

## Andover High Reunion On Track for July 12

Bring memorabilia and gather in South Danbury

By Judy Poblencz Perreault, AHS '53

Time is fleeting, and our reunion is only a month away. We have to keep repeating the time and date so we don't forget, which seems to be something I do frequently lately.

Save Saturday, July 12, and plan to meet at the Ordway Recreational Area in South Danbury at 10 AM. Don't forget to bring your memorabilia and something for the pot luck lunch.

Here's some more news from our Blue and White Banner: I believe it is an Easter issue, as it has a bunny on the front cover.

On March 10, 1950, the eighth grade class went on an outing. It was a toboggan ride on Tucker Mountain near Shirley Henderson's home. (It must have been a winter like 2014.) After sliding, the class went to the Red Schoolhouse

and wrote their names on the walls with chalk. It ended with refreshments at a nearby home.

What struck me was the simplicity of the event. As I recall, a lot of our activities were like this. They didn't involve spending any money or travelling long distances.

There were skating parties and bonfires on the lake, sliding parties, hiking, and in the summer, hanging out at the lake and swimming. Spur of the moment seemed to have been our planning method. Everything seems so organized these days.

We also didn't have a lot of time. There were a lot of farms in Andover, and children were expected to help, and summer was a busy time on the farm. Many young people had jobs on farms and also at the local summer camps.

I guess each generation has different memories of their "Good Old Days." See you at the reunion.

## Soccer Sign-Ups Through June 30; Coaches Needed!

Heidi Murphy steps up as new director

By Nicole Donovan  
Soccer Director (retired)

With baseball season beginning to wind down, it's not too soon to start thinking about the upcoming soccer season.

Andover Recreation Soccer, a member 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 2014 season, we will be in need of coaches for our boys and girls third and fourth grade teams and fifth and sixth grade teams. If your child will be playing this year, please consider coaching!

Registration forms will be sent home from AE/MS with the kids during the first week of June. There will be a live sign-up on Wednesday, June 18, at AE/MS prior to kindergarten graduation. As always, there is a financial incentive to register by Monday, June 30; the price goes up starting on July 1.

If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to e-mail the new soccer director, Heidi Murphy, at AndoverRecSoccer@gmail.com.

## Statewide Meeting in Andover Makes Big Donation to SPCA

NHCHF gathering's theme "Once Upon a Time"

By Judy Perreault, NHCF

Members of New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family (NHCHF) from all over the state met at the Andover Elementary/Middle School for our annual Spring Fling. It is a time for meeting members from other clubs, presentation of upcoming programs, and to have some fun.

The theme of the meeting was "Once Upon A Time." Morning activities included refreshments provided by our local chapter, the Halcyon Seekers; a fairy tale trivia game; making fairy houses; and a story teller.

The fairy houses were a big hit. They are usually made in the woods in a secluded spot using all natural materials found in the area such as bark, twigs, stones, moss, pine cones, and nuts. They are supposed to attract fairies, but little woodland creatures also enjoy them.

This is a great activity to do with

children. Their vivid imaginations lead to some very creative houses. We did ours on a board and glued them together so they could be transported. The adults had just as much fun as kids do, and the results were varied.

In the afternoon, we had a program about what colors suit you best. We had models who were draped in a variety of fabrics to see which were most attractive.

The day ended with our famous brown bag auction. There were also accessories, books, and games for sale. Proceeds from this year and last totaled over \$500, and it was donated to the Concord SPCA to update their facilities and to care for the animals from all over the state.

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