



The Cooley family won the annual Highland Lake Boat Parade on July 4 with patriotic decorations and songs. Here they are presented with a check for \$50 and the banner they keep until next year. Photo: Bob Bussey

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The Highland Lake Protective Association held their annual meeting on July 7 and was happy to report the healthy condition of our lake at the last testing. We are hoping to initiate a Lake Host Program next summer at the boat launch on Channel Road which will take a considerable portion of our budget as well as volunteers. It will provide a very important role in preventing an infestation of "aquatic Hitchhikers".

We were reminded of our contributions to The Loon Association, The New Hampshire Lakes Association, the East Andover Fire Department, and the *Beacon*.

The nomination and election of new Board members resulted in the election of Denise Parker to complete Beth Lind's office as President as Beth steps in as Treasurer for our late departed Paul Abbott. Other members of the Board are Kitty Kidder, Don Gould, Bob and Nancy Welch, Tim Frost, Jim Cooley, Jack Manning, Urban and Anne Landini, Don Emerson, and Trudi Otto.

There weren't as many participants in the Fourth Boat Parade as usual, possibly due to the inclement weather and the holiday falling in the middle of the week. However, Jim Cooley's boat "Pa-

triotic All Day Long" won the prize and he will be next year's judge.

In spite of the threatening skies, the Ice Cream Social Saturday night was a big success. It was set up inside the firehouse and everyone had such a good time that we were encouraged to have another one. We will wind up the summer season on Saturday, September 1 with "do it yourself" sundaes at the bargain price of \$3. Mark your calendars now, same time same place!

The committee would like to thank the following donors for supporting our cause with gifts for our raffle. The prizes were two signs from Gail Richards, an all day rental on one piece of equipment from R.P. Johnson, a breakfast for two at the Highland Lake Inn, one large two topping pizza from Pizza Chef, a \$10 gift certificate from the Blackwater Restaurant, a Highland Lake sign from Concord Agway, a \$10 gift certificate from Kate's Bar and Grill in Franklin, and a Highland Lake t-shirt from Tim Frost. The lake sign and t-shirts can be ordered from Tim Frost.

We all thanked Beth Lind with a standing round of applause for being such a great President and keeping us all so well informed. Let's keep building up our membership!

Foot Race from page 6

ran, and they delivered compliments about the trail surface and its excellence as a running surface. Registrants were given Firecracker 5K t-shirts. Prizes were awarded to the top three in each age group. The prizes for first, second, and third were gold, silver, and bronze rail spikes, sandblasted and painted by Sutton Mills blacksmith Jack Paige.

The top male runner, Paul Ander-

son of Lebanon, and the top female runner, Ann Rasmussen of Plymouth, each won \$100. Although the purpose of the race was not to raise money, any net proceeds will go to FNRT-MC for trail construction (such as the planned rail trail extension to East Andover in August), and to the Andover Fourth of July Committee.

FNRT-MC hopes the Andover Firecracker 5K will occur next July 4 and become an annual tradition once again.



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Water from page 1

Water was soon discovered gushing out of the ground on the south side of Hall Road, immediately downhill from the plant. In true New England form, volunteers and work crews arrived quickly to devise a plan to notify system users and remedy the situation.

Notice went out through a series of phone calls to Selectmen, village businesses, Proctor Academy, and the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES), which issued a boil-water order.

Lisa Meier, Marj Roy, and Mark Stetson called each residence on the water system, then assembled and distributed boil-order notices. Local radio stations and television station WMUR Channel 9 were also notified, consistent with DES requirements. Mark Stetson maintained a communications center at the Town Hall and was able to locate sources of bottled water as well as tank trucks to deliver water to the water system holding tanks. Heather Hammel from television station WMUR arrived on site, and Charlie Darling gave Heather and her camera operator a tour of the situation. They also conducted an interview with Commissioner Mark Cowdrey.

RD Edmunds Construction of Franklin immediately diverted a pipeline crew from an ongoing construction project to Andover. Toby Locke quickly assembled a dive crew to fabricate a

cover to halt the flow of water coming from Bradley Lake by blocking the pipe intake from Bradley Lake. Howard George reviewed old system pipeline plans and began searching with Mike Vercellotti for a shutoff valve in the woods above Hall Road.

After much effort, the dive crew had the intake blocked, and a working gate valve was located adjacent to an old bridge abutment behind Frank Mathews' house to shut off water flowing to the breaks in the pipe.

Edmunds' crew uncovered the leaking pipes and found that the water supply pipe from Bradley Lake and the treated water pipe from the filtration plant had both failed at 90-degree elbow pipe thrust restraints. They worked quickly to replace the small sections of piping and thrust restraints.

Fortunately, the pipe repair was completed, and Toby's dive crew was able to open the intake pipe and gate valve to supply water to the filtration plant that afternoon as more thunder rumbled in the distance.

By early Tuesday evening Kurt Meier slowly brought the water filtration plant back on line. Additional air and sediment were flushed from the distribution system piping the following day. A series of distribution system bacteria tests were conducted over several days, as required by DES, before the boil-water order could be lifted.

Many thanks go out to all of the folks who responded quickly to repair the pipelines.



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