

Kris and Justin Freeman, Carl Van Loan To Olympics

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After being named to his second US Olympic team, it's Kris Freeman's time to glisten on snow. He's 25 years old and a battle-tested leader of the American team as it heads to Torino, Italy.

This time around, he'll be joined on the Olympic team by his older brother, Justin, a 29-year-old who'll be making his first Olympic appearance.

[Carl Van Loan, another Andover Outing Club alumni, is also on the Olympic team this year. See pages 18 to 20 for more about Carl, the Freemans, and other AOC Olympians, past and future.]

Kris Freeman felt no pressure four years ago, in his Olympic debut. The Andover native and Sant Bani School graduate was just 21 years old and a rookie on a veteran US squad

"I think that I can be one of the best in the world with enough time," he said during the Salt Lake City Olympics. "...When I'm 30, I want to be a medalist."

That precious metal may be draped



Kris Freeman Photo: Fischer Sports

around his neck sooner than he envisioned. Kris Freeman has posted the best US results since the Bill Koch era more than two decades ago.

He captured two national titles – in the pursuit and the 15-kilometer classic – earlier this month at the US Championships in Utah, his third and fourth

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The Andover Outing Club has been very busy this year having fun and training future Olympians. There's much more coverage of the club's activities starting on page 19. Here, a group of jumpers poses at the AOC meet on January 8. L-r: Damick Kinson, Ryan DeVoe, Matthew Bengtson, Katelyn Kinson, Zach Daniels, Jon Kimball (back), Sam Barrett, Max Barrett, Matt Doyle, Warren Bartlett, and Hannah Devoe. Photo: Terri Daniels

Will Andover "Get Around To" Supporting The Beacon? UNCLE SAM'S PARADE IN DOUBT

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

The push to build a stable financial base under *The Andover Beacon* continues. Since last October, when we started our second year of publishing, we've added or renewed 239 annual memberships. Of those, 175 are from Andover households – that's less than 16% of the 1,100 Andover addresses that receive the *Beacon* every month at no charge – and the other 64 are from out-of-town subscribers and seasonal residents.

We're extremely grateful for every one of those members! But to be honest, it's not enough to keep the *Beacon* in business. We've set a goal of 300 annual members in our second year of publishing, and we need to reach that goal as soon as possible.

Are there 65 more households in Andover who want to see the *Beacon* continue? I'm absolutely sure there are!

Will they get "a round tuit" and send a check this week? We're betting the future. See Uncle Sam on page 4

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AE/MS Facility Study Sees Needs, Presents Alternatives

By Vicky Mishcon

Andover School Board

Dr. Mark Joyce and Mr. Dennis Pope of the New Hampshire School Administrators Association presented their independent study of the facility, grounds, and educational programs of the Andover Elementary/Middle School on Tuesday, January 10 in the school gym. Members of the Andover School Board, school administrators, and SAU administrators were present as well as nearly 20 members of the public.

Background

Two years ago, AE/MS completed a Five Year Long Range Plan. One of the goals called for development of a long term facility plan, as there were many concerns about classroom space, the condition of the gym floor and roof, as well as growth capacity.

In March of 2005, the Andover School District meeting voted \$5,000 to fund the study. Dr. Joyce and Mr. Pope were hired to review Andover's educational program needs and facility and grounds.

Study Results

Dr. Joyce began the presentation by sharing an overview of the study.

First, they examined the facility and looked at how well it is able to accommodate the educational programs. Next, they reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of the facility and the future vision for the school. They received input from members of the community, staff, School Board members, and administrators. They also gathered detailed population and enrollment patterns and projections.

Finally, four alternatives were developed to address the facility needs.

Mr. Pope outlined the strengths and weaknesses of the facility. The strengths he cited included:

- Central location within the community.
- High quality space in the new addition (e.g. science room).
- Excellent community resource.

Among the weaknesses he mentioned were:

- Several classrooms and specialized

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Get Ready For Town Meeting Season 2006

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

Town Meeting season is upon us. Here are the dates you need to keep in mind in order to participate in the important decisions facing our town this year.

Friday, February 3 – Filing period for Andover Town and School District Officers ends at 5 PM. Town positions up for election on Town Meeting day this year are:

- Selectman for three years
- Road Agent for two years
- Moderator for two years
- Supervisor of the Checklist for six years
- Budget Committee for three years (two positions)
- Library Trustee for three years (two positions)
- Trustee of Trust Funds for three years
- Cemetery Trustee for three years

School District positions up for election on Town Meeting day this year are: School Board for three years (two positions)

- Moderator for one year
- Clerk for one year
- Treasurer for one year

Tuesday, February 7 – Last day to petition the Selectmen to include an article in the warrant for Town Meeting.

Saturday, February 25 – The 2005 Town Report will be distributed by the Andover One Wheelers at the East Andover Post Office and at Lake Sunapee Bank. If you don't pick up your copy on Saturday, it will be mailed to you. The Town Report is distributed automatically to resident Andover property owners, and to others upon request.

Saturday, March 4 – Supervisor See Meeting on page 2

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