



Alexander William Berry with his proud parents, Penny and James Berry.

BORN: Alexander Berry

Alexander William Berry was born on Thursday, April 21, 2011 in San Francisco, California to parents James and Penny Berry. He weighed 5 lbs, 0.4 oz and was 18.1" long.

Alexander's maternal grandparents are Robin and Jay Boynton of Andover and Robert Berry and Barbara Clark of

Epsom. His paternal grandparents are John and Dawn Reed of White River Junction, Vermont.

After whirlwind visitations by both Memere and Nana, Mom, Dad, and Baby Xander are settled in nicely at home.



Jaylyn Wilks of Loudon gets on the good side of the horse she is about to ride. Allison Barry in the background. Photo: R Bussey

Allison Barry: One of Nation's Top 50 Riding Instructors

By Lexie King and Elizabeth Townsend
Beacon volunteers

Defying cold and an April snow shower, the Whisper Wind Stables held its annual open house on April 23. Despite the weather, horse lovers trekked to the barn located on Flaghole Road and were offered the opportunity to tour the stables, ride a horse, and experience a cart ride if they so desired.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and warm chili were served, allowing everyone to huddle around the grill when they needed a bit of warmth. Horse-shaped sugar

cookies for the kids to decorate added a fun touch to the menu.

Allison Barry, the owner of the stables, was on hand to welcome visitors and answer questions about the facilities, the horses, and the services Whisper Wind offers. She grew up with horses, riding and competing in several shows before turning her skills to training both horses and riders.

Allison has been teaching riding for approximately 25 years and was awarded her National Certification in 1989. In 2009, the American Riding Instructors

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Cameron Wood (right) receives congratulations and a certificate of achievement from Andover Lions Club member Jim Goody during Cam's Eagle Court of Honor last month. Photo: Bourque Photography

Cameron Wood Achieves Eagle Scout

By Karen Frink
For the Beacon

An Eagle Court of Honor for Cameron Wood was held on May 1 at the Tilton Veteran's Home with friends, residents, and members of the scouting community in attendance. For Cameron's Eagle project, he designed and built two wheelchair-accessible picnic tables for the residents and donated four flower boxes for a courtyard. Les Fenton of Fenton's Construction provided the carpentry skills for the project, and Troop 489 and family members spent a day at the Veteran's Home assembling the tables, which were painted red, white, and blue.

Master of Ceremonies Eagle scout Joel Bates, Troop 88 (Concord), opened the ceremony with the posting of the colors by Troop 489, followed by Paul Fenton, Jr. leading the Invocation. Two

Cub scouts from Pack 489 participated in a candle lighting ceremony to represent the red, white, and blue of the flag. Paul Boucher of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce opened the Court of Honor with the traditional lighting of candles, which represents a scout's Road to Eagle. The candle's were lit by Life Scout Brendan Coll.

Robert Hardy came forward and read the Eagle Report, which declares that Cameron has met before the Board of Review and has been approved for the rank of Eagle Scout. Cameron presented parents Karen Frink and Allen Wood with their parent pins, and they had the privilege of pinning on Cameron's Eagle Scout medal and presenting him with the Eagle badge.

Kathy Bennett, the Sunapee District Scoutmaster of the Year, had the

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An "Upper End of Tucker Mountain Road" neighborhood get-together hosted by Brad Hartwell and Donna Baker-Hartwell included a dance around the May Pole. (Clockwise from 12:01) Britta Johnson, Sue Rochon, Annika Johnson, Barbara Taylor, Benjamin Seaver, Leo Frego, Lynn Cox, Jim Cox, Eric Johnson, George Rochon, Brad Hartwell, Traci Fowler, Ann Frego, Lucas Fowler, Kate Goodin, Frank Baker III.

Does your neighborhood celebrate something? Do you have events or get-togethers? Please let the Beacon know! Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell