

Wilmot Ladies Aid Society Holds Cookie Walk

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Wilmot Ladies Aid Society

The Wilmot Ladies Aid Society (WLAS) is offering its famous Cookie Walk again this year as a part of the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) annual Holiday Fair at the Wilmot Town Hall off Route 4A in Wilmot Center on Saturday, December 3, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Platefuls of fancy cookies will be available to those wishing to fill a tin for their holiday pleasure.

The Cookie Walk is the major fundraising effort by the WLAS in support of its Merit Award program, the organization's most generous gift to Wilmot's college-bound young people. Cookies sell out fast, so plan to come early and enjoy all the other vendors at the Wilmot Town Hall as well as those at the WCA red barn building next to the Wilmot Post Office in Wilmot Flat.



WILMOT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

WCA press release

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) announces these events for the coming weeks:

Saturday, November 5, at 7 PM: The musical comedy play *Nun the Less* will be performed by local and Upper Valley artists at the Wilmot Baptist Church. Dinner will be served at 6 PM: hearty vegetable, seafood chowder, hot dogs, chips, and drink for \$8. There will be a raffle, a silent auction, and a bake sale during intermission.

Thursday, November 17, at 6 PM: Adult Gingerbread Decorating Class for ages 15 and up. Come learn how to create a professional-looking gingerbread house or something of your own imagination with help from the instructor, and enter your creation into the Gingerbread Contest scheduled for Saturday, November 19. Cost: \$20 includes all supplies and a gingerbread house form pre-made by the instructor and ready for you to decorate. For information, contact 526-7934 or WCA@tds.net.

Saturday, November 19, from 12 to 3 PM: Gingerbread Showcase Contest. Come eat and enjoy all the wonderful

displays of gingerbread houses from kids, teens, amateurs, professionals, and well-known local restaurants. Lunch will be soup, hot dogs, chips, and drink for \$8 per person or \$20 for a family of four.

There will be graham cracker gingerbread crafts for kids. In lieu of a fee for this, please bring a canned good for the New Hampshire Food Bank.

For information on entering a gingerbread house into the contest, visit WilmotCommunityAssoc.com or call 526-7934. Deadline for entries is Monday, November 14. Professional entries will be auctioned off, and proceeds will go to the New Hampshire Food Bank. Help New Hampshire fight hunger!

Saturday, December 3, from 9 AM to 2 PM: Annual Craft Fair at the Wilmot Community Center Barn and the Wilmot Town Hall. Come view and purchase many crafts and homemade goodies from over 30 vendors. The Wilmot Ladies Aid Cookie Walk and the WCA Fudge Shop will both be back by popular demand during this event. There will also be crafts and activities for kids.



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first year, and we hope to have them back again next year.

Congratulations, Andover, on a season well done!

Andover 3/4 Boys Undefeated By Nicole Donovan Coach, 3/4 Boys

The soccer season of 2011 came to an official end for the 3rd and 4th grade boys on October 8, and what an amazing season it was! We began practicing in late August with four veteran fourth graders, four up-and-coming third graders, and, to boost our numbers in case of illness or injury, we had three second graders join the team. With just three practices under our belts, we won our first game by a score of 6-2. However, the next four wins proved to be a little more challenging to achieve, with each game decided by a one-goal margin.

Our last game of the year found us short three players on an unusually hot day for October. When Hopkinton scored a few minutes into the game, we knew it wasn't going to be easy. By the time the fourth quarter rolled around and we were still down by one goal, frustration could have set in, but, despite being hot and tired, the boys were determined to go out and play their hardest in the last quarter of the season. With two minutes left in the game, Hunter Hawks scored to tie the game at one goal apiece. When the final whistle blew, the boys knew that the tie game had secured their undefeated season, with a final record of 5-0-1. Shouts of excitement filled the air from parents, players, and coach alike!

Throughout the season, the offensive lines were led by our leading goal scorers, Ronan Walsh and Hunter Hawks. Beside them on left wing, Jeremy Johnson had a mean left foot, while Will Furtkamp on right wing did a good job of getting the ball to the center for scoring opportunities and even had a few goals himself.

Liam Donovan, Galen Whitman, and Jim Clough filled in at fullback and did an amazing job getting the ball away from the front of the goal and back up the field. Fenn Davis and Jarrett Benson filled in at midfield, and when the ball came to them, they sent the ball back up to the forwards. Riley Keezer and Jesse Niemyer were outstanding in goal, sacrificing their bodies to block most shots that came their way.

I want to thank our referees, Claudio Marcus and Alan Hanscom. Without them, we could not have played our

home games. I also want to thank all the parents for getting the boys where they needed to go and cheering us on all season long. I wish Ronan, Riley, Hunter, and Will good luck for next year as they move up to the 5th and 6th grade team. And I look forward to seeing all the returning players and new faces for next year's 3rd and 4th grade boys team.

Congratulations, gentlemen, on a season well done!

Andover 5/6 Girls By Karin Clough Coach, 5/6 Girls

The Andover girls 5/6 team was the team that almost wasn't. Coaches and parents were worried we would not have enough members to field a team, and then the girls started to arrive, one by one, and the team was formed. Even then, coaches worried that we would have some games where we wouldn't have enough players when the inevitable colds, flus, and family trips kicked in.

It turns out that all the worrying was for naught. These 10 girls showed up at every game, rain or shine, and even in downpour after downpour!

Highlights include a big 2-1 win during a driving rainstorm in New London. Katelyn Barton scored two lovely goals, and Sofia Weber and Britta Johnson shared goal-tending duties and turned back many shots.

Our team of 10 never quit, even against bigger and stronger teams. Chloe Methven is always an offensive threat, as she has a great read of the game and her position. Hannah French, an aggressive and fast forward, joined Jess Lewis to create a dynamic front line. Sadie Duquette and Samantha Parkman are excellent defenders who consistently come up with the ball and almost always manage to turn the ball up the field.

Kathryn Thompson was one of the last girls to sign up, and we are very glad she did. She plays with all her heart and can play midfield, defense, and forward. Betsey Abrahamson is similarly versatile and is always willing to play any position with consistent skills and a great effort. Sofia and Britta always came out of the net to play midfield or forward with boundless energy and real enthusiasm for the game.

This was a terrific group of girls to work with, and the community of coaches (Karin, Trudy, Eric, and Diane) sends their thanks to these wonderful girls and their families who made this season possible!



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