



Andover Rec basketball player Camden Donovan had a chance to talk about his possible future in the NBA with Tommy Heinsohn (l) and Mike Gorman (r) at the Celtic's game on January 25. Tommy told Camden if he made it to the Celtics, he would be sure to give Camden a "Tommy Point."



The Andover Rec fifth and sixth grade girls basketball team had a great season, with five wins and three losses. The six players worked hard, having to play most of every game. They played Franklin, Winnisquam, and Newfound. Great job to Kaitlin French, Chelsea Thompson, Jackie Morris, Shania Nichols, Danika Kolesar, and Katelyn Barton. Thank you, coaches Rob French and John Morris. Photo and caption: Melissa Barton

Andover One Wheelers

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Andover One Wheelers Boosters

Unlike most other school sports and activities, the Andover One Wheelers run non-stop for about nine months per year. The team takes almost three months off beginning in early December to give team members and Coach Keezer a much-needed break. It also frees up the gym for basketball practices and makes it easier for those members who want to play basketball.

The winter break ends this month as unicycle practices resume in the AE/MS gym. In four short weeks the team hits the road for its first parade of the season. The Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Manchester is often a chilly start for the team as the spring

sunshine tries to cut through the late March chill air. A headwind often greets the One Wheelers during the ride south down Elm Street.

Planning is underway for a spring trip in late May. We will be ready to announce more details in the April issue, after we receive School Board approval and firm up additional details. Team members and coaches earn this paid trip through their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Most events pay an appearance fee to have the One Wheelers ride in their parade. The balance of the money comes from many fundraisings. We appreciate the community's solid support that provides such a unique travel experience for these AE/MS students.

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enthusiasm from her students. Drawing from widespread student interest in forensics, Megan's course offering has gained tremendous popularity in recent years as students seek to better understand the science behind criminology.

Students have most recently learned about the antibody-antigen reactions and how those reactions help scientists identify blood types. Following this, students ran a blood-typing lab (using synthetic blood for those who did not want to use their own) before moving into an exercise involving the detection of blood at the crime scene during which they had to use a substance called Luminol to identify stains that were in fact blood.

The unit concluded with a blood spatter lab, allowing students to explore the physics behind blood spatter, including what influences drop shape and spatter pattern.

While not every student will pursue a career in forensics, Megan's hope is that each student will fully engage him-

self or herself in the material and that students will begin to love the learning they are doing. "This course is so much fun to teach, and the kids absolutely love the direct application of information in a way that they can physically manipulate."

It is all teachers' hope that their students love to learn. While recent snowstorms, combined with cold treks between classrooms, can make the winter days pass slowly, when students are engaged in the academic experiences described above learning becomes interactive and alive. Proctor's motto of "Learn to Live and Live to Learn" is easily linked with the its tremendous off-campus programs and experiential learning outside of the classroom. However, we must not overlook the integrated learning that occurs in the classroom each day.

At the heart of each student's experience at Proctor is the relationship that develops when teachers are able to design lessons that provide significant challenge but at the same time allow students to collaborate and travel along parallel, but not uniform, paths to success. It appears those relationships are alive and well this winter!

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