

Andover Rescue Squad

By Anne Hewitt

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Classroom space is still available for anyone who would like to sign up for the Emergency Medical Technician – Basic Level (EMT-B) Course to be held this summer. Please call Ed Becker at 735-5444 (work) or 735-5338 (home) to sign up for the class or if you have any questions.

Why Become An EMT?

- To be of assistance to a person who has been hurt or become suddenly ill is extremely rewarding. Our Enhanced 911 system has evolved over the years to be an effective method of getting people who are trained in emergency response operations to those who need help quickly. The more people available

to respond, the better chance there is to make a difference.

- Andover Rescue Squad is one of only two squads in New Hampshire still able to provide this service without billing patients. To keep this system intact, we need additional EMTs to provide 24-hour coverage.
- EMT training can be valuable in many situations, and this skill can be useful when applying for employment or volunteer opportunities.
- *We need you!* Preservation of our town's unique rural character is dependent on community member involvement. Should you choose to join Andover Rescue Squad, the cost of your training and continuing education is paid for.



Bill's Ready! Our intrepid correspondent can't wait.

Photo: Margie Leber

Red Sox from page 1

March 9

We have been to eight games so far, and the Sox have some work to do before they open. The starting pitching has been pretty good, but the relievers are questionable. So what's new about that?

The hitting is not coming around as it usually does about this time. Ortiz and Manny have not been hitting, and they look bad in their swinging. Lugo looks good except for a few wild throws. JD Drew is coming around, even had a few good hits and RBIs lately.

The weather is so outrageous – sunny and warm, 75 to 86 every day. How is it up there?

March 16

John Lester had his first rehab start with the Pawtucket team in a minor league game versus Rochester at the Player Development Complex. He gave up one hit, no runs, and struck out three in two innings. It will be great when he gets back to his game. He looks good and has a strong fast ball.

We also watched the Portland Seadogs play. They will be in Manchester 18 games this summer.

Tomorrow we will be at the St. Patrick's Day game with the Cincinnati Reds. The Sox play in green uniforms. It's a fun day.

• Johnny Peske, the old standby of the Red Sox. Johnny is always at the training facility and at all the games. Mr. Red Sox is always available for an autograph and is really great with the young fans. (This photo is on the *Beacon's* Web site at AndoverBeacon.com.)

• The rich new find from Japan, Dice-K is pitching batting practice. We saw him pitch to Boston College, and after the first hitter rapped a double down the left field line, he pitched two innings of no-hit baseball with three strike outs. Hoping to see him against the major league teams. (This photo is on the *Beacon's* Web site at AndoverBeacon.com.)

• Manny giving Lugo some pointers on hitting (page 1). We beat Manny to spring training, but he showed up in good spirits. All is well in Red Sox Nation.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department handled 205 calls for service from February 15 to March 15. The following is a partial breakdown.

- Traffic accidents – 1
- Motor vehicle warnings – 72
- Motor vehicle summons – 7
- Domestic disputes – 2
- Harassing communication – 5
- Criminal threatening – 1
- Suspicious person/vehicle – 2
- Abandoned vehicles – 2
- House checks – 16

- Burglary – 1
- Assist other police departments – 10
- Assist to ambulance – 5
- Civil stand-by – 5
- Animal complaints – 6
- Pistol permits – 2

Arrests

- Jason Farmer, 26, Danbury, Operating without valid license
- Kenneth Flaherty, 19, Loudon, Bail jumping
- Robert Drew, 23, Rumney, Bail jumping, electronic bench warrant

Rash Of Break-Ins Includes Two Andover Convenience Stores

By Margot Sanger-Katz

Concord Monitor staff

The state police have arrested two men in connection with a string of five convenience store break-ins on Tuesday night, March 6.

Ryan Dow, 17, of 128 Lajoie Road, Wilmot, and Adam England, 17, of 204 Route 104, Danbury, were arrested [on March 7] and charged with five counts of felony burglary each. According to the state police, both men offered statements and were released on \$5,000 personal recognizance bail.

The men are accused of breaking into convenience stores in New London, Wilmot, Andover, and Grafton over a short period of time Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning.

Tina Barton [of Andover], manager of the New London Mini Mart, said neighbors heard glass smashing about 1 AM Wednesday morning. When the owner later arrived, he discovered cigarette cartons littered on the floor. Six to 10 of them were missing.

"They saw people leave and come back, and they hopped back in their car and left," Barton said of the neighbors who heard the noise.

In Wilmot, beer and tobacco were taken. "They kicked in the door, they stole the Skoal display case and two 30-packs of Bud, and then took off in the car," said Brandy Smith, who works

in the store and said the break-in was caught on a surveillance camera.

Two stores in Andover also reported break-ins. According to employees at Jake's Market [on Main Street] and Food Stop [in Cilleyville], their glass doors were broken but no items appeared to be missing.

In Grafton, which reported a burglary about 2 AM, lottery tickets were stolen, an employee said.

Dow and England are scheduled for arraignment at New London District Court on April 11.

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