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Andover's Beasley leads undefeated women's football squad

World championship game Saturday

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

He found the job by accident. But now, Derrick Beasley and his team will compete for a world championship.

Longtime Andover resident Beasley is the head coach of the Boston Militia of the Independent Women's Football League, which will take on the

Sacramento Sirens in the Independent Women's Football League World Championship Game on Saturday. The squad also sports former Andover star Mike Muccio as an assistant.

"When I took over the team I asked

the owner to give me a three-year window to win a championship," said Beasley. "And this is the third year. We are thrilled. I knew what I wanted from the team, and we found the way to get there. We're not done yet.

"It's pretty amazing. We're working with girls that didn't know how to get into a three-point stance. Now we're going to play for a championship."

Beasley, who was drafted by the New England Patriots in the fourth round of the 1987 NFL draft, was hardly familiar with women's football in 2007 when he was contacted by the then-Mass

Mutiny of the National Women's Football Association.

"I do a lot of clinics and camps through the Patriots," said Beasley. "They asked if I would do a clinic for the female team. I said, 'Women's tackle football?' But I was curious. I thought I was going to be

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Fun on the field

The Andover Americans dropped the District 14 Little League championship to North Andover this week, but players and their fans enjoyed a good summer run on and off the field. See story, page 15.



Andover Little League supporters Caroline Graham, left, and her sister Heather hold their finished poster in the outfield grandstands during the Little League game between North Andover and Andover in Tewksbury.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos



Myles Bagley smiles as he looks back to first after tagging up on a play during a Little League baseball game against North Andover.



John Bessette, 5, eyes the ball to take in the throw for a pretend out after a Little League baseball game between Andover and North Andover in Tewksbury. While Bessette was wearing a North Andover jersey, he is in fact a supporter of his older brother Ryan Bessette and the Andover team.

Eye on business

Town seeks state program to give tax breaks for creating jobs

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

ECONOMIC ENGINE

Andover leaders hope to join a state program that gives tax breaks to businesses that create jobs.

In applying for economic target area designation, Andover becomes one of the last towns in the Merrimack Valley to join the program. In such target areas, tax credits of up to 10 percent may be awarded to companies based on the number of new jobs they create. Both local tax relief and investment tax credits from the state may be offered.

"There are a number of tools in the economic tool box, and this is one that has a real economic impact. (Businesses) can take advantage of tax increment financing and related tax advantages and programs to underwrite their development activities and plans," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "I didn't realize we were the only community in the Merrimack Valley that had not become an ETA. When I found that out, I felt it was an important element

of our business growth and retention plan."

Thousands of Merrimack Valley residents work in Andover. If Andover is designated as an economic target area, supporters believe more jobs would be created in Andover. Here's how many people in each local community work in Andover:

- Lawrence: 2,401
- Haverhill: 2,217
- Methuen: 2,176
- North Andover: 1,337

Source: 2000 U.S. Census and Dennis DiZoglio, executive director of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

Selectmen gave Stapczynski and Paul Materazzo, director of community development and planning, approval to apply for economic target area status on July 12. The entire town of Andover would be an economic target area by the fall if the application is approved by the state's Economic Assistance Coordinating Council.

"It could be used as an

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Popular counterterrorism expert-turned-priest reassigned

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

St. Augustine Church and the chapel at Villanova University will soon swap priests.

The Rev. Joe Narog, a former counterterrorism expert who cut his teeth as a priest in Andover's largest Catholic parish, is leaving to become pastor of a parish in Rosemount, Pa. that includes the chapel on the campus of Villanova University. Both churches are part of the Augustinian order.

"Ironic," the man known as "Fr. Joe" said of the new assignments.

"I graduated from St. Joseph College, the arch rival of Villanova, and my best friend from college is director of admissions at Villanova."

Narog will put any "go St. Joe's" cheering aside as he takes the lead role at St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The current pastor in Rosemount, the Rev. Richard O'Leary, will come to St. Augustine Church to replace Narog.

Narog said he is looking forward to his new assignment although saying goodbye to

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Alice McManara, of Andover, speaks with Father Joseph L. Narog during his farewell reception in the parish center of St. Augustine Church.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

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doing fundamental work."

But Beasley soon found himself taking on more responsibility.

"Another guy that I was coaching with stopped showing up," remembered Beasley. "So I said, 'OK, let's see where this goes.'"

In his first year as head coach, he led the Mutiny to an 8-2 record. Then, following that season, the team was bought by well-known car dealer Ernie Boch Jr., and merged with the Boston Militia. Boch asked Beasley to remain as head coach, a challenge Beasley accepted.

Beasley has no shortage of football experience. He was a star in high school in Detroit, then at Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina. He was then selected by the Patriots in the draft, before a knee injury ended his career.

A resident of Andover since 1990, he is a deputy sheriff in the Essex County Sheriff's department. He spent five years (2005-09) as an assistant football coach at Andover High under coaches Ken Maglio and John Rex, where his son Derrick was a standout. His daughter Elon was a member of the Golden Warriors' Division



Andover's Derrick Beasley, right, instructs a player during practice with the Boston Militia. Beasley is the head coach for the Militia, which will play in the Independent Women's Football League World Championship game on Saturday in Texas.

1 girls basketball state title team this year.

The elder Beasley said his approach to coaching women isn't much different than previous jobs.

"I'm pretty much the same guy," said Beasley. "I bring the same philosophy. But these are adult, professional women, not

high school kids. You don't have to get on them quite as much, and we have to remember to be patient, because these aren't people that have played the game for 10 or 15 years.

"But they really work hard, and don't have those bad habits. It is fun to see the light go off in their heads when they see

BOSTON MILITIA BULLETS

Sport: Women's contact football
League: Independent Women's Football
2010 record: 10-0, four shutouts
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Roster: 52 players
Next game: World Championship vs. Sacramento Sirens on Saturday, July 24 in Round Rock, Texas
Local connection: Head coach Derrick Beasley and assistant coach Mike Muccio, both of Andover

something works. They work really hard, and the play has been impressive."

Beasley has plenty of experience on his eight-member coaching staff. Along with Muccio, a co-captain for the Warriors in 2004 before playing starting fullback at Bentley, Beasley's brother-in-law and six-year NFL running back (1987-1992) Robert Perryman serves as the team's offensive coordinator.

"Robert really handles the offense and is the quarterbacks coach," said Beasley. "And the best move I've ever made was to talk Mike into coaching. He has

done a wonderful job." The Militia have had plenty of success under Beasley. After going 6-2 in 2008, the Militia surged to an 8-0 regular season in 2009, winning the North Atlantic Division title and falling just short to DC Divas in the playoffs.

"That was the worst loss of my football career," said Beasley. "We were ahead, and they ran a kickoff back 82 yards for a touchdown with 52 seconds left in the game. But that game provided that much more motivation to win a championship this season."

Motivated they have been this season. The Militia defeated DC twice during an 8-0 regular season, and again with a 28-0 shutout on July 10 to earn their berth in the World Championship game.

"It took a while for them to bond and earn their trust," said Beasley, who was selected to coach the Eastern Conference All-Star team for the second straight season. "They weren't sold right away. But they're used to me now. They learned from the heartbreaking loss, and they have learned to play as a team now. Saturday is going to be great."

BUSINESS: Town eyes job growth

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opportunity to encourage (existing) companies to expand, but it also could be used as a recruitment tool, and fill vacant spaces," said Joe Bevilacqua, president/CEO of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce. "It's a positive tool for the town's economic development strategy, and has been successful in other towns."

North Andover, Dracut, Haverhill, Methuen and Lawrence all have ETA designation.

The program favors manufacturing, high tech, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, research and development companies - businesses that create high-paying, long-term, skilled labor jobs, said David Tibbetts, president of the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council.

To qualify for tax breaks through the program, a company must sell at least 25 percent of its products or services out of state. Andover companies like Raytheon and Pfizer are prime examples, said Tibbetts.

"Any time a town can offer an incentive to stay in town and create revenue, we consider it a good thing," said Tibbetts.

"I look at it as a win-win," said Stapczynski. "It would be great to get new companies to move into

Andover, but when you can have the existing companies grow and expand here, that's even better."

ETA tax credits keeps jobs and businesses in state that might be lured to other areas of the U.S. that have lower taxes, overhead costs and less strict zoning and requirements, said Dennis DiZoglio, executive director of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission.

The Malden Mills company received tax credits through ETA for its expansion in Methuen and Lawrence, and Lawrence used ETA to bring about half of the businesses into an industrial park near the Greater Lawrence Technical School, said DiZoglio.

"Andover has a significant business presence. There are a number of businesses in Andover that employ a lot of people in the Valley. It's one of the few towns that bring more people into town (for work) than export. It's an economic engine for the region," said DiZoglio. "Stimulating companies to expand or locate in Andover will actually create jobs throughout the entire region."

"This recession has reached such a duration that every tool in the toolbox needs to be looked at," said Bob Lavoie, a lawyer at Devine Millimet in Andover and chairman of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission.

PRIEST: Fr. Joe says goodbye to Andover

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Andover is bittersweet. His formative years as a priest were served in Andover and he will never forget that.

"I celebrated lots of firsts here - my first wedding, first funeral, first Christmas Eve Mass..." he said.

Narog, 51, chose priesthood a bit later in life. He was a 40-something counterterrorism analyst who was training new analysts in Washington, D.C. when he said his call from God beckoned. He was ordained in 2005 and arrived in Andover in February 2006, where he said the parish has such "a positive energy" that it was wonderful to join.

Proud accomplishments of his at St. Augustine are getting involved with the church's vocation committee which caught the eye of Archbishop Sean O'Malley. The leader of the Boston Archdiocese came to St. Augustine last April and talked with people about his own calling.

"We had supper with him, then he talked with our parishoners," said Narog. "It is an experience I will never forget."

His regular meetings for those grieving is another well-received accomplishment. All are invited to attend and grieving for the



At right, Kathy Flanigan, originally from Andover, drove from her home in Derry to say goodbye to Father Joseph L. Narog during his farewell reception in the Parish Center of St. Augustine Church.

loss of a loved one is encouraged. Narog said the meetings helped him with his own grieving as both of his beloved parents are deceased. He wears his mother's wedding ring as a tribute to them.

He was also popular at St. Augustine School, where his riddles and jokes will be remembered. He usually shared a joke at Sunday's 9:30 a.m. children's Mass, although he said comedy is not his forte.

"I tried to have my jokes connect with the (gospel) topic so kids could follow," he said. "And, it worked. Jokes helped. They stayed with me."

Students at the school presented him with a book of homemade jokes as a goodbye gift. The cover of the two-volume joke book features two students, a boy and a girl each dressed in First Communion finery.

"I'll treasure it, always," he said of the gift.

"Leaving is very, very bitter-sweet and sad as I have met so many wonderful people," he said.

Masses celebrated at Phillips Academy are also memorable for him as are his numerous visits to nursing homes and private homes in Andover.

Fr. Joe's last day in Andover is Aug. 9, then he'll have some vacation time before taking over at St. Thomas at the end of August.

His new assignment, which he did not request, was not totally unexpected as priests are usually reassigned after serving for about five years at a parish.

His new assignment is also closer to his boyhood home. He grew up in Pottsville, Pa., and family members are thrilled that he will be closer to them.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Founded in 1896, the Andover Guild was a charitable organization that focused on children, providing activities and teaching skills such as saving money. The guild also founded the first kindergarten in Andover. The large building to the rear off this house at 10 Brook St. is not a garage or barn but a gymnasium, built in 1897. The guild's activities were taken over by the YMCA in 1968.



NOW: The building at 10 Brooks St. looks much the same today.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



My advice is don't put any limits on yourself, because you never know what can happen. Write a lot. Write all the time. Write what comes to you, write what comes from your heart.
— Amy Catherine Welsh, a 14-year-old Andover girl who has published a book called "Abigail" about a girl living in the Netherlands during World War II. Story in Arts, page 5.

I get love vibrations from the dead. That's what I call it.
Andover resident Kelle Sutliff, a self-described psychic who was in the running for a television show on Oprah Winfrey's new network. Story in Townspeople, page 9.



Grade 7 and up: \$300 bus fee due by July 30

Andover High and middle school students and their families have through July 30 to register and pay a \$300 fee to ride the bus to school and avoid a \$50 late fee. Fees will not increase from last year. Individual students pay \$300 if they pay before July 30 and there is a cap of \$600 per family. New students moving into the district will not be charged a late fee, regardless

of when they register to ride the bus. Elementary students are not charged to ride the school bus. Transportation forms have been mailed home to all bus-riding students entering seventh through 12 grade. All bus-pass forms are also available at aps1.net (click on "parents" and "transportation" and follow the links on the left-hand side). Reduced-cost and free bus transportation

is available to low-income families who apply. Waiver applications are available at aps1.net. Transportation Coordinator Mary Lu Walsh said her department hopes to receive all forms and payments by July 30. But students who are not new to the district and who sign up to ride the bus after July 30 will be charged an additional \$50.

Progressives, teachers, health-care groups endorse

Debbie Silberstein collected more endorsements this week adding MassAlliance and the Mass Teacher's Association to the groups supporting her campaign for the open state senate seat in the 2nd Essex and Middlesex district. Meanwhile, 1199SEIU, the largest union of healthcare workers in Massachusetts, has endorsed Patricia Commane for

state representative and Barry Finegold for state senate. MassAlliance is described as a grassroots umbrella organization, which includes 22 progressive advocacy organizations in the state, including SEIU, NARAL pro-choice Massachusetts, Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund and MassEquality. The MTA is a statewide federation of

teachers' unions. "As a first time candidate for state office I am proud and honored to have the MassAlliance endorsement" said Silberstein in a release. "This is a grassroots organization, with tremendous talent and energy. I am also very pleased to have the endorsement of the MTA and will work collaboratively with them as a state

senator to support education in the Commonwealth," said Silberstein. Silberstein a small business owner and former Finance Committee and School Committee member from Andover also has been endorsed by the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus and the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Organization for Women.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 22

Green Advisory Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m. (discussion of 1 Shaw Drive site visit to be continued at 36 Bartlet St.)

MONDAY, JULY 26

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., plant and facilities conference room, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Become an outdoors family at camping weekend

The state is offering an event designed for families who may have never camped but want to try it out, learn some outdoor skills and spend time together. Families of all kinds are welcome to this experience to be held on Saturday, Aug. 7 and Sunday, Aug. 8 at the Harold Parker State Forest in North Andover. Several skill sessions will be offered to participants, such as canoeing, fishing, hiking and archery. A night hike, campfire and other

optional activities will also be available for all to participate. This workshop is being coordinated by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's Becoming and Outdoorswoman Program and the Department of Conservation & Recreation. Space is limited so people are encouraged to register early. Registration materials are posted at: mass.gov/dfwe/dfw/education/bow/bow_calendar.htm.

Volunteers sought to help elders in Merrimack Valley

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley is looking for volunteers to be companions, shoppers, or medical advocates that will drive elders to medical appointments throughout the Merrimack Valley and, on occasion to Boston. Volunteers receive a two hour training, on-going support and mileage re-imbursment. The next training is Wednesday, July 28 at 9 a.m. offered at Elder Services, 360 Merrimack St., Building 5, Lawrence. Call Gerry Proulx of Elder Services at 978.946.1445 to register.

D.A. Blodgett to address Andover Rotary Club

Essex District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett will address the Andover Rotary Club on Friday, July 30, at 7:30 a.m., at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., during its weekly breakfast meeting. The district attorney will discuss recent crime trends in Essex County, and talk about some of the initiatives his office has undertaken to help keep children safe, including trainings on cyberbullying, and teenage suicide prevention. Blodgett will also take questions from Rotarians regarding the workings of the criminal justice system in Essex County.

Police search for Mitsubishi in hit-and-run crash

State police have provided an investigative update to the July 4 early morning hit-and-run crash that injured Trooper Sean McGarry on Route 128 southbound in Peabody. At the time of the crash, state police noted that the car that struck Trooper McGarry and fled onto Route 1 lost its passenger

side mirror in the crash. That piece was the part of the car that hit the trooper, and police recovered it. Based on forensic testing and research on the piece, they have determined that the car that hit Trooper McGarry was a Mitsubishi Gallant, built within the last few years. The believe the car is either white or gray.

Anyone who sees or knows of a late-model Mitsubishi Gallant, either white or gray, that is missing a passenger side mirror, or that recently had a passenger side mirror replaced or who has information about the crash, is urged to call the State Police Danvers Barracks at 978-538-6161.

Memory Walk in town seeks volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the 18th annual Alzheimer's Association Northeastern Massachusetts Memory Walk on Sunday, Sept. 19. The walk begins and ends at Brickstone Square in Andover.

Help now with the pre-walk preparations, help hang posters or distribute flyers. Money raised by Memory Walk helps to provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's and to fund

Alzheimer's research. Volunteer and make a difference. For more information about the Northeastern Massachusetts Memory Walk, visit memorywalkMA.org and click on "Volunteer Registration."

Cholesterol check July 28 for Andover residents

The Andover Board of Health is holding a cholesterol screening clinic on Wednesday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic

is for Andover residents only. The simple finger stick test costs \$5 and does not require fasting. For an appointment call the Health Department

at 978-623-8295. This program is made possible through a grant from the Andover Home for Aged People.

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MCAS: Local opinions vary on swapping state exam for national test

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the test is taken that, the kids are in a different grade with different teachers."

Gov. Deval Patrick's office, former Massachusetts education commissioners Robert Antonucci and David Driscoll have expressed support for the national standard. The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education was set to vote on adopting the national standards Wednesday, July 21, after Townsman deadline.

Chester, the commissioner of secondary and elementary education, sent a memo to the board July 16 stating "the advantages of adopting the Common Core Standards outweigh the disadvantages."

Comparison of the two tests found the national standards to be "more rigorous, coherent and focused" than Massachusetts standards, wrote Chester.

"Andover is a high-performing district, and MCAS reflects that. We don't want to see time spent on the test when we're doing far more advanced work in classrooms," said Tom Meyers, AHS social studies teacher and teachers union president. "MCAS sets a minimum standard for graduation. I don't think it's overly emphasized in Andover... Among my colleagues, I'm not hearing people denigrate the MCAS in any way. It's something we go through, but not a significant part of learning. It's one indicator."

Longtime school supporter Diane Costagliola, whose youngest son graduated from Andover High School in June, is wary of Common Core. The federal government "has a habit of dictating initiatives and then not following up with the appropriate funding to see it through," she said.

"While I do believe that there are some advantages to trying

to create a level playing field for all students, I believe it is up to the educators in each state to come up with the benchmarks for core curriculum after there has been careful analysis of student performance. I have a hard time believing that there could be essentially 'a one size fits all' standards directive that will work well for all areas of the country," said Costagliola.

Tucker, a former classroom teacher, set up a night for parents to come to AHS and take a practice MCAS test when it was first introduced 10 years ago.

"Whether you love or hate the MCAS, most agree that it has done more to raise our state's educational standards than any other form in recent history," said Tucker. "Just chasing federal dollars is not a good reason to go with these (national) standards. As a former teacher, I know the time and money that go into any

program is substantial."

Former School Committee member Debra Silberstein also expressed concern that a shift to national standards could create additional costs for school districts.

Silberstein said she could support the national standards only if they were created with input from professional educators, raised standards for all students and would not stifle creativity in the classroom.

Andover students consistently score above average on the MCAS, which is taken in third-, eighth- and tenth-grades. Students must pass the test in high school to receive a diploma.

Costagliola goes with the 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' philosophy.

"I can't speak for other towns, but here in Andover our students do exceptional on the MCAS and, in conjunction with many other

things, are fully prepared for life after high school. This is the true measure of success. By the end of their senior year, most of our students go on to competitive colleges and, for the most part, do very well," said Costagliola.

School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue said standardized testing falls outside of the realm of the School Committee, and would defer to Superintendent Marinel McGrath.

"It's not an area we really weigh in on. It's an academic area," said Forgue.

McGrath did not return a call seeking comment before Townsman deadline. Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson, who compiles Andover's MCAS scores each year, is on vacation through August and could not be reached.

School Committee members Annie Gilbert, Paula Colby-Clements and David Birnbach could also not be reached for comment

before deadline.

Supporters say Common Core aims to create a uniform set of expectations for students across the country, eliminating inequalities in public education state-to-state, region-to-region. The standards would also ensure a student moving across state lines would not be far behind or ahead of their new classmates.

Under Common Core, third-graders should understand subject-verb agreement, fifth-graders need to know about metaphors and similes and seventh-graders must understand how to calculate surface area, for instance. States that sign up are supposed to use the standards as a base on which to build their curricula and testing, but they can make their benchmarks tougher than Common Core.

Material from the Associated Press was used in this report.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

ARRESTS

Friday, July 16 - At 1:22 p.m., Jorge M. Alvarez, 26, of 107 Hazelton Ave., Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged with driving with an uninspected vehicle and suspended license, subsequent offense.

At 10:59 p.m., several Corbett Street callers reported yelling and a fight occurring on a neighborhood lawn. At 11:07 p.m., Britany L. Coffey, 18, of 282 River Road, was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace.

Saturday, July 17 - At 7:09 p.m., an officer responded to a drug incident on River Road. Kenneth Tozier, 202 Oakland Ave., Methuen, 23, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, no inspection sticker and possession of a class A substance, with intent to distribute; Fedlaire Aristide, 24, of 51 Osgood St., Methuen, was

arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance with intent to distribute; Jose M. Flores-Cruz, 23, of 21 Forest Acres Drive, Apt. B, Haverhill, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute and possession of a class B substance with intent to distribute.

At 8:40 p.m., Todd Wettergreen, 20, of Argyle Street, Andover, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Sunday, July 18 - At 11:27 a.m., Michael Rivera, 26, of 526 Abbot Farms Lane, Hudson, N.H., was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Monday, July 19 - At 7:06 a.m., Joseph Robenson, 30, of 317 South Broadway, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license.

At 11:49 a.m., Mary Jo Adams, 70, of 766 Washington St., Apt.

B, Haverhill, was arrested and charged on warrants for driving with a suspended license and unregistered vehicle.

THEFTS

Tuesday, July 13 - At 9:34 a.m., Anton's Cleaners, North Main Street, reported a possible theft.

At 1:15 p.m., someone reported the theft of a license plate from a vehicle on Skopelops Circle.

Saturday, July 17 - At 8:54 a.m., there was a report of the theft of jewelry from a room at the Residence Inn, Minuteman Road, yesterday.

At 2:59 p.m., a resident reported identity theft.

At 4:29 p.m., report of a shoplifter; Andover Gift Shop, Main Street.

BREAK

Tuesday, July 13 - At 7:10 p.m., there was a report of a break-in sometime the previous night on Haven Drive.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, July 13 - At 1:58 p.m. a caller reported vandalism to the caller's vehicle while parked at work on North Main Street.

Wednesday, July 14 - At 12:04 p.m., Officer David Cantone placed a boot on a vehicle parked on Main Street that showed \$510 owed in outstanding tickets. By 12:30 p.m., the owner had paid the tickets and the boot was removed.

At 7:42 p.m., report of a vehicle struck by paint balls, Blanchard Street.

Thursday, July 15 - At 7:59 a.m., a vehicle was towed from Haverhill Street and the driver was cited for driving without a license.

At 10:01 a.m., a subpoena was served on Essex Street.

At 1:36 p.m., a Stinson Road resident reported finding a hole made by a BB gun in a front window.

Friday, July 16 - At 10:18 a.m., Bay State Gas called for an odor of gas in the Carmel Road area.

At 1:10 p.m., Animal Control

Officer Wayne Nader responded to a Millstone Circle resident with a chipmunk in their bathroom.

At 11:17 p.m., a person came into the police station to report he was assaulted at the Lanam Club at 9:30 p.m. by someone known to him.

Saturday, July 17 - At 12:51 a.m., the La Quinta hotel, River Road, called for police assistance in breaking up a party of 12 to 15 people. Three officers responded, and cited one person for driving with a suspended license.

At 3:06 a.m., report of two porta-potties tipped over on Chandler Road.

At 12:14 p.m., a jogger reported being bit by a dog on Peach Tree Lane.

At 12:46 p.m., a Lowell Street resident asked police for help with a new gun he just purchased that keeps jamming. Officer Christopher Moore took the weapon apart and advised the resident to dispose of it.

Monday, July 19 - At 3:40 p.m.,

a juvenile summons was served.

At 8:05 p.m., a harassment order was served on Coventry Lane. At 8:17 p.m., a restraining order was served on South Main Street. At 10:27 p.m., a summons was served on Red Spring Road.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 14 - At 6:04 a.m., someone reported a two-car crash, with airbag deployment and a head injury, on Dascomb Road. Two cars were towed and an ambulance responded.


Friday, July 16 - At 2:51 p.m., someone reported a crash, involving a student bus and one vehicle hitting a pole on Lowell Street. Both vehicles were towed.

At 5:37 p.m., there was a report of a town water pipe damaged by a vehicle on High Plain Road.

At 6:56 p.m., there was a crash, with injuries, on Beacon Street. Two cars were towed.

Sunday, July 18 - At 3:08 p.m., someone reported a past hit-and-run at Coachman's Ridge.

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EVENTS CALENDAR THURSDAY, JULY 22

PASSION TALK, with William Bond, of Haverhill, about the journey of finding your passion, 2 p.m., Haverhill Campus in the Technology Center, Room 103, Northern Essex Community College, S2; Charlene Boucher, Life Long Learning coordinator, 978-556-3825, cboucher@necc.mass.edu.

DALLAS NIGHT, 15th annual Dallas Night celebration and family bar-b-que, 5:30 p.m. to dusk, Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover. Country music, pony rides for the kids. Come in western attire, \$12 per person, \$40 per family advance, \$5 more on night of the bar-b-que. Seating times are: 5:45 p.m.; 6:15 p.m.; 6:45 p.m.; 978-685-3541.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

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

LIVE QUINTET, Lance Bryant Quintet, 7 p.m., Maudsley Arts Center, 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, rain or shine, \$10, \$8 seniors, 12 and under free; maudslayartscenter.org, (978) 499-0050.

CAMPING ALONG THE SHAWSHEEN RIVER, fishing, canoeing and plenty of split seasoned red oak for the fire; Bob Decelle, rhdecelle@hotmail.com.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

BIKE-A-THON BENEFIT, "Cycle for Shelter" benefits Emmaus Inc. of Haverhill, cyclists can choose from 20-, 50-, 62-, or 100-mile scenic routes which start and finish at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, registration \$65 with minimum fundraising of \$150; Emmausinc.org, 978-241-3444.

TRAILS HIKE, AVIS Goldsmith Woodlands with Jane Cairns from the Andover Historical Society to showcase trail diversity and conservation properties; Bob Decelle, rhdecelle@hotmail.com.

MONDAY, JULY 26

FREE FILM, great for grandparents & kids, "The Princess and the Frog," 1 p.m., Andover Senior Center, popcorn, candy and soda to purchase, all under a \$; 978-623-8321.

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FROM THE HEART

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Fourteen-year-old Amy Catherine Welsh describes herself as someone who throws her whole self into things.

It was that drive, coupled with a passion for historical fiction and a lifelong love of writing, that fueled her through months of researching World War II history, developing characters and designing everything from the type to the cover photograph for her 180-page novel "Abigail."

Amy, who will start her freshman year at Andover High School in September, wrote every day for close to one year, sometimes for one hour, other times for 10, she said.

"It's really amazing, more like a dream, that I'm actually a published author. It's hard to believe," she said, breaking into a wide smile.

"Abigail," self-published through an independent online publishing company, follows the title character through the turmoil of World War II in the Netherlands. From the summer of 1939 to the close of the war, Abigail matures from a care-free 10-year-old, living on her family's idyllic tulip farm, to a self-sufficient woman who has experienced life-changing love and loss.

"She had to grow up very fast. Once the war hit, she had to really mature quickly," said Amy. "I really relate to her. She didn't hang onto the terrible things that happened to her. She can be happy even when things go wrong. Her personality is kind of like me, but she's different too."

Amy was inspired to write

"Abigail" after watching a good friend play the title role in a local stage production of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

"It really touched me," said Amy of the play. "I decided right there I wanted to do a story on World War II, and witnessing it all... I wanted it to be a serious book, with lessons learned."

Abigail's story sprung from Amy's imagination. Forming a chapter outline helped translate it to the page. Having a rough outline of what would happen in each chapter helped keep writer's block at bay, said Amy.

"I had a basis of what each chapter is about. I got really excited about (writing) each new chapter," said Amy, who wrote "Abigail" as a West Middle School seventh-grader. "When I really get into (writing), it all flows."

The 45 chapters in "Abigail" are quick-paced, sometimes a single page.

Once finished, Amy had her parents and extended family read "Abigail" and give feedback. Her grandfather "couldn't put it down," she said, giggling.

She also took her novel to a summer program at Phillips Academy, where instructor Jen Kane helped Amy with a some editing and historical background.

"It made me a better writer," said Amy.

Amy wrote the introduction, chose the font and took the photograph of tulips used on the back cover. She is pictured from behind on the cover, photographed by her mother, Sue, sitting at a window next to a wooden shoe.

"It describes her longing for her farm in Holland," said Amy

Teen's novel about girl in WWII a labor of love



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Amy Welsh spent a year writing a novel, titled "Abigail," about a young girl living in Europe during World War II. The self-published book has been released this month. Welsh will attend Andover High this fall.

of the image.

The hand-carved shoe, borrowed from a neighbor for the photo, is significant in Abigail's life and plays a part in the story. "Abigail" is available on

Amazon.com. Amy plans to donate copies to Andover school and public libraries and hopes to do a local book signing.

Writing is a natural outlet for Amy, and she been an avid

reader and written short stories from a young age. Before she could write herself, Amy dictated stories to her mother and drew the accompanying illustrations.

"All great writers start as great readers," she said. "I love how you can be very descriptive with words... You can be places you could never be."

Historical fiction and the likes of Jane Austen, Louisa May Alcott and "Gone with the Wind" are among her favorites.

Amy has started writing two new novels, both coming-of-age stories.

The first, set in the 1890s, follows a young girl who eventually travels to Paris and meets her idol, impressionist painter and fellow American Mary Cassatt. The second is a modern-day story of teenage life.

"It's a quirky, fun story. (The main character's) name is June, but she was born in May," said Amy. "She tries to be who she isn't, but then finds herself again... She realizes you have to be yourself to be happy."

Amy is the only child of Greg and Sue Welch. Besides reading and writing, she said she loves old movies, singing, dancing, acting, film-making, photography, poetry, drawing and hanging out with friends.

"I'm just a normal girl. You can do anything when you set your mind to it. That's what makes things happen in the world," said Amy. "I hope 'Abigail' will inspire other kids to write. My advice is don't put any limits on yourself, because you never know what can happen. Write a lot. Write all the time. Write what comes to you, write what comes from your heart."

Art, again



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Kids ages 6 to 9 made "Cool Recycled Crafts" in a library children's program by turning old CDs, T-shirts, newspapers, bottles and boxes into new creations. Rayyan Tauseef, 6 works on his recycled arts and crafts on Monday afternoon.



Kids, including Baani Sharma, 9, recycled items into new arts and crafts at the Memorial Hall Library on Monday afternoon. Here, Baani applies glue to her creation.

McAlister Drive to host release party at Hard Rock

The band, McAlister Drive, has been living off live shows and its online presence, but will release a new 4-track EP next month. The release launch party happens Saturday, Aug. 7 at 9 p.m. at Hard Rock Cafe, 22-24 Clinton St., Boston.

The "Missing Figures" EP will have these songs: Best Dressed, Hands in your Pockets, Missing Figures and Missing Figures (Late Night Mix), which are meant to make "a comprehensive statement about navigating the nasty ins and outs of relationships."

Founded by Andover native and singer songwriter Christoph Krey, McAlister Drive has been travelling and playing for several years. This is its first EP. Tickets to the event are \$12 at the door and \$10 in advance by visiting ticketweb.com.



From left, Adam Richter, Andover native Christoph Krey (lead vocals, guitar and piano), Scott Wilson, and Eric Thachuk, of the band McAlister Drive, filmed a video for the song "Drowning" at Andover's Collins Center for the Performing Arts last year. The group now has its first album.

'Legacy' summer has begun at AYS

By PETE ZETLAN
ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES

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friends? If you answered yes to any of these questions then check out andoverouthservices.com for information about AYS summer excursions. You will find a list of available trips, such as hiking Mt. Lafayette, cheering on the Red Sox, BMX biking, kayaking on Walden Pond, kick-flipping skateboards or rollerblading at skateparks,

hanging at Hampton Beach and exploring Martha's Vineyard. To begin your own Legacy, head to the AYS office at 37 Pearson St. Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for walk-in registration. Stop in and see Pete Zetlan. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andover Youth Services at 978-623-8241 or e-mail AYS at ays@andoverma.gov.

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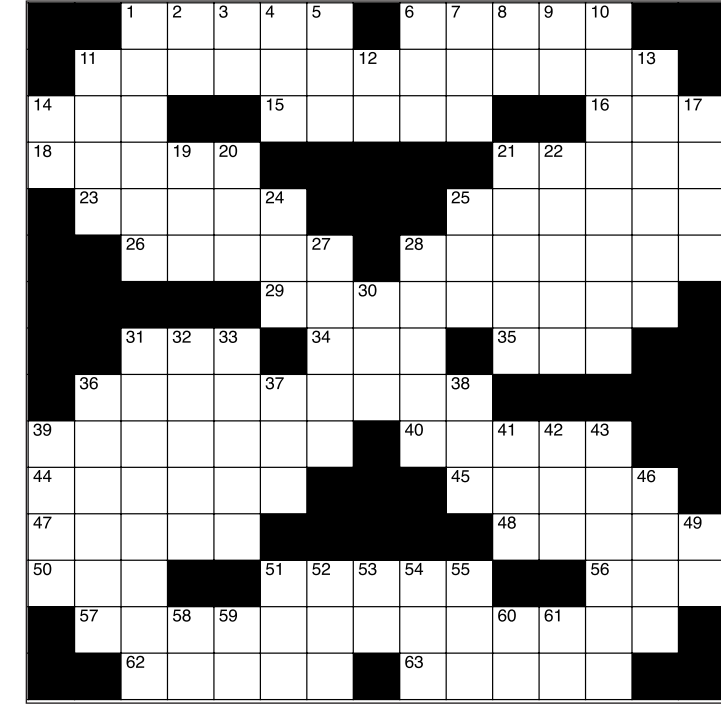
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CLUES ACROSS

1. A fencing sword
6. Alda and Thicke
11. Phone connection
14. Navigational chart
15. 48846
16. Swiss river
18. Increase a bet
21. Rivne (Russ. sp.)
23. More inept
25. Read again
26. Heroic tales
28. African expeditions
29. NE Italian mountains
31. ___ de Janeiro
34. Household god (Roman)
35. CNN's founder ___ Turner
36. Robust hairy social bee
39. Where to apply deodorant
40. Not drunk
44. Made #11 across
45. Dover sole genus
47. English architect Lasdun
48. Mussel beard tufts
50. ___ Lanka
51. More scarce

56. Fiddler crabs
57. Span. surrealist painter
62. A gentle poke
63. Chicago film critic Roger

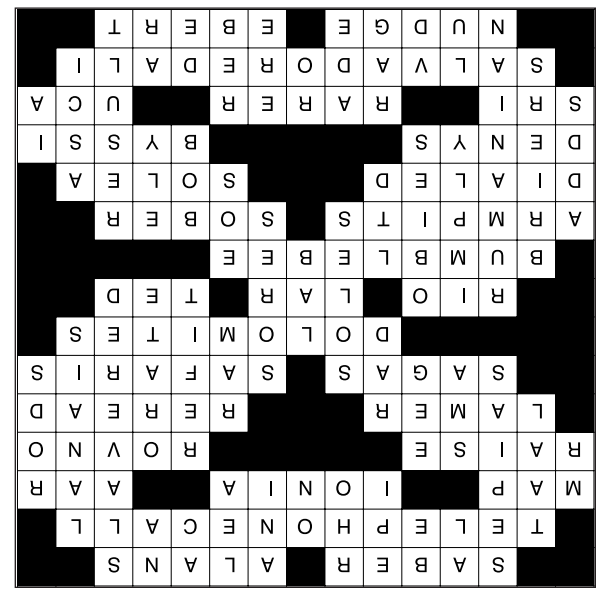
CLUES DOWN

1. Reddish browns
2. Aluminum (abbr.)
3. Exist
4. Indicates near
5. 17th Greek letter
6. Black Am. cuckoo
7. Pastureland
8. Atomic #89
9. Sodium
10. Driveled
11. Afrikaans
12. Not off
13. Roofed patios
14. Mister
17. Fishing poles
19. Senior officer
20. Records brain currents
21. Measure again
22. Speak
24. Cool
25. Adult male sheep
27. Footwear bottoms
28. Open skin lesions
30. Scientific research workplace
31. Person from Romania
32. Express indirectly
33. Drama awards
36. Prickly plants
37. Br. equivalent of Inc.
38. Winged goddess of the dawn
39. Totes up
41. Kids star ___ The Builder
42. MN 55731
43. Concrete outcome
46. Construction Inspectors Association (abbr.)
49. Farm state
51. Scrap of cloth
52. Lemon or lime summer drink
53. Early pharaoh
54. Before
55. Confederate soldier
58. Lutetium (abbr.)

59. Feb. holiday (abbr.)
60. Delaware

61. Ancient Armenian God

Solution



EVENTS CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

FREE LIVE MUSIC IN THE PARK, Chestnut & Bartlet streets, "The Riverboat Stompers"

(Dixieland), 6 p.m., bring picnics, chairs, blanket. For inclement weather or rescheduled performances call 978-623-8279 after 4 p.m.

LIVE THEATER, "Othello," by teens in Rebel Shakespeare Company, free, picnics, folding chairs or blankets recommended, 7 p.m.,

Stevens Memorial Library, North Andover; Christine Geiger, Rebel Shakespeare Tour Coordinator, 978-457-2344, christinegeiger@gmail.com.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 31

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, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; 978-475-2236, andoverhistorical.org.

YARD SALE, benefits volunteer firemen of Firehouse Arts Center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., (rain or shine), 16 Laurel Road, Newburyport; 978-462-7336, firehouse.org.

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Merrimack Rep. reports successful season

Merrimack Repertory Theatre has completed its 31st season and reports that 2009-10 "was both an artistic and financial success."

Merrimack Rep. bills itself as "the only professional theater serving the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire."

With the books now closed on fiscal year 2010, which ended

June 30, the company reports that it has finished in the black for the fifth consecutive year and recorded a moderate operating surplus. This surplus has helped the theater further reduce its mortgage on its Bagshaw Mills office/rehearsal/artist housing facility, and build an operating cash reserve, it said in a release.

"The challenging economy has impacted MRT, as unrestricted contributed income declined about 24 percent for the year. The number of theater-goers increased approximately 10 percent during the same period, however, and the number of season ticket holders increased slightly," according to the company.

'Satire on species classism,' weaving at Essex Art Center

The Essex Art Center at 56 Island St., Lawrence, will host exhibitions in both its Chester F. Sidell Gallery and Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, through Aug. 12.

In the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, an exhibit called "Pin the tail on the donkey" is a satire of contemporary species classism.

It includes work from "Project Apology" by Paul Roux, an ongoing video project that involves the documentation of an undertaking to apologize in person to members of all of the non-human animal species on the planet that are being adversely affected by human activity, together with

related paintings.

"In and Out: Weaving Baskets & Wheat" will showcase the arts of basket and wheat weaving, in the Sidell Gallery.

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TOWN TALK

Water plant: No search to replace Pollano yet

As of this week, the town has not begun a search to replace water treatment plant Superintendent John Pollano, said Human Resources Director Candace Hall.

The town, police and the district attorney's office continue to investigate alleged misconduct by one or more employees at the water treatment plant.

Last week, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said Pollano had retired effective June 30, but he would not comment further on the investigation or say whether there was a connection between the investigation and Pollano's retirement.

Stapczynski is on vacation this week, and Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo said July 20 that he could not release any additional information on the investigation. Police Chief Brian Pattullo also declined comment.

— Bethany Bray

No beach bums

If you can't stand the heat, get out of Andover's state senate race.

Barry Finegold, a Democratic candidate for state senator of the 2nd Essex and Middlesex district,

Bearly good picnic



Orla Naughton makes her way to the lawn with her bear Sally after making a mask and cutout bear during a craft activity at the Teddy Bear Picnic event at the Andover Historical Society.



Dalton McDermott, 3, center, smiles as he listens to the reading of "Corduroy" with a room full of other children during story time at the Andover Historical Society's Teddy Bear Picnic on Tuesday.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photos

e-mailed a video message to supporters last week, urging them to "forget the beach" and help him reach a goal of knocking on 1,000 doors last weekend.

Supporters, clad in Finegold

campaign T-shirts, spread out with the intent of knocking on 1,000 doors in Tewksbury July 17 and 18. They plan to knock on 1,000 doors in Andover this

weekend, July 24 and 25.

Finegold is giving up his seat as state representative of the 17th Essex district to run for the senate seat soon to be vacated by Sue Tucker. He faces a field thick with six other candidates.

State primaries will be Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Thanks for stopping

A New Hampshire couple who broke down on Interstate 93 during another scorching day, is searching for the Andover man who pulled over and helped them keep cool during a long wait for a tow truck. Donna Grier of Kingston, N.H., said they want to say a proper thank you, as they failed to do so once the tow truck arrived.

"Friday, July 16, our SUV broke down on Route 93 in Andover.

You came to our rescue. We feel that you exemplified all the good that people can do for one another. Given today's society, it is so rare that a person would go out of their way to help another person," wrote Grier. "It was a brutally hot day and you insisted that we wait in your air-conditioned vehicle, while we waited for a tow truck to arrive. Given the stress of the situation, we neglected to get your last name or your card. During our conversation, we remembered that you told us that you are a nuclear physicist engineer. We are hoping that either you or someone that knows you will see this article and get in touch with you. If not, God bless you and your family for what you did for us."

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MESSAGES FROM BEYOND



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Andover resident Kelle Sutliff, who was in the running to have a show about her stated psychic abilities on a new network being planned by Oprah Winfrey, touches a work of art created by a deceased man whose family is seeking closure, she said. Sutliff said she uses personal items of the deceased to make a connection with them.

Oprah show not in future for Andover psychic mom

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Like many suburban mothers, Kelle Sutliff's daily afternoon routine is all about shuttling her three kids to their various activities.

"Yup, I'm a mini-van Mom," said the blonde-bobbed Sutliff, who lives on Carter Lane.

But when the kids are in school or sleeping, she says she focuses on her psychic abilities and claims she taps into the messages from beyond.

Usually it's a tragic circumstance surrounding someone's untimely death that requires her psychic skills, she said. For example, she told the story of a Michigan family who waved goodbye to a mom who went to church but the woman never returned home. That was 15 years ago and her body was never recovered. Investigators said the woman most likely committed suicide. The family didn't believe it and hired a private investigator. That investigator had Sutliff do a psychic reading for the cold case.

"I kept seeing a bridge and some northwest location," she said.

The woman's body was found in a northwest section of a river in Detroit, near a bridge, she said.

"Families always want closure, but so do the souls on the other side," said Sutliff, who grew up in Michigan.

Sutliff thought her more-than-15 years in the psychic business while living as a suburban wife and mom might catch the attention of Oprah producers and viewers working on Oprah's new lifestyle network, OWN. Viewers were encouraged to send a video of themselves promoting their idea for a new talk show, as Oprah is signing off in 2011. Sutliff's two daughters, Avery, 12, and Haley, 11, recorded their mom while she talked about intuition and how

links to deceased loved ones are important to many of us. Her son, Matt, 14, and husband, Tom, lent support as well.

"I get love vibrations from the dead. That's what I call it," Sutliff said.

Oprah viewers apparently weren't feeling it. Some 143 million online votes were cast by Oprah viewers to choose a new show for Oprah's new network and the top eight vote-getters are now the finalists in the running for a talk show on OWN. Sutliff is not among them.

It's certainly not the end of the road for Sutliff as a psychic, she said. While she works pro-bono now, she wants to get the word out about her psychic connections and perhaps start a business. She calls the connections "my passion," and firmly believes she is meant to do this.

"Nothing makes me happier than helping a family connect to a loved one who has died," she said. "That's my Academy Award."

That other-side connection has been successful on television. There are a handful of such shows, including "Ghost Whisperer" and "Medium" in which the stars are shown to have psychic abilities, — and there are others, such as "The Mentalist," in which the star is a former con man who earned a lucrative career posing as a psychic medium.

Sutliff said television shows that have mediums are "hokey" as there's "too much spin" by television producers.

"I would keep it real," she said. But she applauded the TV shows for paving the way and making people more aware of her passion.

"People are more accepting (of possible links to the dead) and that's terrific," she said. "I want to get the word out."

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELIGET

100 Years Ago July 22, 1910

The property at 17 Main street has been purchased by Joseph L. Burns. It is located between William J. Burns' store and the bank building, and was formerly owned by Helen M. Andrews of Boston and Sarah F. Moore of Worcester, in whose family it has been for more than half a century.

Mrs. Frank E. Gleason intends to leave town tomorrow for Salem Willows, where she will spend several weeks.

The new concern at Lowell Junction is certainly pushing things along in a business-like fashion, and it looks as if they would establish a permanent business.

The house owned by Fred Smith in Scotland district was again visited by thieves on Sunday night and another quantity of tools stolen. This is the second visit made by the marauders within a few days.

75 Years Ago July 19, 1935

At five o'clock this morning a group of workmen began taking down the billboard in Shawsheen square as a result of a conference between the Andover-Shawsheen Realty Company representatives and the selectmen last Monday night in which the Realty Company volunteered to remove the sign. The sign was erected over a month ago by the company on land of the Textile Realty company just off the Mall in Shawsheen square.

Nelson Abbott, 65, died instantly early Sunday morning when he fell through a scuttle in a hay-loft to the cement floor beneath. Abbott, a farmhand at the farm of Louis Belisle of Brown street, West Andover, had returned home with Louis Belisle Jr. and Fred Barrow, another hired man, Saturday night. The group, feeling it was too hot to sleep in the house, decided to sleep out under an apple tree. Abbott, however, went to lie down in a truck in front of the barn. At 4:30 a.m. young Belisle and Barrow according to the police report, arose to feed the cows. Going into the barn, they found Abbott lying on the floor directly under the scuttle. They called to him to wake up, but he didn't move. They discovered that he was dead. The police believe that Abbott went up to the hayloft to sleep. The scuttle, usually closed, was open, and he walked into it hitting his head on the far side as he fell. It was a seven to eight foot drop.

50 Years Ago July 21, 1960

School Committee Secretary William A. Doherty, who indicated at the last meeting he might resign his post in protest over changes in the minutes of the committee meetings, carried out his usual duties at Tuesday night's session. He read the minutes of the previous meeting and occupied his usual post as secretary during the meeting.

Despite the heroic efforts of his cousin to save him, John Lawrie, 17, of 50 Center St., Ballardvale, drowned Saturday afternoon while swimming in Foster's pond. Lawrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lawrie, went to the pond with his cousin, Robert Partridge, 16, 5 Center St., Ballardvale, shortly after 4 p.m. in the victim's car. They walked along the shore for awhile and then decided to take a swim near the dam. Friends said that Lawrie had learned to swim only this year.

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Learning from ancient memories. What are yours?

Bill Dalton



Just after World War II, my parents were driving in the White Mountains near Franconia Notch, and my older brother, Bucky, and I were with them; my younger brother hadn't been born yet. Years later, I asked my parents about a very early memory I had, and they told me this was the time and place. They must not have made plans where to stay, and they kept slowing the car down and reading aloud signs that all had the same words: "No Vacancy." It became twilight and then dark, and this went on for a long time to a little boy. My dad stopped the car several times and got out. Soon he'd be back in the car and say, "No vacancy."

I was in the back seat and was so small I could only see my dad leave the car and come back. I must have been curious and stood up on the back seat on one stop, because I remember seeing my father going into a place that looked like an ordinary house, but it must have been a small inn.

Over and over, I heard the words, "no vacancy." I'm sure there were other words spoken, but I don't remember those words, I only remember "no vacancy."

After awhile, I mimicked my parents but couldn't say the sound to the letter "V." However, I'd heard the word "bacon" a lot, so I said, "No bacony."

"No bacony" became my first hit. My parents laughed every time I said it, and Bucky joined in. I laughed along with them. I said it several times, and they laughed each time. I don't know how the story

ended, although I have a vague memory of there being an outhouse wherever it was we stayed.

I think of this memory often, and when I analyze it I have three thoughts.

The first is easy. Saying "no bacony" and having everyone else in my family have a good time with it helped me to be comfortable with speaking and gave me confidence. I knew why they were laughing, and I laughed along with them.

The second required a little more thought from me. Being far away from Andover on 1940s roads with two young children in the car and no place to stay should have been stressful for my parents, but they were relaxed, and there was no sense of anything but fun in the car. My mom and dad had a successful relationship, and it always remained so. I was lucky to have such parents.

The third thought is that America was a safer and more accommodating place to be in that time. There was less crime and friendlier people. That may have been a contributing factor to my parents' comfort.

Memories aren't always accurate, and the older they are the less accurate they're likely to be. However, there are some memories, perhaps ancient, in which you have confidence because you have always had that memory and frequently visit it. My memory is of a minor thing, I know, but it amuses me every time I think of it.

Do you have such ancient memories? If you do, please send them along to me.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and enjoys your e-mails. Please send them to billdalton@andovertownie.com.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Andover's Joseph Zahka, in the cloud forest near the equator.

11 days in the clouds

Resident, teacher does research with volunteer team in rainforest

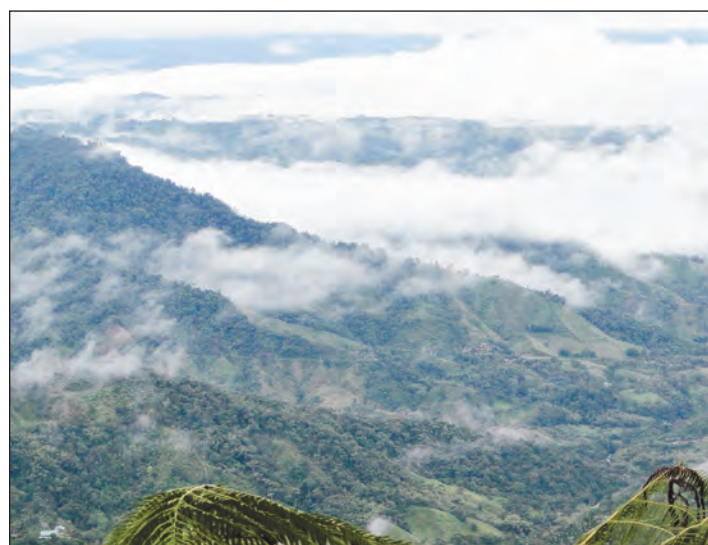
By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover resident Joseph Zahka spent 11 days with his head in the clouds last month.

Zahka, a physics and engineering teacher at Bedford High School, journeyed to Ecuador's "cloud forest" to work with a team of researchers for the nonprofit conservation organization Earthwatch.

Located on the steep slopes of the Andes Mountains, clouds form in the treetops of the cloud forest's unique rainforest ecosystem. Located in a high elevation, the forest has less tree growth than a typical rainforest, but great diversity, said Zahka.

"You might not find the same species of tree for half a mile. The trees may look alike but they are different species," he said. "The environment is so suitable that many things can survive, and survive side-by-side because they don't compete with each other. They each use a different part of



A view of the area where Zahka and others did research for the conservation group Earthwatch.

the environment."

Through the last week in June, Zahka helped scientists measure tree growth, collect climate conditions and other data and trap and identify lizard species. Zahka's Earthwatch team worked in

a 1,500-acre preservation area.

"The feeling that the people of Ecuador have for their environment, they talk like Native Americans do, about living in harmony.

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SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

BY SENIOR CENTER STAFF

The Andover Senior Center offers a variety of activities. Call 978-623-8321 for information...

Grill Nights: The popular event was held Wednesday night, July 21, and there will be other nights of outdoor grilling on Aug. 4 and

18, running from 5 to 7 p.m. each night. Entrees start at \$4, and the cost includes all the sides...

Movie Matinee: Monday, July 26 at 1 p.m. we'll show The Princess and the Frog. Bring the grandkids to enjoy this animated movie...

into movies.

Fun & Games: Every Tuesday in our Four Seasons Room from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Play Wii, ping pong, scrabble, checkers, etc. Free.

Trips: July 28, Casco Bay Diamond Pass Cruise. Call for times and cost. View Victorian cottages and enjoy Old Port in Portland, Maine...

Lobster Bake: Saturday, July 31, 6 p.m. Cost: \$17 for lobster or \$12 for chicken. Dinner will consist

of lobster or chicken, steamers, corn on the cob, watermelon, dessert and beverage. Upbeat and spirited entertainment with the singing ensemble "Women of Note"...

Men's Outdoor Adventures: Aug. 4 at 9:30 a.m., two-hour hike led by park interpreter. Comprising 3,000 acres, this park is a treasure in our own backyard.

Brown Bag Lunch: Super Side Trips in China, Tuesday, Aug. 10 at noon, \$2, includes dessert and beverage. Enjoy a slide show and talk about China...

Patio Party: Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 2 p.m. Simple summer

pleasures - fountain drinks and ice cream available a la cart. In preparation for "The Crystal Ballroom at the Townhouse" there will be free instruction on a variety of dances...

Lyme Disease, Are you Protected?: Aug. 13 at 9:30 a.m. Get tips from our local health department about identifying and avoiding ticks common to this area...

RESEARCH: Teacher returns from helping in rainforest

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Their constitution treats the environment as a living thing. They have cities, but most of (Ecuador) is rural and they really have to respect the land to survive," said Zahka.

With a chemical engineering background, Zahka felt right at home working with scientists and collecting data for experiments. What surprised him, he said, was how interconnected the ecosystem is.

Boston-based Earthwatch sends teams of volunteers all over the globe for research and education projects focused on environmental sustainability.

Earthwatch's goal is to have "everyday sorts of people" involved in environmental research, said Zahka. Zahka's trip with Earthwatch was funded by an anonymous donor.

Zahka's rainforest experience gave him "plenty of examples to talk about" in his classroom, he said. He'll keep in touch with one of the scientists in Ecuador, and hopes to work out a way to have Bedford students communicate with Ecuadorian students.

He also plans on giving his engineering class a year-long project to design a solar hot water heater for the cloud forest's lodge.

Sarah P. Smith and Shaun G. Connors

Gerald and Larrel Smith of Hornell, N.Y., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Pauline Smith, to Shaun Garrett Connors, son of Anthony and Kathleen Connors of Andover.

Smith is a 2001 graduate of Hornell High School and a 2005 graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, with a major in marketing.

Connors is a 1997 graduate of Andover High School and a 2001 graduate of Bentley College, also with a degree in marketing.

The couple began dating in August 2007 and Connors proposed on the Cliffs of Moher while on a trip to Ireland in June 2009.

The wedding and reception will take place in September on the Harbor Terrace at the New England Aquarium in Boston. The couple reside in Haverhill.

Smith works as a senior account specialist at Paychex Inc. and Connors is the national retail and demo manager at Cherrybrook Kitchen.



10-month trip part of life, not break from it

From Germany

MICHAEL KALUZYNY



I left Germany, my home of 10 months, last Thursday. Three days of travel purgatory in trains, planes and cars brought me

back to Andover.

At first glance, it's amazing how very little has changed, at least in comparison to my life in Germany.

Abroad, even the relative constants of life changed: my town, my parents, my friends. Sure, things have also changed in Andover: there has been some landscaping work done on Main Street, businesses have closed and new ones have popped up...

Throughout my year, I talked to many people abroad about coming home. Many exchange students and gap-year students talk about such years as "a break."

TOWNSPEOPLE

Elaine Driben and Anna Bedrosian of Andover recently finished first at an Eastern Mass. Bridge Association Sectional tournament. Driben won the open pairs and Bedrosian the Swiss teams event at the Memorial Sectional.

year abroad is different from the year before, but in my opinion a break implies a pause in an activity. Before and after the break you are doing the same thing. A year can't be a break. A break is 10 minutes. A year is a year of your life.

However, you can't spend a year away and rejoin your life the way you left it. I've decided that traveling back to the US isn't a "new chapter in my life" or however you'd like to put it. It's a continuation of what I had in Germany, what I have in Andover and everything else that I've done.

I'm sad to have left Germany, but I am also excited about being home, starting college and catching up with people I haven't seen for 10 months. I'd love to talk about my time in Germany and hear about what's happened here while I was gone. Let me know and thanks for reading.

Michael Kaluzny is an Andover resident and graduate of Phillips Academy who wrote occasional columns from Germany while living there.

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Education

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Andover engineer-to-be develops fun tool to help developmentally disabled

UMass Lowell electrical engineering student Paula Bustos of Andover had had no experience with individuals with developmental disabilities last winter when she first visited the Bridgewell Day Center in Lynn. But the University of Massachusetts Lowell student was on a mission, to complete an assistive technology project for one of her requirements.

Her challenge was to create a fitness machine for clients with limited motor skills and short attention spans, according to the school. The goal was to figure out how to motivate them to exercise.

Bustos spent months developing the concept, consulting with Bridgewell staff, assessing client needs and abilities, figuring out the electrical circuits and programming. At the end of the school year, she delivered the final product: a pedaling machine that encourages exercise by creating music and lighting effects in response to the pedaling. The person's pedaling activates a bubbly display of colored lights and triggers one of five different sets of 10 songs.

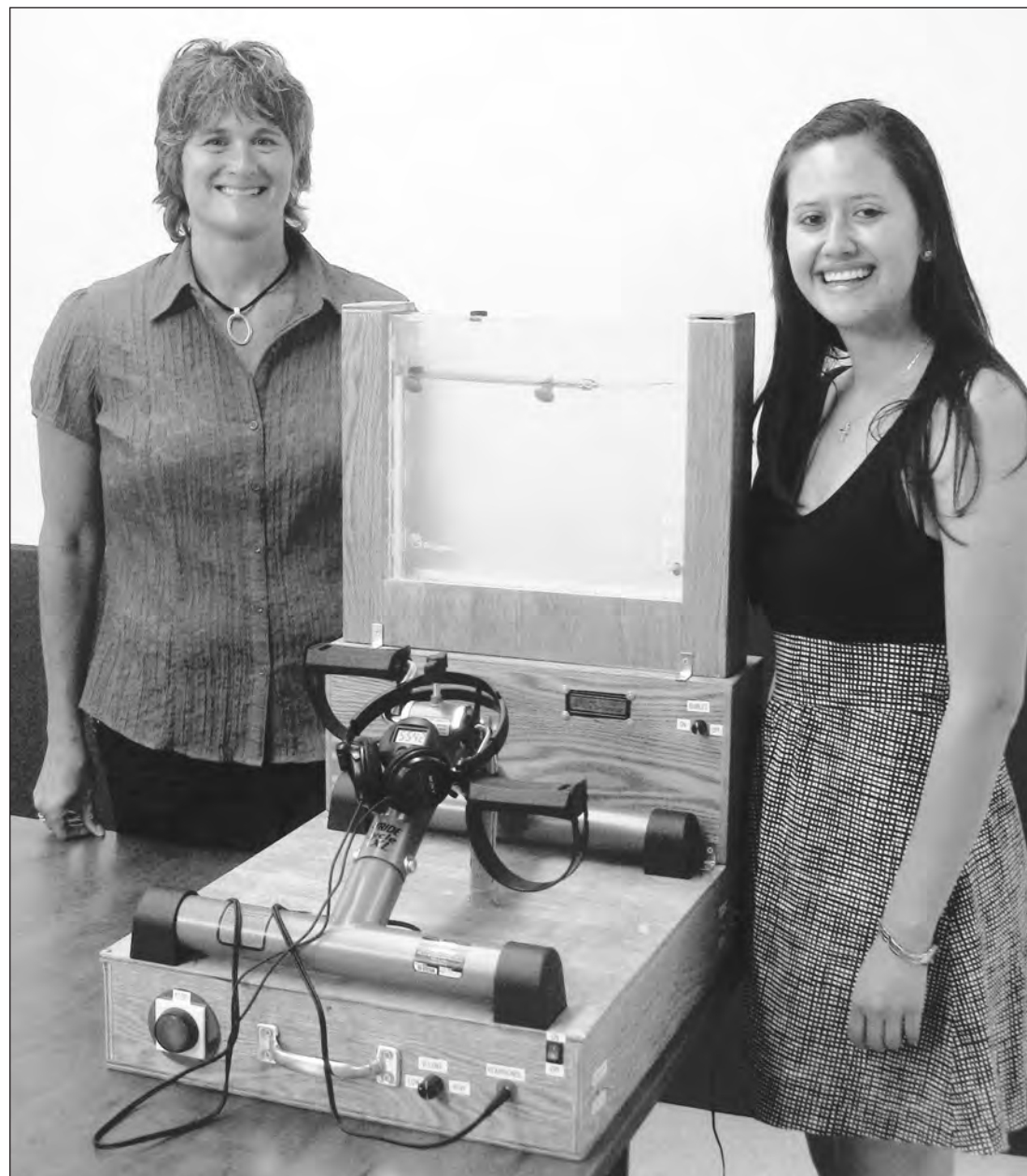
"The Bridgewell work with UMass Lowell was a really good learning experience," said Bustos. "We get to see the application of what we have been learning in the classroom. It's great to see the end product help someone else."

"Paula went above and beyond," said Patty Peterson, an occupational therapist affiliated with Bridgewell. "Paula made it sturdy; she understood that clients need mechanical things that are stable and simple. You can't have more than one or two switches to operate."

Started in 1991, the assistive technology program allows faculty, staff and students in the College of Engineering to assist disadvantaged individuals with special needs and problems. It invites problems from community-based partners, according to the school. The National Science Foundation provides some money for materials.

Successful projects are delivered to the client at no cost to the client.

"We need to challenge our students to prove they're engineers," said Alan Rux, project technical coordinator of the assistive technology program at UMass Lowell in which Bustos participated. "It's great. We're



Andover student Paula Bustos, right, and Bridgewell's Nancy Marticio with the bubbling machine that Bustos designed to encourage the developmentally disabled to exercise.



Jackie McHugh enjoys the Bubble Arm Ergometer.

the only program where it's mandatory for all electrical engineering students."

"The students we work with have unbelievable talent," said Peterson. "Many of them have

never met anyone with developmental disabilities, so it's an opportunity for the students as well."

"This is all about the satisfaction that 'Wow, I can do this,'" said Senait Haileselassie, who is involved in assistive technology support at UMass Lowell and, like Bustos, had no prior experience with disabled people.

Haileselassie is a 2005 graduate of the electrical engineering program.

"It was an adjustment in the first meeting, but by the second and third meeting you see them differently. You hug them, and you become friends," she said, adding that the "reward is when you deliver it (your assistive technology project) and see how the clients use it."

Doherty Middle seeks new No. 2

Students will be greeted by new principal and assistant this fall

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Doherty Middle School will have two new leaders as students return on Sept. 1.

Principal Robin Wilson, who joined the district this month, is heading a search committee to replace Assistant Principal Maryellen Iannibelli, who left the district July 16 to become principal of Georgetown Middle School.

The deadline to apply for the assistant principal position is Friday, July 23, and Wilson said she had received 49 resumes by Monday, July 19.

"We hope to have someone in place by the first or second week of August," she said. "I think (starting the year with new leadership) brings a lot of new opportunity to our school. That being said, I'm relying on the staff, who have been amazing. We're really doing this collaboratively, and that's a nice way to start, getting to know each other through this situation, and moving forward."

Wilson replaced former Doherty Middle School Principal Theresa McGuinness Darby, who left the district June 30. She said she's had more than 20 staff members and numerous parents step forward to be on the search committee.

"It wasn't anticipated, but (searching for a new assistant principal) has allowed me to learn about the school in a different way than I was planning

to. It really forced me to learn different programs and see the school in a different perspective right away," said Wilson. "It has allowed me to learn a lot about the community."

An advertisement for the DMS assistant principal job asks for applicants with a master's degree, middle school principal certification and prior experience as a middle school teacher. The salary is described as "in the nineties," or more than \$90,000 per year.

Wilson said she is looking for someone that can relate to middle-schoolers, staff and parents and is "well grounded in education and 21st century skills."

Iannibelli was hired after Georgetown reopened the search for a middle school principal last month. Superintendent Carol Jacobs originally chose Jessica Huizenga, principal of Blanchard Middle School in Wesford, who did not accept the job.

Iannibelli, former assistant principal of Wilmington Middle School, was hired in July 2008 to replace McGuinness Darby after she was promoted from assistant principal to principal.

Wilson notified Doherty Middle families of the search for a new assistant principal in a July 14 e-mail, asking for input in the process.

"Although it is sad to see (Iannibelli) leave, we wish her well and continued success in her future endeavors," wrote Wilson.

Know this: Understanding and wisdom not the same

Ken Seifert



We sure have had our share of hot weather and we are only through the first month of summer. It certainly causes the AARP crowd

to stay out of the hot sun. My fishing and gardening activities have been modified. During these times I have a tendency to think about those things that have had an impact on my life. It can be an event, era, person, a book, and sometimes just a statement. I appreciate statements that are short to the point and convey a world of meaning.

When I was about 12 or 13, there was a German neighbor who lived three houses from our home. He worked on the railroad and was about 60 years old. I called him, the Philosopher of

Walter Street. He delivered great one liners. Most were not original. He was an avid reader.

His statement that I remember most was, "We get too soon old and too late smart." When I first heard it, I was a bit puzzled. At that age one doesn't spend time thinking about the evening of life. My Dad helped me a little when he offered, "It takes a lot of living to know what life is all about." Both of these remarkable gentlemen never preached. They gave you clues to what the future might be - it was your choice as to what you did with the information.

Socrates and a group of great minds used to meet regularly. They discussed a variety of topics. Sometimes they would take days to come to an understandable conclusion for us more limited mortals. On one such occasion they concluded that our ability to think and use that information progresses through three stages: knowledge,

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ON CAMPUS

Leah Cairns, daughter of Glenn and Jane Cairns of Andover, has been named to the dean's list at Hamilton College for the 2010 spring semester.

A student must achieve a grade-point average of 90 or above during the term to be placed on the dean's list.

Cairns, a rising sophomore, is a graduate of Andover High School.

Originally founded in 1793 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Hamilton's 1,300 acre hill-top campus overlooks the New England style village of Clinton, N.Y. It's open curriculum gives students the freedom to tailor their own liberal arts education within a research and writing intensive framework, according to the school.

Jason Mandelbaum, son of Sally and Samuel Mandelbaum of Andover, has enrolled for fall 2010 admission at Rochester, N.Y. Institute of Technology. Mandelbaum, recipient of an Achievement Scholarship, will major in game design and development in RIT's B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences. He is a 2010 Andover High School graduate.

Nearly 17,000 full and part time students are enrolled in more than 200 career oriented and professional programs at RIT, and its cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation.

Katherine O'Connell of Dorset Circle Andover has accepted

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Monets in the making?

Students in one Andover summer program had the opportunity to visit an artist's studio last week.

Kids attending Children's Studio for the Arts experienced landscape painting at Reservoir Farm Studio, home of Andover artist Karla Cook. Cook painted a landscape while the children watched, and the child who guessed the number she was thinking of was able to take the painting home. The young artists also had the opportunity to paint their own landscapes, as can be seen here.

Children's Studio for the Arts is a program for grades 1 to 6 with interns in grades 7 and 8. It is run through the town's Department of Community Services by recently retired teacher Elly Seavey and held at South Elementary School.

Students entering grades 1-3 participate in workshops in all artistic disciplines. Students entering grades 4-6 participate in workshops focused on a chosen area of concentration: drama, music and voice, dance and musical theater, and visual arts.



Samantha Shea, Aaron Borenstein and Andoni Kareklas work on their landscape projects while visiting the Children's Studio for the Arts.



Charles Wainwright works on his landscape painting.



Eileen O'Farrell, in hat, and Lindsey Vargas create their own landscape paintings.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Rivet chosen for student leadership conference

Colin Rivet of Andover, class of 2011, has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference, on Sports and Entertainment Management this summer at Fordham University.

During the conference, Rivet will attend specialized workshops and classes designed to develop the skills and traits that define a leader. Leading professionals and professors from top colleges facilitate the programs and engage the students in hands-on activities that provide students with a day-in-the-life understanding of a prospective career. Trips and tours also enhance the student's experience, by tailoring them to their specific conference.

Rivet will also have the

opportunity to meet with and learn from recognized leaders. Past special guest speakers have included: Secretary of Education Rod Paige; U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona; Secretary of Defense Robert Gates; CIA Director Michael Hayden; Secretary of Veterans Affairs James Nicholson; Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy, David Souter and Sandra Day O'Connor; as well as U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, Governors, Ambassadors and leaders in the fields of medicine, business, engineering, diplomacy, law, politics, journalism and the arts.

"Students develop a sense of independence and responsibility," said Paul M. Lisnek, NSLC Leadership Professor and former Assistant Dean of Loyola University Chicago School of Law. "They leave with a true feeling of

accomplishment and confidence in their ability to handle the challenges that lie ahead."

Danielle McCullough makes honors at Tabor

Headmaster Jay Stroud named Andover student Danielle McCullough to the honors list at Tabor Academy for the second semester of the 2009-10 academic year. Honors is earned by compiling an overall average of 85 or above.

McCullough is a member of the Class of 2011 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCullough.

Tabor Academy is a four-year, college preparatory, boarding and day school, located on Buzzards Bay in Marion, Mass., 50 miles south of Boston. The student body is co-educational with

students representing 27 states and 28 foreign countries

Lawrence Academy honor roll

Lawrence Academy of Groton has announced Andover students who were named to the academic honor roll for the winter trimester.

High honors were awarded to seniors Jessica DeVito, Frances Hamilton, and Eric McKnight, junior Jamie Newsome, and ninth-grader Jillian Thero. Honors were awarded to seniors Kate Gilmore, Caroline Leed, and Marco Raffaelli, juniors Jennifer Caron, Brendan Cronin, Samuel Gilboord, and Bryce Stocks, sophomore Brett McQuaide, and ninth-graders Sarah Casey, Hannah Cunningham, Brian Finn, Madelaine Gray, Bess Muggia, Julia Savely and Gregory Stern.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Feldman-Wood claims EAIA Award

The Research Grants Committee of the Early American Industries Association has given one of its four awards for 2010.

Florence Feldman-Wood is the 21st recipient of this year's Winthrop L. Carter Memorial Award. Feldman-Wood's study will focus on the patent models of spinning wheels in the

National Museum of Americana History, and this study is to collect, exchange, and share information about spinning wheels, thus making it more accessible to the general public.

The Carter Award is given in memory of Winthrop L. Carter, a long-time friend of the Early American Industries Association and a staunch supporter of its publication and research grants program, according to the EAIA.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover's Nicole Boudreau holding the championship trophy after her AAU team, the Shooting Stars, won the national championship.

Boudreau help Stars shoot to national title

An Andover High girls basketball star helped her summer team become AAU national champions.

In a Finals battle of unbeaten teams with 6-0 records, the Nicole Boudreau-led New England Shooting Stars, New Hampshire State 15U AAU Champions girls basketball team, remained the only unbeaten team in the tournament with a 78-62 win over the Maryland Sure Shots.

"The score was much closer than it appears," said coach Dennis Reed after the contest. "We came out strong and established an early lead, but we let them back in prior to the half. Defense had been the key to the Stars success throughout the tournament as they held their opponents to 43 points per game while scoring just over 70 ppg themselves.

The Stars battled in the first half and secured an early 13 point lead with Nicole Boudreau dropping in 19 of the team's first 40 points, but by halftime the Stars were down by one, 40-41.

There were 11 lead changes in the second half until the final three minutes, as the Stars clung to a thin 4-point margin. "These teams were very

evenly matched, each of our players scored, only six of theirs scored, but there was one major difference," said coach Dennis Reed. "We had Nicole and they didn't."

To afford her team some breathing room, Boudreau knocked down a three to give the Stars a seven point cushion. On the next possession, she hit another to expand the lead to 10. With the defense now stretched to a step outside the arc, and in a span of about 45 seconds, Boudreau dropped another trey from five feet behind the arc to, for all intents and purposes, seal the deal for the new Champions from New England, according to a game description provided by the team.

Boudreau led all scorers with 39, to go along with 10 rebounds, 4 assists and 6 steals.

Championship trophy in hand, the Stars were treated to a night on the town at Disney's Magic Kingdom.

The New England Shooting Stars was expected to leave Tuesday, July 20, for the Nike Oasis invitational in Phoenix, Arizona for the team's final tournament of the NCAA evaluation period.

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Sports



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ABOVE: Andover's Darin Hunt, center, tags the bag for a force out while Brandon Marti, left, backs him up.



AT RIGHT: Tom Johst strokes a home run during the third game of the District 14 championship Little League series.

Andover Legion bounces back in style with win over Newton

Just when it looked like the season might be over, the Andover Legion squad once again proved it was up to the challenge.

Shaking off the wounds of a tough tourney opener, Post 8 combined a stellar pitching performance with timely hitting on the way to a 7-2 victory over Newton in the second game of the District 8 playoffs Monday night.

"The kids were so disappointed with their play on Sunday," said Andover coach **Joe Iarrobino**. "They knew they didn't play well. They came back and played so much better. We got great pitching, and only had one error and played really well in the field."

Andover jumped out to an early lead. **Brian Charlebois** led off the second inning with a single, and four batters later scored when **Christian Lightner** bunted for a base hit.

John Hennessy then led off the third with a single, followed by a **Dan Gusovsky** single and an RBI single for **Jake Ponti**. **Adam Risman** then walked to force Gusovsky home, and Ponti scored on a wild pitch.

Mike McQuillan reached base in the fourth on an error, then scored on a wild pitch, and Gusovsky put the game away in the sixth with a triple that scored Hennessy and **Jimmy Walsh**. Gusovsky, Hennessy and Lightner each finished with two hits, leading Andover's 10-hit attack.

Andover called sent ace **Tom Palleschi** to the mound, and the Phillips standout paid off with six stellar innings.

"Tom went out and struck out the first two batters of the game," said Iarrobino. "Tom wanted the ball tonight. He has been our most consistent pitcher all year. He pitched very, very well, and only saw a little trouble late in the game. We were lucky to get that much out of him. He even picked off two runners."



Christian Lightner

Post 8 was scheduled to face Lowell on Tuesday night after deadline.

Andover Legion jumped out to a one-run lead in the first inning, but defensive struggles

saw Post 8 allow eight runs in the second inning, and Andover fell to Lowell 15-2 in the first game of the District 8 playoffs Sunday night.

"We totally fell apart," said Andover coach **Joe Iarrobino**. "We committed five errors in the second inning alone. I don't know how to explain it. We just collapsed. We committed seven errors for the game."

Andover did manage some offense. **Mike McQuillan** had a pair of hits, including a double, and scored a run, while **Brian Charlebois** and **John Hennessy** each had an RBI single.

Jake Ponti was 4 for 4 with five RBIs as Andover punched its ticket to the District 8 tournament with an 18-1 drubbing of Salem (Mass.) last Thursday.

Red hot catcher **Dan Gusovsky** added a 3-for-4 night with a triple and **Jimmy Walsh** added three hits for the winners.

Tom Palleschi was outstanding for Post 8, allowing just a single hit and no earned runs with no walks in five innings. **Mike Davidson** went the final two innings to clinch the win.

Surging leadoff man **Christian Lightner** hit for the cycle, going 4 for 4 to lead Andover Post 8 to an 8-6 victory over Lynn Post 6 last Wednesday.

Lightner started with a homer over the left field wall, and later added the triple, double and single. He also went 2 for 4 in the early game, a 5-3 loss Lynn Gautreau.

Andover Little League finishes stellar run

Andover American Little League delivered a memorable run before falling in the third and deciding game of the District 14 championship series this week to North Andover West.

The buzz was clear all around the ballpark when the towering star stepped to the plate. And **Brandon Marti** did not disappoint.

With two outs in the bottom of the third, **E.J. Perry** beat out a throw for an infield single to send Marti to the plate. With plenty of chatter surrounding the at-bat, Marti launched a home run over the wall in center field, nearly landing in the snack shack.

That homer helped lead Andover to a 3-1 victory over North Andover West in the second game of their District 14 championship series on Sunday.

"We have come to expect that out of Brandon," said Andover coach **Don Hunt**. "There's been so much talk about him and

stories in the paper, you can see everyone a little more excited. He has come through for us so many times, we rely on him."

But Marti didn't just get it done at the plate. He also threw a complete game, allowing just three hits. He struck out five and walked just the one batter, throwing 47 of his 72 pitches for strikes. But that very nearly did not occur.

"Brandon pulled a muscle in his back at the plate," said Hunt. "He came to me and told me his back hurt. But the team asked if he had nine more outs in him, and he stepped up."

Marti did need a little help, and it came from center fielder **Ryan Besette**.

With a runner on first and no outs in the sixth and final inning, North Andover No. 3 hitter **Chris Bosco** blasted a ball to dead center field that looked like it would tie the game. But Besette moved back and hauled in the catch just above the wall. He snagged a line

drive a batter later.

Andover snuck an insurance run in the fifth, when Perry singled, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on a single for **Dylan Zhang**. Perry (2 for 3) was the game's lone batter with multiple hits.

Andover could not repeat that magic a day later, and fell to North Andover West 18-5 on Monday in the deciding game of the District 14 championship series.

"They're a good baseball team and we're good as well," Andover head coach **Don Hunt** said. "They got hot and that happens. But we have a group of classy kids that played hard to the end. It's not about baseball but life's lessons, and I felt we represented Andover well."

Andover took the lead 4-2 in the first. **E.J. Perry's** double and **Tom Johst's** two-run line homer to left-center field temporarily flipped the script.

Brandon Marti did yeoman's duty in defeat, battling through

a back injury that forced him to play first base for the first time while getting a leadoff single and scoring his team's first run.

A three-run homer by **Dylan Zhang** cut the lead to two runs in the fourth, but that was as close as Andover would get in an 11-7 win over North Andover West in the first game of the District 14 championship series on Saturday.

Darin Hunt, the son of coach **Don Hunt**, added a home run while **E.J. Perry** and **Myles Badley** each added key hits for Andover. **Brandon Marti** excelled at shortstop.

Brandon Marti allowed just a single hit in three innings, and made a stellar play at shortstop as Andover advanced to the championship series with a 9-0 win over Billerica National last Thursday. **Tom Johst** added a home run and 1 2/3 innings of perfect relief while **E.J. Perry** hit a pair of homers and added 1 1/3 third perfect on the mound.

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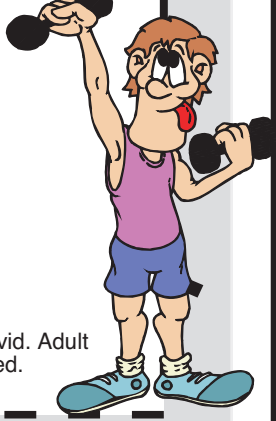


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