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Businesses, 'Pressed for Success' group help job-seekers

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Monday marks the beginning of the work week for most folks. Appropriately, Monday is also the day "Pressed for Success" members meet at Merrimack College to talk about jobs and map out their plans for finding new ones.

Members have lost their jobs and gather to talk about preparing for their next job interview. It's a new support group of volunteers for any worker who has lost

a job or wants to find a new one, and membership has ballooned in this down economy. There are recent college graduates alongside experienced workers who found themselves downsized.

"When we started last December, there were three people. Now, we have 50," said Arleen Bradley, founder volunteer manager of Pressed for Success.

"People want to meet others going through what they are going through and they want to be with other people," she said of the ever-growing membership.

"It's a chance to network and find out if a company is hiring."

So far, nine members are adding "former" to their Pressed for Success memberships as they have found new jobs, said Bradley.

"Our group helped each of them prepare," she said.

John Anton Cleaners, 357 North Main St., has been lending a hand for several weeks. Those in need of a drycleaned interview suit can get the drycleaning for free through Aug. 31. The promotion started in May and participants just need to have proof of a job

layoff, like a letter from the state's unemployment office. Free drycleaning is limited to one suit a week.

"It's our way to help," said Chuck Anton who manages the Andover business. "You need to look good on a job interview. You need to dress for success."

Anton said his business been affected by the economy, as drycleaning is part of a person's disposable income budget which is shrinking these days for



Tammy Burt of presses a shirt at John Anton Cleaners on North Main Street. The cleaners helps a volunteer group called Pressed for Success, which helps people find new jobs, by pressing people's interview clothes for free.

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Teachers, students plan rally for ASL teacher

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover teachers and students have planned a rally for today, Thursday, July 2, to protest what some say is discriminatory treatment of Daniela Ioannides, a deaf teacher of American Sign Language classes at Andover High School whose contract has not been renewed.

On Tuesday, June 23, students learned their teacher could be replaced.

"There wasn't a single dry eye in that classroom. Even the boys were crying," said Kailagh O'Keefe, who just finished her junior year at AHS. "ASL class opened my eyes to something I had never experienced before. Ms. Ioannides was the best thing that ever happened to me. I have an A in that class not because I wanted an A, but because her teaching makes me want to learn and understand the deaf culture."

Ioannides, who has taught full-time at AHS for five years, says her contract was not renewed because she has not been able to pass the communication section of the basic English competency part of the state's teacher certification exam. The Andover schools granted her a waiver this year to be able to teach without state certification.

"I have taken the English literacy part of the test many times and have not been able to pass it. I have been deaf since birth, and don't have the competence (in English) of someone who is exposed to the language daily ... American Sign Language is my first and natural language, rather than English," said Ioannides through a sign language interpreter.

Without ASL certification, the state has offered her two options, said Ioannides: become certified as either a "teacher of the deaf" or a teacher of some other classroom subject. Neither

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SCHOOL'S OUT



Nicole Pelletier, right, hugs her mother, Liz Pelletier, after West Middle's Grade 8 Commencement at the Collins Center.



Tim Jean/Staff photo

At right, Louis Correa smiles for the cameras as he receives his certificate from Stephen D. Murray, principal of West Middle School, during the Grade 8 Commencement. The ceremony was held at the Collins Center in Andover High School, where most West Middle graduates will attend high school next year



Emery Grearson snaps a photo of her friends on stage as they receive diplomas during fifth-grade end-of-year celebration at High Plain Elementary School.

Who's your teacher next year?

Budget impact: K-5 students don't yet know

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover teachers and administration are playing an immense game of musical chairs this summer, and the music hasn't stopped yet.

Every school in town has been affected as Superintendent Claudia Bach has laid off the equivalent of 44.7 full time positions. Now, as the dust settles, principals will spend the summer figuring out their staffing configuration for the fall.

"We're still figuring out the placement of everyone. It's taken dozens of meetings," said Bach. "It's been unbelievable, and we're still not done. It's been logistically difficult, and painful."

A by-product of the staffing fluctuations is that elementary students were not given their teacher assignments for next year, assignments that have been sent home with end-of-school report cards in previous years.

"It doesn't seem to matter really to me whether they get teacher assignments now or just find out when she starts in September," said Michelle Rota, whose 6-year-old daughter, Kaylee, is going into first-grade at South Elementary. "A lot of parents seem to be upset about it and I can't seem to understand why. Maybe it's because I haven't experienced it any other way. I was very impressed with South School, Kaylee had a great (kindergarten) year and I didn't have any issues."

"We've done this in years past, and parents have been wonderfully supportive. They understand," said Bach. "Yes, it's nice if your child knows they'll have Mr. Jones next year. But it's worse if they show up to school thinking they have Mr. Jones and they don't (because of staffing changes)."

Many more than 44 people make up the 44.7 positions cut for next year - Bach said she did not yet know the exact number. Some people will retain jobs but may have their hours cut, or find themselves teaching a different subject or grade level.

Bach compared the challenge to a giant jigsaw puzzle, where "some of the pieces don't quite fit."

"It's been difficult and the morale in every school has been affected," said Bach. "But, at the same time, I've also been to retirement parties and end of school events, and it's amazing how resilient and flexible people are. Many, many people have come up to me and said, 'Thank you for

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Change for your budget

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Throughout the summer, the Townsman will be focusing on the Andover budget, and encouraging residents and workers to suggest new ideas about how to run Andover more efficiently. These ideas will also be printed in the paper each week. If you have an idea send it to townsman@andovertownsman.com, or to Editor, Neil Fater, 33 Chestnut St., Andover MA 01810.

Elizabeth Wolf, of Sagamore Drive, believes the Andover Public Schools might save money by having teachers spend more time in the classroom.

"The amount of prep time the teachers have - it's a system that really needs to be looked at again. Everyone else is tightening their belts. It seems like in this environment, if you truly feel the kids are being hurt by cutting teachers, I find it disingenuous to say we can't cut our prep time. When that contract is up next year, I would use (prep time) as a huge bargaining point," she said.

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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Elizabeth Wolf has suggested that the town could save money if schools recycled more. Above, Cub Scout Pack 100 members Daniel Bernstein, left, and Devon Connell carry a recycle bin to dump into a large receptacle behind the Sanborn Elementary School. The troop volunteered on Tuesday, collecting recycling and school supplies to give to Lazarus House.

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Town, schools getting creative to cut costs

By BRIAN MESSENGER
Staff Writer

As pressure on town and school operating budgets increases, Andover is looking at consolidating and regionalizing services to stay out of the red.

The School Department also explored privatizing its custodial services this spring as a means of cutting costs, with the school custodians union agreeing to contract concessions to help save jobs and ensure the schools would not hire a private cleaning company next year.

The 41 school custodians had been the only Andover employee union working without a contract.

Under the terms of a new

contract announced in early June, the custodians will forgo the 3.5 percent cost-of-living raises the majority of school employees will receive next year.

That will save \$66,000. School custodians are still eligible for longevity raises and will receive 3 percent retroactive raises for the previous and current fiscal years.

The custodians also agreed to cut their overtime pay in half, saving \$35,500.

In return for those and other concessions, the School Committee agreed not to pursue the outsourcing of custodial services before June 30, 2010, the end of the next fiscal year.

Over many years, Town Manager Reginald "Buzz"

Stapczynski said the town has chosen to privatize certain services, including trash and recycling pickup, snow removal and tree maintenance.

Stapczynski said privatizing the town's trade work would not likely save money because Andover would have to pay contractors like plumbers, electricians and carpenters prevailing wages.

The town will consolidate several clerical positions this summer, Stapczynski said.

"We're not going to fill all of our office and clerical vacancies," said Stapczynski. "So there will be a need for job sharing."

Stapczynski said Andover consolidated town and school Human Resources and Plant &

Facilities departments in the 1980s. Recent informal discussions have involved consolidating town and school business offices, he said.

A technology committee is also exploring potential cost savings between the town and school information technology departments.

Starting July 1, the town will enter into a one-year agreement and pay a fee to use North Andover's sewer flusher truck to clean underground sewer pipes.

The agreement was drawn up after selectmen denied a request to buy a similar vehicle for \$250,000.

"They were looking for a creative approach," said Stapczynski. "That's what we came up with."

Stapczynski said the town receives money from the state because Memorial Hall Library is a regional library. The town also sells millions of gallons of water to North Reading each year.

The School Department is also pursuing several regionalization initiatives.

Under a one-year agreement, Greater Lawrence Technical School will pay Andover schools \$40,000 to have Andover Food Services Director Gail Koutroubas run its cafeteria.

The deal means Greater Lawrence Superintendent-Director Judy Ann DeLucia will not need to hire a replacement for her former food services director, who retired in January.

DeLucia said the partnership

will save the school about \$50,000 in costs associated with salary and benefits.

The \$40,000 will be placed in Andover's food services revolving account. About \$30,000 will go toward replacing aging kitchen equipment.

The town is budgeting \$371,798 to send students to the technical school next year.

School Committee Chairwoman Deb Silberstein said Superintendent Claudia Bach has also met with officials from four area school districts to explore potential cost-savings related to online classes for students and professional development for staff members.

"This is all brainstorming," said Silberstein. "But we're continuing to work together."

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IDEAS: Negotiator, privatizing services suggested to save

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Wolf also believes Andover could save money by encouraging kids at all schools to recycle more, thereby reducing trash-hauling costs.

"I work as a substitute teacher at both the Pike School and Greater Lawrence Tech. One of the things I find shocking is that GLTS doesn't recycle as much as Pike. At Pike every room has a recycling bin, and the older kids collect and organize the recycling. At GLTS, it's rare to see any recycling going on in the classroom. It's a little thing, and I know logistically it would be hard to do. But if you could institute recycling, it would save the town money (by reducing trash tonnage). If you start it young, and the kids are used to it, by the time they get to high school, it's just second-nature to them," she said.

Rosemary Hempstead, resident and former school employee, says Andover should hire "an outside, high-priced professional negotiator" who will more than pay for him or herself by negotiating more reasonable contracts with Andover's many unions.

Apache Avenue resident Stephen Stapinski compared the water department reports from Andover with Rye, N.H., where he also owns property. Andover's has been a glossy, multi-page book with reports and charts. The Rye report has been four pages of photocopies.

The Rye report "probably cost several cents, and the cost for

producing Andover's was probably much more," said Stapinski, an Andover Finance Committee member. "Both met the regulations that the EPA has for water reporting. Andover book is certainly more informative, but the point is we only need to only meet regulations, and not embellish. It's nice to embellish, if we had the money, (but saving money) could drop price of water for users. If we can do for 10 cents what we're doing for 50 cents, why don't we?"

Stapinski also suggested the town explore the idea of privatizing services-- from snowplowing to roofing - as a way to cut costs.

"For example, the water treatment plant. There are communities where the water treatment plant is a private entity. By privatization you have to pay the salaries, but the benefits and retirement are private. Also cemeteries, there are companies that provide cemetery services, and janitorial services is an obvious way to privatize. Or we could have a private entity maintain the town vehicles - that way you don't have to have a garage."

"I'm not suggesting that this would save the town money, but they have to be investigated. In some cases, privatization might cost the town more. Changing a muffler might cost town more from a garage than if you had a town employee do the job. But on the other hand, with a town employee, you pay for the muffler, the labor, his retirement, benefits and those other things that go into that employee," he said.

"I don't mean to imply that

employees should be replaced without studying. There needs to be a tremendous amount of study done to see if there are efficiencies and cost savings to implement, and we may find that there aren't. But finding that there aren't is a good thing, because it has us understand how efficient we really are and lets the taxpayer know how efficient we are."

Dick Howe, Finance Committee member, believes the town should sell Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., and collect the annual property tax.

"Andover should place a deed restriction on the Town House to preserve this structure as an important part of the historic fabric of the town center. Then we should sell the building for a higher and better use that would generate more traffic in the downtown area and that would generate some property tax revenue," he suggests. "As it is now, the town subsidizes the U.S. Post Office by charging a rent of only \$1 per year. Rentals of the upstairs hall don't come close to covering the significant maintenance costs, such as last year's repairs to the historic slate roof. The offices in the back of the first floor are not fully utilized and could be relocated into other town buildings."

Selectman Alex Vispoli offered several ideas. In his words they are:

- 1. Continue to aggressively manage the towns vehicle fleet, including:
- 1. Extend vehicle life before

purchasing replacements, including police cruisers, ambulances, DPW equipment and fire trucks

2. Look for ways to reduce the fleet

3. Reduce take home vehicles - develop a pool concept, where vehicles are shared

Health Insurance is one of the town's largest cost escalators over the past five years. Continue to mine additional savings from exploring alternative health insurance plans

Through outsourcing, examine facilities needs to determine if we can reduce our square foot requirements, especially as we explore Town Yard options

Development of an IT master plan with all town departments. Through virtualization, and application sharing with other towns, look for ways to reduce capital IT infrastructure costs and ongoing hardware and software maintenance. We have launched a team who has just completed phase one of this assessment.

Continue to expand on use of the town's Web site for permit applications, self service for permits, inspection requests, and other resident services.

We continue to request changes from the state via our local legislators, to make key changes in the bidding laws that will save cities and towns significant dollars. This includes a change in the prevailing wage laws regarding privately funded projects on town-owned land.

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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: The Homes at 93 Main St., left, and 89 Main St., were purchased by Lincoln Giles in 1961, and he incorporated them and built around the houses and named it Olde Andover Village.



NOW: The roof peaks behind Olde Andover Village are the Homes at 93 and 89 Main St., that were purchased by Lincoln Giles in 1961, and he incorporated them and built around the houses and made the shopping mall.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing and deliberation, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, Public Safety Building, 32 North Main St., Fire Chief's third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 6

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, Public Safety Building, 32 North Main St., Fire Chief's third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, Public Safety Building, 32 North Main St., Fire Chief's third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Cultural Council, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, Public Safety Building, 32 North Main St., Fire Chief's third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
Design Review Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.
Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee, Public Safety Building, 32 North Main St., Fire Chief's third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



It's sort of that moment where we've brought ourselves to a cliff and are jumping off.
— *Retiring Andover High School teacher Craig Simpson, who will move to New Mexico with longtime partner, Kathy Cook, who retired from Andover High five years ago after a 32-year teaching career. The last day of school in Andover was Friday, June 26. Story in Education, Page 5.*

The kids can run around, there's room for a picnic supper and it's naturally air-conditioned with all the trees in the Park." "We'll get 250 to 300 people when the weather is good."
— *Mary Donohue, Department of Community Services director, on the summer music series that is set to begin Wednesday, July 8. Story in Arts, Page 9.*



Andover High grad honored by U.S. Embassy

Kim Marie Ahanda, daughter of Dr. Kenneth and Norma Seifert of Ivy Lane, was presented recently with the Meritorious Award at the Annual Cameroon Embassy Award Ceremony. It is the highest honor given by the U.S. Embassy.

The Meritorious Award was presented to Ahanda, a 1984 honors graduate of Andover High School, for leadership and quality support to Cameroon's Peace Corps training and programming efforts. Her assignment is to supervise all Peace

Corps Health Care workers for the country of Cameroon. For the last 19 years, Ahanda has worked extensively in Africa and Haiti. She is married to Jean Marie Ahanda and teaches art and Cameroon history at the local university.

The couple have two children, Nico and Olivia. After graduating from Andover High, Ahanda graduated, with high honors, from the University of Vermont in 1988. She and her family presently live in Yaounde, Cameroon.

Homes without phone service for more than week

Joanne Landers, of 277 North Main St., has been without her home phone for a week.

Landers lost her telephone and internet service on Tuesday, June 23, and Verizon has given her a variety of reasons why and when her service will be restored, she says.

As of Wednesday morning, July 1, Landers phone service was still out; calls to her phone number get the busy signal.

"It's very upsetting," Landers said. "I do my banking and everything online, and haven't been able to pay my bills. This is just ridiculous. I understand there's a problem, but they should let people know. Go door to door or something."

Landers has been borrowing her grandson's cell phone to be able to make phone calls.

Stan Usovich, regional director of external affairs for Verizon, said there are eight Verizon customers on North Main Street without phone service, but they hope to have the problem fixed by "late" Thursday night, July 2.

"We are working on it right now. There appears to be a gas leak that's filling a man hole we need to get in. The gas company

is on site right now, and we hope to be able to get in and fix the problem once they're out," said Usovich. "It's expected that service will return by late tomorrow night, Thursday, July 2."

Landers has lived in town since the 1960s, and said the only time she's seen a utility outage last this long was during the Mother's Day floods of 2006.

"If I had an emergency, 911 would be of no use to me," she said.

— *Bethany Bray*

Stroke and Osteoporosis Screening Coming to Andover July 13

Residents living in and around the Andover community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. The Atria at Marland Place will host Life Line Screening on July 13. The site is located at 15 Stevens St., Andover. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721 or visit online at www.lifelinescreening.com. Preregistration is required. Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms,

and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease, according to a release. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered. Many sites offer finger-stick blood tests to check for cholesterol and glucose. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Lauren Ciampa Memorial Clinic

On Aug. 11 and 12 the Andover High Varsity field hockey coach and players will host a field hockey clinic in memory of a teammate. The Lauren Ciampa Memorial Field Hockey Clinic is dedicated to Lauren Ciampa who passed away this past May of cancer. One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Jimmy Fund in Lauren's name. The Field Hockey clinic will take place Aug. 11 and 12 from 8 a.m. to noon on the Andover High School turf field. The clinic is open to those in grades two through eight, including those who will be freshmen in high school. Players will be divided by age and ability. The first two hours will consist of skills and training session, while the last two hours will be scrimmages, games and round

robins. Players must bring a stick, mouth, guard, shin guards and water. Registration can be done online at <http://leclinic.info/>. Registration may also be mailed to: Maureen Noone, 5 Dodge Road, Rowley, MA 01969. Include name, age, date of birth, grade, address, city, zip code, position and e-mail. Checks are payable to the Jimmy Fund in Lauren Ciampa's name.

July health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, July 13, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, July 27, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday in July.

Andover Youth Services hosts auditions next week, intramural sports this summer

Andover youth services offers two messages:

Old school intramurals

Tired of having everything in your life scheduled? Do you want to just get outside and play with new and old friends? Old school intramurals is the Andover Youth Services way to just that!

Each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. you will go out with Neal Callahan (Summer Recreation Coordinator) to play basketball, flag football, mat ball, street hockey, speed

ball, wiffleball, capture the flag and so much more! Old school intramurals will run to Aug. 12 and meet at 37-39 Pearson St., the new AYS home. Participants can sign up for each individual class, based on their summer schedules. We will travel to different places around Andover just to play, whether we walk or ride bikes (bikes will be provided in this case), and the point is to get outside, explore and experience. So, come join the AYS Gold Rush crew and get ready to play your

heart out.

To sign up for this program, get in touch with the AYS Gold Rush crew. Here are two easy ways: call 978-623-8241 or stop by 37-39 Pearson St.

Audition call

Andover Youth Services will present Wiley and the Hairy Man by Suzan Zeder and Little Red Riding Hood by Billy Aronson (of RENT fame) in the skatepark this summer. Auditions will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 on Tuesday,

July 7 at the AYS house at 37-39 Pearson St. The performance will be on Aug. 7 in the skatepark. Please prepare a one-minute, comedic monologue. Auditions will also consist of some cold readings.

The program is open to students entering grades 6-10, and is a great opportunity to try modern, unconventional theater in an unusual venue. The production will be a four-week commitment, with rehearsals will be 2-3 evenings a week, depending

on your role, for 2-3 hours. The shows will be directed by Tom Blanford and Zach Zatet, both AHS grads and current theater majors. Contact Tom Blanford at tblanfor@nd.edu for more information.

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Education

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Ken Seifert



The Seifert children grew up at the tail end of the Depression. Although our economic condition began to improve after

World War II, to this day we still have that "save for a rainy day" frame of reference.

In the late 1930s and early '40s our family would have a mild visit from Santa and the Easter Bunny. On our birthday we would receive one special thing. If we wanted anything above food, a warm bed and hand-me-down clothes, we were tutored: go ye forth to the outside world and earn the dollars to pay for your luxurious dreams.

My first bicycle was a skinny tired model with a taped front wheel. At the age of 12, I was engaged in our weekly dice game. The cubes were in my favor that day and a friend offered to sell me his bike for \$9 to stay in the contest. At the conclusion of the event there was one winner out of 12. I bought everyone a nickel candy bar. I believe it was a Clark Bar. Not only did Mike lose his bike but the \$9, as well. Dad told me it was worth only \$7.

Years passed and I married Norma, a lovely girl from Corning, N.Y. We had great children and moved to suburbia, Andover, Mass. My oldest son, 12 at the time, announced he wanted a 10-speed bike. It seemed every boy in the town had to possess what Madison Avenue felt was appropriate

for children whose parents had money to burn.

How much does this instant gratification cost, my son? Only \$125, he answered. It was at this moment a new rule was established in our household. Mom and Dad would contribute half but the chief recipient must provide the rest.

After about a week, our oldest son announced he was employed. He had a paper route. For two years he served with distinction. On only one occasion did he drag his father out of bed on a cold Sunday morning. The snow was quite deep and completion of the route was in doubt.

On collection days, his mother told him to dress like a gentleman. Appearance is important and it just might produce better tips, she told him. She was right. To this very day, he has followed her sage advice. He was a good role model for our children who followed in his footsteps.

We had other rules. *You will never acquire a job in the Andover Public Schools. That is called nepotism. You are free to seek jobs that are morally and legally sound. If you are really in a pinch, and are good children, your parents might assist in a phone call or two.*

We never did. Our children never asked for help. They bought many extra pleasures in growing to adulthood. We never kicked in 50 percent. They have become extremely self-sufficient adults.

It all started with a \$9 bike in a dice game in Buffalo, N.Y. as the Great Depression was fading. What a country!

END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT...



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Matthew Damiani, left, and Kevin Yazhari are excited about summer vacation as they raise their arms and certificates after graduating the Grade 8 Commencement at Collins Center on the last day of school in Andover.

Inspirational Odyssey teacher Simpson heads out on own journey

By BETHANY BRAY
Staff Writer

Just like many of the Andover High School seniors he taught during the last three decades, Craig Simpson walked out of AHS for the last time this week.



Craig Simpson

Simpson has retired after a 30-year career teaching social studies in Andover. Next month, he will move to Santa Fe with his longtime partner, Kathy Cook, who retired from Andover High five years ago after a 32-year teaching career.

"We're starting a whole new adventure. It's sort of that moment where we've brought ourselves to a cliff and are jumping off," said Simpson. "We're exhilarated about what's coming up, but continue to feel a sense of sadness as September comes around, and all those kids we don't have (as students) are with other people."

The last day of school in Andover was Friday, June 26. Simpson was one of seven teachers and administrators to retire on June 30. A total of a dozen people have retired from Andover this school year (SEE CHART).

Besides social studies, Simpson also taught the interdisciplinary Odyssey program at AHS with Cook, was head of the young teacher mentoring program for 10 years and was one of three national board certified

NAME, POSITION AND SCHOOL	RETIREMENT DATE	DATE STARTED	YEARS W/ANDOVER
Linda Look, High Plain Elementary teacher	12/12/08	11/18/74	34
Patricia Sweeney, West Elementary School teacher	04/12/09	02/25/74	35
Linda Meltzer, Sanborn Elementary School reading teacher	06/30/09	09/05/00	9
Helen Coleman, West Middle School math teacher	06/30/09	12/22/05	3.5
Kate Allard, Andover High School special needs teacher	09/19/08	10/10/84	24
Chandler Parker, Andover High School social studies teacher	06/30/09	09/01/86	23
Craig Simpson, Andover High School social studies teacher	06/30/09	09/01/79	30
William Drummond, Andover High School math teacher	06/30/09	09/01/69	40
Frank Wroblewski, Andover High School science teacher	06/30/09	09/01/01	8
Mike Wartman, Andover High School guidance counselor	07/22/09	09/01/82	26
Peter Anderson, Andover High School principal	07/31/09	07/01/00	23
Brenda O'Brien, High Plain Elementary principal	06/30/09	09/01/79	30

Have a memory, tribute or anecdote about one of these 2009 retirees you'd like to share? Send it to us at townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

teachers at AHS.

After 30 years, Simpson said he's "feeling very nostalgic."

"It's just been a great experience. I can't think of a better place to have taught," said Simpson. "Every day has been so much fun that I laugh driving into the parking lot. I always said I wanted my last five years to be the best of career, and they were. I just had so many opportunities for growth and learning with colleagues that were spectacular."

Simpson said he also learned from the students.

"They reinforced that learning is fun, and when you get the opportunity, you will succeed. They reinforced that every kid has some talent, and most chose to use it," said Simpson. "They reinforced that I could get better every year I'm there. They're like looking in a mirror - when you know you're getting better you can see it, and when you're not, you can see that as well."



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At right, Courtney Chan, is congratulated by retiring principal Brenda O'Brien, after Courtney receives her diploma during fifth-grade end-of-year celebration at the at High Plain Elementary School.

BOOK REVIEW

Make time for this demon story

By HARRY WOOD
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

The realm of the supernatural, the paranormal, is interesting to many. One book that expertly uses the idea of demons with a great storyline is "Story Time," by Edward Bloor.

"Story Time" tells the tale of two children, George and Kate, who find themselves transferred to a new school. The Whittaker Magnet School is very different from the public school that they had attended. On the surface, the classes change drastically, from normal classes to a curriculum based entirely around

taking standardized tests (*shudder*). However, there are many strange things going on beneath the surface as well. Teachers are instantly fired when the tiniest thing goes wrong. A mysterious doctor is seemingly protecting the school by deflecting blame from it when someone gets injured on campus, which happens strangely often. But the most bizarre occurrences are when people suddenly start acting strangely, and then remember nothing of it. The cause of these strange outbreaks is unknown, so George and Kate decide to not

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Young idealists



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Two West Elementary first-graders were selected as winners in the recent "My Ideal School" contest hosted by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Abigail Layman and Bridget Daggett, students in Melissa Maglio's first-grade class at West, were two of the 14 winners chosen from 2,500 entries from across Massachusetts. In the contest, students were asked to draw a picture and describe what an ideal school would be like. Abigail and Bridget recently went to the Statehouse in Boston to receive their prize, a savings bond, from State Treasurer Tim Cahill. Abigail Layman and Bridget Daggett are pictured (left to right) with their teacher Melissa Maglio, Press Secretary Carrie Sullivan, State Treasurer Tim Cahill, West Principal Elizabeth Roos and an unknown Statehouse employee.

ON CAMPUS

Last week, the Townsman published an incomplete list of the University of Massachusetts Amherst students who qualified for the 2008 fall semester dean's list. To qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale. The following are the students from Andover who made the dean's list:

Alexander B. Levine, Alexander M. Perry, Alycia M. Robbat, Ariel D. Twhog, Cara A. Sullo, Carolyn L. Alvarez, Christopher R. Cook, Clara Chekanov, Courtney M. Ellison, Danielle B. Perry, Donna P. Lamontagne, Dorothy Y. Liu, Eric A. Cox Jr, Eric Yi-Zan Lee, Hasan A. Syed, Jill M. Newman, John Elias Bigelow, John Hamilton, Jonathan A. Crush, Jonathan J. Kerry, Jonathan Richard Morgan, Jonelle M. Johnson, Joseph F. Bill, Joseph I. Terranova, Julianna B. Dugan, Kasey Hiutung Leung, Kristina M. Henry, Lauren J. Martin, Louis Anthony Peracchi, Lydia A. Alovisetti, Matthew A. Dion, Matthew J. Iorio, Matthew J. Saia, Michael F. Bill, Nathan R. Aldrich, Pardeep S. Thandi, Rachel D. Tritter, Ryan D. Walsh, Sara H. Lefman, Sarah J. Morgan, Sheila Tayebi, Sonia K. Righter, Stephanie M. Eng, Stephen C. Games, Victoria Bvasilikis, Virginia May Gibson, Zoe-Charlotte Oriana Cabaret-Salameh.

Colleen Moynihan, a 2007 graduate of Andover High School, made the dean's list for the fall semester 2008. She is attending Rivier College in Nashua, N.H. She is majoring in early childhood education.

Amy Hanes, Class of 2010 received the Russell Fulford Award at Muhlenberg College. This award is given annually to the junior with the highest average economics.

Haynes is an economics major and mathematics minor from Andover. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hanes and is a graduate of Andover High School.

Founded in 1848, Muhlenberg College is a highly selective liberal arts college in Allentown, Pa. It is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Salem State student Elizma Marais of Andover has been inducted into Delta Mu Delta, a national business honor society, according to the school.

The following students from Andover received degrees from Salem State College on Thursday, May 14.

Master's degrees: Elisabeth A. Godek, Caren E. Brown, Amy N. Twhog, Kevin M. Meeker, Leslie S. Ganley, and Karen R. Szarek.

Bachelor's degrees: Mark A. Shurman, Serafim Makris, Delilah T. Magardo, and Jacqueline N. Lee.

Amy D. Hatcher of Andover, received a master's degree in business during graduation ceremonies from Nichols College in Dudley on May 9. Nichols College strives to develop tomorrow's leaders through a dynamic, career-focused business education.

Seth Alexander Sempere, son of James and Michelle Sempere, of Andover, graduated from Marlboro College in Marlboro, Vt., on Sunday, May 17, and received a bachelor's degree in literature/writing. Sempere studied language, meaning and faith in the work of Cormac McCarthy and T.S. Eliot.

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts has announced that Brian Kelley of Andover was named to the dean's list for the 2008 fall semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, matriculated students must be enrolled in six or more credit

courses, attain a grade-point average of 3.25 or better and have no incomplete grades.

American University's School of Communication announced that Nicholas Platt and Samuel Baird of Andover have been named to the fall 2008 dean's list. To earn dean's list at American University a student must obtain a 3.5 grade-point average or better on their semester courses.

Platt is a freshman and is majoring in journalism. Baird is a sophomore and is majoring in visual media.

Christopher M. Klein, a 2009 graduate from Andover High School, has been accepted and will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz. Starting the fall 2009 semester he will study aeronautical science. Klein is the son of Richard and Janet Klein.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the world's largest, fully accredited university specializing in aviation and aerospace, offers more than 30 degree programs in its Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Aviation, Business, and Engineering.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Phillips Andover Academy student going for gold in Olympics of Physics

Phillips Andover Academy sophomore David Field and four of the country's best and brightest physics students has been selected to represent the United States at the world's premiere student physics competition. Along with a certificate and a medal, they each received a pen and calculator to use in Merida Yucatan, Mexico, where they will compete against student scholars from around the world in the 40th Annual International Physics Olympiad in July.

To earn a spot on the team, Field scored better than 4,000 other students on three exams that tested his knowledge of theoretical physics. He then joined 18 other students, this year's U.S. Physics Team, for a 10-day physics boot camp, sponsored by the American Association of Physics Teachers and held at the University of Maryland.

"At physics camp, we had a daily tradition of writing the day of the week on the board because we tended to lose track of time," said fellow student Marianna Mao of Mission San Jose High School in California. "The past 10 days have been some of the most engaging and exciting days of our high school careers."

For 13 hours a day, the students

participated in fast-paced lecture classes and hands-on labs that challenged the depth and breadth of their knowledge of physics.

"They traveled 30,000 miles collectively to be here, used 4,000 sheets of paper, ate 750 sandwiches, took 21 examination questions and showed that you can fit 41 grapes into your mouth," said Paul Stanley, head coach for the team.

Five were selected from the 19 to go on to Mexico, based on the scores from exams they took during the camp. At the award ceremony in which the five were announced, the students listened to a complex lecture on super-symmetry and string theory by Jim Gates, a noted professor at the University of Maryland who serves on the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

"I understood about half of it," said David. "But I think that if we sat down with the equations he showed us, we could figure it out."

Courtesy of the American Astronomical Society, each student also received a Galileoscope, a simple telescope developed for classrooms around the country to celebrate the International Year of Astronomy.

Drew Baden, head of the University of Maryland physics department, told the students "if this was the NBA, we'd draft you all right now into graduate students."

REVIEW: Suspensful book

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only expose the culprit, but to show the world exactly what kind of shady business goes on inside this unnatural school. However, they must hope that they are not caught up in these happenings, or they may find themselves hurt - or worse.

Now that I don't have to wake up for school in the morning, I can afford to read a book that keeps me up late into the night, because I can't put it down without finding out what happens. This is what "Story Time" did to me. It is a suspenseful thriller that kept me on the metaphorical edge of my seat as the kids tried to solve the mystery that is the Whittaker Magnet School. As the pieces start to fall together and the book reaches the climax, readers find themselves realizing just how intricately woven together the book's mystery is, and how well the author managed to craft it.

Yet Bloor's finest achievement is the mood that he laid throughout the story - a murky sleaziness that makes you feel that there are bad wrong things being done, while also sending chills down your spine from knowing these things aren't finished happening yet. One of the best moments in the book comes very early on, after George and Kate get into Whittaker. They check

the district Web site to see where the school districts fall. When they see that they are outside of the Whittaker school district, Kate decides she will not attend the school. However, it quickly becomes apparent that this is not their choice when they check the school district map again later. Kate and George are surprised and disheartened to find that the Whittaker district boundaries, like a mutant jellyfish, have extended a tentacle right down over their house. When I read that part, I got goose bumps. It was a creepy moment, one of many great moments throughout the book.

There were some problems throughout the novel. A few characters had me groaning whenever they resurfaced, because they had grating, bothersome personalities that didn't fit with the rest of the book. But the well-written story and the well-executed mood are still more than enough to earn this book a 9 out of 10.

A warning: there is some death and blood in this book, so it is probably not suitable for children younger than 13. However, for fans of creepy suspense books, the paranormal, or just a good read, this book is a great pickup.

Harry Wood is an Andover resident and student who writes book reviews for young adults.

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Nick Rogers, 15, rides up a ramp during the opening day of the Andover Community Skate Park on Saturday afternoon.

PRESSED: Help for job-seekers

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everyone. "We've been hit hard (by the economy) as drycleaning is expensive, I know. Many of our customers are now unemployed..."

it's tough out there," he said. Also helping job-seekers look good are two other Andover businesses. Colonial Barbers at 211 North Main St. and Robert Jason Hair Salon at 92 Main St. donated gift certificates to Pressed for Success.

"These Andover businesses are very generous and the people in our group very much appreciate it," Bradley said.

Pressed for Success meets at various locations at Merrimack College each week. For more information, call Arleen Bradley at 978-682-8962.

TEACHERS: Class assignments have not been finalized

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saving my job.' I feel awful that someone even has to say that, frankly."

In April, pink slips went out to 123 people - every teacher in Andover hired within the last three years. As required by contract, teachers knew by May 15 who would not return next year. The remaining staff layoffs were finalized last week, said Bach.

Teachers with "professional" status, who have been teaching in Andover for more than three years, were not laid off, said Bach. If a veteran teacher were in a position slated to be cut, such as health or music, they were reassigned instead,

"Yes, it's nice if your child knows they'll have Mr. Jones next year. But it's worse if they show up to school thinking they have Mr. Jones and they don't (because of staffing changes.)"

Superintendent Claudia Bach

taking the place of a teacher who is "preprofessional," or has worked in Andover fewer than three years. The rookie teacher would face the lay off instead.

Bach gave the example of several middle school librarians facing layoffs. As employees with professional status, they were moved to other schools, becoming elementary librarians or classroom teachers, bumping

rookie teachers. "A lot of people have more than one teaching license," explained Bach. "They're feeling awful that they've replaced someone else, and they're leaving colleagues and moving schools."

Teachers with professional status could only be laid off if they could not teach another subject or there were no pre-professional teachers they could

bump, said Bach.

The first day of school in Andover will be Sept. 3, and several of the elementary schools have already scheduled open houses for the first week of September for students to receive classroom assignments and meet their teachers.

West Elementary Principal Liz Roos, who lives in Andover, said not knowing teacher assignments until August used to be commonplace.

"Children take their leads from their parents," said Roos. "I have two Bancroft students in my family who do not know their teachers, and one is at a sleep over and playing, the other is packing for camp."

ASL: Teacher's contract not renewed due to state guidelines

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option applies, said Ioannides. She teaches hearing students, not deaf.

"The Department of Education does not have any testing for ASL teachers, and they have tried to get me to take a test that is not in my subject area. It's the equivalent of someone who has a degree in math, not offering a math test, and asking them to be certified in psychology," she said.

That catch-22 has prompted Ioannides' colleagues and students to organize the rally for the morning of July 2, in front of Andover's School Administration Building, said AHS Spanish Teacher William Kolbe.

"Our message is simply that Daniela is granted what the entire Andover educational community wants, which is for her to be reinstated, with a waiver to give the DOE time to change

her get certified... and when Daniela back, and the DOE to start working to rectify this deficiency. In the mean time, there is no justification to let Daniela go. The right course of action is to give her a waiver, and let her continue her most meritorious efforts as a teacher and mentor to the students of Andover."

It is commonplace for teachers to be issued waivers for as long as 10 years as they work on achieving state certification, said Kolbe. To not grant Ioannides a waiver is discrimination, he said.

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It is commonplace for teachers to be issued waivers for as long as 10 years as they work on achieving state certification, said Kolbe. To not grant Ioannides a waiver is discrimination, he said.

"This places the onus of fault on Daniela instead of accepting it themselves," said Kolbe of Andover school administration.


Superintendent Claudia Bach said the district must prove it cannot find any other certified teacher for the job to be granted a state waiver for Ioannides.

"Daniela Ioannides is on a waiver because she has not been able to pass her certification test. The DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, formerly known as the DOE) requires that a school district keep a teacher on a waiver only until the teacher becomes licensed or until we are able to find a teacher who is properly certified," said Bach in an e-mail to the Townsman.

"So, every year we have done everything we could to help



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To make a private donation toward fireworks, pancake breakfast and parade, send a check to the fireworks fund, in care of BankNorth, 61 Main St., Andover, MA, 01810.

For more information, call the department of community services at 978-623-8274 or visit www.andoverma.gov

Here are the activities scheduled for the holiday weekend:

JULY 3

- Fireworks at dusk, 7 p.m. concert by the Middlesex Concert Band, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road

JULY 4

- Old-Fashioned Family Fun In The Park, corner of Chestnut and Bartlet Streets
- 8 - 9:30 a.m.: Jazz Band
- 8 -11 a.m.: pancake breakfast, cost is \$5/ adults, \$3/children and seniors, breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee
- 9 a.m.: Line-up for horribles parade
- 9:30 a.m.: horribles parade
- 10 -11 a.m.: Monkey & Me entertainer
- 10 -11:30 a.m.: Games and prizes for the kids
- 10:30 - noon: Middlesex Concert Band
- 8-10 a.m. ReMax hot air balloon rides (weather permitting), behind Doherty Middle School in the baseball fields, \$5 per person



Residents usually line up for the pancake breakfast in the Park as they did here, in 2007.



The Fourth of July Horribles Parade has a long tradition in Andover dating back to the 1800s. Townspeople dressed in costume marched through the streets to Elm Square where prizes were awarded for the most horrible, humorous and unique displays. Vehicles and animals were also decorated to poke fun at contemporary local and political events or persons. Today's parade is mostly for children.



Rain couldn't stop the Horribles Parade last year and budget concerns couldn't derail it this year either.

Midweek music: Series in the Park starts July 8

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Pack a light supper with a blanket or chairs and head to the Park next Wednesday — or any Wednesday for the next six weeks. After all, it's summer and the town's Wednesday night live music summer series starts July 8.

Like the Pancake Breakfast and Horribles Parade on the Fourth of July, the town's summer music series is steeped in tradition.

It's a music series that has been enjoyed since the days before the Department of Community Services was established in 1971, a more than 38-year history that is continuing this year.

"It's a popular, long tradition. The kids can run around, there's room for a picnic supper and it's naturally air-conditioned with all the trees in the Park," said DCS Director Mary Donohue. "We'll get 250 to 300 people when the weather is good."

Last summer, the weather did not cooperate, as several concerts were rained on and had to be postponed. This year, rained-out concerts will be scheduled automatically for the following night, Thursday, in The Park. If it rains on Thursday, the concert moves indoors on that Thursday night to the nearby Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School.

Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate this summer and wet Wednesdays will not be in the Andover forecast.

"We've had enough rain in June, but you just never know," Donohue said.



Musicians who performed at last year's event are, from left, Mike Finegold of Andover on flute, Jim Lattini of Methuen on drums, and Bruce Getz of Melrose on bass.

SUMMER WEDNESDAYS

- July 8: The Windham Community Band
 - July 15: Acoustic rock with Siroteau
 - July 22: Jazz with Ricco Barr and the Jump n' Jive Review
 - July 29: Requests only with 4 Guys in Tuxes
 - Aug. 5: Jazz with the EJE Jazz Quartet
 - Aug. 12: Classical and jazz, with Quintessential Brass
- All shows are free and start on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Park, at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets. Call 978-623-8276 for more info.



Kerri Fitzpatrick enjoys the annual night concert in the park in Andover last year with her niece, Kyla Pisano, then 6-months, and her son, Brendyn Fitzpatrick, then 20 months, all from Andover.

Birthday party crashers welcome

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

If summer traveling plans are bringing you in the vicinity of the Hudson River in New York on July 21, there's a 50th birthday party worth checking out.

Crashers from Andover are most welcome as this party in Nyack, N.Y. has strong ties to town. And it's free admission.

Anita Brown, a 1977 Andover High School graduate, is turning 50. The composer/arranger/conductor has a concert planned she hopes will also be a birthday bash that coincides with her town's jazz fest. Well known around



Anita Brown

metro New York because her 17-piece Anita Brown Jazz Orchestra band has been playing since 2000, she says some Andover music influences have stayed with her

all these years.

"Singing alto in many different choruses of all sizes at AHS inspired me to pay close attention to the inside voices of harmony, as the outer voices (soprano and

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EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

FIREWORKS, Andover High School, dusk; 978-623-8276.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

TOWNWIDE CELEBRATION, with pancake breakfast and live jazz, 8 to 11 a.m., Horribles Parade at 9:30 a.m., and more entertainment for the kids, \$5 adults, \$3 children, seniors, The Park, Chestnut and Bartlet streets, Andover; 978-623-8276.

OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, 11 a.m., children's activities in Visitors Center Park, outdoor activities at noon

with bell-ringing, flag-raising ceremony, singing the National Anthem, a short parade and brief orations by special guest, President Abraham Lincoln, and Lawrence Mayor Michael Sullivan. Festivities inside the Visitors Center with a reading of the Declaration of Independence, luncheon and patriotic sing-a-long, free, and a family-style event that is held rain or shine; 978-794-1655.

LIVE RHYTHM AND BLUES MUSIC, Maudslay Arts Center summer season opens in Newburyport, 7 p.m. featuring Barrence Whitfield & the Savages, patio seating at tables is \$20 and lawn seating overlooking the stage (bring your own chairs or blanket) is \$18. Children 12 and

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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younger are invited to all performances, and lawn seating is free. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner; 978-499-0050. Mastercard and Visa by phone or at the center an hour before the performance; www.maudslayartscenter.org.

PATRIOTIC FLOWER GALLERY, red, white and blue flowers in bloom at Garden in the Woods, Framingham; http://www.newengland-wild.org/visit/Garden-in-the-Woods. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

LIVE JAZZ, Harry Allen & Ken Peplowski, Sahara Restaurant and Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen, \$15; 603-898-1591.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

LIVE MUSIC, with the Windham Community Band, at the Department of Community Services' summer music series. Free, 6 p.m., The Park, Chestnut and Bartlett streets, bring chairs or blankets to sit on. If it rains, the concert moves indoors the following night to the Memorial Auditorium, next to the Park at 6 p.m.; 978-623-8276.

LIVE MUSIC, The Chapel at West Parish, 129 Reservation Road, with Amphion's Lyre - Say It Ain't So, 8 p.m.; www.sohiposton.org to order tickets online, purchase at the door, or 508-212-6038, \$20/\$15 (seniors/students), six- and four-concert passes available.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

ANDOVER FARMERS' MARKET OPENS, Saturdays until Oct. 10, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover; http://www.andoverhistorical.org/farmersmarket/ or 978-475-2236.

SINGLES DANCE, The Social Life of Haverhill, American Legion, Main Street, Haverhill, 8 p.m. to midnight, DJ, \$9 cover; Cindy 978-373-3504.

LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC, Maudslay Arts Center, 7 p.m., The Don Campbell Band, patio seating at tables is \$20 and lawn seating overlooking the stage (bring your own chairs or blanket) is \$18. Lawn seating is free. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner; 978-499-0050. www.maudslayartscenter.org.

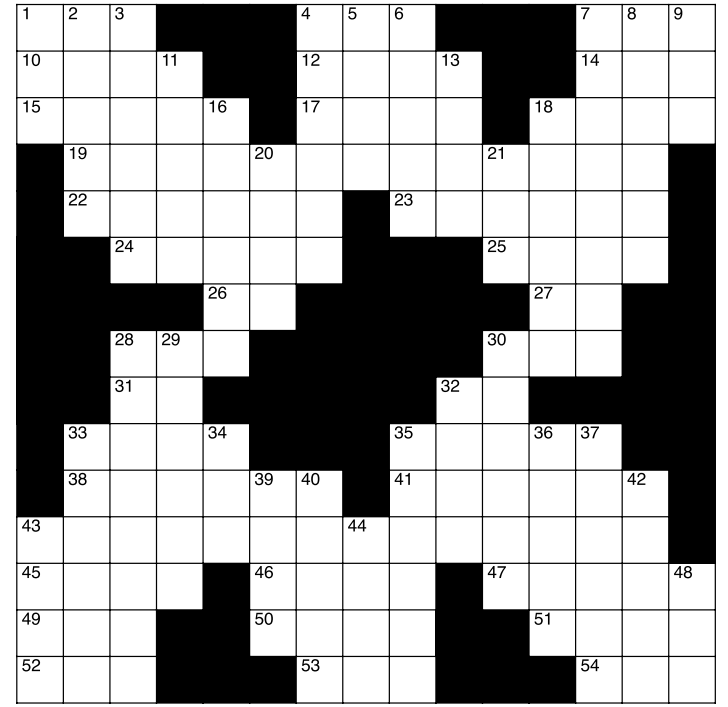
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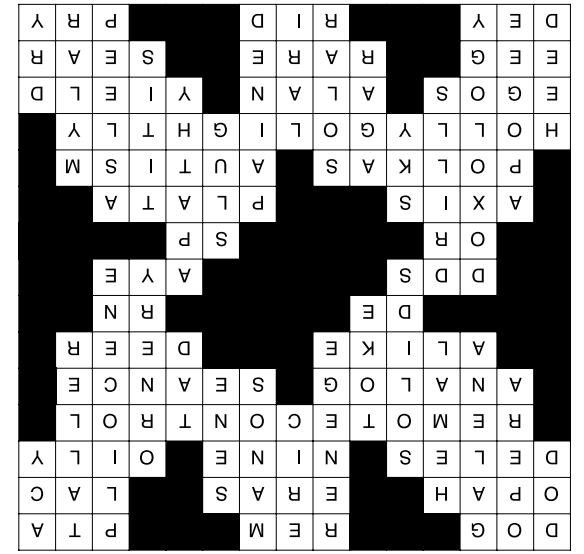
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2. Classical music for the stage
3. Principal ore of lead
4. Take back
5. Musician Clapton
6. Hands (Span.)
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9. Atlantic City Airport code
11. Haemal
13. Samoan cent
16. Not liquids
18. Cantankerous
20. Take a puff
21. Small amount
28. Liturgical praise to God
29. Practices
30. Indifference
32. Fired from a gun
33. Furthest orbital point
34. Wild blue yonder
35. Anguished
36. Monkey trees
37. Slumbering
39. Bacteria culture medium
40. About Sun
42. A thin polyester film
43. Pay attention to
44. ___at: lasso
48. Lacking moisture



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MUSIC: Concert for Brown's 50th birthday

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baritone in a chorus) were always 'too easy' for me to recognize," she wrote in an e-mail. "This fueled my drive to hear the inside voices of more thickly harmonized music, including the orchestral works of Bach and Stravinsky.

"As a senior, I was simply ecstatic to sing Stravinsky's 'Symphony of Psalms' with the enormous Northeastern District Chorus," she continued. "Still a great honor and since then Stravinsky has become my favorite composer."

Brown, now an adjunct staff member of the faculties at Sarah Lawrence College and New Jersey City University in Jazz Composition & Arranging, also recalled playing piano during study halls at Andover High. "I was always allowed to come

PART OF NYACK JAZZ WEEK

What: Anita Brown Jazz Orchestra (Brown is a 1977 Andover High grad)
Nyack, N.Y.
When: Tuesday, July 21, 7-9 p.m.
How: Admission is free; Bring a chair!

out of study hall and practice on one of the grand pianos in the department. I took full advantage of this privilege and also enjoyed a tremendous camaraderie with other pianists and talented instrumentalists in the department," she said.

Brown lived on Gemini Circle while in town and summered at Salisbury Beach. Her dad, jazz tenor Ted Brown, is now 81 and still "giggin'," she said. It was his computer job at Malden Mills in Lawrence that brought

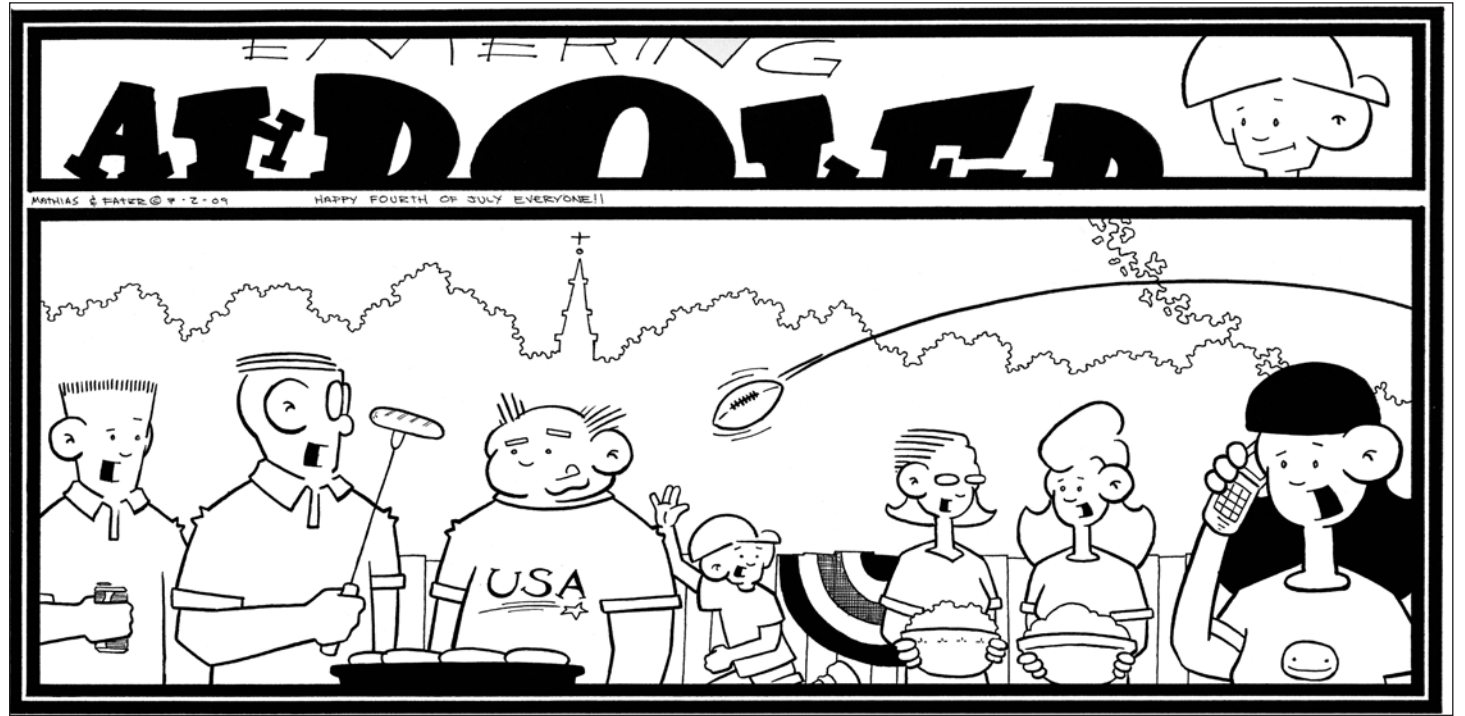
the family to Andover in 1969. Her entire family enjoys music. Younger brother, Jeff, plays drums and mom, Phyllis, is a pianist.

A new job in 1977 for Ted Brown caused the family to head for New York. But Anita Brown retains fond memories of Andover memories.

"I am so grateful for having such quality people in my life during such formative years," she wrote, "...including Bobby Brown who used to tape my waist-length hair to the back of my chair in seventh grade homeroom."

You can check out Brown's Web site at www.anitabrown-music.com.

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Townspeople

Shawsheen and school-yard memories stick like sand

Bill Dalton



Fred McCollum went to the Shawsheen School from 1934 until 1940, during the worst of the Depression. Nevertheless, says Fred, it was a happy time for his sister, Connie, and him. "My dad had a good job (paymaster of the Shawsheen Mill), and we lived on Enmore Street, a great place because of all the kids in the neighborhood. We

walked a mile to school, which was fun, and the teachers were wonderful," he reports.

Fred describes the teachers: "Miss Anderson, who was petite, taught the first grade, and she smiled a lot and was very kind. We even said the Lord's Prayer and read psalms from the Bible. Miss Leary taught the second grade, and she was a good looking Irish lady with black hair. Third grade was Mrs. Donald, who lived on Carisbrooke Street and wasn't very tall. Miss McCarthy taught the fourth grade, and she had the 'Janet Gaynor' look. (Janet Gaynor was a movie actress of the time.) My favorite was Miss Thurston in the fifth grade. She was down-to-earth friendly and no-nonsense. Miss Harnedy taught sixth grade and was the principal. She had coal black hair and a great sense of humor and had a personal touch with the kids. Miss Sweeney taught music and Miss Olive taught art. They were both outstanding." Miss Sweeney started the All Girl Band in 1939 and was later known by her married name, Miriam McCardle.

Like many people who went to school in that era, Fred remembers the janitor and says Mr. Todd was important to the school for many reasons, the most critical being that "he kept us warm by shoveling coal into the large furnace in the boiler room."

Fred says what he remembers most about the school was playing in the school yard and going home with torn, sandy clothes. "I loved all games especially 'pom pom pull away.' I tried hard to be the last one standing and accomplished that a couple of times." Pom pom pull away, called several other names, is a game of tag where each person tagged becomes an additional tagger. The winner is the last person not tagged. There are several variations of this ancient game.

Fred continues some of his favorite memories: "We watched 'Laurel and Hardy' movies in the school auditorium. I was very proud of my sister, Connie, for winning a best posture contest. She still has perfect posture. I was a lieutenant patrol leader and was second in command behind the captain, Albert Malley."

He summarizes his grade school experience by saying, "Looking back, I had my priorities wrong: sports and play first and the three R's second. In spite of myself, those wonderful teachers taught me many things that have helped me through my life."

One of Fred's best friends in Andover was Bob Phinney and they remained good friends, often visiting each other, until Bob died last year. Based on what I've heard and read, Fred was one of the top athletes in Pynchard's history. Among other things, he lettered in four sports in one year.

Following high school, Fred received a scholarship for a post graduate year in prep school and spent four years in the Navy. He moved to California as a young man and has lived there ever since. He eventually became a sales manager for Stanley-Bostitch Inc. Fred's an avid golfer whose knowledge of sports facts and statistics amazes people who know him. A well-liked man, last year he was honored with a big party on his 80th birthday. The written program for the party emphasized his experiences at Pynchard High School and called him Fred "Coach" McCollum. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children and four grandchildren.

Fred visited Shawsheen School a few years ago and says that it looked magnificent. (The school was designed by Andover architect and artist, Addison LeBoutillier, and it was built in 1924.)

As a result of my Andover Townsman columns, Fred and I have been corresponding for four years, and I've often quoted him. I've never met him, but he's a friend. Although he lived in Andover for only a quarter of his life, his roots in town are deep, and his boyhood here made him the man he is. I know he thinks of Andover as his hometown, and he loves the place.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and invited you comments online or at billdalton@andovertownie.com.



Coaches Kevin M. Cuff, left, and Tom Sheehan stand in front of the mini Green Monster with their Andover Little League Tee-Ball Team, the Devil Rays. Cuff, of Beacon Street, built a mini Fenway Park in his backyard. To christen the new "Hannah-Bee Fields at Fenway 265" he held a wiffle ball game and end-of-the-year party for the tee-ball team he coaches.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



Hannah "Bee" Cuff takes pitcher Eric Demoor, 8, deep during a wiffle ball game in Hannah-Bee Fields at Fenway 265 (her backyard).

Fenway flavor

Tee-ball team enjoys mini Fenway Park

Kindergarteners on one Andover tee-ball team ended the year in grand style — Fenway style.

Coach Kevin Cuff built a mini Fenway Park in the back of his 265 Beacon St. house and the team was able to end the season with a cookout, swim and wiffle ball party there.

Cuff planned the wiffle ball game and party would help "christen the new Hannah-Bee Fields at Fenway 265" which are named after his daughter and the home of the Boston Red Sox.

Members of the 6-year-old Tee Ball D-Rays are Liam Awiszus, Daniel Beetham, Hannah "Bee" Cuff, Demetra Danas, Daniel DeMoor, Jack Ehr Gott, Kyle Mulhern, Hayley Katz, Jake Katz, Conor Moses, Tommy Savino, Connor Sheehan and Nicholas Zuyus. They were coached by Tom Sheehan and Cuff.

Coach Cuffs clearly has a sense of humor. In inviting people to the party, he wrote, "There are two rules of the pool: 1. No drowning and 2. strict adherence to rule No. 1."

Scouts' projects worth their weight in gold

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts recently celebrated the fact that Andover Girl Scouts Leah Cairns, Deborah Koo, Ariel Kuykendall, Kyla McRoy and Elizabeth Scoble earned their Girl Scout Gold Awards.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout 14-18 may earn. To earn the award, Scouts must complete a project that fulfills a need within a girl's community whether local or global, creates change, and hopefully, becomes an ongoing benefit, according to the local Scouts. The projects also take organizational, leadership, and networking skills, and about two years to complete.

■ For the Girl Scout Gold Award, Leah Cairns spent 14 Saturdays throughout the months of July through October 2008 at the Farmers' Market in Andover. Leah worked closely with Sarah Syez, the Andover Historical Society's educator, to create and lead educational hands-on activities for children. The activities ranged from vegetable print painting to corn-husk doll-making to tin-punching. Over 300 children participated in the activities. Leah created a booklet with activities, directions and leftover supplies, and donated them to the museum so that another young person could get involved in the future.

■ A lover of art and teaching, Deborah Koo learned about Books of Hope, a service-learning program where U.S. schools sponsor a school abroad and create books to help meet the students' educational needs in Uganda, Africa. For her Girl Scout Gold Award project, Deborah created flyers to entice students to participate through Andover Public Schools' Sanborn Explorations after-school program. She educated the younger students on the conditions in Africa and the need for books there, leading the local students for eight weeks. The books' final destination: the Latigi Orphan Care Center in Uganda, Africa.

■ Ariel Kuykendall began working with



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Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts CEO Ruth N. Bramson and Andover Scouts Leah Cairns, Elizabeth Scoble and Kyla McRoy celebrate the girls' Gold Awards.

children in Jaurez, Mexico in 2006 through the Harvest Hands Ministries. The mission work she did there inspired her to base her Gold Award project on further aiding these children. Ariel discovered that school supplies were in high demand but the need was not being met. The Free Christian Church and other Andover community members banded together with Ariel to raise enough school supply donations to fill 20 backpacks destined for Jaurez. Ariel created a Web site for others to read and learn about Jaurez and to feel inspired to take action.

■ For her Girl Scout Gold Award project, Kyla McRoy developed the Pet Assisted Therapy for Children in the Educational System program for children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Through her PATCHES program, Kyla and her Delta-registered Golden Retriever, Saffron, set out to work with the children at West Elementary. Kyla created and

documented activities that incorporated specially trained behaviors from her canine friend. Canine-story reading sessions proved to be quite successful. Superintendent Claudia Bach agreed to continue the project in the future with a puppy named Shadow.

■ Elizabeth Scoble created an environmental workshop and group for girls at Esperanza Academy. Elizabeth planned and led classroom sessions around general environmental learning, such as recycling and green energy. She involved Raks Derival, a chemist, to work with the girls to build solar cells. Liz also introduced the concept of community supported agriculture and ran the program at Appleton Farms. The girls planted shallots, toured the farm and learned about composting. Elizabeth also helped to connect Esperanza school with Appleton Farms for future collaborations.

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June first birthdays

The Townsman usually publishes happy first birthday messages in the last issue of each month for babies who just celebrated birthdays in that month.

First birthday messages for children born in July 2008 are due Friday, July 24, at 5 p.m., for inclusion in the July 30 paper.

Short write-ups and photos can be e-mailed to editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsm.com. Photos should be sent as jpg attachments to e-mails, and not embedded in e-mails.

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JAKE EVANS FORD
Jake Evans Ford, turned 1 on June 11. He is the son of Arthur and Rebecca Ford and little brother to Jesse and Devon. He celebrated his birthday with lots of chocolate cake and ice cream and a visit from his grandparents. Jake enjoys playing with his sisters and going for walks. He also loves to dance and sneak into his sisters' room to find forbidden toys. Jake plans on spending lots of time at the beach this summer with family and friends.



JASON MICHAEL SHAPIRO
Jason Michael Shapiro turned 1 on June 14. He is the son of Gregg and Lauren Shapiro of Blue Bell, Pa. Grandparents are Bob and Ruth Shapiro of Andover and Neal and Sheila Schneider of Pa. Great-grandmothers are Irene Shapiro of Chestnut Hill, and Esther Brom of Philadelphia, Pa. Jason enjoys playing with his toys and in the water, whether it be his bath, a pool or the ocean.



JULIAN LANDON DENONCOURT
Julian Landon Denoncourt celebrated his first birthday on June 25. He is the son of Melissa Denoncourt of Bradford. Grandparents are Bill and Dianna Denoncourt of Manchester, N.H., and Kanella Denoncourt of Bradford. Great-grandparents are Bill and Connie Denoncourt of Andover and John and Wanda Greco of Andover. Great-grandparents are Omer and Rita Moreau of Lowell. Julian is the very special nephew of Tricia Denoncourt. Julian loves to play with his two puppies, Madison and Malcolm.



MARGARET LEE O'SULLIVAN
Margaret Lee "Greta" O'Sullivan turned 1 on June 2. Always on the go, Greta enjoys climbing up rocking chairs, pushing furniture around the house and swinging at the park. Her favorite meal is spaghetti and meatballs, followed by ice cream. She loves to share a good laugh with her brother Aidan and sister Claire. Greta is the daughter of Dan and Paula O'Sullivan of Somerville. Grandparents are Mary Girouard of Andover and John and Barbara O'Sullivan of Medfield.



BRODY WILLIAM HANSEN
Brody William Hansen turned 1 on June 8. He is the son of David and Bridget Hansen of Basking Ridge, N.J. Grandparents are Wendy Murphy of Andover and Joanne Hansen of Chatham, N.J. Brody loves to play outside and crawls everywhere. He enjoys visiting his cousins in Andover and Charlestown, but most of all he loves getting hugs from his big sister, Abby, 4.

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Sports

Longtime coach Maglio out at Andover

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

After 17 years as head baseball coach and 13 years as head football coach at Andover High, Ken Maglio was informed on Monday that he was being let go by the school in both sports.

"It was a shock to say the least," said Maglio. "I got a phone call during (Andover Warriors Baseball School). I went to the athletic office and was given a letter saying I would not be rehired."

Golden Warriors athletic director Chris Bergeron confirmed the decision.

"It has been a process of evaluating the entire (Andover) program in my first year as athletic director," he said. "We decided to make the move as a way to improve the future of our programs for five and 10 years down the line."

Maglio stated that he was blindsided by the news.

"It really hurts a lot," said Maglio, who is already retired as a teacher. "I have given my heart and soul and have been involved in this town for 40 years. I love the kids. All of my evaluations have been excellent. It's tough to figure out. I was going to retire after next year. I want my name to be a good name. I don't know what the reasons are."

Supporting Maglio is Tom Meyers, the president of the Andover Educators Association, the union for teachers and other school employees.

"We are very surprised," said Meyers. "There is a whole process that needs to be followed. Every coach is evaluated every



A scene from Thanksgiving Day, 2004. After 17 years as head baseball coach and 13 as head football coach, Maglio was fired from both jobs on Monday.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

year, and Ken has indicated all of his evaluations were excellent. We are shocked and we are going to follow due process and file a grievance.

"We intend to litigate for Ken. We absolutely want to get his job back. This all seems very bizarre."

Maglio was named head baseball coach in February of 1993, at 43-years-old, after 22 years as Andover freshman baseball coach. He replaced Dave Bettecourt, who won back-to-back Division 1 state titles in 1991-92.

Maglio remained behind the bench for 17 years, racking up a 252-131 career record and winning four straight Merrimack Valley Conference titles from 2004-2007. His Warriors were

12-10 this spring (1-1 in the state tourney), and won the Lawrence Invitational tourney.

He took over as head football coach in 1996 after years as an assistant, following the departure of Dick Collins, who held the position for 37 years and managed a 220-138-14 mark.

In his 13 years at the helm, Maglio compiled a 65-68-2 record, earning Eagle-Tribune Coach of the Year in 2004 after a 10-1

mark. In 2008, with a team that returned just six starters from the previous year, the Warriors finished 4-7. But they did down archrival Central Catholic 27-16 on Thanksgiving Day — their third straight win over the Raiders.

"We have great respect for Ken Maglio and the job he has done," said Bergeron, who took over as athletic director last July. "But, in terms of evaluating our program,

KEN MAGLIO'S MARK AT ANDOVER

Baseball record: 252-131 in 17 years
Baseball highlights: Captured 1994 North title in second year as coach and won four straight MVC titles from 2004 to 2007.

Football record: 65-68-2 in 13 years
Football highlights: E-T Coach of Year in 2004 when led team to 10-1 record.

we are looking to go in a different direction."

Voicing his backing of Maglio was Collins, his former mentor, who in recent years has returned to help out the football team.

"I brought Kenny into the system," said Collins. "He worked as my assistant for many years, and he has been an outstanding individual and a tremendously dedicated teacher and coach. I think the world of him and give him my full support."

With the start of the football season approximately six weeks away, Bergeron will not rush to hire a permanent replacement. Instead, he plans to hire an interim coach.

"We want a coach on board and established as soon as possible," he said. "But I don't believe there is time to do a full-blown search. That is best left for January and February. So we are in the process of hiring an interim coach, and then we will evaluate the staff and begin preparing for the fall."

All moves after Monday occurred after deadline.

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SPORTS FROM COMMUNITY

T-ball for ages 3 to 5

The Andover/North Andover YMCA's instructional T-ball league for boys and girls ages 3 to 5 is accepting registration. The league runs July 11 through Aug. 25. Games are played on Saturday mornings and practice once a week during the early evening hours. Call Amy Quinlan at 978-685-3541.

Y summer youth basketball

The Andover/North Andover YMCA is also accepting Youth Basketball League registration for the summer league. This is geared for youth entering grades

3 to 12. This league will run during the weeknights, games only. Up to 12 players per roster. Please be aware that this is a recreational league, and will follow standard scholastic rules. There will be no practices and one game per week. Full court play for all grades, score clocks and referees provided. There will be paid officials for high school players only. Fees for youth entering grades 3 to 8: YMCA members \$75, and nonmembers \$115. Fees for youth entering grades 9 through 12: YMCA members \$85, and nonmembers \$125. Call Amy Quinlan at 978-685-3541. The Andover/North Andover YMCA is located at 165 Haverhill St., Andover.

Happy in spite of rain



A team of 9-year-old Andover residents played at a tournament in Gillette Stadium on June 21. The third-graders played mostly fourth-graders and "despite the nor'easter that was blowing and raining all day, the boys had a great time!" said coach Travis Miller. The team members are Coach Travis Miller and, standing, from left: Steven Yakita, Alex Hesketh, Nikil Deliwala, Casey Night; and front row, from left: Evan Miller, Niam Chopra and Alec Tucker.

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John Farrell and **Robin Lowe** combined on a two-hitter as Andover continued to roll by crushing Danvers 8-0 last Wednesday. Farrell started and allowed the two hits, striking out five. Lowe followed with two perfect innings of relief, striking out three.

John Hennessy paced Post 8, going 2 for 4 with three RBIs. **Mike Yastrzemki** added two hits and drove in a run and **Zach Burdeau** and **Vince Bellino** each contributed an RBI for the winners.

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TOWN TALK

Hug good-bye

Jim Sutton, who is retiring as the director of Memorial Hall Library, hugs Beth Mazin, assistant director tapped by the town manager to replace him, during a retirement party in Sutton's honor on Tuesday.

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Grandson's birthday present: a hole in one

Andover resident and avid golfer Brian Townson, 16, made his first hole in one on Friday, June 26, 2009 in the mist and fog at Mere Creek Golf Club, Brunswick, Maine.

Brian was playing golf with his grandfather Gary Twohig of Orr's Island, Maine, and his grandfather's friends who are all over the age of 75, according to his mom, Kristen Townson. His grandfather's 76th birthday was June 20.

But Brian did something his

grandfather — and most golfers — have never done.

Brian scored his thrill on the course's par 3, 144-yard fourth hole.

The shot he took was witnessed by his proud grandfather and his golfing friends who are local Mere Creek regulars. Everyone signed the score card and Brian kept the lucky ball.

Kristen Townson reports that Gary Twohig said, "What a birthday present, to spend the day with my grandson and see his face when the ball dropped in the hole. Nothing could be better."

Pro golfer comes home

Professional golfer Rob Oppenheim has been chilling out at his family home on Alonesos Way, just steps from Indian Ridge Golf Course where he perfected his great swing. Now a full-time resident of Orlando, Fla., he said he looked forward to coming home to Andover during the month of June "for the good weather."

Instead, it's been rainy every day, slowing down the greens. But he seems to be handling

the dismal weather quite well. Oppenheim just won the Massachusetts Open held in Belmont last weekend. Its qualifying event was held at Indian Ridge.

"When I heard that, I just had to play this one," he said.

Oppenheim stayed at his Andover home for the qualifier and returns to Andover for two more weeks later this month when he tackles golf tournaments in Maine and New Hampshire.

"I grew up here, have lots of friends here. Andover will always be my home," he said.

- Judy Wakefield

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