



The AE/MS gym was buzzing with activity during NHCHF's statewide Spring Workshop last month. Photo: Mike Wiley

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NHCHF

Fifty-eight ladies "tied one on" at the New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family's State Spring Workshop held at AE/MS last month.

In the morning, the focus was on aprons. As we arrived we received a name tag in the shape of an apron. A clothesline was strung around the gym, and the ladies hung up the aprons that they had brought for display.

There was quite a variety – all sizes, patterns, and colors, plain and fancy. Some were embroidered, smocked, quilted, crocheted, and appliqued. A wide assortment of materials was used: cotton, toweling, organdy, handkerchiefs, thread, and grain sacks.

We even had aprons from different countries. Many of the aprons had come through several generations and had a history. Some were valued because they

had been made for a special occasion or by a favorite person. We had a fashion show of different types of aprons and the models were busy "tying them on."

After lunch we did a little dough crafting. We experimented with cornstarch dough and practiced making some cookie cutter ornaments. Some adventuresome people did free-hand designs.

The day ended with an exhibition by the Andover One Wheelers. The ladies were impressed with the team's expertise in riding their unicycles, the dexterity required to do the intricate maneuvers, and their eagerness to demonstrate their individual skills. Everyone enjoyed their performance. This unique group is a credit to their leaders, school, and families.

Our next meeting is on Buttons. If you are interested in joining our group or would like to start a group in your town, call 735-5493.

Andover Democratic Committee

By Robin Boynton
Andover Democratic Committee

Upcoming summer and fall events were reviewed at the Andover Democratic Committee's April meeting. These include a Young Democrats meeting in June; participation in Andover's Fourth of July celebration and in the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair in August; a rally on August 17; and a candidates' night in

late October.

Many details will be worked out at the committee's next monthly meeting on May 21 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall meeting room downstairs. All Democrats are invited.

Wilmot Community Association Luncheon

On Tuesday, May 20, the Senior Luncheon will be held at noon at the Wilmot Community Association Barn on Village Road in Wilmot Flat. Rick Libbey of Andover, also known as Mooseman, will share his wildlife photos, stories, and fun facts about the largest mammal in the woods. Libbey has been photographing moose since 1981 from a kayak in the water.

The luncheons are sponsored by the Wilmot Community Association and Wilmot Ladies' Aid Society in cooperation with the Belknap/Merrimack Community Action Program. All area seniors are invited to join us for good food and conversation. Reservations should be made at 526-4540 or knckibbin@comcast.net. A \$2 donation is requested.

Wilmot Baptist Church Hosts Women's Retreat On Boundaries

The Wilmot Baptist Church presents a retreat for all women entitled *Setting Boundaries* on Saturday, May 3, from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Wilmot Baptist Church in Wilmot Flat.

The objective of the retreat is to learn how to utilize Christian principals to gain a better understanding of how to set boundaries in relationships with spouses, children, adult children, parents, and friends, enabling better and more healthy relationships with the people in our lives.

The day's activities are facilitated by Cheryl D. Chambers, Associate Director of Christian Counseling Ministries of Western New York. Ms. Chambers specializes in individual adult, marriage, and women's issues, traveling extensively to lead retreats and seminars.

The retreat is the second organized by the church's Women's Bible Study Group, which meets weekly. The first retreat, *Forgive and Forget*, held in November 2006, was well attended by women from across the region. Many participants expressed a desire for more

opportunities to gather and discuss important issues with a Christian view.

Cathy Erickson, leader of the Women's Bible Study comments, "It was such a blessing to gather women, with their own unique stories and from very different backgrounds in faith, and come together for a common purpose. We hope to recreate a similar blended fellowship at this year's retreat."

Registration is from 8:30 AM to 9 AM at the church. Lunch will be provided.

Pre-registration is recommended. Contact Robin Young at 526-4343 or dayoung@tds.net. A \$5 donation is requested from participants at the retreat.

The Wilmot Baptist Church is an independent, bible-based church. The church supports Christian mission programs including The Navigators, Young Life, Dayspring Crisis Pregnancy Center, Trans World Radio, International Aid, and the Vision New England Prison Ministry. The pastor of the Wilmot Baptist Church is Reverend Allen Koop of Andover.

Blackwater Grange #152

Blackwater Grange #152 met on April 17 with 11 members and two guests, our Deputy Rhoda Davies and her husband Paul, present. She brought greetings from State Grange Master Beth Merrill and Tricia Taylor, General

Deputy.

A donation was made to the American Diabetes Association in memory of Mike Stevens, son of Grange member Henry Stevens.

The next meeting will be on May 8.

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