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The Long Tail Monkeys – (l-r) Max Barrett, Sam Barrett, Tyler Holman, and Logan Marcus – joined Stone Cold Blue and Nick's Other Band to entertain on the Andover Village Green.  
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## LOCAL BANDS ROCK THE VILLAGE GREEN

By Claudio Marcus  
For the *Beacon*

Just ahead of getting back into the rhythm of school, a set of talented local music groups performed on Saturday, August 22, at the Andover Village Green. This new event was initially prompted by the fact that Andover's own Long Tail Monkeys' performance got rained out during the town's Fourth of July festivities. After proposing the idea to the town selectman, things came together rather nicely as several bands expressed a willingness to put on a free performance.

The featured bands included Stone Cold Blue, a bluegrass band with members from New Hampshire and Vermont; local rockers Nick's Other Band (NOB), and Andover's own Long Tail Monkeys (LTM). Other important contributors included the AE/MS, which lent its stage platforms for the occasion; the Andover Lions Club, which made available its expansive tent; and Byron's Septic Services.

As was the case during this year's Fourth of July festivities, weather again looked to be a challenge. It rained heavily on Friday, and the weekend weather forecast did not look good. But this being show business, the stage and tent were set up and the rain managed mostly to stay away during the Saturday afternoon event.

The folks gathered for the show were treated to a great blend of bluegrass, blues, and rock-and-roll tunes. The Long Tail Monkeys, after a month-long summer vacation, were excited to be playing back in their

home town. LTM performed a mix of some of their old classics, several bluesy originals, and a few of their newest songs, including a cover of Kidd Rock's popular hit *All Summer Long* and John Mayer's inspirational *Waiting on the World to Change*. Most exciting for the Long Tail Monkeys was the opportunity to join NOB on stage to lend a hand with a rendition of *Sweet Home Alabama*.

Together since 2007, the Long Tail Monkeys are gaining experience. Max Barrett (drums and vocals), Logan Marcus (lead guitar and vocals) and Tyler Holman (keyboards) are 11 years of age, while Sam Barrett (bass guitar) is now 13 years old. The Andover boys have expanded their repertoire to include classic rock songs from the Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Tom Petty, Santana, and the Ventures. LTM plays a diverse set of music that includes Herbie Hancock and Stevie Wonder as well as some recent hits, and they have composed and regularly play several original instrumental blues tunes.

A special LTM highlight from this summer was their involvement with the North Haverhill Fair in Haverhill. At the fair, LTM played two shows on the main stage – the very same stage on which Kristy Lee Cook of *American Idol* fame had performed the day before. The Long Tail Monkeys even participated in and won a prize at the parade.

Next up for the Long Tail Monkeys is a back-to-school show at AE/MS and a benefit performance for CHaD, the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth, which will take place on August 29 at the Dartmouth Green in Hanover. LTM has also already been booked for fall performances at other New Hampshire schools.



## VNA | H1N1 (Swine Flu) Update

- H1N1 virus has been isolated.
- Manufacturers are beginning vaccine production.
- The vaccine is expected to be ready mid-late October.
- High risk groups currently identified include pregnant women, healthcare workers, persons 6 months - 24 years of age.
- H1N1 vaccine is separate from the vaccine for regular seasonal flu.

For more information,  
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