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job getting the children organized and judged.

Leading off the parade was the Color Guard from Franklin VFW Post 1695 and Auxiliary; the Whitman Davidson American Legion color guard and drill team; the Boy Scouts; and our own Uncle Sam, a.k.a. Charlie Darling. Irene Jewett was riding with the Franklin VFW as a Gold Star Mother

The Andover Lions Club's Concord Coach was carrying the Parade Marshall, Dennis Fenton. Dennis retired as a selectman this year after many years of loyal service. The coach was followed by a cute little pooper scooper, featuring Andover Lion Howard George dressed as, well, a lion.

Riding in the parade were Miss Keene Area and Miss Kearsage Valley, competitors in the Miss New Hampshire Pageant.

We had a few candidates running for office in the parade, too. One float urging people to vote featured a toilet. Not where you wanted your vote to go.

We also had a District 7 drill team marching.

There's nothing like marching bands to liven up a parade, and we welcomed back the Bektash Drum and Bugle Corps in their colorful uniforms and the Bluff Point Quohog Diggers Fife and Drum Band. They played some wonderful patriotic songs.

What fun to watch Leapin' Lena rearing up on her back wheels! Bill Hoyt can really put this car through its paces. Don't you feel that your teenage drivers are out doing this very thing with the family car?

Captain Morrill and his Civil War Cannon Brigade add some realistic sound effects with their periodic loading and firing of the cannon. Imagine the smoke and noise years ago when lots of cannons were firing.

Our friends from Rusty's Towing in Tilton this year brought a fleet of three beautiful, shiny purple tow trucks. Believe me, it's a beautiful sight when you're broken down by the side of the road to see one of those babies coming to your rescue. They are experts at towing and stowing.

Parade Winners

Floats

1st place: Barton's Performance, East Andover – Outdoor Adventures

2nd place: Lake Sunapee Bank – The Joy of Camping

3rd place: Girl Scouts

Most Unique: Franklin Footlight Theatre – *Wedding Singer*

Most Patriotic: Andover Youth Baseball

Judges were Jackie and Josh Watkins of Chase Hill Design.

Equestrian

1st place: Mary Ann Guaraldi on Killians Irish Red (BoBo)

2nd place: Ali Kenyon on Shiloh and Lynn McLaughlin on Spooner "A Sunday Afternoon Ride"

It takes many volunteers of every kind from many clubs and organizations to pull off Andover's annual Fourth of July extravaganza. On the reviewing platform cheering on the parade are (l-r) David Jewett, Jamie Thompson, Bill Leber, and Dane Loomer. Photo: Katherine Stearns

3rd place: Whisper Wind Stable – Courtney on Andy and Monika on River

4th place: Oxen team – Working Steers – Mariah Haley

Thanks to Joyce Egge, Danbury, of Equine Homes for providing the prize money and Mary Jean Romano, Danbury, for judging.

Tractors

Best of '40s: 1941 Farmall H – Charles Barry

Best of '50s: 1950 M John Deere – Gordon Osborne

Motorcycle

1975 Honda Hobbit: Brooks Bicknell

Truck

Best truck: 1953 International – Bill Brown

Cars

Best of '20s: 1923 Model T Ford – John Ohler

Best of '30s: 1930 Ford Medel A – Mike Braley

Best of '50s: 1955 Vauxhill Victor – Pearl Colby

Best of '60s:

1st place: 1967 Camaro Convertible – Roger Gross

2nd place: 1961 Studebaker Lark-

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