



There is now an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball team in Andover for grade 5 and 6 boys. The team is called the Andover Nets. Rob Bennett (right), born and raised in Andover, came back to Andover to talk to the team. Rob graduated from AE/MS in 1980. He coached AAU basketball for 10 years and is currently one of the coaches at Keene State College. Coaches Roger Keezer (left) and Darryl Furtkamp are also pictured.

Below: The Andover Nets are coached by Darryl Furtkamp, Roger Keezer, and Don Rankins. Members of the Andover Nets are Matt Bent, Camden Donovan, Teigan Friedrich, William Furtkamp, Ezra Jennifer, Riley Keezer, DJ Rankins, Dillan Reed, Zach Vadeboncoeur, and Tristian Wood. Pictured is the whole team plus coaches at a tournament in Saco, Maine.

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It's Time to Sign Up for Andover Recreation Soccer!

By Nicole Donovan, Andover Soccer Director

With baseball season beginning to wind down, it's not too soon to start thinking about the upcoming soccer season. Andover Recreation Soccer, members of the Merrimack Valley Soccer League, offers individual skill development and competitive team play for Andover youth in grades one through six. First and second graders meet on Saturday mornings, in the fall, to work on basic ball handling skills. The third through sixth graders continue to learn ball skills, rules of the game, and strategy techniques while competing in games with teams from surrounding towns.

For the 2013 season, we will be in need of coaches for our first and second grade coed skills clinic and our third/fourth grade teams. If your child will be playing this year, please consider coaching!

There will be a "live" sign-up on Saturday morning, June 8, at Blackwater Field from 9 AM until 10 AM. Or, you can download the form by visiting www.mvsl.org, click on "Contact Us", then on Andover Recreation Soccer, and put it in the mail. As always, there is a financial incentive to register by June 30 - the price goes up after July 1.

If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to e-mail me at AndoverSoccer@tds.net.



Andover Recreation Sign-Ups

For Grades 1-6 for the 2013 season!



Saturday, June 8
9-10 AM

Blackwater Field

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Fresh Pork Now Available from Ragged View Farm

Press release

We have a fresh supply of pork ready for your grilling and other dining pleasures. Please check out pricing and availability on our Web site at Ragged-ViewFarm.com.

We also have grass-fed ground beef for your hamburgers, and maple syrup for your sweet tooth. You can reach us at 111 Bradley Lake Road, 724-7511, or Mark@RaggedViewFarm.com.



Danbury Country Store is Open Once Again

Press release

The Danbury Country Store, located at the junction of Routes 4 and 104 in Danbury, reopened on May 1 after a major renovation.

Operated as a store since 1875, this business has long been a fixture on the highway serving the local communities and the traveling public with food, beverages, gasoline, diesel fuel, and convenience items.

The Danbury Country Store features a deli, full convenience store foods and beverages, fresh coffee and tea, new gas and diesel pumps, as well as unique country store items that are ever-changing. New Hampshire Lottery tickets are available, as is an ATM machine.

It features a full deli/food service area with Boar's Head meats and cheeses and Green Mountain Coffee. Morning food service includes fresh baked goods from the local Huntoon Farm bakery and breakfast sandwiches.

Lunch offers sandwiches and soups made fresh, pizza, and take-home meals. Take it with you, or relax for a while and enjoy your meal with a newspaper or a friend at one of our specially crafted tables, made from old wooden barrels that were used in the store years ago.

Local and traditional country store items include a wheel of sharp cheddar cheese, maple syrup, honey, fudge, photos, books, and baked goods that are the product of local folks.

The new gas and diesel pumps offer pay-at-the-pump and include three blends of gasoline as well as on-road and off-road diesel fuel. They are now located on the north side of the building and can be accessed from Route 4 or from North Road.

The renovation effort began in January, and work progressed throughout the spring. The renovation included a new foundation under most of the building; new septic systems; 20,000-gallon gas and diesel tanks; all-new plumbing and heating; and a total overhaul of the store interior. This includes the addition of the new deli/food service area and a public bathroom. A new entrance on the Grafton side has been constructed which is handicapped accessible.

Throughout the renovation, care was taken to preserve the historical features of this landmark. The inclusion of the original counter, which is over 100 years old, and the old-fashioned candy counter from the same era help to preserve the character of the store.

The exterior of the building has been painted, with the store being a light yellow and the barn a brick red.

The store is located at a crossroads for the traveling public and serves the local area residents and visitors. It serves as a welcome center for the Northern Rail Trail, which is located just across Route 4, and has become a popular destination for bikers, walkers, and snowmobilers.

The store is managed by Audrey (Phelps) Pellegrino, who is a life-long resident of Danbury and whose family, Myrl and June Phelps, owned the store from 1968 to 1977. Pellegrino recently completed a 20-year teaching career in Andover with kindergarten students.

Her passion for the store is evident, and her excitement is shared by the overwhelming local support.

The Danbury Country Store is open seven days a week, opening at 6 AM, except a bit later on Sundays. Call 768-3100, and "like" us on Facebook.



Byron's Septic Joins Lakes Region Chamber

The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Byron's Septic Service of Andover as one of its newest members. Byron's is at 67 Hoyt Road and can be reached at 735-4414 or ByronsSeptic@tds.net. Their motto: "Flush With Pride."

As our membership grows, so do the benefits. Members contribute unique skills, experience, and knowledge to our collective pool and offer business-to-business opportunities. If you know a business that could benefit from Cham-

ber opportunities, encourage them to visit LakesRegionChamber.org.

The Chamber's mission is to improve and enhance the economic vitality and quality of life for the Lakes Region community through education and support of its membership. Our vision is to be the preeminent business organization in the Lakes Region by creating new opportunities for our members, driving economic growth in collaboration with other organizations, and building a more inclusive community.

