

# Letters

## Highland Lake Loons

It seemed that spring would never get here, but alas it has arrived! The ice went out of Highland Lake before dawn, today. (April 24th) However, for several days, the lake was half open and the open side has been busy with waterfowl.

I watched an adult loon swimming near Stella's Beach on Sunday evening. Tonight, I observed the loon swimming nearer the opening to the channel. My guess is that this is "our" father loon. As soon as I can verify by leg bands, I will let you know if this is the same loon we have had on the lake for several years. (If someone else can get a good look at the leg bands, please let me know!) I expect "mother" loon to arrive very soon if she hasn't already. If you see the pair together - send me an email or leave a message on my phone. 735-5586

**Your opinion matters! Please send a letter to the Beacon** expressing your thoughts on any local matters. Our readers want and need to hear your voice!

John Cooley of the NH Loon Preservation has asked to take the loon floating nest out of our lake to be used at another site. This floating nest which was built eight years ago and offered as a safer nesting site for our nesting loons has never been used. It currently is anchored off the island on the south side and for several years it has been used by a few painted turtles!

If you notice that it has disappeared it is because it is going to be relocated on another lake.

Lastly, If you get photos or if you have sightings of other birds, waterfowl on Highland Lake that you wish to share with LOON NEWS recipients, send them to me. I would be happy to send them out to everyone. Enjoy the moments. We are so blessed with our lakes and wildlife.

Fondly,

*Loony Donna*

Donna Baker-Hartwell

## Andover Police Protect and Serve

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the high degree of professionalism and commitment that our local Police Department demonstrates on a daily basis. Our Andover police officers show genuine interest in serving and protecting the people of Andover and are always courteous when interacting with their constituents.

As for myself, I feel better just knowing that our officers are there preserving the peace and enhancing the quality of life which we all enjoy. For a small town such as ours, I think we can count ourselves lucky to have officers of such quality and dedication in our Police Department.

*Jeffrey Goodrich*

## A SHARE Day Thank You

Many thanks to all the workshop leaders and volunteers who made this SHARE Day such a wonderful experience for our AE/MS children. The day was filled with exciting opportunities for our students to learn new skills and crafts. The workshop leaders for primary grades were Gretchen Hildebrand, Jen Bent, Margo Coolidge, Mark Cowdry, Greg Stetson, Adam Jones, and Mike Jensen. Assisting were Lindsey Allenby, Meghan Barton, Donna Bates, Janet Bliss, Wendy Drewry, Meg Hardie, Annakate Hattan, Jaimie Johnson, Trisha McCloud, Molly Morgan, Jodi Nelson, Tina Nussbaum-Wagner, Candy Spaulding, Janet Truchon, and Abby Webster.

Leading workshops in Grades 3-8 were Allison Barry, Harvey Best, Rosie Best, Robin Boynton, Carey Justin, Liz D'Amico, Donna Duclose, Beth Frost, Chris Grotnes, Sarah Hardy, Seth Kiedaisch, Jill Jones-Grotnes, Sarah Kimball, Jeremy Maynard, Josh Norris, Tim Norris, Holly Noyes, Kathy Ordway, David Pilla, Pat Severance, Katherine Stearns, Heidi Terwilliger, and Nicholas Terwilliger. Assisting in Grade 3-8 were Joane Champagne, Steve Darling, Jen Hauser, Emma Kimball, Emily Lance, Betty Manahan, Jane Martin, Sadie McCloud, Ethney McMahon, Levi Southworth, and Susan Winters.

SHARE Day is possible because of a collaboration among community members, school faculty, and staff. Workshop leaders, helpers, snack and lunch crew, transportation crew, cleanup crew, and organizers all put in a tremendous effort. Thank you to Proctor Academy for allowing our AE/MS student to use its art studio, trails, and athletic fields. Thank you to the talented AE/MS students who provided entertainment at the assembly. And finally, our thanks to Gisela Darling and the AE/MS staff for all their hard work in organizing this special day again this year!

Sincerely,

*Margo Coolidge*

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# OPINIONS

## Report From Representative Natalie Wells,

### Natalie Wells, State Representative

As I write this, the House Session will meet two more times before winding down for this year. It has been a very intense year for many bills. Some were signed into law, others may get re-introduced next Session.

Again I notice Mr. Karrick listing bills and how I voted. That's fine. However, one sentence referencing a bill does not portray the many debates and explanations on how the outcome was

to be. For example: SB500, "Allowing loaded firearms to be carried on OHRV or snowmobiles": This was in reference to farmers on their OWN land to protect their cattle or other livestock from predators. So yes, I did vote for this.

In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoys the summer months ahead. Please stop by at the Merrimack County Republican Booth at your famous 4th of July parade. I look forward to speaking with you.

## A Letter From Concord

### David Karrick

*David Karrick is a former state representative and current candidate for state representative.*

### April 26 New Hampshire House Session:

Senate Bill 391, Bill codifies the rights of sexual assault survivors, including the right to a medical examination at no charge; both Wells and Copp voted in favor of the Ought to Pass recommendation, bill was approved 315 to 22 after a motion for reconsideration by Representative Welch.

Senate Bill 593, Changes the penalty

for Capital Murder to life imprisonment without parole; Representative Copp voted against the committee recommendation of OTP, Representative Wells voted in favor of this bill, the bill was approved by the House 223 to 116. Governor Sununu has said he'll veto this bill.

CACR 22, To afford constitutional rights for crime victims; This CACR (potential amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution) was approved by the Senate but came to the House floor with an ITL recommendation from the House Criminal Justice and

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