Nancy spoke with Andy Deegan about the Route 4A property. He is working on it at the state level, and he will be working with the real estate listing agent. Andy has not heard from the Select Board re: Bernhard/Mayman easement.

ZBA: Will be meeting next week. Mark Stetson wants to put in a solar field.

Planning Board: Nancy is now officially a member.

Select Board

Select Board has not yet signed the papers for the Bernhard/Mayman easement.

Todd Goings has resigned.

Frank, the new Highway Supervisor, asked about Beaver Deceivers and his right to remove them. Nancy encouraged him to come see us to talk about Beaver Deceivers. He would like to be in touch with Skip Lisle. Nancy will call him. We might be able to take him on a tour of the Beaver Deceivers.

ACC Membership: Nancy has invited a couple of people to see if they would be interested. Nancy will follow up with them.

Beaver Deceiver: Switch and Flag-hole Road running fine. Emery Road is clear, but due to the drought, little water is flowing.

Lakes Region Planning Commission: Lee will call Hal to ask if he has heard about his being on the Commission.

ACC Partnerships

Andover Garden Club: field trip to Pleasant View Gardens, have yet to arrange for Mary Lou to come to an ACC meeting.

Kearsarge Climate Action Group: Nancy involved with them due to the NRRRA Conference and heard about the Ten Town Project (plastic issues) from them.

Ten Town Project can be a person, group, or town. There will be a meeting at the Hub tomorrow night about a project undertaken by Brooklyn fifth grade students to reduce use of plastics.

Hearing tomorrow night on the sale of Town-owned lands. Jesse will forward his material to Nancy, and she will attend the meeting.

366 Bradley Lake, Grasmere property: Silt fence has been put up, but needs to be reinforced regularly. Statement needs to be submitted to Pat Moyer stating that the plumbing/septic system has been properly connected.



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Scent Work with Dogs: Mon., 4-6:30 pm. Info, ravenwds75@gmail.com

Senior Health Clinic: Tue 9/13, by appt. Call VNA, 603 224-4093, ext. 5815

Bingo: Drop in, Tuesdays, beginning 9/13, 1 pm. \$5 for the pot

GriefShare: Bereavement Series, Tue. 9/13-11/23, 6:30-8:30 pm, drop in

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

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

"Political Polarization": Lecture by Prof. Eric Boyer, Wed, 9/20, 7 pm

Tai Chi Beginner 8-week series: Thur. 9/15, 4-5 pm. \$80. Register at The Hub

Tai Chi Next level 8-week series: Thur. 9/15, 5-6 pm. \$80. Register at The Hub

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

Andover Live Music Coffeehouse: Fri. 9/16, 7 pm. Highland Lake Grange Hall

Sit & Quilt: Sat, 9/17, 9 am-3 pm. \$10 donation. Register - 603 491-0826

For more information on any of the above, contact
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Andover Libraries Page

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

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A Face To Die For, Iris Johansen
Fellowship Point, Alice Elliott Dark
The Hotel Nantucket,
 Elin Hilderbrand
Escape, James Patterson & David Ellis
Children of Dune, Frank Herbert
The 6:20 Man, David Baldacci
Aunt Dimity and the Enchanted

Cottage, Nancy Atherton
Listen To Me, Tess Gerritsen
Suspects, Danielle Steel
Down A Dark Road, Linda Castillo

Adult Nonfiction

Tears Over Russia, Lisa Brahin
Children's Books
Warriors #6: A Light in the Mist,
 Erin Hunter
Ghost Boys, Jewell Parker Rhodes
The World Needs More Purple Schools,
 Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart

Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

The 6:20 Man, David Baldacci
Alias Emma, Ava Glass
The Bodyguard, Katherine Center
Brother Alive, Zain Khalid
The Dead Romantics, Ashley Poston
Elektra, Jennifer Saint
The Girl in His Shadow, Audrey Blake
The Girl Who Survived, Lisa Jackson
The Inheritance of Orquidea Divina,
 Zoreida Cordova
The It Girl, Ruth Ware
The Measure, Nikki Erblich
Night Music, Jojo Moyes
Portrait of an Unknown Woman,
 Daniel Silva
The Surgeon's Daughter, Audrey Blake
Things We Do in the Dark,
 Jennifer Hillier
To Kill a Troubadour, Martin Walker

Under a Sunburnt Sky, Lilly Mirren
The Wedding Veil,
 Kristy Woodson Harvey

Adult Nonfiction

*Beech Hill: The Reconciliation of
 Hervey Elkins and the Enfield
 Shakers*, Galen Beale
Middle Grade/Young Adult
Dry Divide, Ralph Moody
Fields of Home, Ralph Moody
Home Ranch, Ralph Moody
Horse of a Different Color,
 Ralph Moody
Man of the Family, Ralph Moody
Mary Emma and Company,
 Ralph Moody
Little Britches, Ralph Moody
Shaking the Nickel Bush, Ralph Moody
The Plastic Problem, Rachel Salt
Children's Books
Kindergarten, Here I Come!,
 DJ Steinberg
Knight Owl, Christopher Denise

Through the Reading Glasses September 2022

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

My thrice weekly walk, referred to commonly as “going around the lake,” takes me down Old College Road, along the Rail Trail to Channel Road, then all the way up Maple Street before I turn right and return home to the corner of Elbow Pond and Old College Roads.

Neighbors and dogs greet me, as do cyclists and other walkers; I’ve even made friends with Peanut the cat who frequents the cemetery and woods off Ice House Lane. The walk is a wonderful way to pass the time with folks and catch up on the local news, share gardening tips, and lower my blood pressure by patting all the dogs in sight. And what I often find myself thinking is that this little corner of the world is paradise.

Then I began to recall books with memorable towns, even cities, where the characters’ actions and relationships might make the reader think, “Hmm, I could live there!” Louise Erdrich’s St. Paul in *The Sentence* comes to mind. Certainly, the goings-on in Louise Penny’s fictional Three Pines draw one in, even in the depths of winter. The Perigord town of St. Denis sounds like a delightful place to live, especially with Chief of Police Bruno in charge. In Donna Leon’s Venice novels, one enters the confines of the famous island city, practically tasting the coffee and

confections.

MC Beaton’s Sargent Hamish Macbeth and the eccentric residents of Lochdubh make me giggle with delight. Ann Tyler and Laura Lippmann write lovingly of their particular Baltimore neighborhoods. William Kent Krueger extols Northern Minnesota small town virtues in the Cork O’Connor series, as he also describes the trials and joys of the indigenous peoples in that area. There’s Jan Karon’s Mitford series, where the town harbors a wonderful cast in an almost idyllic mountain setting.

Who can forget the Darrowby of James Herriot’s tales of rural veterinary practice, or the town of Maycomb in *To Kill a Mockingbird*? Alexander McCall Smith’s two series, one set in Botswana and the other in Edinburgh, are notable for several reasons. I actually suspect I could reside in the Scottish city, specifically in Isabel Dalhousie’s welcoming area of Morningside, near Big Lou’s cafe and deli and Matthew’s art gallery.

But it’s in Gaborone, Botswana that McCall Smith expresses his hopes and dreams for the world through the measured and mighty voice of Mma Ramotswa, owner of the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency. I might not want to actually live there, but it assuredly radiates magic for this reader.



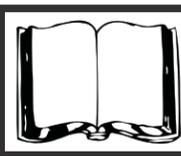
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Andover Community Church September 2022

Selling food at September Coffeehouse

Donna Thompson and Bill Blomquist
Andover Community Church

Another month has come and gone by. We all made it through some of that hot and humid weather. We would also like to remind everyone to be watching for children and school buses as school starts up once again.

We have been busy! And there is no end of the tunnel that I can see, which is awesome. So much going on in the community's little church.

As I write this, we had just had the Old Time Fair at Potter Place on August 7. We would like to thank the Historical Society for inviting us to participate in this wonderful event. This is the first time we have been to this celebration, and we enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people. We hope to be included in the event next year. All the profit we made from this will go towards the repairs on the Highland Lake Grange Hall.

The month of September has so many activities going on. One way to check this out is to visit AndoverCommunityNH.org. Just cruise around; there is much information there.

On Tuesday, September 13, we will begin a Women's Life Study. Everyone is welcomed to join the women of the church for dessert, fellowship, study, and prayer. This is a 10-week study. If you would like more information, check the Weekly Bulletin page of our website. There is a place to click to ask the person who is doing the class a question.

Also on September 13, Grief Share will start up again at the Hub in Andover. This 10-week course runs on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and is a support group for those who have lost loved ones recently or in years past. Workbooks are \$15.

Deacons Kathy Winkfield and Nancy Phillips will once again be at the helm. This is our second year putting on GriefShare. You can google "GriefShare" for more about the program, or contact us for information for the course in September.

On Friday, September 16, the Andover Coffeehouse will once again start up at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. We look forward to having them back in the Grange Hall. We will be selling a large variety of great food. We are looking forward to seeing all our friends.

If you haven't been to one of these performances, please come. Check out all the local performers. We will start serving food at 6 PM. The performing will start at 7 PM. Hope to see a lot of new faces; see you there.

On Saturday, September 24, we'll be having our Rummage/Bake/Pre-made meals sale. We have such a great response to the meals. All the profits we make go to the repairs to the Grange Hall. If you would like more information, you can contact me at 603 744-6858 or CraftyDonna@metrocast.net.

Come and see all the new items to purchase (and to eat!). We will have only one more rummage sale this year, in October. The pre-made meals will continue on the last Saturday of the month.

We would also like to remind everyone to get in on the mum fundraiser for the East Andover Village Preschool. This is a great fundraiser for them. You could also call them to ask any questions.

As always, please feel free to call Pastor Bill at 603 735-5160 for any questions you might have, or simply to invite him out for coffee and conversation.

Until next month, stay safe and healthy.

WCA Offers "Wander Wilmot" at Bunker Hill Cemetery Event

Cemeteries are treasure troves of town stories

Press release

Join the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) and the Wilmot Cemetery Trustees at 10 AM on Saturday, September 17, for Wander Wilmot at Bunker Hill Cemetery on Bunker Hill Road.

Cemeteries are museums featuring history, art, and the famous (and infamous) past residents of a town. They are a treasure trove of town stories and lore.

But they also raise questions about the lives of the people laid to rest there. The Wilmot Cemetery Trustees will lead a tour of Bunker Hill Cemetery and share its stories, history, and a few mysteries from one of Wilmot's most

interesting sites.

This program is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. To register, please visit WilmotWCA.org or call 603 526-7934.

Wander Wilmot is a monthly WCA outdoor program series that ventures into Wilmot's natural and historic areas with an expert guide who engages our curiosity and interprets our encounters.

The WCA owns and operates the Red Barn, a community center, and Timmy Patten Park, a beach and playground. The not-for-profit organization sponsors and cosponsors free and low-cost social, recreational and educational activities for people of all ages. Visit WilmotWCA.org for more information.



Children's Author Focuses on Nature at Upcoming Event

Reading from Tommer's Earthly Friends

Press release

Join the Wilmot Community Association (WCA), Kearsarge Community Network, Wilmot Public Library, and children's author Kathy Lowe at 11 AM on Saturday, September 10, at Timmy Patten Park at 28 Shindagan Road in Wilmot. If it rains, the program will move to the WCA Red Barn at 64 Village Road.

Kathy Lowe will read from her new children's book, Tommer's Earthly Friends. The book depicts her son, Tommer, discovering "Petreflections" (reflections of earth in water) as a child and nurturing a closer relationship with nature. The story shares how when connection with nature is nurtured, we are supported by lifelong earth-centered experiences which offer perspectives towards resilience. Lowe will follow the reading with reflection activities

and nature songs.

Tommer's Earthly Friends will be available for purchase; cash or check only.

This is an outdoor program. Seating is limited. Please bring a chair or blanket.

Kathy Lowe is a New Hampshire native, raised in South Sutton. Raised in a circus and vaudeville family, theater, music, and photography have been her path.

This program is sponsored by the Kearsarge Community Network and supported by the Wilmot Public Library.

The WCA, a not-for-profit organization, offers free and low-cost events to the local community throughout the year. The association owns and operates two facilities in Wilmot – the Red Barn, a community center, and Timmy Patten Park, a beach and playground. Visit WilmotWCA.org for more information.



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Successful Pie Sale and Bandstand Supper Benefits WCA Programs

July event featured pie sale, supper, and music

Press release

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) was back in the pie business on Saturday morning, July 16, at the Wilmot Farmers Market. More than 40 homemade pies donated by bakers with a knack for making delicious creations flew off the table and went home with happy customers.

A huge thank you to Amber Gove and Rachel Seamans for pulling together all the pieces to make both events super successes!

The WCA is indebted to the many people who gave their time and skills to make the sale a tremendous success. A big thank you to all our bakers – Kelly Burch, Ann Davis, Darlene Delano, Margaret Doody, Shandi Elliott, Carlyse Evans, Amber Gove, Kim Hill, Chris Jenssen, Michele, Julia Noreika, Jonathan Schwartz, Rachel Seamans, Janet Schwartz, Kristin McCarthy, and Barbara Wiggin. Additional thanks go to the crew that set up and staffed the tent for the sale – Hayden Brown, Amber Gove, Chris Jenssen, Jodi Hedderig, and Rachel Seamans.

Later that night, Jake Davis and the Whiskey Stones played foot-stomping Americana music at the Wilmot Bandstand, and the WCA served a deliciously simple supper. Happy diners enjoyed hotdogs, chili, fish soup, chips, cookies, brownies, pie slices, and drinks.

Contributors to the meal include Amber Gove for the sumptuous fish soup, Rachel Seamans for the chili, and the following goodie bakers for dessert:

Ann Davis, Shandi Elliott, Carlyse Evans, Jodi Hedderig, Lisah Carpenter, Carol McDonald, Katherine Merrill, Rachel Seamans, and Patricia Severance.



Over 40 homemade pies were donated and sold at the Wilmot Community Association pie sale in July.

Carlyse Evans, Amber Gove, Jodi Hedderig, and Rachel Seamans served up this tasty supper.

Proceeds from the Pie Sale and Bandstand Supper benefit the WCA. Founded in 1963, the not-for-profit organization offers free and low-cost programs and activities throughout the year. The association owns and operates two facilities in Wilmot – the Red Barn, a community center; and Timmy Patten Park, a beach and playground on Tannery Pond.

More information about the WCA is available at 603 526-7934 from 9 AM to 1 PM Monday through Wednesday or at WCA@WilmotWCA.org.

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Window restoration started in February, and foundation repair started in late July. Plans also call for the church to be painted this summer and early fall.

The organization has received several grants to support this work, including funds from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP); National Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mary Butler Chapter; the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance; the 1772 Foundation; Mascoma Bank Foundation; and Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. More than 175 individuals also have supported the restoration work with donations.

Fundraising is ongoing.

The church, located at 3 Breezy Hill Road, is easy to find. Please follow signs on North Wilmot Road, off New Hampshire Route 4A, 4.5 miles to the four-way intersection of North Wilmot, Tewksbury, Piper Pond and Breezy Hill roads. The church is one mile beyond Camp Wilmot.

The North Wilmot Church was built in 1829 as the North Union Meeting House. The NWUMHS has owned and maintained the structure since 1984. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. An image of the church is featured on the Town of Wilmot's seal.

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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Minutes, July 20, 2022

Condensed from draft minutes.

Board Attendees: Alex Bernhard, Barbara Couturier, Steve Darling, George Heaton, Lindy Heim, Cody Hussey, Dustin Ladd, Charles Martin, Ricker Miller, Don Moyer, Myra Mayman, Peter Southworth

Committee Member: Craig Heim

Welcome Guests: Katy Murray, Goodale's Bike Shop, Nashua; Justin Barriault, Lakes Region ebikes, Franklin; Clipse Ndayizeve, Concord

Preamble: We Cleaned Up! Before embarking on business matters, the Board welcomed Katy Murray's report on the corporate-sponsored Trail clean-up event she organized and led on July 17. About 12 eager trash-seeking rail trail cleaners met in Franklin and proceeded to tidy the Trail, greet Trail users, and then gather for lunch at Wyatt's Family Restaurant, courtesy of Trek Nashua. They even won prizes for their efforts! Super-fun and super-productive, this event deserves to become a tradition. Many thanks, Katy!

Business Matters

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dustin Ladd formatted his report into three components: a balance sheet of current accounts; a monthly income/expense tally for July 2022, in a yearly context; and the projected budget. We see significant new income and healthy current balances, coupled with a clear need to raise new funds to cover vital future projects.

The current account shows approximately \$80,000, which is mostly already committed for budgeted projects, with about \$11,000 remaining.

We are thrilled to report a \$22,000 grant from AARP to cover the Cycling Without Age initiative in Lebanon, which brings seniors onto the Trail via a Trishaw powered by pedaling volunteers.

In the future, it is clear that additional sources of funds will be needed to finish construction of the Trail Extension in Boscawen – now in its early

stages – and to have matching funds for expected RTP grants from the State of New Hampshire for Trail maintenance and improvement.

Committee Reports

Maintenance Committee: Chair Don Moyer's report covered a wide range of activities – from legal developments, to Trail improvements, to monitoring numbers of Trail users and volunteers.

At the top of the list, we greeted the long-awaited arrival of a Temporary Use Agreement with the State for work on the Boscawen Extension of the Trail. This agreement sets the terms of construction and expenditure and is being forwarded to our contractors for signature.

Special Use Permits (SUP) are now required by the State to undertake projects on the Trail, coupled with a deposit of \$1,000. Given questions about the intersection of the SUP for particular projects and FNRT's general Memorandum of Understanding with the State, discussion will go forward.

Mowing of the Trail began earlier this year than usual – with the promise of better vegetation control. Consistent with the SUP, a movable sign is now required to warn Trail users of mowing operations. We have acquired a reusable sign that will serve for many years.

A hoped-for connection in Franklin between the Winnisquam River Trail and the FNRT is now under study. The Franklin Mill City Park is undertaking analysis of design possibilities, whose results we eagerly await.

Always attentive to the history of the Trail and its precursor railroad, the Board welcomed the discovery of three historic culvert markers. Ricker Miller has begun the restoration and re-install-

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lation of these. Many thanks, Ricker!

With plans to improve the surfaces of three Grafton County tunnels in the future, for the present we have installed signs that warn Trail users: "Caution: Uneven Trail Surface Ahead." We urge all to take care!

Users of the Trail are our "raison d'être"; volunteers on the Trail are our sustenance. A remarkable total of 10,000 users was counted, largely in Lebanon; overall Trail usage in 2022 is up by about 2,000 over 2021. Volunteers have put in 400 to 500 hours so far this year. We go!

Administration Committee. With great thanks – and regret – we announce the resignation of Alex Bernhard, a true "father" of our Trail, from his position as Vice-President. If no longer an officer, Alex will still be with us, working hard and giving excellent counsel.

As this resignation is the first by an

officer, it occasioned a look into the By-Laws, and a resolution by the Admin Committee of how they should be changed. This resolution was put before the Board, and unanimously approved.

The following changes were made: 1) provision for resignation of "Members" is deleted, as "members" enter and leave at will; 2) resigning directors may be replaced at the discretion of the Board; 3) officers should be replaced as expeditiously as possible, with nominations from the Committee or a Board member.

Promotion Committee: With the acceptance of the AARP grant mentioned above, the Cycling Without Age program moves forward by leaps and bounds.

New volunteer Clipse Ndayizeve assisted our Treasurer in accomplishing the international purchase of the electric trishaws central to the CWA project.

Upcoming Events

Pot Luck Supper for all friends of the trail on Wednesday, September 21. 🚗



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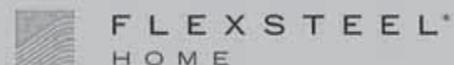
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OBITUARIES

RONAN BARBARA BOWEN
ROGOULD, of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, died Thursday, July 21, peacefully in her home. She was born on May 9, 1943, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

She was the daughter of Virginia Berry of Bourne, Massachusetts and James Bowen Jr. of Jacksonville, Florida. She came to Onset, Massachusetts in 1953 and resided with her maternal aunt and uncle Harriot Berry and Harold Hatch.

She attended Wareham High School, graduating in 1961. In 1960 she was chosen as the American Field Service exchange student to Bakirkoy, Turkey. Other accomplishments include five years as a band majorette, treasurer National Honor Society, and four years as a student council member. She graduated from Wilfred Academy in 1962.

Ronan married G. Michael Besse in 1963 and lived in Onset, Massachusetts with their only child Lynne Michelle, born in 1965. Ronan married Doug Gould 1979 in Potter Place. She retired from Proctor Academy after 25 years. Her favorite job there was managing the student lounge, "The Den."

She founded Ro's Garden in 1984, and was certified organic. Her many interests included raising animals, gardening, travel, photography, snorkeling, and rollerblading. She and her canine companion were frequent hikers of the mountains.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynne Besse-Carey and her husband Stephen of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts; stepdaughters Gina and Greg Wagner of Bristol, Melissa and Michael Byrd of Dover; two grandchildren, Kayla Wagner and Max Byrd; her stepmother Phyllis Bowen Reynolds of Asheville, North Carolina.



She lived a full life enjoying all aspects of weather and sports of the season. Her faith was strong and considered Mother Nature her best friend.

A celebration of life is being planned. In honor of her memory, donations can be made to the Doberman Rescue of the Triad at doberman-rescue.com.

EDWARD A. CONSTANT SR. (SONNY), 86, of Concord, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2022. Ed was born August 1, 1936, and is predeceased by his parents Joseph Edward Constant and Sadie (Kupsala) Constant and two of his eldest sons, Edward (Jay) Constant Jr. and Timothy Allen Constant.

Ed leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Madelyn Constant; his eldest sister, Anita Johnson of Glendale, California; daughter Terri of Tilton; son Aaron and daughter-in-law Denise of Concord and their two children, Hannah and Ashley; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Vermont and Florida.



He began his career as a carpenter building homes with his father Joseph, eventually joining the military and proudly serving his country in Korea. Returned from his service, he joined the Concord Fire Department, serving 25 years for his community and retiring as Fire Chief.

Post-retirement he enjoyed gardening, reading, and traveling the country in his RV with Madelyn, eventually settling down in 2003 in Andover.

Ed was a strong, proud man that knew many people throughout his community and was highly respected by many. He lived a vibrant, healthy life

and his family has much to be thankful for. He will be greatly missed.

The family thanks the wonderful staff at Concord Hospital, with special thanks to the compassionate and caring staff of Granite VNA Hospice House in his final days. There are no services at this time. Simply say a prayer and show a smile for the life Ed leaves behind.

Phaneuf Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information please visit Phaneuf.net.

BEVERLY J. (MACLEAN) BO'MALLEY, 90, of Andover, formerly a long-time resident of Wilmington, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully at home on August 8, 2022.

Beverly was the beloved wife of the late Donald J. O'Malley and devoted mother of Branden Singh of Andover and the late Darrell O'Malley. Loving grandmother of Jocelyn D'Amico and her husband Robert and Katherine McKinnon and her husband Johnny; great-grandmother of Soren, Gabrielle, and Juliette Simard, Cameron Colby and Johnny McKinnon III, great-great-grandmother of Elijah Scaringi and Nymeria Plunkett. Cherished daughter of the late Walter and Anne (MacKinnon) MacLean, dear sister of Lorraine Donovan, the late Christine MacDonald and Mary MacLean. Beverly is further survived by many special nieces, nephews, and their families.



Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home in Wilmington, Massachusetts, on August 13. A service followed. Interment took place in Gethsemane Cemetery in West Roxbury.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit NicholsFuneralHome.com.

DONNA M. WIGGIN, 80, passed away on August 14, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Donna was a lifetime resident of Andover and graduated from Andover High School in 1959.

Donna was one of nine children and understood that money is not as important as the love of your family, which she instilled in her children. Donna's greatest pleasures in life were being surrounded by her family, traveling, baking, gardening, reading, watching her birds, and solving her daily crossword puzzles up until the day she passed.



Donna worked many years managing convenience stores, but her lifetime passion was caring for the elderly for over 30 years, where she was beloved by all. She worked with Alzheimer's residents for over half of that time, and she always went to and from work with a smile on her face. We knew she was a "gift," and so did her residents.

Donna's proudest accomplishment was raising her five children, who loved and adored her. She taught them that Family Is Everything.

Donna was predeceased by her father, Donal R. Miller; her mother, Marjorie C. Miller; and her beloved sister, Diana R. Bliss. She is survived by her children: Terri (Kevin) Cook of Alexandria, Traci (Brent) Farrell of Wilmot, Trisha (Rob) Simpson of Enfield, Tina

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(Craig Sherman) Walker of Sunapee, and her favorite son, Johnathan (Casey A.) Wiggin of Salisbury; her grandchildren: Tiki Walker, Josh (Emily) Judkins, Chris Huntoon, Cam Huntoon, Robert Simpson, Tristin (Josh) Fisher, Brett Simpson, Tess Jewell, McCartney Cahill, Mackenzie Wiggin, McHale Cahill, and Wyatt Wiggin; her great-grandchildren: Trever, Gracelyn, Trey, Trenton, Dayvane, Griffin, Taylor, Finnigan, Taylin, and Fallon; and her siblings: Sharon (Ray) Waldo, Beverly Seeley, Donal Miller, Jr., Melanie Lord, Penny (Gary) Walker, Michael (Carol) Miller, Sr. and Lisa Russell. There are also many, many nieces and nephews.

Her family would be remiss if they did not thank her former son-in-law, Arthur Judkins, for the care and love he showed her over the years, especially the last few. Also, a special thank you to her sister, Melanie, for her longtime companionship.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Andover Rescue Squad, PO Box 61, Andover NH 03216.

Please join Donna's family at a Celebration of Life on Sunday, September 4, 11 AM to 2 PM at the Wilmot Community Center on 64 Village Road in Wilmot.

ERNEST S. BLAKE, Jr., 70, of Main Street, Andover, died on August 17, 2022. He was born in New London on May 5, 1952, the son of the late Ernest S. Blake, Sr. and H. Viola (Doyle) Blake.

He was a lifelong resident of Andover and graduated from New London High School in 1970, and from the New Hampshire Manpower Training Center for Automechanics in 1972. Ernie had been employed by Sturm Ruger for 20 years and for the last 20 years had worked for Pike Industries.

He served in the US Army and was discharged in 1978, earning the National Defense Medal, the Expeditionary Medal, and the Sharpshooter Badge. Ernie collected Corvettes and enjoyed car racing and

working on his computer. He made many friends wherever he went and enjoyed visiting at the Barn Store in Salisbury and the Blackwater Restaurant in Andover. He wasn't a pet owner but loved animals.

He is predeceased by his parents; a brother, Donald; a sister, Margaret Jewell; a brother-in law, David Romanoff; and a nephew, Kevin Romanoff. He is survived by a sister, Marion Romanoff of New London, and nieces and nephews Robin, Russell, Lance, Brenda, and Tammy.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 2 PM in the Old Main Street Cemetery, New London. All are welcome to attend.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pope Memorial SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord NH 03301. Arrangements are being handled by Chadwick Funeral Service of New London.

DIANE PERKINS BOISVERT, of East Andover, beloved mother, grandmother, wife, friend, and sister, passed away on August 20, 2022 after a period of failing health. She slipped away peacefully in her home with her loving family.

Diane was born to George and Alta (Gurley) Perkins on December 31, 1942 in Beverly, Massachusetts. She was the middle child of seven children and is predeceased by her parents and four of her siblings: Frederick Perkins, Glenda (Perkins) Counts, Judith (Perkins) Fordering, and George Perkins, Jr.; and her favorite uncle, William Gurley. She graduated from Newburyport High School in 1960 and was an executive assistant at the Boston office of New England Power. She moved to East Andover in 1970 and co-founded the company that would eventually become Conti-



mental Machine Corp.

She leaves behind her husband and business partner of 57 years, Armand. She is also survived, and deeply loved, by her children: Douglas Boisvert (Kristie) of Danbury and Kimberly Boisvert (David) of Boscawen. She also leaves her stepchildren: Andrea Smith, Susan Zampell, and Steven Boisvert; her grandchildren: Justin (Heather), Patrick (Kellie), Robyn (Randolph), Lauren (Matt) and Brenna; and two great grandchildren: Bailey and Hannah. She is also survived by two siblings: William Perkins and Elaine (Perkins) Grace; and many nieces, nephews, and friends that loved her like family.

Diane's life was filled with a myriad of interests and activities. She was an avid and voracious reader; a talented, self-taught baker and cook; an enthusiast of games of any type, from cribbage to video games; and absolutely adored making the holidays magical for her family. She was an owner of several successful businesses and real estate holdings. She enjoyed snowmobiling and rode recreationally as well as raced them, and also raced mini-sprint race cars in the early 1990s.

She was a tireless and indispensable crewmember for her son, husband, and grandchildren during their motorsport racing careers; was endlessly supportive of her daughter's equestrian pursuits; and was always in attendance at her grandchildren's athletic practices and games, including many years traveling with the Andover One Wheelers unicycle team.

Diane shared her love of reading with the first graders of Andover Elementary/Middle School, where she volunteered for 19 years. She adored all things Disney; loved to travel; was a Manchester Monarchs hockey fan; loved roller coasters; enjoyed water aerobics and going to cruise nights with her husband in their 1967 Chevelle.

She loved the ocean since childhood and loved to spend time with her family at their camp on Highland Lake. She enjoyed watching the wildlife around her home and kept a bowl of peanut M&Ms to feed to the squirrels, which came running when she called to them and grew startlingly large.

As dynamic and varied as her interests and accomplishments were, the most amazing things about her were her warmth, incredible wit, mischievous sense of humor, limitless compassion and kindness, and infinite ability to love. Di-

ane had a unique way of making everyone she knew feel loved, special, and valued.

She was unparalleled as a wife, mother, and grandmother, and the impact she has had on her family's lives is immeasurable. It has truly been the privilege of a lifetime to love, and to be loved, by her.

The family will hold a celebration to honor her and her beautiful life at a later date. If you wish to honor her now, we hope you will hold your loved ones close and remind them how important they are. She will be missed beyond measure.

BONNIE L. (SUMMARSELL) BLAPLANTE, 62, of Claremont, passed away with her family at her side on August 21, 2022, after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Windsor, Vermont. on December 15, 1959. She lived in Bridgewater, Vermont until moving to Windsor where she graduated from Windsor High School in 1977.

After graduation she married the love of her life, Joseph LaPlante, on March 11, 1978, and they had two sons, Jason and Jeremy. She was a homemaker and worked as a subcontractor for Whelen Engineering.



Bonnie enjoyed painting, motorcycle riding with her husband, and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her parents, Percy and Janet Summarsell of Windsor, Vermont. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Joseph LaPlante; her brother Bruce Summarsell and his wife Theresa of Hartland, Vermont, and their three children, Amber Summarsell, Nicholas Summarsell, and Rachael Biennu; her son Jason A. LaPlante Sr and his wife Tricia-Lynn of Andover and their children Jason A. LaPlante Jr, Lauren A. LaPlante (and their mother, Alica LaPlante), and Deagan R. Poland; and her son Jeremy T. LaPlante of Concord, and daughter-in-spirit Kate A. LaPlante of Claremont, and their children Emily Root, Joshua LaPlante, Sarah LaPlante, Elle LaPlante, and great-granddaughter Daisy-Mae O'Clair.

Bonnie was a beacon of light in so many people's lives and will be sorely missed. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 27, at 11 AM at Mountainview Cemetery in Claremont.

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Proctor Academy Hosts Full Athletic Schedule

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's athletic department is excited to host a full schedule of fall athletic contests starting in mid-September. An updated schedule for all teams can be found on Proctor's athletic website at ProctorAcademy.org/on-campus/athletics. Scheduled home varsity games for the month of September are listed below. All games are open to the public free of charge.

Varsity Football

9/24 vs Berkshire School 5 PM

Varsity Field Hockey

9/10 vs Opening Jamboree 2:30 PM

9/21 vs Kimball Union Academy

2:30 PM

9/24 vs New Hampton School 2 PM

9/28 vs Groton School 4 PM

Varsity Boys' Soccer

9/28 vs Brewster Academy 2:30 PM

Varsity Girls' Soccer

9/23 vs New Hampton School 6 PM

9/26 vs St. Paul's School 5 PM

9/30 vs Kimball Union Academy

5:30 PM

Mountain Biking

9/21 Northern New England Mountain Biking Series at Proctor Ski Area

2 PM

Cross Country Running

9/28 Lakes Region Meet at 3:10 PM



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Speaking of reading, Holly Croteau, school librarian, and Kasey Schoch, middle school reading, have teamed up this year to introduce students to books that have been nominated for literary awards. Then they get to cast their vote for the award winners. Students in kindergarten through third grade will be reading nominees for the Ladybug Award during library time with Mrs. Croteau. Students in grades four and five will be doing the same with books that are nominated for a Great Stone Face Award, while the sixth graders will have access to those books for independent reading in Mrs. Schoch's class.

Students in grades seven and eight will get to vote on this year's Isinglass Award winner. Those books will be available in Mrs. Schoch's classroom for independent reading. Students all over New Hampshire will cast their votes in the spring, and participants will look forward to hearing if their school's favorite won the award. More information on these programs can be found at NHSLMA.wildapricot.org/NH-Book-Awards.

In middle school, there are a number of items that are being planned. The traditional school dances for grades six through eight will continue; an off-campus environmental activity is being organized for one of the middle school grades; and new teacher-to-parent communica-

tion tools are being developed to help keep parents informed about daily assignments and what is happening in each of the core classes on a monthly basis.

While it is always sad to see staff members leave, the team at AE/MS is excited for the former employees who have taken off for new homes far away and new career opportunities closer to home. This does allow AE/MS to bring new life into the hallways with a number of new staff members.

In addition to Stephanie Peters' return to kindergarten, veteran staffer Kristy LaRoche will be taking on a new role as the middle school math teacher. Ms. Laroche has connected well with the new math program that she used in the elementary school last year, and she wants to bring her passion for the program up to the middle school level.

The school will also be welcoming Kelly Napier as our new fourth grade teacher, as well as Lauren Manteau (PE/Health), Julianne Babel (Art), and Mikayla Coburn (Music).

All of these new opportunities and additions are sure to bring some excitement to our year. It is also good to know that the school will be bringing back some of its traditional events that we have been missing out on over the last couple of years, so parents and guardians should keep an eye out for them when receiving Principal Dobe's weekly email.



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while managing her staff and volunteers moving into a new, bigger facility to distribute used clothing, help with construction projects, and cook meals for those in need.

Undaunted by the scope of the mission's tasks, we began weeding garden beds, trimming grass, mowing around buffaloberry bushes, painting the facade, and organizing an overflowing tool shed. We filled up a dumpster, took countless water breaks, and joined a small, powerful team making opportunities for the Rosebud Reservation. Our group was super-productive and focused.

Sinte Gliske University Ranch

Mark White Hat '14 introduced us to the ranch's mission: to help school children deal with mental health issues through therapeutic work with horses. Mark explained how horses are intuitive and emotionally sensitive and are drawn to kids (the ranch calls them "relatives") struggling with problems.

Our project was to paint the ranch's barn, peeled and exposed to prairie wind and sun. Armed with brushes, scrapers, paint rollers, and ladders, we fought the gusting winds which often meant splattering anyone nearby.

Valentine, Nebraska

It had been a while since some of us had been in a big outdoor pool, but nobody balked at a 45-minute drive to Nebraska as temperatures climbed above 100 degrees in the early afternoon. We took shelter in Bomgaar's air conditioned agricultural supply store (think Agway meets Cabela's and Target) to buy anything salty (chips and pickles), try on cowboy hats, and escape the relentless mid-afternoon heat.

The sun-drenched pool was a chance to launch from the diving boards, get splashed by eight-year-olds, and one

English teacher may have improbably become stuck on the water slide, bringing hoots from the Proctor crowd.

Our convoy of three trucks stopped on a rise. Surrounded by endless grass and sky, the wind swept away our quiet conversations. Binoculars passed through our group as we hoped the buffalo herd would appear. Lakota songs started on a truck radio, and the drum and voices became our backdrop.

Two coyotes, in full flight across open ground, interrupted our wait. Then the huge brown animals, unmistakable with their humped backs and massive heads, came into sight, moving left to right through a gap. We watched bounding calves break from the stream of animals that once covered this land and sustained earlier Lakota people.

Evening meeting, held in the Mountain Classroom tradition and led by the day's leader, usually included our whole group sharing a rose, a bud, and a thorn of the day. There was lots to talk about after intense days coping with the heat, sustaining hours of hard volunteer work, and living so closely as a group. Happily, we enjoyed a steady dose of our group playlist, conversations about the world and Proctor, ice cream, and laughter.

The last day included sunrise in the Badlands, a stop at Wall Drug, a visit to the Crazy Horse Monument, and a last dinner together in Rapid City. Like life in our country today, we were changed by complicated contrasts and lessons.

This year's summer service trip participants included faculty leaders Peter Southworth, Lori Patriacca, and Patty Pond as well as Andover residents Jason Koziol '24, Annika Green '25, and Phoenix Verite '23, along with New London's Lauren Anzalone '23 and Wilmot's Natalie Sisemore '23.



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On one of our walks back from the rail trail, we stopped for an impromptu field trip at the East Andover Fire Station. Jeff Miller was very gracious to show us around the station and trucks. Shown are: Miss Steph (Mitchell), Briar, Liam, Hayes, Alice, Addilyn, Avery, Lauralei, Kourtnee, Elijah, Jolene, Cole, Miss Robyn, Charlotte, and Kinleigh.

Caption and photo: Stephanie D'Amour

EAVP Summer Camp Ends and School Year Begins

A big thank you to the Ciccarello family

Stephanie D'Amour, EAVP

The 2022/2023 school year is here, and as always summer has flown by! We had a successful summer camp, enjoying all the ways to stay cool in the hot sun. The last week of camp we ventured out to Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton for a field trip.

We were very thankful to spend a little more time this summer with some of our preschoolers who are now off to kindergarten.

EAVP welcomes five returning preschoolers for the school year and 13 new children! We do have a few spots available for enrollment. We look forward to

all the learning and new adventures we will have.

We are already gearing up for fall with our annual mum fundraiser. Plants come from DS Cole Growers in Loudon. Mum orders are due by Friday, September 9, and they will be delivered to the preschool, date to be decided. You can always reach out to us by email to place your order at EAVP@tds.net.

EAVP would like to send out a very big thank you to the Ciccarello family. They have gone above and beyond to support the preschool with multiple donations from the whole family and even building us some small additions to our playground. We appreciate all that you and your extended family have done for us! We cannot thank you enough! 🚚

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Proctor will launch its 52nd Wilderness Orientation, a five-day hiking and backpacking trip to the White Mountains during the first week of September. Pictured are students on Proctor's 2021 Wilderness Orientation.

Photo: Lynne Bartlett

Proctor's New Students Experience the Power of the Wilderness

Traditional week-long hike in the White Mountains

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

During the first week of September, Proctor's 120 new students will head into the wilderness of New Hampshire's White Mountains for five days of backpacking, camping, and exploring. The experience that awaits them – the vastness of the wilderness, the challenges of hiking high peaks, and the relationships forged with classmates and faculty leaders – will lay the foundation for their Proctor journey.

This summer, Proctor is in the midst of a strategic visioning process that is challenging us to think about what the next chapter of Proctor will look like. We must decide what aspects of Proctor will remain and what will need to be set aside in order for new opportunities to emerge for the school.

As we have conversations with parents, students, alumni, employees, and members of the Board of Trustees, we ponder how the culture of an organization sustains over time. Is it the people? Is it the mission? Is it the programs offered?

What is it that allows Proctor's unique culture to thrive year after year, and how do we cultivate continuity when we welcome new faculty, staff, and students to Proctor's community each September?

One of the answers lies in our 52-year commitment to Wilderness orientation. In 1971, former Head of School David Fowler and Assistant Head of School Chris Norris introduced the concept of Wilderness Orientation to Proctor. Wilderness Orientation effectively wove mission and people into an incredibly powerful, complex, cultural underpinning of the school, as eight students and two faculty leaders embarked on the five-day, four-night backpacking trip.

Each year we have some families

ask if such a rigorous orientation experience is necessary. Each year we respond with confidence that the experience of Wilderness Orientation catalyzes the relationships that serve as the foundation of Proctor's culture, and it is worth our time, energy, and investment to ensure we are prepared, trained, and equipped to have the best start to the year possible.

Earlier this summer, David Fowler passed away, but his writings and legacy live on. As he entered his final year as Head of School (1994-1995), David wrote to faculty and staff, "One of the reasons Proctor has done so well over the years is due to its clear mission. Our job is to support that mission in all we do. The mission dictates the programs that we have, the values that we feel are important, and the type of student we want to have at the school. If we forget who we are and who we are committed to serve, then the clear purpose of the school is clouded, and frustration and confusion can sap our energies and educational commitment."

Collectively, we have a responsibility to keep that mission clearly in focus, and Wilderness Orientation helps us do just that. The power of the wilderness is real, both in how it can challenge us and how it can build us up.

We have resisted the temptations to stray off the path, to take the easy trail, to bend to the fears of those who do not fully understand why we do what we do. When we have a mission that centers us, and a community that believes in that mission, we hold the course.

We do the hard things because we believe in their impact on our community and their contribution to our continuity of culture, a continuity so many organizations lack. We prepare our bags, lace up our boots, pack our gorp and sleeping bags, and embark on the best, hardest five days of the year. 🚚



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by Ty Morris, Realtor®

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A New Year Brings New Opportunities at AE/MS

Return of traditional events; new teachers

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

There is a lot to be excited about at the start of a typical school year. Many of us remember our first day of school as being full of nervous excitement. It was a clean slate; a fresh start.

This year at AE/MS promises to be all that and more. With the worst of COVID appearing to be in the rearview mirror, the staff at AE/MS will be able to offer new and valuable opportunities for the students, from programming to new staff members and more.

Stephanie Peters will be taking on the role of kindergarten teacher once again.

In order to ensure that students and parents were ready for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 31, she held a kindergarten preview event on Tuesday, August 30 for both students and parents to see the room and ask questions.

At the end of the event, the kids were able to go on a short bus ride to get acclimated with the rules and the feeling of riding a bus. This helped the new students get over some of their first-day jitters ahead of time.

Elementary students will be working with a new literacy program thanks to reading specialist Anna Kate Hatten. The new program will help our younger students build skills, fluency, and confidence.

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Fourteen Proctor Academy students and three faculty leaders spent a week in July serving in the Rosebud, South Dakota community.

Photo: Peter Southworth

Proctor Students Enjoy Summer Work Trip to Rosebud Reservation

Nature, tradition, country life, and hard work

Peter Southworth, Proctor Academy

All relationships need nurturing, and Proctor's 2022 South Dakota Summer Service Trip strengthened our Rosebud connections. Fourteen students and three of us as faculty leaders learned much through painting and sprucing up a community center in brutal heat, jostling in the back of pickup trucks in search of a buffalo herd, working at an

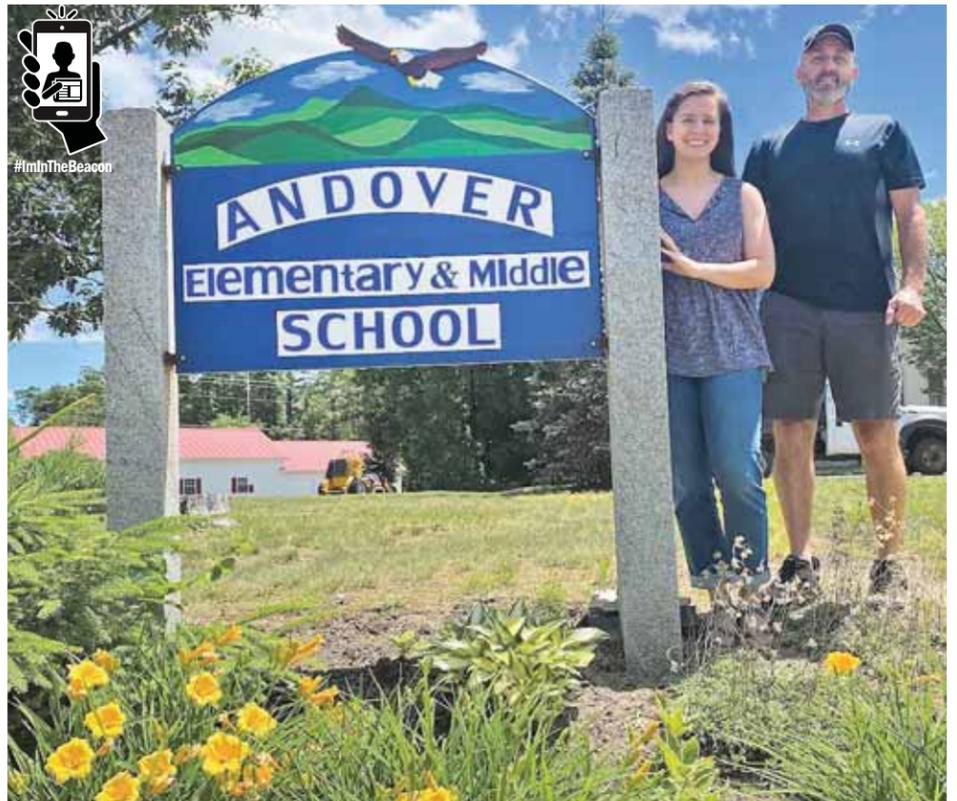
equine therapy ranch and riding horses, and sharing cool evening meals in our campsite.

We all came away with a better understanding of ourselves and our country through observing life on the Rosebud Reservation. Below are some of our experiences.

Tree of Life Mission

We met Linda, a relative of the White Hat family, who graced us with her energy, positivity, and gratitude

See Rosebud on page 33



Staff members Courtney Minnehan and Dennis Audet proudly present the new AE/MS sign that they, along with Alex Bramley, recreated from the original sign.
Photo: Kasey Schoch

Resourceful Staff Uses Skills to Update AE/MS Entrance Sign

School's 3D software and machines put to use

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

You may have noticed something new at the corner of Main and School Streets. The AE/MS sign has been updated, thanks to the skills and resources of AE/MS art teacher Courtney Minnehan, technology teacher Alex Bramley, and property manager Dennis Audet.

Mr. Audet started by cutting wood to the same shape and size as the original sign. He also skillfully cut out the wooden eagle, then came up with a new design to build the letters into the sign

using the school's 3D printing machine.

It was then that Alex Bramley used Mr. Audet's vision for the lettering and designed and created the letters using the school's 3D software and machines.

Knowing they needed an artist to complete the project, Courtney Minnehan joined the team to paint the background and eagle. Ms. Minnehan wanted to replicate the painting on the original sign to honor that iconic piece, while adding her own style to give it a fresh twist.

Next time you drive by, take a look at the bright new creation that this team has created for the community.

Proctor Academy Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

As Proctor prepares to welcome new and returning students to campus for the start of the academic year, our community also welcomes new faculty and staff to Andover. This group of educators has been working hard to get to know Proctor over the past few weeks. Please welcome these new faculty and staff members to Andover and learn more about them below!

- Matt Braley '17, Maintenance - Painter
- Alyssa Costa, Performing Arts Department, Plymouth State University
- Benjamin Cox '13, Information Services Helpdesk Technician
- Brian Didier, History Department, Stanford University and University of Cambridge
- Kelli Downes, Housekeeping
- Marc Flaherty, History Department, Salem State University
- Kiara Hakins-Tullar, Housekeeping

- Caroline Koziol, History Department, Colby-Sawyer College
- Eula Kozma, Executive Assistant to the Head of School and Board of Trustees
- Jessica Lavolpicelo, Cook
- Tina Nussbaum Wagler, Science Department, Goshen College
- Mamie Phelan, Eastern Alpine Ski Coach
- Christine Piquette, Assistant to Academic Dean and Dean of Faculty
- Lisa Powell, Housekeeping
- John Powell, Maintenance Technician/Plumber
- Josie Sanchez, MALS Fellow - Dartmouth, Merrimack College
- Charley Stern '09, Performing Arts Department, Communications, Bates College
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