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Greg Hewitt had a number of strong baskets down the stretch and played a great game. Josh Bond had three awesome rebounds in a row, and Canon Brownell and Sooki Vercellotti forced a few Campton turnovers. Michael Donovan also scored a clutch three-pointer with time winding down.

Other star efforts were turned in by Zach St. Jacques, who had a few baskets and was a strong rebounder. Corey Wiley and Roger Laro dominated the boards and got support from Gary Mason, and Henry Bendel lead all players in scoring, working very hard on offense and defense. Great work, team!

Boys Basketball Tournament

By Anne Hewitt
Beacon staff

The seventh and eighth grade boys basketball team finished off the 2006 season by sweeping their tournament at Laconia Christian on February 18. Five teams participated in the round-robin event including Franklin, Calvary Christian, and Barrington.

Nine players accompanied by Coach Tom Frantz departed aboard Terry's bus at 7 AM. Early rising didn't seem to affect performance, as the team pulled together to defeat each team they went up against. Every Andover player put points on the scoreboard. Adam Smith shone in the game against Laconia Christian, scoring 18 of the total 40 points. Joshua Wagner was awarded the tournament MVP award, an honor selected by the opposing team.

The team appreciates all the time and energy put forth by coaches Tom Frantz and Ryan Murphy, faithful bus pilot Terry Lee, and all the referees.

Boys Basketball Tournament Squad

Henry Bendel
Joshua Bond
Mike Donovan
Greg Hewitt
Roger Laro
Zachary St. Jacques
Adam Smith
Joshua Wagner
Tyler Waine



MVHS Girls Basketball Coach Tom Burke goes over strategy with Katie Haley and her teammates during a break in the action. Katie, Kaitlin Anderson (captain of the team), and other Andover girls were key members of the team this year.

Photo: Bob Bussey

Andover Basketball

By Tom Frantz
Andover Recreation Committee

Here are the results for the Andover Recreation Committee's basketball teams.

Team A1, the Girls 3/4 team coached by Heidi Levesque, finished the regular season with six wins and two losses.

Team A2, the Girls 5/6 team coached by Melissa Thompson and Steve Nelson, finished the regular season with five wins and two losses.

Team A3, the Boys 5/6 team coached by Dave Powers, finished the regular season with one win and six losses.

Team A4, the Boys 5/6 team coached by Tom Frantz, finished the regular season with six wins and one loss.

The playoffs for the Quad Valley League start for most teams on Friday, March 3. The Girls 3/4 play at Kearsarge Regional Middle School on March 4 and March 5. The Girls 5/6 tournament opens at Sunapee on March 3 and continues on Sunday March 5 with the Championship Game at Sunapee on Monday evening, March 6.

The Boys 5/6 tournament will be played at the Kearsarge Regional High School. It starts Friday evening, March 3 and continues throughout the weekend. All tournaments are double elimination.



Fifth graders and their "biomes in boxes" (l-r): Cameron Wood, Ricky Dansereau, Kristi Perreault, Tim Braley, Mary Jane Wittel, Charles Barry, Marissa Laro, and Brian Jackson
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Fifth Grade Studies Earth's Biomes

By Kristi Perreault
AE/MS Fifth Grade Student

For the past month, both fifth grade classes have been working on a science project about biomes. A biome is one of our Earth's natural environments. Each environment is sorted into one of six categories – rainforest, desert, tundra, taiga, grasslands, or temperate.

Each fifth grader was partnered up

and did research on their category. Each pair did a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation – a slide show on a computer – and a "biome in a box" – a box decorated to look like the category they were studying. The completed project was an oral presentation in front of both fifth grade classes.

It was a lot of hard work, but it all paid off in the end.

The Adolescent Brain Online

By Anne Hewitt
Beacon staff

On February 1, several parents and education professionals from Andover made the trip to Concord High to hear Michael Nerney speak on *The Adolescent Brain*. It was an excellent presentation – and for those of you who are wondering, yes, teenagers do have brains. And it's rather easier to understand how they work than you might think.

Many parents wish they could have

attended the talk, so I've written a detailed summary of Dr. Nerney's presentation. It's too long to run in the *Beacon*, but you'll find it on our Web site at AndoverBeacon.com/Brain.pdf.

The evening was hosted by Child and Family Services, CFSNH.org, an independent non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the well-being of children by strengthening family life and promoting community commitment to the needs of children.



Ms. Connor, AE/MS Technology Teacher, provided the opportunity for Ms. Hildebrand's second-grade class to learn the basics of making a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation from the AE/MS fifth grade experts. Thanks from Ms. Hildebrand's class to the fifth grade and most of all to Ms. Connor for making it possible. Above: Kamrin Racine (back) helps Tyler Holman
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

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