

# Free BBQ To Celebrate Kearsarge Co-op's First Year

## Kearsarge Co-op press release

Join the Kearsarge Cooperative Grocer as they celebrate their first year in business. The Co-op will host a free barbecue on Thursday, July 22, from 6 to 8 PM on the front lawn of their store on 52 Newport Road.

The birthday party will include free food and barbecue, local vendors, free drawings, giveaways, live music, kids' activities, and, yes, a big birthday cake (courtesy of the Co-op's award-winning Celery Stick Cafe). Several local vendors will be on hand

to give away samples and talk about their products.

The Kearsarge Co-op offers a variety of products including natural, local, and organic foods, hormone- and antibiotic-free meat, natural eggs and dairy, allergen-free foods, seasonal produce, and health and beauty needs.

The Co-op's birthday party is free and open to the public. Rain or shine. Bring your friends and family! No reservations necessary – just drop by.

Visit [KearsargeCoop.coop](http://KearsargeCoop.coop) or call 526-6650 to learn more.



(L-r) Sam, Logan, Max, and Tyler – the Long Tail Monkeys – played May 15 at Harold Martin School in Hopkinton for the Hopkinton Annual Fun Fair.

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## LONG TAIL MONKEYS PLAN A BUSY SUMMER

By Victoria Shouldis

Concord Monitor staff

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Some quick rock and roll fun facts. George Harrison joined The Beatles (then known as The Quarrymen) when he was 14. Michael Jackson began singing lead vocals with his brothers, the Jackson 5, when he was 8. Billie Joe Armstrong founded the band Sweet Children when he was 14, which evolved into a popular little act called Green Day.

Audiences may well be tempted to remember those numbers when watching Andover's own Long Tail Monkeys, a four-member group currently rocking the house in Andover but planning to conquer the world. As soon as their homework is done, anyway.

Long Tail Monkeys are also known as LTMS, which happens to be a cool acronym for members Logan Marcus, guitarist; Tyler Holman, organist; Max Barrett, drummer; and Sam Barrett, bassist and at 14, the old man of the group. The other three are 12. As seasoned rock veterans they don't quite fully agree on their history: Max and Logan chatted on the school bus one day when they were 8 (or maybe 9) about how cool it would be to start a band. But unlike most kids, they started a band. When they were 8. (Or maybe 9.)

As in all bands, there were personnel changes along the way as the kids worked to balance the music, schoolwork, sports, and the zillion other things that occupy you when you're 8. Or 9. Sam, older brother of Max, was the last to sign on, and with that consistent lineup, the Monkeys have been rocking and wowing. In fact, a sign made by a fan that says "Wow!" – with exclamation mark for emphasis – is on the wall of the garage in the Barrett house where the Monkeys rehearse.

As the guys offer a spot-on Led Zeppelin medley – a dash of *Stairway to Heaven*, a sprinkle of *All of My Love*,

and a few other dashes to make a tasty Zeppelin meal, all four get the spotlight for a minute or so. Logan coaxes a side of blues from his guitar; studious and soft-spoken Tyler does a long solo break, letting out just a bit of a smile, Sam plays a consummate bass line with just a bit of rocker 'tude; and Max thumps the joint with a drum solo.



The Long Tail Monkeys perform Monday at Merrimack Valley Middle School, and from there they've got a slew (a slew they'd be happy to add on to) of performances scheduled – but then again, summer is prime time for a working band. In addition to a couple of more school stops, LTMS will be at Andover's Fourth of July celebration and Springfield's Old Home Day July 10.

Max – the gregarious drummer who balances percussion and lead vocals better than Phil Collins – admits that he has been just a bit of a musical ham for as long as he can remember.

"When I was very young – I mean 3, 4, I used to stand at the top of our stairs, all dressed up in a cowboy hat and cowboy boots, and I would sing stuff by Kenny Chesney," he admits.

Keith Barrett – dad to a couple of the Monkeys and the de facto manager, life coach, and gentle taskmaster – hopes that this is the year the Monkeys find themselves on a significantly bigger stage. Opening for a big act at the Cap Center or Meadowbrook would work; a song or two before a hockey game down at Verizon would be more than okay, too.

All the kids manage to juggle the demands of the band with schoolwork and other commitments. Max, Logan, and Sam attend Andover Elementary / Middle School, while Tyler attends Shaker Road. They play sports, they like going to the ocean and sleeping, and Logan spent part of last summer selling hostas.

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