



East Andover Village Preschool visits the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord. Left to right: Bret Russell, Ms. Doreen, Alan Thompson, Billy Di-pre, Ms. Becky, Ethan Collette, Katelyn Barton, Jared Frost, Jack Lovlien, Claudine Caldon, Jacob MacDuffie, Scout Armstrong, Ms. Carmen, Koby Perreault, Noah Newton. In front: Emily Bates. Photo by Carmen Bates

## East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault  
East Andover Village Preschool

In like a lion and out like a lamb? That was our hope for March as we began to prepare for signs of spring.

The children were busy learning more about planets and the world around them. We began with a wonderful learning adventure to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord. We had a fun ride in the big yellow school bus and enjoyed the company of many parents. It was a great adventure for us all! Special thanks to Armand and Melissa.

The month continued with lots of green creations. We searched for gold at the end of the rainbow, looked for leprechaun footprints in our classroom, and enjoyed yummy green shakes on the 17th.

We were hopping toward the end of the month as we created papier-mache eggs and bounced like bunnies. The children collected sponsors and

tested their bunny legs on the 24th and 25th. We all challenged our bodies and hopped for one minute. We had some great hoppers and everyone was awarded a certificate of participation and a special surprise from the teachers. It was a fun way to stay healthy and celebrate the Easter season.

We watched March leave with hopes of seeing some grass and a few more leaves on the bare trees. The children are looking forward to April, splashing through the mud, and catching a few raindrops.

We continue to look for additional board members to join our Advisory Board. Our final call for fall enrollment is quickly approaching. If you're interested in a part-time program for your three or four year old, please give us a call at 735-5105.

We are looking forward to April showers. Remember, they bring May flowers!

## Andover One Wheelers Head For West Virginia

By Marj Roy  
Andover One Wheelers

The Andover One Wheelers have gladly accepted an invitation to participate in the West Virginia Strawberry Festival Parade in Buckhannon, West Virginia. This parade is one of the top fifty in the US and hosts at least 100,000 spectators annually.

One Wheeler teams have participated in this event in the past, however it will be a new experience for this group. While in West Virginia, the group will stay at Jackson's Mill, the boyhood home of Stonewall Jackson. On their return trip they will stop briefly in Pennsylvania Amish Country. They will be gone from May 18 through 24.

The One Wheelers will hold several

fund raising events including a raffle of a living room set and a dinette set donated by Grevior Furniture, an aromatherapy massage at Gabriell's Salon, and a \$25 gift certificate from Benson Auto.

Also, check out the Basket Raffle at AE/MS. Tickets for both raffles are \$1 each or six for \$5. Call Rick and Diane Adams at 735-5362 for tickets, or stop by AE/MS.

The One Wheelers will also hold a Spring Rummage, Yard, and Bake Sale plus Car Wash on May 7 (or in case of rain, on May 14). Join us for fun, food, treasures, and a clean car!

We thank the Andover community for their continued support of this great program, which is open to all Andover students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

## Ed Dansereau And The Ski Shop

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You may have noticed some new faces around the Blackwater Ski shop. Those are the faces of Ed Dansereau and his family who help out around the store.

When I caught up with Ed, he talked about how his passion and experience in athletics gives him the ability to know what product is right for his customers. Ed was an avid swimmer and cyclist who also found time to compete in triathlons. One of Ed's long-term hopes is to open a second store in Concord.

Ed is really trying to provide what

every one needs. If you're looking for a BMX, road, or mountain bike, check the first floor. If skis and snowboards are more what you are thinking of, look no further than the basement. You can find gear for many sports you play at the shop.

The Blackwater is truly a small town ski shop. You can walk in on any day to find one of Ed's kids helping out or his wife running the register. As soon as you enter the shop, it becomes very obvious that community and relationships are just as important to this businessman as your purchase. So next time you're driving by that white building on Route 11, stop by and say "Hi" and take a look around.

## Book Review The Hobbit

Reviewed by Madison Powers  
AE/MS Fourth Grade

Have you ever heard of a small hobbit taking treasure from a huge dragon? Well, that happens in *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien. This fantasy takes place in Hobbiton, Rivendell, Misty Mountains, Long Lake, and mostly at Lonely Mountain.

The characters are Bilbo Baggins, a very clever, smart owner of a magical ring. He's really fast for a hobbit. Gandalf is wise, strong, and a really powerful wizard with strong magic. Thorin is wise, strong, small, and he's a dwarf. Smaug is a big, powerful dragon with

rock-hard jewels for scales.

There were lots of problems in this story, but I'll tell you about just one. Thorin, Bilbo, and the rest of the dwarves have to get Thorin's grandfather's treasure, but Smaug is guarding it.

Bilbo puts the magical ring on and goes down into Smaug's lair and steals some of the treasure. When Smaug wakes up and sees that some of the treasure is missing, he looks around Lonely Mountain for who stole the treasure. When he goes down to Long Lake, a villager sees him and shoots him with an arrow. The arrow gets him where he has no scales, and he dies.

If you like dragons, goblins, elves, and really adventurous books, I think you should read *The Hobbit*.

## Oxbow 4-H Club

By Heidi St. Jacques  
Oxbow 4-H Club

Our monthly meeting was held March 6 at the Rowe's home in Sutton. We received the address of one local soldier serving in Iraq. The Courser family of Warner will send a letter to this soldier. We are still interested in other names and addresses of soldiers who would enjoy a letter from a member of our club.

We continued our on-going discussion about parliamentary procedure, and we put it to use during the read-

ing of our reports due to an error in the Treasurer's report.

We set a date to attend a Monarch's hockey game on Friday, April 1.

We discussed each member's personal goal. Each member has been requested to keep a record of how much time they spend on their goal.

We discussed a raffle fundraiser that will take place in June. Members will acquire two donated items and sell raffle tickets for these items during April.

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, April 3 at the Webster Town Hall at 4 PM.



February 26: The Girl Scouts took delivery of many cartons of cookies at the Andover Fire Station. Kneeling (l-r): Amy Wittel, Hannah Munson, Emily Lance, Shannon Haley, Mary Jane Wittel. Standing: Ashley McLeod, Brianna Keniston. Behind the boxes: Abigail Lance, Becca Lance, Stephanie Nelson, Hilary Mishcon, Mariah Haley, Ashley Brule, Megan Coll, Elise Goodwin, Megan Hanscom, Hannah Bowne (behind Brianna). Photo by Brenda Lance

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