

## **Proctor Welcomes 150 Students** to Accepted Student Days

The fall class welcomes 60 of these students

#### Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

ANDOVER - On April 4 and 8, Proctor Academy welcomed 150 accepted students and their families to campus for a series of workshops, conversations, student panels, and an immersive experience into life at Proctor.

By April 10, newly accepted students made their final decisions, and Proctor's Admissions Team is very excited about this group of students who will make up the Proctor community during the 2025-2026 academic year.

By the numbers, Proctor will welcome an incoming ninth grade class of roughly 60 students, and around 105 new students overall.



## The Beacon Ceases to Print after June Issue and 20 Plus Years

#### Economic factors force decision to shut down

Community Publishing of Andover, Inc. Dear Beacon Community,

It is with heavy hearts that we write to inform you that *The Beacon* will been an honor and a privilege to serve cease publication, effective June 2025. This is our last issue.

For more than two decades, our team has worked tirelessly to keep the presses running, the stories flowing, and the community connected. We've covered local triumphs, challenges, milestones, and moments that matter — always with a deep sense of pride and responsibility.

Unfortunately, like many community newspapers across the country, we have faced mounting financial challenges. Declining advertising revenue, rising operational costs, and the shift to digital platforms have made it increasingly difficult to sustain our work.

Despite our best efforts, the re- your lives. sources required to continue publishing simply aren't available.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to you - our readers, advertisers, contributors, and supporters. You welcomed us into your homes, trusted us to tell your stories, and stood by us through the years. It has this community.

Over 20 years ago, Charlie Darling This decision did not come easily. started The Andover Beacon to fill a gap in our community. His hard work and dedication brought The Beacon to every mailbox in Andover, keeping the community informed and entertained, and the past and present Boards of Directors, staff, and volunteers are proud to have had the opportunity to continue that legacy.

> Though our pages may no longer be printed, the spirit of *The Beacon* lives on — in the conversations we've sparked, the truths we've shared, and the connections we've helped build.

Thank you for letting us be a part of

Sincerely,

The Beacon Board of Directors





loyd M. Perreault of East Andover was presented the Boston Post Cane at a recent Select Board Meeting. Presenting the cane was Dana Swensen, Chairman of the Board. The Boston Post Newspaper (no longer in business) gave canes to towns in New Hampshire to be presented to the towns' eldest male and female residents.

## Fourth of July Dedication Recognizes Relationship of Town and Proctor

177 years of history as the "town academy"

#### Press release

ANDOVER — The Fourth of July dedication this year recognizes the critical relationship the Town of Andover and Proctor Academy have had since the school's inception in 1848. From Proctor Academy's earliest years as the "town academy," the school and the Town have been inextricably tied. Over the past 177 years, Proctor and the Town have grown, morphed, and evolved, but

the reliance of one entity on the other has never been greater than it is today.

For 80 of those 177 years, Proctor Academy has played a critical role in celebrating Andover's Independence Day festivities by sharing its campus. Whether providing space for fireworks set-up, parade formation, spaces for vendors, golf carts loaned to help with parade organization, bands, book sales, parking, the ringing of the Maxwell Savage bell to kick off the parade, or fireworks viewing for thousands on Carr Field,

See Dedication on page 5

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Pictured are the members of the Salisbury Fire Dept, along with FF/EMT Jeffrey Miller (left).

## New Hampshire Fire and EMS Honors Local Firefighter

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**Meghan Barton Andover Fire and Auxiliary** 

ANDOVER — Each year, The New Hampshire Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Committees of Merit holds bury Fire Departments. a ceremony to recognize "those whose actions or good deeds demonstrated the dedication of the fire and emergency services to serving the public good."

The acts of the members of the

Jeff Miller recognized for Salisbury Fire Department and Penacook Rescue were recognized during this ceremony. We would personally like to recognize Firefighter/EMT Jeffrey Miller for his dedication and service. Firefighter/EMT Miller serves as a member of both Andover and Salis-

Thank you to Firefighter/EMT Miller and the members of Salisbury, New Hampshire, Fire Rescue for their "acts of heroism, courage, and performance beyond the call of duty."



FF/EMT Jeffrey Miller, with his parents Sheree and David Miller, and wife FF Diana Miller.

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We look forward to working with all of you!

Annette Vogel, owner/manager InterTown Record

Website: Intertownrecord.com



## **Andover Police Department** Service Calls — February 2025

Patricia Moyer, as approved by Chief Mahoney, Andover Police Depart-

ANDOVER — Andover Police Department handled 152 Calls for Service during February 2025 including:

Animal Cruelty: 1

Assist Citizen: 7

Civil Issue/Stand-by: 2

Driving While Intoxicated: 1

Harassing Communication: 1

Neighborhood Dispute: 1

Road Hazard/Construction: 5

Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident: 2

Traffic Accident: 3

Traffic Offense/Citation: 3

Traffic Offense/Warning: 4

Unwanted Subject: 3

Welfare Check: 1

#### Arrests or Must-Appear Summons to Court:

Joshua Barton, age 48, Andover: Civil Warrant

Jason Grodin, age 49, New Hampton: Domestic Violence Order Violation

Walter Hosmer, age 36, Franklin: Electronic Bench Warrant

Fernando Pinto, age 71, Andover: Driving Under the Influence



#### To the Beacon:

Thank you for so many years of your dedicated commitment to our town and beyond. The Beacon was a true 'gift' to our community. The publication kept all of us informed on what was happening in all aspects of our Town. An edition of the Beacon was another thing to pack when traveling so you could take a picture holding the newspaper and look forward to seeing it in a future Beacon.

Scott and Nancy Robart



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## From the Publisher/Editor of The Beacon:

There are so many people to thank for the success of this community newspaper. It couldn't have survived for over 20 years without the involvement of all the dedicated staff, board members, volunteers, community writers and contributors, and of course our valued advertisers and donors. A special tribute goes to Charlie Darling, whose tireless efforts made this paper the town asset that it became, and who patiently trained both staff and volunteers.

Community newspapers are an important conduit for local news, and yet they are finding it harder to survive due to the continually rising costs of print and postage. The hope is that, some day, this newspaper can be revived in some form, whether in print or online, to continue its legacy.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone, Shelley Geoghegan







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The June 2025 issue of The Beacon is scheduled to be our final printed issue, as decided by our Board of Directors. Economic influences led to that decision. People are discussing possibilities for an online version in the future.

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## **Andover Prepares for 2025** Fourth of July Celebration

#### Day kicks off with Pancake Breakfast at 7

#### Press release

of July Committee has been working diligently throughout the year to organize another memorable Independence Day celebration for the town, conbrings residents and visitors together in the spirit of community and patriotism.

The day will kick off with a hearty Pancake Breakfast, served from 7:30 to 10:30 AM, in the Andover Elementary/ Middle School (AEMS) gymnasium. This popular event is a favorite among early risers and families eager to start the holiday with good food and good company.

Throughout the day, the Town Green will come alive with activity. A variety of vendors and food trucks will be on hand, offering local crafts, tasty treats, and refreshments. The Bow Junction Bluegrass Band will provide live music, adding a festive soundtrack to the day's events.

Children's games, offered free of charge, are expected to bring smiles and laughter to young attendees. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Fourth of July Committee's table to order this year's

**Dedication** from page 1

Proctor's campus becomes one with the

Town's celebration every Fourth of July.

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and employs more than 200 full-time

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commemorative Andover t-shirts, featuring a design of the town's iconic covered bridge and loons flying overhead.

Raffle tickets for what's being called ANDOVER — The Andover Fourth the "best raffle in central New Hampshire" will also be available. Tickets can be purchased at the event or in advance by contacting Judy Perreault, at 603 735-5493.

One of the day's most anticipated tinuing a cherished local tradition that moments will take place around noon at the grandstand, where AE/MS seventh-grader Lydia Buteau will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and perform the National Anthem. Her performance will mark the official start of the town parade, which this year carries the theme "Sports in the USA."

> The parade promises to dazzle spectators with a vibrant mix of floats, marching bands, antique vehicles, and more. Participation in the parade is free, and cash prizes will be awarded to the most creative and spirited entries. Organizers kindly remind residents not to bring dogs to walk in the parade, as the hot pavement may harm their paws.

> As the day winds down, the festivities will move to Carr Field, where families can enjoy refreshments, including Dole Whip and popcorn. Free glow sticks will be handed out to children

> mittee, Historical Society, Andover Community Hub and other volunteer organizations, and the services of talented local business owners, the vibrancy of the Town of Andover allows Proctor to thrive as a nonprofit independent school.

> It is for all these reasons and many more that the Andover 2025 Independence Day is dedicated to the partnership of the Town of Andover and Proctor Academy. The Fourth of July Committee is very appreciative of the intersection of the Town of Andover and Proctor Academy, and how their relationship exemplifies community spirit!

ahead of the evening's grand finale: a spectacular fireworks display at dusk.

Organizers emphasize that this long-standing celebration is made possible by the generosity of local donors. Contributions of any amount help sustain this beloved tradition and ensure its future.

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## **Andover Community Church News**

Red doors; next step, new windows!

#### Press release

ANDOVER — Like many of you, we are saddened by the decision to end distribution of The Beacon. As Christians, we understand life brings us "from glory to glory" and there are seasons for just about everything under the sun (see Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, also sung by The Byrds). Still, we will miss our monthly connection with each of you.

That being said, we have some catching up to do! Last month we hosted a group of men from the Manchester's Adult Teen Challenge (an addiction recovery program founded by Pastor David Wilkerson). It was a powerful time of story-telling from former addicts who have turned to Christ in their addictions. The church gave substantial offerings to this vital ministry.

A second highlight marked the end of Lent with the beginning of Holy Week and Easter.

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, with shouts of "Hosanna!" in the parking lot, waving palm branches, singing God and distributed as such. joyfully, and being led into the church by Fr. Bill dousing us with holy water the buildings painted, what's next?" and blowing an ear-piercing shofar (rams horn)! On Good Friday we observed a dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross, with ever growing darkness as candles were extinguished after each reading.

Easter morning began with the first rays of resurrection at Taunton Hill on the property of Sandra Graves, where Days, and at the Andover Fourth of 40 worshippers gathered to celebrate the New Day. Celebrations continued with a community breakfast and a festive church service complete with the flowering of the cross, upbeat music, worship, and, you guessed it, more blowing of the shofar! On the church calendar,

the current season of Easter continues until Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

Have you noticed a newly painted building where the old church used to be? We are delighted to show off our new "digs" of a completely painted Grange Hall and church building. Coming up Chase Hill Road it would be hard to miss — red doors and all!

Heartfelt kudos to Connolly Restoration and Painting for taking on the project, as well as for all the donations and private contributors who gave to the cause. The church grounds are absolutely lovely and will be so for generations to come. Come on by and check them out.

Speaking of which, donations continue to pour in through bake sales at The Andover Hub, rummage/bake sales at the Grange Hall, and the Andover Coffee House. These gatherings — as well as the St. Pauly Textile clothing shed, where nearly \$900 has been collected to help the folks in North Carolina rebuild after the hur-It all began with a celebration of ricane season last year and, also, the victims of the wildfires in California — are gratefully received as gifts from

> Some may ask, "Now that you have The answer is . . . windows. That's right, from here on out, all donations, gifts given, and monies received from fundraisers will be going toward the purchase of energy-efficient windows for the Grange Hall for continued church and community use.

We will have a booth at Franklin July celebration on the Town Green. Stop by and say Hi! To hear more about what's happening at your Andover Community Church, swing by our website at andovercommunitynh.org. May you have a happy, fulfilled, and blessed summer!



## **Andover Service Club Revives** "Welcome to Andover" Committee

Newcomers will receive gift bag of useful items

#### Press release

ANDOVER — The Andover Service Club is thrilled to announce the revitalization of the Welcome to Andover Committee. Its goal is to welcome new Andover neighbors who have recently moved to our beloved community!

The Andover Service Club will reach out to welcome newly arrived households with a gift bag full of fun and useful goodies. Included is the Andover Business & Resources Directory, brochures from several local organizations, including The Andover Community Hub, our libraries, the Andover Historical Society, Friends of the Northern Rail Trail and, of course, the Service Club, to name but a few.

Wait, there's more! The gift bags also contain gift certificates and coupons from local businesses. A heartfelt thank you from the Andover Service Club to all the local businesses who so generously have already given their support to our wonderful community. JJ's Market and Deli, Naughty Nellie's, Pizza Chef, The Flying Goose, The Refinery, and The Trainer's Loft are just a few of our donors!

Would you like to be a business donor or member of the Andover Service Club too? Feel free to email the Service Club at: andoverserviceclub@tds.net and type Welcome in the subject line.



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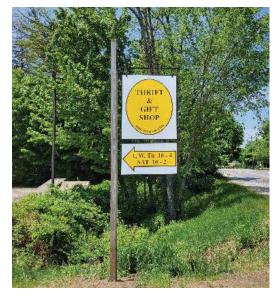
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## The Andover Service Club thanks the team at The Beacon for helping us tell our story, and for their dedication to informing and connecting our communities.

### The Andover Service Club ~ Serving the community for 67 years

The Andover Service Club (ASC) fundraisers help many local organizations such as Twin Rivers Food Pantry, Wish List NH, senior centers, school programs, and the ASC Scholarship Program. Since the first scholarship award of \$200 in 1959, the ASC has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships.

### ~ We thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts ~



#### Please visit the Andover Service Club's Thrift & Gift Shop

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### **Stop By for Pie** and Support Educational Grants

The ASC bakers are legendary for the sweet treats they provide at town meetings, the Annual Thanksgiving pie sale at the Circle K, and the upcoming **Slices for Scholarships** outside JJ's Market during Andover's Fourth of July celebration. Mark your calendar and stop by for pie!





#### **New Members are Always Welcome**

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## WHAT'S UP @ THE HUB?

Taking a look back on another successful year at The Andover Community HUB.

With another year in the books The Andover Community HUB, its board, volunteers, and supporters take a look back to reflect on the growth and achievements in 2024. Some of these included:

- Serving monthly senior luncheons to an average of 25 elders, offering cooking classes for kids and holding catered events, all making use of our new community kitchen;
- Hosting Market Days that attract up to 20 local vendors and average more than 100 shoppers, in October - April;
- Sponsoring classes, events and services that brought close to 5,000 people through our doors;
- Increasing collaboration with other community organizations like KNP, AEMS, Windsor County Mentors, the Andover Public Library and the Andover Historical Society, by providing meeting space, sharing information, and working together to build a stronger community.



Volunteering is not the only way to support The Hub. We are always appreciative of our "Friends of the Hub" who have continuously supported us financially through regular donations. These donations go toward:

- maintaining our building and keeping the heat and lights on for use seven days a week;
- providing the supplies and outreach that programming requires and that helps get the word out;
- improving our facilities in small and larger ways for more programming, collaboration and to meet community needs.

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#### THE COMMUNITY IS TALKING!

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A Small Sampling of Articles Featured in Our Beloved Andover Beacon.

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- Andover Hub's Rock, Blues 'n' BBQ Draws a Crowd
- Santa Claus Comes to the Hub Again!
- Hub Offers "Baking with Abby" Baking Class Series for Kids
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- Andover Community Hub Hosts First Senior Lunch
- "Telling Your Story" Continues at The Hub
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Shown enjoying good food and each other's company at the April Senior Lunch at The Andover Community Hub are Judy Perrault (back to the camera) and (circling right to left) Lloyd Perrault, Tina Cotton, Wyman Ordway, Bob Norander, and Rita Norander.

## **Andover Community Hub Announces Monthly Senior Lunches**

Every fourth Tuesday at noon; call for reservation

#### Press release

ANDOVER — Senior lunches are held at The Andover Community Hub on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 12 PM, year-round. Any area resident aged 60 and over who would like to attend the next lunch on June 24 is welcome to call The Hub at 603 735-5509, by June 16, to make a reservation; please leave your name and phone number. A volunteer will return your call to confirm; space is limited.

The lunch is prepared and delivered to The Hub by the Community Action

Program (CAP) of Belknap-Merrimack Counties. A donation of \$5 is suggested; it can be waived by request.

For any Andover resident who would like to attend but needs a ride, The Hub and Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP) have established a ride-sharing partnership to connect local volunteer drivers with those who need transportation, whether to the senior lunch or for some other reason. Residents can call KNP at 603 317-5900, ext. 1, to request a ride.

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## **Andover Community Hub Announces June Event Lineup**

#### This is just a partial list Press release

ANDOVER — There's too much going on at The Andover Community Hub to list it all, but here's a taste of things continuing or coming up in June. For information on any of these, email theandoverhub@gmail.com, or leave a message at 603 735-5509.

Mah Jongg has begun again on a weekly drop-in basis on Tuesday mornings (except the 4th Tuesday), 10-noon, and will continue into the fall. Everyone is welcome, including beginners.

"Plantings for Shaded Areas" with Stephanie Green, Master Gardener, Black Forest Nursery, on Tuesday,

June 10.. All welcome; refreshments at 6 PM; presentation at 6:30 PM.

A Just-for-Fun Dance Party with Laura and Gary Stanhope will take place on Saturday, June 28, 7-9 PM. Singles as well as couples welcome; suggested donation \$5/person. Bring a snack to share if you like.

The Monthly Community Potluck will be held on Sunday, June 29, 6 PM. All welcome, including the kids! Bring a dish to share and join us for good food, good conversation, and a chance to meet your neighbors.

The Adult Board Game Club contin-Andover Garden Club presents ues meeting on alternate Wednesdays, 7 PM. A variety of contemporary board games are played. For more information, contact hubtabletop@gmail.com.

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#### JUNE PROGRAMS/SERVICES

**German Conversation Hour:** Wed. 6/4, 6:30 pm. All levels welcome **Board Game Club:** Alt. Wed. (6/11, 6/19) 7 pm. Hubtabletop@gmail.com Senior Health Clinic: 2nd Tue., by appt. Call VNA 603-224-4093, ext.5815 **Bingo:** 2nd & 4th Tues. (6/10 & 6/24) 1-3 pm. \$5 for the pot, 10 rounds **'Telling Your Story' Memoir Group:** Tue. 6/17, 10 am-noon. Monthly Andover Coffeehouse: Fri. 6/20, 7 pm., E. Andover Grange Hall Sit & Quilt: Sat. 6/21, 9 am-4 pm. Info, contact KBStearns@icloud.com **Senior Lunch:** Tue. 6/24, 12 noon. \$5. Call Hub to register by 6/16 **Dance Party:** Sat. 6/28, 7-9 pm. Singles & couples welcome; \$5 donation Community Potluck: Sun. 6/29, 6 pm. All welcome; kids, too! "Living Sober" AA Meeting: Sun., 10-11:15 am; weekly. Open to all. Walking in the Proctor gym: Mon.-Fri., 8-10 am. Info, contact The Hub **Bone Builders:** Mon. & Thur., 9-10 am. Ongoing senior exercise class, \$2 Coffee, Conversation & Card Sharks: Mon. & Thur., 10-11 am, drop-in **Parent-Child Playgroup:** Tue., 10-11 am. Info: 603-724-9448 Mah Jongg: Tue., 10 am-noon (not 4th Tues.), drop-in. All welcome. Scent Work with Dogs: Mon. & Wed. Info, fees: ravenwds75@gmail.com Fiber Arts Group: Thur., 6:30-8 pm. Drop-in; bring a project, chat and work Tai Chi: Thur., ongoing classes, several levels. Email for information, fees Gentle Yoga with Maris: Fri., 8:30 am. Info/fees: maris.wofsy@gmail.com

Unless otherwise noted, events are free, although donations are always welcome. For more information about any of the above, contact 603-735-5509 or TheAndoverHub@ gmail.com, or go to The Hub's website, www.AndoverHub.org, go to the Calendar page and click on any event for details.



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## 2024 Annual Report for the Andover Historical Society

#### **Andover Historical Society in 2024**

2024 was another great year for the Andover Historical Society. Our Potter Place buildings and campus are open on weekends from Memorial Day Weekend through to Indigenous Peoples Day Weekend. We have had lots of groups come through to visit - Scientists from Gordon Research staying at Proctor (every week is a new



group of visitors). Granite State Ambassadors brought a group of people to see Potter Place (these are the people that say hello to visitors when they arrive at the airport and welcome areas). They help bring the tourists to NH special places. We also resumed the "Round Robin" for local school aged children and had a group of 4th graders from Webster, Salisbury and Andover for a day. Lots of visitors this past year, and hopefully even more in 2025.

We changed the date of the Potter Place Festival (formerly "The Old Time Fair") to be at the end of June. We also held the first annual Frederick Douglass Community Reading in partnership with the Black Heritage Trail of NH. The reading included many folks from town participating. Even though the weather

wasn't great, we had a pretty good turnout, with 70 + folks coming for the reading itself. We also joined forces with "The Exchange" and the Wilmot's Farmers Market, including a raffle for the folks that went to all three places that morning. We are going to try it on that day for another year. Our goal is to have an event for as many people to come as possible and not compete with other nonprofits in town. Mark your calendars and please join us for the Potter PlaceFestival on June 28, 2025!

Another big project for the Andover Historical Society is the Coach Building, we are working on to store and display the Andover Concord Stagecoach. The Andover Lions Club donated the Coach to the town in 2024. We are in the process of raising \$45,000 to be able to preserve and care for this Andover gem for everyone to see and cherish. We have already poured the slab and are working to raise the rest of the funds for the building as soon as possible. If you are interested in donating or helping with this project, contact one of the following people - Nancy Teach, Doug Phelps, Brooks Bicknell, Pam Cooper, Ricker Miller, Lance Ford, Bill Hoffman or Bonny Morris and email treasurer@andoverhistory.org.



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Members who died in 2023

William Leber

#### 2025 - Save the Dates

Saturday, May 24 - Opening weekend Potter Place Railroad and Emons Store Museums and Gift Shop

June 4 - the annual Round Robin AHS will host over 50 4th graders from Salisbury, Andover, and Webster for a day of history, music and exploration. Please join us and volunteer for a fun day with the students. Contact Sarah Will sarah@proctornet.com for more information.

Friday, June 6 - NH's WWII Hero Raymond Allo Cole, presented by Mary Jane Peabody, 7 p.m. Proctor Stone Chapel

Saturday, June 28 - Potter Place Festival, featuring another Frederick Douglass Community Reading in partnership with BHTNH

#### We always need volunteers! Contact estinal@proctoracademy.org or one of the trustees named below for more information.

#### **Holdings**

- Potter Place Railroad Station and Freight House
- J.C. Emons Store
- Gordon-Lull House
- A B&M freight car and Central Vermont CV-4030 caboose
- Secret Garden
- Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

Museum Manager needed to set up exhibits, working with volunteers, and preserving the history of Andover.

#### **2025 Officers and Trustees**

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#### **Finances**

2024 expenses (some examples)		2024 Income stream (some examples)	
Total operating:	\$24,820	Total:	\$68,308
Building maintenance	\$12,976	Old Time Fair (net):	\$2,160
Insurance:	\$5,235	Calendar & Fundraisers (I	net): \$1,713
Real estate taxes:	\$1,117	Gift shop (net):	\$920
Utilities:	\$2,365	Membership dues:	\$3,271
		General donations:	\$16,886
Salaries:	\$0	Memorial donations:	\$2,000
(we are an all volunteer organization)		Capital Campaign:	¢27,060

## New Date for Potter Place Festival - June 28

Highlights of some of the 90+ historical items we gratefully received in 2024

The original 1947 Andover American Legion Charter; a 1914 B&M RR Rightof-Way Track map for Andover Center; an H.C. White Co. Stereoscope; a 1911 Andover Fire Precinct Map; 3 original paintings of Andover scenes by Donna Baker-Hartwell and her grandmother Florence Hall Thompson; AES class photos from the 1960s; and an 1890s scrapbook of stories of Andover from the Journal-Transcript newspaper.

#### Donors of items to our collection in 2024

Andover Legion Post #101	Barbara Gould Couturier	Alan Hardy
The Andover Lions Club	Harold Crane	Bill Hoffman
Bill Bates	Keith & Ruth Crompton	Joyce Hall Newman
John Bentley	Ellie Smith George	James Proctor
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Susan & Larry Chase	Kent Hackmann	Gary Robinson &
Luan Clark	Karen Phelps Hanson	Susan Schnare

#### Visitor information • Info call 603-735-5232

- Railroad Station and Emons Store: open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays, Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend 2025 hours: Saturday 10 AM-ЗРМ, Sunday 12:30 РМ-ЗРМ
- Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse: open to the public on five summer Sundays
- Secret Garden: open 24/7 all year

#### 2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Life member: \$250 per person • \$450 per couple Enclosed is an extra donation of \$

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. If you would like to participate in the work of the Andover historical Society, please indicate your special interest:

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Ladies' accessories from days of old on display in Andover Town Office.

## **Andover Historical Society Updates Display in Town Office**

Things you might find in an early kitchen

#### Press release

torical Society has recently changed the Town Office. Each spring a new 5232. Website: andoverhistory.org

theme is chosen, and items representative of this theme are selected from the museum in Potter Place, or are on loan from members' personal collections.

The theme for 2024 was "Things You Might Find in an Early Kitchen." The 2025 theme is "Ladies' Accessories from Days Gone By." So the next time you are at the Town

Office, don't forget to take a peek into the past by viewing this new exhibit.

The Andover Historical Society Museum in Potter Place is open Memorial ANDOVER — The Andover His- Day Weekend to Columbus Day Weekend, on Saturdays, 10 AM-3 PM; and their exhibit in the display case at Sundays, 12:30-3 PM. Phone: 603 735-



## **Local Researcher Requests** Help Finding Burial Site

Mary N. Chase's historical marker is at Proctor's Stone Chapel

#### Kent Hackmann, Andover

ANDOVER — I write again about Mary N. Chase, honored by a historical marker outside the Stone Chapel. Chase moved to Andover in 1899 to teach at Proctor Academy, joined the Andover Unitarians, and was a part of the community until July 1948, when she moved to the Unitarians' Frances Bernard Home for indigent women in Hyde Park, Boston.

"Mary N. Chase (1863-1959). National Leader in Woman Suffrage, Arden Advocate for Peace, and Fierce Defender of the Underdog" and "The

Reverend Uriah Chase (1820-1888)" are essays I researched and wrote 2022-2024. Both are in the town's libraries. I thank everyone for their helpful advice on matters of style and content, noting that I am responsible for any remaining deficiencies.

Chase died on December 30, 1959, age 96. Where was she buried? Not in Franklin, as an official document from the State of Massachusetts stated, nor in Andover, as Boston newspapers reported.

No records survive for the Frances Bernard Home, the doctor who confirmed her death, or the funeral home that received her. Unitarian archives are silent. I again call for your help in answering the question, Where is the

## Save the Date! Rock 'n' Tacos Returns in July

Sunday, July 27, 4-6 PM, Highland Lake Inn Barn

#### Press release

ANDOVER — Coming to a barn near you! The Andover Community Hub's 2025 Rock 'n' Tacos annual music and food event will be held on Sunday, July 27, 4 to 6 PM, at the Highland Lake Inn's Andover Barn. Celebrating great, high-energy rock 'n roll dance band, covering your favorite tunes from the past 40 years, for your dancing and listening pleasure.

dover native and chef Ty Morris. It's ty, can also contact The Hub.

an opportunity to celebrate, kick up your heels, and support the continuing growth of The Andover Community Hub as the town's community center.

Tickets are \$40 each, available in advance; kids age eight and under are free. Soft drinks provided; BYOB allowed. The event includes a silent auction of unique items.

Admission is limited, so reserve all things local, the event will feature now and plan to bring your friends and Andover's own Nick's Other Band, a relatives! For tickets, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com, or leave a message at 603 735-5509. Businesses interested in sponsorship to help underwrite the event's expenses and to be listed on the The event will be catered by An- event's banner, as well as other publici-



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## United States' Amount of Aid to Ukraine Gets Clarification

#### Couple familiar with Ukraine gives input

Donna Baker-Hartwell and Bob and **Carlyse Evans** 

Andover/New London

ANDOVER/NEW LONDON -US Aide?

Like most Americans, I worry about where my tax dollars are going, and there is no better time to pay attention to federal spending than April, when we are required to pay income to loans appear to include loans protaxes. We, on average, cough up 14.5 % of our annual income to the IRS. Over our lifetimes, it can total almost a half million dollars.

The current administration has told us again and again that we have provided \$350 billion in aid to Ukraine and lar SPUR loan. that the European Union has not paid Ukraine does not appreciate the aid.

Bob and Carlyse Evans for The Beacon about their experiences living and Union. The two of them have extensive experience and knowledge about the history of the Ukraine-Russia relationship and conflict. I wanted to get their thoughts about the current situation and the freezing of aid and elimination of military intelligence. The following is a snippet from our conversation.

claim of US aid - According to the Russia. These children are being in-Kiel Institute's Ukraine Aid Tracker, through January 2025 the US allocat- language, call themselves Ukrainian ed just over \$120B in aid to Ukraine. or even say that Ukraine is a country. I asked Bob, "Why would the US ad-\$350 billion?" He speculates that this was to support the false claim that the US has contributed more than Europe. Europe has committed 217.8 in refugee, military, humanitarian and financial assistance and in January comfunded a fraction of that.

An independent audit states that

analysis from Economists for Ukraine: The cost of US aid to Ukraine is less than half the official figures".

As of today, the US has paid only \$83.4 billion of the 122.8 billion allocated and 182 billion promised. President Zelensky and Ukraine are Has Ukraine received \$350 billion in grateful. Perhaps the attempt to characterize President Zelensky as ungrateful was really an effort to make it difficult for Z to request the remaining promised aid.

> Bob clarified that recent references vided by the G7 and the World Bank. Ukraine is obliged to repay the World Bank, not the US. The US did freeze Russian assets and used those as collateral in case Ukraine cannot pay back the World Bank's 20-billion-dol-

Do you believe Ukrainians want their fair share. They also claim that peace? Of course! No one wants to endure the horrors of this war and con-A few years back, I interviewed tinually worry about a bomb landing on their home, their kid's school or a nuclear power plant. Ukrainians and working in Ukraine and the Soviet President Zelensky want peace, and they want lasting peace: territorial guarantees, which means boots on the ground, EU membership or NATO membership, return of the 20,000 kidnapped Ukrainian children, return of POWs and for Russia to stop meddling in their affairs. Currently, 20,000 Ukrainian children have been taken Bob responded to the \$350 billion from Ukraine and resettled across doctrinated, not allowed to speak their

Ukraine is interested in a genuine ministration claim that we have paid ceasefire and not one that gives Russia a break to rearm and refill its military coffers before they resume the invasion. She explained that Russia and Ukraine have agreed on a ceasefire many times - 25 times since 2014 and every time, Russia has broken mitted an additional 123.8 billion for a the agreement. Both Bob and Carlyse total of 341.6 billion while the US has expressed sincere doubt that Russia could be trusted to honor a ceasefire.

Bob and Carlyse have unique and America promised \$182b, allocated personal experience. Carlyse remem-\$122bl and only funded \$83.4 billion bers first meeting Putin when he was and much of that was spent in Amer- working for the Mayor of St. Petersica, creating US jobs. In addition, the burg. He made it clear then that he assistance amount includes \$60 billion wanted to rebuild Russia to his view in military aid. However, that \$60 bil- of its imperial grandeur, which inlion is the estimated replacement value cluded modern-day Armenia, Estonia, for vintage military equipment. The Finland, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrmilitary equipment is actually outdat- gyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, ed, and its resale value is only about Tatarstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, \$18.3 billion, according to Anastas- as well as territories that are currently sia Fedyk and James Hodson in their part of China, Germany, Japan and Ko-March 6, 2025 article entitled "New rea. President Putin has invaded many



Bob and Carlyse Evans of New London, who have spent a lot of time in Ukraine.

countries, seizing territory and installing puppet governments. The invasion his continuing effort to recreate his dream of Imperial Russia. Carlyse worries about which country Putin will invade next: the Baltics, Finland, Poland?

Experiment" would lead us to support totalitarian regimes such as the Russia we see today" she says.

Carlyse Evans currently advises US law firms on strategy, revenue generation and operational excellence and has over 20 years experience running the business side of Baker McKenzie, one of the world's largest law firms. She worked in Baker McKenzie's offices in Ukraine and Russia. She has

two master's degrees, one in Russian history, and the second in Economics of Ukraine is but another example in of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Her doctoral studies focused on the political economy of modern-day Russia and Ukraine.

Bob Evans is a senior media and "We never imagined the "Great military advisor. He was president of several television networks in the United States and Europe, and later served as Chief of Party leading well-respected media, judicial, election. and democratization projects in Eurasia for the United States State Department and United Nations. Bob was a member and advisor to the Georgian Federal Communications Commission and Kosovar Central Elections Committee. Bob is a decorated military veteran.



ur Western Murder Mystery Night was a fun-filled evening! Tiffany Perkins and Alison Holler had a blast. **Photo: Michaela Hoover** 

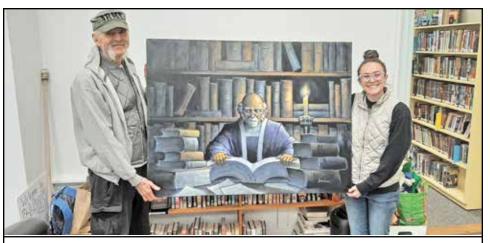


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## Andover Libraries Page



n April 26, Tom Barber, an Andover resident and a well-known painter and illustrator since the 1970s, presented his painting of "The Bibliophile" to Michaela Hoover, Director of the Andover Libraries. The painting, which shows an imaginary book lover immersed in his favorite pastime, was donated to the libraries by an anonymous collector of Tom's works. It will hang in the Andover Public Library as an inspiration for book lovers of all ages. For more information, visit AndoverNHLibraries.org, or contact Tom at TomBarberArtist@gmail.com.

#### Andover Public Library

## New Acquisitions

#### **Adult Fiction**

The World's Fair Quilt, Jennifer Chiaverini

The Ragpicker King, Cassandra

Nobody's Fool, Harlen Coben Murder By Cheesecake, Rachel Ekstrom-Courage

The Butcher's Masquerade, Matt Dinniman

All the Other Mothers Hate Me, Sarah Harman

Great Big Beautiful Life, Emily

Say You'll Remember Me, Abby Jimenez

*The Bones Beneath My Skin*, TJ Klune

You Killed Me First, John Marrs 25 Alive, James Patterson Dream State, Eric Punchner The Perfect Divorce, Jeneva Rose Lethal Prey, John Sandford

#### Nonfiction

Every Day With Babs: 101 Family-friendly Dinners, Barbara Costello

It's Not You, Ramani Durvasula One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This, Omar El Akkad

No New Things, Ashlee Piper

#### **Young Adult**

Sunrise on the Reaping, Suzanne Collins

On Again, Awkward Again, Erin Entrada Kelly

Sawkill Girls, Claire Legrand Fearless, Lauren Roberts

#### **Children's Books**

Catwad: You're Making Me Six, Jim Benton

Across the Desert, Dusti Bowling Bluey: Fairy Tale, Joe Brumm Are You A Friend of Dorothy? Kyle Lukoff

Moana, Bill Scollon

The Cartoonists Club, Raina Telgemei-

## **Ways to Follow Andover Libraries Announcements**

Upcoming events, activities, and book lists

#### Michaela Hoover, Andover Libraries

ANDOVER — Our Andover Libraries are incredibly grateful for all the support The Beacon has given us over the years. From printing our monthly acquisitions lists and events, to adding color photos to our page, receiving The Beacon each month.

Moving forward, we will be making library announcements in a variety of ways:

1. Our email newsletters are sent out around the 1st and the 15th of each eryone at the libraries! month. To sign up for our email list,

please email andovernhlibraries@gmail. com, or stop by either library.

To sign up to receive a quarterly library information packet via mail, please email andovernhlibraries@gmail.com, call 603 735-5333, or stop by either library.

- 2. Event calendars will be available to pick up at both libraries, Town Office, The Hub, and other locations in town.
- 3. Special events will be announced they have done so much. We will miss on the new Town Sign, via our Andover NH Libraries Facebook page, and on posters throughout town. You can also visit our website: andovernhlibraries.org

We will look forward to seeing ev-



averick and Levi dress as Blu-**V** ey and Bingo at the library's Wackadoo Party. Photo: Michaela



iola Chella recently wrote her own **V** book, Cat Crazy, which is on display at the Andover Public Library. Come check it out! Photo: Michaela Hoover





The Andover Fish & Game Club had a clean-up on our section of the highway recently, and we picked up 34 bags of trash. Many thanks go to our members who helped. Our town looks a lot better now. Rich Gross

### **Bachelder Library**

## **New Acquisitions**

#### **Fiction**

Strangers In Time, David Baldacci Mona Acts Out, Mischa Berlinski Gifted and Talented, Olivie Blake *Headshot*, Rita Bullwinkel The Sirens. Emilia Hart Shadow of the Solstice, Anne Hiller-

We Used To Live Here, Marcus Kliew-

What Happened to the McCrays? Tracey Lange

The Maid's Secret, Nita Prose Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (On a Dead Man), Jesse Q.

Summer Light on Nantucket. Nancy Thayer

#### Nonfiction

Raising Good Humans, Hunter Clarke-Fields

#### Children's

Rebellion 1776, Laurie Halse Ander-

Buffalo Fluffalo, Bess Kalb The Peach Thief, Linda Joan Smith



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### **June Coffeehouse Features Decatur Creek Band**

Friday, June 20, Highland Lake Grange Hall

#### Press release

ANDOVER — The Decatur Creek Band will return to the Andover Community Coffeehouse on Friday, June 20. The Coffeehouse is held at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover, and this month's featured band is made up

of Doug Farrell, Jack Henry, and Beth Eldridge, all accomplished New Hampshire-based musicians and singer/songwriters.

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 firstcome, first-served basis. Admission is free, although



Decatur Creek Band, accomplished Hampshire-based musicians and singer/ songwriters.

the hat will be passed for donations for the featured performers.

To learn more about the Coffeehouse as well as Decatur Creek, check out the Coffeehouse website at www.AndoverCoffeehouse.org. For information about The Andover Community Hub, under whose auspices the Coffeehouse is organized, contact andoverhub.org.

### **Thank You, Volunteers!**

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## **Summer Music Associates Announces 2025 Concert Season**

Celebrating 52 years of extraordinary music.

#### Press release **Summer Music Associates**

NEW LONDON — Summer Music Associates will offer another outstanding concert season, celebrating 52 years of extraordinary music. Opening the season on Saturday, June 28, at the ven, Glière, and Devienne. Sawyer Center Theater at Colby-Sawyer College, the 75-piece Boston Civic the church, with an all-star tribute to Symphony will be joined by Ashley Bathgate, cellist, performing the Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor by Camille Saint-Saëns. The program will also include Richard Wagner's Overture to classic repertoire. Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg and Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 4.

Baptist Church, the Riverside Brass Quintet, led by virtuoso trumpeter Geoffrey Shamu, will present a mix of pop, classical, and jazz to delight everyone in the audience!

Thursday, July 24, pianist Fred Moyer mermusicassociates.org. returns, bringing a dual concert: clas-

sical piano for the first half, and when joined by his trio, a collection of jazz classics for the second half.

The Manhattan Chamber Players make their New London debut on Thursday, August 7, at the First Baptist Church, with a violin, viola, cello, and flute quartet. Their classical program will include pieces by Mozart, Beetho-

The season ends on August 21, at jazz legend Duke Ellington! The Ellington Collective, a sextet of jazz heavyweights, blend their unique talents to breathe new life into Ellington's

All concerts begin at 7 PM. in New London, NH. Tickets for adults are \$25 On Thursday, July 10, at the First and \$5 for students. They are available online at summermusicassociates.org, by phone at 603 526-8234, by mail at SMA, PO Box 603, New London, NH 03257, or at Tatewell Gallery or Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London. At the First Baptist Church, on For more information, please visit sum-

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**Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners** 

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"May is the month of expectation... the month of hope" (Emily Bronte). our hearts as we prepare vegetable electric savings, utility incentives, reseedlings for Tray it Forward, as we co-sponsor energy savings workshops throughout the region, and as we get ready for our annual KNP summer get-together! As always, we are incredibly grateful to everyone who is involved with KNP for keeping us annual Tray it Forward vegetable seedhelpful and hopeful as we continue to impact the Kearsarge Neighborhood.

A huge thank you to our volunteers, community partners, and donors for all you do for KNP. We want to celebrate you, so please mark your calendars and be sure to join us from 5:30 to 7 PM, on Friday, June 20, at the New London Historical Society Phillips Barn. We look forward to treating you to a very special evening of good food and drinks! More tray of vegetable seedlings. information is coming soon.

A three-year mini-grant program called the "Seedlings Fund Program" will allow KNP to fund projects proposed by individuals and organizations will be replicable or have the potential to impact can multiply. They will also have a designated element of reciprocity, giving those helped by a grant an opportunity to contribute back to the community.

We love fostering a "seedling" of an idea that can grow over time or in other places! Click: knpnh.org/community-resources/to see the application and read more about the program. Please

email us at info@KNPnh.org if you have further questions.

We are honored to co-sponsor NH SAVES: Button Up Home Energy Workshops in the Kearsarge region. Home heating and cooling are definitely Challenge New Hampshire neighbors! KNP and Kearsarge Climate Action will continue to co-sponsor NEW HAMPSHIRE SAVES: Button Up free home energy workshops throughout the Kearsarge region to help us understand how we can increase our comfort

We co-sponsored a March event in Wilmot and an April event in Warner. Be on the lookout for information on We certainly have expectations in future opportunities to learn about bates on appliances, insulation, and energy audits and weatherization. Can't attend a workshop? Click on plymouthenergy.org/buttonup to view a workshop presentation.

> May 30 was the big day for the sixth ling distribution sponsored by KNP, Kearsarge Food Hub, Colby-Sawyer College, and Spring Ledge Farm. The effort supports folks in our region who need a little help growing fresh, healthful food while experiencing the many benefits of gardening. If you know someone who has barriers to growing their own food, please hit the Tray it Forward button, at KNPnh.org, after May 1, to register for a

You can also sponsor a tray so that a neighbor can receive vegetable seedlings free of charge. Each sponsored tray will be generously matched one-for-one by Spring Ledge Farm. To sponsor, click on in the Kearsarge region. Ideal projects the Tray it Forward button at KNPnh.org.

You can make a difference in the life be scaled up if successful, so that their of a child! We remind you that Windsor County Mentors, of Sullivan County Windsor County Mentors, seeks adults to meet with students in Andover and the Kearsarge elementary schools, at school, one hour/week. WCM will train you and match you with a child. For more information, email: info@wcmentors.org, or call 802 674-5101.

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## **OPINION**

## Louise Andrus's View from Concord — June

the June issue of The *Beacon* is the last the budget bills: issue of the newspaper. I want to thank every person that has been involved tional revenue. for a job well done. Especially, I want to thank two special people who have creases are an added tax to the taxpayalways been there for me and that is Shelley Geoghegan and Steve Foley. Thank you for all your help and I wish sal EFAS but not at this time. I voted you both the very best.

As for the Legislative Session on have the money. April 10, the NH House voted on the proposed 2025-2026 budget included in HN 1 and HB 2. I was one of 16 get: 22. Establishes a video lottery tax Republicans that voted against HB 1. And I was one of 9 Republicans that terminals. This is a new tax. voted against HB 2.

And the reason I voted against the budget was not because I voted with the Democrats. I could not justify supporting these two budget bills for the citizens of my District 5 and all the cit-

Louise Andrus, State Representative izens of NH. I will give only a few of Deborah Aylward It is still hard for me to believe that the many reasons that I voted against State Representative

- 2. Many fees increased. The fee iners of New Hampshire..
- 3. I am totally in favor of univeragainst universal EFAS as we do not
  - 4. The budget expands government.
- 5. For example, direct from the budat a rate of 30 percent on video lottery

Hope you all have a great Fourth of July.

Representative Louise Andrus, Merrimack County District 5 for the towns of Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, Webster.

## **OPINION**

## Deborah Aylward's View from Concord — June

An unassuming, Mr. Peabody-look-1. Gambling is expanded for addi- ing fellow by day, by night, Senator Dan Innis takes to his keyboard and tells it like it is, no holds barred! I invite readers to see Senator Innis in ed the bill both in committee and in action in this New Hampshire Journal article from April 7 that he authored: nhjournal.com/innis-out-of-state-companies-are-exploiting-nhs-timber-tax/

Hearing HB 123 in the Municipal turn, lower property taxes. and County Government Committee, members learned about carbon sequestration and the tax loophole the bill aimed to fix, specifically, that of a "carbon credit subsidy for left-wing The budget then went to the senate. ESG factories" (i.e., green energy companies) as Innis describes it. The bill, with amendment, passed out of committee 18-0, in favor of Ought to Pass. A lot of hullabaloo, protesting, and other distractions descended upon

the State House prior to a vote; however, the House adopted the committee report, and the bill was ultimately referred to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

As a proud Republican, I supportthe House, this to allow municipalities to properly tax timber, to stop out-ofstate companies from profiting off the backs of Granite Staters, that will, in

For those readers not old enough to remember, according to Wikipedia, "Mr. Peabody is an anthropomorphic cartoon dog who appeared in the late 1950s and early 1960s television animated series The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle and Friends, who is the smartest being in existence, having graduated from Harvard when he was three years old."

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## LETTER

## **Volunteer Reminisces About** Years of Service to The Beacon

Beacon (The Andover Beacon), I want to express my sadness to see last couple years, though. Times have newspaper has become exorbitant!

I want to thank Charlie Darling, who trained me as an online volunteer many years ago. I think it was about 15 years ago that I went to see him at his Bea- I will forever be grateful to him! con office (downstairs in the Town Hall building) to see if I could help out in with the next editor/publishers: Donsome way. Charlie began showing me nette McGill, Steve Foley, and Shel-

yes you can!" And I did! I had worked guide! She was so patient with me. in insurance for over 30 years and thought I knew about working on computers. I knew nothing when it came to publishing a newspaper.

Beacon office and Charlie mentioned line volunteer job! he would be taking a three-week vacation to Bhutan, I asked him, "Who

will do your job of setting up articles As a longtime volunteer for The while you are gone?" His reply to me was, "You will."

I put it off until I absolutely had to The Beacon come to an end. I could do it because I was so afraid of making see the "writing on the wall" over the mistakes. I did the job and I'm sure I made mistakes, but no one said anychanged, and the cost of printing a thing. When Charlie returned, he finished and published the next issue.

> Charlie taught me a lot about computers, but mostly, he taught me to be brave and get out of my comfort zone.

After Charlie retired, I worked how I could help him with online work. ley Geoghegan together and, finally, I took one look and said, "I can't do just Shelley. I learned many tips from that!" He smiled at me and said, "Oh Steve but, in the end, Shelley was my

It seemed I was always calling Shelley for help with something. She is a diligent employee and a very kind person. I have loved working with her One day when I was working in the and am going to miss my monthly, on-

> Elizabeth (Beth) Frost Andover





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## LETTER

### World Leadership: "Either We Unite or Become Extinct"

#### Nicholas Ourusoff, New London

Note: This opinion is based on my article that appears online (with hyperlink references) at nickourusoff.substack.

Today, world leadership requires commitment to multinational collaboration because we face global challenges that affect all nations and, in addition, they are existential, threatening our survival. After World War 2, the United States was a leader in founding the postwar international legal and governance structure: the United Nations System, a democratic framework of international law based on the UN Charter (1945) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), with the overriding goal "to end the scourge of war" by committing to non-violent resolution of conflicts of interest and, since its beginning in 1945, with the specific goal to eliminate nuclear weapons.

In his 2023 briefing to the UN General Assembly, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres reminded us that the world is at a breaking point, with the Doomsday Clock set to 90 seconds! He called for transformation — the prioritization of long-term, existential global sity (CBD) agreements, and a recommitment to the UN Charter and peoples' right for vention on Climate Change peace: "The war between Russia and Ukraine violates the right of people to live in peace: World leaders — Stop the fighting!"

He warned: "We cannot have a new Cold War, an ideological competition that divides the world into two economies." We must unite to mitigate climate change and to lower the risk of nuclear conflict or we will rush like lemmings to our demise.

Inspired by the US modern environmental movement, the UN, following the establishment of the UN Environmental Program (UNEP) (1972), has during the last 35 years come into its own with the publication of the landmark Report of the World Commission on Environment and

Development: Our Common Future Janet Moore, Andover (1987), which provided a resolution to the North-South impasse between more and less developed countries over global development, by a deeper understanding of the inter-relationship between the Earth's environment and the world's economy, through broadening our understanding of world poverty and equity.

This began ongoing transformative work to prioritize long-term, global problems into a strategic agenda for achieving a common sustainable future, where sustainability is taken to mean that the environment for future generations will be as good or better than it is, and includes equity, the elimination of poverty, and access to education as fundamental. Today, a UN Global Policy (UNGP) exists as a set of evolving multi-faceted plans based on framework agreements and ongoing negotiated commitments to achieve goals on schedule, namely:

- 1. United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
- 2. Convention on Biological Diver-
- 3. United Nations Framework Con-
- 4. United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- 5. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- 6. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
- 7. Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- 8. Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on plastic pollution, tasked with developing a legally binding international agreement

The entire world has the opportunity to unite: global multinationalism under United Nations (UN)-governance — to achieve a shared sustainable future in our home, Earth.

Either we unite or become extinct!

## LETTER

## Budget vs. Reality, **Funds Needed for Projects**

Town Meeting this year went just visors of the Checklist, and other Town officers and volunteers all made it easy for voters to participate in our annual March festivities.

Highway Department labor force. Al-

presented in the detailed budget.

But how much would it actually take fine, pretty much. The budget passed, to complete the fixes requested? And residents spoke their collective piece. right now, this summer, this year? Much The Select Board, Moderator, Supermore than the town can afford, that's for sure. In the meantime, temporary work has to stand until the roads fall into the schedule — and there is a schedule.

The Highway Department is doing One comment: there was much talk its level best to maintain, under Kevin about the state of the roads and the Duval's able guidance, the roads and highways in Andover. Knock on wood, though the second Tuesday in March is we've survived winter, and soon the the time to conduct the business of the frost heaves will give way . . . to mud. Town, missing was discussion about Thank you, Kevin and crew, for keepthe funds needed. Yes, figures were ing us safe on our country roads.

# Thank You for Sending Us Your Letters and Opinions for the Past Twenty Years!



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## **Andover Resident Begins Georgia to** Maine Appalachian Trail Adventure

#### 2,197.4 mile trail takes a five to seven month hike

#### Kathy Vashro, Andover

ANDOVER - So many things to say, and I'm going to start by introducing myself. My name is Mojo. Well, that is my trail name. I'm not a picture with my walking buds - Buttersure where it came from. I don't drink coffee, and I am a slow walker. A hiker said, maybe I give energy to people. That's nice. All I know is that in is a 'walk in the woods'. I don't have the morning I have my 'mojo on' and move fast. But, once I hit a hill, I go to 'granny gear' and I am very slow. One night, I came in and ended up putting my tent up in the dark. I had walked over 10 hours with few breaks so my mojo was pretty slow. So your guess is as good as mine on my name.

throw their shoes as a sign of 'I've had enough'. It is the end of the first tough day and for some the end of their trek.

Views of the Blue Mountains are beau- my feet walking along. tiful. The blue mountains are really bluish. Not sure how. The landscape is still winter dead, and lots of trees are down from a hurricane that hit a few years ago.

One day, on top of a mountain, I met an 83 year old Cherokee woman only have one life to live. Take one walking in flip flops because she had a 'bad toe'. She was foraging for early Spring greens. I learned a bit about mountain foods at that encounter.

Without my glasses on, I see bears, elk and even a kangaroo in the old dead stumps of trees or rocks. Am I hallucinating from walking alone for hours at a time? Whatever it is, I love the use of my imagination.

I hit 70 miles on my 70th year, I took fly and Princess Leah. Here is a picture of me at 100 miles on top of a mountain.

My natural gait, on a 'groomed trail' to think of my feet tripping or rolling. When I have to lift my leg 12-15" to get over a rock or log, then I have a bit of an issue. Lifting my body weight and my 30+ pound backpack up to get over a rock or walking on rocks changes my gait, and I have to pay attention to my feet instead of the bird sound or views At mile 31, there is a tree where people or conversations in my head. Also, when the trail is four boot width apart with the side of the mountain steeply sloping down, I'm paying attention to

> At night, some hikers use earplugs to block out the 'night chatter'. I love listening to the screech owls, wind and other sounds that 'go bump in the night'.

> Slow down and enjoy this life- you step at a time and one bite at a time. Even when things are mostly negative, focus on the one positive, life is better!

Today is the present, let it be pleasant.



## Hiker Provides Background About Appalachian Trail

The Appalachian Trail (A.T.), a or SOBO(Southbound - Maine to 2,197.4-mile hiking-only trail, stretching from Springer Mountain in Georgia hrs 6 min. FKT(Fastest Known Time) to Mount Katahdin in Maine, traversing 14 states and offering diverse hiking experiences, from day hikes to thru-hikes. For those of you who count their daily 'steps' this hike is equivalent to 5 million steps! The AT is the longest hiking-only should take 5-7 months to complete.

er/runner thru hiker, fastest going NO-BO(Northbound- Georgia to Maine)

Georgia) Male or Female at 40 days 18

Read about Granny Gatewood (book title - Grandma Gatewood Takes a Walk, first female to complete the AT (68 years old in 1955).

At the time of this writing, the trail had ferry river crossings due to bridges trail in the world. An average thru hiker being out because of Hurricane Helene. 'Trail Angels' (people who provide 'Trail Check out Tara Dower, fastest hik- Magic' - food, drinks, money, transportation, housing along the trail because they want to support the hikers).

## **EAVP Plans Preschooler Graduation on New Playground**

#### Thanks to all for a successful 5K Fun Race

#### Press release

ANDOVER — East Andover Village Preschool is getting ready to close out the end of the school year, but not and Kal's Painting and Maintenance before we celebrate our preschoolers who are moving on to Kindergarten! chele Leahey, Park N Go Market, Weather depending, we will be celebrating our school year on our playground on June 13. Congratulations to Karate, Whyte's Logging, and Tyler all our preschool graduates!

On Sunday, May 18, EAVP held its annual Everyday Heroes 5K Fun Race to benefit the school. It was a great race,

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Without our sponsors, this race would not have been a great success!

We are still taking registrations for with lots of kids and runners of all ages. next school year for preschoolers aged Special thanks goes out to our sponsors: 2.5 to 5 years old. If you are interest-Andover Congregational Church, ed in touring our school, enrolling, or Avery's have general questions about EAVP, please reach out to our director Stephanie, at 603 735-5105. We wish everyone a fun, safe, and healthy summer!

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## **Andover High School Alumni Announces Reunion Plans**

Event to be held Saturday, July 25, at The Hub

#### **Judy Perreault Andover High School Alumnus**

ANDOVER — Covid and other committee issues put a stop to our annual Andover High School Reunion, but we have planned to have one this year. It will be held on Saturday, July 26, from 11 AM to 2 PM, at The Andover Community Hub.

We alumni remember The Hub as the Town Hall, where we had gym, you will be surprised at all the changes. dway have passed away.

The reunion is open to all who at-

tended Andover High, whether or not you graduated. Please plan to attend as this will be our final one. We are all aging out and many of our alumni are not with us anymore.

Bring your memories and memorabilia and we can visit and talk over past times. Any memorabilia the committee has after this meeting will be donated to the Andover Historical Society.

We are planning a catered lunch so, if you plan to attend, please call Patricia (Toot) Fleury at 603 526-6725 or Judy Perreault at 603 735-5493. Joyce basketball games, dances, plays, and Rand, an AHS alumnus, has volungraduation. It is once again a communitee teered to assist the committee. Sadly, ty gathering place and, if you have not committee members Shirley Currier, attended any events they have hosted Judy Barrett, and Lily and Gordon Or-

## **Proctor Academy Hosts 25th Annual Hays Speaking Contest**

#### Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

On April 14, representatives from a deeply personal topic. each of Proctor's 10th grade English classes delivered personal speeches as nine finalist speeches delivered in the part of the 26th Annual Hays Speaking Contest. Started by late Trustee and Faculty Member John Pendleton in 2000 to elevate the oration skills of Proctor Students, the Hays Speakto write and deliver a speech to their class. Each class section then votes on their "winner" to deliver their speech in front of the entire community. Public speaking is not easy, and especially

when it involves delivering a speech on

Visiting judges listened to the Wilkins Meeting House and voted on a winner based on delivery and content. This year's winner was Emily Alexander '27, with MacKenzie Blizzard '27 earning second place, and Pippa ing Contest asks every sophomore Bartlett '27 earning third place. Congratulations to all of our 10th graders for stepping into their discomfort and sharing a piece of their lives with the community.

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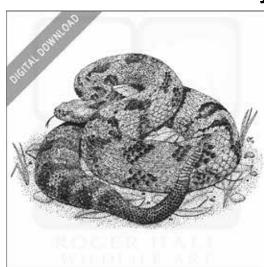


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The Wilmot Garden Club maintains numerous gardens at the public buildings in town. With a generous donation from the Wilmot Conservation Commission, we are very excited to be planting a new garden this spring in front of the recently renovated Town Hall building. The focus will be on utilizing native New Hampshire perennials, and we are grateful for the assistance of the experts at Bagley Pond Perennials, located in Warner. Pictured here (L to R): Nancy Schlosser, Alaina Bandanza (consultant from Bagley Pond Perennials), Chris Jenssen, and Sandra Rock. Anyone interested in the activities of the Wilmot Garden Club may reach out to lkcarpenter@tds.net.

#### Wilmot Library Events



"Last of the Granite State Rattlesnakes," chronicles the social, political, and natural history of the timber rattlesnake, the most endangered animal in New Hampshire. Sponsored by NH Humanities. Saturday, June 14, 1 p.m.

"A Stake in the Road: The history of Wilmot's roads" with Bill Chaisson. How roads were made in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, how they were maintained and by whom, how they were classified, and how they are discontinued. Friday, June 20, 7 p.m.

Good Memories Club. Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. Did you know music can boost your brain power? Fight memory loss with songs and musical memories! Every age and ability welcomed. May's theme: The Sixties.



WGC Master Gardeners Sandy Rock and Nancy Schlosser tending the info booth at the Farmers Market last year. Photo: Lindy Heim

### Wilmot Garden Club Plans Info Booth

Saturday, July 12, 9 AM–12 PM, at Wilmot Farmers Market

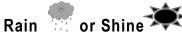
#### Press release

WILMOT — The Wilmot Garden Club will host its info booth as part of the 9 AM to noon Wilmot Farmers Market, on Saturday, July 12. You are invited to stop by to say hello, bid on a beautiful craftsman-made bench, ask our many Master Gardeners your gardening questions, help announce this year's recipient of the club's Walter Kangas Memorial Scholarship, meet club members, and join our merry gang. See you there!

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Ray Cole's tombstone in the American Military Cemetery in Normandy.

## **Andover Historical Society Hosts Special D-Day Presentation**

Stone Chapel, Proctor

#### Press release

ANDOVER — The Andover Historical Society will be offering a special D-Day presentation, at 7 PM, on June 6. The program, "One New Hampshire Boy," will be presented by Mary Jane Peabody, of Wilmot. She shares the untold story of a young man from smalltown central New Hampshire, Raymond Allo Cole, and how he came to be laid to rest in the American Military Cemetery in Normandy.

Cole died early on D-Day, June 6, 1944, while leading his unit's assault up the cliffs. Ms. Peabody's narrative not only fills out the story about Ray Cole and his heroic achievements virtually unknown until now — but also reveals new discoveries about how specific memories of him have been kept alive in France to this day. Follow Ray's journey, from being born the ninth of 10 children from a poor family in a small New Hampshire town, through foster homes, and into relate to during her visit. the Army during World War II.

What was his mysterious connection to Andover, New Hampshire? found no one from Wilmot, but soon Hear how he qualified for the elite discovered the grave of Ray Cole, sup-Second Ranger Battalion, crossed the Atlantic on the SS Queen Elizabeth, the more information she found about made fast friends along the way, and Ray Cole — from genealogy research, became a "Climbing Leader" during census records, local historical societthe crucial Allied assault on the Nor- ies, public libraries, military histories, mandy cliffs at Pointe du Hoc to silence the battery of German guns located there early on the morning of D-Day. Yes, Ray Cole was one of those "the Boys of Pointe du Hoc."

Ms. Peabody's research began while she was planning a trip to Normandy for the 80th anniversary of D-Day last year. With a longtime interest in World

Friday, June 6, 7 PM, the War II, she knew that visiting the beautiful, vast American Cemetery on the coast would be a high point of her trip and probably would be overwhelming. So she searched through the Cemetery's records of its 9,388 soldier burials, hoping to find one soldier from this part of New Hampshire



aymond Allo Cole, a young Soldier from New Hampshire, who joined the Army during World War II and was connected to Andover.

to learn something about, someone to

She discovered that 38 New Hampshire soldiers lie at rest there. She posedly from next-door Andover. And and once or twice through sheer luck the more she wanted to tell Raymond Cole's story to others.

All are welcome to come hear Ray's memorialized by President Reagan as inspiring story and learn about the twists and turns Ms. Peabody followed during her research into the history of this "One New Hampshire Boy." The event will take place at the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy, 194 Main Street, Andover.



D-Day Cliff Climbers.

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Jennifer Boyd next to the granite foundations of Graves Mill. Photo: Ed Hiller

#### cause of the later loss of the mill to fire. It was bought in 1942 by three partners, executives of the General Electric Company in Lynn, Massachusetts, who operated it under the name of the Andover Lumber Mill.

On April 20, 1945, the old landmark mill was destroyed by fire. Roger Henderson, a nearby neighbor, recalls watching the fire as a young boy from the porch of the cottage, which was an impressive conflagration. After the fire, much of the dam cribbing was pulled apart to allow the brook to flow freely. Perley Henderson, Roger's father, told of doing this with his team and nearly getting the horses mired in the quicksand in the bottom of the mill pond.



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### Graves (Aiken) Mill and Dam Dates Back to the 1830s

#### Landmark mill destroyed by fire in 1945

### **Ed Hiller, Andover Historical Society**

ANDOVER — This dam is located on Mill Brook just north of the railroad. It dates back to the 1830s. It was made of log cribbing pegged together with iron spikes. Massive stonework supported the mill wheel.

from the dam and under the railroad and contained an estimated two to three acres. Originally, it was a saw mill. A grain threshing machine was added about 1860, and a cider mill was added about 1864.

In the 1900s, a steam boiler was added to augment the unreliable water power. This was probably the cause of the fire that on April 20,1945, de- Henry Colby in 1874 and operated it stroyed the old landmark.

now gone, the massive granite stonework remains. The brook below the of Chase Hill Road) lived in the cottage. mill became known as Sucker Brook, grating up from Webster Lake were blocked by the mill.

It is not known who originally constructed this mill but it must have been lived on the next farm down the road, bought a half-interest in the mill from Ruel Long (owner of the mill area) in 1836. Could it be that Graves worked rewarded him with this half-interest?

In 1837, Long sold to Graves the 15acre field on the east side of the road with the right to channel the brook the only sawmill of a stationary or peracross his land. This was apparently to move the brook further south and help dry out the Graves meadow to the north. Although there is no evidence of in Flaghole. During his ownership, he the brook ever being re-routed, there is

south of Graves's stone boundary wall.

In 1844, Long sold to Graves the remaining half-interest in the mill and 12 acres extending north. William Graves operated the mill for 30 years: 1836 to 1866. In 1866 he sold his farm and the mill to Benjamin Sweatt. Sweatt immediately sold the mill off to Henry Colby.

Henry Colby built the mill keeper's cottage (now the Hiller residence) The mill pond extended upstream in 1866. He and his wife Caroline (nee Bennet) and their three children lived there until 1874, operating the mill for 8 years. He then sold the mill and moved to the Howard Jelleme place on Emery Road. Four years later, in 1878, he committed suicide by throwing himself under a railway train below Hogback.

John D. Aiken bought the mill from from 1874 to 1912, a period of 38 years. Although the mill structures are During this time, he and his wife Lucy Jane (daughter of William Blake Emery

Lucy Jane was a teacher at Tucker recognizing that the sucker fish mi- Mountain School. They had no children. John D. Aiken passed it on in 1912. After several intermediate owners, it came in 1918 to Leland Heath.

On April 19, 1918, the mill keeper's built before 1836. William Graves, who cottage and barn burned down. Leland Heath immediately "built the pretty little bungalow in which he lived at the time of his death." Heath then separated and sold off the mill property to Jay with Long to construct the mill and Long E. Emer who, with his wife Eva (nee Hacket), operated the mill from 1918 to 1942, a period of 24 years.

During this period, this mill was manent type that was operating in Andover, except for the Dalphond Mill on Plains Road and the Allen-Rogers Mill installed a steam boiler to augment the still a trench that can be seen running water power, which was probably the



Tucker Mountain's one-room schoolhouse in East Andover.

**Photo: AHS Archives** 

## Tucker Mountain School House **Opens for 2025 Season**

Sunday, June 8, 1 PM to 3 PM

Donna Baker-Hartwell, Andover Historical Society

ANDOVER — The Andover Historical Society announces that the Tucker Mountain one-room school will re-open on Sunday, June 8, from 1 PM to 3 PM. A collection of books, inkwells, pens, and other early education (1800s) artifacts will be on display.

The school will be open on the second Sunday of each month through October. There is no charge for visitors. Donations are always appreciated and go toward the preservation of the school house and operations of the society.

If you would like to arrange to visit the school house outside of our regularly scheduled times, you may do so by contacting Donna at donnabh1@gmail.com, or go to andoverhistory.org.





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## **Andover Resident Takes** First Place in Dance Contest

Holly Chevarie wins 2025 Newport Dancing with the Stars

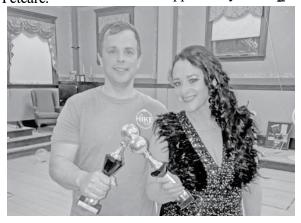
#### Press release

NEWPORT — Andover resident Holly Chevarie ( formerly known as Holly Trott) took first place on March 15, as Dance Pro, dancing with Community Star Josh Howe in this year's 2025 Newport Dancing with the Stars. Holly Chevarie has taught Ballroom Latin and Swing dance for 25 years and is the owner of local Nidoba Petcare.

Josh Howe is a State Police officer for the State of New Hampshire Troop C.

The show was held at the Newport Opera House, on March 14 and 15, and is an annual fundraiser for the Newport Chamber of Commerce. Megan Mavor of The Newport Ballroom is the creative director and choreographer for the show. This is Holly's second time competing in the show, the first being in 2022, when she won second place.

"It was really rough taking a twoyear break and having to leave the show in 2023 due to a severe leg injury, while in the middle of three months of work put into choreography for that show," says Holly, "and we had to find a replacement for me on very short notice, giving my partner for that year about a month to practice with his new partner before the show. It felt amazing to be back on stage this year and have another chance to compete after healing that injury. . . . I'm so grateful to the Newport Ballroom for this opportunity."



Holly Chevarie and Josh Howe performed a Cuban mambo to Tito Puentes's "Ran kan kan," to win First Place in the 2025 Newport Dancing with the Stars. Photo: Caleb Godwin Photography

## South Danbury Church News

#### Linda Wilson, South Danbury Church

the South Danbury Church is at 11 AM. Everyone is invited, and all are welcome.

wishes for the future! The Beacon has Danbury Church, sharing our news continue these connections, ever grateful that *The Beacon* brought them to us.

The Beacon, in print and online, events. We'll be happy to help. and everyone at The Beacon making it for our shared community — one that is far wider than town lines on a map. which couldn't have happened without you, connections that for us in South Danbury have expanded our personal and physical and social and (yes!) intellectual horizons. As Thoreau said, "There is more light to dawn..." and helpful. Contributions are always welwe will be watching and hoping for yours, in whatever forms it might take.

Looking ahead, the New Hampshire Humanities Council has approved our Route 4, South Danbury, NH 03230. We request for historian and journalist Dan Billin — who recently presented "Last of the Granite State Rattlesnakes" at the church — to return on July 11 to pres- Historic Places.

ent "Abolitionists of Noyes Academy." Watch our Facebook page, Friends of DANBURY — Sunday worship at the South Danbury Church, for current news and future events.

For church news, programs, events, Thanks, caring thoughts, and well and announcements of worship services, follow us on Facebook at Friends been an excellent friend to the South of the South Danbury Christian Church, watch for the outdoor sign at and events with a far broader audience the church, call/text 603 744-8073, or than we could ever have reached on our email southdanburychurch@gmail.com. own. We'll do our best to nurture and If you would like to be on our mailing list, send us an email. Please contact us if you need a ride to attend worship or

Thank you to everyone who suppossible, have certainly been a beacon ports and participates in South Danbury Church activities! We are especially grateful for your donations to the South You've been the glue that has made Danbury Church Essential Home Goods connections between people and places Shelf at the Danbury Community Center. The (non-food) home goods collection began during Covid with a suggestion from Rev. Gail Kinney, and thanks to Kendra Braley, the DCC hosts it.

> Personal care items are especially come and can be brought to the DCC or to church services and events.

> South Danbury Church, 1411 US are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, UCC. Our church is listed in the National Register of

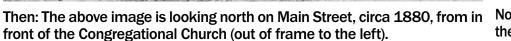
### **Live Life! Have Fun!**













Now: Looking towards North Main Street from South Main Street (Route 3) near the Congregational Church in West Franklin, with Benson Auto ahead on the left

## **Current Franklin Photo Shows Dramatic Change from 1800s Photo**

Same perspective shows Benson Auto

Leigh A. Webb

Franklin Historical Society

FRANKLIN — In the 1800s, West Franklin was just "Franklin", and east of the Pemigewasset River was "Franklin Falls" (named for the multiple "falls" created by the mills along the Winnipesaukee River).

Main Street was a flourishing business district, made even more so with the advent of the automobile, as Route 3 was the main road for tourists to access the White Mountains and Franklin retailers took full advantage. Gas stations, motels, the Daniel Webster Inn, souvenir shops, restaurants, all thrived.

Interstate 93 changed all that, channeling most tourist dollars to municipalities along the new highway, and signaling the beginning of an econom-

ic downturn to Franklin. In the 19th century horse-drawn carriages, (if one could afford such extravagance), horseback riding, or walking, were the modes of getting around locally. Everything residents needed was offered generally either along Main or Central Streets and were within reasonable walking distance. Either the mills, or businesses ancillary to the mills, were the economic engines for the city and its inhabitants.

Much has changed, as evidenced by the current photo from a few years ago. Even the building on the far left, standing from the 1850s, is now gone. West Franklin business presence is today dominated by Benson Auto, the oldest Chevy dealership in the United States (114 years!). This is made even more remarkable by being generationally passed down in the same family. The impact of the automobile, and its effect on the global landscape, could never be overstated.

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## Franklin High School Returns to **FIRST Robotics Competition**

After a one-year hiatus

#### Press release

FRANKLIN — After a one-year hiatus, Franklin High School Golden Tornadoes Team 7314 has returned to FIRST Robotics competition, joining teams from 139 nations around the world. The Golden Tornadoes entered their new robot, Franklinstein, in the NE District Granite State competition during the weekend of February 28.

This year's challenge, called "Reefscape," requires robots to collect and deposit dodgeball-sized "algae" objects and 4-inch diameter PVC "coral" pieces into designated targets. Prior to the competition, the team spent four weeks building their robot under the guidance of four experienced mentors and two faculty members, Paul Chllds and Dave Pollak.

#### **Dedicated Mentorship Team:**

Chris Drever, the lead mentor and a senior network engineer at PSU, brings 18 years of FIRST competition experience. After spending 12 years with the Gilford team, he came to Franklin six years ago to help establish a new team. Drever takes pride in watching students progress from not knowing what a Phillips screwdriver is to machining parts within 0.003-inch tolerance. His philosophy of "gracious professionalism" emphasizes the competition's unique "coopertition" spirit, where teams compete intensely but readily assist others in need..

Billie Strong, a Senior Mechanical Engineer at Dean Kamen's company, DEKA, joined the FIRST community in 2007 with the Gilford team. As team captain during her senior year, she led her team to the world championships and later earned a full scholarship to WPI, which she largely credits to her FIRST experience. Now in her second year as a mentor with the Golden Tornados, Strong teaches students to use Autodesk's Fusion software and assists with robot design. "I want to give back. It made my life," she explained

about her volunteer work.

Ernie Downes, a retired carpenter in his third year with the Golden Tornadoes, values the opportunity to work with his hands and spend quality time with his son, who is on the team. "Hands-on is the best way to learn," Downes stated. His approach involves providing direction, ensuring safety, and then stepping back to observe and offer suggestions when needed. He adds that learning something new every day makes the experience even more enjoyable.

Pierre Guillotte, an automotive service technician at Benson Auto, has an eight-year history with the team—six as a student and two as a mentor. His motivation for continuing involvement is to "give back," noting that "you can't do it without mentors." Guillotte credits FIRST with helping him discover his potential. He finds inspiration in seeing others make similar discoveries. "Robotics is the hardest fun you will ever have," he remarked while guiding students through a troubleshooting session.

#### **Beyond Competition:**

FIRST Robotics supplements typical educational experiences, offering students benefits that mentors appreciate. Beyond the obvious rewards of enjoyment, skill development, and scholarship opportunities, participants forge lasting connections across diverse backgrounds. And, the experience cultivates self-confidence while instilling productive habits that serve students throughout their lives. Perhaps most distinctively, FIRST Robotics balances competitive drive with "gracious professionalism"—teaching students the value of collaboration and respect, even with rivals.

### **School Matters!**

## **Volunteer Finds Purpose and** Meaning at Franklin Animal Shelter

#### Board decides to close the doors

#### Jennifer Ach, Franklin Animal Shelter

caused me to reflect on what the shelter promote animals for adoption. has meant to me.

friends and sense of community grew. Seeing the commitment of many volrecreation, arts, and culture inspired my own choice to become a part of that momentum.

The Franklin Opera House, Twin Rivers Food Pantry, Veterans Memorial Recreation Area, and Winnipesaukee leaders of the city of Franklin, includ-River Trail Association, amongst other ing police chiefs, city managers, city nonprofits, has served as a major driver of my own inspiration to contribute the board of Franklin Animal Shelter in the fall of 2023.

As a lifelong dog owner and animal lover, making a commitment to this nonprofit felt like a natural choice to support the community that quickly be-

came my home. Most of my responsibilities on the animal shelter board were related to marketing, event planning, and fundraising. I was able to represent FRANKLIN — Franklin Animal Franklin Animal Shelter at events like Shelter has made the difficult decision Franklin's Community Day, and I conto close its doors. This sad news has tributed to social media campaigns to

I am fortunate to say that my expe-Moving to Franklin in 2022 brought rience with the shelter has given me exciting changes. I quickly learned just much joy. The sense of purpose and how special Franklin is as my group of meaning I have gained through this volunteer role is extremely valuable. The personal impact it has had on me unteers who support the city's health, and many others makes its closure a difficult event.

Many people have contributed to Franklin Animal Shelter over the years The energy behind Mill City Park, and deserve thanks. These include former and present staff, volunteers, board members, donors, as well as council members, and mayors.

I am truly grateful to Franklin and to the wellbeing of Franklin. I joined its surrounding communities for the deep commitment shown to cats, dogs, and the animal-lovers among us.

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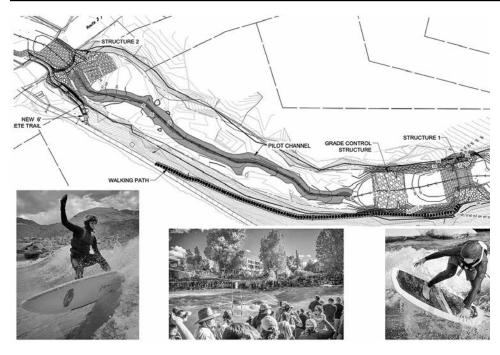
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(Top, Left to Right): Whitewater Feature #2 (Structure 2) downstream of Whitewater Feature #1 (Structure 1). (Bottom left) Miles Harvey surfing at the Eagle, Colorado Whitewater Park. (Bottom center) FibArk Festival, Salida, Colorado. (Bottom right) Surfer shredding in Salida, Colorado's Whitewater Park. Design: Recreation, Engineering and Planning, Boulder, Photos: Badfish, J. Randall, and Badfish Colorado.

## Surf's Up at Franklin's Mill City Park's Whitewater Feature

Whitewater Park's Phase Two brings new features

Marty Parichand, Founder, ONE

FRANKLIN — This is an excerpt from a blog, the title of which, "Surf's Up," is a slang phrase that means there are good waves for surfing and it's also be used more generally to mean getting ready for something. For today, both of those concepts are true.

Within the pages of the March 6 Union Leader, there are a bunch of sentences that are exciting for the City of Franklin: the Whitewater Park's Phase 2 Construction process with its first step, a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified contractors! The full RFP is also on the city's website.

What this means for our community is very thrilling.

This construction phase will complete the whitewater park's development and bring a host of new features to make Franklin a premier destination for outdoor adventure. And it's not just about kayaking or rafting—this phase includes something unique: a river surf wave!

Whitewater parks and river surf revitalizing local economies and attracting visitors from all walks of life. From the bustling rivers of Colorado, Oregon, Wisconsin, and yes, Iowa, ect elements, check out the following! these parks bring together people of all interests and skill levels. The river surf wave will make Franklin a go-to destidimension to what's already an incredible recreational space.

It's not just about surfers, though this is a park for families, adventurers, anyone who enjoys getting outside and wants to see something different!

It's also about sustainability... By

creating a destination that will draw visitors year-round and help local businesses thrive, this enables downtown properties to improve, increasing the City's tax base, so we can afford our schools, our city services and our aging infrastructure.

Imagine families and visitors from time to get ready to ride them. It can all over the region coming to Franklin to experience something new, surfers catching waves in the Winnipesaukee River with fellow whitewater kayakers! The ripple effect of this development will be felt across the regionfrom increased tourism to the growth of the local economy.

It's easy to be skeptical about something new, especially when it's as unique as a river surf park. But the reality is that Mill City Park and the Whitewater Park aren't just for one demographic—it's for everyone. It's a space where families can gather, visitors can explore, paddlers, surfers and fishermen can play, and locals can feel a sense of pride in what's being built right here in Franklin, which isn't offered anywhere else in New England. The completion of Phase 2 will be a crowning achievement for our city, parks have taken the world by storm, providing a legacy of outdoor recreation that future generations can enjoy.

> So, let's get ready to ride this wave! P.S. For those wanting to see the proj-

What's Coming in Phase 2 of the Mill City Park Whitewater Park

1.Whitewater Drop Structures: Two nation for surfers, adding a whole new new drop structures will be added, creating ideal waves for kayaking, rafting, and river surfing. These features will enhance river recreation with controlled water flow and safe conditions for users.

> 2.Grade Control Structure: Positioned downstream of the first drop

## Wildlife Return on Highland **Lake Heralds Spring**

Donna Baker-Hartwell, Andover

ice went out on Highland Lake either They did not have a successful nest very late on April 4 or early April 5. last year. It will be interesting to watch Broken ice often floats along the shore them, in light of the presence of an ea-

of the public beach and mouth of the channel for hours before disappearing. I usually call it "ice out" when the lake is open from the east side to the west side, north and south of the island.

Our mating geese arrived a week or more before the channel was free of ice. The Mergansers arrived around the same time.

eagle's nest being rebuilt and on April 2, be off by several days as to when they cubation period is 34–36 days.

able to confirm that both eagles were eaglets are usually 5-6 weeks old before they are able to peek over the nest.

Alex Estin confirmed seeing an adult loon on April 6. Our loons usually arrive within a day of ice-out so he formed about what we are seeing on was right on time!

not yet paired up with a mate are also to get on board. seen flying and swimming in groups.

Our mating pair will hopefully get ANDOVER — Happy spring! The down to the business of nesting soon.



Eagle in tree overlooking Highland Lake. Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell

On March 20, we saw evidence of the gles' nest, yet again, this year!

"semi-albino," accurately I was able to confirm that an adult eagle called a leucistic, Red-tailed Hawk that was sitting in the nest. I certainly could I wrote about last year, was seen near Continental Machine in April. It has first started sitting on the nest. Their in- a mate with the typical plumage and has been returning to East Andover for May 8 marks 36 days since I was several years. It is quite striking to see!

As the summer season rolls in, I seen tending the nest. I read that the hope we see the return of the Great Blue Herons, the Kingfishers and, perhaps, the Great White Egret, which graced us with its presence last summer.

People who would like to stay in-Highland Lake may do so by joining Beth Frost has seen five or more LOON NEWS, a group email. We loons on the lake this week. Loons do encourage people to report their sighttravel around to various lakes in their ings and share their photos with this territories. Young adult loons who have group. Contact me at donnabh@tds.net

## Franklin Opera House Receives CDFA Tax Credit Grant

#### Funds help sustain operations and programs

Randy Kovach and Jo Brown, Franklin

FRANKLIN — A CDFA Tax Credit is a tax credit grant administered by CDFA.

Along with other companies, Bank of New Hampshire made a significant contribution, which impacts the Opera House programs, and allows those companies to take it as a tax deduction.

The grant totaled \$150,000. CDFA received a 20% admin fee of \$30,000 and the remaining \$120,000 went to FBIDC. The grant engages the community to support the opera house in



shaping its future and to come up with a model that will help sustain the operations, service the debt associated with the renovation, and continue to provide a youth drama program in which all (regardless of economic status) can participate.

structure, this component will help trail running along the riverbank, stabilize water flow and dissipate wave connecting the Winnipesaukee River

3 Slalom Channel: A graded channel ture, offering easy access. to improve navigation for boaters, esperemoving any debris from historic dam tion within the Whitewater Park.

4. Walking Path: A 5-foot-wide dirt to the park or river trail.

Trail to the first whitewater drop struc-

5.Underpass Trail: A 6-foot-wide cially during low-flow conditions, while concrete trail will connect Trestle View Park to the Winnipesaukee Rivsites. This will enable slalom competi- er Trail, passing under the Sanborn Bridge for safe, uninterrupted access



Pictured are Financiers which are small, traditional French almond cakes dating back to the 17th century.

## **Neighbors Share Recipes: Financiers**

#### Louise Nylander, Franklin

Financiers are a small, traditional French almond cake dating back to the 17th century. Originally named Visitandines after an order of nuns who originally created the cakes, they were renamed tional) financiers by a Parisian chef named Lasne around 1890. Lasne, who owned a bakery in the financial district of Paris, began baking the cakes in the rectangular shape of gold bars, appealing to his the yolks to use for other recipes). wealthy customers with their compact shape making them easy to eat on the go.

These delicious treats are still popular today and go perfectly with a cup of tea or coffee. They can be made cool for 5 to 10 minutes. in any shape - I chose flower shaped molds for a fun and different look - and I prefer to use a silicone mold for ease of removal, but a metal pan works too butter to the dry ingredients and mix when greased well.

#### **Ingredients:**

- \* 4 egg white
- \* 10 tbsp unsalted butter
- \* 1 1/4 cup almond flour
- \* 1 cup powdered sugar

- \* 6 tbsp flour
- \* Pinch of salt
- \* ½ tsp baking powder
- \* ½ tsp almond extract
- \* Sliced almond for topping (op-

#### Method:

Preheat oven to 375 F and grease molds if using a metal pan.

Separate egg whites (I like to keep

Melt butter in a pan over medium heat, stirring continuously until the butter turns a light, golden brown color. Remove from heat and allow to

Whisk together the dry ingredients in a large bowl.

Add the egg whites and browned until completely combined.

Refrigerate batter for 10 to 15 minutes. Fill molds to <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full. Top with sliced almonds and bake for 12 - 15 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Allow to cool at room temperature and enjoy!



ranklin resident Olivia Genus took the top scoring dance routine of all solos, duos/trios, and groups for the intermediate level at the recent Dancers Inc. competition in North Berwick, Maine. The solo, called Word Up, was choreographed by Sue Harrington. Olivia dances at Lakes Region Dance in Meredith, now home to the former Franklin C-steps studio run by Sue Harrington. Many of Sue's Franklin students followed her to Lakes Region Dance, which also won Top Scoring Studio, at the recent competition.



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Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company family-owners Kirk Weyant and wife Jill. Fundraiser items include: Cherry Tomato grow kit; Zinnia, Primrose, Poppy, Black-Eyed Susan, Cosmos seed balls; The Merrimack wreath; Torch Lily Kniphofia. Photos: William F. Pomeroy and Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Co

## **Business Offers Groups Greenhouse Fundraising Options**

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#### Randy Kovach, Beacon Contributor

How many of you in our community have been a part of a community doing fundraising? At some point in our lives, I'm sure most of us have been involved in one activity or another dealing with fundraising. Well, I'd like to offer you another option. Maybe you've never heard of Three Rivers Fundraising owned by Kirk and Jill Wyant residing here in Franklin on River Street.

I asked Kirk why and how he got started in business? Kirk stated, "I worked for Goldstar Farms and Wholesale Nurseries in Canterbury, New Hampshire. The owner, Arthur Jack, had a Christmas tree export company and wanted to expand. I went up to Northern Maine and did research about making stuff in that area and then the next year we went up and built a building and started a shop making wreaths. Every year it grew and I stayed there until 1990 working for Arthur. We expanded from our first year selling 5000 wreaths and then later up to 350,000. His business was changing, and he decided to retire. At that point, I felt it was a good time to start my own business".

and I went up there every year and stayed be in your hands in about two weeks. for four weeks building and shipping my products. Finally, in the early 2000's, I the wreaths, bulbs, plants or a mix, they moved it back here because labor was getting hard to come by up there. We rented in Concord, at Sunnycrest Apple Orchard up on Autumn Drive and various other places all over and eventually we built a building down on River Street, in Franklin, and started making them there.

We have had various helpers working for us, from Locals, Jamaicans after they

Some items are donated: finished picking apples, to refugees sponsored by the Lutheran social service.

> I have my shop here and I still have one up there. We make a lot of things. We make wreaths. Sometimes we also donate wreaths, such as the large wreaths displayed on the wheel in Trestle View Park in town during Christmas.

> During the season, we employ probably 40 people making wreaths between here and our other shops. In addition to our fundraising business, we also sell wholesale. We supply garden centers, such as the Osborne farm stores, from here all the way down to Maryland.

> In our fundraising efforts, we direct-ship and are completely contactless using our website ThreeRiversFundraising.com to support groups from pet rescue leagues, the Boy Scouts, high school bands, and other different organizations. Mill City Park has been a customer for years."

As I have previously mentioned, Kirk has been a significant member of the greater Franklin community. Over the years, his company has built a fundraising and wholesale business and helps the community with raising money. What is an absolute necessity in raising money is that they help your group get set up, they help with money collection, and they ship directly to where you want He continued, "In 1991 I began work- the product delivered. Most importantly; ing for myself. I had shops up in Maine after the program ends, your money will

> Whether you want one product like will come up with an easy program for every season to add dollars to your favorite organization. I believe an opportunity like this is one you don't want to ignore. Visit their website, or call 603 934-1995 and explore how your group will be able to get the same excellent service and purchasing power as does your local garden center.



Vulgar Brewing Company operates at 378 Central Street, next to Marceau Park in downtown Franklin. Co-owners (upper right) Damon Lewis and Jason Harrington. The taproom (bottom right). Fermentation vessels (bottom left) plus a brew kettle. Photo: William F. Pomeroy

## Franklin's Vulgar Brewing Company Offers Craft Beer; Pizza

Offers yearly membership with discounts, mug, etc.

#### Randy Kovach, Franklin

together than pizza and beer? Located on Central Street in downtown Franklin, nestled against Marceau Park, sits Vulgar Brewing Company. Founded in taken home at the end of the year. You 2018, the locally owned brewery boasts may have to join a waitlist as there are a variety of craft beers made from local limited memberships available. ingredients and brewed on site, as well as non-alcoholic beers and cider on tap.

With its industrial-style interior, brick walls, and high ceiling, the brewery offers a relaxed, welcoming ambiance. Seating is plentiful, with tables, booths, and bar seating available, as well as seasonal outdoor seating with fast and attentive service from your table. Highchairs are available for the younger diners, and bottled sodas and seltzers are available for the kids. Both family and group dining are welcomed with a maximum indoor single-table party size of twelve.

The menu offers a range of 12-inch brick oven pizzas, with a gluten free crust offered on request, and vegan options available. Appetizers, salads, and desserts are also on the menu, providing more variety.

A popular spot among the locals, FRANKLIN — What goes better Vulgar Brewing Company offers a Vulgar Society yearly membership that includes discounts, exclusive events, and your own mug that can be

> For a fun night out with friends, Thursdays are trivia nights with a twist; every answer is a number. The trivia is free to enter, and prizes are awarded for the winning teams. If you miss trivia, you'll find a stack of Trivial Pursuit cards on your table to make your own trivia night any day of the week.

Closed Monday and Tuesday, you can choose to dine in and enjoy the atmosphere, or take out, with four-packs of beer available to go as well as the food. Online ordering is also available, and though you may be spending a little more than ordering from your franchise pizza places, you will find that the quality and portion sizes are well worth it.



ooking out onto Highland Lake from Channel Road in East Andover, as the lake was opening and the ice melting/sinking, on or about April 4, Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell 2025.

