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The East Andover Village Preschool's Fourth of July Float in 2015 was a prize-winner! Photo: Larry Chase

Fourth of July Promises to be a Fun-Filled Day for Andover

You're invited to enter a float in the parade

Press release

The Andover Fourth of July Committee is busy putting the finishing touches on what will be a fun-filled day for Andover. If we go back to the origins of Andover's Fourth of July celebration, the town's children were at the forefront. That holds true even today.



Children Lining Up for the Children's Parade, Andover Fourth of July 1980. Photo by (Unknown)

There will be lots of fun things for kids to do such as:

- Pancake Breakfast: 7 to 10 AM
- Oxen demo behind AE/MS: 7 to 11 AM
- Free kids' activities with prizes on the Village Green: Bullseye Blitz,

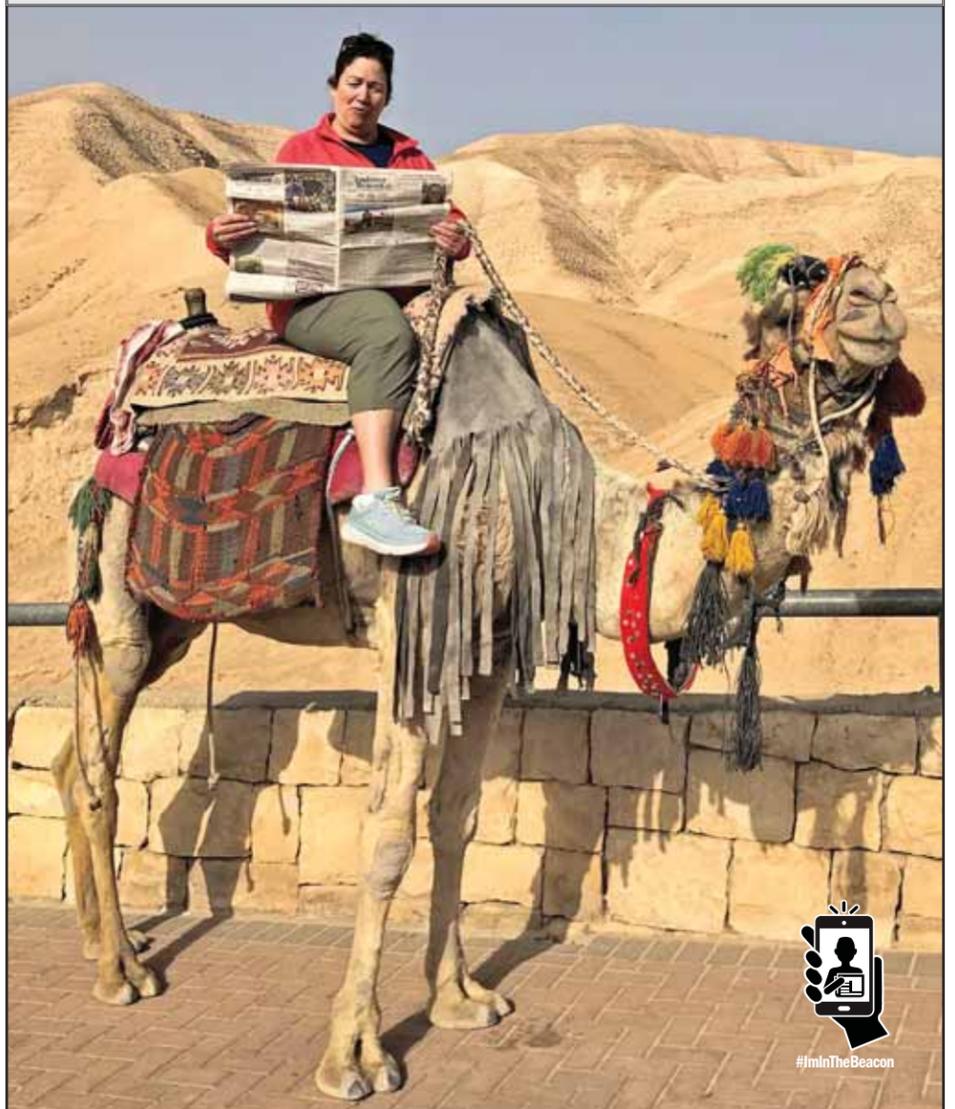
Obstacle Course, and

- Basketball Game: 8 AM to 2 PM
- Traditional kids' games on the Village Green: 9 AM to noon
- Music for all ages on the Village Green: from 10:30 AM
- Children's Parade. Decorate and ride a bike, wear a costume and walk, or just walk. Registration for the Children's Parade is at the Andover Fire Station at 11:45 AM; there is no entry fee.

Finally, there will be pre-fireworks activities at Carr Field, with games and novelties available, starting in the early evening.

The Fourth of July Committee loves participation from the community, and one way to do this is to enter a float in the parade; we've never been disappointed. This year the theme is "Around Our Town in 80 Years." The committee is offering prizes for floats: Grand Prize is \$250! 1st Prize is \$100. Second Prize is \$75. Third Prize is \$50. For inspiration, see some of the past float photos included with this article. A person, group, business, family...anyone can
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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE BEACON



A group of people from the Andover Community Church recently went on a trip to visit Israel. Here, Linda McGrail sits comfortably atop a camel while reading her copy of *The Andover Beacon*. The setting is the Negev Desert, on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, en route to the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is the lowest point on Earth (at 1,412 feet below sea level), and this shot was taken at sea level, halfway down.

Photo: Bill Blomquist



Customers peruse the offerings at the 2021 opening of The Exchange, a vintage and farm inspired market located at 216 Cilleyville Road in Andover.

Photo: Tiffany Perkins

The Exchange Provides a Venue for Small Businesses to Grow

First market opens on June 11, 9 AM to 2 PM

Tiffany Perkins, The White Sparrow - Andover Exchange

A new season, a new adventure! We are very excited for the upcoming year at The Exchange. This year we have an even wider variety of vendors coming

to showcase their small business as well as live music, food trucks, and raffles to benefit local nonprofits here in New Hampshire.

Our first market is Saturday, June 11, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Can't make it? Don't worry, we will also be open on Saturday, July 23, and Saturday, Sep-
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