

# Cub Scouts Become Boy Scouts

By Heidi Terwilliger  
Cub Scouts

Another year of Cub Scouting is almost behind us. Some of the boys from Pack 489 have completed their requirements for Cub Scouting and are moving on to Boy Scouting. Brendon Coll, Derrick Nowell, and Kyle Wiley of Den 8; Steele Henderson, Jr., David Wesoja, and Cameron Wood of Den 7; and Caleb Frantz and Joey Rego of Den 1 all received their Arrow of Light Award, which is the highest rank in Cub Scouting.

The boys, along with their parents and Boy Scout Troop 489 of Andover and Salisbury and Boy Scout Troop 248 of Tilton, took part in the "Webelos Crossing the Bridge to Boy Scouts" ceremony, where they were welcomed into Boy Scouting.

The Pack has also said good-bye to Karen Frink, who has served as Cubmaster for the past three years, as well as Steele Henderson, Sr., Jane Nowell, and Michael Rego, who have served as den leaders, giving their time to the boys each week. Leighton Terwilliger is



Front row: Kyle Wiley, Steele Henderson, Jr., Cameron Wood, Joey Rego. Middle row: Derrick Nowell, David Wesoja, Caleb Frantz. Back row: Jane Nowell, Den 8 Leader; Karen Frink, outgoing Cubmaster; Robin Rego, Den 1 Parent; Steele Henderson, Sr., Den 7 Leader. Missing: Brendon Coll.

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welcomed as the new Cubmaster.

Pack 489 also received their 2005 National Quality Unit Award. There are various requirements such as training for the Cubmaster and den leaders, Youth Protection Training, outdoor activities, Charter renewals, pack meetings, service projects, enrollments, and advancements that must be met in order to maintain this status. Pack 489 has continually held their National Quality Unit Award, and is Chartered by the East Andover Congregational Church. Without the Charter Organization, the pack would not be able to maintain this status.

# Oxbow 4-H Club

By Heidi St. Jacques  
Oxbow 4-H Club

On April 1 our club had a field trip to see a Monarch's hockey game at the Verizon Wireless Center in Manchester. It was an exciting game. A good time was had by all.

We held our official meeting at the Webster Town Hall on April 3. We continued our discussion on how each member is doing on their personal goals. Most members continue to make progress.

Our club leader, Bob Pearson, has volunteered to help members that need assistance making yokes for their teams. The yoke is the main piece of equipment necessary with working steers.

Bob and Jerry Courser have also vol-

unteered to come to members' farms and castrate their bulls. Castration is necessary to ensure the safety of the teamster as well as the animals, as bulls can become quite aggressive. Castration is a simple surgical procedure that removes the testicles or prevents them from functioning. After a bull is castrated, it is called a steer.

Our club discussed participating in area parades to promote 4-H. We hope to march all 15 teams in the Andover Fourth of July parade.

We have organized a raffle fundraiser! We would like to thank all our generous contributors. We were able to acquire 45 donated items. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for a book of six. The raffle will take place on June 5. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please call me at 735-5851.

# East Andover Village Preschool

By Carmen Bates  
East Andover Village Preschool

April showers rained letters and numbers at the preschool this past month. Preschool I children have been learning the letters in their names, while Preschool II children have been learning their phone numbers. What a great job they are doing!

The three-year-olds had a pajama party and brought in sleeping bags and stuffed animals from home. We read stories, watched a movie and had popcorn. They also grew their own grass right in the classroom. They were amazed to watch it change from a little seed to long, beautiful green grass.

The four-year-olds had fun with nursery rhymes and a Humpty Dumpty experiment. They also got to jump over a candlestick and made haystacks. They made their own greenhouses and grew their very own bean stalks, just like Jack.

We continued to do our Book It program, where the children fill in a coupon for each book they read at home. At the end of the month they all got a coupon from Pizza Hut for a free pizza. Great reading everyone, keep it up!

Chef Combo came for another visit

and brought some very cute and yummy ants. The children had fun rolling peanut butter into balls and putting eyes and legs on, but the best part was eating them.

We are looking forward to a very busy month of May with graduation. We will treasure our last month with the four and five year olds, as they are off to kindergarten next year.

We continue to look for additional board members to join our Advisory



Kathryn Thompson is all smiles during the pajama party.

Photo by Carmen Bates

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.

# Proctor Childcare & Preschool

By Caren Swanson  
Proctor Childcare Center & Preschool

Spring is fully upon us at the Proctor Childcare Center and Preschool, much to everyone's delight! The children and teachers have been enjoying more time outside after a long and cold winter. On our walks around the campus children notice crocuses and daffodils beginning to bloom and buds forming on the trees.

One of the early markers of spring that we enjoyed observing is the run of the sap and the work of maple sugaring. One day at the end of March the preschool children had the opportunity to collect sap around Proctor's campus with Dave Pilla, who manages Proctor's woodlands and its sugaring operation and is also the father of Kyler, one of our preschoolers.

We traipsed through snow that was still over the kids' knees to check the buckets on the old maples and fill up the larger buckets that we pulled behind us in a wagon. When we got back to the sugar house, the kids helped Dave pour the collected sap into the large tank where it would be stored until Dave and his student helpers had a chance to fire up the evaporator.

A couple of days later Dave called the preschoolers over to see the boiling process and taste some of the finished syrup. At first some of the kids were hesitant to try it, but pretty soon each child was drinking a little cup of liquid gold. Yum!

The older toddlers also had a chance to learn about the sugaring process. Eric Johnson, Britta's dad, invited our class to their house in East Andover for a maple sugaring field trip. He showed us how to tap a tree and where the sap drips out into the bucket.

Then he took us up to his sugar house where he and a friend, Lynn Cox, had the evaporator going at full steam (literally). He showed us the different parts of the evaporator, and the large tank where the sap is stored before it gets boiled. The kids were especially im-



Dave Pilla and some Proctor Preschoolers check a sap bucket.

Photo by Lawre Goodnow

pressed when Eric had to feed the fire.

Best of all we got to taste some fresh syrup! Instead of sugar-on-snow we had a special treat - maple syrup on vanilla ice cream!

Thanks to Eric and Dave for making these special experiences possible. Now the sugaring season is behind us and we are looking ahead to the truly warm weather and sunshine that spring brings.

For more information on our school, or to come for a visit, please call our Director, Raz, at 735-6269. Our school serves the Proctor community as well as the town of Andover and the local area. Visitors are always welcome.



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