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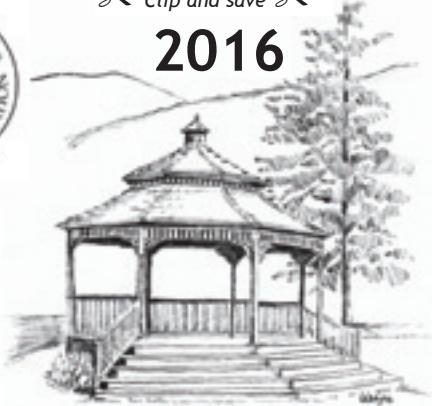
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Saturdays 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Wilmot Town Green

**July 30: The Cloud Band**

... classic rock/country with food sold by  
Wilmot Ladies Aid Society

**August 6: The Moores**

...rock 'n' roll with food sold by  
Friends of the Wilmot Public Library

**August 15: The Bel Airs**

...doo wop with food sold by  
Kearsarge Youth Football and Cheerleading

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*In case of rain -  
Concerts move to Town Hall on North Wilmot Road*

**Memorial Ride  
Remembers Josh Wilterdink**

Saturday, August 13,  
to Bristol

**Press release**

The seventh annual memorial ride for Josh Wilterdink, who died in a car accident less than two months after graduating from MVHS in 2009, will take place on Saturday, August 13. In case of heavy rain on Saturday, the ride will be moved to Sunday, August 14.

Suggested donation is \$25 per bike to benefit the Josh Wilterdink Memorial Campership Fund, Boy Scouts of America Daniel Webster Council.

The ride leaves from the Blackwater Junction Restaurant on Route 4 in Andover. Registration starts at 9:15 AM; we ride at 10. The ride ends at the Bristol House of Pizza around noon for pizza.

It is hard to believe it has been seven years. Please help us honor Josh by making this the best ride yet, and send a boy to summer camp. If you are unable to ride with us, donations may be sent to the Josh Wilterdink Memorial Campership Fund, 18 North Short Street, 657-4455.



**Josh Wilterdink died seven years ago in a car accident. A motorcycle ride will be held on August 13 in his memory.**

Andover NH 03216. We will gather the donations and send them to the Scout Director in Manchester.

For more information, contact Rob or Robin Wilterdink at 657-4456 or 657-4455.



**Heidi St. Jacques is Happy to Have Happy Back**

**Who took care of Happy for six months?**

**Heidi St Jacques, for the Beacon**

On June 17, I was on the beautiful Rail Trail in East Andover. I had just pedaled under the wooden bridge, when I saw her: a white and grey cat that looked just like my cat Happy that had been missing since right before Christmas! Could it be?

She was just trotting along the bike path, happy as can be (pardon the pun). I was in disbelief.

I always had hoped she was still alive and even told family and friends that because she was such a good-natured cat, maybe someone had her and was keeping her safe. However, the realist in me figured she was more than likely a fox's supper and long gone.

So imagine my surprise to actually see her. She didn't come to me immediately; she rolled in the sand, and she spotted a moth flying, so she started to chase it, but then she came up to me, and I picked her up. I wanted to really examine her, because I certainly didn't want to take someone else's cat. But she had the grey markings under her chin, and when I looked into her eyes, I knew it was her.

I called my mother to come pick us up, and when I got her home she ran to the door where her food had always

been kept. Then she jumped on the counter where she often got scolded for licking the butter dish. Yes, it really was her.

Now the big test: would she and Skeeter, my dog, remember each other? I had gotten them only a few months apart as a puppy and a kitten, and they



**Happy the cat is back, but who took care of her for six months? Heidi would like to know, but Happy isn't saying ...**

were more like siblings. Skeeter looked confused at first, but within hours it was as though she had never left. Happy and Skeeter fell fast asleep together, just like old times. Really a miracle.

So now I'm wondering, who has been taking care of Happy? If only my cat could talk....

