

East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault & Carmen Bates
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The children at the Preschool are enjoying the winter weather. We took advantage of the cold and created ice cube paintings, became Kings and Queens during Valentine's Day, and ended the month with Storybook Day.

On Tuesday, February 15 the Preschool held a Family Pajama Party. The children, parents, and staff came dressed in bathrobes, slippers, and fuzzy, warm pajamas. The children visited five different stations and received a Teddy Bear Award at the end of their adventure. The children added their stars to our sky, "stamped" their hearts out, and balanced Valentine candies on a spoon while following a red heart shape. They "fished" our number pond for hearts and used a pillow case (with a pocket for a cow) and jumped over the moon. We all had a wonderful time!

Preschool II enjoyed a field trip to our friends at Pizza Chef. The children learned how to poke the dough, spread the sauce, and add the cheese to their very own pizza. The children were



Lloyd Perreault and Don Gould working hard at the Preschool.

Photo by Becky Smart

amazed at the size of the oven and how huge the refrigerator was. We enjoyed the final result, eating our own pizza creation! A special thanks to everyone who helped make this trip happen. Many of the children were thrilled to see the "other" side of the restaurant.

The Preschool is already taking registration for the 2005-2006 school year. Call 735-5105 for more information.

The Board, parents, children, and staff of the East Andover Village Preschool would like to thank Lloyd Perreault and Don Gould for all their hard work replacing the old heating system at the Preschool. They worked one long weekend to accomplish this and we look forward to warmer days playing and learning, thanks to them.

Cub Scouts Visit 911 Call Center

By Carmen Bates
Cub Scouts

The Tiger Cubs have been studying communications and, thanks to Mr. Charlie Darling, they were given a very informative tour of Andover's own Cable Channel 8 "head end" programming studio. They also worked on their speeches "If I Were President" in conjunction with a school project.

The boys from Den 5 traveled to Concord on Wednesday, February 9 to get a first-hand look at how the 911 call center operates. Mr. Jack O'Connor talked to the boys about situations when 911

as the operators answered them. The operators talked with the boys and answered any questions they had. It was a very good experience for them to see what actually happens once someone dials 911. Thank you, Mr. O'Connor and all of the 911 operators!

On Sunday, February 20 the boys went to clean out the duck boxes in Fenvale. They cleaned out two boxes and found four unhatched eggs and one hatched egg. If the boxes are not cleaned out each year, the wood ducks will not return to a dirty box. This information is recorded and sent to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. A huge "Thank you" to Paul Fenton, who has helped the



Scouts clean duck boxes with Paul Fenton - (l-r) Joshua Hodges, Kyle Smart, Aaron Smith, Nicholas Keniston, Steele Henderson, Jeff Bates. Hidden: Nicholas Terwilliger and Ben Peter.

Photo by David Bates

should be used and when it should not be used. They saw how the phone number, name, and address of the person shows up immediately on the computer screen at the call center. It was explained that no matter how quickly you think you can hang up the phone, the computer will have your location up on the screen before you can put the phone down.

They also learned how the various emergency services are dispatched. The boys then had the opportunity to hear actual calls as they came in and observe

boys do this for years. We also had our Blue and Gold Banquet on February 23. Each den brought food to share and we had a great feast! Afterward, awards were given out and the boys had a chance to show what they had worked on over the last month.

This was a special celebration because it is the 75th anniversary of scouting and the boys all earned the 75th anniversary patch. In order to do this they had to do research and find out how scouting started and what life was like in 1930.

Oxbow 4-H Club

By Heidi St. Jacques
Oxbows 4-H Club

The Merrimack County Oxbows 4-H Club met February 6 at Trumble Pond in Warner. The members enjoyed sliding, ice fishing, and snacks.

Old Business: The letter we wrote was sent to a soldier in Iraq. This soldier will be coming home soon, so our club is interested in obtaining names and addresses to send correspondence.

Each member was asked to identify an individual goal for this year. Some goals mentioned ranged from winning a blue ribbon to qualifying to represent the state at the Eastern States Exposition in September. Next meeting we will

discuss how to achieve these goals.

New Business: A \$300 donation was received. We will deposit into our savings account and send a thank you note. Discussion took place about a future fundraiser, and a field trip to see a Monarchs game was discussed for the month of March or April.

Our club has been invited as guests to a lecture to be given by Dr. Drew Conroy at the New London Historical Society on Thursday, February 24 at 7:30 PM.

Our club also discussed wanting to get involved with a community service project. Please contact me if you have any suggestions.

The Oxbow 4-H Club's next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6 at 4 PM at the Rowe's home in Sutton.



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