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following points:

- Why water supply lakes need to be protected: It is important to protect the source, as a treatment plant cannot take out all pathogens.
- A review of the DES rules and the state law specific to Bradley Lake (DES rules Env-Ws 386.10 and RSA 270:14)
- Why swimming was originally restricted on Bradley Lake: Due to a typhoid outbreak.
- Why swimming is still a concern for water supply lakes: A pathogen found in fecal matter that is spread by humans and cattle and cannot be killed by chlorination.

Next, Andover Village District commissioner Reggie Roy talked a bit about the Andover Village District and stressed that is a separate entity from the Town. He also described some of the recent work done by the District in response to State requests.

These talks were followed by an enthusiastic and energetic question, answer, and comment session. Many questions were gathered both before and during the meeting, and these will be researched and published in the *Beacon* as well as being made available at the Town Hall and to anyone who requests them.

A number of themes/action items came out of the meeting:

- Signage on the restrictions must be put up by the public area where everyone can see it, and the lake must be marked to show where the restrictions begin. *The Andover Village District commissioners and the Town Administrator are working on this.*
- There must be enforcement of the restrictions. *The Andover Village District commissioners, the Selectmen, and Town Administrator Dana Hadley will develop a way to do this.*
- Monitoring of the water supply must also include monitoring of various sections of the lake itself to get a baseline so the effectiveness of the restrictions can be determined. *Mike Vercellotti is working on a grant to begin this type of monitoring.*
- Residents need a place to find information on Bradley Lake. *The Town Administrator will add a Bradley Lake section to the town Web site.*
- Attendees requested another meeting in the spring. *The Andover Conservation Commission, Town Administrator, and Andover Village District commissioners will schedule a spring meeting.*
- For the short term, attendees were asked to call Dana at 735-5332 to volunteer to help with Bradley Lake protection activities, ask See Bradley Lake on page 6



Huge sheets of durable floorcovering go down in the AE/MS gym. The new gym floor, bright white walls, and light streaming through the windows are the highlight of many projects to improve the school over the summer.

Staff photo: Charlie Darling

New Gym Floor Comes In \$1,800 Under Budget

By Don Gould
Andover School Board

Let the basketballs bounce, let the One-Wheelers ride, let the dinners begin, let the Eagles fly with pride! It no longer happens in a cloud of darkness and dangerous dust. The new gym floor and cleaned rafters are ready for the return of students and the community to a new school year.

This attractive new floor, with maple wood print and a center court school emblem, is ideal for those learning to play sports and a wide variety of community activities. Features include:

- Durability – 15-year warranty and observations of floors in use over 15 years and still looking great
- Simplified and minimum cost maintenance – no waxing
- Optimum safety protection from asbestos-laden tile below, shock absorption and reduced risk of friction burns
- Accurate ball bounce
- Approval by American Red Cross for use as an emergency shelter for the community

All this has been at a cost \$1,800

under the amount of the amended Article VII petitioned and approved at the annual School District Meeting last March.

The school eagle emblem at center court provides spirited excellence at a cost of \$5,290. It was paid for by funds from the Parent Teachers Organization.

It took a town to do it, skillfully coordinated by principal Jane Slayton, volunteers, SAU 46 staff, teachers, and students – too many to list – and the voters who approved the original petition.

Thanks also go to Proctor Academy who provided a site for the Andover Fish and Game Club's Beef BBQ and backup space in case of rain for other community events during the gym renovation.

While the gym is the highlight of summer activity to ready the school for the returning students, the building repairs and changes to address the many life safety issues raised by the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's office have added to the long list of accomplishments to make our school better than the best.

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