



The Andover One Wheelers performed at Salisbury Old Home Day.

## Andover One-Wheelers

By Lisa Hanscom  
Andover One Wheelers

The Andover One Wheeler Traveling Team has successfully completed their summer schedule in parades and performances around the state of New Hampshire during July and August.

In addition to annual appearances at the Andover Fourth of July Celebration and Andover Historical Society's 19th Century Fair, they did two performances for Customer Appreciation Day at the Hill General Store in mid-July. This year's summer schedule included New London Hospital Days and Old Home Day Parades in Salisbury, Belmont, and Boscawen.

Entertaining large crowds at parades is where the team shows commitment, skill, and endurance and makes up the bulk of the summer and fall schedule. Depending on the distance to the pa-

rade, each outing can be an all-day event as members arrive at the school 45 minutes before departure time to warm up, check and load equipment, and make sure uniforms are in good shape. The team is due at the parade staging area about one hour before a parade begins, and members usually fill the wait-time chatting with other parade participants from around the state.

Local parades vary in length from a half mile to two and a half miles. Road conditions present many challenges to the coach and riders as they adjust their routines to hills, pot holes, and people on the side lines who sometimes step out into the parade route. Circling continuously throughout routines can mean members of the team ride for more than an hour without stopping in the summer heat or other unfavorable weather conditions.

## Local Students Attend Writing Camp

By Gretchen Hildebrand  
AE/MS Second Grade Teacher

The Plymouth Writing Project at Plymouth State University – a part of the National Writing Project – is dedicated to improving the teaching of writing in our nation's schools. For the past three years they have offered a summer institute for the best teachers of writing in the state.

This July, for the first time, the Plymouth Writing Project offered three different Summer Camps for Young Writers. In all three, the students wrote journals and poetry, worked with professional authors and illustrators, used computers, and published their writing.

The first week of Summer Camps for Young Writers, Wanna Be Writers, was for students entering grades eight and nine in the fall. They explored a wide range of writing styles and discovered the "authors inside of themselves." They chose to write Mystery, Fantasy, Fiction, Non-fiction, or Poetry. Andover's Abigail Lance and Rebecca Lance were this year's participants in Wanna

Be Writers. When you see them, ask them what genre they chose!

The second week, Adventures with Authors, where the students read, wrote, and learned about authors, was for students entering grades four and five in the fall. Emily Lance participated in this program, where the students joined the adult Plymouth Writing Project one morning to share their writing. What an enthusiastic group of great writers they were!

The last week of the camp, Fantastic Fiction, was for students entering grades six and seven. Shana McKinnon and Haley Peters wrote up a storm during this week. They wrote about worlds of their own imagination...I wonder where they ended up.

Andover was well represented by these five students at this exciting new program. Perhaps we should ask for autographs when we see them around town...you never know!

If this sounds like fun for you, please contact Dr. Meg Petersen at Plymouth State University for more information.

## Wormald Wins Top Disney Award

By Elizabeth Walters  
Concord Monitor staff

Mr. Worm has done it again.

Randy Wormald, who was given the nickname by admiring students, was named the 2005 Disney Outstanding High School Teacher at a ceremony in Anaheim, California, [on July 26]. It was the third major award in a year for the Belmont High School math teacher, who was also a favorite teacher at Andover Elementary/Middle School.

Last fall, he was named New Hampshire's teacher of the year. This spring, he was one of 44 educators in a field of more than 50,000 to win the Disney Teacher Award.

Wormald is well-known for his ways of making math fun. Dressing up as the mathematician Pythagoras and performing his "Pythagorean Rap," using Hacky Sack to teach about mean, median, mode, and range, and teaching "The Graphmaster Boogie," which encourages students to use their bodies instead of graph paper to act out mathematical functions, are among his techniques.

While he was teaching at [AE/MS], Wormald invented a masked superhe-



ro, Mathman. Mathman used to enter classrooms and announce, "Faster than an abacus, more powerful than a computer, slicker than a slide rule - look up, look down, look everywhere - math is everywhere and I am Mathman."

"Our students absolutely love Randy," Mike Cozort, Shaker Regional School District's superintendent, wrote in his letter of recommendation. "He could teach Tiddlywinks and they could sign up for it, such is his magnetism."

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A key factor for success of SOAR at AE/MS is the high level of consistency that will be built into the program. The expectations are clear and can be found in The Eagle Code:

#### The Eagle Code

- Always be respectful
- Everyone is responsible
- Make good choices
- Safety first, last and always

The start of a school year is always a time for enthusiasm and renewal but this year, especially, students returning to AE/MS will find many exciting changes. You will continue to hear a lot about SOAR in the months to follow.

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Those who want to take on the responsibility of lessons and practicing are invited to come to school in the evening on September 20. At that time the rental company and Mr. Hubert will be there to talk with parents and rent instruments.

#### Destination Imagination

Are you creative? Do you like to solve puzzles? Do you enjoy working as part of a team? If you answered "Yes!" to any of those questions, Destination Imagination might be right for you. Come to Destination Imagination Information Night on September 29 at 6:30 PM and find out. For more information, call Christie Coll at AE/MS.

You can reach her at megp@plymouth.edu or at Plymouth Writing Project, 17 High Street MSC 40, Plymouth 03264. Next summer is less than a year away!

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