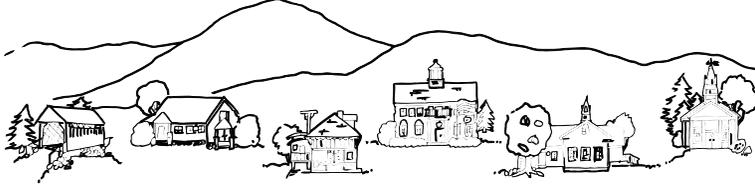




## It Takes A Village ...



... to advance a class of capable, confident, caring students to the next grade every year. In honor of the entire community's achievements in this area — and most of all, in honor of the students themselves — the following have helped underwrite *The Andover Beacon's* continuing coverage of our schools:

## Congratulations, all, from:

- The AE/MS Staff
  - Erik & Sarah Anderson
  - Nance Barrett
  - Lee & Bert Carvalho
  - Charlie & Sharon Darling
  - Dana Darling
  - Don & Marilyn Gould
  - Heartwood Accounting Services
  - Imagination Inn
- J&B Landscaping & Excavation
  - The Lane-Therriens
  - Claudio Marcus & Ethney McMahon
  - Charlie & Mary Lou McCrave
  - Melissa Newton
  - Craig & Doreen Perreault & family
  - Reggie & Marj Roy
  - Tucker Mountain Maple



Members of the Proctor and Andover communities turned out for this Earth Day photo with the Blackwater Ski Area in the background to raise awareness of climate change's impacts here in Andover. Photo: Mikayla Sweeney

## Proctor Academy Raises Climate Change Awareness

By Mikayla Sweeney  
For the Beacon

On Thursday, May 3, at 7 PM, Proctor Academy and some of the greater Andover community gathered on Carr Field to raise awareness about local climate change. The picture was taken by me, Mikayla Sweeney, a junior at Proctor, for my Environmental Social

Science class. There is a world-wide campaign on 350.org called *Connect the Dots*. It is all about connecting the dots between climate change and extreme weather. My picture was taken at the base of the Blackwater Ski Area to express how climate change has impacted the Andover community. This winter, See Proctor on page 47



As Stephanie Van Horn revealed the secrets of sushi on SHARE Day, Dillon Reed, Griffin Merriman, Jared Duquette, Nelson Makechnie, and Amanda Lauster followed along. Photo: Charlie Darling

## Community Pitches In To Make Another Great SHARE Day!

By Jane Slayton  
AE/MS Principal

"SHARE Day just keeps getting better every year!" was a comment I've heard over and over again from children and adults. That is quite a statement, considering that SHARE Day has been an annual event since 1987.

SHARE Day 2012 was held on May 18 and was an incredibly-packed day of art, athletics, nature, and music. Gisela Darling continues to be the energy and the master of organization behind the scenes, which in turn provides a wonderful experience for young and old.

Many community members, parents, Proctor Academy, and AE/MS faculty are involved in either offering a workshop or helping with a workshop. Recently we have noticed that many of the new volunteers are past student participants in SHARE Day who enjoyed the day when they

were in grade school and have returned to give today's students that same beneficial experience.

Some of the volunteers, Peter Southworth for example, have been volun-



Michelle Newton and Grace Delsignore were among the participants at Allison Barry's Whisper Wind Stables on SHARE Day.

Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

teering since the early days of SHARE Day. Peter continues to offer one of the most popular and coveted workshops — mountain biking. Students love following Peter along (and off) local trails.

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## MVHS '13: HELP!

By Charlie Darling  
Beacon staff

MVHS Juniors! When you start thinking about your Senior Project for next year, I hope you'll give a moment's thought to the possibility of helping *The Andover Beacon* with your efforts.

There are two very important projects I'd love to see someone tackle. Either one would be a big step forward for the *Beacon* and for the Andover community, but neither one is do-able with the *Beacon's* current resources and workload. That's where you could make a big difference!

### Idea #1: Andover News Web Site

The *Beacon's* biggest handicap in serving the Andover community is that it's a monthly publication. Publishing only one issue a month is a huge limitation in trying to get important information to the community, whether it's something as big as a developing emergency situation, or something as humble as postponing a popular event by a day.

The best way to overcome this limitation is to turn *AndoverBeacon.com* into a proper news Web site. The technology to do that (I'm thinking of WordPress)

*Wanted: an MVHS junior to focus their Senior Project on an Andover news Web site or on community-based fundraising events.*

is free and relatively easy to use. But the planning and building of the Web site and the re-structuring of the *Beacon's* day-to-day workflow so the site stays up to date — those are both big issues that we simply can't tackle with our current resources.

If you're an MVHS junior who would like to gain valuable Web experience and experience with a non-profit community newspaper for your Senior Project, See MVHS '13 on page 47