



The 4-H entry in Andover's 4th of July Parade. Charlie St Jacques leads Joe and Pete; Kellie St Jacques rides behind. Photo by Heidi St Jacques

## 4-H Meets In January

By Heidi St Jacques  
Oxbows 4-H Club

The Merrimack County Oxbows 4-H Club serves all of Merrimack County. It is open to any child ages eight to 18.

Oxbows 4-H is an intense animal science project. The selecting of project animals, management, feed, health, training, and showmanship is a long term commitment and should not be considered lightly. It is a lot of fun, but it is also a lot of work.

Our club meets the first Sunday of every month. Our first meeting of the new year is Sunday, January 2, from 4 to 5 PM at my home at 278 Currier Road, Andover. For more information about the meeting, you can call me at 735-5851.

At the January meeting we will be enrolling new members and re-enrolling current members. The meeting place will rotate monthly among members' homes.

For more information about 4-H, visit <http://ceinfo.unh.edu/4H/4H.htm>.

### Kids – Join The Beacon Team!

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productively logged in future years.

#### Working Together

Perhaps the best news about logging the Newman easement is how well all the parties worked together. There's plenty of praise to go around:

• The Conservation Commission was very proactive in seeing that the terms of the easement were honored. George likes the way they approached that challenge: "There was never any intent to block anything. It was just to make sure that the rules that were in place were complied with," he said.

"We want to maintain a working landscape," says Conservation Commission member Bob Ward. "We don't want to stop logging. We just want to be sure it's done right, on a sustainable basis, and that we don't have environmental problems."

• The Board of Selectmen and the Town Attorney were unwavering in sending the message that the Town would not flinch from its legal obligation to enforce the terms of the easement. Everyone agreed that without that strong support, things would not have gone nearly as well as they did.

• Fortin and Redmond deserve credit for being wise enough to see which way the wind was blowing. They accepted much less profit than they had anticipated in order to meet their obligation to stay within the terms of the easement.

• George Frame provided excellent services to the Town in protecting its in-

terests, both in the planning and negotiating phases and in the day-to-day, on the ground activities. All the while he maintained a good working relationship with everyone on the F&R team, from the fellers to the owners, which helped everyone honor the terms of the easement.

For example, he didn't let them use a high-density stand of hemlocks to offset heavy cutting of hardwoods in another area. Instead, he enforced a relatively uniform basal-area cut throughout.

When they cut too heavily in one area George would make them go back and unmark some trees they'd planned to cut in the next area. "That worked quite well," according to George.

Betty Bardsley observed that F&R were a lot more compliant than many loggers might have been, and George agreed with her assessment.

"I think they got their eyes opened the night they came to the Conservation Commission meeting and saw a state rep there and saw that the Conservation Commission was going to have its own forester and was going to make visits itself," said George.

"It was a whole new ballgame for them. I had absolutely nothing but consideration shown to me. If I talked to Jimmy [James Burnett, F&R's forester] about a concern, I came back the next day and it was done. I never had any kind of problem."

The property is currently on the market for about \$700,000. It includes a five-acre parcel that was clear-cut for a house lot, as allowed by the easement.

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