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All cameras on town's home-grown team, off to Conn.

Andover Nationals travel for New England tournament

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A blue-and-gold contingent is expected to join the state champion Andover National Little League team in Bristol, Conn., as it faces the best teams in New England, starting Saturday at 2 p.m. against Rhode Island. But those who can't take the trip out-of-state to root for the hometown

sluggers need not worry. They can cheer for the Andover Nationals from home. Some of their games will be televised on NESN and, if they advance to the championship game, on ESPN2. Of the first four games the Nationals are expected to play in Connecticut in the coming week, the final two will be televised on the New England Sports Network (NESN), which airs the Boston Red Sox games. Should the

Nationals place fourth or better after their final game on Wednesday, Aug. 10, they will also appear in a semifinal game on NESN, and, if victorious, in the New England championship game televised on ESPN2. "I think everyone will have their DVRs tuned," Paul Finn, team manager, said. "We are pretty pumped

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Andover Nationals players Scott Perry (3) and Danny Gemmell (4) celebrate their 7-6 win over Braintree to win the Little League state championship in Taunton.

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Mom, newborn daughter both battle cancer



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Kezia Fitzgerald, right, was two months into treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma when her newborn daughter, Saoirse, in front, was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. With Kezia now in remission, the family of three, including husband Mike Fitzgerald in back, is working to give their daughter a clean bill of health as well.

Andover native enters remission

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Kezia Fitzgerald was ready to fight her cancer after being diagnosed in January. But two months after her chemotherapy treatments began, she wasn't ready to learn her newborn daughter, Saoirse, also needed to fight the disease.

Now, less than half a year later and with heavy financial support from the public, the household has one case of cancer in remission and another

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Kicking cancer's butt,
one person at a time.*

Cancer survivor Kezia Fitzgerald

heading in the same direction.

Kezia, who grew up in Andover with her parents Craig and Kristina Liveridge, is now a mom fighting give her daughter, now 14 months old, a second chance at life.

"It is a shock. It is hard, and

difficult," Kezia Fitzgerald said. "But it has become normal. We fight cancer. That's what we do."

Kezia picks up her daughter, who currently has no hair following several chemotherapy treatments, and looks into her eyes.

"Huh, isn't that what we do?" she asks Saoirse. "We need a T-shirt. 'Kicking cancer's butt, one person at a time.'"

Kezia is in remission after fighting Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer that

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Selectmen to decide: What are town's goals?

Review of town manager and 2011 goals almost complete

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Should the town manager create his annual budget assuming he cannot spend any additional money? Should he create a council of downtown business owners to offer ideas on improving the downtown?

Those are just two possible goals selectmen are considering as the board seeks to establish five new benchmarks for rating Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's performance as Andover's CEO. Stapczynski's raise is tied to achieving each year's goals.

A selectmen subcommittee of members Mary Lyman and Alex



Selectmen seek to rate Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

Vispoli is tasked with grading Stapczynski on how he did on 2011's goals, and with considering all selectmen's suggestions for 2012 goals. The full board will meet Monday, August 8, prior to its regular meeting, to discuss both topics in a workshop environment.

"This is our second time in setting the goals," Vispoli said.

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► Union negotiations

School Committee, teachers meet twice during summer

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

While students have been away on summer vacation, teachers and the School Committee have met twice all summer to talk about a new teachers union contract.

The School Committee and Andover Education Association, the schools' largest union comprised of school teachers and their staff, met for the second time on Monday in a day-long,

closed-door mediation session, weeks before the union reaches its first full year without a new contract. The last contract expired Aug. 31, 2010.

"We have our next meeting scheduled for Sept. 14," said Dennis Forgue, School Committee member. "We met from 10 o'clock to 6 o'clock (Monday). We met for eight hours with the mediator, so we are talking."

Kerry Costello, newly-elected president of the AEA, could not be reached for comment.

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GOALS: Selectmen to decide Andover's top priorities

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"I see that we've gotta be crystal clear on what these goals need to be."

The process, which so far has largely focused on discussing Stapczynski's present benchmarks, has worked as it should have, Vispoli said.

In a previous meeting, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major asked the other selectmen to send their ideas for goals to Lyman and Vispoli by last Friday, July 29. Lyman and Vispoli said they didn't have goals from the other three members by Tuesday's meeting, but they did briefly discuss their own suggestions.

"I'd like to maybe do the budget development a little bit differently," Vispoli said. "Start with level funding and see what that would mean, rather than start with assuming we can go right to the (Prop. 2 1/2) limit and then come back from there."

Lyman said her goals focuses on costs as well, and how to make the town more efficient. One example she gave was focusing on contracts.

"Our staff is 85 percent of the budget. What can we do to try to be as efficient as we possibly can?" Lyman said.

Another possible goal from Lyman would focus on how Stapczynski manages and handles upcoming capital improvement projects, while another would have the town manager find ways to control rising health insurance costs.

Vispoli would also like to create what he called an "Economic Development Council" — a

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Selectman Alex Vispoli

committee of local business owners that would give "feedback from the business community on things we can do better to help businesses."

"Having the businesses have a voice and formal feedback back to town government, at a minimum, creates a focused awareness," Vispoli said. "What happens a lot of times is we'll hear feedback, anecdotal feedback and all different kinds of datapoints. The question is, how do you make sure that, systemically, you're able to really look to see if you've got something that works, or something that's not working, and what can we do to improve it?"

As part of Stapczynski's five-year contract, the goals help determine how much of a salary increase Stapczynski receives from year to year. To receive any increase, Stapczynski must accomplish at least three of the goals. He receives 60, 80 or 100 percent of the pre-determined salary adjustment if he completes three, four or all five of the goals, respectively.

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FAMILY: Mother, daughter fight cancer together

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affects the immune system. She said it started with swollen lymph nodes that doctors originally told her were just caused by her recent pregnancy. After further analysis, her diagnosis changed.

So did her household — and her ability to feed her baby.

"I weened her in a week. She was a nursing baby, and I was big on breast feeding," Kezia Fitzgerald said. "I started doing chemo and everything was going well. After two months — so, Aprilish — (Saoirse) started getting sick. She woke up one morning with two black eyes for no reason."

Saoirse's face started swelling a lot as well, to the point that her eyes were bulging out of her head, Kezia and her husband, Mike Fitzgerald, said. Doctors focused their attention on the little girl's head, but could find nothing. A few days later, a nurse checked her stomach area. Feeling lumps, the nurse scheduled an emergency CT scan at an area children's hospital, where hospital staff found tumors throughout Saoirse's abdomen.

She was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, cancerous tumors that begins in nerve tissue of infants and very young children. Because Saoirse was under a year old at the time, the prognosis is even more optimistic, and the results of treatment were immediate, her mother said.

"She started chemo the next day," Kezia said. "We saw a direct change in her immediately. By the time we got home from the hospital the first time, she was much happier. The swelling was already going down."

The two cancers were not related, something that Kezia said surprised her.

"My immediate reaction was, 'Is it my fault?'" she said. "I was concerned that, because I had cancer the whole time she was in utero, that she got it from me, which made me feel very guilty. They abolished that pretty quickly."

Saoirse is expected to soon undergo surgery to remove healthy stem cells from her body before further chemotherapy treatments continue and, as Mike Fitzgerald said, disable her immune system. The healthy cells will then be put back in her body in an effort to restart the immune system with cells that aren't cancerous.

"It just helps her body regenerate healthy cells instead of her body regenerating cancer cells," Kezia Fitzgerald said.

The family has been keeping a blog, titled "New Mom ... New Cancer," where Kezia updates



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

The Fitzgerald household, consisting of Mike, Kezia and their 14-month-old daughter, Saoirse, reached regional notoriety after Kezia was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and her daughter, who was under a year old at the time, was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Now with Kezia in remission, the family of three is working to give their daughter a clean bill of health, too.

her friends and family on her and her daughter's treatments. (Her family includes mom Kristina Liversidge, owner of the more than 25-year-old Andover School of Ballet at 14 Park St., where hundreds if not thousands of young Andover girls have learned to dance.)

People's United Bank, located in Danvers where the family lives, has also been accepting donations on the family's behalf since Mike, a car salesman at a Danvers area dealership, has worked much less while he has been the only healthy person in the household.

"After the news broke, complete strangers have donated," Kezia said. "The support has been overwhelming."

"Just the fact that the mortgage is covered, that is a huge

help," Mike Fitzgerald added.

Mike's dealership, an Ira Toyota near where he lives, has also maintained his health insurance coverage in his absence and covered its cost while Mike has stayed at home.

"I just do my best to help around the house, do the yard work," Mike Fitzgerald said. "We play a lot. We laugh a lot, keeping her healthy, happy, and happy spiritually. (We're not) just trying to protect one person. We're protecting two, and one is an infant."

Down the road, Saoirse will likely not remember that any of this ever happened, Kezia said. They aren't quite sure how they'll break the news that she had cancer when she was younger, but they know they will need to at some point.

"She will be in follow-up for the rest of her life. They will be focusing on her for a while," Kezia said. "It will be hard to tell her, because of her attitude as a child. But telling her how she did, how happy she was as a child... just share with her, 'Look, this is what happened. You survived this. You are such a strong child.'"

"That is how we'll tell her," Kezia said.

To follow the Fitzgerald's in their continued treatment of Saoirse, visit the family's blog at <http://newmomnewcancer.blogspot.com>. Donations to the Fitzgerald Cancer Fund can be sent to People's United Bank, at 1 Conant St., Danvers, MA 01923.

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TALKS: Few discussions while schools on break; talks with smaller school unions have not begun

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The next meeting between the School Committee and the AEA will be held about a week after Andover's public schools open their doors. Teachers return to school on Sept. 1 and 2, the Thursday and Friday prior to the first day of school, Sept. 6. Fergie was asked whether he thinks a contract will be signed between the committee and AEA by the end of the

calendar year.

"I'm not certain," Fergie said. "Hopefully we can come to an agreement, but I'm not sure if we will or not. We're working to try to do that."

Other unions

The School Committee also met with the department's custodians for another round of contract talks yesterday, Wednesday, after Townsman deadline. The custodians have

also gone a year without a contract, Fergie said, and the length of the next contract is one of the items up for discussion in current talks.

School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert said two other school unions have reached out to the School Committee for future contract talks: unions for the school secretaries and food-service workers. Both of their contracts ran from 2007 to 2010 and have expired.

They originally reached out to the School Committee with interest to negotiate the next contract this past spring, according to Gilbert.

"(They) have notified us that they would like to negotiate," Gilbert said. "Those are the two we just haven't been able to come up with dates yet."

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TEAM: Andover Nationals to battle other state champs on NESN

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to be the second team to make it (to the New England Region tournament). The last one was in 1988."

The kids are all excited about their playoff prospects as many families are packing up for a trip to Connecticut, which for many parents includes emergency time off from work, Finn said. This morning, Thursday, the town will send off the team with a ceremony in front of the

Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. After that, the Nationals hit the road.

"It's going to be a different experience for them once they leave Mass.," Finn said. "They are a pretty loose bunch. They have a good time. We have a good time."

The Nationals' fan base is expected to represent Andover well, as home support was prominent in the Nationals' last four games in Taunton where they clinched the state championship.

"We had a thousand people in Taunton, far more than the Braintree crowd," Finn said. "Everyone is behind us. I expect to see a lot of blue and gold in Bristol."

The team is set to play four games in the New England Region Little League tournament, with the first being a 2 p.m. game against the team representing Rhode Island on Saturday. That game, and Monday's 2 p.m. game against

Vermont, will not be televised.

The final two games — against Maine on Tuesday, August 9 at 10 a.m.; and against New Hampshire on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 1 p.m. — will appear on NESN. Should the team make it to the final four, the semifinal will be televised on NESN Aug. 11 and the championship game will run on ESPN2 on Saturday, Aug. 13 at 1 p.m.

Whether they face blowout games as they did during the sectional playoffs, or one-run affairs, like their game against Braintree on Sunday, the Andover Nationals are going to Bristol with one thing in mind.

"We're going to go and work hard, and do whatever [is needed] to take this to the next piece," Finn said. "I feel we're very well prepared."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Adult cat adoption extended through August

The MSPCA-Angell's SPF75 program - the adoption promotion launched in June in an effort to find new homes for hundreds of adult cats across its Adoption Center and foster network- has been extended through August.

The extension of the campaign is possible through the generous support of MSPCA-Angell sponsors, whose continued support is crucial to finding homes for the hundreds of cats that remain in the organization's care.

In an effort to continue the momentum to find homes for as many cats as possible, all of the MSPCA-Angell's adult cats will be available for adoption in July and August at a fee reduced to \$75 from \$150.

The MSPCA-Angell will continue to provide all of its standard cat adoption services for felines adopted through the SPF75 campaign: spay/neuter surgery; veterinary exam; and FVRCP vaccinations; Feline Leukemia (FELV) and FIV testing; de-worming; flea and tick preventive and Home-Again microchip identification and registration.

The reduced adoption fee is available at all of the MSPCA-Angell's four adoption centers in Boston, Centerville, Methuen and Nantucket.

National Grid offers energy-saving tips

National Grid offers the following tips to help reduce your at-home energy consumption as much as possible while you are away.

Adjust the thermostat - Since you are not there to enjoy the air conditioning, adjust your thermostat accordingly. Each degree

above 78 will save on your cooling costs. Also, air conditioners cool a space at the same rate no matter what the setting. Adjusting the temperature control to 65 degrees will not help cool your home to 78 degrees any more quickly than if you leave the temperature at 78.

Programmable thermostats - Use of programmable thermostats optimizes air conditioning systems saving you both energy and money.

Change air conditioner filter - Check your air conditioner filter and replace or clean it if it is clogged.

Turn off ceiling fans, close the drapes - Ceiling fans only circulate air to make you feel cooler. Therefore, they are most effective when you're home to enjoy the benefits. Turn them off when you're not home and save energy in the process. Also, closing your drapes or blinds will keep the hot sun out and cause your air conditioner to run less.

Manage your water heater - Consider turning your hot water heater off at the circuit breaker; if you have a natural gas water heater, use the "vacation" mode.

Unplug electronics - Even though your television and other appliances are turned off, many still draw electricity. Unplug any unnecessary electronics and chargers until you return home.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



My life only became what I expected it to be when I stopped hoping it would become what I wanted it to be. Living in Andover is what brought me to this path.

- Former Andover resident Seth Krentcil, who is now known as Brother Hue Chuyen, a Buddhist monk from Germany that led a meditation session at Old Town Hall last week. Story in Townspeople, page 9.

It is one of the things I ran on, the culture of corruption on Beacon Hill. It's time to change the mentality on Beacon Hill. It's about public service, not private enrichment.

- Andover state Rep. Jim Lyons, who says he and other new representatives will not let an ethics reform effort die quietly in the House. Story, page 5.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Hiroshima Vigil in Andover Aug. 6

On Aug. 6, the Merrimack Valley People for Peace will hold a vigil in front of the Andover Town House, also known as Old Town Hall, at 20 Main St., from 11 a.m. to noon. The vigil commemorates the first use of nuclear weapons in war and the destruction of Hiroshima, Japan at the close of World War II.

"The vigil will remember all the victims of nuclear war including those killed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki by atomic bombs and those killed in Afghanistan, Bosnia, and Iraq by depleted uranium

munitions," according to the group. "It will also remember the victims of peacetime nuclear disasters such as Chernobyl and Fukushima and remind about the necessity for a gradual transition from nuclear and fossil power to renewable energy."

The vigil is open to the public. Participants will receive an origami crane, the symbol of the Hiroshima survivors.

The Merrimack Valley People for Peace describes itself as a nonprofit educational organization founded in 1984 that advocates for peace, justice and the environment. Members include residents of Andover, North Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, Wilmington, Reading, Lowell, Westford, Haverhill, Amesbury, West Newbury and Newburyport.

The group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at North Parish Unitarian Church in North Andover.

Red Cross blood drive at St. A on Aug. 18

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, Aug. 18 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at Saint Augustine Church, 35 Essex St.

All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free box of six pieces of chocolate dipped fruit from Edible Arrangements.

To make an appointment to donate blood, call 800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcross-blood.org.

Quarterly real estate tax bills overdue

Payment was due Monday, Aug. 1, on the town of Andover real estate tax bills for the first

quarter of fiscal 2011. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent.

The Town Offices at 36 Bartlett St. are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mail box with the blue Town of Andover seal in the front of Town Offices. Payments can also be made online through Unibank, which can be accessed on the Town of Andover website andoverma.gov by clicking on online bill payments on the left side, then pay current real estate.

If you have not received a bill, call the tax collectors' office at 978-623-8246 or email to treasurer@andoverma.gov. Any other questions, call the assessors' office at 978-623-8265.

Common Cause redistricting contest

Common Cause Massachusetts, a government watchdog group, will hold a public redistricting map-making contest through Aug. 30 called the 'Redistricting Olympics.'

The contest offers citizens a chance to create their own state House, state Senate, and Congressional maps (using free software available online) as well as submit a written explanation of their decision making process.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage citizen engagement in redistricting.

There are cash prizes of up to \$750 for the winners in each map category, as well as cash prizes for second and third place finishers. Prizes will be awarded by a panel of judges who will make their decision based on evaluation criteria available on the website.

Factors such as compactness, contiguity, municipal integrity, and adherence to the Voting Rights Act are included. There is no experience or technical knowledge needed to participate.

Contest details can be found on the web at www.CommonCause.org/ma/redistrictingolympics.

The website offers a step-by-step tutorial on how to use the free mapping software as well as personal one-on-one coaching by a member of Common Cause's redistricting team if needed.

EEE detected; take precautions against mosquito bites

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced July 29 that Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus has been detected in mosquitoes in Massachusetts for the first time this year. EEE infection was confirmed by the William A. Hinton State Laboratory Institute today. The mosquito sample was collected on July 19th in the town of Bridgewater in Plymouth County.

There have been no human cases of reported West Nile virus (WNV) infection or EEE so far this year in Massachusetts. There was one case of EEE in a Massachusetts resident in 2010, as well as in a Rhode Island resident who was probably exposed to the virus in Massachusetts. Indicators of significant risk for human infection with EEE last year led to a large scale aerial spray to control populations of mosquitoes in Bristol and Plymouth Counties. EEE is usually spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. EEE is a serious disease in all ages and can be deadly.

All WNV and EEE positive results from 2011 can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at www.mass.gov/dph/wnv, discarding items that hold water.

In Massachusetts, West Nile virus (WNV) and eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus are germs people may get if they are bitten by an infected mosquito.

Among the suggested precautions people can take:

Use bug sprays that contain DEET, permethrin, IR3535 or picaridin (KBR 3023) to provide protection against mosquitoes. In addition, oil of lemon eucalyptus has been found to provide as much protection as low concentrations of DEET.

Take special care to cover up the arms and legs of children playing outdoors. When you take a baby outdoors, cover the baby's carriage or playpen with mosquito netting.

Fix any holes in your screens and make sure they are tightly attached to all your doors and windows.

Remove sources of standing water around your home.

For more information, visit mass.gov/dph/wnv.

Mass. adds 10,400 jobs in June, jobless rate 7.6%

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported that the preliminary June job estimates show 3,235,100 jobs in Massachusetts, an increase of 10,400 jobs, with 10,300 jobs added in the private sector.

The total unemployment rate in June was unchanged at 7.6 percent.

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The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, July 26 through Monday, Aug. 1:

ARRESTS

Wednesday, July 27 — At 2:35 a.m., Nicholas Belanger, 27, of 35 Hillside St., Haverhill, was arrested on Dascomb Road and charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with license revoked, possession of a class B substance, subsequent offense, and on a warrant for receiving stolen property and trespassing.
At 7:21 a.m., Ariel Tejada, 25, of 26 Sanborn St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle with license revoked, subsequent offense, driving an unlicensed motor vehicle and on a warrant for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, driving an uninspected motor vehicle and driving an unregistered motor vehicle.
At 3:54 p.m., Cynthia Stackpole, 38, of 30 River Road, Andover, was arrested at her home and charged with resisting arrest and on a single warrant for resisting arrest, a municipal ordinance, a marked lanes violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor, operating under the influence of drugs and one other charge.

Wednesday, July 27 — At 12:49 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Jenkins Road.
Thursday, July 28 — At 5:42 a.m., a car was reported stolen on Memorial Circle.
Friday, July 29 — At 8:34 a.m., a case of an attempted break into a vehicle was reported at a hotel on Old River Road.

CAR CRIME

Wednesday, July 27 — At 10:19 a.m., a house break was reported at a residence on Pinecrest Road.
Thursday, July 28 — At 6:45 p.m., an individual doing some work at a home on Hidden Road reported that a recycling cart had been taken from the house's yard.
At 8:11 p.m., the theft of a bike was reported on Stirling Street.
Monday, Aug. 1 — At 5:37 a.m., a theft of charity money stored outside of a restaurant on North Main Street was reported to police.

BREAK

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THEFTS

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INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 27 — At 1:56 p.m., a Woburn Street resident contacted police to report that somebody had left a set of keys, with one of the keys going to a Land Rover vehicle, in his mailbox. Police contacted an area Land Rover dealership and held the keys at the station.
At 3:03 p.m., police were called to Holt Road for a report of a squirrel in a house. A responding officer reported that it appeared the animal had found its way out of the house.
At 5:57 p.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on Memorial Circle.
Thursday, July 28 — At 12:56 a.m., police were called to a home on Lincoln Street for a report of a bat in a home. The responding officer was able to remove a bird from the house.
At 8:12 a.m., police received reports of a man carrying a black rifle in the area of Essex Street. After searching in the area for some time without finding the man, police received further reports that there were some road surveyors possibly working in the area. Police were unable to locate any surveyors.
At 10:50 a.m., police were called by a Homestead Circle resident regarding "several suspicious people in front of her home." A police

investigation determined "they are Jehova[h]'s Witnesses."
Friday, July 29 — At 5:29 p.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Elm Street.
Saturday, July 30 — At 4:12 p.m., a possible scam was reported on Hidden Road.
At 6:26 p.m., police were called out to Sterling Street on reports of three individuals, including one juvenile who was later arrested on a Children In Need of Services warrant as a missing juvenile, attempting to steal two bikes from a residential property. Two of the three youths will be summonsed to court on charges of larceny under \$250. The bikes were returned to their owners.
Sunday, July 31 — At 3:18 a.m., a case of trespassing was reported on Memorial Circle. No charges were filed against one individual in the incident.
At 5:28 p.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on North Street.
Monday, Aug. 1 — At 8:08 a.m., vandalism was reported on Brookside Drive.

ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, July 26 — At 11:45 p.m., a car crash with injuries was reported on North Main Street.
Wednesday, July 27 — At 11:13 a.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Main Street.
At 12:14 p.m., a single-vehicle crash with injuries was reported on North Main Street.
At 11:54 p.m., a single-car crash into a telephone pole was reported on River Road. No injuries were reported, but the vehicle involved in the accident had to be towed from the scene.
Thursday, July 28 — At 12:19 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Main Street. Close to ten minutes later, a second hit-and-run accident, seemingly unrelated, was reported on Essex Street.
Friday, July 29 — At 1:25 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on North Main Street.
Sunday, July 31 — At 11:22 a.m., a Hiddenfield Drive resident reported damage to his vehicle that had occurred overnight. Police determined the damage was caused by a

■ NEWS IN BRIEF

Health insurance open enrollment period closes Aug. 15

The Patrick-Murray Administration's Division of Insurance is reminding individuals who purchase their own health care that the annual open enrollment period began July 1, and going forward individuals will be able to change their insurance policies only on an annual basis.
The open enrollment periods are part of the effort to reduce health-care costs for small businesses and working families, and are part of legislation passed in 2010.
In the past individuals could purchase insurance at any time of the year, and in some cases were purchasing expensive policies for a short period of time, using a large amount of costly services, and then moving back into a lower-cost plan.
The open enrollment period, which runs from now through Aug. 15, gives consumers the opportunity to review their health insurance plans and consider changes that may be appropriate. Once in a plan, consumers will have to stay in those plans until the next open enrollment period, which starts July 1, 2012.
Individuals who are without coverage because of lost employment-sponsored coverage or government-sponsored coverage, or are self-employed or for other limited circumstances, may purchase insurance at any time. However, after purchasing coverage, changes can be made only during open enrollment periods.
The Division of Insurance is available to help individuals with questions about the new enrollment rules or any other health insurance issue. Consumers can call 617-521-7794 or visit mass.gov/doi.

Phillips Academy conducting summer interviews for admission

Andover youth interested in attending Phillips Academy in Sept. 2012 may want to set up an interview this month.
Phillips Academy is conducting interviews through Aug. 30 for local students planning to apply for admission to the 2012-13 school year.
Each applicant to Phillips Academy is required to have a personal interview as part of the admission process.
In addition to interviewing students who intend to apply for admission into the ninth grade, the private school also welcomes interview requests from local students interested in applying for admission to the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades or for a post-graduate year.
Students residing in Andover and North Andover must apply as day students. Day student applicants are strongly encouraged to complete their interviews by Aug. 30.
Students in the following cities and towns may apply as either day or boarding students: Atkinson, Bradford, Boxford, Dracut, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynnfield, Methuen, Middleton, North Reading, Pelham, Plaistow, Salem (N.H.), Reading, Tewksbury and Wilmington.
Interviews and student-guided tours are being offered Monday through Friday. These visits provide time to learn about the school and to speak with admission counselors and student tour guides. All summer tour guides are current local students who are eager to share their perspectives and experiences.
The Office of Admission also will host two open houses, on Nov. 6, 2011 and Jan. 7, 2012 so local families can visit while school is in session.
To schedule an interview and tour, call the Phillips Academy Office of Admission at 978-749-4050.
For more information about the admission process, call or e-mail Vivien Mallick, senior associate dean of admission, at 978-749-4062 or vmallick@andover.edu.

a.m. to 5 p.m.
Suspension hearings are offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The expanded hours provide an earlier service option to customers, and will reduce wait times throughout the course of the day.
For a complete list of service hours at all RMV locations, as well as a complete list of all the transactions that can be done online, visit the RMV website at mass.gov/rmv.

Pomps Pond open daily through mid August

Pomps Pond is open daily and daily fees are \$5 per person.
Now that it is August the pond will close at 6 p.m.

How your car can help the blind

Your car, truck or camper may be worth more as a donation than a trade in. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind at 1-888-613-2777 for details.
This is a free tow, quick pick up and donations are tax deductible.
Proceeds benefit blind and vision impaired persons in Massachusetts

MEMA issues power outage safety tips

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency warns extended loss of power, during and after a hurricane, is a real possibility.
MEMA has the following tips for dealing with a possible power outage:
■ Check flashlights and portable radios to ensure that they are working, and you have extra batteries on hand.
■ If your water supply could be affected by a power outage (a well-water pump system), fill your bathtub and spare containers with water.
■ Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings (remember to reset them back to normal once power is restored). Food can stay cold in a full refrigerator for up to 24 hours, and in a well-packed freezer for 48 hours (24 hours if it is half-packed).
■ If you have medication that requires refrigeration, check with your pharmacist for guidance on proper storage during an extended outage.
■ Follow the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines when using a generator. Always use outdoors, away from windows and doors.
■ To protect against possible voltage irregularities that can occur when power is restored, you should unplug all sensitive electronic equipment, including TVs, computers, stereo, DVR, VCR, microwave oven, cordless telephone, answering machine and garage door opener.
■ Be extra cautious when you go outside to inspect for damage after a storm. Downed or hanging electrical wires can be hidden by trees or debris.

Ruth's House needs men's, boy's clothing

Ruth's House, a non-profit thrift store located at 111 Lafayette Square, is in need of boy's clothing sizes 6 through 20 and men's adult shirts and summer clothing.
Adult plus size clothing is also needed.
All donations are tax deductible and donors will be issued receipts for their gifts.
Donations may be dropped off during store hours on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.
Donations may also be dropped for the food pantry at Sacred Hearts Parish.
For more information call 978-521-5575 or visitruthshouse.org.

RMV expanded hours

As part of MassDOT's focus on customer service, the Registry of Motor Vehicles has expanded service hours at the Lawrence branch.
The hours are:
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Cruising to Juneau



The Mendenhall Glacier is located near Juneau.

The Kid woke up as the cruise ship docked at the only state capital in the United States that has no road access in or out. Juneau can be reached only by sea or by air.
Cars and trucks arrive in Juneau by barge or ferry. The Alaska Marine Highway System is a state-owned ferry system.
Building roads would not be easy because of avalanche hazards, steep slopes, environmental concerns, and the cold weather.
Juneau is located on the Gastineau Channel in the panhandle of Alaska. It has been the capital since 1906.
Juneau is named after gold prospector Joe Juneau. The Tlingit name of the town is Dzantik'Heeni which means "river where the flounder gather."
Juneau's downtown sits at sea level. It is surrounded by steep mountains reaching as high as 4,000 feet.
The Gastineau Channel was a popular fishing area for the Tlingit Indians. They were known at that time as the Taku and Auke tribes.
Joseph Whidbey was the first European to set foot in the area. He was master of the "Discovery" during George Vancouver's 1792-95 expedition.

Alaska became a state in 1959. Juneau shares its eastern border with the Canadian province of British Columbia. It is the only state capital to border another country.
The population of Juneau was about 30,000 in 2008. It is estimated that over a million people arrive by cruise ships from May through September.
Fishing also plays a big part of Juneau's economy. Hundreds of commercial fishing boats operate out of Juneau.
The Kid rode a bus about 12 miles to the Mendenhall Glacier. The glacier extends about 12 miles out from the Juneau ice fields into Mendenhall Lake. The Mendenhall glacier has retreated about 1.75 miles since 1958. Most scientists believe it will continue to retreat in the near future.
The Kid walked past a beaver dam on the way down to the lake's beach. The face of the glacier was visible from the beach.
The helicopters that take visitors onto the glacier were grounded because of low clouds.

On the bus ride back, the Kid saw several eagles. The bus driver told the Kid about growing up as a native Alaskan. He was raised in a small village outside of Juneau. His family hunted and fished to survive.

Glacier Trivia

- Test your knowledge of glaciers
- 1. What percentage of the earth's land area is covered by glaciers?**
 - a. 1 percent
 - b. 3 percent
 - c. 10 percent
 - d. 32 percent
 - 2. During the Ice Age, what percentage was covered by glaciers?**
 - a. 10 percent
 - b. 32 percent
 - c. 48 percent
 - d. 62 percent
 - 3. If all the glaciers melted, how much would the sea level rise?**
 - a. 23 feet
 - b. 83 feet
 - c. 123 feet
 - d. 230 feet



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News

Andover Rep. Lyons vows ethics reform won't wither

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

An attempt to bring ethics reform to the state's House of Representatives is currently sitting idle, but state Rep. Jim Lyons says he and other state Republicans won't give up on bringing such changes to Beacon Hill.

Following a third consecutive state Speaker of the House being convicted of a felony, Lyons and Rep. Paul Adams, Andover's two state representatives, are joining other Republicans in battling what Adams says is an "institutional" problem in the state's government.

"The last three Speakers of the House were convicted on federal criminal charges. The problem in the Speaker's office is institutional," Adams, who represents the 17th Essex district in the House of Representatives, said via email. "The objective of the Republican rules proposal is to prevent unethical or criminal conduct from happening, and to bring more accountability and transparency to the legislature."

The proposed reform would change a number of ethics rules in the House that Lyons and Adams said would hold legislators to a higher standard of ethical conduct than presently prescribed by statute.

The rules may have met an early grave, however. When it came up for discussion a few weeks ago, the House's leadership moved the bill on to the House Committee on Rules, which is not likely to take action on the bill, according to a press release from the Massachusetts Republican Party.

"House Democrats rejected the Republican proposal during a House session on (July 20)," Adams said. "There was brief debate, but the rules were rejected along party lines."

While reform is waiting to be taken up by a committee, Lyons said that won't stop representatives from bringing the issue up in the future.

"We voted to continue to bring this up every month until the



ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photo

Andover state Reps. Paul Adams and Jim Lyons, shown here on election night, say they expect to continue to press the issue of ethics reform, although a bill has been sent to committee, often a move that prevents an issue from coming to a vote.

House leadership allows us to have a fair and sound debate," Lyons said. "We are hopeful that it gets out of rules committee and gets to the floor."

RULES ADDRESS "CULTURE OF CORRUPTION"

Lyons said that the legislation "represents a significant change to what has been going on on Beacon Hill."

"It is one of the things I ran on, the culture of corruption on Beacon Hill," Lyons said. "It's time to change the mentality on Beacon Hill. It's about public service, not private enrichment."

Joining Lyons and Adams on the reform was House Minority Leader Bradley Jones, and Rep. Dan Winslow from Norfolk, who both led the movement to bring the reform forward. All four legislators are Republicans. The House of Representatives has 32 Republicans, out of 160 total

members.

When previously reached for a comment, state Sen. Barry Finegold of Andover — a Democrat who served in the House of Representatives for year until he was elected to the Senate last fall — declined to comment on the specifics of the legislation.

"It is a House bill, and the House has to deal with it," Finegold said.

"I'm open to any legislation that has the potential to improve the legislative body," he said.

Last month former House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi was found guilty on seven of nine counts in his public corruption case, including conspiracy, mail fraud, wire fraud and extortion. Thomas Finneran, pled guilty in 2006 to obstruction of justice regarding his testimony during redistricting litigation. Charles Flaherty pled guilty to tax evasion in 1996.

PROPOSED ETHICS CHANGES

Andover state Reps. Jim Lyons and Paul Adams support an ethics reform proposal supporters describe as having six goals:

- Forbidding House members and staff from contacting public entities regarding pending procurements before an award decision is made;
- Limiting members and staff to written recommendations for job seekers in the public sector unless the employer

initiates contact;

- Creating an ethical duty for members and staff to report any unethical or criminal conduct by any other members or staff;
- Prohibiting lobbyists from entering the House chamber and the members' lounge, and requiring them to wear a visible badge identifying them as a lobbyist;
- Creating detailed disclosure requirements in the event a member or staff

member is arrested, indicted or charged with criminal offenses, or named as a defendant in a domestic violence restraining order;

- Preserving the right of members and staff to have private lives, provided that the private conduct doesn't become public or otherwise bring the House into public disrepute.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Andover man named managing director of Accenture's Boston office

John Drake was appointed to managing director for Accenture's Boston office, where he leads approximately 850 people.

In his new role, Drake is responsible for managing the local business, expanding the company's civic presence and fostering employee engagement.

Drake has more than 20 years of experience in transformational IT initiatives to help Accenture's clients achieve their high performance objectives. In addition to serving as the head of the Boston office, he supports Accenture's Electronic and High Technology clients in the Boston area.

Drake is an active and passionate supporter of the Cotting School in Lexington, the first private free day school for children with disabilities in America.

He and his family reside in Andover.

Steward Holy Family Hospital RNs vote for union representation

Culminating a two-year effort to win union representation to improve patient care, registered nurses at Steward Holy Family Hospital voted by 70 percent to join the Massachusetts Nurses Association/National Nurses United, the state and nation's pre-eminent organization of RNs.

The vote was a 70 percent margin in a secret ballot election conducted by the National

Labor Relations Board.

MNA will represent 357 RNs at the hospital which is part of the Steward Health Care system.

Now that the election is settled, the nurses will begin the work of forming their local committee. The nurses will elect members to their bargaining committee, and have already begun soliciting proposals from colleagues about what they would like to negotiate into their first contract.

MVC Health Care series cancelled

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Health Care series "Controlling the Cost of Health Care Benefits While Delivering Quality Care" that had been set for Friday, July 22 will be rescheduled this fall.

For more information, call 978-686-0900 or visit www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

LGH recognized as a 'Community Value Five-Star Hospital'

Lawrence General Hospital has been recognized as a top-ranked Community Value Provider by Cleverley + Associates, a leading health care financial consulting firm specializing in operational benchmarking and performance enhancement strategies.

Andover realty business elects new team leader

Keller Williams Realty elected Mary Ann Arini as their new team leader in Andover and Dracut.

Arini has been with Keller

Williams since 2005 and recently relocated to the area from Colorado.

She has an extensive real estate and business background and will be a great asset in the growth and development of the Andover and Dracut Offices, according to the business.

Shawsheen Liquors seeks phones for a cause

Shawsheen Liquors, at the intersection of Route 133, Route 28 and Poor Street, is collecting used cell phones for domestic violence victims.

It will run this cell phone collection drive now through Aug. 15.

Donating an old wireless phone to Hopeline from Verizon is as easy as following these four steps:

1. Turn the phone's power off.
2. Make sure the phone's batteries are installed in the phone you are returning. Please do not include any loose batteries.
3. Please remove storage cards (microSD, etc.) and SIM cards from phones prior to donation. Also be sure to return any travel chargers or other accessories that came with the devices.
4. Bring it to Shawsheen Village Liquors, 4 Poor St., Andover.

Nearly one in four women, one in nine men, and over 3 million children have been affected by domestic violence.

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OBITUARIES

Rita M. Gallant, 96



Rita M. (Gaudet) Gallant, lifelong Andover resident, passed away at Academy Manor in Andover on Monday, July 25, 2011 at age 96. She was the widow of Raymond Gallant who passed away in 1988. They were married for 52 years.

She was a tireless volunteer. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and friend who loved gardening, needlework, walking, and traveling. She is survived by two sons, Paul and his wife Molly of Westport, Conn., and William and his wife Anne Marie of Andover; six grandchildren, Paul Gallant, Matthew Gallant, Nancy Kennedy, William Gallant II, Amy Stavros, and Amanda Grzywacz. Rita leaves nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brother, Donald Gaudet of Lawrence; and sisters, Leona Valliere of Florida, and Hilda Lemay of Vermont; as well as many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, July 29 at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine's church in Andover. Burial followed in St. Augustine's Cemetery, also in Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Augustine's Building Fund, 35 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810. To leave online condolences, please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

Robert Cades Holland, 98

Robert Cades Holland of Southport, Maine, passed away at the age of 98 on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at the Wolfeboro Bay Rehabilitation Center with his family by his side.

He was born in Woburn and lived from early childhood until 1980 in Andover. He was a graduate of Phillips Andover Academy ('32) and Yale University ('36) where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity. He was a member of the first Army Ski Patrol in New England in 1937 under the direction of Major Higgins.

He is survived by his sister, Clara Holland Chase of Bethesda, Md.; his daughter, Elizabeth Holland

Vaughan of Brunswick, Maine; his son, Peter White Holland and his wife Roberta of Brookfield, N.H.; two grandchildren, Robert Cades Holland II of Concord, N.H., and Avery Holland Murdock of Andover; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A private celebration of his life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Boothbay Harbor Region Student Aid Fund, c/o Guidance Office, Boothbay Region High School, 236 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538. Lord Funeral Home, Wolfeboro, N.H. has assisted the family with arrangements.

Rose Hurley, 87



Rose (Furnari) Hurley, 87, of Dracut and formerly of Andover, passed away Thursday, July 28, 2011.

and truly enjoyed spending time in her garden and crocheting. Rose was predeceased by her brothers, Alfred Furnari and Tony Furnari; and sister, Connie (Furnari) Carruso. She leaves two nieces and two nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: The family received Tuesday at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen, with the service of remembrance celebrated at noon. The interment followed in Immaculate Conception Cemetery. To offer online condolences and for further information, please visit www.cataudellafh.com.

She retired in 1987 after a long career as a key punch operator at Western Electric. Rose was a former member of the Pioneer Club

Anne Zompa, 105



ANDOVER — Anne Zompa, 105, a resident of Andover, died Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at the Wingate of Andover.

great-grandchildren, Sarah, Domenic, Isla, and Gianni Zompa, Michael, Jacob, Adam, Olivia, and Grant LeMieux, Brandon Elliott, Rebecca and Hannah Couch, Nathan and Evan Armano, and her sister-in-law, Margaret (Zompa) Tagliarferro of Lawrence; as well as many, many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Henry; siblings, James Diodati, Lucia DelRossi and her husband James, Frank Diodati and his wife Mary, Nick Diodati and his wife Filomena, Ralph Diodati and his wife Mary, Assunta Ruberti and her husband James, Rocco Altar and his wife Frida, Attila (Sarcione) Early and her husband Thomas, Betty (Sarcione) Perrotta and her husband Angelo, Celia (Sarcione) Colopietro and her husband Flori, Henry Sarcione and his wife Helen, Leo Sarcione and Edward Sarcione and his wife Lena.

ARRANGEMENTS: Mrs. Zompa's funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Augustine's Church in Andover Saturday at 10 a.m. Burial followed at Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen. Family and friends called at St. Augustine's Church. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. To offer online condolences, please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

A former resident of Methuen, Anne was born June 28, 1906 to the late Domenic and Chiara (Cialone) Diodati in Lawrence. She attended Lawrence schools until the age of 14 before going to work in the Washington mill. During that time, Anne attended night school and proudly graduated from Lawrence High School. She married Henry Zompa in 1930 and shared a wonderful life together for 59 years before his passing in 1989. A dedicated mother, doting grandmother and great-grandmother, she will be remembered most for her love of her family.

Anne is survived by her son, Dr. Leverett J. Zompa and his wife Anita of Andover; grandchildren, Peter Zompa of Miami, Andrew Zompa of Holden, Mary (Zompa) LeMieux and her husband Tom of Bristol, N.H., Kathy (Zompa) Elliott and her husband Brian of Derry, N.H., Deborah (Zompa) Couch and her husband Marc of Northwood, N.H., and Elizabeth (Zompa) Armano and her husband Domenic of Newton, N.H.;

Free Teen Israel Adventure

Registration is open for the Robert I. Lappin Youth to Israel Adventure (Y2I), which includes a free summer trip to Israel in July 2012. Jewish teens, who live in Andover or any of the other 23 cities and towns of the foundation's service area and who are going to be sophomores or juniors in high school in the fall, may qualify for the program. Visit www.Y2I.org to obtain more information about Y2I 2012, to read the program requirements, or to download an Interest Form, or contact Susan Feinstein at 978-740-4431 or email sfeinstein@rilcf.org.

John F. Manning, Sr., 79



NORTH ANDOVER — John F. "Jack" Manning, Sr., 79, of North Andover died Saturday, July 30, 2011 at his home after an eight-year battle

Natalie Estates R.O. Association in Stuart, Fla., where he served 15 years. Jack enjoyed spending time with family, reading and wintering in Florida.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 40 years, Lois (Passler) Manning of North Andover and their children, John "Jack" Manning, Jr. and Julie of Lawrence, Donna and her husband Christopher Phaneuf of North Andover, Susan Hopkins of Salem, N.H., Joseph Manning of Andover, Beverly and her husband Charles Varney of Exeter, N.H., John Douglas and Cheryl Kelley of Derry, N.H.; six grandchildren, Jeff, Chris and Drew Phaneuf, Melissa, Douglas and Lindsay Hopkins.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were held Monday at Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. The funeral Mass was Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, North Andover. Burial followed in West Parish Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, N.H. Memorial Contributions in Jack's memory may be made to: Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843; or the MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. To send a message of condolence to the family, please visit the obituary at www.douglasandjohnson.com.

with cancer.

Jack was born and educated in Lawrence, the son of the late Florence (Peters) and Joseph Manning. He graduated from Lawrence High School in 1949, Burdett College, and the School of Banking at Williams College. Jack proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War aboard Commander Fleet Air and other ships in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, stationed in Naples, Italy. He was cofounder of Northern Process Servers. Jack previously worked at Bay State National Bank where he was senior vice president in charge of the Consumer Credit Division and treasurer and partner in Hardy Brush Corp.

Jack was Past President of the Lawrence Exchange Club and was named Exchangeite of the Year, Past President of the Lawrence Credit Bureau, Past President of the Mass. Constables Association and Past President of

George J. Haynes, 94



LAWRENCE — George J. Haynes, 94, of Lawrence, passed away Saturday, July 30, 2011 at the Wingate at Andover.

Mary V. (Buckley) Haynes of Lawrence.

George was the son of Thomas and Ellen (Carr) Haynes of Lawrence and Manchester, England.

George is also survived by two sons, George of Kirtland, Ohio and his wife Sharon, and Thomas of Salem, N.H., and his wife Janis. He had five grandchildren, Alexandra and Elizabeth of Kirtland, Ohio, and Thomas, Ellen and Mia of Salem, N.H. George is also survived by two sisters, Helen Di Benedetto and her husband James, and Dorothy Drew. He also leaves a sister-in-law, Marjorie Woodworth.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was held Wednesday in St. Michael Church in North Andover. A burial followed in the Ridgewood Cemetery in North Andover. Friends and family called on Tuesday at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 35 Merrimack St., North Andover. For more information or to send an online condolence please go to: www.breenfuneralhome.com.

George was born and raised in Lawrence. He served in the U.S. Army 8th Air Corps during World War II as a Flight Engineer and Turret Gunner onboard a B-17 with the 306th Bomb Group, 369th Squadron. He served in the European, African and Middle Eastern Campaigns flying many combat missions.

After his military service, George served as a Lieutenant on the Lawrence Fire Department for 37 years until his retirement in 1982. George was a member of the American Legion, coached South Lawrence West Little, and served as a volunteer at Central Catholic High School for many years.

George is survived by his wife,

SUPPORT GROUPS

Al-Anon Family Groups

The Al-Anon Family Groups is a non-profit fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. A local meeting of Greater Lawrence 12 and 12 Al-Anon Family Groups takes place on Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m., Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover

The office can be reached at AFG of MA Inc., 57 E. Main St. Suite 109, Westboro MA 01581, 508-366-0556, e-mail, afgofma@aol.com.

Healing Losses

Healing our Losses a support group for individuals who feel overwhelmed and unsure of how to cope with loss especially during the holiday season. Come join our group as we share our feelings, develop coping strategies and move toward healing in a supportive, confidential environment. The group will meet on Thursday evening Jan. 6, experienced the death of a loved one. Registration is required. For further details and to register, please call Lu Bonanno, Beacon Hospice, at 978-372-4211. The group is offered as a free service to the community.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous hold weekly meetings

Food Addicts is a nonprofit program that provides a physical, mental and spiritual solution for food addiction. In Food Addicts, individuals who have been obese, too thin, or otherwise obsessed with food have found a solution that frees them from these problems. Food Addicts is based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins at the meetings.

Newcomers are always welcome at the weekly meetings in Andover on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St. For more information, contact Maggie, the meeting's public information representative at 978-470-2230 or view the Food Addicts website at foodaddicts.org.

Andover Young Widow and Widowers

The Andover Young Widow and Widowers organization offers support to those dealing with the devastating loss of a spouse. Group discussions are facilitated by a licensed social worker and provide a safe place where young widowed persons, up to the age of 58, can share experiences and mutual support. The meetings are governed by what their needs are at the time.

"If you are a young widow or widower, that only adds to your isolation. Younger widows and widowers are 20 years younger than the traditional widowed population and they have needs that are not addressed in other groups. Many young widows and widowers aren't able to find any place to go for comfort and support," reports the organization. "Each member has a unique story to tell and their losses are deeply personal, but they share a common experience of early widowhood that destroyed their hopes and dreams. They learn that there is growth through their grief and helping others in the process. Since its founding in 1983, members have found that joining YWW was the best thing they did for themselves after being widowed."

Meetings are held on Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., at a site in Andover.

For more information call 978-979-8993 or visit youngwidowsandwidowers.org.

Breastfeeding Support Group

La Leche League of Andover, a mother to mother breastfeeding support group, meets on the last Friday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Andover 6 Locke St. off Main Street.

The meetings are free, informal discussions where mothers can meet and share thoughts and concerns about breastfeeding.

Trained breastfeeding support leaders are on hand at every meeting. Pregnant women, mothers, nursing babies, siblings and women interested in

Fred Ruggiero, special needs advocate, dies

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Many hearts around town were heavy this week as a longtime advocate for developmentally disabled individuals died last Thursday, July 28.



Alfred Thomas "Fred" Ruggiero, Sr. of Andover, who would have turned 91 tomorrow, Aug. 5, was a quiet man, yet inspirational to many as he loved his special needs son, Freddie, so much. Together with his wife, Rosalie, they fought hard to get appropriate funding and housing for those with developmental disabilities over the past several years.

After retiring at 59, he became president of GLARC (the Arc of Greater Lawrence) and was instrumental in founding Creative Living Inc. in Andover, and CLASS Inc. and Fidelity House Inc., both in Lawrence. All of these organizations help young adults with special needs.

"Even at 90 he was such an inspiration to me...the way he was with Freddie," said Ray DiFiore of Methuen. "Just a wonderful man who cared so much."

Ray and Kay DiFiore also have a son with special needs and are very involved at Creative Living, located on South Main Street in Andover. That white building has eight units of housing for four men and four women.

"It's due to them (the Ruggieros). They were instrumental in starting Creative Living and Fred stayed so dedicated," DiFiore said.

Fred Ruggiero often sat quietly with Freddie at meetings and events while his wife did the talking and led the charge to get more funding for programs that serve the intellectually disabled.

"He was always by her (Rosalie's) side with Freddie," said Robert Harris, president of CLASS. "I don't know what it would be like in the Valley without him...He leaves quite a legacy."

Lucille Gianonne is a board member at Creative Living. She said Ruggiero affectionately called house residents "the kids"

and often socialized with them. "They called him 'Mr. Fred' and he did a lot with them like bowling and going to dances," she said. "Fred was always there for them."

She said he would have loved Creative Living's upcoming 25th anniversary celebration set for Sept. 17.

"He and Freddie would have loved it. They went to everything," she said.

Ruggiero was the son of Benjamin and Clara (DiBurro) Ruggiero. He grew up in Lawrence and graduated from Lawrence High School in 1939. He pursued his love of art at the Massachusetts School of Art College, graduating in 1942.

In 1945, he married Rosalie (Fusto). They were married for 66 years.

A talented artist and lithographer, Ruggiero was employed with Boston Offset, which later moved and became Concord Litho in Concord, N.H.

In 1946, their son, Freddie, was born. At that time, there were no programs, schools or homes for people with special needs. Ruggiero had a vision to establish local programs to enhance the lives of Freddie and other special needs individuals living in the local community.

He enjoyed summers at Plum Island and winters in Florida.

In addition to his wife, Rosalie, and son, Freddie, members of his family include another son, Michael and his wife Mary (Markham) Ruggiero of Nottingham, N.H.; a grandson, Michael J. Ruggiero, Jr. of New York; a sister, Ida Capriole of Los Angeles, Calif.; a brother, Michael Ruggiero of Tewksbury; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, John.

Arrangements were held earlier this week and were by the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Memorial donations can be made to one of the following organizations: Creative Living, Inc., P.O. Box 3177, Andover, MA 01810; CLASS, Inc., 1 Parker St., Lawrence, MA 01843; or Fidelity House, Inc., 1 Parker St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

To sign the family guest book, visit confetfuneralhomes.com.

breastfeeding are welcome.

Upcoming meetings are Oct. 29, Nov. 26 and Dec. 24.

Alzheimer's Care Givers

Alzheimer's Care Givers support group meets last Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

Coping with Loss

A bereavement support group will be held at the Dracut Council of Aging, Mammoth Road, Dracut on the second and fourth Wednesday each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The group is free and open to the public. All interested individuals must register. Call Lu Bonanno at 978-372-4211 for additional information and to register.

Advocates

Self-advocates are forming a new group in the Greater Andover area. It is an opportunity for people with cognitive disabilities to learn about empowerment, learn about rights, meet new people and get involved in the self-advocacy movement. This movement educates people about working together to make choices that enrich their lives. The meeting will be held Tuesdays at the North Andover/Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to people with disabilities as well as their supporters. Contact Barbara Pandolfi, program manager, The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport, Formerly The Arc of Northern Essex County, Inc., 57 Wingate St., Suite 301, Haverhill, call 978-373-0552, fax 978-373-0552 or e-mail Barbara.Pandolfi@TheArcofGHN.org.

Chronic disease

Chronic disease self-management is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition such as arthritis, asthma, cancer, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, lupus, Parkinson's disease or stroke. Sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Lowell General Hospital. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to

2 p.m. in Hanchett Auditorium. Call 978-937-6038.

Diabetes

Diabetes support group meetings: third Wednesday of the month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone separated or divorced. A new 13-week session is starting Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Parish House of Free Christian Church 28 Elm St., Andover. Contact John 978-470-0327.

Down syndrome

"Celebrating Our Special Gifts," a Down syndrome LGH Support Group provides support and education for the parents of children with Down syndrome. Parents encourage and strengthen each other, sharing experiences, knowledge and understanding, to enrich the lives of their children so they may reach their fullest potential. Meets the third Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Clark Auditorium at Lowell General Hospital. Parents and children of all ages are welcome. Call group leader Linda at 978-459-6854.

Grief Share, a support group for anyone who has experienced a loss. A new 13-week session is starting Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 to noon at the Parish House of Free Christian Church 28 Elm St., Andover. Contact Emily 978-686-1125.

HIV/AIDS

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

Lyme disease

Lyme disease support group, offering information and support, second Tuesday of every month, 7 to 9 p.m., Heritage at Danvers, 9 Summer St., Danvers; Kay Lyon 978-468-6336; lymesite.com.

Mental health

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Greater Lawrence, meets every third Thursday of the month, 7 to 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover, 978-475-0875.

On behalf of the Retelle Family we would like to thank everyone in the community—friends, West Parish Cemetery Board and the Andover Senior Center for your support when we suffered the loss of our great-granddaughter Kloe.

Thank You
Evelyn & Albert Retelle

Opinion

Little Leaguers living a dream

Andover baseball fans are used to turning on NESN to watch their favorite baseball team, the Boston Red Sox. On Aug. 9 and 10, they'll be able to turn on NESN and see some other hometown baseball heroes.

The Andover National All-Stars Little League team - known as the Nationals - has won the state championship and will head to Bristol, Conn. today, Thursday, to play in the New England Region tournament against the best team from each of the other New England states. At least two Andover games will be televised on NESN. If the team makes the semifinals, that game will also be on NESN, with a championship game on ESPN2.

Here are some statistics, showing the dominance in this state of the Andover Nationals, a team that:

- Scored 154 runs in its first 13 tournament games, before doubling up on Massachusetts other three best teams in the state final four.

- Scored 61 runs in four sectional games, a record, before adding another 34 runs while sweeping the state final four.

- Beat every team in the sectionals by the "mercy" rule, forcing games to end once one team gets a 10-run lead.

This team is sparking memories of the 1988 Andover Little League squad that made the trip to Williamsport for the Little League World Series and went on a run that took them as far as the U.S. semifinals.

The current Andover players are hoping to follow in that team's footsteps and in the footsteps of major leaguers such as Red Sox captain Jason Varitek, who played in the 1984 Little League World Series. (As an aside, Varitek is one of only two people to ever participate in the Little League World Series, College World Series and Major League World Series.) Either way, they'll already have joined Varitek in having their hits, catches and slides beamed into Andover homes.

We expect many Andover residents will join the team in Bristol, Conn. for some of the games. We hear Connecticut is lovely this time of year. Memories are being made.

But for those who can't manage that, a send-off ceremony for the current team and coaches has been planned for this Thursday morning from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. on the steps of the Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. The town will be able to give the team a big cheer as its bus heads off.

We wish the best to the coaches and to young players Nate Abbott, Sam Conte, Jack Finn, Dan Gemmell, Cedric Gillette, Timmy Kalantzako, Nathan O'Neil, Scott Perry, Michael Reilly, Andrew Selima, Daniel Walsh, Charlie Ziegenbein, Ryan Lattanzio and Ryan Flanagan.

We hope each of them enjoys the ride.

Tax holiday not long enough

During the weekend of Aug. 13-14, shoppers will be spared the state's 6.25-percent tax on any items priced at up to \$2,500. There will always be naysayers, claiming the state cannot afford to forego \$20 million in tax revenue. Thankfully, however, the bill passed the entire House by a vote of 123-23. The Senate approved it 28-9.

Lost in this now annual debate is a basic fact: a two-day sales holiday doesn't make a dent in the damage that was done when the legislature boosted the state sales tax by a full 25 percent in 2009, at the virtual peak of the recession. If consumers can no longer afford to shop in Massachusetts, more businesses will have to close their doors and/or move out of state, costing more and more jobs. And that means there will be fewer taxpayers to pump tax dollars into the state's coffers.

Tax holiday? How about a permanent vacation from 6.25 percent?

It's time lawmakers recognized this consumer tax break, while welcome in today's environment, doesn't go nearly far enough. It was disappointing to learn that, while at least backing the Aug. 13-14 "holidays," the House this week turned thumbs down on amendments that would have made these days a guaranteed annual event and, more significantly, scaled the sales tax back to its previous 5-percent mark over the next two years. Both Andover representatives supported the tax rollbacks.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you approve of the system selectmen now use to grade Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's performance? (They set goals and then base his raise on the number of goals he met.)

- Yes. It ensures that specific town needs are met.

- Yes, because it is based on yes-or-no answers, not a subjective one-to-five scale.

- Yes, but for other reasons.

- No, because the goals pointed out are not relevant or helpful for Andover taxpayers.

- No, because it doesn't identify other issues that should be addressed.

- No, for other reasons.

- I do not know enough to decide, or I don't feel it impacts me.

- Other (supply your own answer).

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's questions was "How involved is your family with youth sports in Andover?" 52 people answered the question, with nearly two thirds of them indicating either heavy involvement or no involvement in local sports.

Twenty people said they don't participate by playing or attending games at all, or if they do, they do so very rarely. Fifteen responders said their families are very involved in local sports, with children who play and parents who volunteer their time.

Twelve voters chose the middle-of-the-ground option, that children in their family are involved in one or two sports.

Four said they attend games to support friends, family or local teams.

One person said many children in the family play sports, or some children play multiple sports.

HAIR-RAISING REHEARSAL



Members of the Andover Summer Theater Ensemble rehearse for this weekend's performances of the musical "Hairspray!" at the Collins Center for Performing Arts at Andover High School. See story in Arts, Page 11.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Andover Stories

Pam Smith
Andover Historical Society



The business of harvesting, storing and delivering ice was managed by Andover residents for 70 years. These companies bought, sold and merged, creating a little-known history from the not-too-distant past.

Although there were a number of small start-up companies, George Abbot, who lived on Gray Road, was the first recorded ice harvester. His original ice house was moved to Brook Holt's South Main Street property where he also built a dam and made an ice pond. In 1899 Joseph H. Nuckley started a one horse-and-wagon ice company in Ballardvale. In two years he had acquired the Hayward ice houses in Ballardvale and his brother-in-law William Haggerty went into business with him. A few years later Joseph's brother, T. Frank Nuckley, bought out Haggerty, and the Andover Ice Company was formed. In 1905 this company was bought out by Holt's company and it would be another year before the Nuckley brothers had established a new company, the People's Ice Company, which



An undated Townsman clipping shows cutting ice on Poms Pond sometime in the early years of the 20th century.

merged with Holt's company in 1914.

Ice was harvested from Hussey's Pond and Poms Pond, along with a number of smaller man-made ponds. Newspaper advertising boldly proclaimed the ice's purity and year-round availability of ice to businesses and individual families alike. Ice was even available on an emergency basis, guaranteed delivery 24 hours a day, if needed.

The process of harvesting ice had to be well organized and accomplished quickly. A sudden thaw or unexpected storm could ruin a season's take. At the peak of harvesting it was not unusual to see dozens of men and horses traversing the frozen waterways, virtually choreographed in the dance of cutting and floating the

blocks of ice to the edge of the water to then be moved to the storehouses, ready for the coming year. Workers must have resembled bees in a hive, not only cutting the blocks by hand but then dragging them up the slopes of the banks, to the storage buildings.

By the early 1900s some companies had built incline chutes which not only dragged the blocks up to storage but also carved the outer surfaces to create uniform size blocks. More than 3,000 tons of neatly cut ice could be harvested in just a few days. Full storehouses meant there was plenty of ice to supply Andover and neighboring towns. The expense of buying ice from further away was avoided if the local companies planned

their winter correctly. Of course, Mother Nature had to do her part and make it cold enough to form the thickness of ice that would allow a harvest to be possible. If ice was too thin not only would the yield be low but it was more dangerous, or impossible, to take man and/or horse out on the frozen ponds. Rodent damage to the dams could also create trouble. The story of Holt's dam, which needed some repair, was that it was holding water almost ready for harvest when some "enterprising muskrats" undermined the dam, letting all the water out. Unable to harvest any ice, the business had to go to another pond to fill their ice house.

Horse and wagons were used before the days of gasoline. By 1919, gasoline trucks were doing the transport of the blocks. In October 1926 the People's Ice Company was sold to Metropolitan Ice. The deal included the ice houses at Hussey's Pond and Poms Pond, the land that they stood on and all the equipment.

By the early 1930s, homes across America had replaced old-fashioned iceboxes with electric refrigerators. While today the ice industry has gone in different directions, the ice harvesting business has simply melted away.

"Andover Stories" is a weekly column about interesting local people and events, told to celebrate the Andover Historical Society's 100 anniversary in 2011.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Expanding deer program defies common sense

Editor, Townsman:

Once again the Town of Andover has defied reason and common sense by expanding an ineffective and often cruel (with its 50-percent kill rate, wounded animals may take days to die a painful death) deer hunting program on town conservation land. Not only will the town increase the permitted hunting locations but, because the demand has proved so minimal, non-residents may now participate.

As was shown at April Town Meeting, such hunting:

- Fails to protect our forests. (Fortunately the program includes the preferred alternative of fencing.)

- Won't reduce the incidence of Lyme Disease. Reflecting the scientific consensus, Prof. Rutberg from Tufts Vet school, stated, "... killing animals [deer] seems like a very simple solution. ...It just so happens it doesn't work."

- Is ineffective to limit the deer population. Based on the past cull rate, the suggested herd size would not be reached for some 50 years -- if at all as culling results in increased birth-rates.

Moreover, allowing hunting, as recognized by town counsel at Town Meeting, presents potential liability for the town. It also employs already limited tax

LETTERS POLICY

The Townsman accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer's name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. Deadline is Monday at 9 a.m. for the next edition.

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E-mail: Neil Fater at nfater@andover-townsman.com. Please include the letter in the body of the e-mail, not as an attachment.

to find alternative hunting opportunities -- so the impact on them of not offering this program is minimal.

The town's decades long ban on hunting on public lands reflects the consensus that our residents should be allowed to enjoy nature without worrying about conflicts with hunters. It is patently unfair to deny so many residents the opportunity to enjoy passive wildlife recreation for months so that a few hunters may hunt.

LOIS KARFUNKEL
22 Orchard Crossing

More information sought on bow hunting 'success'

Editor, Townsman:

Your article on deer hunting in the July 28 issue would have been more useful had it been more complete and analytical. You write that the proposed changes to the program follow "what officials have deemed a successful pilot program last year."

Successful by what criteria?

During the Town Meeting discussion at which bow hunting was approved, the interests of the town and the interests of the hunters were aligned, but they were very different. The town wishes to control the deer population, and hunters like to hunt. Was the pilot program successful because the hunters enjoyed themselves without any injuries

to themselves or to bystanders, or was it successful because progress was made on controlling the deer population? The article contains no information on the number of deer killed, much less any discussion of the likely effect of the killing on the future deer population in the town.

To those of us who do not hunt and who did not attend the Board of Selectmen meeting, it is difficult to form a non-ideological opinion without more information. This is especially important as the selectmen consider opening up the bow hunting season to non-residents. Is the town considering the move under pressure from hunters to give their buddies in other towns the opportunity to hunt in Andover's open space, or would opening up the hunt be a legitimate tactic in deer control? The Townsman should have informed us more thoroughly. As an aside, your accompanying article on "deer enclosures" should probably have referred to "deer exclosures." The fencing does not enclose deer; it excludes them. In other parts of the world (New Zealand comes to mind) and in other parts of the US the more accurate term "exclosure" is used. The Townsman may have reported it as you heard it, but I suspect that the terminology is not quite right.

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Ready for fun, families? Free outdoor event this Sunday

Andover residents can enjoy a free event this Sunday meant to highlight some of the area's special outdoor areas.

The fourth annual Family Fun Day on Sunday, Aug. 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be held at the summit of Holt Hill at the Ward Reservation in Andover to celebrate National Trails Day. All are welcome to come to the Ward Reservation to enjoy free programs and entertainment throughout the day and discover upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities happening this summer and fall, according to organizers.

Scheduled activities include a butterfly presentation and walk

with Howard Hoople at 11:30 a.m.; a guided hike led by Meg Verdeyen showcasing the amazing geology of the Ward Reservation starting at 1 p.m.; and a guided edible plants hike at 2:30 p.m., led by David Craft, expert forager and author of "Urban Foraging."

Volunteers will be on hand all day giving demonstrations on topics and activities that are scheduled to include letterboxing, geocaching, birds of prey, the history of the Ward Reservation and more.

Acoustic music will be provided by members of the Clay Tiles throughout the day.

The event is hosted by the

Andover Trails Committee, the Friends of North Andover Trails, the Bay Circuit Alliance and the Trustees of Reservations.

Free parking will be located at the main lot for the Ward Reservation at the end of Prospect Road.

Directions to the Ward Reservation are available at the Trustees website at thetrustees.org.

For more information, email David Bunting, Andover Trails Committee, at dbunting@andovertrails.org; Lisa Swarbrick, Friends of North Andover Trails, at lisa@cwkteller.com; or Adam Rollfs, the Trustees of Reservations, at arollfs@ttor.org.



Mountain biking as a family, left, Leslie Burte, Leigh Burte, 12, and Mitch Burte, of Andover, enjoy Family Fun Day last year, a day of free events organized by the Andover and North Andover trails committees at the Ward Reservation of Prospect Road in Andover.

ON CAMPUS

Phi Theta Kappa

Middlesex Community College students Michael Alouane, Jessica Boulanger and Catherine Mazzuchi were inducted into the Alpha Delta Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges.

Students must have earned a cumulative 3.70 or higher grade point average to be inducted into Phi Theta Kappa.

Boulanger was also awarded as the Commonwealth Honors Scholar.

Serrao invited into national society

Gregory Serrao has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He will be honored during an induction convocation this fall on the campus of University of San Diego. NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first- and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing.

Endicott dean's list students

Endicott College in Beverly has announced its dean's list students for spring 2011. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a "C," and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

Among the students meeting those requirements was Olivia Deary Evans, the daughter of John and Jennifer Evans of Andover. Olivia is a junior majoring in psychology.

Back to School 2011

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Members of Christ Church hold a vigil in front of Old Town Hall Friday morning, July 29, to pray for civility in Washington and beyond.

Call for civility, prayer for nation

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Tired of the acrimony they see in political discussions, 20 people from Christ Church gathered downtown last Friday to pray for more civility in public life.

They sang patriotic songs such as "God Bless America." They asked God to give national and local leaders "courage, wisdom and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people." Three of them held signs saying things such as "Pray for Civility."

About 13 minutes in, a white sports utility vehicle quickly turned a corner and a man shouted at the group, "Obama sucks!"

The moment was not lost on Jim Dodson, who held the "Civility" sign.

"That's where we're at - a lack of civility, anger, that seems to [infect] everything in society," he said. "He has a right to do that, but this wasn't about the president. This was totally nonpartisan."

The decision to have a "prayer vigil for our nation" in front of Old Town Hall at 20 Main St. came out of discussions between members of Christ Church's Wednesday morning Eucharist and breakfast group. Church members had been talking about "the sad state of affairs in our country at this time, and the increasingly toxic political climate focused on the debt crisis, but affecting so many aspects of



Catherine Rosen of Andover and other members of the community gathered in front of Old Town Hall Friday to pray for the nation.

our national life," according to pastor Jeff Gill.

Half of the 20 participants were Andover residents, and those who spoke of their own politics identified themselves as independents.

"We're eager to do something and this is something we can do," the Rev. Gill said as the vigil began. "We all have our own political views. We're not here to make any political statement or to say one side is wrong and one side is right."

The 8 a.m. vigil lasted less than

30 minutes, and most pedestrians did little more than glance over at the quiet group as they walked by.

After the vigil, participants talked about what they hope will change: the tenor of public political discussions, and the level of respect offered to people of differing political beliefs.

"I would like it if they [leaders] could think of someone else instead of themselves and being reelected," said Jean Johns of High Street. "There's so much that needs to be done and no one is working together. Maybe this will help."

"I think everyone is really, really tired of this tough stance that both sides are taking," said Linda Bourland of York Street. "We just want some resolution, to move forward."

Several people expressed a belief that American life would be improved if people simply were more civil to one another.

Former Andover Town Manager Richard Bowen, 84, talked about the tremendous respect people had for one another while he was working under difficult conditions as public defender in the Lawrence District Court.

"It was hot, crowded, noisy. It was the worst place in the world to work and a place where you thought nothing could happen but chaos," Bowen said. "But because of that level [of civility], the system worked. I enjoyed that, and I think a lot of other people did."

TOWN TALK

Dog park group has raised third of its goal

A possible dog park planned for High Plain Road has attracted \$27,000 in pledges, as supporters seek to raise up to \$85,000 to build the dog park. The money is expected to come in once the group behind the park achieves non-profit status.

Tracie Fountas, co-owner of River Road Veterinary Hospital and a member of Friends of the Andover Dog Park, the group moving forward with building the park, said the money has been pledged — not officially donated — because once the group become a non-profit organization, donations to the park become tax deductible.

To date, the park has officially received around \$2,000 in donations, Fountas said.

The park, which will share a parking lot with the neighboring Bald Hill Reservation, is also being designed.

The \$85,000 price tag is an initial estimate that could change once landscaping design plans detail what kind of work is needed to finish the park, said Fountas.

"We don't really have a set budget yet, because we haven't gotten anything back from the

design plans," she said.

To donate, checks can be made out to Friends of the Andover Dog Park and either brought to River Road Veterinary Hospital, 176 River Road in Andover, or mailed to P.O. Box 684 in Andover.

- Dustin Luca

Planters to be delivered to Post Office Avenue

Now that selectmen and Zoning Board of Appeals members have approved outdoor dining on Post Office Avenue, a plan is afoot to bring flowers and other aesthetic improvements.

Town Senior Planner Lisa Schwarz said she is working with a volunteer green team to spruce up the concrete space with planters for future outside diners.

Six parking spaces will be turned into outdoor dining space. Big planters with river birch have been chosen although the paint color has not been decided upon.

- Judy Wakefield

Magnolias on Main

Other downtown green news includes three trees to be planted in front of CVS on Main Street.

Schwarz said three magnolia trees will be planted this fall replacing the three trees that came down for the Main Street makeover project.

- Judy Wakefield

'Ordinary Man' movie coming to Andover

Actress Laura J. Putnam of Andover has been cast in Director Michael Yebba's "Ordinary Man" starring Ethan Embry (Brotherhood, Eagle Eye, Sweet Home Alabama), Brian Scannell (The Town, Pineapple Express), Ramiro Torres (Jamn 945 Morning Show) and Slaine (Bad Blood, The Town), according to a release.

The movie will film in Andover, Boston and Hingham during August.

Are you hearing some talk around town that we didn't catch? Let us know! Email us at townsman@andovertownsmen.com.



Laura J. Putnam

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Townspeople

Buddhist homecoming

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago Aug. 4, 1911

The John Dove and Samuel C. Jackson schools were badly spattered with mortar by some mischievous boys on Wednesday evening. The mortar is being used in repairing the John Dove school.

Miss Sara Mackcon is enjoying an auto trip through the White Mountains, with a party of friends.

E.V. Lovely has been appointed instructor in science and athletics at the Punchard school to succeed E.G. Willard, who resigned and has been admitted to the Massachusetts Bar.

Miss Maria Fairweather is taking Miss Ella Holt's place in Cross Coal office during the latter's vacation.

75 Years Ago July 31, 1936

The Shawsheen village playground, now located at the old soccer field, the property of the American Woolen company, must be moved by September 1. The place that will probably be used is the lot in the rear of the Shawsheen school, and the playground committee has contacted the Board of Public Works and the School Committee in the hope that possibly a W.P.A. project can be put through for the improvement of the school yard.

A youngster obviously below the legal driving age miraculously escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon when he backed a car across Main street against the lights at Chestnut street. Completely out of control the car crashed into a tree and the rear end of John H. Grecoe's car parked on Chestnut street near the Savings bank. The Grecoe car was considerably damaged.

50 Years Ago Aug. 3, 1961

The results of the League of Women Voters town-wide survey proved one thing beyond a doubt—Andover residents don't like present real estate taxes. Over 90 per cent of the town believes the community doesn't have enough industry, and believes that additional industry would reduce taxes and open up more employment opportunities in the town.

A team of experts from Harvard University is continuing its investigation of last Saturday's fatal auto crash on Route 93, at the River Road interchange. Mrs. Virginia M. Rooney, 32, and her daughter Colleen F. Rooney, 13, 21 Arnold street, Methuen, died when Mrs. Rooney's car smashed into an abutment of the bridge. The front end of the car was almost completely wrapped around the big post.

A review and report of the Civil Defense preparedness here will be submitted to Town Manager Thomas E. Duff when he returns from vacation.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photos

Hue Chuyen, a Buddhist monk from Germany who grew up in Andover as Seth Krentcil, speaks to a group of residents after an hour and a half of meditation in Old Town Hall, also known as the Town House.

Monk who grew up in Andover guides meditation at Old Town Hall

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Brother Hue Chuyen, a Buddhist monk from Germany, sits in a circle of 22 Andover people. He asks how many of them have never meditated before, and six raise their hands.

"Those of you who have never meditated before, I ask you to close your eyes and take three deep breaths," he says.

They do as they're told, closing their eyes and breathing in unison. He smiles as they open their eyes and look back at him.

"Alright. Now everyone has meditated," he says, grinning. "Not so bad?"

A few people laugh. One woman in the circle is Hue Chuyen's art teacher from kindergarten. The monk grew up in Andover, when his name was Seth Krentcil, and the teacher tells him after the session that she remembers him as a child in Andover over 20 years ago.

Krentcil, now known by his religious name Hue Chuyen, returned home last week to visit friends



Hue Chuyen speaks with a local resident after the event, which featured meditation and a discussion about his life in a monastery.

and family, and during his vacation he held a meditation session in the second floor of Old Town Hall. He said he felt an uneasiness in where his life was going when he lived in Andover. After graduating from the University of

Hartford just over six years ago, he traveled to Germany to become a Buddhist monk.

If you were to ask him today what the difference is between his original home on Elm Street and where he is now, he'd tell you that

he doesn't know. Life in America and life at the monastery almost can't be compared.

The most crucial difference that he is aware of is in him.

"My life only became what I expected it to be when I stopped hoping it would become what I wanted it to be," he said. "Living in Andover is what brought me to this path. I never found my place. I went to school, and nothing made sense.

"My relationship with the town, my life, in the school and the community, I didn't know what was happening," he said.

That isn't to say that he wasn't pleased to return to Andover. He made it a point to say coming home was "a very happy moment."

After finding himself in Germany, he also seemed happy to share his journey with the community in which he was raised.

Krentcil guided the 90-minute meditation Thursday evening, and then answered questions that covered meditation techniques, life at the monastery and how he felt coming back home.

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Young man on the move

Miles Baker, 2, of Andover, is fascinated with being in the front seat of an Andover fire truck during Vehicle Night at Memorial Hall Library last Thursday. For more photos of the event, see page 16.

JAN LEE SEEGER/Staff photo.

Boyhood swims left fond memories — and leech wounds

Bill Dalton



Leeches give me fond memories. Doug Mitchell's fine Townsman column two weeks ago reminded me of leeches when he wrote about the old golf course at Rabbit's Pond (also called "Rabbit

Pond"). Tons of leeches lived in that water, and many of them introduced themselves to us when we were youngsters long ago. Rabbit's (where old golf ball remnants were still being found into the 1940s), is behind the Andover Inn, and you can see it near the "legal" entrance of the Bird Sanctuary at the end of Chapel Avenue. I use the word "legal" because there were dozens of ways we entered the bird sanctuary as kids, and we never used the legal one, because

we'd get caught and kicked out. We had to sneak up to Rabbit's through the woods after crawling under or climbing over the fence around "the sanctuary," as we called it, as in: "Let's sneak into the sanctuary."

Rabbit's wasn't the only place we illegally swam, but it was the ultimate leech farm. It was certain that we'd have leeches attached to us when we exited the pond. The only issue was how many.

There was a small pond off

Salem Street near Wildwood Road that was not named on a map, although I think we called it "Skug Pond," but it was full of leeches as well. Foster's Pond was a lot bigger than Rabbit's so it had an appeal to us, but the number of leeches was proportional to its size. Leeches live in pond-bottom muck, and sand is their enemy, which explains why Poms has no leeches where there is sand. It also helps explain why Hussey's Pond had few leeches when I was growing up because the

developer of Shawsheen Village, William Wood, lined the pond's bottom with concrete, although now, 90 years later, there would be plenty of muck on top of the cement. Hussey's had another anti-leech thing going for it: the annual 12-and-under fishing derby, where plenty of fish "got away" and leeches are prey to fish, turtles and birds.

Shawsheen River's swimming holes -- the Brick Yard, Six-footer, and the place on the Ballardvale side of the Hartwell Abbott

"horn bridge" that was famous for swimmers mooning the commuter trains -- all lacked leeches because leeches aren't crazy about rivers. They prefer the stillness of ponds, because they locate their targets by vibrations in the water and then swim to the source of the vibrations.

In addition to humans, small fresh water biologicals like worms, insect larva, and little fish are preyed upon by leeches,

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■ **ANDOVER SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

Andover Senior Center is located at 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pre-registration is required for all events, which are open to entire community, pending space.

Upcoming events include:
■ Grill Night on Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Meals starting at \$5. Call for menu and to buy tickets.

■ Nutrition 101 on Friday, Aug. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Free. Learn the top 30 foods that could change the course of your life. Presented by Kelley MacDonald MSN, RN, Home Health Foundation.

■ A trip to the annual New Hampshire League of

Craftsmen's Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Preceded by brunch. Cost is \$41, includes brunch, admission to the fair and transportation.

■ Simple Summer Pleasures on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 2:30 p.m. Free. Root beer floats and ice cream sodas. This event is sponsored by Right at Home - In Home Care and Assistance.

■ Continental Breakfast on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 9 a.m. Free.

■ Lobster roll luncheon on Monday, Aug. 15 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$9. Reservations a must, this is not part of regular lunch.

■ Red Sox on the large

screen television on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 1:35 p.m. Free.

■ High Tea and History on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. Free. Held at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. RSVP to 978-475-2236.

■ Flax presentation on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$3. Demonstration and lecture about the preparation of flax, which is substantially the same process as in ancient times. Presented by Robert Decelle.

■ Men's Hike at Nat Smith reservation on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 9:30 a.m. Preregistration required. Cost is \$3. Bring a picnic.

■ Women's Hike at Ipswich

River Wildlife Sanctuary on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 8 a.m. Preregistration required. Cost is \$3. Bring a picnic.

The next BoomerVenture and Andover Senior Center term begins Aug. 29 with registration Aug. 15 for aerobics, strength training and balance exercises, gentle and intermediate yoga, tai chi, zumba and tap dancing. Also beginning: art instruction, wood carving and performance groups. All levels, from seated to strenuous, are offered. Classes may be audited before signing up.

For more information or to register for any event above, call 978-623-8321 or visit andoverseniorcenter.org.

■ **TOWNSPEOPLE**

Summer cookout by Andover Harvard Club

The Harvard Club of Andover will hold its annual Summer Cookout on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Andover home of Frank and Belva Hopkins, 4 Brady Loop.

Members of the Harvard community and their guests are invited to enjoy the pool and gardens, feast on barbecue and go for a swim. The day is described

as "a family event with fun activities for [members'] children [and a] great opportunity to catch up with fellow alumni."

The event is free but a voluntary contribution is requested to help pay for scholarships to local students. The cook out will be held rain or shine. People are asked to coordinate food contributions with Frank and Belva at fhopkins02@comcast.net. RSVP required at hasummercookout.eventbrite.com.

For more information, contact Frank and Belva at fhopkins02@comcast.net; or Richard Soo Hoo, president of HCA, at 978-470-2293 or richsoohoo@aol.com.

Local player wins bridge tournament

Anna Bedrosian of Andover recently finished first at an Eastern Mass. Bridge Association Sectional tournament. She won the Swiss Teams event at

the Memorial Sectional.

EMBA's next tournament is this weekend, Aug. 6-8 at the Armenian Cultural Center, 47 Nichols Ave., Watertown. Players will compete at all levels.

The tournament begins 7:30 Friday. Other sessions are Saturday at 10:30 and 3, and Sunday at 10:30. For more information contact Cilla Borrás, host, at 781-899-5846, or go to acblemba.org.

MONK: Andover native shows benefits of meditation

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During the meditation, he sat on a cushion with his legs crossed. He raised his arms to his chest and pressed his flattened hands together as he bowed towards the circle. He held his hands out, calling attention to how they were pressed together, similar to the generations-old greeting and show of respect seen in many Asian societies. The shape of the hands, he said, takes the form of a lotus flower.

"In Buddhism, the lotus is a symbol of power and transformation," Krentcil said. "It is a symbol that we can transform ourselves, no matter where we are or whatever difficulties we have."

Krentcil explained that meditation focuses on silence, both in the environment and in the mind. The group sat for around ten minutes in

complete silence, at which point he instructed people to stand. After some more instruction and information, residents then entered a "walking session," where they walked in a circle around the room, with more emphasis placed on the silence, and focusing on the body and its journey.

"When we walk, it's all about the presence," he said. "You have your phone call. When you're walking (while talking on your phone), you don't see the earth. You don't see the birds."

"Everyone slow down. Really feel each movement of the foot," he continued. "Feel how the foot moves off of the ground, moving forward, and sets itself back on the ground. If you get lost in your thoughts, just take a deep breath and come back to the ground."

During the discussion at the end of the meeting, he talked about how distracting his Andover home seemed to him.

"We aren't really waking up to what we are doing," Krentcil said, adding that noisy households can create

disruptive energy.

"It's the feeling like the house is filling up with this energy. Whatever is on TV, that fills your house with that energy," he said. "You're yelling at your neighbor because his music is too loud. That isn't happiness either."

One person asked him if other monks smile as much as he does. He laughed, saying that since he came home, where he listens to his grandmother "blasting Judge Judy," he doesn't smile as much. Then he related the answer to the day he met Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th and current Dalai Lama.

"He's sitting there in his chair, and his foot is out. He looks at his foot and starts laughing," Krentcil said. "He just starts flipping his foot and laughing. Then I realized, the Dalai Lama has mastered the art of being happy."

At the end of the meeting, Krentcil asked if those in attendance would come to future sessions, and most of the attendees raised their hands.

"If you would like to start a meditation group, please do. Even if it is only two of you,"

he said.

Joe Thibodeau, a 19-year-old resident home from his studies at Tufts University, said he supports the idea of starting a meditation group in town.

"It was nice to get to take time out of the day and change things up," Thibodeau said. "I think changing things up is a good thing. I feel much healthier that way."

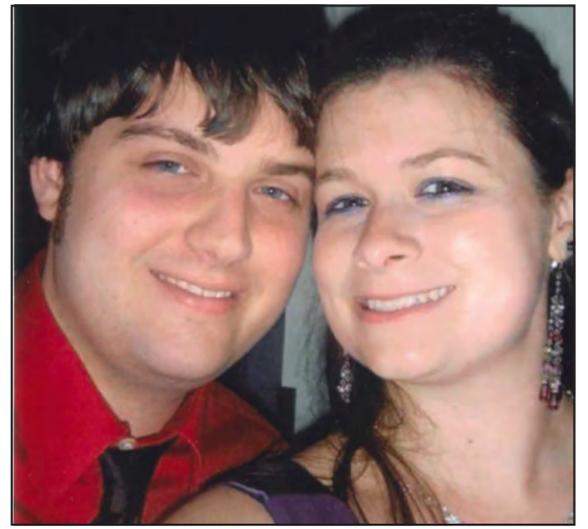
The event was organized by Andover Youth Services. AYS Director Bill Fahey said he hopes there will be more sessions.

"I think I was inspired tonight, and I heard the message loud and clear," Fahey said. "I definitely want to do it in the future."

"It's amazing because there's nothing here. No music, there's no entrance fee, no cell phones," Fahey continued. "Just pure simplicity, and out of that, people from all walks of life connecting so strongly. I want to share that with the community."

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email dluca@andovertownsm.com.

■ **ENGAGEMENT**



Elizabeth Dunlavy and James Waddington

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Mari-beth Dunlavy of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Alice Dunlavy, to James Robert Waddington. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Laverdure and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Waddington, all of Fairhaven, Mass.

Elizabeth is a 2004 graduate of Andover High School and earned a bachelor's degree in education from Fitchburg State

University. She is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Little People's College in Fairhaven.

James is a 2003 graduate of Fairhaven High School and earned a bachelor's degree in environmental biology from Fitchburg State University. He is a chemist at New England Testing Lab in North Providence R.I.

An August 2011 wedding is planned.

DALTON: Nasty little suckers

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which swallow whole the little things, saving their suckers for bigger things like large animals that wander into the mucky environment. Using suckers on large animals like humans, a satiated leech can live for many days with no other food. Leeches live for years. Greenish-brown with spots, the North American Leech -- our common, fresh water variety -- grows two inches long and is an hermaphrodite. I'll let you figure out how they reproduce, but they lay a lot of eggs.

I'm not really fond of leeches -- I white-lied to get your attention -- but I do associate the little suckers with the good times I had with my friends swimming in leechy places, even though leeches grossed us out.

My most gross memory comes from Rabbit's, when four of us exited the pond with lots of leeches attached to each of us. A leech is a small hospital designed for its own health. You don't feel the little teeth inside a leech sucker when the teeth cut your skin, because leeches first inject you with an anesthetic to kill the

pain and add an anti-coagulant so the cut won't clot and interrupt the leech feast. We'd "swumbled" upon a bunch of starving leeches and they were having a big old holiday dinner feast. My dad taught me the best way to remove leeches was to squeeze my skin near their sucker and then flick or rub it off. Using too much trauma to remove one will cause it to barf into the wound and risk infecting it.

In addition to leeches on us, we found wounds where many others had stuffed themselves and dropped off with full bellies. The wounds were easy to find because, although little, they left a trickle of blood due to the anti-coagulant; so, after removing the leeches, we found a warm, dry spot and waited for the bleeding to stop. A Phillips' groundskeeper yelled to "get out," so we ran into the deep woods and put on our clothes while we still bled.

My bloody clothes were treated as another minor event in the lives of my mom's three boys.

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Arts & Entertainment

TIMELESS TO ME



The cast of Hairspray rehearses at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School.

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'Hairspray' blows into Collins Center

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

It's hot and sticky on the Collins Center stage and the director is sensing some fatigue from her teenage actors.

"I know it's hot and sweaty," Director Susan Choquette bellows, "but it's a summer show and it's supposed to be hot and sweaty!"

The actors pick up their pace and the rehearsal of "Hairspray" by the Andover Summer Theatre Ensemble goes on.

Some of the lead actors for this show are carrying more costume weight than usual. For Hairspray the wigs alone - never mind all that dancing - can cause a teen actor to sweat like a football player at summer training camp.

This is a summer training for teen drama buffs. The STE crew of about 40 teens from Andover and beyond are working hard, Choquette said. Teens are from Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, Medford, Salem, N.H. and North Andover.

This Andover version of the musical Hairspray is complete with a 10-piece orchestra. The songs include 1960s-style dance music. Set in Baltimore, Md. in 1962, it's centered around plump teenager Tracy Turnblad's dream to dance on The Corny Collins Show, a local TV dance program. When Tracy wins a role on the show, she becomes a celebrity overnight. She then launches a campaign to integrate the show.

There's a real-life elected official at the center of the controversy. Wig-wearing selectman Brian Major plays Harriman Spritzer, president of Ultra Clutch Hair Spray, a character who is opposed to integration.

"Harriman is a nervous, nerdy fellow who is against the integration of the white kids and black kids on the Corny Collins TV show because of the potential negative consequences on his company's product sales," Major said.

The social message is just one part of the reason why Choquette chose Hairspray for the STE summer production.

"I (also) wanted something fun. Summer theater has always been fun for me," said Choquette, who is the drama director at Andover High School. "There's a lot of fun with the dancing and singing."

"There's a different energy in summer theater. Kids don't have homework and other things going on. I find them much more relaxed," Choquette said. "And I'm not



The Dynamites, a pop trio featured in the musical, are played by, from left, Kendra Lizardo, Gabriela Tavares and Nyomi White



The cast strikes a pose at the conclusion of a musical number during a rehearsal this week.

HAIRSPRAY, THE MUSICAL

Aug. 5, 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 7 at 4 p.m.
Tickets: \$14-\$16
Performed by the Andover Summer Theater Ensemble
Collins Center at Andover High School
80 Shawsheen Road
Directed by Susan Choquette, AHS Drama Director

going home to correct papers."

This is her first time directing a STE production. Her son is now 5, and the scheduling worked out. He attends a nearby camp while she directs the show at this four-week drama camp. Participants pay \$485 through Department of Community Services to attend. Producers are Elly Seavey and Rita Casper, and Cindy Worthley of Andover's Dance Infusion is the choreographer.

Seavey said this is the first time there has been a local Hairspray production and that's exciting for the group.

Up next for ACTjr: 'Les Miz'

Forty young actors to perform classic musical

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

ACTjr (Andover Community Theater) Theatrical Summer Camp actors will perform Les Miserables Student Edition at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College starting tonight, Thursday, and continuing this weekend.

Some 40 teen actors in grades 6 to 12 will perform. Most of the students are Andover and North Andover residents with a few camp participants coming from surrounding areas, according to ACT Executive Producer Mark Gracy. Mark Mercer, a music teacher who started a show choir for Andover Public Schools, is the music director for the show.

Actors have been in rehearsal at the ACTjr Theatrical Summer Camp for three weeks.

LES MISERABLES STUDENT EDITION

Aug. 4, 7 p.m., Aug. 6, 2 & 7 p.m., Aug. 7, 2 p.m.

Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College presented by ACTjr Theatrical Summer Camp \$12-15, ACTandover.com

"Each morning the students rotate through classes in music and vocal training, dance and drama training," Gracy said in an email. "In the afternoon they rehearse the musical."

This week is the fourth week of this drama camp and that means tech week.

"They rehearse in full costume, with the set and lights and special effects and a full orchestra at the Rogers Center," Gracy wrote. "This is a phenomenally talented cast and the show will be unforgettable."

Other teachers for this camp are Charles Gracy, artistic director for ACT Andover and drama teacher at Brooks School, Brenda Pothier, choreographer, and Cara Kennedy, producer.

Tickets are on sale at ACTandover.com and will also be available at the door of the Rogers Center for the Arts one hour before show times.

Andover Residents in the cast are Madelyn Brouillard, Rebecca Cheng, Iris Choo, Emilee Clapp, Graham Cook, Kiley Corcoran, Maria Cortner, Max Currie, Lilly Daigle, Conner Dwyer, Suzanne Egertson, Summer Erickson, Erin Hanrahan, Alex Hanscom, Bobby Hawes, Caitlyn Hawes, Emma Johnson, Nick Kalentzacos Jr, Theo Kalentzacos, Stephanie Knepper, Carter Letsky, Maci Letsky, Emily Lin, Michelle Lin, Alison McCarron, Coner Meehan, Erica Nork, Eileen O'Farrell, Tiernan O'Rourke, Lydia Ouelette, Evan Pantely, Sam Pond, Nicholas Renton, Nicholas Solomini, Daniele Weber and Emily Wivell.

Try tai chi, see kung fu at ACCE summer outing

The Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange will demonstrate tai chi and kung fu at the ACCE Annual Summer Outing on Sunday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Andover's Recreation Park off Abbot Street.

Guests will be invited to try their hand at tai chi with trained instructors. No experience is necessary.

The groups annual event will be held rain or shine.

Tai chi is a low-impact therapeutic exercise system derived from Chinese martial arts. Millions of Chinese practice tai chi to reduce stress, increase energy, and ease the symptoms of many health problems, according to organizers.

The kung fu performance will include "bare hand" and "weapons" forms.

To register, visit acesummerouting.eventbrite.com. For information, contact Andover resident Richard Soo Hoo at 978-470-2293 or richsoohoo@aol.com, or Ying Schmitt at 978-764-5087 or shaschmitt@yahoo.com.

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Neil Diamond tribute band coming to Collins Center

Real Diamond, which calls itself the premier Neil Diamond tribute band, will be the featured artist at Northern Essex Community College's Annual Signature Fundraising Event on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Collins Center in Andover.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Northern Essex Community College's Annual Fund Campaign.

The Collins Center is the performing arts center and auditorium attached to the right side of Andover High School on Shawshen Road.

Tickets are \$35. All seats are reserved and assigned. For more information, visit nec.mass.edu/signature-event

To order tickets, contact Lori Smerdon in the colleges' Institutional Advancement Office at 978-556-3870 or lsmerdon@nec.mass.edu.

Jump 'n Jive at Winnekenni

Rico Barr and the Jump 'n Jive Review will perform on Aug. 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill.

The band performs a history of music incorporating dance, rock, pop, jazz and Latin.

By popular demand a nostalgic Bee Gees Tribute has been arranged.

Special guest is Linda Robert, a regular performer at the Acton Jazz Cafe in Acton.

For more information, visit winnekenni.com

Chowderfest is Aug. 14

The fourth annual Winnekenni Chowderfest, will be Aug. 14, from noon to 5 p.m. Sample chowders from the region's finest restaurants and caterers and vote for your favorite, live music. Sampling stops at 3:30 p.m., \$5-10, Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill; winnekenni@yahoo.com, 978-521-1686, winnekenni.com.

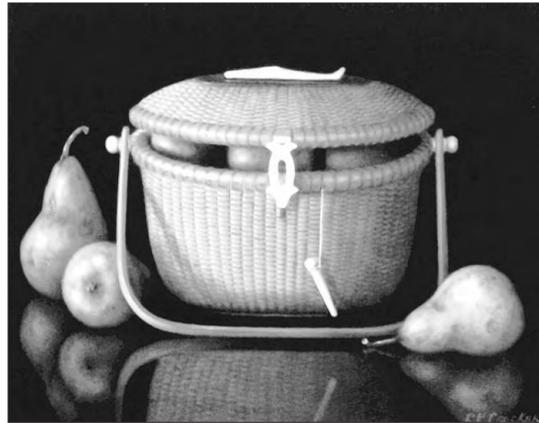
Resident's artwork part of NSAA live art auction

Andover resident and artist Ronalee Crocker's oil painting "Nantucket Basket with Pears" will be among the artworks featured in the 2011 North Shore Arts Association Live Art Auction.

The live auction, which this year features a new online option for bidding, will be held Saturday, Aug. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the NSAA waterfront gallery, 11 Pirates Lane, East Gloucester. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$15. Proceeds benefit NSAA, a non-profit cultural organization that has been connecting art and the North Shore community for nearly 90 years.

For more information, call 978-283-1857 or visit nsarts.org.



Ronalee Crocker's "Nantucket Basket with Pears."

COURTESY PHOTO

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUG. 4

ANDOVER LITTLE LEAGUE SEND-OFF, wish the Andover National All Stars baseball team good luck on their way to the New England Regional tournament in Bristol, Conn., 8:30 a.m., Town House, 20 Main St., police escort through town to Route 495; Selectman Ted Teichert.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5

LIVE THEATER, Hairspray! opens, Summer Theater Ensemble of Andover performs, featuring 40 local youths from grades 6 thru college, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center, Andover High School, Shawshen Road.

SALEM MARITIME FESTIVAL OPENS, 6:30-9 p.m., free family fun festivities, including live music, traditional craft demonstrations and seaport trade exhibits, story-telling, and is followed by the boat, Friendship's, departure to New York, Derby Wharf, Salem, MA; nps.gov/sama.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6

WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT, 8 a.m., North Andover Middle School. All ages and skill levels welcome. Teams are made up of 2-5 players who can choose to play in the amateur (fun) division or the pro division (competitive). Pre-registration is encouraged at reelinginadream.org, \$75 advance, \$100 tournament day, BBQ, entertainment by Satellite Rockers Band, basket drawings, silent auctions, a homerun derby and pitch zone. Held in memory of Timothy Roberts, benefits Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

FREE KIDS MOVIE, the Mall at Rockingham Park presents the 2nd Annual Movies Under the Stars series, held every Saturday during the month of August, "Toy Story 3."

LIVE THEATER, Hairspray!, 7:30 p.m., see Aug. 5 listing.

SALEM MARITIME FESTIVAL, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see Aug. 5 listing.

SUNDAY, AUG. 7

FREE LIVE THEATER FOR THE KIDS, Little Red Wagon's "Strega Nona!," 2 p.m., Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill, Univ.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

GALLERY NIGHT, and Trunk Show featuring Nancy McDonough from Kyoto Kimono of New York offering a selection of full kimono garments - robes, jackets, obi sashes - as well as vintage kimono textiles and gift items created from them. Silks, cottons, and blends; shibori, ikat, and brocades; by the bundle, packet or piece, with inspiration in every one. Nancy will be on hand to discuss Japanese textiles and answer questions. Preview the goods on her website, www.kyotokimono.com, 5-8 p.m., The Brush Gallery & Artists' Studios, 256 Market St., Lowell.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

ANNUAL TOMATO FEST, Smolak Farms, North Andover, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., features a series of activities for the family including cooking demonstrations by local chefs and restaurants, mixology demos by the area's best bartenders, salsa lessons, arts and crafts for kids, a scavenger hunt in the tomato fields and pizza decorating, plus a crash course in all things tomato to discuss varieties of tomatoes, their nutritional benefits, when they reach their peak flavor and how to pick them, free admission.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13

QUILT CANDY, outdoor, tented event featuring needlecrafts, fiber art, knitted, woven and felted items, embroidery, embellishments and creative cloth, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., being held in honor of new quilt show. It will be held in the shaded, brick-lined courtyard located between the National Historical Park Visitor Center, the Brush Art Gallery and Studios and Lowell Telecommunications Corporation in the heart of Lowell's arts district.

LIVE MUSIC, Maudsley Arts Center's summer music series, Rebecca Parris, 7 p.m., 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport. The concerts are held rain or shine, moving inside to the MAC Concert Barn when weather dictates. Concert-goers encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, gates open at 6 p.m. Patio seating (tables and chairs) is \$20, while lawn seating (bring your own chairs or blankets) is \$18, 12 and under free.

POETRY READINGS OF JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

The Whittier Home Museum and Tapestry of Voices hosts, 3-4:30 p.m., in the garden of the Whittier Home Museum, 86 Friend St., Amesbury, informal reception follows, free, open to the public; Harris Gardner, (617) 306-9484, Whittier Home (978) 388-1337.

SALEM MARITIME FESTIVAL, the boat, Friendship, embarks on her journey to New York, 4:30 p.m., see Aug. 5 listing.

LIVE THEATER, Hairspray!, 4 p.m., see Aug. 5 listing.

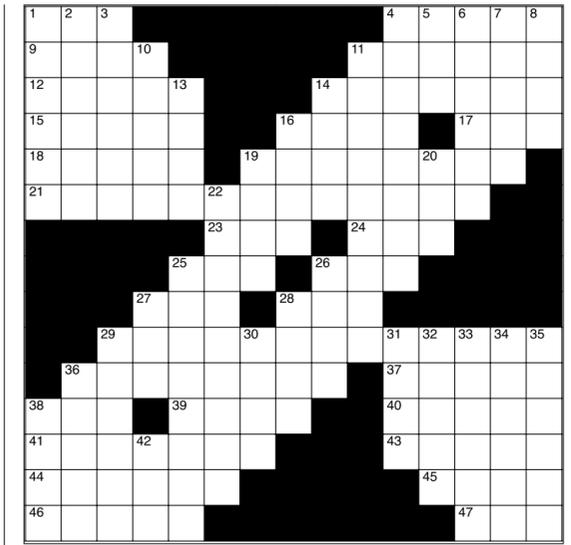
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

LIVE, FREE MUSIC, Andover's summer concert series, 6-8 p.m., Quintessential Brass (Classical & Jazz), the Park, corner of Chestnut and Bartlett streets, bring your picnic supper, chairs or blankets, in the event of rain on Wednesday, the concert will be rescheduled. Call the DCS info line for weather updates after 3 p.m.; 978-623-8279.

FREE MOVIE, and commentary, Rogers Center, Merrimack College, a summer movie series, "The Sting," commentary at 6:30 p.m., followed by the film at 7 p.m.; 978-837-5355.

THURSDAY, AUG. 11

QUILT SHOW OPENS, "The Sea," The Brush Gallery & Artists' Studios, 256 Market St., Lowell, through Sept. 10. Opening Reception is Saturday, Aug. 13, 3-5 p.m.

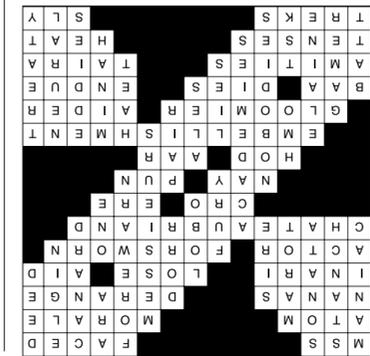


CLUES ACROSS

1. Manuscripts (abbr.)
4. Came to grips with
9. Smallest element component
11. Esprit de corps
12. Grandmothers
14. Unhinge and distract
15. Largest municipality in Finland
16. Not win
17. Red Cross work
18. A theatrical performer
19. Renounced under oath
21. Thick center cut of beef tenderloin
23. Cathode-ray oscilloscope
24. Before
25. Negative
26. Paronomasia
27. Mortar trowel
28. Swiss river
29. Adornment
36. More dismal
37. Helper
38. The cry made by sheep
39. Ceases to live
40. Give qualities or abilities to
41. Cordialities
43. Alt. spelling of tayra
44. Verb conjugations
45. Furnace product
46. Long & difficult journeys
47. Stallone's nickname

CLUES DOWN

1. An insane person
2. Stem
3. First movement form
4. Warn beforehand
5. Macaws
6. Deliberately misleading story
7. 60120 IL
8. Transfer property
10. 16th C. Fr. poet Clement
11. Adult males (Fr.)
13. Beget
14. R.I. rebellion 1841 - 1842
16. Wolf (Spanish)
19. State of violent mental agitation
20. A single unit or thing
22. Private secondary schools
25. Persons of no importance
26. A set of two similar things
27. Health Maintenance Organization
28. Breads
29. Comic & actress May
30. States a falsehood
31. A minute amount (Scott)
32. Tropical Asian starlings
33. Stream disturbances
34. Relating to a nerve
35. Agreement between two states
36. Computer game player
38. Large bale of stuffing material
42. Sound expressing disappointment



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What will they call our generation?

Ken Seifert



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Sometimes when that situation occurred you had to junk the car and rush all over the neighborhood for a used car or, if well heeled, buy a new one. We were too foolish to accept that leaving something that should be done today for tomorrow, inevitably leads to more serious problems. That is when you finally decide to do what you knew you should have done a long time ago!

This describes the activity coming from Washington D.C. that has caused such disruption the whole world wonders if the United States really knows how a democracy works. The Chinese are beginning to wonder if they want to continue to bankroll our country. I have listened to all the talking heads on this and that opinion on how to clean up this mess. Actually I don't even listen to such nonsense anymore - I turn to watch National Geographic or Asia Today.

If my dad were alive today he would probably repeat his favorite sermon, No. 32. "In life there is no free lunch. If you spend like a drunken sailor, there will come a time when you sober up and ask, How will I pay for all of my activities? It was fun while it lasted, what will I now do today and tomorrow?"

Probably since World War II we have been living like drunken sailors. Some of our expenses were very wise investments, many were not. The Madison Avenue boys started the first commandment of consumerism: You owe it to yourself to

get a new car, maybe two, a new house, fancy clothes and every new gadget that hit the new technological innovation-television. Whether you could afford such things was secondary. If you don't like something, dump it, and keep up with the Joneses.

Vance Packard wrote a best seller, *The Throwaway Society*. He cautioned us that we could develop such a habit that every thing would become temporary. Gee, one out of every two marriages is a throwaway. Did he see something?

Recently, I read a very accurate description about the behavior of those who worship consumerism. "They are those people who use up, burn up and discard perfectly good cars, clothes, homes and buy something new and 'up to date.' They buy a new replacement that is trivially different in an endless and ever growing cycle of planned obsolescence and forced consumption."

The party is over, if we choose to think of our grandchildren and the heavy burden we have heaped upon them. Congress avoids making the right decision because they think 2012 is the day the skies will open up and lead us to the Promised Land. In the interim we go down the tubes and have to listen to them tell us, we feel your pain and just trust the good guys and throw out the bad guys. If they did feel our pain and did listen to us they would have solved this circus years ago. Why they might have the good conscience to resign!

It takes honesty and courage to go before the American people and give us the pill we have to take so our grandchildren can get a little bit of the basic good of brotherhood we have experienced from sea to shining sea. In some ways I am glad I may not be around to see what we have done.

Shall we have a contest and predict what our generation might be called?

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



Courtesy photo

Author Evelyn Wang of Andover, whose new book, "Harriet's Home at Sea," teaches children about the havoc wreaked by oil spills.

Drilling down on oil spills, for kids

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

You may have seen this children's book author walking her two rescued dogs around Poms Pond and picking up the trash.

It's just a way of life for environmentally-conscious Evelyn Wang of Andover, a former science team captain at Andover High School.

"Those fishermen can really make a mess," she mutters.

She picks up the litter, properly disposes of it and worries once again for the next generation.

This author hopes to transform the kids of today into a generation that really cares about the environment by teaching them about how people's actions impact the world around them. Her first children's book aims to take a small but significant first step in achieving that goal.

"Harriet's Home at Sea," for ages 6-10, teaches young readers about an oil spill at the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. Written, colorfully illustrated and

self-published, the book centers on young Harriet. She is close to her fisherman father and when an oil spill wreaks havoc on his business and the local sea creatures, Harriet sadly witnesses the suffering. She becomes determined to save her home and sea friends.

Harriet departs on an eco-friendly adventure that involves a treasure chest and lessons that Wang hopes young readers will enjoy.

Wang said there are no oil spill stories written for kids, and that was her motivation over during the two summers it took to create the hardcover book.

"I wrote and illustrated this book after realizing the lack of quality books out there that both educate and captivate kids about



environmental pollution," Wang said.

Wang earned a bachelor's degree in biology, with an emphasis on molecular biology at the University of Michigan. Science classes interested this honor student the most at Andover High, from which she graduated in 2005.

Now 24, she works in a laboratory researching the diagnostics of cancer cells.

She also enjoys drawing and sketching. Her book illustrations, are kid-friendly, done with colored pencils and a little bit of paint.

She was already working on her book when the notorious British Petroleum oil spill happened on the Gulf Coast on April 20, 2010.

She knows many people have

begun to forget about the BP spill. But she hopes the young readers of her book will always remember the devastation to livelihoods, families and animals that is caused by oil pollution, she said.

"I want them to be aware," said Wang, a self-described nature and animal lover who has lots of pets, including dogs, a rescued rabbit, tree frogs and fish.

Wang, daughter of Ling and John Wang of Andover, published her book a few months ago. She said "Harriet's Home at Sea" (\$19.95) has sold steadily on Amazon.com, as well as in major retail stores. It is also available at Memorial Hall Library and can be ordered at Evelyn-Wang.com.

The BP oil spill might make this book topic somewhat timely but Wang simply wants families to talk about oil pollution.

"Maybe these are ideas that will be discussed in both schools and households," she said. "That would be great."

League of Women Voters scholarships



Courtesy photo

Andover's Sara Doyle, left, and Wetai Xiao, recipients of the Virginia Cole Scholarship, were recognized by Scholarship Committee Chairwoman Mary Beth Nason, center, at the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover's annual meeting earlier this summer.

Andover scholars receive honors at Brooks

The following students from Andover made one of the honor roll categories at Brooks School in North Andover last semester.

Students who score a 100 to 92 receive Highest Honors, those averaging 91 to 88 receive High Honors, and those earning 87 to 85 earn Honors.

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- Louisa Dallett
- Jacquelyne DiTroia
- Nicholas Flannery
- Guillaume Harmange
- Emma Gordon
- Matthew Hurchik
- Coleman Egertson
- Kevin Neville
- John Nossiff

- Davis Rogers
- Sawyer Rogers
- Lopa Rahman
- Nate Reddi
- Michael Sciascia
- Isha Singhal
- Zachary Vieira
- Heather Youngman
- Lindsey Zucchini

Honors

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- Elizabeth Donohue
- John Hartigan
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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Seventh-grader gets high honors, named Brookwood Scholar

Hannah Cregg was named to the

Brookwood School high honor roll, which recognizes students averaging 90 with no grade below 85.

Cregg was also named a Brookwood Scholar for the 2010-11 school year. This recognition is

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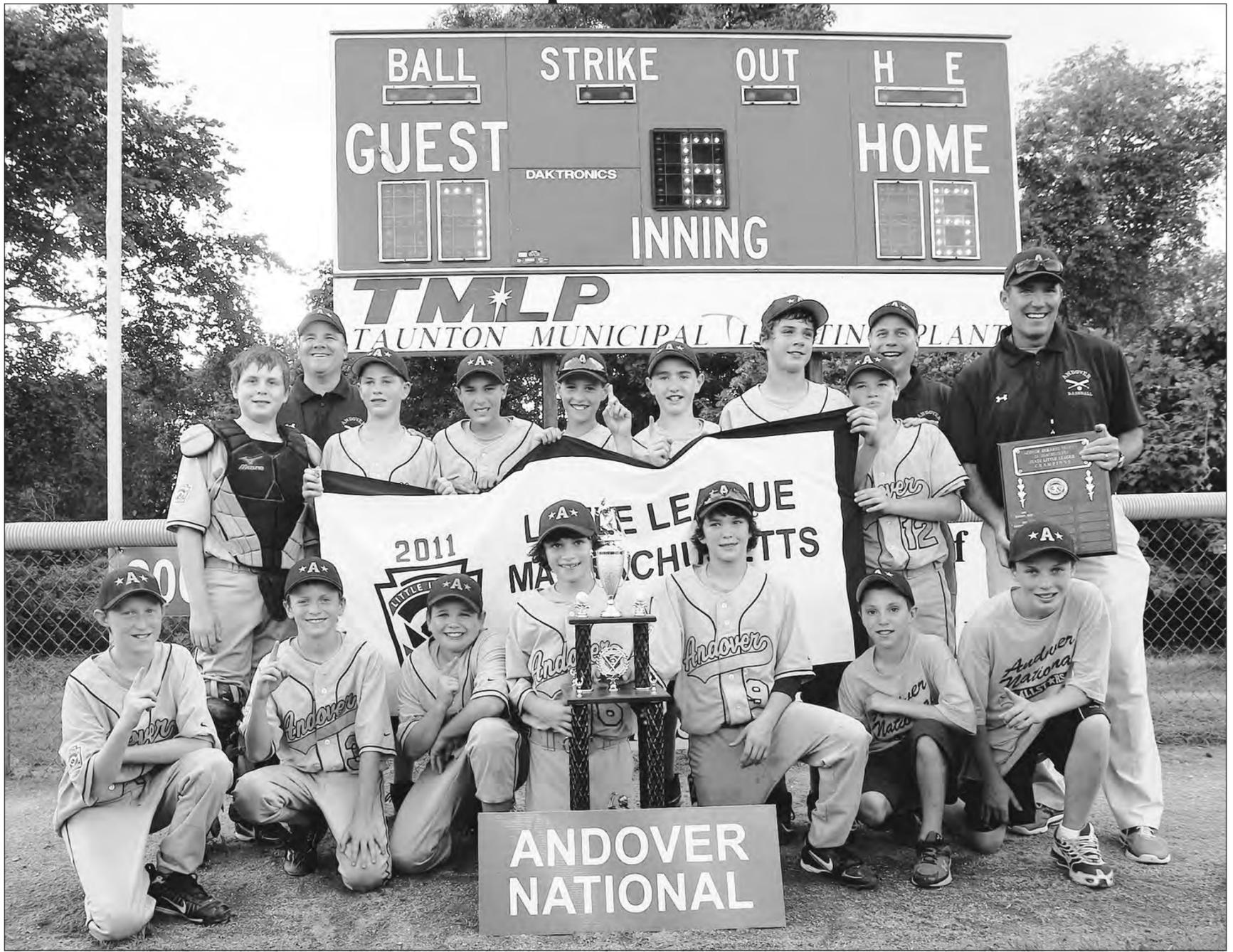
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The Andover Nationals pose with the championship banner in front of the scoreboard that shows the 7-6 score by which they defeated Braintree to earn the Massachusetts Little League title over the weekend.

One step away

Trip to Williamsport World Series in reach as Andover Nationals take Massachusetts state title

BY DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

The amazing ride keeps rolling for the Andover National All-Stars Little League team, which is now one step away from the ultimate destination.

Andover continued its summer of dominance, outscoring its opponents 36-17 on the way to a 4-0 record and the Massachusetts Little League state title over the weekend.

With the victory, the Nationals advance to the New England Regional, which they will open on Saturday against the Rhode Island champion Cumberland Americans at the Bartlett Giampatti Complex in Bristol.

"This is an exceptional group of boys," said Andover manager Paul Finn. "They are so happy and so thrilled for what they have accomplished. They believe that there is no limit to what we can accomplish."

They are now just one step away from the Little League World Series, which draws teams from around the world every season. It is held in Williamsport, Pa., and broadcast on ESPN2.

The last Andover team to make the approximately 406-mile, seven-hour journey to Williamsport was the Andover National 1988 squad.

"They are incredibly excited," said Finn. "They are so fired up to be going to Bristol and to still be playing baseball. We

have finished Stage 3 of a long journey."

"We were all dreaming of going to Williamsport, and we all thought we could," said pitcher/sluggler Cedric Gillette. "We knew we had a good team, and we all thought we'd make it here."

Here is a look at how Andover made it to the New England tourney:

The clincher

Trailing by two runs, after three innings, Dan Gemmell turned the tide for the Andover Nationals in a big way.

With the bases loaded, Gemmell blasted a grand slam, sending Andover to a 7-6 victory over Braintree American in the Massachusetts State Championship game on Sunday.

"I'm seeing the ball better and it's working," Gemmell said. "I just wanted to get a hit to tie the game. Then he gave me a fastball and I hit it out. It was amazing. It felt really good. Our energy picked up a lot. We all felt we could win this now."

Gillette did it all for the Nationals. He was the starter and winning pitcher, striking out seven and walking only one before reaching his pitch count after 5 1/3 innings. He was also 2 for 3 at the plate with a home run.

"We had a great game pitching from Cedric, and that is exactly what we expected of him," said Finn. "I wasn't

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL SCHEDULE

Andover's schedule for games at the Bartlett Giampatti Little League Complex in Bristol, Conn.:

Aug. 6 2 p.m. Cumberland American (R.I.)

Aug. 8 2 p.m. Barre Community (Vt.)

Aug. 9 10 a.m. Yarmouth (Maine)

Televised live on NESN

Aug. 10 1 p.m. Goffstown (N.H.)

Televised live on NESN

The semifinals will be held next Thursday, Aug. 11, with the winners facing off in the championship game, televised on ESPN at 1 p.m. next Saturday, Aug. 13.

surprised he shut down a very good Braintree team because he is a big game pitcher."

Selima provided a key insurance run an inning later with a home run, and closed out the game on the mound.

Pitcher perfect

For all the well deserved credit Andover's offense has received during the summer, the Nationals can dominate on the mound as well.

Michael Reilly proved that on Saturday, firing a complete game to lead Andover to a 12-2 win over Joe Schwartz of Worcester.

Reilly needed just 69 pitches to complete the six innings, allowing just five hits. He needed to pitch out of just one jam in the game, inducing a popup in the first with a runner at third.



Andover Nationals player Danny Gemmell, center, is congratulated by teammates Jack Finn, left, and Michael Reilly after hitting a grand slam during their victory over Braintree in the Little League state championship game in Taunton on Sunday.

"That got us started off," Reilly said of escaping the jam. "And then we got the bats rolling after that."

"I was feeling good. I knew it after the first inning. At the start of the second inning I realized I was in a groove."

Andover jumped out fast, scoring three runs in the first including a two-run homer for Conte.

"That was huge," said Paul Finn. "We got a lead, and we have a great pitcher on the mound."

Andover continued its power surge, homering six times. Sam Conte and Cedric Gillette each went deep twice — each finishing the day 3 for 4 — Daniel Walsh (2 for 2) chipped in with a home run and Reilly added to his all-around effort with a

homer. "He's a horse," Finn said. "He's a great pitcher, and fortunately he was available today."

No waiting

Andover jumped out to a three-run lead in the first inning and rolled over Braintree American 8-2 on Friday.

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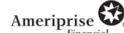
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The Andover Nationals team races around the field with the state championship banner after taking the Little League state title with a 7-6 win over Braintree in Taunton Sunday.

NATIONALS: Team set for New England tournament

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Seven different Andover players had at least one hit. Sam Conte paced the Nationals with a home run and a pair of RBIs, while Charlie Ziegenbein added a two-run single. Nate O'Neil also chipped in with a pair of hits.

Starter Andrew Selima, Conte, Tim Kalantzakos and Daniel Walsh combined to lock up the win on the hill.

"All of our guys did a good job pitching," Finn said. "To give up two runs against (Braintree American), we pitched very, very well."

Going long

Andrew Selima hit a pair of home runs, giving him 14 over a 13-game span, leading Andover to a 9-7 win over Wellesley South in the Massachusetts Little League final four opener on Thursday.

Selima opened with a homer in the first, and added a two-run homer that capped off an eight-run fourth inning. He also came on to retire the last four batters for the save for Andover,



Sam Conte did it all for Andover, pitching and slugging to help the Nationals to the Massachusetts title.

which fell behind 5-1 after 3 1/2 innings.

The big hit in the eight-run bottom of the fourth inning was a

three-run homer for Nate O'Neil. Sam Conte also went deep.

"Well, we knew he could hit home runs," Selima said about

O'Neil. "We just didn't know he could hit them that far."

— Jeff Hamrick contributed to this report

Junior Legion advances to district title tourney

Alex Livingston fired a complete game, striking out five, to earn Andover a berth in the Junior Legion District Tournament on Sunday, the second game of a doubleheader.

Liam Doherty had two hits, while Jack Mahan struck out three in six innings and Andrew Mason excelled at third base for Andover (16-5-1).

Andover managed just three hits, but two were RBI singles and Post 8 downed Methuen 4-1 in the Junior Legion District Tournament last Thursday.

Alec Livingston and Ben Murphy each had a hit and drove home a run, and Derek Farquar stood out in center field.

Andrew Abrams started, allowing a run in four innings and Liam Doherty picked up the save with three shutout innings of relief.

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Ciampa Memorial Field Hockey Clinic slated

The Andover High Varsity Field Hockey Coach Maureen Noone, her assistant coaches, players and alumni will host a field hockey clinic in memory of one of their teammates on Aug. 8 and 9.

Lauren Ciampa, a graduate of Andover High and a field hockey player under Coach Noone, lost her battle to cancer in May 2009.

The clinic is open to girls from grades 4 through 12. It will run two days from 8 a.m. to noon, with drills from 8 to 10 a.m. and scrimmages from 10 a.m. to noon.

Players should bring a stick, mouth guard, goggles, shin guards, water bottle and a small snack.

For more information on the clinic or to register, visit leclinic.info or send your registration to: Coach Maureen Noone, 5 Dodge Road, Rowley, MA 01969. Please include your name, age, DOB, grade, address with city and zip code, position you play and an email address. Be sure to sign the medical release statement and send it along with a check in the amount of \$60 for the registration fee. Checks should be payable to the Jimmy Fund.

Roy named assistant head coach at Clarkson

Phil Roy, who spent the last three years as an assistant coach at Merrimack, will join the Clarkson University men's hockey staff as the top assistant coach.

Roy helped turn around Merrimack's program that went from last place in Hockey East in 2007-08 to challenging for the top spot in the Hockey East conference this past season.

Merrimack enjoyed its best campaign ever at the Division I level in 2010-11, posting a 25-10-4 overall record, including a 16-8-3 conference mark. The Warriors finished as runners-up in the Hockey East Tournament and made their first ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 1988.

Roy worked primarily with the defense and the power play unit.

Roy returns to Clarkson where he played a key role in their success during the late 1990s. He recorded 77 career points, including 53 assists in 144 games with the Knights. The Knights made three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances (1997, 1998, 1999), won two ECAC Regular Season titles (1997 and 1999) and claimed a conference tournament championship (1999) with Roy on defense.



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The back of a police wagon serves as an echo chamber for this group of jumping, yelling, happy children. From left are Arabella Ssenynondo, 3, of Lawrence; and Nicholas Leonard, 6, Peter Stubler, 6, Enda Stubler, 3, Trevor Ek, 3, Shealie Ek, 4, and Wyatt Ek, 6, all of Andover.



Luca Palermo, 3, of Andover reaches for the radio from the driver's seat of a front-loader.

Andover children had the chance to live out their dreams of being police officers, firefighters and construction workers last Thursday, July 28.

Vehicles from the Andover police, fire and public works departments filled Memorial Hall Library's parking lot to celebrate the annual Vehicle Night. Young children enjoyed getting behind the wheels of big rigs, and even climbing into back of the police vehicle used to transport prisoners. Several kids found that police wagon to make an excellent echo chamber.

The event was the second one in Andover in a week's time. The Department of Community Services held its own vehicle event two days before.

JAN LEE SEEGER/STAFF PHOTOS



Aidan Burt, 8, of Andover, explores the controls from driver's seat of an Andover fire truck.



Madeleine Ota, 4, of Andover takes some giant steps down from the cab of a fire engine during the event.



Kaiden Sakowich, 5, of Andover, right, watches as Janie Wu, 5, also of Andover, buckles up in back seat of a fire truck.

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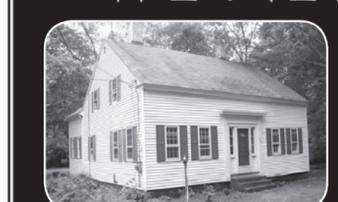
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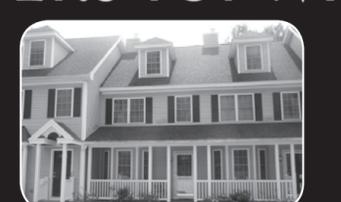
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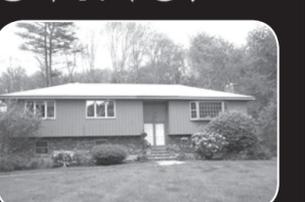
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