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Irene Jewett gets a donation for Andover's Fourth of July celebration from Peter Zak of Highland Lake Apple Farm. Photo: Mary Lloyd-Evans

Fourth of July Celebration Needs Your Donations!

By Judy Perreault
Andover Fourth Of July Committee

The month of May is our big fundraising effort. Volunteers will be "passing the hat" from street to street around town. If you should be missed, you may mail a donation to Andover Fourth of July Committee, PO Box 36, East Andover 03231.

Help us stay in the black this year! Donors who wish will be listed in our program.

Get Ready For The Fourth!

The committee is happy to report some new members to the good ship *Fourth Of July*. Welcome aboard to Wanda and Gerry Smith and to Irene Haley. There is always room for new crew members. We don't want the old members to jump ship. We are hoping to have everything ship-shape by the Fourth.

There are a number of new projects in the planning stages which we think will add to the day's festivities.

The Firecracker 5K Race will be having professional timers this year, which committee members feel will attract more racers. This is one event that is not cancelled for wet weather. They race rain or shine.

The Andover Lions are building booths and buying prizes for the new games to be offered on the Village Green for tots to teens. Don't forget the Lions' delicious pancake breakfast at AE/MS on the morning of the Fourth.

We hope many of you are planning a float for the parade. The theme is Farms, Fields, and Forests. Individual and family entries are welcome, as well as entries from businesses and organizations. One young lady earned $50 two years in a row by entering and winning a prize category. We still need two parade judges.

The children have fun with Sara Tracy at the Children's Parade area at the Pro Claim building on Main Street. Decorate your bikes, carts, etc. and win a ribbon. Judging will be from 11 AM to noon.

If you have something to sell, the Village Green is the place. Call Howard Wilson at 735-5427 to reserve a space.

Parking Space On The Fourth

Parking is always a problem on the Fourth. If you have space within walking distance of the Green that you would be willing to share, please contact Bob Ward, at 735-5061. For parade questions, contact 735-5493; 455-5939; or 4thOfJulyCommittee@gmail.com.

National Emergency Medical Services Week,

May 15 through May 21, is a great time to thank all the people our community relies upon for help when the unthinkable happens: our fire departments, police department, and – in honor of National EMS Week – the Andover EMS team, whose members we list below. See also the article on page 8.

EMS Everyday Heroes

First Responders: Sam Brown and Evan Gaskin, both Proctor students

EMT Basics

Andover Fire Department Chief Chuck Ellis, East Andover Fire Department Chief Rene Lefebvre, Mac MacDuffie, Heather Makechnie, Jeff Miller, Ben Seaver, and Vido Seaver

EMT Intermediate Students

John Kinney and Andrew Perkins

EMT Intermediates

Jeffrey Clark and Jon Collette, who both completed their training this month; Jennifer Coffey, Philip Hackmann (who is working on his RN), Jason Jenkins, and Greg Stetson

Paramedics

Franklin Fire Department Captain Stephen Fecteau and Brad Hardie

By Patricia Moyer
Andover Conservation Commission

Here we are again! The piles of snow are almost melted, but what appears underneath is not a pretty sight around our beautiful town. Although we have some new beautiful sprouting grass and crocuses, there are also lots of cans, bottles, and other debris on the roadsides. It's time to help out the roadsides and clean up all those nasty items that have blown around our yards and streets.

Once again, the Andover Conservation Commission is working with Town Administrator Dana Hadley on a street-by-street litter clean-up week in honor of Earth Day and in conjunction with New Hampshire the Beautiful. Everyone can be a part of this community-wide clean-up. We all know what the roadsides look like after the snow is gone, so get a group together or go solo.

The event will kick off on Saturday, May 7, at 9 AM at the Town Hall. Blue bags will be supplied by New Hampshire the Beautiful. A street sign-up sheet will be there also. The clean-up will continue at your convenience throughout the week.

If you prefer to sign up early for a particular street, please contact Dana at 735-5332. Dana will keep track of who

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David Kenney of Proctor Academy and his daughter Libby (l) and son Jordan enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast at the Potter Place Masonic Hall on April 23. The event was in support of summer camp scholarships for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Don't miss the next one on Saturday, May 7, from 7 to 9:30 AM. More: page 32. Photo: Charlie Darling

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