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DOWNTOWN STREET PARTY

More than 50 local businesses to be at Andover Day

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Last year was the first Andover Day celebration on Main Street, and thousands flocked to see what the downtown street party was all about. It's back, happening Saturday, Sept. 25, and organizers say townspeople have been looking forward to it for months.

"Last year was the first year. Now, the event is anticipated," said Elaine LeBlanc-Baker, president of the Andover Business Center Association, who hosts the event. "We are very excited."

Live music by three bands starts at 1 p.m. on the huge stage that will be set up near Elm Square. Radio station 92.5 is the key sponsor of Andover Day and is supplying the stage.

The music will play while visitors get to roam vendor tents set up on Main Street. LeBlanc-Baker said tent space on Main Street sold out as numerous businesses are taking part. And, most of the businesses will be well worth checking out as gift cards (three from Palmer's Restaurant worth \$50 each), terrific raffle items (including a bike at the Enterprise Bank tent) and marked down inventory (Consignment Chic will have a \$5 rack) is planned.

In addition, at least seven vendors will be selling food in the food court area near Chestnut Street. Tables and chairs will be set up in the area for patrons' enjoyment. LeBlanc-Baker said visitors can refuel comfortably while checking out over 45 local businesses taking part in this year's Andover Day. Last year, some 6,000 people turned out and this year even more are expected.

"People know about it and are coming ... it will be great," she said.

The forecast is good for Saturday, but the rain date is Saturday, Oct. 9, just in case. Last year, the event was forced to celebrate on the rain date.



Last year's events drew thousands to Main Street, and this year's event is expected to do the same.

ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS

On the 92.5 Main Stage near Elm Square:

- 10:30 a.m. Cinderella characters from Andover Community Theater
- 11 a.m. Fashion Show with clothes by local retailers
- 1 p.m. Aldous Collins
- 2:20 p.m. The Candles
- 3:30 p.m. Johnny A.
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., lots for the kids with entertainment along Main Street, including live music, balloon artist; noon, happy 50th salute to Andover Junior Football League

One-man play

And, a post-party option for those who want to stay downtown is a one-man play being staged at the Andover Senior Center. Richard Clark, who has spent recent years in theater and television, including The Kennedys of Massachusetts, Guiding Light, As the World Turns and Saturday Night Live, performs in "And Now, Mark Twain." The show salutes America's foremost humorist in his centennial observance. The play is full of wit and wisdom and the special brand of storytelling that made Sawyer a legend. The dinner show starts at 6 p.m. with a chicken dinner and will end at 9 p.m. The cost is \$7 and tickets are advance purchase only. Call the Center at 978-623-8321 for tickets.

ANDOVER DAY

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Main Street (closed to traffic from Elm Square to Punchard Avenue, starting at 5 a.m.)
HOSTED BY: Andover Business Center Association
SPONSORS: 92.5 The River radio station, Stop & Shop, Essex Rowing, Lawrence General Hospital, Red Apple Construction, Merrimack Valley Foot Health, Honda Gallery, Andover Townsman
RAIN DATE: Saturday, Oct. 9

AT THE FOOD COURT

- Hometown Seafoods
- My Brothers Pizzeria
- Casablanca
- Sandrino's Catering
- Henry's Hotdogs
- Hotdogs by Brian
- Andover Senior Center Catering

SPECIAL EVENTS

Rotary Breakfast

The pre-party must-go is a Pancake Breakfast being held on Andover Day at the Bowling Green at the corner of North Main Street and Balmoral Street. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Andover and Atria Marland Place, on Saturday, Sept. 25, the hosts are pouring on the entertainment for the kids along with the syrup for the pancakes. There will be Hula-Hoop contests and face painting. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon and the cost is \$5.

"People can have breakfast and some fun with the family and then go to Andover Day," said Katharine Barr of the Andover Rotary. "Plus, 92.5's street team will be here and the (radio) station's music will play."

Proceeds benefit West Elementary School's STOP (Stop Teasing Other People) program, Ironstone Farm and Lazarus House.

High school principal quits

Departure 14 months after hire a surprise

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Less than a month into the new school year, Andover High School Principal Jonathan Harris has abruptly announced his resignation effective tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 24.

Harris is returning home to Austin, Texas, where he has taken a job with the Texas Education Agency.

Parents were notified about the resignation late Friday, Sept. 17, as School Superintendent Marinel McGrath posted a letter on the school department's website. McGrath wrote that she was writing "with much regret" but Harris is returning home for an "exciting opportunity." His new employer is "the equivalent to the Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education," McGrath wrote.

On Tuesday, McGrath wrote in an e-mail to the Townsman, she was "surprised" about his leaving.



Jonathan Harris

"He was not asked to resign," she wrote. "He informed me that he was resigning to take a position in Texas. I was quite surprised since he had not told me he was seeking employment elsewhere."

The AHS parents group was also surprised.

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Seven in running for Stable's selectmen's seat

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Three former selectmen are among the seven applicants vying for the selectman seat vacated by Jerry Stable.

Stable resigned Aug. 31 for professional reasons. He said he couldn't devote his full attention to town issues due to his professional workload. The seat has been empty since then.

This past Monday night, Sept. 20, selectmen held a work session to review the applicants for the job. They will announce their

selection at their next meeting on Monday, Sept. 27.

The applicants are former selectmen Bill Downs, John Hess and Gail Ralston, residents Larry Bruce, Jack Driscoll and Daniel Kowalski, and former Planning Board member Paul Salafia. The deadline to submit an application was last Friday, Sept. 17, at noon.

Selectmen agreed that all of the candidates are qualified and noted that experience with town government is a plus for the

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Alzheimer's Walk



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Donna Hackett raises her arms as she passes under an arc of balloons with other community members embarking on Sunday's Memory Walk through downtown Andover to raise money for Alzheimer's research. For more on the walk, see Page 6.

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Who gets to rebuild after a flood? It depends on severity of damage, other factors

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Many Andover residents have kept a sump pump on standby recently as flooded basements were a common occurrence through a rainy spring. Most recently, the region braced for Hurricane Earl, which turned out to be a nonevent.

Several sections of Andover — especially those close to the Shawheen River — flood time and time again. In turn, home and business owners pump out their property and replace soggy floors and wallboards time and time again.

Recently, the town won a lawsuit defending its decision not to allow units to be rebuilt in the basement of the Balmoral Condominiums, which suffered severe damage in the flooding of spring 2006.

Yet less than one mile down Route 28 and just as close to the Shawheen River, residents of the Washington Park condominiums weather regular flooding and have been allowed to rebuild.

The difference lies in interpretation of the Massachusetts housing codes, which outline standards of safety and fitness for habitation.

In the case of the Balmoral, the

courts found the four basement units to be worse off than other buildings, said Tom Urbelis, lawyer for the town of Andover.

“As of now, it’s a threat to public safety. The state building code appeals court determined that and the Massachusetts Appeals Court upheld the determination,” Urbelis said.

In court, Building Inspector Kaija Gilmore testified floodwaters reached 11 feet in Balmoral’s basement units. In comparison, Washington Park condos, which are not basement units, were flooded with three feet of water.

According to court documents, Gilmore “determined that building permits could not be issued for the (Balmoral’s) reconstruction, citing (building code), which essentially precludes use of the units for human occupancy where a building or structures are ‘erected or substantially improved in flood hazard zones.’”

In later appeals, the State Building Code Appeals Board and Superior Court found the Balmoral board of trustees’ improvement plans did not constitute a substantial improvement and the condos remained a threat to public safety.

“Evidence that the recent flood caused the basement units to be

inundated with 11 feet of water and that such flooding could occur again under both the current conditions and those after the proposed construction, constituted substantial evidence of a threat to safety,” wrote the superior court in June.

The Balmoral has been designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as falling within a flood zone since 1989.

Yet, “the door is not closed” for the Balmoral’s four basement units, Urbelis said.

“If they create a plan, with a hydrological engineer, to mitigate flooding, they can resubmit,” he said. “If they can prove that they’ve done things or will do things that are not a threat to public safety.”

Andover Health Director Tom Carbone said the decision to allow someone to reoccupy a flooded space depends on the situation.

“There is a whole bunch of things that come into play,” Carbone said. “From a health division standpoint, we don’t get involved in whether or not you can or cannot rebuild.”

The “vast majority” of people, he said, make the decision on their own not to move back into a flooded house where mold could be a danger or the power

has been shut off.

In the case of the spring 2006 floods, Andover grouped health, building and other inspectors into teams, who canvassed flooded areas.

“There were some buildings we weren’t going to be occupiable,” he said. “The state sanitary code puts together minimum standards of fitness for human habitation. You can’t live in a house that doesn’t have a safe, potable water supply, or if you don’t have a way to get rid of wastewater. There are some real common-sense things that you live by. Like if there’s no heat, and it’s February.”

“Occasionally you have a landlord that says ‘Oh, you’re fine, you can move in.’ That’s when we put our foot down,” he said.

Carbone said his department can issue a condemnation order “if push comes to shove.”

“(A case) would go before the Board of Health if repairs were not made and the tenant is unable to live there,” said Candace Martin, chairwoman. “We make sure the owner does the correct remediation, and make sure the conditions are safe to move back in.”

Building Inspector Kaija Gilmore could not be reached for comment for this story.

SELECTMAN: 7 want to fill seat vacated by Stable

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position.

“We’re lucky to have the talent,” Selectman Mary Lyman said.

Selectman Brian Major said the big issues facing Andover, including the new Bancroft School, town yard and budget woes, mean the board needs someone who is dedicated and available.

“We know we have a lot of work to do...this person has to be an asset,” Major said.

The board will waste no time

with their appointment. Town Clerk Lawrence Murphy will be at Monday’s meeting and available to swear in the newest selectman on-the-spot as long as the person is there.

In August, selectmen voted to appoint someone to Stable’s seat. His resignation came five months after he was re-elected to a second, three-year term.

Selectmen earn \$125 a month, and the newest selectman will receive a pro-rated amount while serving out Stable’s term.

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PRINCIPAL: Harris is leaving AHS, returning to Texas

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“We found out just like everyone else,” said Lucy Rizzo of the AHS Parents Advisory Council. “We wish him the best.”

Harris did not return telephone calls to the Townsman.

His departure means this year’s AHS senior class will

have had three different principals during their four years at the school.

Harris was hired by former School Superintendent Claudia Bach. He replaced Peter Anderson, who was AHS principal for 10 years. Harris has been leader of the 1,800-student school since July 1, 2009.

He left Texas to take the Andover job, but is a native of Chelmsford.

Bach visited Harris’ former workplace in Austin and raved about him, writing in a letter to parents in 2009 that he “was a truly gifted teacher” and that she was “confident” that under his leadership, an excellent school would become even better.

Instead, McGrath is busy searching for a replacement just 14 months later. She will select an interim principal to replace him. In her letter to

parents, McGrath wrote that it’s too late in the school year to hire a new principal. She has appointed assistant superintendent of schools Dr. Susan Nicholson as the acting principal until an interim principal is named. She assumes the job on Monday, Sept. 27.

“...I have begun the process of searching for a well-qualified individual to complete the school year,” she wrote to parents. “...I will keep you informed as the steps unfold.”



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You may have heard that Dr. JoAnne Nowak has been appointed Medical Director for Merrimack Valley Hospice and the Merrimack Valley Hospice House. I want to take the opportunity to share more about her qualifications and why we know she will enrich our Hospice and Palliative care services.

First and foremost, Dr. Nowak is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Care and brings more than 28 years of experience to Merrimack Valley Hospice.

Dr. Nowak is renowned both locally and nationally for her compassionate approach to end-of-life care and her respect for patients and their families. As Medical Director, she will work with and support the hospice interdisciplinary team, including nurses, aides, social workers, chaplains, counselors and volunteers to ensure that every patient receives the highest quality medical and supportive care. And, she will ensure that patients receive expert pain management to relieve symptoms and improve quality of life.

Dr. Nowak’s impressive resume includes a medical degree from Boston University, a residency in Internal Medicine at Boston Veterans Administration Hospital, a fellowship in Palliative Medicine and post doctoral training in Clinical Pastoral Education at Massachusetts General Hospital. Her extensive experience includes appointments as consulting physician at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women’s Hospital and academic teaching experience at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School where she currently serves as an instructor in Medicine.

Beyond credentials, I know Dr. Nowak to be a tireless leader, totally committed to the medical, social and spiritual needs of her patients and their families.

For more information about Dr. Nowak and a complete list of services provided by Merrimack Valley Hospice, the leader in hospice care, please visit our website at www.merrimackvalleyhospice.org.



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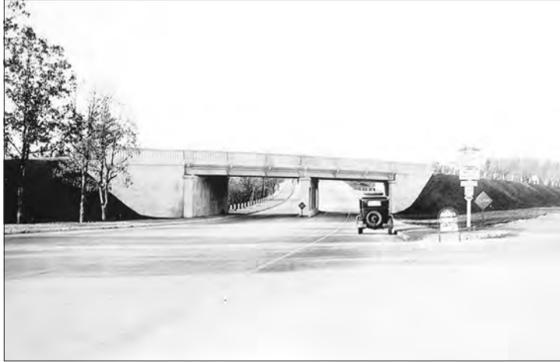
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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Route 125 and Route 28 (Main Street) in about the 1930s. Phillips Academy was concerned for the safety of students crossing on Main Street so they contributed more than 400 acres toward the Route 125 Bypass in 1930. They also contributed to the cost of one mile's construction.



NOW: This is what Route 125 and the Route 28 bridge look like now.

CIP proposals due by Oct. 15

Have an idea for a project the town should tackle? You have about a month to submit it for it to be included in the town's planning for next year.

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski invites citizens to submit requests for capital improvement projects as part of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan currently being developed for the period beginning July 1, 2011. The Town Government Review Committee recommended that private requests for capital warrant articles be submitted at the same time as staff CIP requests.

This recommendation was made with the intent to strengthen citizen input for good community and financial planning. The town manager's recommended Capital Improvement Plan will be issued in late October. Requests are due no later than Oct. 15.

Citizens who would like to submit requests should contact the Department of Finance and Budget at 978-623-8219 or via email at clynch@andoverma.gov for a Capital Improvement Program-Project Request form. This form is also available at andoverma.gov, the town's website.

Pneumonia vaccine shots offered Sept. 30

The Andover Health Department, as part of its adult immunization program, is offering free vaccinations to protect residents against the very serious disease of Bacterial or Pneumococcal Pneumonia.

The CDC and Massachusetts Department of Public Health have issued new expanded

recommendations for adults 19-64 years of age. Those adults who have asthma or who are cigarette smokers are now advised to receive the immunization against this disease. The previous recommendations were for all adults 65 years and older and other adults with chronic health

problems and are still in effect as well.

The Andover Health Department has scheduled a pneumonia vaccine clinic to accommodate residents wishing to be vaccinated. This immunization is different from the flu shot and is not needed annually. The clinic will be

held on Thursday, Sept. 30.

Vaccine is administered by appointment only with the public health nurse. Please call the Health Department at 978-623-8295 to make an appointment for the clinic. Medical questions regarding the vaccine should be directed to your private physician.

Topping off ceremony at Holy Family marks 60th anniversary

On Friday, Sept. 10, Holy Family Hospital officials commemorated the hospital's 60th anniversary with a historical "topping off" ceremony as the final beam of the new Emergency Center was raised, completing the steel framing and marking a significant construction milestone.

"For 60 years, our Family has

been dedicated to caring for the families of the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire," said Lester P. Schindel, president, Holy Family Hospital. "This institution would be nothing without the employees, physicians, volunteers, Board members, leaders and community members who have played a significant role in the success

and accomplishments of Holy Family over the past 60 years."

When the hospital opened in 1950, its name was selected to honor the commitment of the Sisters of Bon Secours who were called to staff this hospital at its inception.

Sister Nancy Glynn, CBS and Sister Anne Maureen Doherty, CBS, two of the founding sisters

of Bon Secours Hospital, were among the guests at the 60th Anniversary Celebration.

They also presented the Offeratory Gifts in a special Mass that was held before the beam raising.

They were among the many staff, physicians and community members who signed the beam before the ceremony.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Blood drive

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Parish Church, Fellowship Hall, 129 Reservation Rd., Andover. The difference a donor makes in the life of a patient is something that simply cannot be overstated. The need is constant. Change a life, starting with your own, by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to make an appointment to donate at this blood drive.

Health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinic on Monday, Sept. 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Sept. 22 and 29. No appointment is necessary.

New flags for veterans' graves

On Sunday morning, Oct. 10, Andover veterans, cadets, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and interested citizens will meet at 11 a.m. at Spring

Grove Cemetery on Abbot Street to replace 3,600 flags on the graves of deceased Andover veterans. The process takes about 90 minutes and affords an opportunity to see parts of Andover's history up close. In case of inclement weather, the flags will be placed on graves at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17. For more information call the Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

Upcoming chamber events

The Merrimack Valley Chamber and Enterprise Bank will present "Speed Networking" on Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Enterprise Bank, Benjamin Punchard House, 8 High St., Andover. The cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. For more information call 978-686-0900.

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "Transportation 2010" on Monday, Sept. 20 from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at Jackson's Restaurant, 478 Lowell St., Methuen. Confirmed

speaker is Secretary of Transportation Jeff Mullan, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The cost is \$20 for members and \$35 for members.

For more information about any chamber programs call 978-686-0900.

DCS fall programs

The Department of Community Services fall programs are now available. Residents can go online to view the programs and to register. They can check out how many spaces are open from the convenience of their home. Find the link to register at www.andoverma.gov/dcs or you can still call the staff at 978-623-8274 if you want to register on the phone.

Early call classes include, for Kids: Mini Mozarts, Pint Size Picassos, Extreme Sports, Polar Pals, Wee Warriors, Monday Flag Football, Discover Scuba Diving, Tennis, and Keys For Kids with Jacob Zeltser.

For Adults: Tennis, Golf Workshop, Boot Camp Workout, Walking Workout, and Discover Scuba Diving. Adults also

can register for Swing, Ballroom Dancing, Advanced Ballroom, Spanish Conversation, Italian Conversation, Picture Framing and Stunning Necklaces.

Classes forming at the Asian Center

Registrations are now being taken for ESOL English-for-Speakers-of-Other-Languages And preschool classes at the Asian Center, 1 Ballard Way, Lawrence. Anyone interested in signing up for morning classes should call the Asian Center at 978-683-7316. Visit asiancentermv.org for directions and more details.

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Walk for change at the Hike for Hope on Oct. 3

More than 1,700 walkers of all ages will gather on Sunday, Oct. 3, for the 11th Annual Hike for Hope held at Merrimack College. The event offers a 5-mile route that is just right for family and corporate walk teams, as well as individual walkers.

Greg Smith, a member of the Lazarus House Advisory Board said, "the whole

idea of providing transitional housing is to help people get back on their feet. It's that vision that keeps my wife, Nancy and I walking. Especially when we realized that the Hike for Hope is a big part of the budget that keeps the programs running. This year, I raised \$1,000 in one day by posting it to Facebook and LinkedIn from my personal fundraising page on

the www.hikeforhope.org website. People tend to want to help others, so it's not difficult to get donations."

Funds raised at the Hike will go to Capernaum Place, a transitional housing facility with 18 family and two single-handicapped units, it is currently filled to capacity. The maximum length of stay at Capernaum Place is two years. During

this time residents work with caseworkers, take life skills workshops, and learn the skills necessary for independent living and fiscal responsibility. Since the opening, 27 out of 29 families have found permanent housing; a 93 percent success rate.

Walk registration starts at 11 a.m., zumba warm-up at 12:30 p.m. launching

directly into opening ceremonies at 12:40 p.m. The Hike begins at 1 p.m. followed by a barbecue and fun, family activities. Sign up today and help our current and future Capernaum Place residents overcome the challenges of living in poverty.

For more information contact the Event Manager at 978-269-5206 or email events@lazarushouse.org.

Andover students named National Merit Scholars

The names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 56th annual National Merit Scholarship Program were announced by officials of National Merit Scholarship Corp. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,400 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$36 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Students from Andover High School and private Phillips Academy are:

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He Tian
Pratiksha R. Yalakishettar

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Jane Chen
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Christine G. Whalen
Catherine D. Wiener
Julia L. Zorthian

■ POLICE LOG

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

ARRESTS

Monday, Sept. 20, 1:12 p.m. – Jonathan Mohs, 30, 205 Edgewood Ave., Methuen, arrested on a warrant.

Monday, Sept. 20, 4:25 a.m. – Matthew Mace, 21, 16 Brookfield Road, Andover, arrested for speeding and driving under the influence.

Monday, Sept. 20, 12:12 p.m. – Ann Marie Reilly, 49, 3 Cottonwood Circle, Andover, arrested for driving under the influence.

Saturday, Sept. 18, 3:21 a.m. – Roberto S. Perinho, 121 Chase St., Fall River, arrested for

various warrants including one for breaking and entering.

Thursday, Sept. 16, 2:53 p.m. – Susan A. Chamberlain, 52, 142 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Methuen, arrested for driving with a suspended license and forging RMV documents.

Thursday, Sept. 16, 10:07 p.m. – Jessica Verdell Kehoe, 33, 62 Farnum, North Andover, arrested for driving under the influence.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6:51 a.m. – Darnell J. West, 27, 68 Maginnis Ave., Lawrence, arrested for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and outstanding warrant for failing to report for jury duty.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 4:16 p.m. – Jayson Ruffen, 33, 174 N. Main St., Andover, arrested on larceny

charges.

Saturday, Sept. 11, 11:50 p.m. – Justin R. Davison, 18, 196 N. Main St., Salem, N.H., arrested on a warrant.

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2:25 a.m. – Paul Valente, 28, 152 Glen St., Somerville, arrested for driving under the influence, second offense, and driving with an open container of liquor.

THEFTS

Monday, Sept. 20, 10:34 p.m. – an employee of My Brothers Place on Post Office Avenue, reported a customer's car stolen. The car crashed into a telephone pole on Essex Street. The suspect fled on foot and police did not catch him.

Monday, Sept. 20, Philips Medical on Minuteman Road reported two laptops were stolen sometime between 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17 and 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 20.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Monday, Sept. 20, 10:32 a.m. – Haverhill Street, car crashed into a telephone pole, no injuries.

INCIDENTS

Monday, Sept. 20, 5:51 p.m. – a resident called police to report suspicious mail. Police determined it was an invitation to a Halloween party.

Monday, Sept. 20, 8:28 p.m. – a resident reported receiving threats on Facebook.

Andover Police to participate in Operation Meds Sweep

Andover Police will conduct a prescription drug disposal day as part of a nationwide initiative by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon at West Elementary at 58 Beacon Street in Andover. Residents are encouraged to gather expired, unused and unneeded medications, which will be collected and safely disposed of by the U.S. DEA at no cost to the local community.

Essex District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett urges Essex County residents to take advantage of this opportunity to safely

dispose of unwanted prescription drugs.

"Prescription drugs are abused by young people in greater numbers than cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens and inhalants combined," D.A. Blodgett said. "In most cases, young people are able to get these drugs from their homes or from a friend's home. Young people believe that these drugs are safer than so-called street drugs when in fact non-medical use of these drugs can be very dangerous and highly addictive."

"We are involved in this effort

in order to help get these potentially dangerous drugs out of your homes and disposed of legally and safely. Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem and one that we all need to address," Chief Brian J. Patullo said. "On an ongoing basis, parents and grandparents need to monitor their prescriptions closely to ensure that their children or children's friends don't have access to these drugs. For example, keeping medication in the bathroom, while common, makes it easy for a curious teen to get their hands on these

drugs."

The prescription drug disposal is completely anonymous and free of charge for residential users. Syringes, needles, medical devices, thermometers, and IV bags cannot be accepted.

This program is being done in collaboration with the TRIAD Team and the Andover Senior Center.

For more information, contact Officer Robin Cataldo at 978-475-0411, ext. 1004, or go to www.dea.gov to find a collection site near you.

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by Bill Buck, Broker/Owner

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Obituaries

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Robert T. Connell, 71



Robert T. "Bob" Connell, 71, of Bedford, N.H. (formerly of Nashua, N.H.), died, Monday, Sept. 13, 2010 at Catholic Medical Center, following a short illness.

Born in Malden, on Sept. 3, 1939, he was a son of the late Thomas J. and Mary B. (Sheridan) Connell. A graduate of Providence College and a U.S. Marine Corp veteran, Bob enjoyed a lifetime career in the Real Estate Industry. An accomplished golfer, he played the game he loved until just a few weeks before his death. In recent years, he was especially fond of helping his more senior playing partners win area tournaments.

He is survived by his son, Robert T. Connell and wife Lisa of

Goffstown, N.H.; his daughter, Jane Hebert and her husband Mark of Hooksett, N.H.; and his cherished granddaughter, Ashley Hebert; his longtime partner, Mary Zybura of Bedford, N.H.; sisters, Carol Connell of Clearwater, Fla., Elaine Anderson of St. Petersburg, Fla., Joan Ponti and her husband Joseph of Andover; brother, Thomas Connell and his wife Dorothy of Billerica; and his many nieces and nephews who will all miss him dearly.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were held at the Farwell Funeral Home on Thursday. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Christopher Church, Friday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Arrangements are in the care of the Farwell Funeral Service, 18 Lock St., Nashua. 603-882-0591 (www.farwellfuneral.com).

Joyce E. Bush Read Constance, 85

Joyce Evelyn Bush Read Constance, 85, most recently of Moultonborough, N.H., passed away at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010.

Born Feb. 26, 1925 in Brisbin, Pa., she was the ninth child of Fred W. Bush and Mary Roan Bush.

She lived in Philipsburg and Philadelphia, Pa.; Dover, N.J.; Huntsville, Ala.; Paris, France; Andover; Bloomfield Hills and Kalamazoo, Mich.; Queenstown, Grasonville and Chester, Md.; and Chicago, prior to moving to New Hampshire in 2005.

She married her first husband, Philip Hugh Read of Philadelphia, on Aug. 10, 1950, who died July 26, 1951. She then married her second husband Philip Wendell Constance of Boston on Sept. 6, 1958, who died March 31, 1984.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Helen Bush Baxter, Ada Bush Irvin, Vivian Bush Durica Lingle, Margaret Bush Roan, Miriam Bush Rensing and Marie Bush Rado; and her brothers, Dwight, Robert and Wayne Bush. She is survived by her sister, Grace Bush Kern of Roanoke, Va.; her daughter, Joyce Read Constance Clough of Moultonborough; her daughter, Stephanie Constance Kitchen of Eagle River, Alaska; her son, Peter Constance of Chicago; her granddaughters, Stephanie Clough Reynolds of Winslow, Maine,

Candice Clough of San Francisco, and Alexandra Kitchen; and her great-grandsons, Jason and Matthew Reynolds.

Joyce was a loyal woman of high standards and strong moral fiber. Family and friends were extremely important to her. She got a lot out of life, and persevered through its many challenges, including the loss of two husbands to cancer and the raising of three children, who gave her their fair share of grief, along with a lot of love and a lot of joy. She had bright eyes, a quick wit, a kind and sensitive heart; a gentle touch and dedicated soul. She will be sorely missed, and her spirit will reside in the hearts of her family forever.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visitation and a memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester, Md. Interment will be Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Joyce's name may be made to the Hospice Program at Community Health & Hospice, 780 North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246. Telephone 603-524-8444. Hospice was a concept that she believed in and volunteered to raise money for. This particular hospice organization was instrumental in supporting the family and helping to make Joyce's transition a peaceful one. Online condolences may be made at www.fhnfuneralhome.com.

Laurence H. Landry, 82



Laurence H. Landry, 82, of Methuen, passed away suddenly at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Laurence was born, raised and educated in Methuen. He served with the United States Navy during World War II. Laurence worked for many years at the Lawrence Plate Glass.

He was predeceased by his

wife, Marguerite (Blouin) Landry; a daughter, Jean Ashley and a daughter-in-law, Susan Landry. He leaves his children, Kenneth Landry of Methuen, Paula Scott of Wilton, N.H., and Michael Marchlik and his wife Patricia of Andover; eight grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: Services are to be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Charles F. Dewhurst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. Donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077.



Rita D. Lalime, 85

Mrs. Rita D. (Mailloux) Lalime, 85 years, of Swampscott, died in her home on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010 after a long illness. She was the wife of the late Swampscott Firefighter, Albert W. Lalime who died in the line of duty in 1972.

She was born in Andover, the daughter of the late Telesphore and Eva (Talbot) Mailloux. She was raised in Andover and was a 1942 graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Lawrence. Mrs. Lalime has lived in Swampscott since 1964.

She was a member of the 100 Club, an organization for widows of fallen fire fighters and police officers. She was a communicant at St. John the Evangelist Church. She also was a volunteer at the Abbott House and was involved in many community activities and charities. Mrs. Lalime was employed as a receptionist for the office of Dr. George MacDonald.

Mrs. Lalime is survived by her sister, Mrs. Irene Richard

of Lawrence; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Isabelle Mailloux of Andover, Mrs. Mildred Lalime of Connecticut, and Mrs. Ellen Mailloux of Methuen. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and many dear friends. She was the sister of the late Henry, Donat Joseph, Robert, Wilfred, and William Mailloux.

The family would like to give sincere thanks to the nurses and caregivers of the Hospice of the North Shore and her dear friends and caregivers Donna Small, Lori Donnelly and Beth Jacobs.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial Mass was held on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010 at 11 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, 147 Humphrey St., Swampscott. Burial was in Swampscott Cemetery. Visitation period was prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers the family prefers donations be made to the Swampscott Fire Relief Association, 76 Burrill St., Swampscott, MA 01907, or Hospice of the North Shore, 75 Sylvan St., Suite 102-B, Danvers, MA 01923. Arrangements by the Solimine, Landergan and Richardson Funeral Home, Lynn. Directions and guestbook at www.solimine.com.

John D. Morrow, 67



John D. Morrow, 67, of Andover, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

John was born and raised in Haverhill, the son of the late William C. and Helen (Kancevitch) Morrow. He was a lifelong learner who graduated from Bentley College with a B.S. degree in accounting and later earned his master's in business management from Suffolk University, master's in criminal justice from Anna Maria College, and master's in computer science from Franklin Pierce College.

John worked many years as an Investigator in the Bureau of Special Investigation for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He was an active member of St. Patrick's Parish. His family was the center of his life and he spent many years coaching and supporting his children's activities. He was an active volunteer at Bradford Elementary School for many years.

He gave untiringly of his time and talents to those who called upon him. John was a humble, selfless, and reserved individual, who had a wonderful impact on

the lives of those he touched. He will be remembered for his generosity, sense of humor and courage, especially in his last few years. Close friends will recall John's love of the beach, travels to Florida and affection for animals.

John is survived by his loving wife, Joanne (Kleponis) Morrow of Andover; children, John D. Morrow, Jr. and his wife Julia of Lexington, N.C., Maureen Poirier and her husband David of Methuen, and Mike Morrow and his wife Angie of Chicago; as well as grandchildren, Eric, Ethan, James and Gabe; a brother, Arthur C. Morrow of Stratham, N.H.; a sister-in-law, Elaine Morrow of Bradford; and several nieces and nephews. John was also predeceased by his brother, William C. Morrow, Jr.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Lawrence. Burial followed in West Parish Cemetery in Andover. Family and friends called on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Parish, 11 Kingston St., Lawrence, MA 01843; or to the NH.S.P.C.A., 104 Portsmouth Ave., Stratham, NH 03885. To leave online condolences, please visit www.confuneralhomes.com.



Agatina C. Scalse, 92

Agatina C. (Catalano) Scalse, 92, of Lawrence, passed away peacefully in The Wingate at Andover on Friday, Sept. 17, 2010.

She was the beloved wife of the late Santo Scalse. Agatina attended Lawrence schools and worked as a shoe inspector for many years. She also worked as a waitress at her family's restaurant. She volunteered at numerous nursing homes. Agatina was a loving and caring person who loved her family very much.

Agatina is survived by her son, Nicklas Scalse and wife Nancy

of Andover. She is also survived by her two sisters Laurenzina Scalisi and Nicolina Catalano; her sister-in-law, Ida Bardwell and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two sisters, Anna Cottone and Mary Parisi.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Monday, Sept. 20, 2010 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. A funeral Mass was held at Corpus Christi Parish in Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010 at 10 a.m. Burial was at Bellevue Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Wingate at Andover, Attn: Activity Department, 80 Andover St., Andover, MA 01810. For online condolences, please visit www.cataudellafh.com.

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Townspeople

A tree house and wormy apples

William Dalton



You can spend thousands of dollars to buy a kid's tree house. They come in kits that parents can assemble for their children. The one

my friends and I made in 1951 didn't cost anything except the labor of three, 8-year-olds.

My friends were Andy Blake and Donny Anderson. Together, we collected enough scrap wood to build a tree house in my backyard. The hammer and nails were borrowed from my father. The trick to building a tree house, as any kid knew back then, was that it be secret and not easily seen. An apple tree with thick foliage was chosen as the host. We built it in that glorious week that follows school getting out for the summer.

There is some craft to putting a tree house together, and it is a skill a kid acquires as he goes along. I'd already built one tiny, uncovered one, really just a place to sit, high in a blue spruce in my front yard. I'd sit there unseen and watch the world go by. Some of the "world" was my older brother Bucky's gang and from my perch I could see all of the Park where they often played. I'd also read comic books and just sit and think. Sitting and thinking are important for a kid.

I think the concept of the backyard tree house was that it was a place of our own. There is something in humans that wants to possess things, and at age eight we didn't have many possessions. Besides required clothing, our summer possessions were a bicycle, a baseball glove hung on the handlebars, and some shared bats and balls.

The first thing about the tree house was that it had to be high enough to be inconvenient for adults to get to. Second, it had to be sort of level and safe. This was a problem. We had to find two high branches that were at the same level and close and thick enough to be able to build a floor. It wasn't easy, but the apple tree had gone wild and grown tall, and we found the right spot, although the branches weren't quite at the same height, which caused the tree house to be at a tilt.

The ideal of secrecy was immediately destroyed by our hammering. By the time my parents heard enough to be curious, any damage caused to the branches with the dozens of nails we'd hammered in was damage that couldn't be undone. Anyway, my parents remembered their own tree houses, and it was a kid's right to have one. Bucky and his friends heard the hammering, and they were amused. Although their knowing the location wasn't a perfect situation, I'd known all along that Bucky would know about it since it was only 30 yards from our house.

The final product had a solid floor, shaky walls, and a roof. It didn't have a window, and the entrance had no door. We tried to figure out how to make a door, but when we got to that problem we were bored with the project and didn't spend any time on a solution.

As a group, we used the tree house five or six times. Three of us could fit in okay but that was about it. We could sit up in a scrunched position, and the smell of sneakers was strong. In those days, we kept our Tyer Rubber sneakers until there was no fabric left for the tape to hold them together, and they acquired the smell of active young boys. As weeks went by, the smell of apples mingled with the sneakers, creating a musty sweet odor that you could taste.

It was the apples that doomed the use of the house. In the autumn, rotting apples were under the tree. I can't positively remember who threw them, I think it was Shadow McBride and Alan Nowell, a couple of Bucky's friends, and when I was in the tree house one warm October day, I started to hear apples splattering against the structure and soon several sloppy, wormy apples came through the entrance. The apple throwers left, and I slid through the apple and worm debris and left to go change my clothes.

The tree house sat in the apple tree, almost unused, for three years, except maybe by my little brother, Bob, and his friends, when they were old enough to climb. Hurricane Carol finished it off in 1954.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and enjoys receiving your emails at billdalton@andovertownie.com.



Community members pass under an arc of balloons as they embark on Sunday's Memory Walk through downtown Andover to raise money for Alzheimer's research.

PHOTOS BY JAN SEEGER

MEMORY WALK DOWNTOWN

The Memory Walk to raise money for Alzheimer's research paraded through Andover on Sunday. Hundreds came out to walk, some in memory of loved ones, others in support of families dealing with the disease.



Isabelle Chaffee, 2, gets a ride on Dad Matthew Chaffee's shoulders, as community members join together during the Memory Walk through downtown Andover Sunday to raise money for Alzheimer's research.



A sign language interpreter translates for the crowd of community members during the opening speeches at the start of Sunday's Memory Walk through downtown Andover to raise money for Alzheimer's research.



Congresswoman Niki Tsongas greets walkers, left, Anne Stevens, of North Andover, Camille Wilkins, of Andover, and Flo Wilson, of Andover, as they prepare to take off on the 3-mile Memory Walk through downtown Andover Sunday to raise money for Alzheimer's research.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago Sept. 23, 1910

The office of the Western Union Telegraph in the Arco building will be discontinued on October 1. It is understood that it will be removed to the telephone office in the Musgrove building.

Several teachers from the John Dove school very pleasantly surprised Miss Alice Coutts last Monday evening at her home on Maple avenue by calling to offer congratulations on her birthday.

The residents of Harding street and the lower part of High street were aroused to a pitch of

considerable anxiety on Wednesday morning by the report that a mad dog was in the neighborhood. The proper authorities were summoned, an investigation took place, and it was finally discovered that the dog was not mad.

75 Years Ago Sept. 20, 1935

A conference of town officials and interested citizens was held last Friday evening at the offices of the Andover-Shawshen Realty company in connection with the corner lot in Shawshen square owned by George MacIntosh of Wakefield. The

possibility of the town's purchasing the property as a park was discussed. Cornelius A. Wood said that he would donate \$3,000 toward its purchase if a group of citizens or the town would make up the rest, his only stipulation being that it should be a memorial to his father, the late William M. Wood, who as president of the American Woolen company built up the village.

The B.P.W. will start Monday morning on the laying of a new sidewalk on the west side of Florence street. The Summer street walk is completed except for a little grading here and there on the grass plots beside the walk. The public works employees are

working but two or three days a week at present since most of the year's work is complete. The work on Salem street is all done, as is the relocating of hydrants on Lowell street, the reconstruction of which is complete except for the shoulders.

The sidewalk and parking space in front of the town hall, long a mud pie or dust heap, is to be reconstructed and a hard surface put in if plans now under construction materialize. The work would be done under the W.P.A., with the municipal buildings appropriation taking care of the cost of materials.

50 Years Ago: Sept. 22, 1960

The Boston and Maine Railroad has asked the town to approve installation of automatic gates at the Essex street intersection with the tracks. The Railroad also has asked approval of a plan to simplify the layout of tracks in the area; to straighten a section of Railroad street at the intersection and the driveway into the Stevens Co. land.

A record public school enrollment has been established, with 3,550 pupils in school as of Sept. 16. Superintendent Edward I. Erickson reviewed the new figures with the School Committee

Tuesday night and noted that the enrollment has jumped 43 since the opening of school, when 3,507 started their academic year.

The Andover Housing Authority will probably appoint a \$10,000 director of urban renewal by next Monday night. Acting director David MacDonald said interviews are being scheduled now with six applicants. They are Albert Cole Jr., James Mann, John O'Malley, Arthur Hall, Thomas Eldred, and one person who has asked not to be identified at present.

Andover's Blue Devils open their season Saturday, meeting Swampscott in a 2 p.m. game in that town.

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Farm hosts adoption party

Ironstone Farm in Andover hosted an Adoption Party on Sunday, Aug. 29, for the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange. MARE and Ironstone's therapeutic riding program treated children in foster care who need adoptive homes to an afternoon of riding, arts and crafts, pizza, and

face painting. The children were joined by families who have been approved to adopt from foster care.

The party was attended by social workers and foster parents who brought 14 children and teens in need of adoption, and 14 families who are looking to adopt.



Audra Hebert and Free Christian Church Pastor Andy Wescott emerge from the sea at Salisbury State Beach after Hebert was baptized on Sept. 13.

Local woman baptized in sea

Andover resident Audra Hebert was baptized in the sea off the Salisbury State Beach on Monday, Sept. 13, by Pastor Andy Wescott of Free Christian Church. The journey to her baptism began just over a year ago when she was sitting on a beach writing in her journal about her lack of purpose in life.

"It was breezy and a ladybug came to rest on my knee. When it stayed for over an hour, even following me home, I felt like it was a sign that I should go to a church. I had no church background, so I picked one at random from the phone book." Audra ended up at Free Christian Church, where she was invited to attend the Alpha Course, which is described as "an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment where no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish."

Audra had lots of questions and while she believed in God

she admits that at the time, "I wasn't so sure about Jesus". She enjoyed the group and the opportunity it gave to discuss the big questions of life so she agreed to help with the next course, even though she still wasn't sure what she believed. It is of this second Alpha course that she says, "I understand now who Jesus is and I have no fear in saying I believe in him because I have experienced His love. I have felt His Spirit. I realize that my love for the people in my life is greater because suddenly there is this great love in me."

Audra will co-lead an Alpha group this fall for young single adults like herself, as part of the Alpha program at Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover.

Anyone interested in checking out the Alpha Course is invited to a dinner at the church on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 6:30 p.m. See alpha.freechristian.org for more information or to register for the dinner or course.



Scout Alex Davidson and John Denison, an Andover resident who donated materials, pose on the completed bridge at Doyle Link Reservation.

Scouts' bridge helps hikers make Link

Boy Scout Troop 77, led by Eagle Scout candidate Alex Davidson, recently built a bridge over a creek in Doyle Link Reservation near Candlewood Lane. The previous bridge had completely rotted out and had to be removed. Without a bridge that portion of the trail through Doyle Link was difficult, or at times impossible, to pass, according to the Scouts.

Doyle Link Reservation is town conservation land containing 59 acres of woodlands and many miles of trails. The reservation can be accessed from Candlewood Lane, High Plain Road, Birch Road or Route 133.

Special lumber, hardware and fasteners for the project were donated by E.G. Barker Lumber Co. Inc. of Woburn and George McQuesten Co.

of Billerica. Barker Lumber is owned by John Denison of Andover. The lumber used, called TimberSil is a real wood that has been treated with glass to make it long-lasting and environmentally friendly, according to Davidson.

For more information about Doyle Link Reservation go to andovertrails.org/doyle.html.

SENIOR NOTES

"And Now ...Mark Twain!": Sept. 25 from 6 to 9 p.m., cost is \$7. Delicious stuffed chicken dinner, with dessert and beverages and a delightful look at the life and work of America's foremost humorist in his centennial observance. This one-person play is full of wit and wisdom and the special brand of storytelling that made Sawyer a legend in his time. Door prizes from the Friends of the Andover Senior Center. Advance purchase only.

Give it your best shot: Friday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m. Judy Ayer, Pharmacist from our local CVS, will talk about inoculations. Learn more about who needs them, how important they are, and where you can get them.

Naval History Trilogy: Mondays, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m., cost is \$3 per session. Roundtable lecture and discussion will reveal astonishing naval history as told from the personal

perspective of Joe Ponti, local veteran, author and historian. Hear about WWII Hitler war prizes, forecasts before weather satellites and the world's longest naval building moratorium. Community welcome, especially veterans.

Fuel Assistance Forum: Friday, Oct. 1, at 9 a.m. free. Panel discussion hosted by Bay State Gas, Greater Lawrence Community Action Council and Rep. Barbara L'Italien regarding what programs public and private are available. Refreshments; call to hold a spot.

Autumn in Japan: Oct. 5 at noon, cost is \$2. Bring lunch & we provide dessert and drinks. Presenter: Jack Holmes, Photographer.

Boston Architecture: Tuesday,

Oct. 5 to 26 at 1:30 p.m., cost is \$20. Salem State Explorers will present a lecture series about the streets of Boston, both old and new. From the early colonial period to the present. Led by teacher and guide from "Boston on Foot". An actual walking tour of Victorian Back Bay by "Boston on Foot" is scheduled for Oct. 27. Call to register.

The Best American Short Stories of 2009: Thursday, Oct. 7 to Nov. 4, 1:30 p.m. cost is \$20. Diverse and imaginative stories will form the basis of conversation in this lively discussion series, led by Ned Martin, retired English teacher. Please purchase your copy of this collection and read the first three stories before the first class. Ed. Alice Sebold, Houghton.

Retired professor Park receives KSEA Award

Dr. Jae Young Park recently received a 2010 Outstanding Contributions to KSEA Award.

Dr. Park is a professor emeritus of physics at North Carolina State University and 12th president of the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association who has served KSEA, the physics discipline, and US and Korean societies with distinction for decades since he joined NC State in 1962 after he obtained his doctorate in physics from University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill). He also obtained his M.S. (1956) from Rensselaer Polytech and B.S. (1952) from Seoul National University, both in physics. He was a visiting scholar/professor at Pohang University of Science and Technology, Kyoto University and at University of Giessen in Germany. Park's contributions in the fields of heavy ion physics, nuclear structure and "nuclear molecules" are widely recognized. He has been a member of American Physical Society, American Association of Physics Teachers, Korean Academy of Science and Technology as well as a life time member of KSEA.

As the 12th president of KSEA, Park made a great stride to reach out to members in the Southeast and Southwest as well as Midwestern regions of US, established new chapters and expanded existing chapter activities by adding new disciplines to the existing fields. He also served as president of the North Carolina chapter and various committees of KSEA for decades. For his efforts, he was awarded a National Medal Dong-Baek-Jang (Camellia) in 1985 by Korean government.

Dr. Park and his wife Sue did a reverse retirement, moving from North Carolina to New England to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren in Andover and son and family in Newton. They also have a son and family in Pittsburgh, Pa. They are active members of Andover's No. Boston Korean Methodist Church and enjoy activities at the Andover Senior Center and the Andover/ North Andover YMCA.

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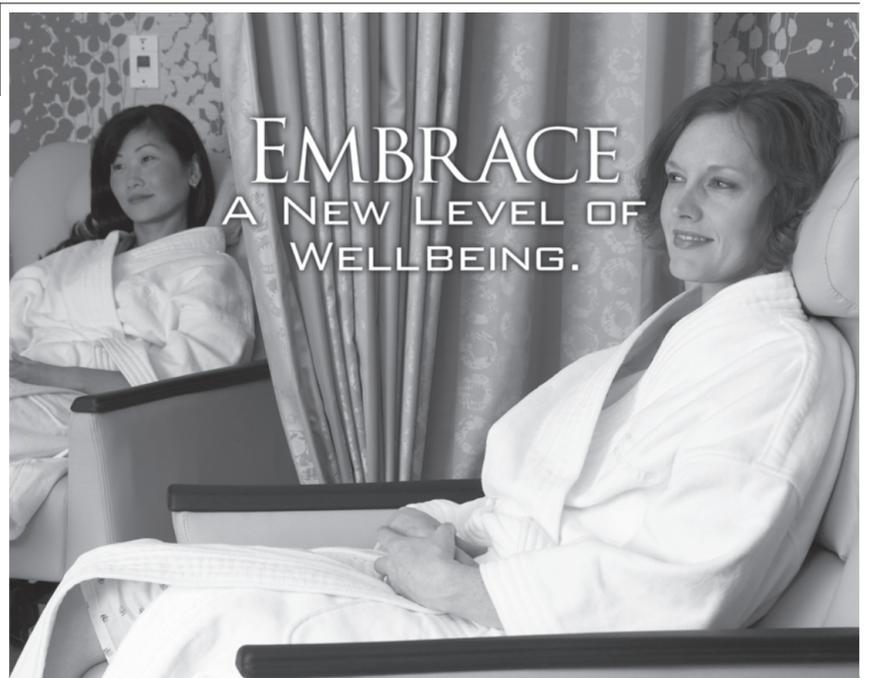
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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

ORIENT EXPRESS FOOD, Wine and Beer Pairing, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Haverhill Country Club, benefits Merrimack Valley Hospice, entertainment, silent auction, \$50; MerrimackValleyHospice.org, 978-552-4927.

PSYCHIC READINGS, \$20 each for 15 minutes, appointments are booked at the door only. Doors open at 5:55 p.m., complimentary coffee and refreshments are available; Winnekenni Castle, Kenoza Avenue, Haverhill; 978-521-1686, winnekenni.com.

BOOK READING, Doug Stewart will be reading from his new history book, "The Boy Who Would be Shakespeare," about one of history's most amazing hoaxes, 7 p.m., \$3 ticket charge, Andover Bookstore, 89 R Main St.: 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

BOOK SALE, The Friends of Memorial Hall Library Fall Book Sale, during regular library hours, Memorial Hall Library, Andover; mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32, text 66746 (start your message with "askmhl").

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

ANDOVER DAY, Main Street closed to traffic as downtown businesses host, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., live music, entertainment, food vendors, sidewalk sales; hosted by Andover Business Center Association, rain date is Saturday, Oct. 9.

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT, Jane Sutton of "Don't Call Me Sidney," 2 p.m., \$3 ticket charge, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.: 978-475-0143.

PSYCHIC FAIR, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St., Andover; 978-474-8010

GOATSTOCK 5, live music including the band Astro Al which features Paul and Deb (Nash) Angelosanto of Andover, Nave Gallery, Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church, 155 Powderhouse Blvd., Somerville, \$5 cover, 7 p.m.; 617-625-4823. Proceeds benefit Heifer International.

STAND-UP COMEDY, finalists from NBC's "Last Comic Standing," 8 p.m., \$38.75, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-454-2299.

LOCAL SINGER CAROL LEARY, performs at the Black Olive restaurant in Tewksbury, with John Hyde, another Andover resident, on piano. They will be performing songs from the American Songbook as well as some other popular tunes, 8 p.m.

SPECIAL FIELD GAMES, The Service Club of Andover has teamed up with the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus to sponsor, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, registration begins at 8 a.m., held rain or shine; Kellie & Paul Martin, 603-893-6954, martinph@comcast.net.

LOWELL OPEN STUDIOS, various artists show work, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 9 locations throughout Lowell; lowellopenstudios.org.

ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET, Andover Historical Society lawn, 97 Main St., Andover, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

CAREER CLOTHING SALE, professional, gently used clothing, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tewksbury United Methodist Church, 2335 Main St., Tewksbury.

BOOK SALE, The Friends of Memorial Hall Library Fall Book Sale, during regular library hours, see Sept. 24 listing.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

BREATHE, a benefit 5K run/walk, for the National Lung Cancer Partnership's research, education and awareness programs, Chelmsford High School; FreetoBreathe.org.

MEET THE AUTHOR AFTERNOON, "Sisters in Crime" authors, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Andover Wyndham, 123 Old River Road, Andover, benefits PATHS (Patient Advocacy Training & Health Services), \$25, includes lunch, a panel discussion, book signing, for \$15 more there are a limited number of VIP seats allowing you to join one of the Authors at her lunch table; Christine S. Lang, Executive Director, 978-264-9770, chris@PatientPaths.org.

OPENING RECEPTION, for the new exhibit "Lies, Legends, Hearsay and History: Haverhill 1640 to 1770," 1 to 4 p.m., Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water St., Haverhill, free, exhibit runs through Oct. 31; 978-374-4626.

LIVE MUSIC, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, "Pops Concert," 2:30 p.m., The Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover.

BOOK SALE, The Friends of Memorial Hall Library Fall Book Sale, during regular library hours, see Sept. 24 listing.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

NETWORKING FOR JOB SEEKERS, 7 p.m., with Tammy Gooler Loeb, voted one of the Top Ten Executive Coaches by readers of Women's Business Boston in 2008, Memorial

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DAVID LE/Staff Photo
Serg Murphy, of Dracut, executes a front side grind across a railing at The Andover Skate Park. The park was closed all this summer for renovations, however, Saturday marked its reopening and did not disappoint. In addition to hundreds showing up to try out the new and improved skate park, there was a live band, food, and other activities.

SKATING RESUMES AT ANDOVER PARK

Hundreds of kids descended upon the just-renovated Andover Skate Park last Saturday leaving one observer to call it the town's new showpiece.

"Kids from town and all over Merrimack Valley showed up and just couldn't believe it. It's the smoothest and most challenging park around. Now, it's a showpiece for the town," said Glen Wilson of Andover Youth Services.

AYS runs the park, which is located behind West Middle School. After 12 years in business, the park was closed all summer for a much-needed makeover. Some \$91,000 was raised. AYS hosted fundraisers while Converse donated \$50,000. Saturday marked its grand re-opening and Wilson said local skateboarders are thrilled.

— Judy Wakefield



Keith Powers of Nashua, N.H., flies around the inside of the concrete bowl at The Andover Skate Park.

Zimbabwe graphic design artist to display works at NECC

Chaz Maviyane-Davies, called "the guerrilla of graphic design" by Design magazine, has an exhibit of his works running through Oct. 22 in the Art Space in Northern Essex Community College's Bentley Library on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St. during library hours. He will present a lecture in the Technology Center on Friday, Oct. 1, at noon.

Both events, which are

co-sponsored by the Art, Design, and Photography Department and the NECC libraries, are free and open to the public.

Maviyane-Davies tackles issues of consumerism, health, nutrition, social responsibility, the environment, and human rights in his colorful and dynamic posters.

"Over the years I have tried to marshal the power of design to enable effective communication

for social change by using images and ideas to cut through complacency and apathy, while trying to raise consciousness about an array of social and political issues," he says.

He studied at the Central School of Art and Design in London, and worked in Britain, Japan, Malaysia, the US, and Zimbabwe. Because of adverse political conditions in his homeland of Zimbabwe, he relocated

to Boston in 2001. He is a professor of design at MassArt. In 2009 he was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the UMass Lowell.

In addition to being published in numerous books, international magazines, and newspapers, his work has been exhibited extensively and is included in several permanent collections at various galleries.

Northern Essex offers

associate degrees in graphic design, general studies multimedia, general studies visual arts, and illustration as well as a certificate in graphic design desktop publishing.

For additional information on the Maviyane -Davies exhibit or NECC's art and design programs, contact Patricia Kidney, Art and Design Program coordinator, at 978-556-3389 or pkidney@necc.mass.edu



MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photo
Brian Allen, Director the Addison Gallery of American Art talks about a new acquisition, paintings titled Henry Hudson Bridge Substructure A.M., and P.M., by Rackstraw Downes, as the museum reopens after an 18-month, \$30 million construction project.

Addison reopening party this Saturday

A reopening party is planned this Saturday, Sept. 25, to celebrate the refurbished Addison Gallery for American Art. People can attend the celebration for free, between 3 and 7 p.m.

The museum had been shuttered more than two years for a renovation and expansion project. The new museum offers a large library and museum

learning center open to the public.

The current exhibit, "Inside, Outside, Upstairs, Downstairs: the Addison Anew" features old favorites and new works purchased during the museum's closure. Among the new items is a mixed media piece by Mark Bradford that Allen believes

"will be one of the great things

to come into the collection during my time here." Another new work exhibited is two paintings of a bridge by the Hudson River by Rackstraw Downes that are considered one work of art.

Residents always can view the works for free on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

White Fund lecture series continues

The White Fund Enlightenment Series, a free lecture series for people of Lawrence and the Merrimack Valley, launched last Sunday with radio show host and author Michele McPhee and will continue this fall at various Lawrence locations with poet and Brandeis College dean Jamele Adams, Afghan human rights activist Shabana Basij-Rasikh, and poet, human rights activist and professor Marjorie Agosin.

On Friday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m. in the Parthum School, 255 East Haverhill St., Lawrence, Shabana Basij-Rasikh, who was a young girl when the Taliban took over her country and shattered the dreams of education for many Afghanistan women, will share her thoughts on the plight of Afghanistan's women, the future of the country, and what the rest of the world can do to help.

Marjorie Agosin will present "The Art of Witnessing: Poetry and Social Justice in Latin America," which addresses the work of contemporary Latin American poets who have spoken on behalf of human rights and have created a poetics of witnessing, on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the White Fund Room.

The White Fund's purpose is to have a free series of interactive presentations for Lawrence area adults, youth, and children. The audience is encouraged to seek wisdom, cultural enrichment, and intellectual enhancement by attending and participating. Funded by a generous financial gift from the Honorable Daniel Appleton White, the White Fund Lecture Series has provided cultural conversation featuring well-known lecturers in fields such as history, literature, travel, the arts, and politics. The White Fund is collaborating with Northern Essex on this series.

For directions to NECC's Lawrence Extension Campus, located at 78-82 Amesbury St., visit the college's website necc.mass.edu and click-on maps and directions at the top of the home page. Parking is available behind the building. Additional parking is available at the Buckley Garage which is across the street from the campus. Parking is free to those attending NECC events.

For additional information or to receive a calendar of upcoming events in the White Fund Enlightenment Series, call 978-738-7403 or visit necc.mass.edu/whitefund.

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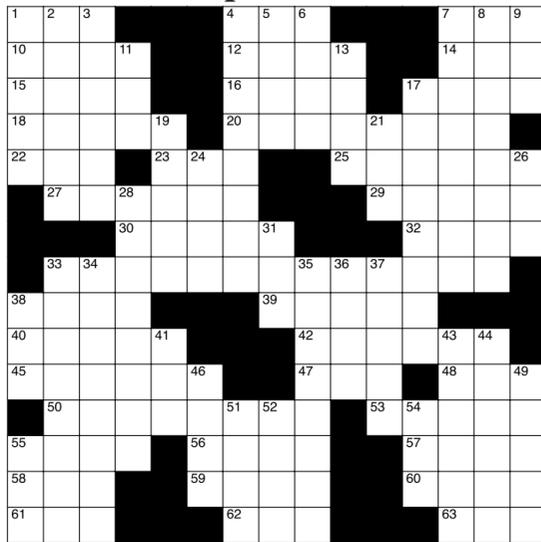
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Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Reciprocal of a sine
4. Ultrahigh frequency
7. Volcanic mountain in Japan
10. Dull pain
12. Informer (Br. slang)
14. Greatest Common Factor
15. Periods of time
16. = 2 x radius
17. Small water craft
18. Son of Jephunneh
20. Vegetarian "Parmesan" dish
22. Large tailless primate
23. Make a mistake
25. Lemon-lime soda brand
27. Steroid alcohol (syn.)
29. Ancient royal Canaanite city
30. Foreigner in Ancient Greece
32. Companion (Olde English)
33. Crux Australis
38. Ancient France
39. Swift's brute race
40. Communion table
42. Behaved wildly
45. Confer an honor
47. River in E. England
48. Comedian Carney
50. Script
53. Heroic tales
55. "___ and Andy," TV show
56. Extremist religious sect
57. ___ Mater, one's school
58. A block of soap

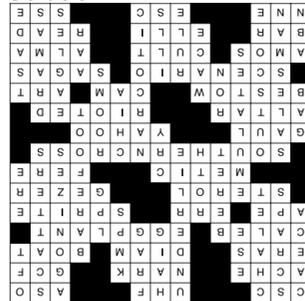
CLUES DOWN

1. Cecums
2. Casts away
3. Swiss house
4. Form the base for
5. Secretary of State 1981-82
6. Hand grenade
7. Anguish
8. Spreads around
9. Frequently
11. Point midway between E and SE
13. Kilometers per second
17. Unshod
19. Brimless hat
- 21.

CLUES ACROSS

11. Norse goddess of old age
12. Interpret the written word
13. Point midway between N and NE
14. Old Portuguese currency (abbr.)
15. Point midway between S and SE
24. Deception author Philip
26. Before
28. Strives to match
31. Shed tears
33. Miller's "Death of a ___"
34. Gets more points than
35. Drug that produces stupor
36. Salvia columbariae
37. Suite
38. Talk
41. Press Sec. Zeigler
43. Raptors
44. Plays
46. Poet of Jersey 1100-1174
49. Variant spelling of sadhe
51. Prescribed guide for conduct
52. Ailments
54. Swiss river
55. Airborne (abbr.)

Solution



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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

INVASIVE PLANT TALK, with Ted Elliman, Vegetation Management Coordinator for the New England Wildflower Society, in conjunction with the Andover Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Andover; Suzanne.Robert@verizon.net.

BASICS OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, with professional photographer Kris Thomas, of North Reading, 7 p.m., free and open to the public, Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-66-4942.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

AUTHOR VISIT, Eric Jay Dolan of "Fur, Fortune, & Empire: The Epic History of the Fur Trade in America," 7 p.m., \$3 ticket charge, Andover Bookstore, 89 R Main St.; 978-475-0143.

KEROUAC FESTIVAL OPENS, participating authors include Anita Shreve, Ann Hood, Tom Perotta and Asst. Prof. Andre Dubus II, presented by Lowell Celebrates Kerouac, happening at various locations throughout Lowell through Oct. 3; lowellcelebrateskerouac.org.

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

GRAPHIC DESIGNER VISITS, Zimbabwe Graphic Design Artist Chaz Maviyane-Davies, called the "guerrilla of graphic design" by Design magazine, and a professor of design at MassArt, will present a lecture in the Technology Center, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill campus, noon, free; Patricia Kidney, Art & Design Program coordinator, 978-556-3389, pkidney@necc.mass.edu. Works by Maviyane-

EVENTS CALENDAR

Davies on exhibit in Northern Essex Community College's Bentley Library Sept. 20-Oct.22.

CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATOR DAVID MACAULAY, 6 to 8 p.m., the Brush Gallery and Artists Studios in Lowell, a Caldecott Medal winner (among many other awards) and a MacArthur Genius Fellow; thebrush.org/tickets.htm.

EXHIBIT RECEPTION, Endicott College Faculty Art Exhibition 2010 includes works by Maria Cusumano and Mark Towner, both of Andover, 5 to 7 p.m., Spencer Presentation Gallery, Center for the Arts, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly; Kathleen Moore, 978-232-2655, kmoore@endicott.edu.

EXHIBIT OPENS, "Exchange," The Essex Art Center in Lawrence and LA GALERIA at Villa Victoria Center for the Arts in Boston's South End team up for collaboratively curated exhibition, through Dec. 3, Opening Reception on Friday, Oct. 8, 5 to 7 p.m., Island Street, Lawrence.

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

KIDS HALLOWEEN COSTUME SALE, hosted by the Mother Connection, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the TMC Family Center, Olde Andover Village, 93 Main St., Andover. Gently used costumes for ages 5 and under will be on sale for \$5, cash only. Fun Halloween accessories will also be available, bring the kids; memberresources@themotherconnection.org.

ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET, Andover Historical Society lawn, 97 Main St., Andover, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC, Round Mountain, \$12, 8 p.m., top floor in the Old Center Hall, directly across the street from the North Parish Church and around the corner from the Top of the Scales restaurant in North Andover; 978-687-3960 or 978-687-7948 on concert nights after 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

TROT FOR SPECIAL TOTS, benefits Professional Center for Child Development, 5K road

race/walk, followed by free family cookout and costume parade, 10 a.m.; TheProfessionalCenter.org.

LAZARUS HOUSE HIKE FOR HOPE, 1- or 5-mile walk, starts at Merrimack College, through downtown Andover and back to Merrimack College for a cookout and entertainment; hikeforhope.org.

BRICKMAN TRIATHALON, the Merrimack Valley YMCA hosts, start time is 8 a.m. at the Lawrence YMCA, 40 Lawrence St., Lawrence. The swim is a 250-yard serpentine course in the Lawrence YMCA pool. The bike will consist of 3 loops of a 3.4 mile bike route. The bike is a non-draft race and a CPSC-approved helmet is required. The run is 4.5 loops around the Campagnone Common; brickmantri@comcast.net, active.com. Runners must be a minimum of 18-years-old on race day. All proceeds from the BrickMan Triathlon benefit the Merrimack Valley YMCA and Habitat for Humanity.

CELEBRATIONS EXPO, Temple Emanuel of Andover hosts, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., dozens of vendors will be showcasing their products and services, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover; templemanuel.net, 978-470-1356.

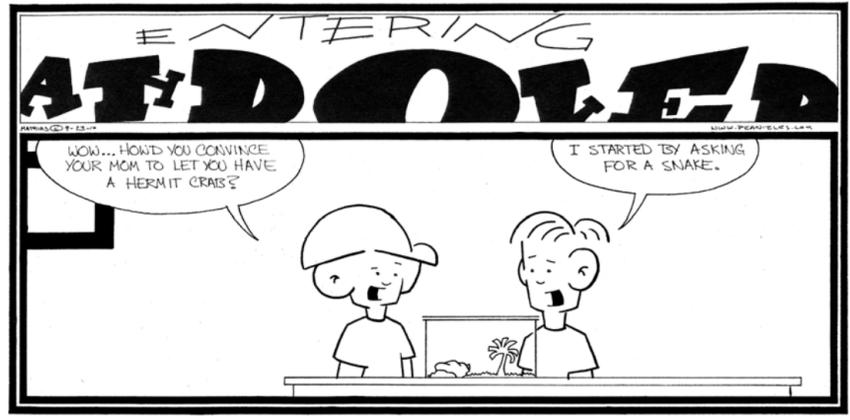
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

A SUPERNATURAL EVENING, with paranormal investigator and author Jeff Belanger, 7 p.m. Jeff is the founder and editor of Ghostville.com, the Web's most popular ghostly destination, the writer/researcher for the Travel Channel's Ghost Adventures show, and a guest on more than 200 radio and television programs around the globe, Memorial Hall Library; mhl.org, click on "Calendar of Events" to enter your information, or call 978-623-8401, x31 or 32.

SATURDAY, OCT. 9

ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET, LAST DAY, Andover Historical Society lawn, 97 Main St., Andover, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Sept. 27-Oct. 1:

Elementary schools

Monday: Beef or veggie soft shell taco with locally grown veggies, italian sub, soup and 1/2 a grilled cheese panini, summer squash soup, fresh peas and locally grown melon.

Tuesday: French toast sticks, sausage, mini Stoneyfield yogurt, Rib-A-Q on a roll with barbecue sauce, tuna salad pocket, roasted red bliss potatoes with fresh basil, locally grown fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Fresh eggplant parmesan, pasta, garlic bread, yogurt parfait, graham crackers, grab and go lunch, seasoned fresh green beans, fresh berries with topping and juice.

Thursday: Chicken tenders, dinner roll, chef's salad with all locally grown produce, thin and trim roast beef on whole wheat, corn on the cob, baked maine potato wedges and locally grown apple.

Friday: Pizza Day - cheese or fresh veggie french bread pizza, vegetable soup, locally grown celery and carrot sticks and fresh apple.

Middle schools

Monday: Beef or veggie soft shell taco with locally grown veggies, italian sub, soup and 1/2 a grilled cheese panini, summer squash soup, fresh peas and locally grown melon.

Tuesday: Salad bar with crispy or grilled chicken, Rib-A-Q on a roll with barbecue sauce, tuna salad pocket, roasted red bliss potatoes with fresh basil, locally grown fresh fruit and juice.

Wednesday: Fresh eggplant parmesan, pasta, garlic bread, yogurt parfait and graham crackers, grab and go lunch, seasoned fresh green beans, fresh berries with topping and juice.

Thursday: Chicken tenders,

dinner roll, chef's salad with locally grown produce, thin and trim ham and cheese on whole wheat, corn on the cob, baked maine potato and locally grown apple.

Friday: Pizza Day - Cheese or fresh veggie french bread pizza, vegetable soup, locally grown celery and carrot sticks and fresh apple.

Andover High School

Monday: Nacho bar with beef or chicken, fresh garden veggies, black bean salad, pepper and onion steak sub, fish sandwich, chicken caesar salad and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Calzone, choice of buffalo chicken, roasted veggie, cheese or pepperoni, caesar salad, chicken tender sub with sauce and cheese, manager's choice and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Pasta bar with side of meatballs, roasted green beans, deluxe bacon burger, veggie chili with cornbread, italian sandwich on french bread, fresh veggies and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Cheese or veggie lasagna, sauteed garden vegetables, whole whet bred stick, teriyaki chicken sub, vegetable panini, turkey club and peach crisp.

Friday: Manager's choice, meatball sub and buffalo chicken wrap.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; low-fat ice cream and yogurt; bagel with light cream cheese; yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; and milk.

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.



John R. Kohr Jr.

John Robert Kohr Jr., of Andover, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010 at Mass. General Hospital.

John was born in Frederick, Md., on Oct. 3, 1957 to his devoted parents Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Kohr Sr. of Yarmouthport. He grew up in Winchester with his parents, his late sister Janet Gilgum of Yarmouth, brother Jim Kohr of Tyngsboro, and sister Joyce Kohr of Chatham. He graduated from Winchester High School in 1975 where he met his good friend Kevin O'Neill. He then went on to Northeastern University and joined the Phi Beta Alpha Fraternity.

John moved to Andover in 1986 with his wife of 28 years, Laura (Bowse) Kohr. He was a devoted father to Stephen Kohr of Danvers, Jennifer Kohr of Lynn, Jeffrey Kohr of Andover, and Kimberley of Andover. He is also survived by his parents,

John R. Kohr Sr. and Jean M. Kohr of Yarmouthport and several nieces and nephews. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father and friend who will be greatly missed.

He was an active member of the Andover community and was involved in various local and sports organizations. He dedicated 15 years to leading boy scouts of Troop 77 of West Parish Church, where both his sons and over 30 young men earned their Eagle Scout Awards. He was also active in helping at the local schools in all his children's activities. John loved spending over 50 years at his beach house on Cape Cod where he met life long friend Jeff Smith.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends paid their respects on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010 at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. A funeral Mass followed at St. Augustine Church, Essex Street, Andover. A celebration of life took place at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover following the funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Jimmy Fund in John's name.



Dana C. Scholtz, 54

Dana Scholtz, of Andover, passed away on Monday, Sept. 20, 2010 at Hospice House in Haverhill.

He was predeceased by his mother, Jennie M. Scholtz, and father, Curtis S. Scholtz, of Andover. He is survived by his wife, Anne Mattison, and mother-in-law, Irene Mattison of Williamstown. Also, brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Paula Mattison of Cheshire; two nieces, Michelle Mattison and husband Stephen O'Day of Hatfield, and Melissa Mattison and husband Glenn Gullotta of Northampton. There are two great-nieces, Grace and Mattie, and two great-nephews, Jack and Cole. Dana has an aunt, Lillian Dana of Canton, and several cousins who live out of the area. One special cousin is Sandra Beiser of Colorado.

Dana Scholtz lived in Andover all of his life. He graduated from Andover High School, and went on to get his Master Electrician License. He worked at The Eagle Tribune for 39 years, having started working there with his father when he was in high school. He was the facilities manager and took great pride in his work. The people at The Tribune really are like a family and have been a great support to Dana and his wife Anne, especially in recent times.

Dana had always been a lover of nature. He had been involved in most outdoor sports, including horseback riding, swimming, fishing, hunting, hiking and

snowmobiling. He had a camp in Vermont where many happy hours were spent. In the winter, there was snowmobiling, in the summer and fall, hiking, swimming and exploring the area. Behind the camp is Jolly Mountain, which was a favorite spot to hike and watch the sunset.

Dana and his wife Anne enjoyed traveling, and the highlight of this was a trip to Alaska in 2006 with the extended family of Mattisons. It was absolutely beautiful, and sharing it with our family was so very special. Dana also loved to visit mountain tops and historical sites as well. Fall vacations included a trip to Burlington, Vt., and the National Northeast Street Rod Show. Seeing the cars was always a thrill and the fun was being there with Anne's brother, Larry, and his wife, Paula. They have a bright yellow roadster that Larry built. Cars have always been a passion for Dana, so this was just a fun time.

Dana has many friends who have been there for many years. Dana's friendships were always sincere and true. It has been a comfort having so many people support him. He will always live on in the love of everyone he knew.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends may call on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. A private funeral will take place later. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843. To leave online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Robert Persichetti, 60



Robert (Bob) Persichetti, 60, of Andover, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010.

He was the son of Mary (Carnevale) Persichetti and the late Loreto Persichetti. Bob attended Lawrence schools and graduated from Lawrence High School.

He worked in the service industry and was liked very much by all his co-workers.

Bob was a special person. His laugh would make one smile. He was quiet, kind, gentle, loving, caring, and unique. He was loved by everyone who knew him. Bob enjoyed spending time with his family, going to the beach and just relaxing and watching TV.

"Together forever, Bob, you are gone too soon. You will be in our hearts and thoughts always."

Bob is survived by his mother,

Mary (Carnevale) Persichetti; his brother, Harry Persichetti and his wife Jane of Lowell; two sisters, Joyce and Jean Persichetti of Methuen. He is also survived by his aunts, Rita Rayball and her husband Joseph of Seekonk, Thelma Wilder of Salem, N.H., Anne Russo of North Andover; his uncles, Frederick Carnevale and his wife Jane of Connecticut, Armand Persichetti and wife Alice of Methuen; two nieces, Amy Cianciaruso and her husband Vincent of North Andover, Jill Weeks and her husband Christopher of Amesbury; a great-nephew, Alex Cianciaruso; two great-nieces, Abigail Cianciaruso and Eliza Weeks.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. A funeral Mass was held at St. Monica's Church in Methuen, on Sept. 21, 2010 at 9 a.m. Burial was at St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence. For online condolences, please visit www.cataudella.com.

RELIGION

On Friday, Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, will hold a special abbreviated "TOT Shabbat" Sabbath service, for toddlers, preschool, and school aged children. Rabbi Robert Goldstein will lead the child-centered liturgy and tell a story. Cantor Donn Rosensweig will lead the singing. This service is open to the public.

This service will be followed by a Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm. Reservations are required by Friday, Sept. 24 for Shabbat Dinner. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover.

Please visit templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

Join Temple Emanuel in Andover on Friday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. for a Shabbat Service and the Consecration of our third grade students, led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein and Cantor Donn Rosensweig. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Please visit templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

Citizenship Preparation Classes

Enrollments are being taken for citizenship preparation classes held on on Wednesday mornings or Thursday evenings at the Asian Center, 1 Ballard Way, Lawrence. Morning classes cost \$50 for a 10-week session and run from 9 to 11 a.m. Evening classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. and have no fee as they are funded through the Department of Elementary

and Secondary Education.

Classes are open to anyone interested in preparing to become a U.S. citizen. Classes will cover U.S. government and history and practice questions for the citizenship interview. Call the Asian Center at 978-683-7316, Ext. 11 or check out the Asian Center's website at asiancentermv.org for directions and more details.

Bald Eagle is a symbol of courage and power

The bald eagle is the symbol of the United States of America.

The adult bald eagle can have a wingspan of about 6.5 feet, with wings 31 to 37 inches long.

Adults are dark brown with a white head and tail. Their eyes and beak are yellow.

A young eagle is dark with white spots on the wings and tail. When the eagle is three or four years old, it gets its white tail and head. Its eyes and beak turn yellow.

Eagle eyes

Eagles are known for their eyesight. An eagle can see about four times better than a human.

Bald eagles can see fish in the water from several hundred feet above, while in flapping flight, gliding, or soaring. Even experienced fishermen have trouble seeing fish in the water.

When eagles are flying 1000 feet in the air they see a three-mile area. Not much can slip by an eagle.

Eagles see in color. They have foveae (centers of focus) which let them see both forward and to the side at the same time.

Like humans, eagles close their eyes when they sleep. They have an eyelid that covers the eye.

Unlike humans, eagles can see when they blink. Eagles have an inner eyelid called a nictitating membrane. The translucent membrane slides across the eye every three or four seconds to clean dust from the eagle's cornea.

An eagle's hearing is not that great, so it is good that their eyes are very sharp.

More about eagles

When several eagles soar together they are described as a "kettle of eagles."



PHOTO BY FAITH WYLIE

An adult bald eagle watches for fish from a branch overlooking Oologah Lake in Oklahoma.

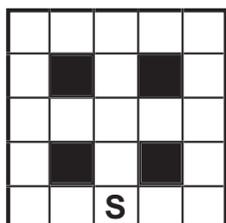
Bald eagles nest on edges of lakes, seashores or rivers. They like open water with a good food source and evening roost sites. They migrate south for the winter.

Eagles catch fish by swooping down from a high-flying view. They will eat dead or live fish. Eagles will even steal fish from other birds. Eagles also eat other birds, turtles and rabbits. An eagle can lift about four pounds.

Eagles build nests of sticks in the top of large trees. The nest, six feet wide and six feet tall, can weigh over a ton.

Each bald eagle has about 7,000 feathers made of keratin. That's the same substance that makes up the beak and talons.

The bald eagle is a protected species. It is illegal to own an eagle feather without government approval. Some Indian tribes are allowed to have feathers for their ceremonies.



Cross Five

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Opinion

Place no conditions on selectman choice

Just choose the best.

That should be the focus of the four remaining members of the Andover Board of Selectmen in considering the seven applicants for the seat recently vacated by former chairman Jerry Stabile, who resigned abruptly last month, saying the demands of his job had become too much for him to continue.

The board will make an interim appointment later this month, of a person who will serve until the next town election in the spring.

But the board should not, as suggested by member Brian Major, seek to put any conditions or restrictions on the applicants that are not spelled out in the Town Charter.

In fact, the board majority erred in agreeing to Major's request even to put a question on the application asking: "Are you planning to run for Selectman in March 2011?"

That is irrelevant. It has no place on the application, as one applicant, Larry Bruce, pointed out. Bruce ran unsuccessfully against Stabile in the last town election.

Major's intent is to prevent the appointee from gaining an unfair advantage in running for the seat next spring — unfair because the person appointed would then have the advantages of incumbency without having been elected.

But, as Major and the rest of the board members know, they have no legal power to prevent their appointee from running in the next election. And to say that they will not appoint anyone who intends to run next spring is faulty on two levels.

First, it is unfair because it carries no legal weight. It is simply an attempt to pile more rules or conditions on those that already exist. If Major, other officials and citizens think such a condition on appointments is necessary, they should work to change the charter, not try to extract a pledge that should not be demanded.

Second, it could deny the town the benefit of the best person for the job. The remaining board members have a good field of applicants to choose from. Three of them — Bill Downs, John Hess and Gail Ralston — are former selectmen. Bruce ran for office last spring. The other two are Paul Salafia, a former member of the Planning Board, and resident Daniel Kowalski.

That choice should not be muddied by the applicants' aspirations for the future. That should be up to the voters. A job well done will likely lead to election to the rest of Stabile's term next spring. If the interim does not perform well, voters can make their displeasure known.

The board should do what is best for the town, not what they perceive will benefit other candidates next spring.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

L'Italien has served voters well

To The Editor:

Since Barbara L'Italien was elected to represent the 18th Essex District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 2002, she has delivered careful, thoughtful votes on issues; reflecting the needs of her constituents.

She is infinitely accessible, personally answering questions for me and others when clarification on a particular issue is needed. This behavior reflects the type of person she is, and as I have always known her to be: intelligent, aware, and capable of digesting large amounts of information on an issue and combining that knowledge with the needs of the population she serves.

She is truly an independent voice. For example, she helped to pass sweeping reforms to the state's transportation system, improving efficiency by consolidating departments, reforming some employee loopholes, and creating better oversight; all without compromising services.

She has always been committed to assisting senior citizens and has authored several pieces of legislation in that area to provide tax relief to seniors, and to provide better care to seniors who require homecare services.

I met Barbara through our work with Andover Public Schools, and although I no longer have children in the system, I support her efforts as Vice Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means to oppose attempts to drastically cut local aid to cities and towns, and I admire her ability to meet regularly with school committees in six different towns to ensure that students are given the best possible affordable tools to advance their learning.

It's hard for me to stop thinking of the many ways that we are lucky in Andover, Methuen, Georgetown, Haverhill, Boxford and North Andover (whew!) to have Barbara L'Italien representing us on Beacon Hill. She works tirelessly, she knows the district and all of us in it, and I know that she will continue to do her very best work for us. I trust her implicitly.

I'll be casting my vote for her on Nov. 2 and I encourage others to join me.

THYRA SHERMAN
Andover

LETTERS POLICY

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THOUSANDS SUPPORT ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Community members fill the streets as they embark on Sunday's Memory Walk through downtown Andover Sunday to raise money for Alzheimer's research.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Green Start' users paid for school's solar panels

Editor, Townsman:

Dear Andover residents,

The Town of Andover wants to say acknowledge those residents who contributed to the Clean Energy Choice or "Green Start" fund through their electric bill. You paid for the new solar array that is now in place on the Doherty Middle School. The Town is planning a "ribbon-cutting" celebration and thank-you event on Friday evening Oct. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. and you are invited. We would like to make sure you get recognized.

The ribbon-cutting will be part of a larger "Being Green Made Easy" event bringing together organizations and businesses who are moving towards "Being Green". This is open to everyone who wants to learn more, connect with resources, offer resources, or find out what the town is doing now that Andover is designated as a "Green Community."

If you'd like more information, please contact CDann681@aol.com, Stephen.Fink@verizon.net, or JCWestgate@gmail.com, or visit www.sustainableandover.org

GREG SEBASKY
Chairman
Andover Green Advisory Board

Jim Lyons is the solution

Editor, Townsman:

I am appealing to all voters in the 18th Essex district who are presently represented by Democrat Barbara L'Italien. We desperately need reform in Beacon Hill. The arrogance of our legislators is astounding. From casting aside perfectly good petitions signed by thousand of citizens, to turning a deaf ear to taxpayers, they prove themselves to be "out of touch" with the average person. They have boldly and shamelessly created a brand new beverage tax and also increased the sales tax by 25 percent (that's huge). Their insatiable appetite for our money and their determination to spend it on their favorite programs and special interests concern me. The "re-distribution of wealth" mentality is not right, not fair, and not good for a free and just society.

High taxes burden the thousands of small

businesses that are the life-blood of our economy, leaving them hurting, really hurting. Many are struggling to meet payroll, and finding it impossible to re-invest, expand, and create new jobs. The incumbent Democrat, Barbara L'Italien Has consistently voted for increasing taxes, and has voted with the House leadership 98 percent of the time.

Jim Lyons understands the dynamics of our free market economy. He and his wife have worked long and hard to create and sustain their own successful family business, and he knows what needs to be done. He is committed to rolling back the income tax, sales tax, and meals tax to 5 percent. He will demand state government to cut all unnecessary spending, to run efficiently like businesses have to, and to be accountable to the taxpayers.

I am very happy Lyons has stepped up to the plate to challenge high tax, free-spending, incumbent L'Italien, and I appreciate his time, effort, and personal sacrifices to do this.

HELEN TAYLOR
4 Elysian Dr.

Silberstein thankful for campaign help

To The Editor,

Being a candidate for State Senate, during these truly transformative times, was an incredible experience. I learned a great deal about my hometown of Andover, politics, and the truly great people that make up the 2nd Essex & Middlesex State Senate district. I often said during the campaign that despite socioeconomic diversity, we — Andover, Lawrence, Tewksbury, and Dracut — share more in common than we differ on. We all want safe streets, good schools, and vibrant communities in which to live, work, and raise our families. We all want good government — and we expect a responsive government.

There are so many people I wish to thank for their help during our campaign — people who urged me to run; volunteered for and supported our campaign; welcomed me into their homes; provided advice and encouragement; and those who took the time to vote on September 14th.

My experience was positive — even in these difficult economic times. Yes, some

people are angry with government, many others have given up hope that government will ever change or be more responsive, but most, like myself, still believe that government can and should make a positive difference in people's lives.

I found strong social networks of people throughout the four communities that volunteer and make a difference in their communities every day. There is also good and growing new political energy and activism in Lawrence and so many people committed to making the city, and our state a better place.

Though the results were not what I hoped for, the experience of the campaign exceeded my expectations. I knew it before, but I want to say it again, there is a lot that is done well in Andover — mostly through the strength of active and engaged citizens. There is no place like home — and I am proud to call Andover mine. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

DEBBIE SILBERSTEIN
Andover

Sidewalk 'goo' detracts from downtown

Editor, Townsman:

Main Street, downtown Andover, is a wonderful part of our town. The reconstruction has both beautified the area and improved traffic flow. It is also great to see few vacancies, as well as reconstruction and remodeling going on downtown.

The Downtown Reconstruction Project both beautified the area and improved traffic flow. The old-style street lights, as well as the running bond sidewalk pattern, add a quaintness that the downtown lacked.

All of the beauty and quaintness is quickly lost as you walk along the sidewalk in front of CVS. Both the sidewalk and steps are covered with gum and other sticky goo. More than once during the heat of the summer I found my shoes had remains of goo on them.

I know that part of the sidewalk is owned by the building owner but I can't understand why the town, CVS or the building owner don't clean this area. Regular power washing of this area would solve this problem.

ROBERT TROIANO
40 Hidden Road

Faith of the Rev. Francis Dane, who spoke against witchcraft hysteria



Andover Stories
By Mike Simo
Andover Historical Society

In 1648, one of Andover's most prominent citizens arrived to become the town's second minister and to make his mark in a world filled with wonders. Over the next 50 years, Francis Dane would preach, instruct, lead and play a significant part during a period of hysteria in the region. A man of deep faith, his pragmatic approach during a time of civil and religious strife in the English empire allowed the people of Andover to grow spiritually and prosper financially.

Although there are very few papers that remain from Dane's pen, one might surmise that he followed the more lenient teachings of the Half-Way Covenant, which began to appear in the early 1660s. This Puritan ideology allowed for the children of

church members to be baptized and receive instruction without becoming full church members — those receiving the Lord's Supper.

This was an extremely important part of a new Puritan ideology, for it allowed the town's children to remain under the watchful eye of the minister. Better to keep them involved with biblical instruction than for the younger generation to wander aimlessly. The good Rev. Dane would have none of that in his beloved Andover.

During his 81 years, Dane married three times. His first wife, Elizabeth Ingalls of Ipswich, bore him two sons and four daughters. After her death in 1676, he married Mary Thomas, but it was a short marriage, lasting only a year before she died in 1689. Not wanting to end his years in loneliness, Dane wed Hannah Chandler in 1690 when he was near the age of 74.

During his lifetime, the reverend would acquire over several



Francis Dane

hundred acres of land in and around the town, a sturdy home and the meager trappings of a man of his stature. Yet, his most important acquisition might have been the deep respect the town showed him over the years. This respect would hold sway during two incidents of witchcraft hysteria that took place in both the 1660s and 1692.

In 1665, Job Tyler accused John Godfrey, a man known throughout the region "to be an ill-disposed person," of practicing witchcraft. Dane, who most assuredly knew of the earlier executions for witchcraft in both England and New England, testified on Godfrey's behalf. His testimony helped clear Godfrey of the charges. Dane wanted no part of the fanaticism that took place in both Connecticut and Massachusetts from 1647-1662, when 15 people were hanged for nothing more than their perceived misguided behavior. Dane's belief that no witches resided in New England would be tested again almost 30 years later.

When the young girls of Salem began their hysterics, many in Andover came into their sights. For unknown

reasons, although one might speculate jealousy of Dane or his teachings, several of his family members were accused and arrested. Two daughters, a daughter-in-law and six grandchildren were among those jailed. Dane had seen enough. Although the General Council had begun to bemoan the antics in Salem, Dane sent a passionate letter to these officials. He vehemently denied any of his family members' knowledge of or practice in the dark arts of witchcraft. His letter persuaded the Council to allow for a bond to be posted and his family released. Wisdom and common sense prevailed.

Satan may have wandered through New England, but to the enlightened, pragmatic Dane, Satan never practiced his evil arts in Andover. Dane died quietly in 1697, holding the love and cherished respect of his family, the town and its people he so admired.

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Taste of the Andovers returns next month, benefits students

Celebrating the food establishments of Andover and North Andover, the Taste of the Andovers is ready to roll to raise funds for scholarships.

More than 25 food establishments are expected to take part in the annual event on Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover.

The event is sponsored by the Andover Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds benefit scholarships for local high school students.

The Taste of The Andovers is an opportunity for people to

sample hors d'oeuvres, entrees, delicacies, rich desserts and other menu items from approximately 25 local restaurants and food service facilities, while relaxing and socializing with local business people, town officials, and area neighbors.

To date, participating restaurants and food establishments include: Amici's Pizzeria, Sandrino's, On The Bone (The Wyndham), The Lanam Club, Fuddrucker's, Glory, Andover Inn, Chateau, A Hot Dish, Palmers, Andover Country Club, and Greater Lawrence Technical School. Andover Community Theater will provide entertainment at the event.

"The Taste of the Andovers is a perennial favorite for many in the Merrimack Valley. We are again delighted to bring together so many Andover and North Andover friends. All of us enjoy seeing our friends and neighbors at this event, and it is a great way to support our restaurants," says organizing committee member Maureen Pollard of Northmark Bank in Andover.

Tickets are \$25 are available by contacting the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment and must be presented at the door. There will be a cash bar.

TOWN TALK

Inn reopens

What's in at the Inn? Well, Andover Inn, on the campus of Phillips Academy, is getting ready to reopen following a 15-month renovation. The media gets an advanced peek at the facility and also gets a complimentary lunch buffet at the Inn's signature restaurant, Samuel's. The lunch and tour is today, Thursday, Sept. 23. Of course, we'll be there with our report set to publish next week.

— Judy Wakefield

Happy 50th AJFL

Last week's Patriots performance got you down? The town's Junior Football League is a sure-fire way to get your mojo back. AJFL turns 50 this year, and proud supporter Ted Teichert, who is also a selectman, has commemorative mini footballs for the occasion. He brought the bright yellow footballs to Monday night's work session. He's sure to have them at Andover Day on Saturday as AJFL will be saluted at noon during the daylong street party.

— Judy Wakefield



Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin recently hosted the Summer Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Doric Docent Book Award presentation at the Massachusetts State House. This event is an opportunity to recognize high school students for their outstanding service as volunteer tour guides this summer. Shown here is Abigail Durland of Andover who received a certificate of appreciation from Galvin.

Not just for newcomers any more

Newcomers & Neighbors of The Andovers, formerly known as the Newcomers Club, is kicking off its new season tonight, Sept. 23, from 7 to 11 with drinks (cash bar) and appetizers (complementary) at Palmers on Elm Street in Andover.

There will be representatives

from all interest areas of the club ready to discuss the upcoming year. Some of the most popular annual events include the Fall Social, Holiday Party and Spring Social, say members. In addition, there are many special interest groups that meet regularly from September through June including Empty Nesters, Book Club, Moms and Tots, a Ladies Night Out group and a wine-tasting

group. The kick-off is open to residents of Andover and North Andover. The cost is \$15 and payable at the door. All attendees will be entered in raffles for prizes. Those interested in learning more can visit the website newcomersandneighbors.org and are asked to e-mail info@newcomersandneighbors.org.

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PSAT registration now open

Counseling Office at Andover High School is now accepting registration of Andover High School sophomores and juniors for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Registration can be made Monday through Friday between 8

a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The cost of the exam is \$24 payable by check only at the time of registration. The check should be made payable to Andover High School. No registrations accepted after Friday, Oct. 1. A student bulletin which contains a sample test and answer key will be given to

students when they register. This test is given: to understand the contents of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests; to estimate a student's chance of getting into and succeeding at the colleges of choice; to enter the competition for scholarships awarded through the National Merit Scholarship Program; and to participate in the Student Search and to send the names of individual students, if the student indicates, to the colleges looking for students of particular ability.

The test is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. to noon. All registered students should report no later than 7:50 a.m. on that day. Bring a calculator and pencils.



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Home Improvement

Add-on or re-purpose?

Unused dining room can expand your kitchen

Judith Holt

Many people find themselves in a position of needing more space in their home, and storage is also always an issue. In this economy, it is a tough time to sell and trade up and you can hardly put a shovel in the ground for less than \$100,000 if you want to add on. So, what is the homeowner to do if more space is needed?

In 1950, according to the National Association of Home Builders, the average new house clocked in at 963 square feet. By 1970, that figure had grown to 1,500 square feet. Today's average: 2,330 square feet. One in five are more than 3,000 square feet.

Oddly, at the same time, the number of household members shrank, from 3.1 people in 1971 to 2.6 people today. The average building-lot size contracted also, to about 8,000 square feet from 9,000 in the 1980s.

We want more from our homes. We want a media room, exercise room, a walk in pantry. Mostly, we all seem to want a larger kitchen.

Many homeowners admit that one third to one half of their space in under-utilized. Many homeowners chuckle as they say "well, we never use this room," while standing in the formal living room. The dining room is used maybe twice a year. The kids used to use the basement, but now it is not cool to go down there.

If you want to expand your space, throw off the shackles of thinking about the space in your home as pre-defined use. Make a drawing of the plan of your home or hire someone to draw it and identify the things that are best left where they are. These would include structural walls, plumbing, and non-movables such as fireplaces. Using this drawing,

take a fresh look at your house. Identify where there is good flow through the space and where there are dead-end rooms. Place a piece of trace paper over the drawing and sketch what else might be possible.

What would happen, for instance, if you opened up the wall between the kitchen and the dining room? Many dining rooms are adjacent to kitchens and, since they are seldom used, they can offer an easy and elegant solution to expanding the kitchen. Even if the wall between the rooms is a structural wall, it can be replaced using a laminated beam in most cases. For a few hundred dollars, you can have a structural engineer evaluate the situation and size a beam that would be appropriate to the need. Laminated beams are easier for contractors to install than the old steel beams, and they work well. Many homeowners have taken this step and report that it completely revolutionizes their home.

The fact is today, the kitchen is our new living room. We all want that expansive kitchen when folks come over as that is where everyone gathers at a party. Some homeowners have gone so far as to move their kitchen into another room altogether.

If you want to re-model or add on to your home, first consider re-purposing the space you already have. No matter how you size up the use of your home, in most cases, rooms can be re-purposed to meet your changing needs. This re-use is the most productive, cost-effective and green thing you can do to get what you need out of your home.

The column is written by former Andover resident Judith Holt of Holt Design, a design and green building consultancy.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

June Portner of Andover looks over paintings by Claire Norris during Art in the Park Saturday afternoon.

Why not start with walls?

A gallery owner's guide to choosing art

By Mia Guerrero
LORICA ARTWORKS



Art lovers stroll through the exhibitors in Andover's downtown park during Art in the Park Saturday afternoon.

When it comes to decorating, there's no law that says a room has to be "finished" before you can begin to think of what to put on the walls. It's actually easier to choose fabric colors and furnishings based on the art piece than the other way around.

That said, once people decide it's time for artwork, many start looking for that first piece with a spot in the living or dining room in mind. The area over a fireplace mantel will be defined by its construction i.e., normal, high or vaulted ceiling and the type of surface used such as wood, brick, stone and plaster just to name a few. Traditionally, the choice is a piece in horizontal rectangular or "landscape" dimensions. However that's just one out of many options. A vertical or "portrait" shape can work well along with vases, candleholders, or topiaries as fillers on the mantel on either side. Scones come in all shapes, sizes and styles and can accent a tall piece nicely. Or an arrangement of several small paintings can just as easily serve the same purpose as one large piece.

While you're adding to your

walls, don't be afraid to incorporate what you have as well. Good art does not go out of style. The presentation does and those trends come and go. A vintage piece from the '70s might be perfect but the framing or matting technique may have become dated over time. Simple changes in the style, material and color of a frame can create an entirely new look.

Framing is key and although there are no hard and fast rules, some guidelines will help. The purpose of a frame is to enhance the piece and bring out its attributes. Most galleries sell framed art and in that case, usually you can expect the painting to be framed well. If you're making the framing decision, factor in not only the colors in the painting but the style. Do you want the painting to look like a nineteenth century estate piece from France? If the painting can carry it, a heavily carved, ornate frame might be the way to go.

Sometimes though, you have to settle for a happy medium. A moulding with clean simple lines, relatively flat, or with a

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Learn about owning a home

The Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership is offering home-buyer training classes to "promote responsible and sustainable home ownership."

Classes in English are on Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 9 and Nov. 30. A class in Spanish is on Sept. 25.

A class in Khmer (Cambodian) is on Oct. 2.

The Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership reports that the easiest way for interested people to register for a class is through its website at mvhp.org.

Phillips Academy dorm looks to lead way on green living

By JILL CLERKIN
PHILLIPS ACADEMY SENIOR WRITER

Andover homeowners looking to make their homes and lives greener may find some inspiration and a blueprint to follow from a dorm at Phillips Academy.

The private school's nine-bedroom Alumni House dormitory has gone green. Eleven 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade girls and their house counselor, Anna Milkowski (PA class of 1993), will share a school year steeped in sustainability, assessing whenever possible the environmental impact of their daily actions—and brainstorming new ways to reduce that impact.

Milkowski, also an instructor in science, describes the three-story brick dorm, located at 16 School St., as a "testing ground" for strategies and best practices that eventually could be applied to the whole campus.

"All students are involved at some level in recycling and energy conservation," she said, "but Alumni House residents hope to explore new possibilities and closely track the effects of basic habit changes. We want to see what can be done with minimal inconvenience and at a very low cost." Along with participating in campus outreach to share what they learn, Alumni House residents plan to start a dorm blog (andovergreenhouse.wordpress.com) to write about their experiences and issues encountered.

Initial lifestyle changes likely will include shorter showers; the use of clothes lines and drying racks; composting; making purchases that have less packaging; reducing or eliminating the use of disposable plates, cups, and flatware; reducing bottled water use; greater attention to dorm heat loss; and the strategic use of solid



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Phillips Academy students Tia Baheri, left and Elizabeth Goldsmith and standing on the steps behind them are Instructors Anna Milkowski and Patricia Russell. The students and teachers are in front of the Alumni House on campus.

waste sorting bins. (Academy dorms already are outfitted with CFL lightbulbs.) Alumni House has its own furnace and electric and water meters, making it well suited for usage tracking.

The fall focus also will be on food. Topics for discussion will include locally grown produce versus produce grown far away, conventional food versus organic, and meat-based food versus plant-based. Milkowski wants students to think deeply about their food choices, to see beyond the marketing hype, and to question commonly held beliefs. Winter term will address energy conservation, and spring

term will focus on reusing and recycling solid waste.

Dorm members also are working on two projects in conjunction with the town of Andover's planned "10/10/10" sustainability events. On Friday, Oct. 9, students will showcase PA residential sustainability initiatives in an expo in Old Town Hall, and on Saturday, Oct. 10, they will help staff the Addison Gallery, explaining the environmental benefits of the art museum's new "green" roof as part of a town tour of green buildings. Additional activities throughout the year may include outings to area farms, sustainable

crafts, environmental films, and a reading group on sustainability issues.

Milkowski believes her dorm's

sustainable living experiment provides students an additional venue for interdisciplinary learning, a foundation for leadership,

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and a platform for projects. "My role is not to nag, but to help students define, strategize, and realize a shared vision for how to live," she said.

Milkowski credits Spanish instructor and house counselor Mark Cutler and art instructor and house counselor Thayer Zaeder with laying the groundwork for the green dorm pilot. "They have managed to reduce waste significantly in their respective dorms (Fuess House and Bishop Hall), demonstrating that young people, when given the opportunity, welcome the challenges and rewards of sustainable living."

Also involved with the green dorm pilot are complementary house counselors Catherine Tousignant, instructor in English, and Maria Litvin, instructor in math. Academy sustainability coordinator and instructor in science Trish Russell is directly involved with project data collection and analysis and is a close advisor. Startup cost funding for the Alumni House green dorm pilot was provided by an Abbot Academy Association Grant.

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Home Improvement

9 interior fixes to sell a home fast

(MS) Despite low interest rates and declining sale prices, there is still a lot of home inventory available. That means homeowners thinking about selling have to do whatever they can to set their homes apart from the others available.

Real estate experts call it "staging," or presenting the home in the best light so that potential buyers can envision themselves moving right in. Just a few changes here and there can position a home to sell faster than the competition.

1. The nose knows. Make sure there is no noticeable odor, such as pet smells, garbage, stale smoke, etc., to turn off others.

2. Clear out. Make sure the interior looks as spacious as possible. This could mean taking out some furniture and temporarily putting it in storage. Be sure countertops in bathrooms and kitchens are free of clutter. And pack away knick-knacks.

3. Cater to the lazy person. Potential buyers don't want to make major repairs. Therefore, homeowners should do whatever repairs are possible, within reason.

4. Do a deep cleaning. Now is the time to wash the windows, shampoo the carpets, regrout

the bathrooms, and tackle all of those messes that could compromise a sale.

5. Add a fresh coat of paint. If walls are bright colors or eclectic, it could pay to paint rooms in more neutral shades to appeal to the masses. Just be aware that some buyers are suspicious of paint, especially freshly painted ceilings. They may think a homeowner is trying to hide something, usually water stains.

6. Keep the home updated. While one doesn't have to follow every trend, ensuring the home is ageless can make for a better sell.

7. Create "happy" spaces. Buyers don't want to purchase a dark home that seems full of doom and gloom. Open the windows, turn on the lights, add lights to dark rooms and use light colors as room accents.

8. Avoid provocation. One potential buyer could be an animal lover, another political activist, so don't display personal items that might offend. It can be a good idea to store religious items as well.

9. Clean out closets and cabinets. Partially empty closets and cabinets give the suggestion that the home is large and has plenty of storage space — so much so that it doesn't even all need to be used.

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little scoop to it, will work with almost any style. The width of the moulding in itself can achieve a traditional versus modern look. A thin, low profile frame is more sleek and modern. You can use several frames starting with a thin moulding called a fillet, pronounced, "fill it," within a wider frame and still another over that, producing a stunning stacking effect. Take your time at the framers and experiment with various samples. What if you make a mistake? You'll be in good company; even the best don't always get it right. Decide if you can live with it. If it gets in the way of enjoying your painting, then go back to the drawing board. It will be worth it if you take into account how long you're going to have the painting.

Now that you found what you're looking for and are seriously considering it, if possible, try it on your wall to be sure it's what you envisioned. Even with measurements, it's difficult to know exactly how a painting will look. Most galleries will let you take the piece home for a specific amount of time on approval. If you're not at that point in your search, center a brown piece of paper, cut to the size you want and affix it to the intended spot. This will give you a good idea of proportions. Household tape, stuck on a piece of material first, reduces the amount of adhesive and won't take the paint off your walls.

Avoid hanging a small painting alone; in a space that's too big, it will look lost. Conversely a large painting still needs room around it. Always consider the width of the frame. If it's 4-inch wide moulding, you're adding 8 inches to the height and width. If that leaves too little room, can you make it work with a slimmer moulding?

Hanging paintings at eye level is a standard recommendation, but it's not always possible. It certainly can't be applied to

pictures over a highboy or along a staircase wall. Big areas don't necessarily dictate the need for a large, "statement piece." You can group different size pieces together and blend them together symmetrically and mix styles. This is a centuries-old way of hanging artwork. You'll want paintings of similar pallets that compliment rather than compete with one another. The color harmony creates the balance and continuity. Similar, but not necessarily identical, frames will tie everything in.

If you are decorating as a couple, have patience with each other. Diplomacy goes a long way. Agree to disagree but try not to disparage the other's taste. You can't use the argument, "it's nothing personal," because that's exactly what it is — to your partner. Find out why you're both taken with certain paintings. Just being open to the each other's likes and dislikes will promote more comfortable discussion. Find a way to compromise. Take turns choosing. In the meantime, keep going to galleries, art shows and fairs. The more you look, the more developed your ideas will become.

Keep in mind this is supposed to be fun. Buy what you love and you will never be disappointed. Art is an extension of our self-expression and we identify with it. It is our personal taste and that makes it highly subjective. It's important not to get caught up with gimmicks or good talkers. Be cautious about well-intentioned opinions. Don't be swayed because your best friend, mother, or decorator approves. Always ask, "Is it what I want?" They aren't paying for it and won't be living with it. Go with your instinct and trust your own judgment. The value is intrinsic and if it has meaning to you, that is the only appraisal you need.

Mia Guerrero is the owner of Lorica Artworks in downtown Andover.

It's time to close the pool

(MS) The days begin to get shorter and cooler, and the evenings can be quite chilly. It's time to recognize that the pool season is over and decide on when to close up the pool after months of enjoyment.

After a lengthy summer of swimming and relaxing, admitting that pool season is over can evoke feelings of melancholy. Preparing the yard for the changing seasons is a primary example that cold weather is inching closer. The time when a homeowner closes up the pool is largely a personal choice. However, it's best to do it before the temperatures start dipping below 40 to avoid the possibility of freezing and damage to equipment.

Closing the pool properly helps prevent damage from harsh weather and ensures the pool water is as clean as possible for next year's use. This greatly reduces the amount of prep work that needs to take place when the pool is opened next season.

Here are some steps that should be taken:

Remove skimmer baskets, chlorine tablet baskets, ladders, vacuums, and any other accessories from the pool.

Test the pH, calcium hardness and total alkalinity and do what's needed so that they are balanced. Follow manufacturer's guidelines for the correct levels. This will help avoid staining and etching from improper chemical levels.

Give the pool one last shock treatment. Add a winterizing and algacide treatment, following the manufacturer's guidelines.

Many pools need to have the piping flushed so that residual water is not resting in piping and tubing. This water can expand when frozen and cause serious damage. It is also recommended that the water level of the pool be drained so that it falls below the skimmer intake, helping to prevent water from making it back into the filtration system. There are also plugs and covers that can be used to seal the skimmer.

Cover the pool with a durable pool cover and secure so debris doesn't make its way into the clean pool water. Some covers feature an inflated pillow that is put underneath in the middle so that water doesn't accumulate on the cover from rain or snow and sink the cover.

Drain the water out of the filter. Remove all plugs from equipment like pumps, heater, and chlorinator. Leave them out so that if water does get back in, it can drain out.

Experienced pool owners get used to opening and closing their pools every season. However, new pool owners may want to have a professional service come in and walk them through the process the first time. Some pool companies offer packages where the pool is opened and closed each season. Homeowners who have any doubts about closing the pool should consult a professional to safeguard their pool investment.



Spreading perennial ground covers don't come entirely without maintenance, but they require much less care than the time it takes to fertilize and mow your lawn.

Trade your lawn for a ground cover

(NAPS)—If you're considering what to do about a hard-to-mow patch of your garden, ground cover may have it covered. Most ground covers require less work and fewer chemicals than a lawn—and they never need mowing.

Ground covers do exactly what their name implies: cover the ground with dense plant growth, choking out weeds and lending color and texture to a space. Even hostas and daylilies can be considered ground covers.

Regular turfgrass does a good job if you have a very large, sunny yard. But if you have a

smaller area, a spot with shady pockets where turfgrass struggles, a difficult slope where mowing is difficult or another unusual situation, a ground cover can work wonders.

Many ground covers don't like to be walked on, but a few, such as creeping thyme or brass buttons (*Leptinella squalida* "Platt's Black"), tolerate some foot traffic and look great when planted between pavers and flagstones. Pink Chintz even sports tiny pink flowers in early spring.

If you want color in a partially sunny to sunny area, try the three-part Forever & Ever® GroundCover Sedum Carpet

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Many sedums, including John Creech, *Sedum divergens*, Blue Spruce and Ogon, serve as reliable and beautiful ground covers whose stems can be left for months to provide winter interest. Just clip or break off the old dry stems in early spring before new growth starts.

Ornamental grasses, which come in various heights and shapes, work well in sunny

spaces. In partial to full sun, try a silver-veined winter creeper called *Wolong Ghost*, a type of spreading euonymus that just needs regular water to stay looking fresh.

Vinca minor, a stalwart ground cover for shade, gets a makeover with "Merlot." Instead of the traditional blue flowers, you'll get burgundy flowers in spring. Or seek out "Double Bowles" *vinca minor*, with a ruffle of extra petals in a lighter shade of violet.

All these tough ground covers are available at home and garden centers.

Fall is the perfect time to start preparing a new garden

(Family Features) Soil preparation is the most important step in growing a successful garden, yet the spring planting frenzy can tempt us to cut corners to hurry and get everything in the ground. That's one reason why fall is a good time to prepare a new garden spot.

Also, fall is a good time to add amendments to adjust the pH of your soil because they take some time to do the job.

Perhaps the best reason to start a new garden in fall is that you can do it with a lot less effort if you are converting any lawn to a garden. Follow these steps to get a head start on spring planting:

Choose the spot. Vegetable gardens and most flowerbeds

require at least 6 hours of full sun each day. Choose a level spot — either natural or terraced — that has well-drained soil, if possible. Thick grass or vigorous weed growth usually indicate soil drainage and nutrient levels that will support healthy garden plants.

Rejuvenate tired soil. If your garden spot is not new and just needs some revitalization, begin this fall. First, send a soil sample to a private or Cooperative Extension soil-testing lab for nutrient and pH analysis. Call the lab or a local garden center for a collection kit and instructions on how to collect the sample. Test results will tell you which minerals and pH amendments your soil needs to grow healthy vegetables and

flowers.

Add amendments. Adjust the soil pH — its measure of acidity or alkalinity — by adding ground limestone or sulfur as recommended by the soil test results. Improve the soil fertility, clay soil drainage, and sandy soil water-holding capacity by adding organic material, such as compost, well-rotted livestock manure, or composted fir bark. Apply a 1- to 2-inch layer of organic material over the garden.

Turn the soil. Work the amendments into the top 6 to 12 inches of soil with a rototiller or garden fork. Break up large clods and remove rocks and roots. Work the soil only when it is dry enough to crumble easily after squeezing — never when it is

saturated with water.

Convert lawn the easy way. If your future garden spot is currently covered with grass, you can remove it by slicing under the sod with a spade and cutting it into manageable pieces. Or you can utilize the nitrogen and organic matter in the grass by simply smothering it. First, mow the grass short. Then spread several thicknesses of newspaper over the grass and moisten it with a hose. Finally, spread several inches of compost or composted manure on top. Over the winter the grass will decompose underneath, and by spring you'll have a nice planting bed.

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Home Improvement

Small decor changes can lift your mood



(NAPS)—Simple changes to your home decor can make a big difference in your mood and attitude. “The right living environment can motivate, inspire and empower you and everyone who walks through your door,” notes design expert Stephen Saint-Onge. What’s more, sprucing up your home doesn’t have to cost a fortune. Here are some tips to turn your old space into a new haven:

Declutter and design. For a quick design makeover, consider tackling your countertops. According to a recent survey from She Speaks, more than half of women say embarrassment over their cluttered countertops is the No. 1 reason they don’t invite guests into their kitchen. A great solution to clear the clutter is to organize items into glass jars. You can even fill the jars with



colorful foods or kitchen accessories to help brighten up the space. To emphasize this look, surround the jars with simple black or white picture frames filled with images that play off the color. Saint-Onge suggests showcasing your children’s art or even postcards from your travels into simple frames for an instant face-lift.

Fashion meets functionality.

Smaller spaces can seem harder to renew. Therefore, choose items that not only work for you, but are also stylish, yet functional. And since outdated kitchen appliances can depress the look of a room that’s now become the center of most houses for family and entertaining purposes, Saint-Onge believes that having one unique item as a focal point is crucial. For example, the Nescafé Dolce Gusto is a stylish, retro-sleek, one-cup coffee machine that’s not only pleasing to the eye but makes 10 different types of coffee. Its design stands out on any kitchen counter and it’s available in red, black and cream to fit just about any motif. According to Saint-Onge, it’s such little details that can bring a room to life.

Shop your house. Everything

old can be new again when you repurpose things you already own. That means rearranging items on a bookshelf, moving items to different rooms, or simply switching your throw pillows around. Also, using things you might otherwise discard — an old map, for example, framed as art—can be a creative way to add some flair.

Treat yourself. Splurge on simple things to complete your new space. Consider a new lamp to make your space brighter, a new collection of everyday dishware or a fresh coat of paint for the kitchen backsplash. Throw in a few new dishtowels, fresh flowers and brew a fresh cup of coffee so you can instantly enjoy the fruits of your labor. Bottom line: Treating yourself needn’t break the bank, and you’ll literally feel better for it.

Converting that empty nest

(MS) Homeowners who have spent many years in one home likely raised a family and shared many memories inside of those walls. When the kids grow and move on it can be somewhat bittersweet. Being left with vacated rooms — especially ones still decked out in children’s decor — can cause the house to feel emptier than it has to be. Now is the time to turn those empty rooms into adult spaces.

Homeowners shouldn’t feel guilty about taking down band posters and packing away Little League baseball caps. Chances are the children made good use of their rooms and now it’s time for the adults to reclaim the spaces for their very own.

There are easy ways to turn children’s bedrooms into spaces adults can enjoy. With a few fixes, the room can be a man’s space, a woman’s retreat, or a room both can enjoy. Because the room will reflect the adult homeowners’ interests, it should be designed with their needs in mind. Comfortable

furniture and items that please the residents should be incorporated. Lighting should be used to set the mood. If the room will be used for television watching, have dimmer switches so that the brightness can be tuned down. For reading or office work, have overhead lights and task lighting, such as a desk lamp.

For the “man cave” the room can reflect interests, such as sports or fishing, but be decorated in a subtle way to complement the rest of the home’s decor. For example, if a guy likes a sports team, he can paint the walls in a subdued shade of the team colors instead of hanging pennants or player jerseys on the walls.

Homeowners should remember to include extra seating and space so that they can entertain friends or family in their newly adapted specialized rooms. A table for snacks or even a small refrigerator hidden within a decorative piece of furniture can keep snacks and beverages available.

Exterior home essentials: Start at the top, work way down

(MS) — As a child, a large cardboard box with cut-out windows made a great playhouse. However, as you grew up, you wanted your home to have more appeal and real windows. After crossing the threshold to homeownership, it’s time to consider more than cardboard for your home’s exterior.

“The outside of your house is much more than just a reflection of your lifestyle or the architectural design of the structure,” says Tina Mealer with Fypon(R). “Your home’s exterior has essential elements — like siding, louvers, windows, a roof and doors — that all join together to protect what’s inside your home.” Due to the fast-paced lives of many families, these days the exterior of the home needs to be especially easy to maintain. And, with severe weather cropping up in many areas along with the need for energy-efficient products, the selection of your home’s exterior products is critical.

“Think about your home from the top down,” advises Mark Clement, carpenter and co-host of My Fix It Up Life.com website and radio show. “Start with the roof overhead that needs to protect your home from rain, sleet, snow, hail and even potential lightning strikes. Consider the stress factors placed on a roof over time plus the need for long-term durability.

Moving down the sides of the



Easy-care products like vinyl windows and urethane millwork help a home look great for years without maintenance hassles.

house, homeowners are often disappointed by paint that fades, flakes or chips. One company has developed an exterior paint that is warranted for 15 years against fading. The sun’s harmful rays can do more than fade the paint on a home — they can enter a house through its windows. Unchecked, the harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage carpeting and solar heat gain can cause energy bills to soar. Energy-efficient vinyl windows with highly protective LoE glass packages are vital to help reduce energy costs.

“When we renovated our 100+ year old home, we decided on ENERGY STAR(R) qualified vinyl windows,” says Clement. “After the structure of your residence is in place, it’s time to take care of embellishments that turn the house into a home. Low-

maintenance urethane shutters, mouldings and trim pieces that surround windows and doors

come in hundreds of styles and sizes, allowing you to customize your home’s exterior.

“As children, we used crayons to draw on the cardboard houses we created,” says Mealer. “As adults, we install urethane products to create embellishments. Actually, it’s much more fun to be a grown-up and have the selection of hundreds of decorative and functional millwork pieces to enhance our homes. As a bonus, remember that the cardboard house falls apart in bad weather. Urethane and PVC products, just like synthetic roof tiles and vinyl windows, are impervious to rain, humidity, decay, rot and termite infestations!”

Disability commission makes call for homes without front steps

The Andover Commission on Disability wants to see a new type of house become the standard, one with the front door at ground level so that it does not need to be retrofitted to accommodate people who have difficulty walking.

The commission has published a flyer called “Visitable Homes, Visitable Communities” which is available at the building division at Town Offices, the library, and online.

The web address is andoverma.gov/boards/disability/visitability.pdf.

Most homes have steps at every entrance and have bathroom doors that are narrower

than other interior passage doors. Visitable homes have one entrance without steps. They also offer a half bath on the main floor with 32 inches clear passage through the bathroom door and a door is at least 2’10” wide. These features cost little while the house is being built, in contrast to the high expense of retrofitting an existing house, notes the commission.

“A visitable home can welcome aging parents or guests who use wheelchairs or walkers. A visitable home makes it easy to bring in baby strollers, grocery carts, and heavy furniture,” the commission argues. “A family member who develops

a disability or wants to “age in place” will be able to remain in the home without modifications. Buyers are attracted to homes that welcome aging parents and are convenient to use themselves.”

Several towns in Massachusetts are introducing visitability to their citizens, according to commission member Maddy St. Amand.

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Education

Russian approach to math education comes to town

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Local students who wanted to learn more math than is offered at the local school used to require a trip to another community. But no more. A new campus of the Russian School of Mathematics has opened in town, and enrollment is multiplying as word gets out.

"We found that several (Andover) parents were driving to other communities as we have many students from Andover," said Anna Parfenov, principal. "Instead of driving, now they can come here."

The school is at 204 Andover St., on the fourth floor.

Math classes serve those from elementary to high school and are held after school from 3 to 8 p.m. three days a week and on Saturday.

Parfenov, who lives in Andover, said some students are not challenged enough in math so her school's goal is to challenge those students.

The school also works with struggling math students to help them get a better grip on the subject.

Andover joins the school's eight branches in three states, and about 3,000 students are enrolled.

Parfenov said the Russian style of learning is beneficial because algebra and geometry are introduced to third-graders,



DAVID LE/Staff Photo

Jehil Mehta, 8, pays attention to one of the teachers during a geometry class at the new Russian School of Mathematics in Andover. The school offers algebra and geometry classes for students as young as third grade.

which is earlier than in the U.S. curriculum.

"Equations and very logical and critical thinking are also very important. ...We get good results," Parfenov said.

The school's website says the faculty have extensive backgrounds in teaching, curriculum design and research. Annual tuition ranges from \$936 a year for an hour-a-week for a kindergarten student to \$2,628 for four hours-a-week of algebra and geometry for a student in grades 7 to 12.

Donna Pappalardo, Program

Advisor for Andover's Mathematics for grades 6 to 12, is familiar with the Russian School of Mathematics.

"We have had many students who participated in this program when it was in Newton. They were strong students when they arrived at Andover High School since they spent so much time learning math outside of school," she wrote in e-mail to the Townsman.

Pappalardo has not studied the Russian Mathematics School curriculum for comparison to Andover's math curriculum. National core standards were just approved by the Massachusetts Board of Education. Parents can check out corestandards.org/the-standards/mathematics to see the algebra and geometry standards for each grade level.

A tale of three fishes

Ken Seifert



It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. So what's new? This has always been the case. Life is what you make it. I make my life more enjoyable by fishing.

I have fished every continent except Antarctica and Australia. I have been blessed with a wife who understands my addiction. I have a few friends who go to the same chapter of Fishermen's Anonymous with me. I am not at liberty to divulge their names. But they have brought much pleasure in my life. What memories.

About 10 years ago one of our friends gave me a T-shirt. You may have seen one of them. The message has a classical theme. It says, I FISH THEREFORE I LIE. I wear this, now tattered, piece of clothing on some of my fishing excursions. People laugh. But to be truthful, depending on who I see that day, my 9-inch stocked trout becomes an 18-inch marauder of the river. It grows until my conscience bothers me so much I can no longer extend its size. Besides if you catch a bigger fish, most fishermen become jealous.

The following fish stories, according to my ability to recollect, are true, so help me God. For all else, give the writer some flexibility.

One evening after supper the children gathered round the fireplace. Grandpa, tell us what was the biggest fish you ever caught? Well children do you mean salt or fresh water fish? Oh Grandpa, tell us both stories, we love to

hear about your past. [My children have taught their children to respect their elders.]

Fish No. 1: We were 11 miles due East of Gloucester in a 22 foot Mako. It was back in '69. Captain Bernardin was after the treasured blue fin tuna. There were three mates aboard. We used hand lines and not fishing rods. It is a method of tug of war. You had to work in teams of two. One man winds a nylon rope on a huge plastic spool while the other hauls in the rope. In the beginning the fish is so strong you release the line and throw the spool overboard. When the spool stops spinning, you start the process all over again. Eventually you tire the fish or he breaks the stainless steel leader or you get tired and give up the fight.

Captain Bernardin shouted, "Fish on!" The battle began, it was man against beast. Haul in the line, throw the spool overboard. At one point in the struggle, one of the mates said, "I think the mighty blue fin is tiring, I can hold the line and feel his body weakening." After two hours 55 minutes the tug of war ended. We landed a whopper that weighed between 700 to 800 pounds. It was the first and only time I ever fished for blue fin tuna. Some men fish for years and never get a bite.

Fish No. 2: It was in the '80s, my friend and fishing buddy Ed Weil and I had the trip of a lifetime, in Alaska. We had an 8-foot inflatable raft with no motor. For days we floated the Nyakuk and Nushagak Rivers. We started our journey when a float plane out of Dillingham dropped us off in the river. There was no sign of people anywhere. The pilot said I will pick you up in the second Indian Village when you get there. We were given a map that gave us a rough idea about our terrain. As a city boy I was not afraid of anything - animals or starvation. Ed was an Eagle Scout and had promised me we would have a wonderful trip and guaranteed our survival. Like Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer we

fished from day until nightfall. No telephone lines, modern conveniences, roads, people or vehicular traffic, just an occasional Indian or "loner" from the lower 48 enjoying the fruits of nature. On about the third day I hooked a large King Salmon. He dragged us down river for an estimated half mile. It took 45 minutes to land him. I had to lift him with both hands so Ed could take a picture of the entire fish. I placed it back in the water so it could complete its cycle to fertilize some eggs and then perish. It is not a waste, because the carcass is eaten by many animals for sustenance. It is a law of nature. A few years later, Ed had the picture enlarged and gave it to me as a retirement gift. We estimated it weighed between 45 to 50 pounds. We used the rule a pound a minute for catching large fish. The weight really didn't matter, it was a memorable event.

Fish No. 3: Now, children, if you were to ask me, what was the gamest fish I ever caught, you might be surprised by my answer. It was in the Cohocton River just outside of Corning, N.Y. in '05. Corning is the town where your grandmother was born and where I first learned to fish. He hit that fly so hard I could feel it in my toenails. Three times he took the line completely to the reel. I was lucky to retrieve and finally net this gallant warrior. I was impressed at how such a small fish could show such stamina and courage, I measured him, a 19 inch brown trout. I released him and in a short time, he had gained enough strength to slowly swim away.

Children, I want you to know the moral to all of this adventure. Back in 1850, Lord Tennyson Seifert said, it is better to have fished and lost, than not to have fished at all. Now be good children and go to bed. Grandpa is tired.

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

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Sports

Warriors, Ye dominate in wins

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Annie Ye tallied team-highs in assists (14) and service points (20) as Andover rolled past Billerica 25-11, 25-14, 24-12 last Thursday. Molly Burke added 10 digs and Moira Cronin had four blocks for the winners.

Sarah Arvidson and Elise Brogan each tallied five kills, four blocks and four aces to lead Andover to a 25-7, 25-11, 25-13 drubbing of Tewksbury last Wednesday. Ava Bakhtyari added four kills and eight digs for the winners.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Maggie Mullins took the top spot overall with a 19:34 over the 3.1 mile course, but Andover fell just short in a 28-29 loss to Lowell last Wednesday. The Golden Warriors' Danielle Slauzis (21:28) was fourth and Rebecca Long (21:43) was seventh.

FIELD HOCKEY

Dimitruk, Andover cruise to perfect start

Laura Dimitruk and Laura Cahill each scored a pair of goals and added an assist as Andover rolled to its third straight win to open the season, cruising 7-0 over Methuen last Thursday. Meagan Keefe, Elise Krekorian and Kate Farnham each added a goal for the winners.

Elise Krekorian scored twice, giving her four goals in Andover's first two games of the season as the Golden Warriors' downed Tewksbury 2-0 last Tuesday. Jaclyn Torres and Kate Farnham each had an assist and Dina Hagigeorges made seven saves on her way to the shutout.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Olivia Johnson won the 200 IM and 100 backstroke, Mikela Ross won the 500 freestyle and they were joined by MacKenzie Dutton and Emma Bentley to take the 200 medley relay as Andover bested Notre Dame 88-78 on

Friday. Jenny Coneeny took the diving and Jill Beucler won the 200 freestyle for the winners.

Sam Hall won the 200 IM, Alexa Korsberg took the 100 butterfly and they teamed with Audrey Hansen and Emily Hunt to take the 400 freestyle relay and help Andover cruise past Melrose 85-74 last Wednesday. Emma Bentley took the 50 freestyle and Nina Mazzarelli won the 100 freestyle for the winners.

BOYS SOCCER

Cooper, Andover score win

Elliott Cooper and Bryan Burkhard each scored a goal as Andover downed Haverhill 2-0 last Tuesday. Josh Chevalier made six saves for the shutout, and Panayioti Kostakis and Mike McQuillan each had an assist for the winners.

An Huynh scored a goal as Andover and Tewksbury played to a 1-1 tie last Thursday. Colin Rivet made five saves for the Warriors.

GIRLS SOCCER

Despite seven saves for Josh Chevalier, Andover fell to St. John's Prep 2-0 on Friday.

GIRLS SOCCER

Koravos, Andover play to draw

MacKenzie Koravos had a goal as Andover played Billerica to a 1-1 tie last Tuesday. Jen Caro had an assist for the Warriors.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Voorhees' effort for naught

Simon Voorhees earned second overall in 16:24, but Andover fell to Lowell 19-36 last Wednesday. Ryan Cooney (17:13) was seventh and Mike Schleifer (17:42) ninth for the Golden Warriors.

GOLF

Janik Koenigs (37) and Donny Hunt (38) led Andover, which fell to Tewksbury 14-6 last Thursday.

Dimitruk 'the complete package'

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Maureen Noone saw a need in her Andover field hockey team, and she knew that senior stalwart Laura Dimitruk was the perfect person for the job.

"She's the complete package," Noone said. "We needed her to play more of a defensive role, leading the team and she took it. I think everyone would like to be a forward and scoring goals, but she realized that we need her and she'll have her control of the ball."

Embracing her job as a center-midfielder this season, Laura Dimitruk has excelled for the Golden Warriors field hockey squad that has opened the season 3-0 through Monday.

"I'm going to take on whatever role is asked of me," said Dimitruk, a tri-captain. "No one has been selfish, and the team and I are going to do anything we need to do to win."

Dimitruk first broke into the Golden Warriors' lineup as a freshman. As a sophomore she earned a spot in the starting lineup as a forward, tallying 11 assists and a pair of goals, both goals coming in the Division 1 North tourney, the second in an overtime win over North Andover.

Last season, Dimitruk moved



Courtesy photo

Laura Dimitruk fires a shot for Andover High. The senior is all over the field as a standout on the offensive and defensive end for the Golden Warriors.

to an offensive midfield position, and finished the season with six goals — including a two-score performance against Methuen — and eight assists. That all while helping the Golden Warriors to a 19-1-1 record, the most wins for an Andover squad since the Andover Townsman began keeping records in 1989.

"Scoring goals is all about intensity," said Dimitruk. "You have to grind it out. You have to look to pass or shoot, push people

Field hockey

2009 record: 19-1-1, lost in Division 1 North semifinals
Returning starters (5): Laura Cahill, Sr., forward; Laura Dimitruk, Sr., midfield; Jillian Manning, Sr., midfield; Meghan Morris, Sr., back; Elise Krekorian, Jr., forward
Returning lettermen: Vanessa Kelly, Sr., utility; Taylor Farris, Jr., back; Anne Farnham, Jr., forward; Kate Farnham, Jr., forward; Jaclyn Torres, Soph., forward
Promising newcomers: Bridget Aumais, Sr., forward; Jenn Konjoian, Sr., forward; Danielle Walsh, Sr., midfield; Dina Hagigeorges, Sr., goalie; Charlotte Ozirsky, Jr., back; Shannon Tully, Jr., goalie; Meagan Keefe, Soph., forward; Bridget Morris, Soph., back
Candidates in all grades: 60
Captains: Laura Cahill, Laura Dimitruk, Jillian Manning
Returning noncores: none
Returning goal-scorers: Elise Krekorian 20
Head coach: Maureen Noone (13th year, 161-39-37)
Assistants: Sheila Salois (JV), Jamie Maltz (Frosh.), Dan Casper (volunteer), Meghan Saccone (volunteer), Krissy Levis (volunteer)

around and get position in front of the net."

While still a midfielder, Dimitruk has now taken on an increased role on the defensive end of the field this season.

"We already had a great offense and were rebuilding some on defense," said Dimitruk. "Now I help set up the offensive zone and hustle back on the defensive zone. I have to communicate. I have to be the loudest one on the team, to give them the information of what I see. I have to let them know who is open, and be a leader in the center of the field. I have to be all over the field."

Dimitruk admits that covering the entire field has required

plenty of work.

"It's tough," she said. "But we run a mile before practice then run sprints every day for a reason. It becomes second nature after a while, and the adrenaline keeps pumping. And I'm not afraid to throw my body around if need to. But it's about moving the ball as fast as possible."

While she has been asked to play more defense, Dimitruk still plays a crucial role on the offensive end.

"She has exceptional ballhandling skills," said Noone. "She sees the field well and understands the game. She'll be asked

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Andover struggles against reigning Super Bowl champs

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — Andover quarterback Ned Deane took a positive out of his squad's performance.

"We showed some fire," he said. "We didn't give up. We never give up, and we still have our full conference schedule left."

The Golden Warriors tightened their defense in the second half, but it was too late and Andover fell to non-league powerhouse Gloucester 38-13 last Thursday.

Gloucester, the reigning Division 1A Super Bowl champion, is the No. 4 ranked team in Eastern Mass.

"We did a lot of things wrong early," said Andover head coach E.J. Perry. "We have a lot of things that we need to correct."

The game started in stellar fashion for the Golden Warriors, as track star Pat Farnham took the game's opening kickoff and ran it back 95 yards untouched for a touchdown.

But, from there, Andover struggled against Gloucester's dynamic rushing attack in the first half, when the Fishermen gained 282 of their 387 yards in the first two quarters. The Golden Warriors allowed just 105 yards in the second half, but it was too late.

"We didn't come out hitting like we should have," said Deane. "They execute like no team I have ever seen execute. In the second half we came out with some fire, but we still made a few mistakes."

Deane once again led Andover

with 11 tackles, while junior defensive back Fred Scribner added nine stops, Lyle Baker and Will Keller each made six tackles and Connor Clancy had five stops.

The Golden Warriors also struggled to find consistency on offense. Quarterback Tom Dempsey completed 12 of 30 passes for 138 yards and Andover's other score on the day, a 9-yard touchdown pass to Ben McQuaide. McQuaide finished with five catches for 76 yards, both game-highs.

Andy Coke led Andover with 72 yards rushing on 12 carries, and completed his only pass of the game while playing Wildcat quarterback.

"We reacted well," said Perry. "But we have a lot of work to do.

We'll learn from this game, then erase it from our minds. We'll be ready for next well."

Gloucester 38, Andover 13	
Gloucester (2-0):	16 14 0 8 — 38
Andover (1-1):	7 0 0 6 — 13
A — Pat Farnham 95 kickoff return (Mark Zavri kick), 10:44	
G — Jordan Shairs 8 run (Joe Avial run), 6:59	
G — Shairs 77 run (Brandon Cusumano run), 4:25	
Second Quarter	
G — Cusumano 10 run (Christopher Unis pass from Avial), 8:55	
G — Shairs 1 run (run failed), 1:44	
Fourth Quarter	
G — Cusumano 48 pass from Avial (Avial run), 6:35	
A — Ben McQuaide 9 pass from Tom Dempsey (no extra point attempted), 0:00	
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	
RUSHING: A (20-66) — Andy Coke 16-72, Tom Dempsey 4(-6); G (33-233) — Jordan Shairs 15-134, Gilbert Brown 10-72, Brandon Cusumano 4-13, Avila 2-12, Ben Chiancola 2-2	
PASSING: A — Dempsey 12-30-3, 138, Coke 1-1-0, 2; G — Avila 8-14-1, 160	
RECEIVING: A — Ben McQuaide 5-76, Cam Farnham 3-20, Ned Deane 1-24, Coke 2-16, Brian Miller 2-4; G — Cusumano 3-81, Christopher Unis 3-65, Shairs 1-21, Marc Giacalone 1(-7)	

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Flynn helps captain Stampede to silver

Colin Flynn and his 13-and-under team the New England Stampede earned a silver medal in the New England AAU Open Division Baseball Championships this summer at Salem State College.

The 13u AAU Open Division is comprised of nearly 75 select baseball teams competing this season throughout New England. The New England Stampede, based out of Woburn, consists of players from nine different Boston-area communities including Colin of Andover. The team also competed during the season in tournaments in Connecticut and earned second place in a wood-bat tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y. during the Fourth of July weekend. The team compiled an overall record this season of 27-9.

Colin is co-captain of the Stampede and the son of Ray and Melissa Flynn of William St., Andover.



Andover resident Colin Flynn (left) is co-captain of the Stampede along with Ian Steckel from Winchester, Mass.

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Track team among those who will Trot for Tots

Members of the Andover High School track team plan to volunteer for the Trot for Special Tots Oct. 3 event that raises money for the Professional Center for Child Development's 18th Annual "Trot for Special Tots". Some student athletes will:

- Work on the course holding signs and cheering on the walkers and runners;
- Help with clean up;
- Help out with the Costume Parade;
- Compete in the road race; and
- Walk with family and friends.

This year's family-friendly event is Sunday, Oct. 3, with check-in and registration beginning at 9 a.m. The center is located at 32 Osgood St., Andover. Racers take off first at 10 a.m., following the 3.1-mile

fast, flat course along residential streets. Walkers follow the runners and the event ends with a free costume parade and free cookout for all participants.

Medals will be presented to the top male and female race winners in age categories, and prizes awarded to the top fundraisers. All children taking part in the costume parade will receive a ribbon. The race is sanctioned by the USA Track & Field association.

Entry fee for race is \$30, or \$20 online. Entry fee for walk is \$20, or \$10 online. A family rate is available, check the website or call for details. To register, call 978-475-3806 ext. 222, ortho-professionalcenter.org.

Proceeds benefit The Professional Center for Child Development, which has served children with special needs and their families throughout Northeast Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire for nearly 40 years.

FIELD HOCKEY

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to score a lot on corners."

After being held off the scoring sheet for Andover's first two games of the season, Dimitruk broke out in the third game with a pair of goals in a 7-0 win over Methuen.

Dimitruk has already decided that field hockey will be a big part of her post-high school life. Next fall, she will be taking her skills to play for Division 1 Northeastern. The Huskies already sport her close friend, former Andover stand-out goalie Tameka Geaslen.

But, for now, her focus is leading the Golden Warriors. "I feel like we have a very good team," said Dimitruk. "We lost a lot of players from last year, but the younger players have stepped up and the intensity is definitely there."

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Premises affected are located at 134 Elm St., Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 2 as Lot 3.

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AT - 9/23, 9/30/10

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Docket No. ES10P1777EA
Essex Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 (978) 744-1020
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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Daud Sharif to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated September 17, 2007 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10928, Page 245 of which the Mortgagee the undersigned is the present holder by assignment for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 09:00 AM on September 30, 2010 at 72 Dascomb Road, Andover, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON SITUATED IN ANDOVER, ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, AT THE SOUTH-WESTERLY CORNER OF DASCOMB ROAD AND CLARK ROAD, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT # 1 ON PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED "CHANGE IN LOT LINE & AREAS BETWEEN KENNETH E. WILLIAMS & SCOTT PROPERTIES, INC., ANDOVER, MASS. SCALE: 1"=40' MAY 27, 1977" AND RECORDED WITH THE ESSEX NORTH DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS AS PLAT NO. 7699, SAID PARCEL BEING BOUNDED:
NORTHWESTERLY: BY DASCOMB ROAD IN TWO COURSES, 105.62 FEET AND 78.03 FEET, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN;
NORTHEASTERLY: BY THE WALL AT THE INTERSECTION OF DASCOMB ROAD AND CLARK ROAD, 19.67 FEET, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN;
NORTHEASTERLY: AGAIN BY CLARK ROAD, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, 147.00 FEET;
SOUTHEASTERLY: BY LOT # 2, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, 246.57 FEET;
SOUTHWESTERLY: BY THE STONE WALL AND BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF WYNCREST DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, IN TWO COURSES, A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 149.41 FEET.
CONTAINING 33,777 SQUARE FEET MORE OR LESS ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN.
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A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank treasurer's check will be required to be delivered on or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.
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Newton, NH: 2 Priscilla Lane Saturday Sept. 25, 8-3pm
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