



At Children's Day at the Wilmot Farmers' Market in July, Andover farmers Mary Lloyd-Evans and Kat Darling share a light moment with Annika Green, who was visiting grandparents Bart and Liz Green of East Andover. Mary Lloyd-Evans wears two hats at the market. In addition to managing the market, she is also a vendor, with her husband Peter Zak, selling produce from Highland Lake Apple Farm in East Andover. Kat Darling, another Andover farmer at the market, operates Two Mountain Farm.

The Wilmot Farmers' Market, located on Kearsarge Valley Road, began in 2001 with the mission of fostering community spirit. It has expanded into a profitable outlet for area farmers, entrepreneurs, and artisans, promoting the preservation of local farms, small businesses, and agriculture. The market is held Saturdays from 9 AM to noon, mid-June through September. In addition to purchasing directly from farmers and craftspeople, attendees can enjoy a hot breakfast or lunch and listen to live music. There's also an education booth and a flea market that benefits the Wilmot Historical Society.

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Motorcycle Ride Commemorates Josh Wilterdink

He was an avid motorcyclist and outdoorsman

By Aaron Hodge
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The fourth annual memorial motorcycle ride for Josh Wilterdink will be on Saturday, August 10, starting at Blackwater Junction Restaurant in Cilleyville. Josh graduated from MVHS in June, 2009 and passed away less than two months later after a car accident on his way home from work at the Country Club of New Hampshire.

Born a picturesque New Hampshire, although born in Connecticut, Josh Wilterdink pushed his way to the rural ease of Andover with a work ethic and practical mindset that defined him as the outgoing and determined kid he was.

Along with an easy smile and a "joker" personality, he was a boy full of dreams, and yet, a successful one, having convinced his parents to move up here as soon as his sister graduated high school, persuading them to let him raise pigs and chickens in the backyard, and pushing himself towards the pinnacle status of the Boy Scouts, earning his Eagle badge by age 15.

While some of his aspirations were left un-lived (he hoped to attend NHTI and someday open a bar and grill), the last two years of his life were lived with contagious fervor. Having escaped suburban Connecticut and surrounded by the beckoning outdoors, Josh lived in

his element – camping, hiking, skiing, and fishing constantly. This passion for wilderness came with "a deep connection with animals," his father, Rob, says, something that seemed even "uncanny" at times.

As organic as he was, he also had a zeal for mechanics, designing a Gilligan's Island pedal-for-power bike at a 2004 science fair, as well as a functioning potato launcher. Naturally, this mechanical teenage boy's mind eventually turned towards motorcycling, and, with characteristic influence, got permission from his parents. The catch: he had to drive a scooter first.

Undismayed, he wasted no time in "modifying it," something his mother, Robin, recalls with warm laughter. "I'd be driving 45 mph, and when I'd look in the rearview mirror I'd see him right on my bumper."

After a year of driving, a clean record, and a little over a thousand dollars saved up, Josh swooped in on a bargain '94 Suzuki Intruder, a source of continued passion for him.

Nothing, however, was he more enthusiastic about than his family. They would ride together every weekend, and he even convinced his grandma to buy a Can-Am so she could come along. "He always wanted us to be with each other, to do stuff together," Rob says, "He had a heart of gold."

Four Years Later

While it's been four years since the accident, Robin insists "you never get

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