

STILL MORE TOWN REPORTS

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Hampshire” and in October we had a lively address by Jack Noon on the “History of Fresh Water Fishing in New Hampshire.” Both meetings were well attended, and at the October meeting an election of officers was held.

We proudly remind all that the Historical Society float for the annual Fourth of July Parade won first prize with its theme of “Andover Gothic.” Thanks again to all who contributed assistance to that group effort.

During the year, the three new properties donated to the Society were surveyed and deeded to the Society. The Tucker Mountain School House is in excellent shape, fit to be shown to the public without extensive repairs. The Society is waiting Federal approval of its application to place the Schoolhouse on the National Register of Historic Buildings. A gate has been installed at the Historic Marker property on Route 11 to help cut down the dumping which is a problem with this open land. The Freight House in Potter Place will be painted next summer and is currently used for storage of large donated items.

Andover Lions Club

Over the past 50 years, the Lions’ slogan “We Serve” has rung through the hilltops and valleys of the Andover/Danbury area. The Club continued its strong commitment to the community in 2004. The Club makes annual contributions to the towns of Andover and Danbury for “town projects.” These range from \$3,000 to \$5,000. In the past, such contributions included funding a “Jaws of Life” for Danbury and contributing to the Andover Ambulance Fund.

Funds are raised through activities such as the annual Rose Sale, the Andover Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast, and the August Lobster Bake. One hundred percent of the monies collected from these activities are used by the Lions to fund community projects or support other community organizations like the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and the Danbury Community Center.

The Club also contributes to New Hampshire Lions activities such as Operation Kids Sight, the New Hampshire Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, and Twin State Soccer.

The Andover Lions Club provides eye examinations, glasses, and hearing aids to individuals in the community who need these services and who have no fiscal resources to procure them.

Local students who pursue post-secondary education are awarded scholarships each year by the Andover Lions Club. The Club also awards \$500 for the Jewett Scholarship and \$500 for the John Thompson Scholarship.

On March 19, the Andover Lions Club will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. You can be sure that the next 50 years will be as full of activity and

community spirit as the past half century has been.

Andover One Wheelers

The One Wheeler Program is now in its fourteenth year. The program is open, free of charge, to any students in kindergarten through 8th grade living in Andover. The intent of the program has always been to provide a program for Andover children that will truly integrate learning through commitment and travel.

The Andover One Wheelers had another very busy year. Our cycling ambassadors from Andover Elementary/Middle School performed in more than a dozen local parades as well as The Northern Berkshire Fall Foliage Festival Parade and the Merrimac, Massachusetts Christmas Parade.

In June the One Wheelers traveled to Lake George, New York to participate in the Lake George Arts Project Summer Festival. There they performed for a large crowd at the Beach Street performance area. The team toured Fort Ticonderoga, viewed Lake George from the steamboat Minnie Ha-Ha, and toured Fort William Henry where they dressed in Revolutionary costume and were part of a reenactment.

The team ended the year 2004 by showcasing their “Polar Express” routine at Salisbury and Webster Elementary Schools.

This year the One Wheelers are planning to participate in the West Virginia Strawberry Festival in Buckhannon, West Virginia. We will hold bake sales, car washes, a rummage sale, and a raffle featuring a living room set and other great prizes!

As always, the support of the greater Andover community is sincerely appreciated. Feel free to come by the AE/MS gym on Wednesdays after school and watch a few minutes of practice!

Andover Service Club

Our club purpose is: To be of service to the people of the community and the state. To broaden and strengthen the social and intellectual life of the members.

Our official calendar of meetings is from September to June with an additional event for the Fourth of July. Our typical meetings start at 10 AM and usually end by 1 PM. These meetings consist of club matters, a guest speaker, and a light refreshment.

Annually we have been guests of the Women of Ragged Mountain in September. In November, in conjunction with the Lions and the Andover Girl Scouts, the ASC lights the Town tree. The Andover Foodstop hosts our annual Thanksgiving pie sale.

December brings the Holiday-Themed Luncheon. February we celebrate Valentine’s Day, not as most people would think, but with a Yankee Swap. For Town Meeting in March we host a Bake sale. In March we also provide birthday

parties for residents of the Clough Center at New London Hospital.

Guest Night is in the month of April. This is also the month when we join with the Immaculate Conception Church in their annual Rummage Sale, at which time we hold a Treasure Sale and a Bake Sale next door at the Masonic Hall. We complete the year with scholarships being handed out, an annual luncheon, and discussion of what will be happening for the Fourth of July.

The main event, though, for the ASC is the Thrift Shop which produces the majority of the funding for our annual scholarships. Last year we awarded over \$14,000 in scholarships.

For those who are new to our community, the Thrift Shop hours are Tuesday from 10 AM to 2 PM, Wednesday 3 PM to 7 PM, Thursday 10 AM to 4 PM, and Saturday 10 AM to 2 PM. Membership applications and scholarship applications are both available at the Thrift Shop.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 489 consists of boys from both Andover and Salisbury in kindergarten through fifth grade. They are chartered by the Andover Congregational Church in East Andover and belong to the Sunapee District. This district is part of the Daniel Webster Council, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

The goal of the Cub Scouts is to give the boys a sound and responsible foundation in citizenship, character development, and personal fitness. This is accomplished through the many activities and achievements that are worked on either at the pack meeting or the three den meetings that are held each month.

Some of the different activities that the boys participate in each year include a campout at Fenvale, the Scouting for Food drive, caroling at the Tilton Veterans Home, the Pinewood Derby, Duck Box Conservation at Fenvale, the Blue/

Gold Banquet, the Friends of Scouting fund drive, Sunapee and Wannalancit Hike-a-thons, the Raingutter Regatta, the Fourth of July flag raising and parade, the Salisbury Old Home Parade, and Camp Carpenter Resident Camp or Singing Hills Day Camp. Den 7 also organized an Ultimate Frisbee Challenge that was a fundraising event for Shannon Jolley.

The majority of the funding the pack receives is from popcorn sales. The boys can also earn Daniel Webster Council Scout Bucks that can be used at the Manchester Scout Shop, toward camp registration fees, or for gift cards from Wal-Mart.

This year’s Pinewood Derby was sponsored by R.P. Johnson, with additional contributions by Pizza Chef, Frenette’s, Mike Barton and various judges.

East Andover Village Preschool

Believe it or not, the East Andover Village Preschool was founded 25 years ago. Over the years the preschool has evolved, but its purpose remains the same – to provide children with a safe and nurturing environment for learning.

This year the director, Doreen Perreault, and the assistant teachers, Rebecca Smart and Carmen Bates, welcomed 14 children to the three-year-old program and 13 children to the four-year-old program. The students quickly adapted to the daily routine and continue to learn basic concepts at the different learning centers. The staff has done such a marvelous job creating these centers that the children have unknowingly become enthusiastic learners.

While the teachers do a wonderful job, the preschool’s success depends on the continued support of the community. Like other non-profit organizations, the preschool relies on the community for all types of support such as monetary donations, sharing a talent in the classroom,

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BEACON MEMBERS WIN!

Each month the *Beacon* holds a random drawing among its members to give away valuable prizes provided by area businesses. Become a member, support the *Beacon*, and join the fun! This month’s winners are:

Artisan’s Workshop	Hand-Painted Mailbox	\$70	Dottie Lull
Blackwater Junct. Rest.	Breakfast for Two		Susan Baker
Christie’s Indoor Garden	Gift Certificate	\$25	Don & Lorraine Cline
Curves of New London	1 Month Membership	\$36	Donna Duclos
Forest Cone & Evergreen	Yankee Candle	\$21	Anne Mayer
The Friendly Barber Shop	Haircut Gift Certificate	\$11	Randy Davis
Handknits By Judy	Handknit Scarf	\$32	Gail Richards
Jake’s Of New London	Car Wash	\$7	Ron Woods
Jake’s Of New London	Car Wash	\$7	Wood Sutton
Mackenna’s Restaurant	Gift Certificate	\$10	Rich & Stephanie Gross
Mackenna’s Restaurant	Gift Certificate	\$10	Bill & Margie Leber
New London Inn	Dinner for Two	\$100	John Pendleton
New London Opticians	Gift Certificate	\$15	Jan Williams

Winners! Contact the *Beacon* at 735-5331 to collect your prize.