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UP, UP AND AWAY

Andover High graduates 442

Monday was a day to remember for 442 Andover High School graduates, their friends and families.

The day started with a morning awards breakfast honoring standout academic and extra-curricular performers and came to a crescendo with the always emotional afternoon graduation ceremony.

When the 24-hour day came to a close, graduates were still celebrating, with many enjoying the all-night drug-free Senior Safari offered at Andover High School.

For more on the day, and on Sunday's Phillips Academy graduation, see pages 13-16.



D.J. Fazio watches as a friend receives a diploma at the Andover High School graduation on Monday.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

After the storm

Tree debris pickup limited to 3 bundles a week

By JUDY WAKEFIELD AND BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITERS

It is expected to take weeks for the town to remove the toppled trees and fix the damage caused by severe winds that blew quickly through parts of town Saturday afternoon, June 5.

There were reports of lightning strikes, and scores of trees snapped, with some bringing down electrical wires when they toppled.

"It was a very intense weather event of short duration that effected a very small portion of town, but it did so quite severely," said Andover Police Lt. commander James Hashem.

About 15 roads were closed at the peak of the storm. Hashem said roads stayed closed throughout town overnight Saturday, but were cleared and reopened by mid-day Sunday.

National Grid reported power outages to 7,000 homes and businesses in Andover and North Andover as a result of the storm.

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Matt Liffmann rides the mechanical bull at the Senior Safari, an all-night drug and alcohol free graduation party held at the school's field house.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo



Andover High School student Amanda Wells, facing, hugs teacher Rebecca Ledig after receiving a Social Studies Award at the Andover High School Class of 2010 Senior awards breakfast at the Wyndham Hotel.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo



A tree bisects a house in Andover after being uprooted in Saturday's storm.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photo

Pentucket principal pulled to lead Doherty Middle School

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Robin Wilson, principal of Pentucket Regional Middle School who has experience working at a charter school and with at-risk children, has been selected as the next principal for Doherty Middle School in Andover.

"I am on cloud nine. I'm excited, and looking so forward to getting to know the staff and kids, learning the traditions at Doherty and honoring them," said Wilson. "There is an ease and rapport among Doherty staff and students. It has a dedicated staff, and a strong community."

After a two-month search, Wilson was picked over finalist Lawrence Flegelman, principal at Spofford



Robin Wilson

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No decision on multi-family trash pickup

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen made no decision Monday on whether they will allow trash and recycling pickup at multi-family housing complexes – at least for now.

They will revisit the topic at the board's June 21 meeting. In the interim, the Department of Public Works is looking to extend by sixth

months an expiring contract with the town's recycling and trash contractor until the issue can be settled.

The debate is over a long-standing rule that housing complexes with more than six units must take care of trash and recycling with a private contractor. Over the years, several housing complexes in town have been using town curbside pickup

for trash or recycling, and the DPW hopes to crack down and enforce the rule townwide starting this summer.

Last month, the DPW sent out 155 letters to residents of seven multi-family complexes with more than six units using town curbside trash or recycling pickup, stating service would stop July 1.

The move has been met with opposition, with residents airing their concerns for 45 minutes on Monday.

"The room was full, and that was a good indication of how residents were feeling. It was clear the board understood residents weren't happy

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Radio operators prepare for future emergency

The members of the Philips Amateur Radio Club will be working Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27, to set up an emergency radio communication station, and practice the communications skills which they would provide to the community in the event of an emergency or disaster. They will participate in the American Radio Relay League's Field Day.

During Field Day, operators set up in local parks, at shopping malls, or even in their own backyards, and get on the air using generators or

battery power.

Field Day was designed to test operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions.

"We want the community to know that in the event of an emergency, we will be ready to assist in any way we can, says club president Allan Muise. "While people often think that cell phones or other communications technologies have replaced ham radio, we can still provide an important communications service that others can't."

STORM: Cost of cleanup is still being tallied

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Director of Public Works Joe Piantedosi said the cleanup cost to the town is still being tallied. Downtown neighborhoods were among the hardest hit, and cleanup will take another two to three weeks, Piantedosi said.

"Our limited crews are working very hard to clean up the damage from town trees only. Our focus is on the high priority areas like the trees that hit houses and blocked roads," Piantedosi said. "It will take us a while to get to all of the lower priority areas."

Hashem said a couple of police officers from the day shift were held on overtime Saturday to assist with the storm response. With the power out, public safety received calls for malfunctioning alarms as well as numerous reports of downed power lines and trees blocking roads throughout town Saturday.

"There was quite a bit of property damage in a very small section of town," said Hashem.

The fast-moving wild weather especially wreaked havoc for homeowners on Abbot Street. Piantedosi said a home was recently renovated and the family was set to move in over the weekend. Instead, an 80-foot pine tree snapped and landed on the home, causing extensive damage and preventing the homeowners



Courtesy photo

Limbs and trunks that snapped in the storm, such as these logs from a 60-foot pine tree on Standish Circle, can be found along many roads in town.

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TRASH: Selectmen must vote in order to change rule

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about the decision," said Krissy Day, a resident of the Meredith Village condominiums. "I got a good feeling, overall, that selectmen were understanding this was a significant concern, and the reasons behind it were quite valid."

Day has lived in Andover for 25 years, three at Meredith Village, where she puts recycling to the curb for town pickup. Meredith Village has 18 condos, so it falls under the private pickup rule.

"I'm certainly going to fight it. I pay taxes and I'm not getting the services I pay for," said Day.

Sandy Gerraughty, DPW business manager, says enforcing the rule makes it fair to all multi-family complexes, most of which have always used private trash or recycling pickup.

Any change to that rule would have to come by a selectmen vote. Selectman Alex Vispoli said nothing will change with trash and recycling pickup until the board has a fuller picture of the issue.

"We want to understand if we do change the policy, what the cost exposure would be," said Vispoli. "We recognize the fact that there's been a service delivered to residents we want to try and do the best thing for all parties. The board is looking for more data. It's important to understand the cost."

Over the next two weeks, Gerraughty will gather more information, numbers and cost figures on how many housing complexes do and do not fall under the trash

pickup rule.

The rule stood at five units in the 1970s, when Andover closed its landfill, and was upped to six or more units in 1985, said Gerraughty.

"It's been in the contract all along. No one knows how (the rule) transpired," she said.

Andover's contract for recycling and trash pickup will expire July 1, and Gerraughty is working to extend it for six months, with making any changes to it.

WILSON: New Doherty principal has been at Pentucket

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Pond School in Boxford. Interim Superintendent Susan Nicholson and Marinel McGrath, who begins as Andover superintendent July 1, both oversaw the search committee and selection process. Parents were notified of the decision in a June 4 e-mail.

Theresa McGuinness Darby, Doherty principal since 2008, will leave after this school year to pursue a doctorate full-time at Boston University.

"Throughout the process, it was evident to me that (Wilson)

is a talented educator who possesses the personal and professional qualities and empathy essential to being an effective middle school principal," said McGrath, who is finishing the year as superintendent of the Hamilton-Wenham regional schools. "Every individual and each group echoed her deep respect and regard for students, teachers, staff and parents. They described her as an energetic, decisive leader who is visible in the school making regular visits to classrooms, the lunchroom and after-school

activities. Teachers, staff, and parents described Robin as compassionate, caring, accessible to children and adults and able to develop trusting and respectful relationships with them."

"Throughout our site visit at Pentucket Middle School, students, parents, staff and the administrative team were unanimous in their praise of her leadership: an accessible, good listener, highly visible, collaborative, a strategic thinker, lifelong learner and innovative," said Nicholson of Wilson in an e-mail June 8.

Wilson began working at Pentucket Middle School in 1999, spending eight years as assistant principal before becoming principal in 2007. The school has 527 seventh- and eighth-grade students from Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury.

"I'm a middle-school person. It's such a unique time of life. I love that they are exploring who they are as a person, learning about themselves," said Wilson. "They're exciting to be around,

MEET ROBIN WILSON

- Bachelor of science in education from Bridgewater State College
- Masters in school administration from Cambridge College
- Began teaching fifth-grade in 1986 in Georgetown, later teaching in a special education classroom at Georgetown High School
- Spent one year teaching fourth-through sixth-grades in Newfield, N.H.
- Taught sixth- through eighth-grades in Fremont, N.H., 1989 to 1994
- From 1994 to 1996, Wilson was an at-risk youth prevention specialist for the Massachusetts Prevention Center in Salem, developing prevention program models for juvenile offenders and school systems
- In 1996, started as assistant principal/student services coordinator at the Marblehead Community Charter Public School
- Started at Pentucket Regional Middle School in 1999, serving as assistant principal for eight years before becoming principal in 2007

they have great personalities."

"I like building a safe community for kids to take risks, build and grow."

Besides the "wonderful reputation" of the Andover Schools, Wilson pursued the Doherty job for a chance to work at a sixth-through eighth-grade school in a town with two other middle schools to collaborate with, she said.

Wilson, who makes \$93,700 this year in Pentucket, will get a pay raise as she moves to Doherty. The job posting advertised a salary range of \$110,000 to \$115,000 per year.

A message to Human Resources Director Candace Hall inquiring of Wilson's salary was not returned before press deadline.

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NOW: The site of the former Shawshen Motor Mart on Haverhill Street, Andover.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Council on Aging, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., 8 a.m.
Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.
TRIAD, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., 9:30 a.m.
School Committee, finance committee and selectmen meet with strategic plan consultants, Public Safety Center, 32 North Main St., 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 14

Board of Selectmen, executive session, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St. third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.
Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St. third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
Cultural Council, Memorial Hall Library trustees room, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

School Building Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St. third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.
Recycling Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St. third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
Patriotic Holiday Committee, Public Safety Building, North Main Street, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St. third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

Board of Selectmen Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St. third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Townsmen named Newspaper of Year

The Andover Townsman was honored for being the Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. NonDaily Newspaper of the Year award on Friday, by CNHI officers who traveled from the company headquarters in Alabama to present the silver cup.

The annual competition judged work by newspapers, Web sites and magazines produced by news organizations in 22 states owned by Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. There were more than 500 entries in the contest.

CEO Donna Barrett presented Editor Neil Fater with the company's top award. Barrett, Keith Blevins, senior vice president, chief operating officer; and Bill Ketter, corporate vice president of news, joined Eagle-Tribune publisher Al Getler for a special ceremony at the Townsman building.

In naming the Andover Townsman its Newspaper of the Year in the non-daily newspaper category, judges praised its print and online interaction with readers, and its

comprehensive local coverage including holding public officials accountable.

The Townsman also won the CNHI 2009 Public Service Award, for a series "Change for Your Budget" that asked people in town for ideas that could be used to produce a better, more efficient government.

Newly retired Townsman and Tribune Co. advertising representative Carol Trott was feted for her career with the paper.

Two Eagle-Tribune writers also were presented with awards in this year's Best of CNHI editorial contest.

Taylor Armerding, editorial writer for The Eagle-Tribune and former Townsman editor, was presented with CNHI Opinion Writer of the Year for daily papers with circulations of 12,000 or more. Eagle-Tribune Sports Editor Bill Burt was named CNHI Sports Writer of the Year in the same daily category.



The Andover Townsman was named Community Newspaper Holding Inc. NonDaily Newspaper of the Year for 2009. Pictured are reporter Judy Wakefield, editor Neil Fater, CHNI CEO Donna Barrett, reporter Bethany Bray, office manager Mary Ann Apperti and advertising assistant Joyce Perillo.

School cafeteria workers get 'Healthy Edge'

Thirty Andover Food Service staff members participated in a 10-hour intensive workshop in May along with four other districts.

The "Healthy Edge" workshop is a nutrition training program targeting professional development, food preparation and service, nutrition education for wellness and building partnerships within the community. Combined with their Serve Safe certification, all participants are now level one certified with the School Nutrition Association.

Four week series on enjoying retirement starts tomorrow, June 11

The Andover Senior Center, BoomerVenture, and Memorial Hall Library present a free four-week series for anyone approaching or already enjoying retirement.

"Explore Your Health Care Options" on Friday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m. at the Andover Senior Center. What happens to my insurance if I retire before 65? What if I work past 65? What about coverage for my spouse? Find answers to these questions about health insurance coverage for retirees. Presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA. All are welcome. Please call 978-623-8321 to preregister.

"Preparing for a Comfortable

Retirement" on Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library. Learn how to build a sensible plan to retire on your own financial terms. This program will cover strategies for optimizing Social Security benefits, getting the most out of your money, and determining how much you need to retire well. Presented by John Spoto, Financial Planner/founder of Sentry Financial Planning LLC. Call 978-623-8401, ext. 49, to preregister.

"Embrace Your Future" on Monday, June 21, at 1 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center. A statewide initiative launched in January by Gov. Deval Patrick designed

to encourage Mass. residents to learn more about resources available as they go through the aging process and prepare for their future. Presented by Ann Proli, Associate Executive Director of Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley. Please call 978-623-8321 to pre-register.

"Living the Rest of Your Life" on Monday, June 28, at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library. Every transition in life is a rich opportunity for a new beginning. Career and family demands have taken precedence for so many years that people often arrive at their 50s and 60s out-of-touch with who they are and what they want

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Rep. L'Italien office hours

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien will hold a constituent office hour at the Andover Senior Center on Monday, June 14. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. either L'Italien or her legislative aide will be available to meet with any interested residents, according to the office. Residents can also speak directly with Rep. L'Italien's office anytime by calling 617-722-2380. L'Italien represents the 18th Essex District which includes precincts 1, 7 and 8 in Andover.

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Getting ready for Live Simply are, from left, Cecelia Gosselin, Klara Vajda, Mike Basile, Monica Gallacher, Bridget Rao and Joyce Wadbrook.

Half for you, half for charity

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

It seems to be the message heard everywhere these days: Live more simply.

A local church is taking that message to the masses and the local response has been gratifying, say those involved.

This past Easter season, St. Augustine Church asked the families in the religious education classes to donate gently worn, outgrown Easter clothes to needy families. A whopping 350 children were dressed to the nines this past Easter as a result, according to Bridget Rao, who runs the religious education program.

Also as part of the program, "our Easter lillies were planted in our new prayer meditation garden," she said.

YARD SALE WITH A MISSION

"Just Living - Living Justly" yard sale
St. Augustine Church parking lot
Essex Street, Andover
Saturday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Bring your own table
Donate 50 percent of your profits to the Just Living Charities

Now, the church is looking to put on a special yard sale.

Waste seems to be on a downward spiral, as people are purging their stuff more than ever, Rao said.

"Thinking of others is a big part of the troubled economy," she said. "I think more people are thinking of others these

days."

She is helping to introduce the national 14-step Living Simply program in Andover through St. Augustine Parish.

"We want to get people thinking about this and committing to being informed about consumption," Rao said.

The church is hosting a "Just Living - Living Justly" yard sale on Saturday, June 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participants bring their own tables and the church asks that they donate 50 percent of their profits to the Just Living Charities.

"We will, of course, take more," Rao said with a laugh.

Rao said making people aware of over-consumption is the first step when talking about this program. She's hoping residents get involved with the cause.

Farmers market starts at the end of the month, runs through October

The Andover Historical Society is pleased to announce the return of the Andover Farmers' Market opening June 26 and running every Saturday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. through October 9. The market is at 97 Main Street in beautiful downtown Andover. After three immensely

successful years, the Farmers' Market will return with many favorite farm vendors as well as several new vendors. The market will be held on both sides of the Andover Historical Society property. Family friendly activities will take place in the barn including facepainting, crafts,

and games. Demonstrators and musicians will show their skills and talents every week too. Don't miss this wonderful event. To stay posted on all market happenings please visit <http://www.andoverhistorical.org/farmersmarket/> or call 978-475-2236.



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■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

ARRESTS

Wednesday, June 2 – At 11:48 a.m., a female juvenile was taken under arrest for a Child in Need of Services warrant.

Thursday, June 3 – At 2:38 p.m., Alvin R. Joaquin, 23, of 321 Broadway St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants.

Friday, June 4 – At 1:27 p.m., Marylou A. Tracy, 44, of 6 Old Landing Way, Charlestown, was arrested and charged on warrants for failure to appear in court, possession of a class B drug and trespassing.

At 6:59 p.m., Anthony M. Rojas, 19, of 117 Haverhill St., third-floor apartment, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for assault and disturbing a school assembly.

At 11:42 p.m., multiple 911 calls were received reporting a car crash into a stone wall and telephone pole on Essex Street, with injuries. At 12:15 a.m.,

Nancy A. Ferrier, 52, of 4 Ridge St., was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor, second offense and operating to endanger.

Saturday, June 5 – At 12:58 p.m., Alexander R. Aguilar, 28, of 59 Walnut St., Apt. 3, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

At 4:51 p.m., Donald J. Sestini, 33, of 108 Ford St., Apt. E, Methuen, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of drugs.

BREAKS

Tuesday, June 1 – At 1:59 p.m., a Rock O'Dundee Road resident reported a possible house break.

Wednesday, June 2 – At 10:35 p.m., a Sagamore Drive resident reported a house break.

Friday, June 4 – At 2:42 p.m., there was a report of a possible break-in on Chandler Road.

Monday, June 7 – At 3:08 p.m., a Beacon Street resident returned home to find signs

of a break-in. Seven officers responded.

THEFTS

Tuesday, June 1 – At 4:45 p.m., an Andover Street resident reported the theft of money from the home.

Wednesday, June 2 – At 3:29 p.m., someone reported a larceny on Phillips Academy property.

Thursday, June 3 – At 10:16 a.m., there was a report of a diamond ring stolen at the Boston Sports Club, Lowell Street.

Monday, June 7 – At 2:28 p.m., someone reported the theft of a bicycle from Sanborn School on Lovejoy Road.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, June 2 – At 8:38 a.m., an officer reported cruiser damage, a scratch on car 221.

At 6:44 p.m., a Market Basket shopper reported someone stole her wallet and keys out of her pocketbook. A responding officer found the person had left the wallet and keys at home.

Thursday, June 3 – At 8:45

p.m., a summons was served on Memorial Circle.

Friday, June 4 – At 8:02 a.m., a person called the police, concerned about a squirrel with a cup stuck on its head at the high school on Shawsheen Road. A responding officer couldn't find the squirrel.

Saturday, June 5 – At 12:08 p.m., police and fire personnel responded to a lawn mower on fire on Woburn Street, putting out the fire and checking the user for injuries.

Throughout June 5 and June 6, public safety received numerous calls reporting wires and trees coming down over vehicles, homes and roads.

Sunday, June 6 – At 12:04 p.m., a 911 caller reported an unattended death on River Road. Three officers responded and the medical examiner's office was notified.

AUTO CRIME

Tuesday, June 1 – At 6:23 p.m., a Riverside Drive resident reported a vehicle break-in.

Thursday, June 3 – At 2:15 p.m., someone reported a past vehicle break-in.

Friday, June 4 – At 9:14 a.m., someone reported a vehicle break-in from May 27 on Pincecrest Road, with about \$15 in change stolen.

At 11:01 a.m., someone reported a 1997 Volvo station wagon stolen from Haverhill Street. On Saturday, June 5, the vehicle was recovered by Frankfort, N.J., police.

At 7:20 p.m., a 911 caller reported hitting a deer on River Road, causing the deer to be severely injured. A responding officer put the deer down.

Saturday, June 5 – At 9:55 a.m., there was a reported van break-in on Wild Rose Drive, with tools stolen.

At 12:42 p.m., a Tewksbury Street resident reported an overnight vehicle break-in.

At 4:45 p.m., someone reported that a GPS and other items had been stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Bristol Lane.

Sunday, June 6 – At 1:45 p.m., a person reported that someone had broken into the person's vehicle on Friday.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, June 2 – At 3:27 p.m., there was a crash between a MVRTA bus and two cars; no injuries.

Thursday, June 3 – At 8:13 p.m., a 911 caller reported a Greenwood Road vehicle had been just hit with a water balloon by a passing car, and the balloon cracked the windshield.

At 10:58 p.m., a 911 caller reported a hit-and-run on Florence street, with a vehicle hitting a telephone pole.

Monday, June 7 – Police and fire responded to an overturned tractor-trailer on the ramp to Interstate 495 from Route 28.

At 3:09 p.m., there was a report of a hit-and-run crash on Shawsheen Road.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photo

Traffic passes a tractor trailer filled with 41,000 pounds of orange juice and other flavored juices that overturned on Route 28 in Andover on June 7.

Driver in traffic-snarling, juicy rollover had revoked license

An 18-wheeler truck carrying 41,000 pounds of orange juice tipped over in the early morning of Monday, June 7, creating a sticky situation for Route 28 and Interstate 495 commuters.

Sukhwinder Sidhu, 48, of Santa Clara, Calif., was delivering his load of orange juice to a Market Basket refrigerated warehouse on Ballardvale Road, when he lost control of the 18-wheeler as he drove it down the off-ramp from Interstate 495 North to Route 28 South.

Sidhu, who was in the truck with co-driver Mohender Singh, also of California, is being charged with speeding, failure to stay within marked lanes, and driving with a revoked license.

Director of Public Health Thomas Carbone was at the scene, overseeing the process of discarding the ruined juice containers. Juice containers from the load that remained sealed were salvaged and repackaged.

A trash container was filled with boxes of juice on the shoulder of the road as MassHighway crews finished cleaning up the

scene about 11:30 a.m., some seven hours after the accident

occurred.
- Bill Kirk

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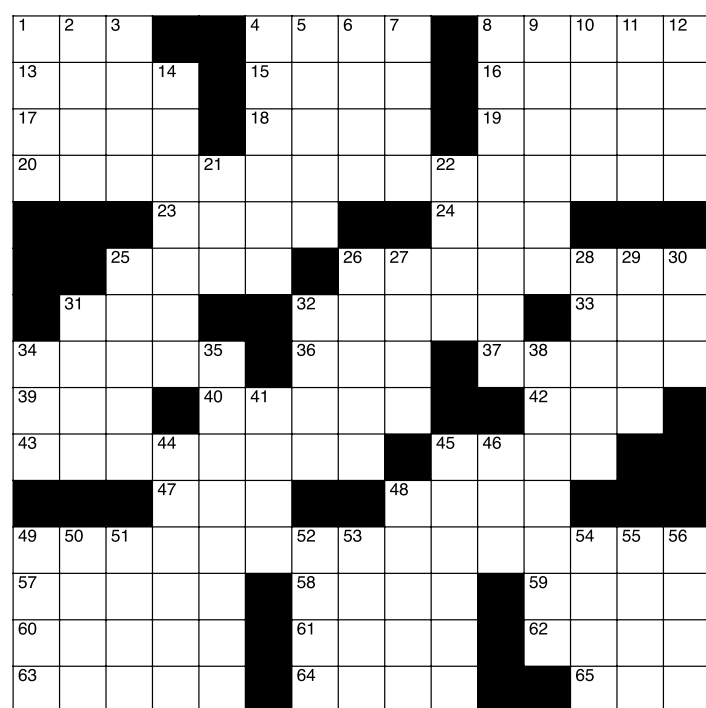
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And finally ... To all residents, families, middle and high school students, athletes, coaches, school staff, and leaders of the town and community organizations! Andover, you are the best!

Andona is able to support youth programs in Andover because of ClownTown and several other fundraising events. For more information on the events and programs we sponsor, please visit www.andonasociety.org. Once again, thank you from everyone in Andona!

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Extinct New Zealand bird
4. Millisecond (abbr.)
8. Muddle
13. Inner forearm bone
15. Acid radical
16. Brook
17. NJ NBA team
18. A crane
19. Positivism founder
20. Jasperware perfecter
23. Dorsal finger plate
24. Autonomic nervous system (abbr.)
25. Male parent
26. Wave crest
31. Wide cooking vessel
32. Lightly fry
33. Opening
34. Minute tissue openings
36. Fruit juice drink
37. Predictor of antimatter
39. Cranberry habitat
40. Encouraged earnestly
42. Master of Education (abbr.)
43. Fortified wines
45. Common organizations in schools
47. Electromotive force (abbr.)
48. Twinge
49. Places to buy a sofa
57. Double curves
58. Federal drug agent
59. A British peer
60. Beach (French)
61. South

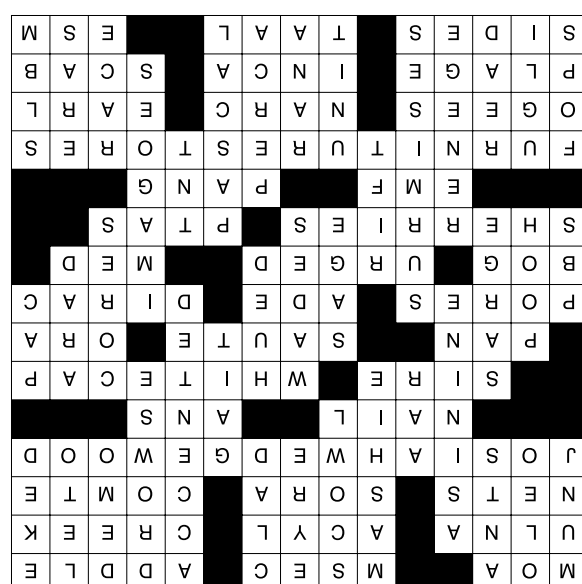
CLUES DOWN

1. Tough Asiatic grass
2. Margarine
3. Hymenopterous insects
4. Five iron
5. Frown with displeasure
6. Largest Aussie lake
7. Sheathed
8. Used of syllables
9. Snooze
10. Exhibit a product's use
11. Apollo's mother
12. Barely made it
14. Fatuous
21. After Action Review (abbr.)
22. Walking tempo
25. Sergeant's nickname

CLUES ACROSS

26. Walks through water
27. With a tinge
28. Apple centers
29. W. Rumanian city
30. Political action committee (abbr.)
31. Children's tale bear
32. Salvia
34. KQED or WGBH
35. Infers from evidence
38. Insects after metamorphosis
41. Breach
44. Change mind
45. Programming language
46. Explosive
48. Yellow perch genus
49. Dandies
50. Tangelo
51. Del. senator 1789-93
52. Component part
53. Wood frog genus
54. Running contest
55. Periods of time
56. Nuclear undersea weapon (abbr.)

Solution



Courtesy photo
Brian Sensale of Wakefield and Kathleen Dalton of Andover played members of an inept acting troupe trying to pull off Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

Andover woman in 'As You Like It' farce

Kathleen Dalton of Andover and the Quannapowitt Players showed that intentionally bad acting by any other name can be darn funny.

Dalton helped stage a comical play within a play, Don Nigro's farcical look at an inept acting troupe in the throws of a performance of Shakespeare's As You

Like It.

"The Curate Shakespeare's As You Like It," directed by Wakefield resident Donna Corbett, featured, in addition to Dalton, comedic actors Shawn Maguire of Reading, Hugh Metzler, Elizabeth Sheeran of Wakefield, Shayne Doherty of Medford and Brian Sensale of Wakefield.

Marimba concert Monday night

Andover residents are invited over the border to a marimba concert by Fumito Nunoya on Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading.

Fumito Nunoya won first prize at the 2005 Ima Hogg Young Artists Competition in Houston, which led to his U.S. concert debut with the Houston Symphony. His first CD, Red Dragonfly, was acclaimed as monumental by The Percussive Notes.

Born in Akita, Japan, Nunoya began playing the piano at age 7 and the marimba and percussion at 17. He graduated from Yamagata University with a music education degree and received his master's degree in marimba performance from The Boston Conservatory.

Before the concert, the Friends of Flint Library will hold a brief annual meeting. The program is free and open to the public. For further information, call the library at 978-664-4942.

Spend Saturday on the water: Free canoe lessons at Harold Parker

Harold Parker State Forest is offering a free canoe program sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation on Saturdays, July 3, July 17, July 31, Aug. 21 and Aug. 28 at 11 a.m. for up to three hours at the Forest Headquarters parking lot at 305 Middleton Road, North Andover.

The park's interpreter, Bob Anderson will instruct participants on the basics of canoe handling and water safety and lead a guided paddle around one

of Harold Parker's picturesque ponds.

Canoes are provided by DCR however, it is recommended that people bring sunscreen, insect repellent, drinking water, a camera and their own life vest if they have one. Life vests will be provided to those who do not have their own.

Each program session is limited to 16 adults over the age of 18 and a mandatory pre-registration is required by calling 978-475-7972.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Gardens, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, donation \$5 per person; Sandy, 508-246-9645, John, 978-340-4117.

OPEN HOUSE, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, 3-5 p.m., with cello recital at 3:15 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 14

MARIMBA CONCERT, by Fumito Nunoya who holds a master's degree in marimba performance from The Boston Conservatory, 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

LIVE CLASSICAL PIANO, with Tim Lillis, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

OPEN AUDITION, in the Andover HighDunn Gym for a fall dance performance based on Alice in Wonderland; 2:30 p.m. for ages 15-18 and 3:30 for ages 11-13. A short ballet/contemporary piece will be taught at the audition. Rehearsals will be held during the summer and fall. Contact Sam Nieves, AHS rising senior, for more information: nieves1123@yahoo.com.

ICE CREAM TALK, part of the continuing

Andover Stories Series, with historian Joan Patrikis of Andover on "Ice Cream: 150 Years an Andover Favorite;" Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 10-11 a.m., all ages welcome; 978-475-2236.

SLIDE SHOW, Jeremy Petterman's "Travels Around the World," 2 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

PREPARING FOR A COMFORTABLE RETIREMENT, 7 p.m. at the memorial Hall Library. Learn how to build a sensible plan to retire on your own financial terms. Presented by John Spoto, Financial Planner founder of Sentry Financial Planning. Pre-register.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

FREE HIKE, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. Wear hiking footwear; bring water and sunscreen, will cover all the trails in the park; (617) 828-1728, www.mass.gov/dcr.

LIVE ORGAN MUSIC, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, with Frank Zimpel, 8 p.m., \$10, \$5 children, 192 Broadway, Methuen; 978-685-0693, www.mmmh.org.

HYMN SING, w/ Linda Kirk 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

ART IN WHISTLER PARK, 5-8 p.m., hosted by the Lowell Art Association. Members will be selling their work. Light refreshments served.

LIVE THEATER, "The Edwards Twins" opens, it's a Las Vegas Impersonation show of superstar performers such as Elton John, Cher, Barbra Streisand and many others, 8 p.m., \$15-\$32, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, through June 20; 781-279-2200, www.stonehamtheatre.org.

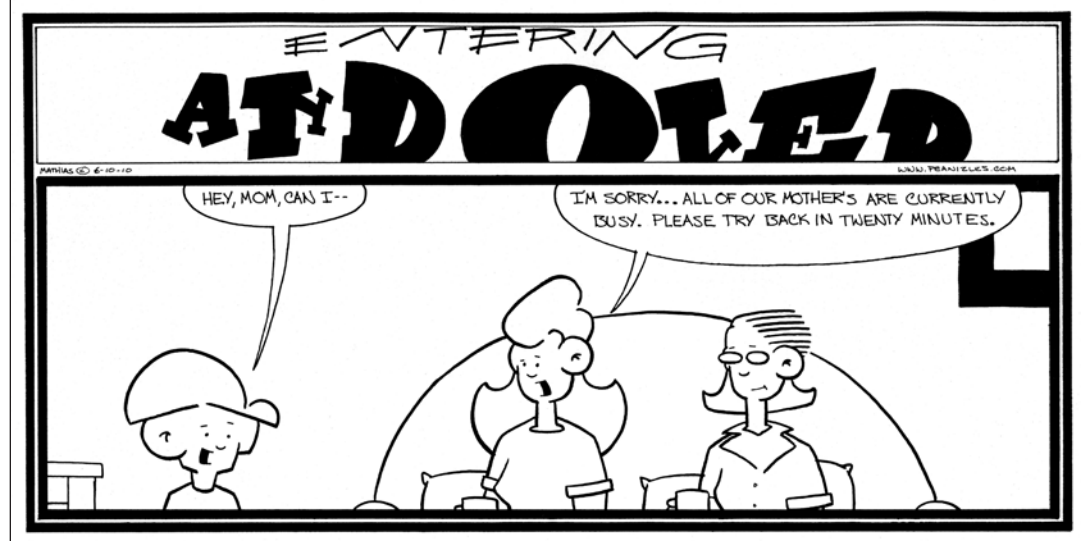
FRIDAY, JUNE 18

LIVE ACCORDION, with Accordionist Sebastian Farro, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

LIVE OUTDOOR THEATER, Cyrano de Bergerac, a free outdoor theater production for the whole family, 3 p.m., 513 Lowell St., Andover. Sponsored by the March of Dimes; Christopher Lockheart, clockheart@yahoo.com. Performance also on June 20.

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COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE

Rain can't stop hundreds from running for Krit

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Despite Sunday morning downpours, more than 750 people ran or walked in the second Krit Classic road race on June 6 to remember the late Krit Kearins and raise money for a scholarship in her honor.

More than 900 people signed up to run, including 200 that morning, but the wet weather and a violent storm the day before kept some people who signed up from participating, said Pam Sheehy, the mother of Kearins.

Sheehy and other family and friends created the 5 kilometer road race last year to provide money to the Krit Kearins Memorial Scholarship. It will be awarded annually to a student athlete at Andover High School who "exhibits superior sportsmanship and team spirit." This year's scholarship went to Kayla Baldwin.

For a while on Saturday night, there was some concern that the

community event might have to be postponed. Sheehy received a call that a storm had knocked down numerous trees and wires along the race course, such as on Blood and Argilla roads. But crews and police were out to address the damage, and the family was up early the next day to help clear debris from the race course.

"My husband grabbed about 10 kids and they were raking the streets," said Sheehy. "They never would have been able to run."

Sunday's race and a party with a silent auction and raffle later that same day raised about \$40,000 for the scholarship fund.

Kearins died at age 26 in September 2008 after a bicycle accident in Boston. She was a captain of the Andover High gymnastics and swim and dive state championship teams. She also taught many people how to swim at Indian Ridge Country Club, and was working at Children's Hospital when she died.



Courtesy photo

From left, Will Sullivan, Tommy Sumner, Ally Sumner, Ava Sullivan, Jackie Sumner, Kayli Fagan, Rylie Fagan and Colton Fagan gather in the Andover High cafe before the Krit Classic. They all planned to run the race, which set off during a rain storm.

Tonight's a celebration of Citizens Who Care

Rotary Club of Andover announces its 13th annual "Citizens Who Care" and second annual "Educator of the Year" awards, "honoring those who make extraordinary contributions to the Andover community, above and beyond their normal job descriptions."

The awards banquet will be held tonight, Thursday, June 10, at 6, at the Wyndham Hotel, just off Interstate 93 and River Road in Andover. Keynote speaker will be the University of Massachusetts Lowell Chancellor and former U.S. Congressman Marty Meehan. Tickets are \$45 per person. Space is limited, but some tickets may still be available at the door.

The following short biographies for each person to be honored tonight were submitted by the Rotary Club:

Tom Barenboim

Tom has been active on countless boards including the American Society, Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, Greater Lawrence Boating Program, Holy Family Hospital, United Fund, Lanam Club, Men of Merrimack College, Wang Theatre, American Red Cross, Jewish Community Center, Exchange Club, North Shore Music Theatre Merrimack Repertory Theatre and the Mass State Auto Dealers Association. On most of the boards he has taken a leadership position. During the day he owns and operates Clark Chrysler Jeep Dodge.

Tom and Jo-Ann Deso

Seniors are just one target of this husband-and-wife team. Tom has served on school building committees from the Wood Hill School in 1990 to the current Bancroft School replacement. Jo-Ann worked on the Senior Task Force for over a decade to bring a Senior Center to reality. From there she joined the Andover Council on Aging, which she currently co-chairs. She cajoled Tom and friends to start Friends of the Andover Senior Center, a group that raises funds for the center. The two are founding members of TAVAH—The Andover Villages at Home along with fellow recipient Judy Trerotola.

Jack Brady and Bob Rauseo

Jack and Bob have been the driving force behind the Shawshen River Watershed Association since its founding over a decade ago. Jack was the group's President while Jack has been Vice-President for ten years. Activities that they spearhead include kayaking and canoeing, clean-up work parties in the water and on the shore, supervising of Boy Scout river-related projects and the state Beaver Mitigation Program. Bob also serves meals at Bread and Roses and serves on the board for Camp 40 Acres.

Julie and Matt Gadzialla

This mother-and-son team has taken on feeding Lawrence's hungry. While in grade school, Matt accompanied Julie to the Bread and Roses soup kitchen. On weekends Julie volunteered in South Church's Sunday School. Mom and son have volunteered for years at Lazarus House's emergency shelter. Matt continues to help

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File photo

Several hundred runners cross the starting line of the Andover Day 5K Road Race on Friday.

Youth Services race this Friday

The Andover Days 5K Road Race is back again for the sixth year and Andover Youth Services want people to come down and join the fun.

This community fundraising event will take place tomorrow, Friday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m., along the streets of Andover. Over 300 runners and walkers will descend upon Doherty Middle School to help raise money for the Andover Youth Services Skate Park and the AYS Green Team, a youth employment opportunity for high school students.

"Each of these programs have become vital to the development

of young people in the community and at the same time helps provide a wonderful service to the town," according to Tony Lombardi, youth services program director. "People can help the Youth Services keep these great programs alive and join us for a great night of family fun, music, games and, of course, exercise."

For more information about registering for this event, visit www.andoverdays5k.com or call the Andover Youth Services at 978-623-8241. The cost to register is \$20, or \$22 the day of the race.

Retiring to a career in art

Bill Dalton



for many years.

Fifty-five years after Paul studied with my aunt, I purchased one of his paintings as a birthday present for my wife. It is hanging in our living room near some of my aunt's paintings.

Paul grew up in Andover and graduated from Punchedard in 1955. His dad, Ray, owned a shoe store at 421 Essex St. in Lawrence for many years and then ran the Tyer Rubber's retail store in Andover. Paul's mom, Rita (Gaudet), was born near Carter's Corner (where Boston and Old County Roads come together). Paul lives in Westport, Conn. with his wife,



This painting by former Andover Townie Paul Gallant is titled "6:21 Smoking Car" and is taken from the artist's memory of commuting to New York in the 1960s.

but returns to Andover several times a year to visit his brother Bill (Andover High class of 1960) and his 95-year-old mother.

Paul had a remarkable business career, but the career

different from the one he'd intended. He says, "Your Aunt Frances convinced me to go to art school, which I did for one year: the Museum of Fine Arts School in Boston. However, few people were making a living as

artists back in the '50s, so after one year I transferred to B.U. and ended up in the grocery business as a sales rep." Paul was so good at selling groceries that he became the CEO of Eight O'clock Coffee and retired in 2000.

Yet, Paul's love of painting stayed with him. After many years, he returned to art through an unpredictable source. He met Tommy Heinsohn, former Celtic Hall of Famer and basketball broadcaster. Heinsohn also has a love for painting. Paul says, "I got back into painting in 1989 when I met Tommy at a grocery show, and he became my mentor. I started taking painting workshops with him in Rockport, Mass. in 1990, and I still paint with him two to three times a year."

I wrote a column about Paul over three years ago; since then, his art has become a second career. On his Web site www.PaulGallantart.com, you can see several samples of his paintings. Much of it is "plein air" painting. As many of you know, plein air is a French term

- actually en plein air - which means "in the open air," and Paul specializes in that.

Paul is interested in expanding his talent to paintings of Andover, especially Andover around the mid-Twentieth Century. If you have any ideas for him, please contact him through his Web site. The painting I purchased is there. It's titled "6:21 Smoking Car" and is obviously not an example of plein air. My "painting" is actually a giclee. Giclee is a precise digital process, developed and perfected in the 1990s, that produces high quality, color-faithful reproductions on canvas. In the case of my giclee - a French word pronounced "zhee-clay" - it is a one of three in the limited edition.)

In addition to painting, Paul is also teaching private students and groups. I'm sure my Aunt Frances would be pleased with him.

I am interested in other people who have retired to second careers. If you have, please let me know. My column appears weekly in the Andover Townsman, and I can be contacted at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

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Andover Chamber of Commerce Scholarships were awarded to Iha Kaul, Celia Lewis, Paola Gutierrez and Stephen Lannon, pictured with Rep. l'Italian, Town Manager Stapczynski, Chamber Board Director Hacker, Chairwoman Hargreaves-Pierce and Rep. Feingold (not pictured Sen. Tucker).



Dr. Claudia Bach, retiring Andover Superintendent of Schools, received The Andover Community Service Award from ACC Chairwoman Nancy Hargreaves-Pierce and Merrimack Valley Chamber President/CEO Joe Bevilacqua.



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TOWN TALK Eagle Honors

Appearing at Carnegie Hall

Young musicians from New York to California auditioned with the American Fine Arts Festival for a chance to perform at world-renowned Carnegie Hall, but Andover's Bryan McGuiggin is one of the few musicians who performed well enough to win the opportunity. He'll be on stage there this weekend.

"There were over 700 people that participated, and there were about 30 people that were selected as winners," said McGuiggin, who performed with duo partner George Hu. "The winners' prize is playing in Carnegie."

The Townsman will run a story on McGuiggin's experience later this month.



FRANK LEONE JR./Special to the Andover Townsman

AI DeLuca, Deedee O'Brien and David Cargill Jr. were honored with the Boy Scout's most prestigious awards for community leadership and service on Thursday, June 3. DeLuca and O'Brien, pictured above, were awarded the 2010 Yankee Clipper Council Boys Scouts of America's Distinguished Citizen Award. Cargill was bestowed the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the National Council of Boy Scouts of America. He is only the fourth Eagle Scout to be so honored in the history of Yankee Clipper Council.

Riding into Fenway

Brian Hussey of Andover, a cancer survivor and a Pan-Massachusetts Challenge cyclist, will be honored by the Boston Red Sox on Saturday, June 19 during PMC Night at Fenway Park. Hussey will be among the 31 cancer survivors who will ride their bikes around the warning track in a pre-game ceremony during which the PMC's 31st anniversary logo will be unveiled on the Green Monster.

Tea time

An organizational meeting of the Merrimack Valley Tea Party was scheduled for Wednesday, June 9 at 6:45 p.m. at the Stevens Memorial Library in North Andover. The tea party movement favors smaller government and reduced taxes.

"Last time (at the first organizational meeting) there were 85 attendees plus 15 candidates. A survey showed the people were from about 10 towns plus Haverhill and Lawrence, even a couple people from New Hampshire," wrote Jamison Tomasek, an Andover resident and Republican candidate for state senator, in an email to the Townsman.

- Bethany Bray

World Cup attention

The Andover Soccer Association is having a World Cup-watching party on Saturday, June 12, 1 to 4 p.m. at Dylan's Restaurant on Park Street. Local soccer families will be having a bite and watching the opening match between the U.S. and England.

Calling all dancers

An open audition will be held on Tuesday, June 15 in the AHS Dunn Gym for a fall dance performance based on Alice in Wonderland. Auditions will be held at 2:30 for ages 15-18 and 3:30 for ages 11-13. A short ballet/contemporary piece will be taught at the audition. Rehearsals will be held during the summer and fall. Contact Sam Nieves, AHS rising senior, for more information: nieves11123@yahoo.com

Calling all singers

ACT Andover invites residents to audition for the musical, "Hey Mr. Producer" on June 14 and June 16 at 7 p.m. in the Studio for the Arts at 170 Haverhill St., Methuen.

ACT Andover will present a dinner theatre production of the musical at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, on Aug. 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.actandover.com or contact Mark Gracy at markgracy@actandover.com or Beth Kennedy at bethkennedy@actandover.com.

We all scream, for 150 years

As part of the continuing Andover Stories Series, Joan Patrakis will present "Ice Cream: 150 Years an Andover Favorite" at the

Andover Historical Society, Tuesday, June 15 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Harriet Beecher Stowe documented Andover's love of ice cream in 1854. Through the early years the popular treat was enjoyed at social gatherings and charitable events, was purchased at the local saloon and pharmacy, and was dispensed from a horse-drawn wagon. Gradually, the plain scoop of ice cream was transformed by phosphates, syrups and sauces and served, in 28 flavors, in an edible holder. Residents thronged ice cream parlors, soda fountains, and restaurants ice cream stands in pursuit.

All ages welcome at the presentation. Contact the Historical Society for more information.

\$25K to pull dams

Andover has gotten a \$25,000 grant from the Mass. Environmental Trust to plan the removal of two old dams from the Shawsheen River. These are two of the three that have been under study for years. Andover is one of 20 Mass. towns to receive a grant. This is timely as a public meeting about the Shawsheen dam removal project was scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, after Townsman deadline.




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Mabelle Abreu hugs one of her teachers after receiving her diploma at the Andover High School graduation Monday night.



Tameka Geaslen waves to relatives at the Andover High School graduation.

Angie Beaulieu staff photos



Rebecca Kadima watches as her classmates receive their diplomas at the Andover High School graduation last night.



Maokai Shen looks at his diploma at the Andover High School graduation Monday night.



Gregory Joyce waves to a friend at the Andover High School graduation on Monday.

442 take AHS diplomas into next chapter

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Minutes after walking across the stage of the Tsongas Center, still clutching their blue caps, 2010 Andover High School graduates James Tornatore and Injoong Yoon were feeling some of the same bittersweet emotions.

"I'm happy to be done, but I also have great memories," said Yoon, who is headed to Vassar College.

"It's a sweet relief, but I'm also sad to leave," agreed Tornatore, who will go to New England School of Communications in Bangor, Maine.

Tornatore and Yoon were two of the 442 AHS graduates, from Abouhamad to Zwerling, to cross the stage at the Tsongas Center in Lowell on June 7. The duo said the class of 2010 was known for its school spirit and energy.

"We made our mark," said Tornatore. The 5 p.m. ceremony moved



From left, Jacob Lebowitz, Bryan McNiff and John Ponti celebrate after receiving their diplomas at the Andover High School graduation.

at an easy pace, with speakers keeping their addresses brief.

The graduates sat in the center of the stadium floor surrounded by friends and family, clutching cameras and bouquets of flowers.

AHS CLASS OF 2010

- 442 graduates
- Valedictorian: Conan Huang
- Salutatorian: Kevin Andrew DiPasquale
- Class gift: new tables for seating outside of the cafeteria
- Class essay read by Mabelle Abreu
- Distinguished citizen award given to veteran teacher Paul Ragnio, who teaches personal finance classes and manages facilities (score board, play-by-play announcers, etc.) for AHS athletic games
- Guest speaker: AHS literature teacher Josephine Goldin

A few decorated mortarboards – one with the Batman signal and one covered in blue faux fur – stood out among sea of royal blue robes and caps.

Dress of the graduates and their guests ranged from gym shorts and T-shirts to formal, strapless dresses.

As first-year Principal Jonathan Harris walked to the podium to begin his inaugural Andover High graduation speech, an inflated beach ball was tossed back and forth among graduates until it was corralled by a faculty

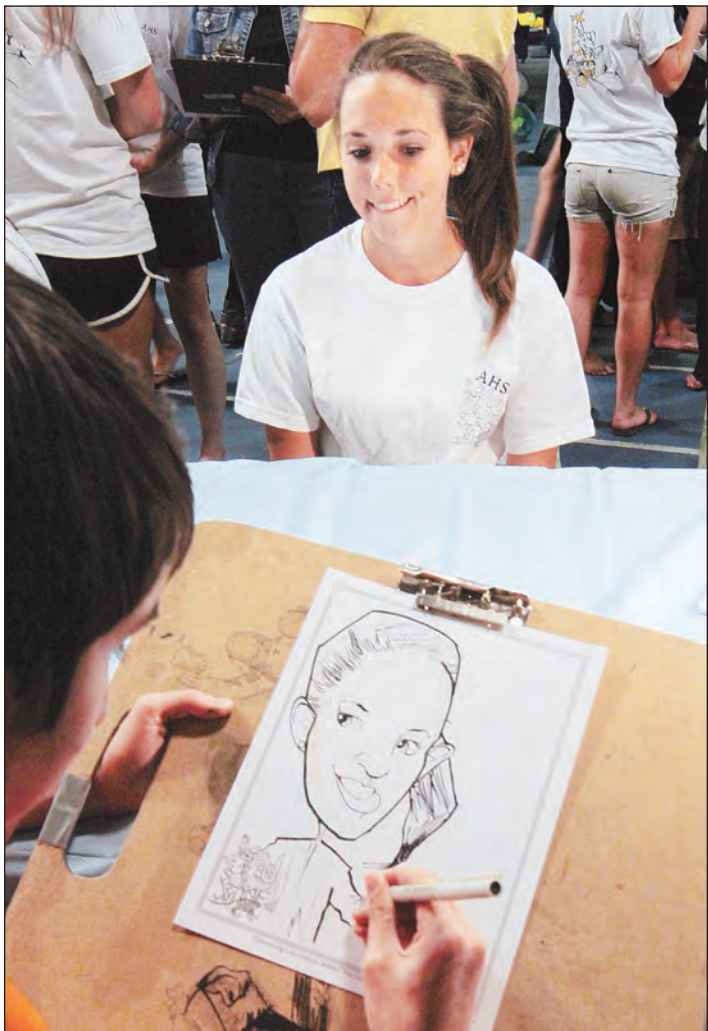
member. A second beach ball appeared at the end of the ceremony and was tossed back and forth while the tail end of the class made its way through a semicircle of teachers, shaking hands and giving hugs after walking across the stage.

Harris called the graduates a class with "tremendous talent" and encouraged them to continue to explore and grow.

"I hope you are as warmly

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Safe Safari



Kate Kearns has a caricature drawn during the Senior Safari, an all-night drug and alcohol free graduation party held at the school.

True calling: Millerick considers career in special education

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Adam Millerick could have been catching up on homework, sending text-messages or even left the building during his study halls this year.

Instead, he spent his time in the Life Skills classroom, working on special education lessons with disabled students.

"I just had a conversation with my friend, who asked me why I spend time in (the Life Skills class) when I could have gone home," said Millerick. "It really felt good to be able to use what I know, to learn more and broaden my knowledge of the disabled. I kind of like them better than I do 'normal' people. They're great to be with."

In the Life Skills class, Millerick helped with lessons on communication skills and simple tasks, such as how to go to the grocery store and buy food. He also volunteered with Peer Pals, an after-school program for the Life Skills students where they flew kites, played with hula-hoops and did other outdoor activities.

Outside of AHS, Millerick has worked at the Life Focus Center in Charlestown, a vocational training and support center for

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Adam Miller, who has given up his study hall period all year to work in the special education "Life Skills" class. He also volunteers at an after school program for the Life Skills students, where they do outdoor activities and games. Here he works with students Tomoaki Hanai, 17, and Keti Garofoli, 17.

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Helen Lord, right, of Wellesley is applauded by classmates, from left, Taylor Smith of Methuen and Caroline Kaufman of Andover as the names of seniors are called and diplomas are passed out during graduation at Phillips Academy Sunday.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY GRADUATION

Andover's Ahmad: 'We must make ourselves relevant'

Threats of thunderstorms drove this year's Commencement exercises at Phillips Academy inside for the first time in 17 years.

The ceremony, held inside the Case Memorial Cage on Sunday, June 6, kicked off in dramatic style to the sounds of bagpipes and drums as the Clan MacPherson Pipes and Drums of Lawrence led a procession of faculty and students into the athletic facility from the adjoining Borden Gymnasium. Boys wore suit coats and ties and girls wore white dresses and carried red roses. The overflow of guests watched a live video stream of the ceremony on a large screen set up in the Smith Center.

This year's graduating class includes 42 students from the town of Andover.

Head of School Barbara Chase spoke to the graduates about the importance of fostering connections to family, to friends, and to the larger world. She also encouraged the graduates to deepen their connections with their family and their personal histories.

"Today, I am being so bold as to suggest that each of you graduating seniors take the time soon to interview your mother, father, or someone you are close to, about your life so far, and to listen, really listen, to their answers," she said. "In these conversations you will discover clues from your past life of who you have become, and also insights into the soul of someone you care for."



School President Faiyad Ahmad gave a sometimes humorous, sometimes moving address to the graduates and their families.

School president Faiyad Ahmad '10, an Andover teenager, spoke to his classmates of the challenges they had each faced while at Andover and the lessons they had learned.

"We have made it through the dizzying highs and dreadful lows of teenage life, and coupled with the rise and fall of Andover tensions, we've experienced quite the emotional sine curve and we have come out the better for it. We've learned here that all things worth doing are in one way or another difficult. Those challenges tested us - our willpower, our drive and our ability to stay up past 3 a.m. They provided us an opportunity to discover who we are, to chisel away at the marble surrounding our true, inner selves. We have shared these challenges, and they are what bring us closer together," he said.

Ahmad also encouraged his classmates to keep in mind the

words from the academy's constitution, which state that "goodness without knowledge is weak and feeble; yet knowledge without goodness is dangerous." The constitution goes on to say that these two characteristics combined "form the noblest character, and lay the surest foundation of usefulness to mankind."

"This is the legacy we must uphold," said Ahmad. "This is the responsibility charged on us by the academy, charged on all those who sat where you are now. It means more to us now than ever before, as we leave the realm of Andover and move into the world. We must make ourselves relevant in this world. Individually, we must all search for our own meaning of 'usefulness to mankind.'"

As part of the commencement ceremony, Chase presented five major prizes, including two to Andover residents:

Eric Sirakian received the Faculty Prize for outstanding scholarship during the senior year. He will attend Yale University.

Ahmad received the Aurelian Honor Society Award for sterling character, high scholarship and forceful leadership. He will attend Brown University.

Following speeches by Ahmad and Chase, the graduating members of the class of 2010 formed a giant circle around the Cage's indoor track for the traditional passing of the diplomas. The commencement circle is a ceremonial tradition the Academy first adopted in 1952.



Faiyad Ahmad Hannah Bardo David Barry Michael Bernieri Zahra Bhaiwala Tyler Bond



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Carly Rauh Jacob Shack Katy Svec Andrew Townson John Turiano Katherine Voorhees



Julie Xie John Yang-Sammataro

Photos were not available for the additional Andover residents who graduated with the PA Class of 2010:

- James Brenner
- Ramya Prathuri
- Nicolas Serna
- Eric Sirakian,



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Don't be a spectator in parade of life

Ken Seifert



Thursday evening, after the remaining tomato plant was given its home for the season, I sat on the patio steps. Two thoughts began rolling around in my head. One was the approaching Fathers Day and the other was the Andover Summer Games. That usually means there is a connection in what may seem totally different ideas. There was.

My dad could sit next to me, give me some interesting puzzle of life and take less than five minutes presenting it. I would then have to spend the rest of my life discovering what he meant. I remember one such incident as if it happened yesterday. I was about 10 at the time.

He said, "Don't be a spectator in the parade of life. You need to participate in a variety of things to learn who you are and what kind of people there are in this world. You are too young to answer either idea. It takes a certain amount of living to learn what life is all about. You will never fully understand. No one has and no one ever will. Some do better than others."

The message was clear - participate. What followed in the next 65 years or so has been quite a journey. In the early years, school plays, the band and orchestra, singing in the Buffalo All Boys Choir, every major sport, boxing, tennis and table tennis competitions occupied some of the time. Debating, public speaking and a variety of jobs completed my boyhood and teenage years.

The college years were filled with obtaining the teaching degree, working at the Bethlehem Steel Plant and a series of life's challenges. I was beginning to see what my Dad meant and told him so. He just smiled.

Marriage, advanced degrees, children, and many fascinating activities have rounded out a lifetime that has taught me much. The more you get involved and the more you share, the greater the reward you will receive.

I was fortunate to meet people who gave of themselves for my benefit. It certainly caused me to be less selfish. I wish Dad were here today and raised those same questions about my assessment of myself and people. I have a few more answers. Thank you, Dad, your message was "priceless."

What about the Andover Summer Games? We are only about three weeks into the idea. In this time I have been privileged to work with some very fine, motivated and unselfish people. They have a certain passion for supporting children and community. We hope to involve more people and build a shared vision with results. One of the goals of the games is to feel the thrill of participation.

I can recognize an advantage or two in being a spectator. Being a participant is more rewarding and fulfilling.

Sometimes it pays to listen to Dad.
Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident of Andover and former superintendent of the Andover schools.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andover High junior Max Iascone, right, and classmates use the new language lab at the school.

Ecoutez! Language lab present now open

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Teacher Christopher Krueger stands in front of his Spanish 5 class, rattling off instructions in rapid Spanish. Students, each sitting in front of a computer screen, put on pairs of headphones. A buzz of conversation, *en espanol*, fills the room.

So begins a lesson using Andover High School's new foreign language lab, installed this spring and funded entirely by donations. The volunteer and nonprofit Andover Coalition for Education combined money from its fundraising efforts with a grant from the Horne Family Foundation to cover the lab's \$128,000 price tag.

With high-tech computer and audio equipment, the lab allows students to converse with their classmates, instructor, or native speakers and language students around the globe, via the Internet.

"It gives them all more speaking opportunities," says Krueger, as students, randomly paired by the lab's computer, speak Spanish to one another through microphones

and headphones. "There's just a limited amount of conversations you can have (in the classroom), and you're going to lose engagement."

ACE raised money for two years, sending a letter to every Andover household soliciting donations. A group of families also created a "matching pool," doubling the campaign's proceeds, said Tina Girdwood, ACE member. The lab is product of a partnership between the AHS foreign language department, school administration and ACE.

Students in all of the language classes offered at AHS - Spanish, French, Latin, German, Mandarin Chinese and American Sign Language - will use the lab. Since foreign language is required, most every student who attends AHS will make use of the lab.

"This is a huge difference from the old lab," said senior Mike Levenson during a recent Spanish lesson before Monday's graduation. "It's a lot easier to learn this way, and people get way more into it."

Levenson's classmate, junior Danielle DiCenzo, agreed the lab gives students much more time to speak a language, instead of waiting

to be called on in the classroom.

Classes can use the lab for everything from dubbing a foreign language film or e-mailing pen-pals in another country to recording spoken answers to a quiz.

At the front of the room, the teacher can see what is on all the student's screens and listen to or talk to any student in the room.

To move from exercise to exercise in his Spanish 5 class, Krueger used a setting where he spoke into his own microphone, and the entire class heard him in their headphones.

The new lab replaces the department's existing, long-outdated lab, which relied on cassette tape recorders. To record something, a teacher would have students press "record" on their cassette players at the same time, which easily lead to mix-ups.

Teachers would be taking home bags full of cassette tapes to listen to and grade, said Krueger, if they even had a cassette player at home. The old lab's inefficiency lead to disuse, he said.

Now, an oral quiz that would have taken an entire class period, pulling students into the hall to

quiz one-on-one, takes minutes to record students simultaneously. The teacher saves the recordings to a small flash drive, and can listen to and grade the recordings on any computer.

"This is a much more efficient use of time," said Krueger, who is in his ninth year teaching Spanish in Andover. "What could have used a whole block now uses five minutes in the lab."

The lab, which was originally expected to be installed during February vacation, was met with a few delays and came online in early May. An open house for the public was held March 31, before the lab was fully operational.

All of the 16 language teachers at AHS were trained in the lab in May, and classes have been using it for roughly one month.

In an age of ipods and Facebook, there has been a short learning curve for students to become comfortable with the lab, said Krueger.

"It allows us to combine technology with language instruction, and that's tremendous for students," he said. "It teaches self-guided study and to be an independent learner."

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Sports

Title town ... Again Andover boys repeat as All-State champs

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

WESTFIELD — Andover had every reason to be distracted.

The Golden Warriors had to contend with a two hour-plus bus ride to Westfield State, only to be informed there was a tornado warning. The Blue and Gold then weathered a 15-minute thunder shower — complete with lightning and hail — in their track tent while nearly every team rushed to the school's field house.

They were then met with muggy 90-plus degree weather on the track once the clouds broke, and a few Golden Warriors even had to rush to the track after taking their SATs.

Andover had every reason to let down, but instead came through with a bang.

Led by another record-setting day by the relays, and Christopher McConnell breaking through with an outdoor title in the dash, the Golden Warrior boys repeated as the Massachusetts All-State track champs on Saturday.

Andover earned the crown with 59 points, outdistancing New Bedford (43). Newton North was the last school to repeat in 2004-05. The Golden Warrior girls added an outstanding fifth-place finish.

"It is such a credit to these kids," said Andover High coach Peter Comeau. "They just capped off an amazing season. We won every meet we entered this year. We won all of our dual meets, all of our invitationals, the Andover Boosters, the state relays, MVCs, (Eastern Mass) Division 1 states and All-States. Unbelievable. McConnell came up huge."

Heading into the final All-States of his career, McConnell's track resume already consisted of, among other accomplishments, the Andover High record in the 100 meter, back-to-back Eastern Mass. Division 1 titles in the dash and being a five-time All-State champion in indoor track (three in the 55 meters, twice in relays).

But outdoor All-States had proven a jinx for the sprinter. "I blew it sophomore and junior year," said McConnell.

"After leading for 97 meters they caught up to me both times with three left. This is all I thought about for the last year. All outdoor and indoor. It's great to be indoor state champ, but if you want to be seen as a true sprinter you have to prove it indoor and outdoor. I hadn't done that."

He broke through on Saturday, however.

McConnell flew to victory in the 100 with a 10.75, matching his Andover High school record he set two weeks ago.

"I didn't feel great coming out of the blocks," he said. "But I drove hard at the beginning, had to get acceleration and not tense up. That's where I had lost it in the past. I saw people in front of me, but kept digging. I had a feeling I won. I feel more confident as a sprinter now."

That confidence showed through later in the meet, as the anchor leg of the 4x100 team that earned victory in 42.37, besting the school record (42.63) set two weeks ago. He was joined on the team by Pat Farnham, Kerrick Stevens and Troy Cayon.

"It was awesome," said Farnham, who also took fourth in the 200. "It's tough to be the top seed because everyone is looking at you and talking about you. But we did our jobs."

It was a record day all-around for the relays. In the 4x400, the Golden Warriors came from behind in the final legs to win in 3:19.06, shattering their school record (3:21.21) set by the same squad of Stevens, Cayon, Connor O'Neill and Mark Vetere (second in the 400).

"(Trailing) was not where we wanted to be," said O'Neill, who took the baton with the Warriors in third. "I was the fresh one, so I knew I had to make up



FILE PHOTO

Andover's Kerrick Stevens surges to the finish line. Stevens ran on the 4x100 and 4x400 relays that each set school records as the Golden Warrior boys repeated as Massachusetts All-State champions on Saturday.



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