

OSSIPEE REC NEWS

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OSSIPEE — L'IL PROS: This program runs on Friday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. In the fall, they play soccer; over the winter it is basketball, and coming up this spring it will be t-ball. The program is for children ages 4-kinder-garten. There is no cost but pre-registration is required. The enrollment minimum is five and the maximum is 15. T-ball will run from April 5 through May 17. Please register by March 29.

FLOOR HOCKEY FUN & WIFFLEBALL TO COME NEXT: The next activity for this age group will include wiffleball, which will be held on Wednesday's from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Ossipee Town Hall. This program will run from March 20-May 15. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required. Enrollment is limit-

ed to a minimum of eight and a maximum of 14. Please register by March 13.

BOSTON FLOWER SHOW TRIPS: The Ossipee Recreation Department is not going to the Boston Flower Show, but the Tamworth and Bartlett Recreation Departments are and have opened up space for Ossipee residents if they would like to join them. The Tamworth Recreation Department is going on Thursday, March 14. The cost is \$30 and the bus will leave the St. Andrew's Church, on Old Route 25, at 7:30 a.m. If you can't make that day, then you may be able to go with Bartlett Recreation on Friday, March 15. The cost of their trip is \$50. The bus will pick up at the Madison Church, Route 113, Madison, at 7:15 a.m. Coach style buses will be used for both trips. For more information



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THESE CHILDREN recently completed the Ossipee Recreation Department's L'il Pros Basketball Program. Pictured here, from left, are Kayden Tyler, Isabella Dixon, William Dixon, and Jordyn Martineau.

on the Tamworth trip please contact Parker Roberts at 323-7582, for the Bartlett trip please contact Annette Libby at 374-1952, or for either trip you may contact Peter Waugh at Ossipee Recreation at 539-

1307. Space is limited for both trips so be sure to make your reservation early.

OSSIPEE LAKE "ICE-OUT" CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE: The deadline to enter this contest is Fri-



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THESE YOUTH are participating in a fun game of floor hockey recently at the Ossipee Town Hall. This program, administered by the Ossipee Recreation Department, was for children in grades 1-6.

day, March 15, so be sure to get your guess in by then! If you can guess the date and time (to the closest half-hour) that you think Ossipee Lake will be ice free then you could win a brand new rod and reel. Entry

blanks are at various locations in Ossipee and Effingham. It is also on the Spring Program Brochure for the department. You may also download an entry blank off the department website at www.ossipeerec.org.

Students in Wakefield test their homes' well water with help from AWWA

WAKEFIELD — Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance visited classrooms at the Acton Elementary School and Paul School in Wakefield recently.

As part of the ground water curriculum in seventh grade science class, AWWA helped the students get first-hand experience at being real scientists by working with chemicals and apparatus, and adorning protective gloves and goggles. Leading up to the actual day of testing, AWWA's Dustin Johnson teamed up with teachers Dave Cote in Acton and Gavin Kearns in Wakefield to teach two lessons about ground water, well water and contamination. Each student was then given a sample bottle and instructions for care-



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PAUL SCHOOL SEVENTH GRADERS enter water testing data with Lisa Loosigian.

fully collecting a sample of their home well water and bringing the sample back to school for the laborato-

ry work.

On the day of testing, with the help of more volunteers, the classes were

divided into small groups that rotated among six stations. At each they were instructed and supervised as

they used the equipment to test their samples for pH, conductivity, hardness, chloride, iron and nitrates. After completing the six tests for their samples, students entered their data into a computer spreadsheet and used GPS functions to map the locations of their homes. This data and the GPS information was used to create distribution maps for use in the following class. The maps were designed to give students an opportunity to analyze data, find trends, explain why certain results appear, make observations and formulate hypotheses. Final projects using the results such as presentations, posters, brochures or infograms may then be undertaken.

During the testing, any results with unusual scores alert the teachers and students to notify families that a more complete water analysis by a reputable water testing company might be warranted. This is particularly true of the test for nitrates, a chemical which can prove dangerous in high concen-

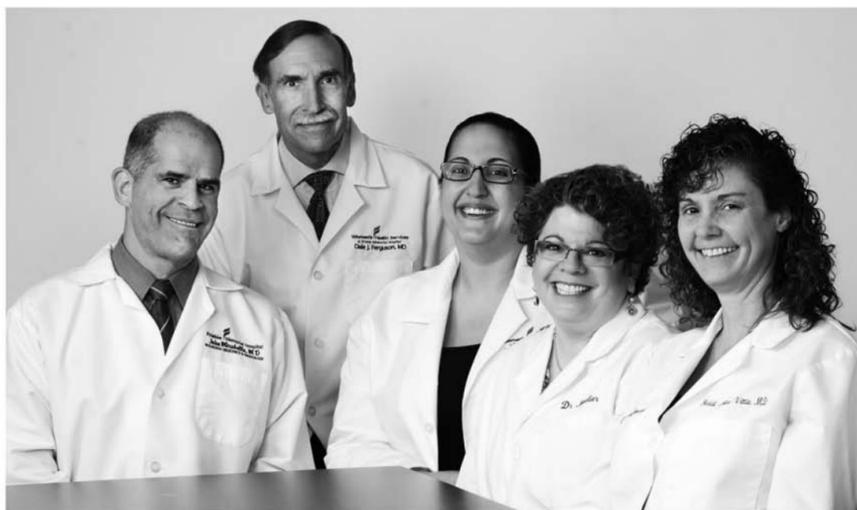
trations because it can affect the blood's ability to absorb oxygen, especially in babies and young children.

The students love the hands-on experience of testing their home water and comparing their results with those of their classmates. AWWA loves this project for the same reason and it kicks off our "AWWA in the Schools: Watershed Education for Future Community Leaders" program.

Of course, this ambitious testing program could not have happened without the valuable assistance of volunteers. AWWA staffers Dustin Johnson and Linda Schier would like to thank these participants for coming to our schools and helping the students: from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Sally Soule, Lisa Loosigian, Barbara MacMillan; and from AWWA, Sam Wilson and John Hraba. Stay tuned for more school programs as we launch into the sixth grade classes next month.

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Masonic breakfast buffet this Sunday

OSSIPEE — On the second and fourth Sunday of every month, the Carroll and Ossipee Valley Masonic Lodges hold breakfast buffets to benefit the lodges' charitable funds. The next buffet will take place this Sunday, March 10.

The breakfast buffet

runs from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at Ossipee Valley Masonic Lodge on Route 25 East, across from Abbott and Staples.

Everyone is invited.

The cost to attend is \$10 per person. Both lodges donate thousands of dollars every year to local charities.

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