



Miss Doreen (l), Miss Becky (in the egg!), and Miss Carmen are all dressed up with the kids for Dinosaur Night at the preschool. Photo: Craig Perreault

## East Andover Village Preschool

By Carmen Bates

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During the month of April the kids were able to decorate dinosaur and Easter eggs to share with their families. We spent a lot of the month learning about dinosaurs and had a dinotastic open house on April 12.

The evening started with the children becoming paleontologists and looking for fossils in the sand. Then they entered the ice age and chipped away at the ice to free the dinosaurs.

Being greeted at the opening of the cave, they were invited in to do rubbings on the walls. They had to be careful not to drop the dino eggs as they crossed the bridge and then got to get inside an egg to have their picture taken. The final explosion was the volcano that erupted all night long while cave women were running around helping children around

the land before time.

Thank you to all the parents who brought goodies to eat, to Judy Perreault for helping chip away at the ice, to Karen Holman for drawing our dino masks, to AE/MS and Gail Parenteau for laminating those masks for us, and to Mrs. Gould for tending to our book fair for the evening.

Our book fair was a success and we look forward to reading all our new books. Thank you to all the parents who donated books to us – enjoy the books that you bought for your children.

We will now begin to think about the end of the school year and, with a bit of sadness, treasure every moment that we have left with our Preschool II class.

If you are interested in enrollment for the 2006-2007 year, give the director, Doreen, a call at 735-5105.

## Cub Scouts Pack 489

By Carmen Bates  
Andover Cub Scouts

At our last Cub Scouts Pack 489 meeting we had a demonstration by Nancy Lyon of New England K-9 Search and Rescue from New London. She spent about an hour with us with two of her dogs, Quiklie and Haven, both beautiful dogs.

Ms. Lyon showed us a video of a girl who got lost in the woods. Ms. Lyon's dogs are trained to find these people. They do it by the scent of blood, alive or dead. First Ms. Lyon hid a book with old blood in it on a cloth. Haven, who is still learning, quickly found the book and alerted her that he did. He did this by running and jumping up on Ms. Lyon. Haven then got a treat of a jar of baby food and his favorite toy to play with.

Next, one of the Scouts, Griffin, hid in some mats against a wall totally out of sight. Ms. Lyon brought in her more experienced dog, Quiklie, and let him

go. It took a few minutes for him to find Griffin because of the circulation of the air in the building, but he did know that Griffin was there somewhere.

It was an amazing demonstration to see and a very good learning experience for the boys and their families, because anyone can get lost in the woods. The boys really enjoyed meeting Ms. Lyon and her dogs. We would like to thank Nancy Lyon and her dogs for their time and energy and would also like to thank her for what she chooses to do. I feel good knowing that someone like her and her dogs are out there ready to go looking for my children if ever need be!

The Webelos boys earned their communication badge with the help of Charlie Darling, who gave them a tour of Andover's community access cable TV station, Channel 8. Now they know how Channel 8's programs get to our TVs at home. Thank you, Charlie, for showing them this and for printing their articles in last month's *Beacon*!

# Andover Outing Club Wraps Up The Season

By Lynn Cox  
Andover Outing Club

Despite this snowless winter, Andover Outing Club cross-country skiers enjoyed fun on skis and great skill development at the Blackwater Ski Area this season.

The youngest skiers, four-year-old twins David and Matthew Lester, along with veteran six-year-olds Annika Johnson and Cope Makechnie, spent time building snow shelters, doing scavenger hunts, and participating with the older skiers. New to AOC, Katelyn and Domick Kinson, Maddie and Michaela Trefethen, Will Henriques, and Amina Hughes jumped right in with practices.

Coach Al was a miracle worker, mixing skills development with fun activities on patches of snow the size of tennis courts all season long! Relay races, Capture the Flag, Scavenger Hunts, British Bulldog, and Nordic Jumping were the highlights of the practices, along with regular letters from AOC alum Justin Freeman, who kept us informed of events in Torino, Italy at the Olympics.

The lack of snow prevented all but one race in central New Hampshire from being held – the Hopkinton Blackwater Ski Race, with a noted first place by Andrew Young for the J5 skiers. J3 racers Story Southworth and

## Proctor Sports

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Proctor's JV girls' lacrosse team beat a combination varsity/JV New Hampton team, 5-2. Patty Dansereau had some good mid-field play and a couple of chances on net, and Blair Southworth ripped in a beauty.

The Proctor JV boys' tennis team defeated Vermont Academy, 7-2. Singles winners included Kinley Viandier of Andover and Alex Milley and Nick Aiken of New London. John Ludlow and Dan Loehr of Sutton won at No. 3 doubles, 8-0.

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## Mini Sprint Racing At Canaan

The Granite State Mini Sprints Racing Club has just released its 2006 racing schedule. A mini sprint is an open-wheeled car powered by a 500cc or 600cc motorcycle engine. Racers start as young as age 14.

GSMSRC will be racing at the Canaan Fair Speedway on Fridays: May 26, June 16, July 7 and 21, August 11 and 25, and September 8. For more information, visit [CanaanFairSpeedway.com](http://CanaanFairSpeedway.com).

GSMSRC also races Saturdays at Bear Ridge Speedway ([BearRidgeSpeedway.com](http://BearRidgeSpeedway.com)) in Bradford, Vermont or at Legion Speedway ([LegionSpeedway.tripod.com](http://LegionSpeedway.tripod.com)) in Rumney.



Some Andover Outing Club "raccoons" in Bethel, Maine, at the Bill Koch League Ski Festival.

Photo: Lynn Cox

Jackson Bicknell held a grueling head-to-head competition as the only contestants in their category.

Sadly, due to hard rains and high waters, the AOC home race had to be cancelled as were many others throughout the season. But the lack of snow did not detract from the skiers' determination and growth.

The older of the AOC skiers attended the Middle School Championships at Bear Notch this season. Maddy Pfeifer, Story Southworth, and Elizabeth Chesley raced the relay, sliding into a solid third place finish. In the individual races, Story Southworth led our group in third place, with Maddy in eighth and Elizabeth in 13th.

In the boys' races, Jackson Bicknell, Will Henriques, and Andrew Young took fifth place in the relay. Jackson was the leader in the individuals, pulling a ninth place finish, followed by Will in 15th and Andrew in 22nd place. Coach Al was impressed with the entire teams' loyalty and sportsmanship in the event.

The ski season ended on March 5 with the weekend-long Bill Koch Festival held this year in Bethel, Maine on what little snow they could scrape together to make a race course. Starting with a parade of hundreds of skiers dressed as Maine woods animals, the AOC skiers braved very cold temperatures and sheer ice walking surfaces to ski. Racers Story Southworth, Jackson Bicknell, Maddy Pfeifer, Elizabeth Chesley, Ben Cox, Thaddeus Bicknell, Kelsey Allen, Hallie Southworth, and Willy Cox all ended their races with confidence and style. Noted results were held by Hallie Southworth and Thaddeus Bicknell, both of whom finished in the top 15 in the individual skate races.

The group capped off the season with the annual Paper Plate Awards Dinner held at the Blackwater Ski area in early April. The AOC skiers joined the AOC jumpers, and all received paper plates recognizing their particular talents and accomplishments throughout the season.

Congratulations to all skiers. Very special thanks to the Blackwater Ski Area crew who kept snow groomed when no one else could, and special thanks to Coach Al for a wonderful season.