

A Wild Ride Up Mt. Washington

By Michelle Keezer
For the Beacon

On a very warm summer day in July, I decided it would be a fun trip to drive up Mount Washington. My grandmother, my nephew, my son, and I packed our bags for a fun and unforgettable trip up the mountain. I decided it would be "cool" to drive up in my own car and decline the offer of taking a van up to the summit of 6,288 feet (almost 1.2 miles up). Boy, was I in for an incredible experience!

In the beginning, driving didn't seem to be all that bad until the tree line started to disappear, and the breathtaking views started to become visible. I could see for miles and miles. Even though the scenery was "breathtaking," I really felt vulnerable driving. I really thought I was going to drive right off the mountain.

I was scared out of my mind! After doing many turns up the mountain, we finally made it to the summit.

At the summit, we looked at the Observatory and took many photos of the view and even the Cog Railway. Riley said, "The gift shops were the best, and



Riley Keezer (r) and his cousin Matthew Pritchard at the top of Mt. Washington.
Photo: Michelle Keezer

they had cool toys!" The drive up was so life-changing for me that all I could think about was the ride down.

I asked if they had people that drove cars back down and they said, "No." I was still freaking out about the drive up, and now I have to drive back down!

In the end, we all made it back down to the bottom safely. With sighs of relief, we visited the gift shop at the bottom, and Riley picked out a magnet for my car that said, "I survived Mount Washington." I am glad to say that we survived the trip up to the summit, but I don't think I will be driving back up anytime soon.

Kearsarge ADD/ADHD Parent Support Group

By Susan Schultz
KAAPS

The Kearsarge Area ADD/ADHD Parent Support Group (KAAPS) is a way for parents to share not only the difficulties of raising a child who has ADD/ADHD but the positive aspects as well. The mission of KAAPs is to provide a safe environment where parents can share problems and frustrations as well as ideas and strategies for addressing these issues. The group is also a place where resources and information on various treatment options

can be shared.

KAAPS meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Tracy Memorial Library on Main Street in New London. The meeting takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and usually involves a speaker presentation followed by group support and discussion.

The KAAPs meeting on Tuesday, October 23, will feature KRHS Social Worker Martha McLaughlin and School Psychologist Janet Bavicchi speaking on Self-Advocacy. We hope to see you there!


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Hamp House Receives Many Needed Repairs And Updates

By Susan Nellen
AASP and AFAP Director

The generosity and hard work of more than a few individuals made it possible for the Andover After School and Andover Five Alive Programs to open our doors to 40 children this school year. The AASP and AFAP would like to thank those who contributed in a timely manner to helping us get ready. With an expanded kindergarten group and a full roster after school, some alterations and needed improvements were made.

With expanded hours we had to apply to change our licensing designation, which required health inspector Mark Stetson to do a second health and safety inspection in less than six months. Fire Chief John Landry with deputy Chuck Ellis also showed up without delay and like Mark were helpful and courteous despite being asked to perform double duty.

Mike Campbell of Campbell Fence and Granite in Salisbury gave us a substantial discount and worked around our schedule to re-install a chain link safety fence next to the sunken driveway behind the Hamp House. We appreciate his generosity and flexibility.

Kevin Cornish came in between other workers and worked nights to prime our windows with lead sealant paint required by our state licensing bureau for any structure built prior to 1978.

Nathan Crucitti has primed the rest of the trim in preparation for painting the downstairs. Nathan has installed temporary storm windows, donated by Bonny Morris, our board chair, for our sun room (Big Kid's Porch). Nathan has also done many minor repair jobs for us in a friendly, expedient manner. He will

be giving some attention to our maple floors and basement windows soon.

Licensed electrician Joey Chevarie has come at a moment's notice to repair old plugs and fixtures. He has completed a thorough electrical inspection of the Hamp House and reassures us that the system is safe.

Bob's Shoppe Window Repair has fixed window pulleys throughout the house. Bob worked at the house when the Hamps owned it!

Local businesses have given us discounts. CVS Pharmacy gave us 50% off plastic plates, making it possible to provide fruit and vegetable snacks. Lowes in Tilton offered 10% off Rubbermaid nap bins for our kindergartners.

Parents Pitch In

Dana Newton expediently installed our new toilet upstairs and the dishwasher donated by Bonny Morris. Ty Davis, another veteran Hamp House handyman, speedily replaced a loose railing on our back porch. Karl Methven, once again, took care of sealing our wooden handicap access ramp. Beth Chamberlin continues to use her Sam's Club membership to get our snack and cleaning and paper supplies and deliver them right into our kitchen.

Special thanks go to Bonny Morris who has worked with me, and the state licensing inspector, Kathleen O'Neill, and the School Board, and the After School and Five Alive Boards, to make the transition into the new school year as smooth as possible. Her positive spirit, generosity, and good humor are much appreciated.

The Hamp House is getting the care it deserves, and we feel grateful to all those who have helped out. Thank you.

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