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By Carmen Bates

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We started off the month of February by taking the Preschool II children on a field trip to Hannaford in Franklin. We got a wonderful tour of the store by Laurie and the children got to see parts of the store that they do not typically get to. Thank you to Hannaford and Laurie for making that trip so great!

The children also got to ride on a school bus for the first time. Armand Boisvert was nice enough to lend us a bus and a driver for the trip. A huge thank you goes out to Armand for the bus and to Tina Barton for driving us. It was an excellent experience for the kids!

During February we learned a lot about farm animals. The question, "Does a brown cow make chocolate milk?" was a hot topic! The kids did get to see what it would be like to milk a cow with a contraption made of latex gloves.

We talked about what farm animals eat and all the different smells on a farm. We graphed our favorite farm animal and the winner was a horse. Preschool II is planning to take a trip to a farm in New London and see a lot of cows and probably get a little muddy.

The month was also busy with the colors red and pink, hearts, and Valentine cards. Each class had a party and exchanged cards into mail boxes that they had made themselves. It is great practice for them to be writing their names and learning what letter their friends' names start with.

We had a new and very popular play area added to the preschool. A grocery store counter was made by Ms. Becky's husband, Shane, with the wood being donated by RP Johnson and Sons. It is really awesome and the children are really going to get a ton of use out of it. Thank you to RP's and Shane!

We had school pictures taken which is always an exciting day for the parents and students. They all looked so handsome and pretty!

A grandparent made and set a skunk trap for us, as we seemed to be having a visitor, but the trap is still empty. Thank you to Colby's grandpa for doing that for us and even volunteering to come and take the skunk somewhere safe and far away if we did catch it.

We are still collecting Campbell soup labels, so as you curl up on a cold winter night for a bowl of soup, take the time to cut that label off for us. We really appreciate it.

Exciting news, as we have new students that have come to join our Preschool I group. We also have some farm visitors staying with us for a few weeks to teach the kids some amazing things. All I can say right now is, watch next month's *Beacon* for pictures of our "eggcellent" visitors!

I guess Fall is going to be here sooner than we think, as the phone has already started ringing with questions about our program. If you would like information on our preschool program, please give us a call at 735-5401.

# Cub Scouts Pack 489

By Leighton Terwilliger  
Cub Scouts Pack 489

Seven Cub Scouts from Pack 489 and five adults made a trip down to Boston for the overnight Campin at the Museum of Science with other scouts from all over the area. This was an overnight trip and a lot of fun. Tucker Peters, Todd Wilcox, Robert Smith, Aaron Smith, Jeffrey Bates, Tim Bates, and Nicholas Terwilliger, along with the five adults, started the night off by roaming around the Museum and taking in all that it has to offer. After looking around for an hour we stopped for a break to enjoy some dinner.

Next we took in a show about Who is an Engineer. The kids then went to different parts of the Museum to learn about the various sections. Pack 489 went to the Mathematics area and learned about shapes, after which we had free time to look around.

The night ended with a Lighting Show in the Theater of Electricity. At midnight we put our heads on our pillows in the Steam Engine section of the Museum for a bit of shut-eye.

The next morning we were greeted with some breakfast, as well as more ex-

ploring in the Museum with many other things to see. Pack 489 had a great time, but we all need to go back and spend a day to see everything that we missed.

## Webelos

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The Webelos Den has also been busy learning about science experiments in order to earn their Scientist Pin. Tucker Peters and his dad taught the boys about fog in a jar and took the boys to Proctor for a field trip. For one evening the boys were Proctor students with the science teacher, Brian Kellogg. Oh, what they learned in that one class!

They learned about sound waves and got to see them with a special instrument that made the sand move to the vibration of the sounds. They learned a little about light and electricity and saw shocks jump onto Mr. Kellogg! The boys were the most amazed by the experiments made by real Proctor students. There was a motorized living room chair and a mini chopper.

Thank you to Gary for making the arrangements for these science experiments and to Brian Kellogg for giving us his time!

# ENGAGED Martha Lefebvre

Rene and Sharon Lefebvre of East Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha, to David Crowley, son of David and Darby Crowley of Allston, Massachusetts.

Martha earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Notre Dame College in Manchester in 2001 and a master's degree in physical therapy from Franklin Pierce College in Concord in 2003. She works at Support Solutions in Saco, Maine.

David earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Southern Maine in 2005. He works for the City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department.

A spring 2007 wedding is planned.

# HONORED Natasha Martin

Natasha Martin of Andover was named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester at Rivier College in Nashua.

# WYDLIFE

By Robin Rego  
For the Beacon

Break out your bell bottoms and platform shoes – it's disco time for the next Wyldlife Club Night on Saturday, March 18 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM at the East Andover Grange building.

Since there was no Club Night in February, volunteers baked and distributed cupcakes to the entire Andover Elementary/Middle School on February 24 to emphasize the "simple acts of kindness" everyone can do. This is one of many messages about how God relates to our everyday lives talked about during Club Night.

The "New Hampshire Made" coupon book fundraiser for Wyldlife camp is in full swing. The books are available at many local businesses, including Bowie's Market, New Horizons Hair Salon, and Pizza Chef, or by calling Cathy Ellis at 735-5025. Please help to cover the cost of the bus and provide scholarship funds to over 30 children registered for Wyldlife camp this summer by purchasing these coupon books.

# HONORED Jane Slayton

*Kearsarge Magazine* announced its first annual Good Citizen Award winners last month. Good Citizens are people, organizations, or businesses – nominated by the community and selected by the staff of *Kearsarge Magazine* – that have given back to the community.

Among the winners was Jane Slayton of Andover, the principal at Andover Elementary/Middle School. In writing (under the heading "Educating Children, Community-Style") about Jane's selection for the Good Citizen Award, *Kearsarge Magazine* said:

"...At the Andover Elementary/Middle School, Principal Jane Slayton is doing her best to involve the community in the daily life of students. Last November, 50 veterans attended an assembly designed to teach children about the holiday, and about the meaning of freedom. Two weeks later, grandparents dined with their grandchildren at the school's Thanksgiving dinner. 'This is a true community school,' Jane says. 'We do a lot with the community.'

"...The community – an integral part of AE/MS student achievement – has responded to Jane's efforts, and it shows in the school's environment: The children's happy faces, a staff that enjoys their work and perhaps a bit less discussion at town meeting.

"...These children are our future. The more we can put toward their development today, the more it will pay off in the future. There's no such thing as doing too much for kids,' Jane says. 'It takes the school, the parents – it takes a community working together.'"

# CAREER MOVE Keith Pfeifer

Keith M. Pfeifer, D.Ed, of Andover, will take the reins as Superintendent of Schools for the Sanborn Regional School District on July 1. Keith is a member of the Andover Planning Board and is the husband of Jane Slayton, principal of the Andover Elementary/Middle School.

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