Umpire Glenn Laramie gets ready to make the call on Amelia Gilchrist during Andover's game against Hill. Photo: Bob Bussey

Franklin Lassie League Softball

By Steve Nelson
Andover Recreation Softball

The Andover Recreation Softball season started out strong, and I would like to thank everyone for their support. We had a winning season with an 8-0 record going into the playoffs, and we hope to keep the momentum going right through to the end.

The team consists of the following talented players: #1 Ashleigh Fife, #6 Breanne Davis, #12 Emily Laro, #23 Jessica George, #14 Marissa Laro, #9 Kassie Lamper, #15 Jennifer Connor, #7 Maddy Pfeifer, #10 Amber French, #20 Savannah Donovan, and #13 Rebekah Stearns.

These girls have been a lot of fun and have also had a lot of fun. I would like to also thank Sonia Nelson, Sally George, and Sam Ellis for their help coaching the girls.

The playoffs started May 31 and will finish up with the championship game at 6 PM on Sunday, June 3. It depends on whether a team wins or loses as to when they have their playoff games. All playoff games, as well as the championship game, will be played at Odell Park in Franklin.

Celebrate!
The *Beacon* needs your help gathering news of births, marriages, honors, and other notable events. Call 735-6099.

Soccer Signups

By Alan Hanscom
Andover Recreation Committee

Registration for the fall soccer season will be taking place in June. Watch for your chance to enroll at evening events at AE/MS, including 8th Grade Graduation on June 12 and at home softball and baseball games.

Andover youths entering grades one through six are eligible to play Andover Recreation Soccer. Seventh and eighth graders play on the AE/MS school team.

Boys and girls teams play in three levels. The first and second grade level plays coed practices and scrimmages at Blackwater Field on Saturday mornings. The third and fourth grade level fields girls and boys teams playing Saturday afternoons. The fifth and sixth graders play a weeknight game and a Saturday game. One or more weeknight practices can also be expected.

The third through sixth graders play in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League with area towns between Penacook, Grantham, and Weare. Games begin right after Labor Day and end in mid-October.

The deadline for sign-ups is June 14. The registration fee is $20 for sign-ups by June 13. The fee increases to $25 after June 13. Athletes registered by June 13 are eligible to play summer pickup games in August. Watch for notices!

We are always looking for coaches, helpers, and referees. Please help us out!

For more information, contact Alan Hanscom at 735-5972 or send a message to soccercash@tds.net.

The Andover Academy of Self Defense advanced a number of students last month. Front, l-r: Tyler Holman advanced to second degree Brown Belt. Daisy Elwell received Bo Staff Patch. Nicholas Terwilliger and Joren Schamel advanced to third degree Brown Belt. Hunter Heath advanced to Brown Belt. Back, l-r: Danny Cummings received Bo Staff Patch. Griffin Merriman advanced to Orange Belt. Bingham Johnson advanced to Purple Belt. Hannah French advanced to Blue Belt. Christophe Courtine advanced to Orange Belt. Photo: David Stepp

Kids – Join The Beacon Team!
AE/MS kids have done an awesome job of covering school events. Keep up the great work! The *Beacon* loves having your help.

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Soccer Signups!
Grades 1-6

Sign Up At AE/MS Evening Events

$20 if you sign up by June 13
$25 after that

SIGN UP NOW!
It is very important that we sign up as many students as possible by June 13 so we can register properly with the soccer league.

Andover Academy of Self Defense

Come check out a FREE class!

Little Tigers (from age 4)	Mon/Wed 5:30 - 6:00 PM
Tigers (beginners)	Mon/Wed 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Dragons (advanced)	Tue/Thu 6:00 - 7:00 PM
All Kids	Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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