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Great-grandmother becomes a children's author at 89

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

June Fitzgerald describes herself as nothing more than "a country girl" from West Andover. She treasures the memories of the hour-long bus ride from the town's west side to the east side public school, weeding spinach or carrot plants all summer on her knees and the penny-candy treats at Chambers farm on



June Fitzgerald

Road insists her rural Andover

Lowell Street. Those West Andover farms may be long gone and replaced in some cases with million-dollar homes, but this great-grandmother from River

roots instilled in her a can-do attitude that remains. That attitude may be why, at age 89, Fitzgerald has been able to publish books. Literary success simply joins her long list of accomplishments. Fitzgerald is a World War II veteran who finally retired from nursing at 87. She doesn't let the metal plate that she has in each leg slow her down. "Just a number," she said of

age. Her book idea "just came to me," she said. Her just-published children's book, "Rupert, the Sturdy Oak Tree," is published by Outskirts Press. Rupert is a tree snob. He thinks he's better than all the other trees because he grows important acorns for forest animals while his neighboring birch, ash, elm and maple trees simply drop their leaves and occasionally

house bird nests. But Rupert gets lonely because the other trees don't like his superior attitude. Fitzgerald's story is about his change of heart. "My stories always have morals," said Fitzgerald, a mother of five, grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of four who enjoyed reading to all of them. Rupert's story is about seeing the worth in others, and that's an important message, Fitzgerald

said. "I write stories as I'm thinking of how kids would want to hear them. I don't just go to my computer and write," she said. Fitzgerald is widowed and lives with her daughter. She plans to write another children's book this fall. She's also tinkering with a writing idea she has had

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New man named to run elections West Newbury town counsel, clerk Larry Murphy picked

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

A new person will run elections in town, as Andover heads toward one of its wildest primaries in many years. Lawrence Murphy, town clerk and town attorney for West Newbury, has been selected by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski to succeed retiring Town Clerk Randy Hanson.



Larry Murphy

Murphy, whose previous experience includes running his own law practice, serving on a town planning board and working as an Essex County assistant district attorney, rose to the top of a pool of 75 candidates, said Stapczynski. "He has everything we need to fill the vacancy Randy (Hanson's) leaving behind," said Stapczynski, who praised Murphy's experience with the open town meeting form of government and day-to-day operations of a town clerk's office.

The ultimate decision to hire Murphy lies with selectmen, who will take the official vote at their July 12 meeting. If approved, Murphy will start Aug. 1 at an annual

salary of \$88,973. Hanson earned a base salary of \$88,794 and a total of \$100,152 in calendar year 2008.

Stapczynski introduced Murphy to the board at a brief meeting on Tuesday night, July 6, saying he was confident Murphy could handle upcoming "hurdles," including highly-contested state primaries and elections in the fall and changes coming to open meeting and record-keeping laws. Selectmen asked Murphy few questions, and spoke favorably.

"We're looking forward to seeing you roll up your sleeves. Welcome aboard," said Selectman Alex Vispoli to Murphy. "You'll be working with a great staff," added Selectman Mary Lyman.

The town clerk's office orchestrates elections and Town Meetings as well as handles dog, taxi, liquor and other licenses, processes passport applications, registers voters and keeps town records. Town Clerk Randy Hanson also regularly sat in on selectmen meetings.

Murphy has been town clerk in West Newbury since February 2007 and town counsel since August 1994, he said.

The chance to work in a larger town - West Newbury's population is 4,500, compared to Andover's

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Fourth fun



ANN HERMES/Staff photo

Sophie Cutler, 2, left, India Caldwell, 4, center, and Emmy, Cutler, 4, right, ride in a wagon down Main Street for the Horribles Parade during Independence Day. More photos, page 9.

CLEAN SLATE



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff Photo

Andover's new school superintendent Marinel McGrath started this Tuesday, July 6.

Superintendent McGrath arrives, plans 'listening tour'

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover's new superintendent of schools, Marinel McGrath, was greeted by a few familiar faces and a lot of new ones, too, during her first day on the job, Tuesday.

McGrath, who comes to the district after eight years as superintendent of the Hamilton-Wenham regional schools, was Andover's assistant superintendent from 1995 to 2002.

Since then, new principals

have been hired at all 10 of Andover's schools. Yet other leadership, including Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and longtime School Committee member Dick Collins, has remained the same. "It's a different job and a different time. There are new employees, new administration. There is a group (of employees) I do know, which helps the learning curve," said McGrath during her first afternoon as superintendent. "I'm very excited, and honored, to be back. I know there's a lot of work to be done,

and a lot of people available to do that. I work best in developing relationships to work for the same goal." McGrath met with the Townsman on her first day, Tuesday, July 8. When asked about her long-term goals for the district or the educational philosophy she'll apply here, McGrath indicated she wants to speak with a variety of Andover people before outlining any plans. She added simply, "The long-term goal for any district is to keep a strong, viable program for the students." She talked of

building relationships and said her immediate focus is to meet with people across the district and hear their insights. On her first day, she sat down with Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson and Human Resources Director Candace Hall. This week she'll meet with principals, the town manager and School Committee members individually. "I'll do a good listening tour," she said.

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6.6 positions eliminated at high school

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

For one guidance counselor and several teachers at Andover High School, the last day of school in June may have been the end to their career in the Andover Public Schools. The equivalent of 6.6 full-time positions have been eliminated, the aftermath of budget cuts

decided in April. All 6.6 positions are at the high school level, including one guidance counselor, said Candace Hall, director of human resources. But the eliminations are not as bad as previously feared. In April, the School Committee approved a balanced budget that included the elimination of 12 full-time teaching positions: seven at Andover High School

and five between Andover's elementary schools. An unexpected number of elementary staff requested to take leaves of absence next year, keeping the district from eliminating any elementary positions, said Hall. In a leave of absence, a teacher takes a year off without pay and their job is held open for them. The position can be filled

with a lesser-paid permanent substitute. "We were able to hold onto the group of (elementary) teachers because of the leaves of absences," said Hall. In April, 95 pink slips went out to teachers with "pre-professional" status, or those hired within the last three years.

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GET OUT OF THE POOL!

You should be looking at houses! This is a GREAT time to buy. Prices have come down and interest rates are still VERY low. This is a wonderful time to buy and still be settled in by the time school starts. I am a Certified Buyer Representative and would be happy to guide you in your search.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: The Fourth of July Horrible Parade has a long tradition in Andover. 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 help represent contemporary local and political events or persons.



NOW: Sone Filipo and his son Leone, 3, speak with Richard Krafton, one of the new Andover firefighters during the Fourth of July festivities in the Park this Sunday.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



“Can you tell me why we go around saying “happy Fourth of July”? Doesn’t that belittle the significance of the day? We do not go around saying happy of January First, or February Fourteenth...”
- Letter writer Steve Leet, writing about the importance of the recently celebrated holiday. See Opinion, page 7.

“Busy, busy, busy. Attendance has skyrocketed.”
- Recreation Director Kim Stamas on the town swimming hole, Pumps Pond, during the ongoing heat spell. Because the pond does not open until noon, a line of cars awaits the person opening the gate. Story in Arts, page 4.



Affordable housing lottery for 3-bedroom

NAGLAG LLC is sponsoring an affordable housing lottery for one three-bedroom affordable town home at Wild Rose Estates at 274 Lowell St., Andover.

The unit is available for \$175,000, by lottery, to an eligible first-time homebuyer and includes 2 1/2 bathrooms and a detached one-car garage in approximately 1,550 square feet of living space.

The eligibility requirements for the unit are:

1. You must be a first time homebuyer, defined as not having owned a home for three

years, exceptions may apply.
2. Your household assets can not exceed \$75,000, full value or portion of retirement accounts do apply.

3. Your household income can not exceed the maximum allowable as follows:

Household Size	Max Income
1 person	\$45,000
2 people	\$51,550
3 people	\$58,000
4 people	\$64,400
5 people	\$69,600
6 people	\$74,750

A public information meeting, is scheduled for Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m. at the

Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. All questions will be answered about the lottery and application process. The lottery application deadline is Aug. 20, 2010 and the lottery will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010.

Applications are available for pick up at the Andover zoning office, Memorial Hall Library reference desk or people may apply online at mcohousing-services.com. Call MCO Housing Services at 978-456-8388 or email lotteryinfo@mcohousing-services.com for questions or additional information.

Town: Please limit daytime water use

The Town of Andover is requesting that residents and businesses voluntarily refrain from outdoor watering during daylight hours due to high usage in the ongoing heat wave. “We’re pumping around the clock and we’d like to get ahead of the game,” said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

He said voluntarily refraining from watering lawns during the day will allow the town to build up

Water Treatment Plant investigation continues

An investigation of employee misconduct at the Water Treatment Plant on Lowell Street continues, three weeks after Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski released a statement confirming police and the district attorney were looking into allegations of “improprieties” by one or more employees.

On Tuesday, July 6, Stapeczynski answered “no comment” when asked if any town employees had been put on paid or unpaid leave. Steve O’Connell, spokesperson for the district attorney, declined to comment and deferred all questions to Police Chief Brian Pattullo, who said only that the investigation

is ongoing. Selectmen, Stapeczynski, Pattullo and Tom Urbelisi, the town’s lawyer, met in a closed-door session on Monday, June 21, to discuss the allegations. The board has not had any more executive sessions on the topic since.

- Bethany Bray

Library, superintendent connected

The Town of Andover has received a \$5,000 grant that will be used to install communication systems in the Memorial Hall Library and the School Superintendent’s office. The communication systems will enable staff to summon assistance from other employees during busy and highly trafficked times.

The Loss Control Grant is from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association the municipality’s property and casualty insurance provider.

MIIA Loss Control Grants are available to its member municipalities who may apply for funds

upon recognizing a need in their community. Grants are awarded to fund equipment purchases and to implement training programs that address safety and loss prevention issues. These proactive efforts help avoid accidents and potentially costly claims to protect the municipality, its employees and its citizens.

Town Manager Reginald “Buzz” Stapeczynski said, “It will help provide an enhanced level of support for our busy staff.”

The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association is the nonprofit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Take precautions in extreme heat this summer

The Department of Public Health is issuing a heat advisory to remind people to take precautions during extreme heat. High temperatures and humidity were predicted on Tuesday to continue into the weekend, so it is especially important that all Massachusetts residents take the following precautions:

■ Stay out of the direct sun. Seek shaded or air conditioned areas such as libraries or malls.

■ Whenever possible,

schedule outdoor events (public gatherings, sporting events) early in the morning when it’s cooler and air quality is better. Drink plenty of fluids. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.

■ Wear light-colored, lightweight clothing. Use hats with brims and sunscreen for more protection.

■ Apply sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and both UVA and UVB protection before you go outside, even on cloudy days.

■ Reapply sunscreen after swimming or sweating or after

staying outside for more than two hours.

■ Elderly, small children and people with chronic health conditions are more vulnerable to the heat. Call and check on friends, family and neighbors.

■ Anyone showing signs of heat stroke (altered mental state, not sweating, nausea) should seek medical attention immediately. For more tips related to the extreme heat, visit the CDC Web site at emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/.

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Hark! New Works Festival deadline for plays approaches

Andover Playwrights have just a couple more weeks to submit a play for the Firehouse Center for the Arts 2011 New Works Festival. All plays must be received at the Firehouse office postmarked or time-stamped by July 18, 2010.

The festival will be Jan. 21-22 and Jan. 28-29, 2011.

Playwrights may submit up to two plays in any combination of full-length, one-act (30-60 minutes) and 10-minute plays; only 10-minute pieces will be accepted in electronic format (or via the US Postal Service). Full-length plays and one-act plays will only be accepted via USPS or hand-delivery. For all the submission guidelines, the application form and address information, participants may consult the Firehouse website at firehouse.org

The Festival will comprise those plays that have been read and selected anonymously by a panel of independent judges. For this year, the panel will be:

Jack Welch, one of the founders of the Boston Theater Association, American Premiere Stage and StageSource and former Managing Director and Chief Editor of Baker's Plays in Boston.

Jack Neary, a member of the Dramatists Guild, Actors' Equity and the Screen Actors Guild. His plays have been produced all over the United States and in Canada, and his most recent plays are 'The Porch and Kong's Night Out', both presented at the Lyric Stage in Boston.

Alan Huisman, a developmental editor for Heinemann Publishing who holds a master's degree in theater with postgraduate work in creative writing.

David Frank, who teaches English and runs the theater program for the Roxbury Latin School in Boston.

Kate Braun, who holds an MFA in theater is in now on the faculty at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, where she teaches acting, improvisation and voice and movement for the stage.

ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



EVENTS CALENDAR

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popcorn, candy and soda to purchase, all under a \$; 978-623-8321.

MEET MISS TEEN MASSACHUSETTS, Kendall Wipff of Andover visits Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, 2:30 p.m.; RSVP to 978-475-4225.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

LAWRENCE FARMERS MARKET OPENS, operating three days a week at locations throughout the city, Tuesdays at McGovern Train Station, 211 Merrimack St., 4 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at Appleton Way, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays at 216 Lawrence St. (parking lot at the corner of Lawrence & Park streets across from GLFHC), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

TOTS-N-TYKES, Tuesday summer series through Sept. 15, led by teachers from Little Sprouts & Imagine That, 10 a.m. to noon, \$5 per child, Winnekini Castle, Kenozo Avenue, Haverhill; pre-register, imagine-that.com/WinnekeniCastle.

GALLERY RECEPTION, Endicott College, 5 to 7 p.m., free, for show of 28 reduction woodcuts of Gloucester and Essex by Don Gorvett, gallery talk at 6 p.m., live music follows with Daisy Nell and Captain Stan and their band "Crabgrass," Heftler Visiting Artist Gallery at the Center for the Arts, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

FREE CLASSICAL MOVIE, "Young Mr. Lincoln," commentary at 6:30 p.m., film at 7 p.m., the Rogers Center at Merrimack College; 978-837-5000.

MERRIMACK VALLEY TEA PARTY MEETING, 7 p.m., VFW Hall, 32 Park St., North Andover, speaker is Chip Faulkner, CLT Associate Director; Mike Mosca, 978-681-1890.

NAME THAT TUNE, with Mark Rasmussen, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, 2:30 p.m.; RSVP to 978-475-4225.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

FREE MOVIE, a one-hour documentary that explores the life of baseball's first Latino superstar Roberto Clemente, who was also a committed humanitarian, Showcase Cinema, Lawrence, 10 a.m., presented by Northern Essex Community College; Ernie Greenslade 978-556-3862, egreenslade@necc.mass.edu.

MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER, in the ballroom of The Tewksbury Country Club, 7 to 11 p.m., adults only, in memory of Raymond A. Lalumiere of Haverhill, who died of cancer last April. Money raised cover the costs of his funeral expenses; hgazette.com/obituaries for obituary, Lauren Boccelli of online radio show THE VOID is the contact.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

LIVE MUSIC, Earth Rhythms: Stories and Songs for the Whole Earth, with Parents' Choice Award-winning performers Davis Bates & Roger Tincknell, 11 a.m., Memorial Hall Library, free (tickets available in the Children's Room beginning July 9); 978-623-8401, x39.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

FREE CANOE PROGRAM, 11 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at Forest Headquarters parking lot, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover, sponsored by the Department

of Conservation and Recreation, with park interpreter, Bob Anderson. Basics of canoe handling and water safety discussed with a guided paddle around one of Harold Parker's ponds. Canoes provided, bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water, a camera and your own life vest if you have one, otherwise one will be provided. Limited to 16 adults over 18. Pre-registration required; (978)475-7972.

ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET, Andover Historical Society lawn, 97 Main St., Andover: 978-475-2236, andoverhistorical.org.

LIVE A CAPELLA, Boston's own Five o'Clock Shadow group, 8 p.m., \$18-20, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport; 978/462-7336, firehouse.org.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY BENEFIT, The Miracle Providers NorthEast hosts this fundraising cabaret, Western Ave. Studios, 122 Western Ave, Lowell, 8 p.m., proceeds go to kids impacted by HIV/AIDS, \$5 per person along with a new unwrapped toy or \$15 per person without a new toy; miracleprovidersne.org, 978-458-9838.

LIVE MUSIC, The Don Campbell Band, 7 p.m., Maudslay Arts Center, 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, rain or shine, \$10, \$8 seniors, 12 and under free; maudslayartscenter.org, (978) 499-0050.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

BENEFIT GOLF OUTING, for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer programs, 4 p.m., Rolling Green Golf Course, 311 Lowell St. (Rt. 133), Andover, \$50 for golf and a cookout after; Carrie, carrietorris@gmail.com or 415-420-1450.

FAMILY FUN DAY, Camp Hadar, 92 Hooker Farm Road, Salem, NH, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., swimming, kayaking, arts and crafts, sports, music and kosher lunch; reservations at 603-898-6883, info@camphadar.org.

Three farmers markets each week in Lawrence

Andover residents can visit the Andover Farmers Market each Saturday at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.

They can also visit another local farmers market at several locations in Lawrence each week.

The Lawrence Farmers Market will celebrate its 16th season this summer with two new days and two new locations around the city. This Tuesday, July 6, McGovern Train Station at 211 Merrimack

St. in Lawrence began hosting a Tuesday evening market from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Starting Saturday, July 10, a third market will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center's new parking lot at the corner of Park and Lawrence Streets.

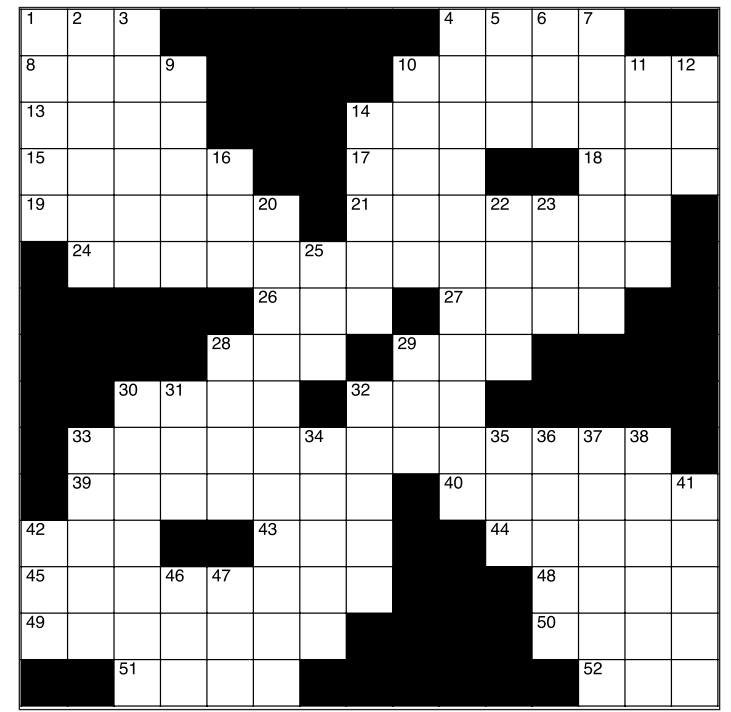
The Wednesday farmers market is continuing and will take place every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Appleton Way, between Essex and Common

streets and next to City Hall.

The Lawrence Farmers Markets feature fresh, locally grown produce, honey, baked goods and eggs, handmade jewelry and accessories, and healthy prepared foods from returning vendors Boston Hill Farm of North Andover, Brox Farm of Dracut,

Riverdale Farm of Groton, Clock Tower Café of Lawrence, and S&C Exchange of Lawrence. New to the market this season is Roma's Bakery, offering freshly baked breads, pies, cookies and rolls as well as Johnson's Highland View Farm of Windham, N.H. and Nagog Fruitters of Littleton.

Crossword puzzle



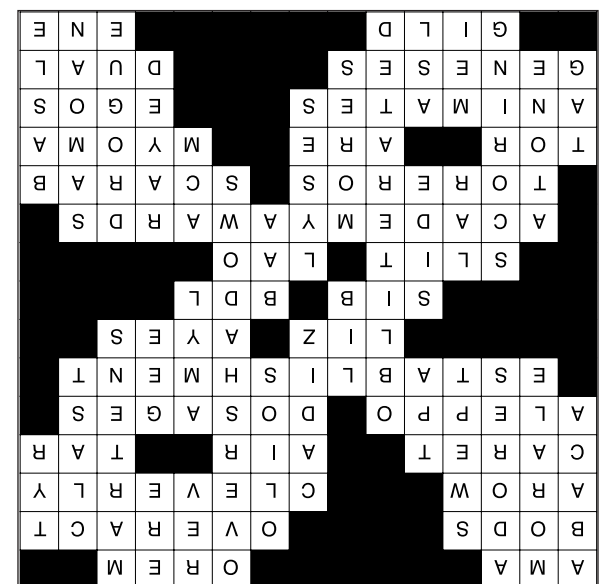
CLUES ACROSS

1. Doctors' group
4. WordPerfect's home
8. Physiques (slang)
10. Exaggerate
13. Lined up for review
14. Smartly
15. Insert mark
17. Space above the ground
18. Tobacco smoke residue
19. Largest Syrian city
21. Prescribed amounts
24. Any large organization
26. Actress ___ Taylor
27. Affirmative votes
28. A brother or sister
29. Package (abbr.)
30. A long narrow cut
32. Language of Laotians
33. The Oscars
39. Matadors
40. Sacred Egyptian beetle
42. Hill (Celtic)
43. Plural present of be
44. Benign muscle tumor
45. Impart motion to
48. Selfs
49. Many origins
50. Denoting two
51. Apply gold leaf
52. Midway between NE and E

CLUES DOWN

1. Manila hemp
2. Esprit de corps
3. Feels deep affection for
4. Dominates
5. Increase motor speed
6. Before
7. Fisher cats
9. Brushed
10. Miscellaneous collections
11. Constituent fragment of rock
12. Norse God of War
14. SW Spanish port city
16. Yearly tonnage, abbr.
20. Blotted out
22. From pentane (Chemistry)
23. Command right
25. Women's ___ movement (abbr.)
28. Surface of a solid figure
29. The cry made by sheep
30. A way of notching
31. Household god (Roman)
32. Hemodia ___: blood cleanings
33. Turn away from sin
34. Normal conventions
35. Academy of Country Music (abbr.)
36. Beamed out
37. Wind sock
38. Upolu island inhabitants
41. Swiss city on the Rhine
42. Price label
46. Japanese apricot
47. US language for the deaf

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MCGRATH: Ready to listen to community

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This spring, McGrath was a part of the search committee that hired a new principal for Doherty Middle School. Robin Wilson, who was ultimately hired, fits into McGrath's relational approach, said McGrath.

"She had a very strong team approach. I hope to have administrators work as a team, in context with the town (leadership). Robin seemed to bring the same kind of collaborative skills that have always been here (in Andover)," said McGrath.

McGrath was hired in March to replace Claudia Bach, who left the district April 29 after 12 years as superintendent. Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson filled in as interim superintendent for the two months until McGrath arrived.

McGrath comes just as the district finishes writing its strategic plan, a long-term road map that the town paid a consulting firm to orchestrate with Bach and Nicholson. Looking over the strategic plan is one of things at the top of McGrath's to-do list, she said.

"I want to continue the work of my predecessor, continue the

The Townsman sat down with Superintendent Marinel McGrath the afternoon of her first day, June 6.

What are you looking forward to as you start in Andover?
I'm looking forward to re-acclimating to Andover, and forming new relationships. I'm looking forward to the first day of school, and seeing all the teachers come back. When the schools open, they have that good hum they're supposed to have. I'm looking forward to establishing a pattern of going into each one and finding the culture of the school, and meeting staff. Each school has to have its own culture, but also a whole systemic approach. Each school can do its own variation on a theme.

successes and innovation Andover has always been known for," said McGrath.

McGrath signed a three-year contract with the district with a starting salary of \$195,000 per year.

After graduating from Indiana University with a majors in French and English and a minor in German, McGrath began her career as a middle and high school language teacher in Indiana. She moved to

Q&A

What are some of your short-term goals?
Rebuilding relationships. Also understanding the direction of the district's strategic plan, so I can begin to implement it. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the district, and assess the challenges to be worked on.

How will your leadership style be different from Claudia Bach?
We both share the same high expectations for ourselves and our students. She always had students first, and that's my same mission. We're here to do this for the students. She did incredible things for the district over her tenure here.

Massachusetts soon after and worked as teacher for the gifted and talented in Medfield, Hanover, Canton and Newburyport before moving into administrative roles. She has a masters in educational psychology from the University of Connecticut and a doctorate in education policy from Boston University, which she completed while working in Andover as assistant superintendent.

TOWN TALK



COURTESY PHOTO

Scary princesses: Alexis Horan, age 8, of Andover; Olivia Freund, 8, of North Andover; and Isabelle Gillis, 9, of Andover, take part in "Halloween day at camp" on June 30 for the 200 campers and staff at the YMCA Day Camp Otter in Salem, N.H.

Selectmen drafting manager's contract

The Board of Selectmen expected to meet in a closed-door executive session this week to discuss Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski's contract, said Selectman Brian Major.

Selectmen voted unanimously Feb. 8 to reappoint Stapeczynski to a fifth, five-year term. The board is in "negotiation mode," said Major, discussing terms with Stapeczynski. Once members come to an agreement, the board will vote to approve his contract in an open meeting, he said, but he did not expect that to happen until at least next week.

Stapeczynski's previous five-year contract expired June 4. He is paid a base salary of \$131,497. Stapeczynski, 62, has been Andover's town manager since 1990.

- Bethany Bray

of July pancake breakfast on July 4. Fireman Scott Gibson of Andover reported said the men in red will be back next year. Selectmen typically do the flipping, but just two, Ted Teichert and Alex Vispoli, did so this year.

Firefighters took on the approximately \$3,000 expense after the Department of Community Services said it needed help with the undertaking.

- Judy Wakefield

Town playground program for ages 3-6

The Department of Community Services is offering a new playground program for kids called Mini Stars.

The program is run by DCS veteran counselors Jen Hagoian and Maggie Hanlon. The program runs Monday through Friday in weekly sessions. There are openings during the weeks of July 12 and Aug. 2, for kids ages 3 and 4, held from 9 to 11 a.m. The week beginning July 19 is designed for kids ages 5 and 6, with the daily program running from 9 a.m. to noon.

The fee is \$100 for the ages 3 and 4 program and \$115 for ages 5 and 6 program.

Mini Stars introduces children to a variety of sports, games, and arts and crafts in a fun, no pressure setting, according to DCS. "The goal of the program is to boost self-confidence, offer a safe environment to learn basic sports skills, and to increase participation in age appropriate activities that develop physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle," according to a DCS release. Kids should bring a snack and drink, and must be toilet trained. Register online at andoverma.gov/dcs or call Andover Department of Community Services at 978-623-8274.

Teen band at Harborfest

One Step Away, a teen band that includes Andover residents Adam Carrington (lead vocals) and Mike Nuzzolo (bass/vocals), performed at City Hall Plaza on July 3 as part of the Boston Harborfest Fourth of July Festivities.

Firefighters flip

About 20 fire department workers, including Chief Mike Mansfield, flipped pancakes at the town's annual Fourth

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Townspeople

LIGHTING UP THE FOURTH OF JULY

Photos by Ann Hermes



Meg Gibson, 11, left, Julianne Teichert, 10, center, and Valerie Teichert, 8, right, prepare pancake batter for the outdoor pancake breakfast in the Park.

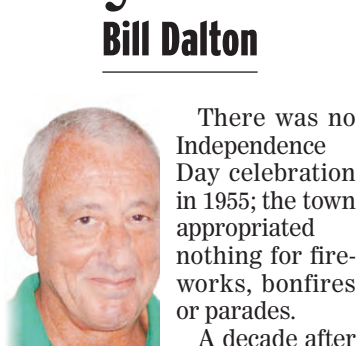


Nico Troxel, 3, left, of Andover, and Hudson McCaffery, 2, right, of Methuen, peer out an Andover firetruck during the Independence Day festivities during the morning of July 4.



ABOVE: Karen Stack, walks down Main Street with her son, Colby Stack, 8, in Flinstones costumes for The Horribles Parade.

AT RIGHT: Ryan VanBuren, 3, of Andover makes a toss for it by exploding cherry bombs and boxcars all over town. Kids could have dangerous fun, which sometimes was the best fun.



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Fireworks light up the sky as thousands watch the display in the fields at Andover High School Saturday night, July 3.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Before bra-burning, there was author Elizabeth Stuart Phelps



Andover Stories

Jennifer Tarbox
Andover Historical Society

Most girls living in the mid-19th century were raised to be homemakers. Duties included caring for their husbands and children, cleaning the house and preparing meals. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, daughter of distinguished Professor Austin Phelps, chairman of Rhetoric and Homiletics at the Andover Theological Seminary, led a much different lifestyle than most women during this time period.

Elizabeth was born Mary Gray Phelps on Aug. 31, 1844 and was the eldest child and only daughter in her family. Her mother passed away from birth complications when Mary was 8 and from then on she decided to take her mother's name, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. (Mrs. Phelps was an author in her own right, completing the Kitty Brown books under the pen name H. Trusta.) The Phelps family resided on 189 Main St. on Andover Hill.



Elizabeth Phelps

Phelps' father encouraged her studies, particularly her writing. Her first piece of work was published in "Youths' Companion" when she was just 13 years old. Growing up, Phelps attended Abbot Female Seminary and later Mrs. Edwards School in Andover, conducted by a faculty wife. Throughout her life, she authored 57 books, including fiction for children, poetry, and numerous essays on women's issues.

At the age of 19 Phelps left school and did reform work, which encompassed teaching the children from factory families employed by the Smith and Dove Manufacturing Co. She also worked with tenement dwellers, which helped inspire her lifelong commitment to improving conditions for the working class.

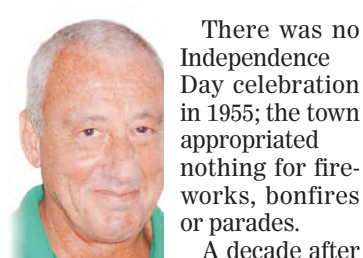
In 1869, when Phelps was 24, her first book was published, in which she offered a comforting view of the afterlife to women who had lost loved ones in the Civil War. This debut novel, The Gates Ajar, brought her literary fame overnight. In 1886, another book, The Madonna of the Tubs, was published, adding to her growing reputation. A later novella, Loveliness, espoused animal rights. In 1896 Phelps published her autobiography, Chapters from a Life, which had been serialized in McClure's Magazine.

Phelps was also known for challenging the notion that a woman's place was in the home, believing that women's intellectual potential disappeared in domestic pursuits. She had many radical ideas, such as believing it was a woman's right to keep her own name after marriage and believing that women could be

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ENGAGEMENTS



Sarah Wallace and Jesse Cooper

Norman and Janet Wallace of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Wallace, to Jesse Cooper, son of Glenn Cooper and Adele Cooper of Lowell.

from Lesley College and is a fourth grade teacher at Sanborn Elementary School in Andover. Jesse is a graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton, Class of 1989, and received his bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of New Hampshire in 1993. He is employed at LOGMEIN in Woburn. Sarah and Jesse are planning a December 2010 wedding.



Shannon Sciolla and Sean Malone

Joseph Sciolla of Medfield and Patricia Sciolla of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Sciolla, to Sean Malone, of Hazlet, N.J., son of Dennis Malone of Coconut Creek, Fla. and Amelia Malone of Manchester, N.J. Shannon is a graduate of Andover High School and

Arizona State University. She is currently a television production coordinator. Sean is a graduate of Raritan High School and the College of New Jersey. He is a medical device sales consultant. The couple plan to be married in late April 2011 on Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

BY SENIOR CENTER STAFF

The Andover Senior Center offers a variety of activities. Call 978-623-8321 for information, or drop by for a tour at 30 Whittier St., between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The center is in the bottom floor of the school administration building, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlett St.

Tai chi: Thursdays, July 8 to July 29; \$16. Intermediate class.

MASS SAVE Energy Forum: On Friday, July 9 at 9 a.m., get information on energy assessments, cutting energy cost and saving money - be pro-active before the next heating season. Free. Pre-registration requested, light refreshments served.

Movie matinee: Every Monday for the rest of July, bring the grandkids to enjoy an animated series on our large screen TV at 1 p.m. Movies include Up, Fantastic Mr. Fox and Princess and the Frog.

Free of charge, purchase candy and soda for no more than \$1 each.

Fun and Games: Every Tuesday in the Four Seasons Room, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Play Wii, ping pong, Scrabble, checkers, etc. for free.

Grill Nights begin: Join us for "Andover's Best Kept Secret," an outdoor grill party on July 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. Entrees are from \$4 with all the sides. There will be free entertainment from the Gentlemen Songsters on July 7. Reservations are a must.

Trips: July 15: New Bedford Whaling Historic Park, and July 28: Casco Bay Diamond Pass Cruise. Call for times and cost.

John Adams: July 8 at 1:30 p.m., \$5 Lecture and discussion based on David McCullough's biography. Read first if possible, or come to listen and learn from Don Robb, local historian and scholar. On July 22 at 8 a.m., for \$20, residents can take a trip to Adams National

Historical Park to learn more about the nation's second president. Pre-registration a must.

Your Digital Camera and You: Monday July 12 at 1:30 p.m.; \$10. Learn about all the ins and outs of your digital camera from maximizing your exposure successes to editing on the computer. ack Holmes, professional photographer. All are welcome, pre-registration necessary. Under 60 and non-residents may register one week before class begins.

Four Seasons of Photography: July 19 and 26 at 1:30 p.m., \$20. Begin a photograph journey that will span an entire year. Photograph in nature and then focus on editing and processing. Art exhibit at end of series.

June Fitzgerald: Andover Senior Center's own author. July 20 at noon. \$2. Bring your lunch and we provide dessert and drinks. June, who works weekly in our cafeteria, gives us all hope to pursue our

dreams as she was published for the first time this year at age 89. June's book "Rupert the Sturdy Oak Tree" has been released in the US and Europe and her second book is in the pipeline

Men's Outdoor Adventures: Wednesday, July 21: 9:30 a.m. Shawsheen River Reservation-Hike along the Shawsheen River between the Abbot Bridge and the Ballardvale Dam. The hike is easy, approx. three miles. Pre-registration and medical release is required at 978-623-8321. Meet at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. Bring water; bug spray, sun screen, snacks and lunch.

BoomerVenture: Energize with Exercise begins July 12 and Boomer Zumba begins July 8. Space is available in both classes. Space still available for BoomerVenture and ASC aerobics, bridge, strength training, yoga, tap dancing, wood carving and art instruction.

TOWNSPEOPLE

41 Andoverites to ride in Pan-Mass Challenge

On Aug. 7 and 8, 41 residents from Andover will ride in the 31st annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, the nation's pioneer charity bike-a-thon that raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country. They will be among the 5,000 cyclists from 36 states and eight countries who will ride with the collective goal of raising \$31 million to support lifesaving adult and pediatric cancer care and research through Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Jimmy Fund.

Andover residents include: Jennifer Boykin, Gerry Callahan, James Crocket, Joseph Diglammo, John Drake, Dan Farrell, Brian Galluzzo, Bill Hamilton, Robert Hanscom, Joe Hartnett, Susan Holzman, Brian Hussey, Marisa Kafantis, Susan Kagdis, Ben Kellman, Kevin Lane, Brian Logee, Kymberly Love, Ted McEnroe, Kevin McGovern, Michael McGovern, David Morgenstern, Betsy Murphy, Keith Neal, Richard Nohelty, Norman Papazian, Jerry Pendleton, Sarah Pendleton, Gerry Pouliot, Richard Remes, Scott Richardson, Mary Ridge, Scott Rizza, Martha Russell, Nancy Scott Lyon, Adam Simms, Howard Spector, Evan Teplow, Jeffrey Wakelin, Christopher Zigmont, Katherine Zigmont.

While known for its signature two-day, 190-mile route, the PMC is made up of 10 different cycling routes through 46 Massachusetts communities. The various PMC routes, with varying fundraising requirements, mean anyone with a bike and determination can participate.

PMC riders range in age from 13 to 86 years and are from all walks of life, from police officers to stay-at-home mothers to corporate CEOs. The PMC is for seasoned athletes and cycling newcomers who are unified by the single goal of raising money to fight cancer. The PMC is all about heart and soul. Doctors ride along side their patients; grandparents bike with their grandchildren; and nearly everyone rides on behalf of loved ones lost to, or battling, cancer. More than 300 riders are cancer survivors or current patients.

During PMC weekend, individual cyclists become part of one family. Thousands of supporters who cheer along the route is one reason cyclists come to Massachusetts each August to ride in the PMC. The bike-a-thon is fully supported with 3,000 volunteers who help at the water stops by serving food and water, assist with mechanical and medical issues, and luggage transportation. Lodging is also provided.

No other single athletic event raises or contributes more money to charity than the PMC. Since 1980, the PMC has raised \$270 million for cancer research and care at Dana-Farber through its Jimmy Fund. The PMC gives 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the Jimmy Fund, a rate of fundraising that is nearly unequaled within the \$3 billion athletic fundraising event industry. To become a virtual rider, or make a financial contribution to a rider from your town, visit www.pmc.org, or call 800-WE-CYCLE. Checks can be made payable to PMC, 77 Fourth Ave., Needham, MA 02494.

ANDOVER: Notable woman

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financially independent through equal rights, including equal pay. She was also involved in clothing reform for women, urging them in 1874 to burn their corsets.

When Phelps was 44 years old she shocked family and friends by marrying Herbert Dickinson Ward, her editor's son and a journalist who was 17 years younger. Phelps had known Ward since his childhood. The two were married by Elizabeth's brother, the Rev. Lawrence Phelps, at her Gloucester cottage. Unfortunately, their marriage was an unhappy one. Dickinson was a wanderer and more interested

in his mineral collection and going to yachting parties with his young friends than being around his famous wife.

In 1911 Phelps became gravely ill, and died on Jan. 28 of that year. She carefully planned her funeral in advance, which was held on Feb. 1, 1911 at First Baptist Church in Newton Center. Her brother Lawrence conducted the service and her ashes were buried at a Newton Cemetery.

Her last novel, Comrades, was published posthumously. "Andover Stories" is a weekly column about interesting local people and events, told in anticipation of the Andover Historical Society's 100 anniversary in 2011.

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Business

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Chamber events

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will introduce the **Next Generation Leaders Program** for young entrepreneurs ages 21 to 45 who want to get adventures involved within the community on Thursday, July 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Salvatore's Restaurant, Outdoors On The Deck, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. The networking event will offer workshops on business development, and leadership and volunteer opportunities to get involved in the community. The cost is \$10.

The Merrimack Valley Chamber also will present its **Women in Business Program** luncheon on Wednesday, July 14, from noon to 1:15 p.m. at 123 Old River Road, Andover. Guest speaker will be Susan Leger Ferraro, founder and president of Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Center. The cost is \$22 for members and \$27 for non-members. For more information about either event, call 978-686-0900.

Coldwell Banker office manager McCarthy retires, Grasso steps in

Cathy McCarthy, the Andover office manager for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage New England, is retiring after more than 32 years in the real estate industry, the company has announced. McCarthy began her real estate career in 1978 in Connecticut and has received numerous accolades since, including the Leading Edge Society Sales award, the Outstanding Manager award, and repeatedly won the Greater Hartford Connecticut Association of Realtors Top Producer award. Throughout her tenure with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, she was bestowed with the Coldwell Banker President's Council award every year since its inception, and achieved the Top Essex County Real Estate Office award.

She has served as the chairwoman of Professional Standards Committee in Connecticut and Massachusetts, the MLSPIN board of directors, and NEAR 2010 PSMJ A/E Financial Performance Benchmark Report served on the Northeast Association of REALTORS board of directors. "Cathy has had a tremendous influence on this organization and she will be greatly missed by her peers and the hundreds of sales professionals whom she mentored over the years," said Rick Loughlin, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage New England. "Our sales associates, managers and staff all wish her the best as she moves toward new goals and adventures."

Erminio Grasso, manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Haverhill, has been appointed manager of the Andover office. Grasso has held that position for six years. "I have enjoyed my experience as a sales manager," said McCarthy. "I will miss the sales associates very much, but I know that Erminio will continue in my footsteps by providing them with guidance and providing our customers and clients with the quality customer service that this office is renowned for."

Grasso began his real estate career in 2002 and quickly became an award-winning sales associate. He was appointed sales manager of the Haverhill office and has held that position for six years. "I have enjoyed my experience as a sales manager," said McCarthy. "I will miss the sales associates very much, but I know that Erminio will continue in my footsteps by providing them with guidance and providing our customers and clients with the quality customer service that this office is renowned for."

Grasso is a member of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS and the National Association of REALTORS and supports the Haverhill Salvation Army, Make a Wish Foundation, Ruth's House, and the Pine Street Inn.

Simms named partner

Adam Simms from Andover has been elevated to partner at the law firm of Pierce, Davis and Perritano LLP in Boston.

Wright-Pierce selected

Wright-Pierce is proud to be selected for the 2010 Circle of Excellence by PSMJ Resources, Inc., a management consulting firm for the A/E/C industries. Wright-Pierce has been recognized as a "Top Performing" firm by PSMJ for four of the past five years.

The PSMJ Circle of Excellence is determined by weighting each firm's ranking in the overall board of directors, and NEAR 2010 PSMJ A/E Financial Performance Benchmark Report with respect to 13 individual benchmarks. These benchmarks are indicative of performance in the various aspects of business operations, including cash flow, overhead control, business development, project performance, staff utilization, and overall profitability.

Heseltine retires after three decades

Andover's **Kathy Heseltine** had retired from the Professional Center for Child Development after 29 years.

Heseltine has been a classroom assistant in the Developmental Day School at the Osgood Road center. The PCCD's Developmental Day School serves children 3 through 7 years who have complex health-care needs or developmental delays.

"She has been a dedicated and loyal staff member at the Professional Center for Child Development bringing a positive attitude and a big smile with her every day. Over the years, Kathy has touched the lives of hundreds of children and families," Ellen McGrail Waddill, PCCD parent and community liaison, said in a release.



Andover resident **Kathy Heseltine** holds a signed tray given to her as part of her retirement send-off from the Professional Center for Child Development.

Courtesy photo

Andover mom creates online bakery

Items available at weekly Farmers Market

A new bakery has opened in town, but it's one people can visit just once a week.

Jennifer Warren of Andover has opened **Honey Flour Bakery**, featuring baked goods made with whole, organic and local ingredients. The bakery also sells some nut-free and gluten-free items. The bakery does not have a retail space. All sales will be through the Andover Farmers Market and Internet/phone orders only. Warren does the baking for Honey Flour Bakery out of her recently licensed kitchen located in her newly renovated "green" home.

Warren became committed

to finding healthy alternatives to the traditional baked dessert when she became a mother six years ago, she said in a release.

"I started paying more attention to ingredients and what we were eating when my son was born and was stunned at the amount of refined foods with little or no nutritional value. I began adapting and baking my own recipes using whole, organic and local ingredients to provide healthier treats for my family," Warren said.

Honey Flour Bakery makes items such as oat scones with orange glaze made with old-fashioned rolled oats and zucchini walnut bread made with whole wheat flour and locally-grown zucchini. Classics like chewy chocolate chip cookies are also featured.

Warren grew up outside Buffalo, N.Y. She attributes her interest in baking to the Italian women in her family and named her bakery after her grandmother, Honey.

"My grandmother taught me that baking is a way to connect with people. It also gives you the opportunity to be creative," Warren said.

Honey Flour's baked goods can be purchased at the Andover Farmers Market on select Saturdays from June 26 through Oct. 2 at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Customers may pre-order by phone at 617-875-2749 or through the Honey Flour Web site honeyflourbakery.com for pick-up at the market.

Cleaners signs one-year lease, looking at future move

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Best Cleaners and Tailors, located next to the former Market Basket and soon to open Stop & Shop, is not closing - yet. Rumors are rampant that the business is closing even as Stop and Shop prepares to move in next door and open this September.

Owner **Luke Han** said he just signed a one-year lease for his space and will stay put. But it's no secret that he is looking to move and set up his business elsewhere in Andover. He is tired of flooding problems, he said.

"In the four years I have been

here, I have been in two big floods," he said. "It's terrible."

The Shawsheen River runs directly beside his business which is located in a section of town that is prone to flooding. His business is the closest to the river in Shawsheen Plaza.

He has already looked at a vacant space on Main Street, across from CVS, which used to house a dry-cleaning business.

"But they are not ready to rent," Han said.

Han has opened another dry-cleaning business on Sutton Street in North Andover but he also wants to retain a spot in Andover, he said.



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The cleaners next to the Shawsheen River has seen several floods in the last 10 years, starting with the 2001 flood pictured above. The current owner says he is looking to move to another location in town.

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Education

Great fables help at forks in the road

Ken Seifert



I have always been interested in fables, sayings and quotations. Recalling my school days, they are usually intended to give a message and a guide on how to behave or not behave.

A fable is a story that contains an important message. Miss Turner, my fourth grade teacher introduced us to Aesop's fables. They were usually stories about animals and at the end was a sentence or two that contained a moral. I can still remember the tortoise and the hare. Moral: slowly and steadily wins the race. The ant and the grasshopper was another. Moral: Spend some time gathering food for the winter because the winter is coming. Aesop sometimes used animals because he understood we are also animals and could learn from other creatures. Our winter is coming!

A few years later we were introduced to wise sayings and quotations. They were ways to say something that was intended to stimulate our thinking. We were taught the difference between a saying and a quotation. A saying is a kind of folklore or thought that has been handed down from generation to generation. We didn't know who said it but it made you think. "Don't ask the doctor, ask the patient."

- Yiddish proverb
"When a man is angry, he cannot be in the right."
- Chinese proverb

A quotation is a statement that we believe or know was said by a specific person. Sometimes the intent is quite obvious.

"In language clarity is everything."
- Confucius
"Happiness is activity."
- Aristotle

As we progressed beyond sixth grade we were introduced to paradox. It was exactly the opposite of the accepted "normal way" of thinking. I think two of the greatest presenters were Mark Twain and Will Rogers.

"What a good thing Adam had - when he said a good thing he knew nobody had said it before."
- Mark Twain

"Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects."
- Will Rogers

Years later, we were given many things to consider from an unusual source. A ballplayer has said some things that seem nonsensical on the surface. Like Mark Twain, he came from Missouri. His name is Yogi Berra. Besides being a baseball Hall-of-Famer, he is probably best known for his quote "It ain't over till it's over." Did he mean a ball game, a book or did he mean it is never over until you give up?

The one I like the most is, "When you get to a fork in the road, take it!" According to Yogi, when he lived in Montclair, N.J. and you were headed to his house and came to a fork in the road he said, "take it." Each road led to his house. Now how could a capable and bright baseball player think we would believe that statement was to be taken literally? Many found his comment inspirational: when you find a challenge, overcome it.

I applied his thought in a very personal way. After my first year of teaching I had two positions where I was a finalist. One was in Europe and the other was an Indian school in Alaska. I told my Mom and Dad that I would accept the first offer that comes in the mail. It was a crossroad and a defining moment in my life. To not make a decision would be a mistake. Yogi was right. When you come to a fork in the road, take it. I think that interpretation is what he really meant.

His thought applies to each and every one of us. What were those forks in your life? What did you decide? I have raised those questions to hundreds of people. It generates some very good discussion and says much about the people sharing their answers. Fables, sayings and quotes - we are the only animal in the world who can experience such pleasures.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident of Andover and former superintendent of the Andover schools.

Eight locals graduate from Lawrence Academy

Eight Andover students graduated from Lawrence Academy in Groton during the school's 217th commencement exercises.

At the ceremony, **Jessica DeVito** was presented with the Ferguson Prize for Leadership. One of this year's student body tri-presidents, the Andover resident also served on the Faculty-Student Senate and as a peer counselor.

DeVito maintained high honors throughout her career. As a junior, she was named to the school's chapter of the Cum Laude Society and selected by the faculty to receive the Harry J. Davidson Prize for demonstrating the sincere effort to achieve to the best of her ability in all academic areas.

A varsity dancer, she appeared frequently on the school stage and traveled to Scotland in August 2009 to perform the LA troupe's original choreography titled Cavedwellers at Edinburgh's highly regarded international Fringe Festival. She played for the girls' tennis team, with three years at the varsity level.

During her Winterims, two-week experiential learning sessions that take place every March, she practiced photography; received intensive training toward becoming a certified wilderness first responder; and helped to rebuild a community school and work with its young students in the Dominican Republic. Most recently, she explored sustainability techniques and green technologies at an ecolodge in the French Alps.

The daughter of Annette and Anthony DeVito, she will attend the College of the Holy Cross in the fall.

Kate Gilmore also served as one of this year's student body tri-presidents. She earned academic honors and high honors throughout her career, while completing honors classes in biology, English, visual art, and Latin, as well as an Advanced Placement course in English. She performed on the school stage as a dance student and as an actor in the student-directed one-act plays *Sure Thing* and *Just Before the War with the Eskimos*, as well as a student-produced musical based on Chicago.

Recognized as a talented visual artist, she studied watercolor painting with a local artist during her first Winterim. This spring, she explored the coral reefs of Belize, learning to scuba dive and research the reef environment with local biologist-naturalists.

The daughter of JoAnne Nowak and Paul Gilmore, she will attend Skidmore College in the fall.

Frances Hamilton received the Benjamin Davis Williams Prize, awarded by the faculty to a senior whose leadership qualities, innovative ideas, and varied interests make the school a better place. She was also the recipient of the 2008 Greater Good Award "that recognizes Lawrence Academy citizens who use their education to make the world a better place." She appeared regularly on the academic honor roll, most often at the high honors level. In 2007, she received the Freshman Book Prize in English for Reading, and at the 2009 graduation ceremony, she was presented with the Carl A. P. Lawrence



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover students who graduated in Lawrence Academy's Class of 2010 are front row, from left: **Jess DeVito, Kate Gilmore, Caroline Leed and Eric McKnight;** and back row: **Jen O'Connor, Frances Hamilton, Marco Raffaelli and Dan Regner.**

Award, given to a junior whose achievements in all areas of school life demonstrate competence, loyalty and concern for others.

After serving in student government and the Honor Council, she continued in her senior year as a student government representative, was a Faculty-Student senate member and one of three students elected to the Judiciary Council, working with three faculty to advise the head of school regarding student discipline cases. She and two classmates established the successful Lawrence Academy Peer Tutoring and Writing Center. She ran an annual Toys for Tots drive on campus, started a chapter of A Precious Cause to support orphans in Botswana, joined an LA team for the 2009 and 2010 Walks for Hunger, and volunteered at other schools, earning a 2008-09 Lawrence Academy Service Award for her efforts.

For three years, she was the layout editor for the student newspaper, the Spectrum. She played tennis throughout her career and ran for the varsity cross-country team for three years, earning the Tom Warner Award for commitment. During her Winterim this spring, she worked alongside the Sisters of the Order of Mother Teresa, who care for a special group of needy children and the elderly in Peru.

The daughter of Margaret and John Hamilton, she will attend Elon University in the fall.

Caroline Leed appeared several times on the academic honor roll, including all three terms of her senior year. For two years, she was a member of the Faculty-Student Senate, and she served this year as a peer counselor. She regularly submitted a column titled "Groton Eats" to the student newspaper. For her senior English project, she worked with a classmate to create a 30-page LA People Magazine that included interviews and articles, as well as book reviews of *The Help* and *Lance*.

A varsity tennis player throughout her career, she earned her team's MVP honors as a junior and served this year as a captain. During the fall and winter seasons, she played soccer and

basketball. During her first Winterim, she helped to disassemble an ancient farmhouse in Soma, Japan, cleaning, packing and labeling it for eventual reconstruction in the United States. During another session, she performed community service in a Panamanian village located on the Isla Bastimentos, learning about the indigenous people, their culture and the local ecology. This spring, she explored the outer islands and reefs of the Bahamas.

The daughter of Elizabeth and Steven Leed, she will attend Rollins College in the fall.

Eric McKnight was presented with The Melvin W. Mann Award, given to the senior whose character and leadership ability have contributed most to fostering mutual respect between members of the school community. He appeared frequently on the academic honor rolls, completing his career with two terms of honors and a term of high honors. He served on the school's Honor Council, a group that advises the assistant head of school in matters regarding the code of conduct. In his senior year, he was elected as one of three students to serve with three faculty members on the Judiciary Council.

He was on the cross-country, wrestling and junior varsity lacrosse teams for three years, and was widely respected for his exemplary leadership as co-captain of the wrestling team. During his first Winterim, McKnight assisted in classrooms of underprivileged preschool children at the Lowell Head Start program. Most recently, he explored the outer islands and reefs of the Bahamas, kayaking, snorkeling, and practicing low-impact camping.

The son of Robert McKnight of Andover and Helen McKnight of North Andover, he will attend Dickinson College in the fall.

Jennifer O'Connor, who appeared often on the honor rolls, completed honors classes in French, biology, English, writing and statistics. She performed frequently on the school stage, both as a member of the LA Singers and as an actor, appearing in the cast of *Valparaiso*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*,

The Visit, and an original play based on *The Martian Chronicles* titled the *Mars* project. Most recently she played the role of Mme. Pernelle in *Tartuffe*. She reported on changes in the theater program for the student newspaper, and was published in the 2010 edition of the student literary magazine, *Consortium*. In addition to practicing yoga for several terms, she played soccer, basketball and lacrosse.

During her first Winterim, she studied and applied many aspects of theater production and performed as a member of LA's *Something for Nothing* Players, a traveling children's theatre troupe. This spring, she explored sustainability techniques and green technologies at an ecolodge in the French Alps.

The daughter of Cindy and John O'Connor, she will attend New York University in the fall.

Marco Raffaelli, who earned several terms of academic honors and was commended by the history faculty for his efforts during his sophomore year, did honors work in biology, chemistry, and English during his junior and seniors years, in addition to high-honors work in a memoir writing elective. For his final project in senior English, he and a classmate explored the duties of police officers and produced a video about basic police procedures, also interviewing faculty and students about their attitudes toward police.

After four years on the football team, Marco completed his career with a 27-7 record, highlighted by the team's 2009 undefeated season as Independent School League and NEPSAC Class B champions. The team played in the ISL championship game the previous year, too. During his Winterims, he observed the social behavior of wolf packs in Yellowstone National Park; received intensive training toward becoming a certified wilderness first responder; and camped along the rivers of southern Florida while studying with naturalists and marine biologists. This spring, he explored the coral reefs of Belize, learning to scuba dive and research.

The son of Marzena and Lamberto Raffaelli, he will attend Fairfield University in the fall.

Daniel Regner appeared several times on the academic honor roll, including his final spring term. For his final project in senior English, he completed a collection of poems reflecting on his high school experiences.

He also completed his four-year football career with a 27-7 record, highlighted by the team's 2009 undefeated season. He played baseball for three years and performed frequently as a member of the LA Singers.

During his first Winterim, he studied and applied many aspects of theater production and performed as a member of LA's *Something for Nothing* Players, the traveling children's theater troupe. In other sessions, he received intensive training toward becoming a certified wilderness first responder, learned the fundamental skills of a stockbroker by participating in a Wall Street simulation, and practiced yoga.

The son of Roberta and Thomas Regner, he will attend Boston University.

Free college fair will be held at Phillips on Friday

Phillips Academy Summer Session will host a college fair tomorrow, Friday, July 9, in the Case Memorial Cage located near the Borden Gym on the Phillips Academy campus, off Route 28. This event is free and will be open to the public from 3 to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Phillips Academy

Summer Session and the Math and Science for Minority Students Program, the fair will bring together representatives from more than 100 schools from across the country to meet with students and parents as they begin the college-search process.

"The fair provides an ideal opportunity for students and their families to familiarize themselves with a wide range of colleges and universities of various sizes, geographic locations and programmatic emphases," according to organizers. Representatives will have literature

to hand out and be available to answer questions.

For more information about the fair, contact Joy LeBlanc, college counseling coordinator of the Phillips Academy Summer Session, at 978-684-7367, ext. 2288, or at passcollegecounselor@gmail.com.

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Sports

THROUGH THE YEARS

5 YEARS AGO

After the event was postponed two days and moved from its original location, Andover's **Libby Fortier** took third in the pole vault with an 8-6 to clinch the Golden Warrior girls' victory at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 meet. Andover trailed Newton North 65-63 with everything but the vault completed.

A week later, the Golden Warriors claimed their first ever All-State title. **Meghan Keefe**, **Jenny Dlesk**, **Brittany Pierce** and **Caroline Pierce** won the 4x100 (48.68) and **Emily Kobra**, **Michelle Pirro**, **Courtney Hamer** and **Moriarty** won the 4x800 (9:35.04).

Paul Malaguti drove in two runs with a double and added another RBI single as Andover Legion bested Saugus 15-6. **Andrew Hennessey** added three RBIs, **Joel Keefe** was 3 for 4 with two runs and two RBIs and **Myke Fortier** struck out five in 4 1/3 innings.

Future Andover High standouts **Mike** and **Sean McQuillan** combined for a three-hit shutout as the Athletics advanced to the Andover Little League state championship series with a 4-0 win over the Yankees. Current volleyball standout **Colin Rivet** added two hits for the Yankees.

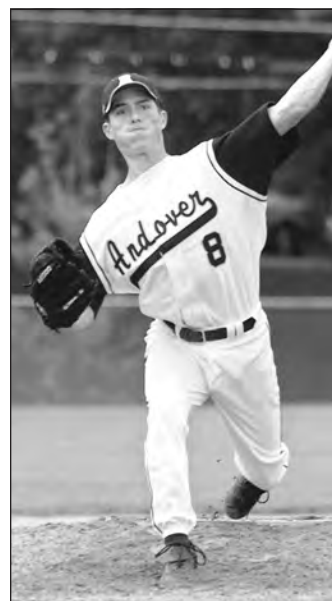
10 YEARS AGO

Future Andover High starting baseball player and football defensive back **Kevin Hitchko** bunted for a single, twin brother **Peter Hitchko** moved him to second with a sacrifice bunt and Kevin scored on a single by **Greg Carroll** in the sixth to clinch the Andover Little League championship series with a 5-4 win over the Red Sox.

Jeff Volinski hit his second home run of the season and struck out all three batters he faced in the seventh to help Andover Legion to an 11-8 win over Swampscott. **Josh Topp** added two hits, **Sean Lawton** drove in three runs and **Dave Powers** scored three times for Post 8.

Volinski added three more RBIs in a 7-1 win over Methuen, allowing just three hits in five innings to earn the win on the mound.

Future pro golf standout **Rob Oppenheim** took second at the 75th Lowell City tournament, despite battling heavy rain, with a 220. The



Staff file photo

It was 10 years ago that **Jeff Volinski** dominated Swampscott and Methuen at the plate and on the mound in Legion baseball.

then-Rollins College junior shot the same 220 at the Mass. Open, entering the final day in 18th place before finishing in 40th.

20 YEARS AGO

Andover's **Rob Carpentier** was selected in the 26th round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the New York Mets. A baseball and skiing standout at Andover High, he prepped for a year at Vermont Academy. He then spent three years at the University of New Hampshire, going 6-4 with a 3.50 ERA as a junior, the year he was drafted.

Chris Eggert threw five no-hit innings to lead Andover Legion to a 5-2 win over Haverhill. He added an RBI double, while **Dave Blanks** and **Joe Iarrobino Jr.** each drove in a run for the winners.

Columbia University's **Jeff Chiang** was named Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association Player of the Year. Chiang was an All-American singles player and he region's Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship Award winner.

Andover's **John Thompson** scored a touchdown at the Shriners High School Football Classic. The team was coached by the Golden Warriors' **Dick Collins**.

THE NEXT STEP

Former Andover star Smith accepts college football coaching position

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Just days into his first National Football League tryout, Andover's **Brendan Smith** knew it was over. "I had gotten myself into shape," he said. "But the pain I was having on a daily basis, in the daily activities, it was clear that I wasn't in the condition to perform the way I needed to. I had to make the decision."

Following a stellar but injury-marred career at Northwestern, Smith earned a tryout with the NFL's Washington Redskins. But when his physical problems continued to plague him, Smith made a crucial career determination.

The former Andover High quarterback made the decision to retire from his playing career, but remain in the sport that he loves as a college football coach.

"I have no regrets," said Smith. "Injuries are part of the game, and I gave it my all. I am thrilled about my new opportunity as a coach. I always knew it's what I wanted to do when my career was over."

Smith was a rare freshman starter at Andover High, spending two years as the Golden Warriors' quarterback (2000-01). He then transferred to New Hampton for three seasons — two of which ended with Super Bowl victories.

But his greatest accomplishments were yet to come, as he earned a full scholarship to Division 1 Northwestern.

Smith made his impact right away. As a true (non-redshirt) freshman, Smith earned the starting job at safety and made 16 tackles and picking off two passes in nine games. He made a major jump as a sophomore, finishing second on Northwestern in tackles with 68 (48 solo) and making a team-high three interceptions.

But in his junior season, injuries began to strike. During pre-season workouts, he suffered a torn labrum and dislocated shoulder. He attempted to play for three games, but the pain persisted



COURTESY FILE PHOTO

Andover's **Brendan Smith**, center, returns an interception for a touchdown in Northwestern's upset of Minnesota in 2008. Due to numerous injuries during his playing career, Smith recently retired from playing to coach football at Oklahoma State.

and he underwent season-ending surgery, sitting out the Wildcats' final eight games and earning a medical redshirt.

He returned full-speed for the 2008 season, starting 13 games at safety, finishing third on the team with 82 tackles and picking off two passes.

But Smith's senior season was again interrupted by pain. He suffered a broken thumb that required a screw to be inserted, and he played in just eight games, making 40 tackles.

"I was playing in a lot of pain," he said. "Right after my senior season I underwent surgeries for bone spurs and torn labrums in both my hips. I had played with it for a while, but having that surgery gave me a chance to play."

With the NFL Draft lingering in April, however, Smith had to push

to prepare.

"That surgery usually requires a six-month rehab," Smith said. "I had to do it in three months if I was going to have an opportunity."

After going undrafted, Smith received his chance with the Redskins. But it soon became clear that his playing career was at an end.

"It was very frustrating," he said. "I had success. The number of surgeries just kept adding up, and it didn't make a career in the NFL possible. I knew it was going to be tough, and I trained very hard. I was in shape. But once I got to camp I could see my body had had enough."

"I don't regret a thing. I am thankful I had the chance to be a four-year starter and two-year captain at Northwestern. I played in three Bowl games. There were

a lot of positives."

But Smith would not be out of the sport for very long.

"I began looking for a coaching job and had spoken to Florida State," Smith said. "Then my coach at Northwestern (Pat Fitzgerald) said to expect a call from Oklahoma State. They called me and said that coach Fitzgerald gave me such a good recommendation that the had to offer me a job. I couldn't turn it down."

Smith accepted a position as a "quality control" coach, working with defensive backs and special teams for the Cowboys under associate head coach **Joe DeForest**. Smith planned to head up to Oklahoma for the first time this week, as practice

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Astros claim Minor League championship in win over White Sox

The Astros defeated the White Sox, 8-5, to win the one-game, winner-take-all AAA Minor League Town Championship.

All 16 AAA Minor League teams in Andover - eight American League teams and

eight National League teams accounting for about 200 10- and 11-year-olds - were eligible for the playoffs. Both the White Sox and the Astros had to win three playoff games in a row to win their respective AL and NL Championships.



The Minor League champion Astros are managed by Tom Powers with Assistant Coaches Kenny Dillman and Evan Teplow. Players (listed alphabetically) are Malachi Bahouth, Alex Barenboim, Peter Berube, Joseph Crowley, Caeden Dillman, Matthew Donahue, Joshua Dunagan, Wesley Elmer, Zachary Fitzgerald, Ryan Neal, Roberto Powers, Jeff Resnik and Dan Teplow.



The American League Champion White Sox include Manager Steve Zaimes, Assistant Coaches George Xifaras and Sean Riley and players (listed alphabetically) Dan Bailey, Jonathan Bailey, Toby Barrett, Jack Gerard, Nicholas Makiej, Luke McQuade, Ryan Mulligan, Jack Rickards, William Riley, Parth Valecha, Samuel Xifaras and Christian Zaimes.

SMITH: Still part of the game despite injuries

Continued from Page 14 starts on July 8. "I feel blessed for this opportunity," said Smith. "To be working for a team this good right away is remarkable. I knew that I wanted to stay in football and always wanted to be a coach at the college level. It gives me the chance to be in the game without taking the

pounding." Ironically, Smith believes the very thing that ended his playing career gives him an advantage in his new profession. "When I was injured I'd be on the sidelines with a headset communicating with the coaches in the booth," he said. "In games and practices I spent my time working with the younger kids, giving them

tips I picked up over the years. When you are playing hurt, which I often was, you can't rely on your physical abilities. You rely on the mental side of the game, which I need for coaching." Join the discussion. To comment on stories and see what others are saying, log on to andovertownsman.com.

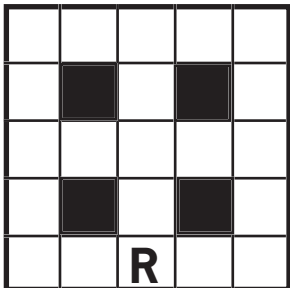
Pelicans, oil and water do not mix!

In a matter of seconds, a beautiful part of our world changed. It will not be the same for years to come. On April 20, an explosion rocked the Deepwater Horizon oil platform. It is releasing millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. The oil is moving through the water to the Gulf coast. We are told that oil and water do not mix. The truth of that statement is shown every day on the news. The oil puts many birds, fish, turtles and other beautiful creatures in danger.



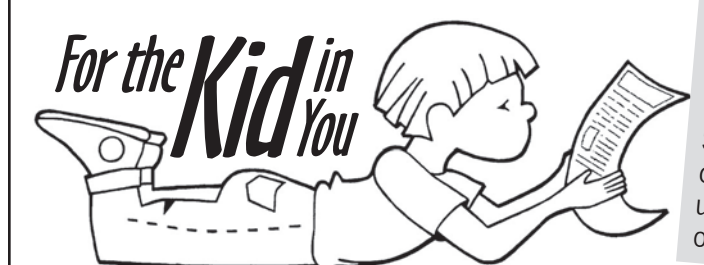
The Kid looks this week at the plight of Louisiana's state bird, the brown pelican. The Kid will examine other wild animals in coming weeks. The brown pelican was on the Endangered Species List until last November. That conservation victory may be short-lived. The Gulf oil disaster may endanger the bird once again. The oil slick has found its way to the eastern side of Barataria Bay. There, more than 1,500 pelicans are building their nests and raising their young. The parents sit on a tall nest of sticks and grass that holds their fist-size eggs. They fly between the bay and the island to bring food to their new chicks. Now, the parents may become soaked with oil. Some become unable to fly. Others return to their nest with oil-soaked feathers. That oil can transfer to the eggs. That could suffocate or poison

the embryos inside. Scientists are afraid to get too close to the nests. It might scare the parents and cause them to abandon their nest. Biologists are anchored at the islands watching the nests with binoculars. Once an oil-coated pelican has been safely caught, it is moved to a cleaning site. First, the bird is stabilized. The next step is to treat the pelican in warm vegetable oil. That helps break up the petroleum oil on the bird's feathers. Workers wash the bird three times in a bath of one percent blue Dawn dishwashing soap. They gently scrub the pelican, using a toothbrush on the bill and cotton swabs around its eyes. The bird is rinsed. These steps take an hour and about 300 gallons of water. Over 650 pelicans have been cleaned as the Kid wrote this article. Some of the clean pelicans have been moved to Texas and released in a safe location with no oil.



Cross Five
Place these six words in the crossword grid
Anger, Clean, Coast, Eagle, North, Teeth

Newspaper in Education activity
Ask an adult to help with this activity. Put some water in a container with a lid. Pour some oil into the water. Watch what takes place when you shake the container. Did the oil mix with the water? Search your newspaper for descriptive words that could be used to write about the oil spill or the pelicans.



The Royals won the town's 11- and 12-year-old Major League championship.

Royals crowned kings of Major League

Eleven and 12-year-old Andover ballplayers on the Major League Royals and the Reds competed in the Little League Town Championship with the Royals taking two consecutive games to win the best-of-three Major League playoff. The first game, Saturday night, June 26, was played on Deyermond Field under the lights. The Royals won a tough battle 3-2, according to parents. Dylan Zhang pitched for

the Royals and Josh Lang pitched for the Reds, with the game coming down to the last out. A two-run homer was hit by Brandon Marti of the Royals in the fifth inning. On Sunday morning, Brandon Marti and Tim Kalantzakos both pitched well, but the Royals again came out on top, winning 7-3. Brandon hit another two-run homer in the third inning to give the Royals a lead that the team did

not relinquish. Pictured above are the Royals, back row, from left: Assistant coach Chris Smith, Ethan Smith, Angelo Cerbone, Darin Hunt, Assistant Coach Mike Bravo, Brandon Marti, Dylan Zhang, Peter Jacques, Patrick Reilly, Head Coach Don Hunt; front row: Logan Bravo, Matt Szarek, Patrick Meagher, Nate Dykstra, and Miles Branscombe.

Youth lacrosse



Andover Youth Services lacrosse U11 Team 3 boys beat out Team 4 in sudden death overtime to capture the Patriot Cup. Pictured are, front row: Alex Trotter, Jack Starkweather, Connor Rinklin, John Kuta, Sam Huntress and Zach Grover; back row: Vincent Bono, Michael Hughes, Michael McCullom Jr., John Moreland and Sager Florio. Not pictured are A.J. Clark, Trent Tully and John Witt. Team coaches are Brad Rinklin and Michael McCullom Sr.

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