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Permits delay Bancroft School construction

Approvals for entrance road put off groundbreaking to 2012

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Construction workers will not break ground on the new Bancroft Elementary School until 2012, according to the building committee chairman, as Andover committees are taking longer than expected to approve the permits needed for an entrance road.

However, officials say the new, \$44 million elementary school supported by voters in January is still on target to open for the 2013-14 school year.

Prior to a Special Town Meeting vote to replace Bancroft Elementary School, School Committee member (now chairwoman) Annie Gilbert had said the plan was to start "early site work" in June once school closed for the summer. Once the site work was completed,

construction of a new school would begin at the site, she said.

Now, the town expects early site work, including road work to extend nearby West Knoll Road as a secondary access to the school, to begin around October, according to Acting Plant and Facilities Director Maria Maggio. School construction will begin early in 2012, School Building Committee Chairman Mark Johnson said.

Design development and getting permits for construction have delayed progress, according to Gilbert.

"If everything went smoothly, we would ideally like to put in the West Knoll Road extension over the summer and, over the fall, proceed to the actual building," she said.

For the project's design, every

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Officials narrowing town goals for 2012

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Successful large-scale projects and consolidation of town departments are among the targets that selectmen and Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski on Monday discussed as possible ways to measure the manager's leadership in the coming year.

Selectmen spent 90 minutes Monday discussing goals that could be used to determine how

much of a salary increase Stapeczynski will receive next year.

Selectmen and Stapeczynski created list of more than 15 goals for 2012, including a couple of goal suggestions from residents.

Stapeczynski said that one area he thought should be a priority is his management of the series of large projects facing Andover in the near future. Signing contracts

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Halloween...a bit early



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Emily Landers, 1, dressed as Tinker Bell, plays a game at the off-season "Halloween in the Park" event on Tuesday. More photos on page 15.

In their sights



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Andover second baseman Nate O'Neil gets the out at second as he tries to turn the double play during their game against Maine Tuesday at the New England Region playoff in Bristol, Conn.

Nationals on target for semifinals today, Aug. 11

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The final rung of the ladder is two wins away for the Andover Nationals.

Win a New England Region semifinal game today, Thursday, and the championship game on Saturday, and the Andover ballplayers will take part in the Little League World Series. It's a tournament dreamed about and watched on television by young ballplayers throughout the world.

"We are in the semi-finals. Right now. We made the semi-finals. On Thursday [today, Aug. 11], we are playing," says team manager Paul Finn.

On the heels of two straight regional tournament wins in Bristol, Conn. and with his team watching TV in the background, in a hotel over 130 miles away from home, Finn takes a moment to step away from his team and talk on the phone Tuesday night.

In the background, a bunch

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■ Much more on the Andover Nationals. Pages 6-8.

Home prices more stable, condo prices rise

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

JUNE HOME SALES IN ANDOVER FOR 2010-2011

	No. sold '10	No. sold '11	% Change	Median Price 6/10	Median Price 6/11	% Change
Single Family	40	40	0.0%	501,750	512,450	2.1%
Condominium	3	7	133.3%	225,000	389,000	72.9%
Multi Family	0	1	N/A	0	320,000	N/A

Source: NEAR

The median price of a single family home in Andover peaked during the last decade at nearly \$600,000 in 2005. Home prices have been on a downward path since that peak of \$597,250, according to 10-year statistics from the Northeast Association of Realtors.

Andover's median home price still has a long ways to go to recapture its glory years, but at least housing prices showed improvement during June.

The median single family home price was \$512,450 as of June 2011, up about 2 percent from June 2010, according to just-released statistics from NEAR.

Andover condominiums may

be on the comeback trail. Their median price jumped from \$189,900 in 2009 to \$235,000 in 2010. NEAR reports the median condo price was \$225,000 in June 2010 and the price was up to \$389,000 as of June 2011. That's a 73 percent increase, albeit based on a very small sample.

"It will probably take years," longtime Andover realtor Mary O'Donoghue of Prudential Howe & Doherty said of the overall Andover market returning to the

real estate heydays of the early to mid 2000s.

But, the good news for homeowners is that Andover homes have retained their value far better than those in many surrounding communities. For those looking to sell, the local single family home market is picking up, real estate agents say.

Multiple Listing Service, reports 38 sales in Andover during the past 30 days. While most homes sold for below asking

price, six properties sold over the asking price and seven properties sold for the full asking price. These numbers do not include private sales.

"That's almost 35 percent of the properties sold have commanded the asking price or more," O'Donoghue said. "Pricing is the key factor in today's market. It is more important

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GOALS: Selectmen, town manager setting Andover's priorities for next year

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with the town employee unions that are up for a new contract next year was another goal he proposed. There are 16 unions total.

Selectman Alex Vispoli suggested an update on an already-existing goal for this year, where Stapeczynski was asked to consolidate positions to generate \$100,000 in sustainable savings from salary costs alone.

The goal, in previous meetings of a subcommittee reviewing Stapeczynski's progress on this year's goals, has been a point of heavy discussion as Stapeczynski may have only generated \$86,000 in salary savings, although the amount becomes more than \$100,000 when health and benefits cost savings are included

as well. For this year, Vispoli would like the goal to be \$250,000, he said.

"This coming year, it looks like there is going to be opportunity with the department consolidation," Vispoli said, referring to possible plans to combine the Department of Public Works with Plant and Facilities. "I sort of came up with the number that way."

Other goals suggested at the meeting included establishing an earlier budget timeline, developing the budget without assuming a tax increase of up to 2.5 percent, sending out requests for proposals relating to outsourcing town services identified in this year's goals and better management of town resources and time.

This week's meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in

a conference room at the Water Treatment Plant, located at 397 Lowell St., where no uplink to Andover's local access channels is available.

The meeting was attended by three Andover residents, in addition to town officials and employees: Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone, Samos Lane resident Bob Marshall and Whittier Street resident John Pasquale.

DEER HUNT GETS FINAL APPROVAL

The board also voted to amend its regulations to permanently allow last year's deer hunting program to continue.

The motion that was brought to the table, which received a unanimous 4-0 vote, specifically

allows "deer hunting by bow and arrow (only) in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Conservation Commission."

The vote allows the Conservation Commission to proceed with its plans to modify and amend the program on an annual basis as the need for it continues.

Before the vote took place, however, Carbone made a stand against the program.

"I happen to be an animal lover, and I cannot fathom that the Board of Selectmen would have taken this in their own hands," she said.

"We have a fireman that is driving the bus on this who happens to be a hunter. The firemen come forth, they use the fire trucks owned by the town

to have the children play with the fire trucks, do good things with the children, Santa Claus parade, all of those things.

"But to go out and deer hunt, and to draw a bow and arrow into a deer and let it lay in the ground and die a slow death, that's inappropriate to me," she said. "That goes against everything we teach our children."

OFFICIALS TALK TOWN MEETING CHANGES

Also discussed were possible changes to future Town Meetings. Earlier in the meeting, Selectmen Mary Lyman had voiced opposition to holding Special Town Meetings because of the difference in voter turnout.

One possible change could

include holding the Town Meetings on different days — earlier in the week, specifically — and holding the meetings in the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts — a 1,200-seat auditorium at the high school where December's Special Town Meeting was held — because it would be cheaper to run and more comfortable for the participants, officials said.

On the other hand, the venue can only seat 1,200 residents, while the Richard Collins Field House can hold many more, Town Clerk Larry Murphy said.

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REAL ESTATE: Year-to-year single-family prices stabilizing?

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than location, condition, amenities or anything else. Buyers are looking for value and are buying accordingly."

"The Andover and North Andover market is doing better than other communities," said Tom Carroll of ReMax. "Others had a lot of short sales and foreclosures."

He was more busy with home showings this spring than last spring and expresses confidence Andover will return to the better

times of the early to mid-2000s.

"Buyers want to live here," he said. "And interest rates are down. It's inevitable."

He said 15- and 30-year interest rates currently hover around 4 percent and that's attracting buyers.

Most people buying homes in Andover have been socking away their down payments. They are purchasing homes with hefty cash down payments in the wake of the recent national mortgage crisis and today's erratic stock market.

"Super credit, a squeaky clean credit record used to be enough," O'Donoghue said.

Now, cash is king. Gone are 5 percent down payments as banks typically require homebuyers to 20 to 30 percent.

Local real estate broker and owner Chris Doherty of Prudential Howe & Doherty agreed that Andover has weathered the real estate scene better than some communities.

"We don't dip in tough times like other communities," said Doherty. "We're still a great town

and people want to live here."

He said the heart of Andover's home buying range is \$400,000 to \$700,000 and he provided these numbers: 38 homes sold over \$700,000 last year; 31 have sold so far this year and 28 homes sold for under \$400,000 last year; 44 have sold so far this year.

"I would say it's a healthy market," Doherty said. "Well-priced, well-positioned homes are selling."

"We've got a new pace for selling, he said, "and, it's not so bad."

NATIONALS: Team is 'having a blast' regional contests

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of the boys yell and cheer, and Finn takes a moment to join the hotel-room celebration. They're all watching themselves on TV, a recording of their game televised on NESN earlier that day where they beat Maine 5-3 to clinch a spot in the semifinals.

That victory, paired with a 17-1 mercy win against Vermont on Monday, puts them against one of the other top-four New England regional contenders in today's New England regional semifinals. The matchups for these games were to be determined by Wednesday's games, held after *Townsmen* presstime.

Both semifinal games, one at 3 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m., will be aired live on the New England Sports Network (NESN). The winner of each will then go on to the New England Championship, played on Saturday at 1 p.m. That game will be aired on ESPN2 and broadcast on ESPN3.com.

The winner of the New England Region championship goes to Williamsport, Pa. for the Little League World Series known in baseball-playing countries across the globe.

"It is a lot of work, but we are having a blast," Finn said. "Those kids care so much about the game. They're cool, calm and collected."

10 YEAR STATISTICS: ANDOVER MEDIAN PRICE

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Change '01 to '10
Single Family	442,000	459,000	510,000	553,900	597,250	548,000	549,950	529,900	525,000	521,500	18%
Condominium	139,900	165,000	194,500	257,500	307,305	234,000	251,000	200,000	189,900	235,000	68%
Multi Family	351,000	389,000	385,000	409,000	467,250	400,000	465,000	352,000	327,000	350,000	-0.3%

Source: NEAR

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BANCROFT: Road-extension permits delay school work

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detail has been the subject of discussion with all parties involved, including abutters on nearby roads, according to Gilbert. While it has taken longer than expected, it has been time well spent, she said.

"We all really appreciate the attendance and contributions of abutters at the meetings," Gilbert said.

The permitting process necessary to build the West Knoll Road extension has progressed more slowly than expected, according to Maggio.

"The permitting is just taking us longer than we thought, but everything seems to be going on as planned," she said.

Since June, the School Building Committee has been meeting with the Conservation Commission and Planning Board regarding, in part, extending West Knoll Road to go behind Bancroft Elementary School. This will allow the school's main entrance off Bancroft Road to be closed and used for construction access only. Meanwhile, a wetland impacted by the road's construction needs to be relocated.

To build the road, the building committee needs Conservation Commission and Planning Board's approval. According to Bob Douglas, conservation director, approval is expected soon. "It's probably the largest wetland relocation plan we've ever had in town," Douglas said. "There has been a tremendous amount of review between all proponents, and the commission at our last meeting had their consultants come in to give their independent third-party review of the site."

The building committee was supposed to appear before the commission for its first hearing on the topic on June 7, but the meeting had to be cancelled and rescheduled to June 21 because it wasn't posted to the Internet properly, according to Douglas. That put the ability to get the permit



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Stakes running past the end of West Knoll Road, including this one at the entrance of a private driveway, mark where a future extension of the road will be constructed later this year. Permitting for the road has delayed the project, as construction of the extension was initially expected to begin this month but now won't until around October.

behind by two weeks — but the process will be over soon, he said.

"I'm certain they'll issue a permit at our next meeting (on Aug. 16)," Douglas said.

Meanwhile, the Planning Board has been getting feedback from area residents — including West Knoll Road residents impacted by the road's construction.

"They're looking at the access," Lisa Schwarz, senior planner, said. "They'll have another meeting, collect any other information, close the meeting and deliberate. I would think they could have an answer at the next meeting (on Aug. 23)."

From there, the town's building inspector must issue a permit as recommended by the Planning Board, which could take up to — but most likely under — one additional month, according to Schwarz.

At the latest, that would put final permit approval of the road access coming down on the final week of September.

Once the Building Committee has both permits in hand, the project would then go out to bid, which

could take anywhere from four to six additional weeks, according to Gilbert.

"That early site plan has to be bid out," Gilbert said.

This would mean the road construction would start sometime in mid-October at the earliest. This work requires the clearing of many trees at both ends of the proposed road extension and the relocation of the impacted wetlands. By the time this work starts, school will already be in session.

"Ideally, we would have liked to have that stuff done in summer when the students aren't here," Gilbert said. "Safety is paramount, so we will make sure we set up a plan that is the safest approach."

"It's West Knoll Road that's going to be paved, and then it is the field that has to be cleared in the back," Bancroft Elementary School Principal Francine Goldstein said, adding that none of the construction will pose a risk to any students or affect their ability to learn.

GROUND BREAKING DATE PUSHED BACK

Breaking ground to build the school — known as phase two — now is expected to start at the beginning of 2012, although the building committee chairman indicates this is not

unexpected. "Phase two is pretty close to being on time," Johnson said. "We always felt that phase two was going into next year."

To build the school next year, crews will be breaking into ground that will be frozen and, possibly, covered in snow. Maggio said that is a concern, but one workers are ready for.

In fact, Andover dealt with it during the last major school-building project, the High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools, which were built earlier last decade.

"It isn't the best situation, but the contractor is aware of that," Maggio said. "We've dealt with that before when constructing the new (school facility). It just adds to the complexity."

The building is still on target for a fall 2013 opening, Maggio said, with demolition of the existing structure taking place and wrapping up in May 2014.

Andover's public schools would then be redistricted for the beginning of the fall 2014 school year, officials have said.

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NOW: The former Ballardvale Mill on Andover Street in Andover.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kids grief support group

A seven-session "Kids & Grief" support group for children ages 6-12 will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Franklin School in Melrose.

The group will continue Oct. 5 and 19; Nov. 2, 16 and 30; and Dec. 14.

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend an adult support group meeting at the same time.

The Program, sponsored by Hallmark Health Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, is among several bereavement groups offered through the agency.

For information or to register, call Judy Seifert at 781-338-7861.

NECC nursing information session

Individuals interested in becoming nurses are invited to an information session hosted by Northern Essex Community College on Thursday, Aug. 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Spurk Building, Lecture Hall A, Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St.

Free and open to the public. Those attending are asked to arrive 10 minutes before 4 p.m.

Pat Demers, assistant dean of health professions at NECC, designed this event to give students a glimpse into the daily life of a nursing student.

This presentation is geared toward the specific issues facing students entering NECC's program. Issues such as admissions standards and the rigorous pace of the program will be discussed.

Demers will also discuss the nursing field in general, including the current job market.

For more information, contact Alicia Grande at 978-556-3726 or Brandi Thomforde at 978-556-3716 or email admissions@necc.mass.edu.

Free metastatic breast cancer support

Those seeking metastatic breast cancer support are invited to join a group of women and men from the North Shore and Merrimack Valley who are living with Stage IV Metastatic Breast Cancer.

The group meets every other week on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for confidential and caring conversations, resource sharing, supportive ideas, and laughter in Middleton near Route 114.

For more information or to register, please contact founder and participant Heather LoRe at heath@lo-re@verizon.net or 978-664-2161 or facilitator Marie Lucca at mariej-lucca@comcast.net.

Red Sox private luxury suite raffle

Lazarus House Ministries, Inc. is sponsoring a raffle on the chance to attend the Red Sox game Sunday, Sept. 18 when the Boston Red Sox take on the Tampa Bay Rays.

Prize includes a private luxury suite for you and 17 friends, limousine service to the game and a \$1,200 food and beverage allowance.

There will only be 750 tickets available with a selling price of \$100

each. (The winner will actually pay less than \$6 a ticket for this amazing event.)

The drawing for the Red Sox prize will take place on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at Dylan's Bar & Grill, located on the 2nd floor at 22 Park St., Andover. The winner of the raffle does not need to be present at the event in order to win.

To learn more about the raffle and purchase tickets, visit lazarus-house.org/red-sox-raffle-tickets or contact the Event Manager at 978-269-5206.

The prize is not redeemable for cash. Bearer waives any and all claims arising out of this said raffle that the bearer might assert against any parties connected with this raffle.

All proceeds from the raffle go to Lazarus House Ministries, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides over 22,000 support services every month in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and surrounding communities in the Merrimack Valley.

NECC information sessions for iHealth

If you are interested in earning a certificate or associate degree in a health care field, but have work or family responsibilities, Northern Essex Community College is introducing a new program especially for you this fall.

Blending online and onsite learning, iHealth@NECC offers students the flexibility to build a schedule to fit their needs. While the majority of coursework is done online students will also attend class on campus one day each week.

The iHealth@NECC curriculum, which is taught by NECC faculty, is streamlined, and in some instances accelerated, giving students the opportunity to complete their program and get started on a new career as quickly as possible.

Students enrolled in an iHealth@NECC program will work with a designated career coach/mentor who will assist them with the rigors of the online learning experience.

This fall iHealth@NECC will offer an Associate Degree in General Studies: Health Studies and Certificates in Phlebotomy, Emergency Management, Health Care Technician, and Medical Billing. In addition, certification courses will be offered in advanced cardiac life support and pediatric advanced life support.

Massachusetts tuition and fees for iHealth@NECC programs are \$245 per credit. Credits are transferable and financial aid is available for qualified students.

Information sessions for iHealth@NECC will be offered at the Lawrence and Haverhill campus.

Schedule:
 ■ Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 to 10 a.m.; and Tuesday, Aug. 16 from 5 to 6 p.m. at NECC Dimitry Building, 45 Franklin St., Lawrence.
 ■ Friday, Aug. 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Behrakis One-Stop Student Services Center, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill.

For additional information visit the iHealth webpage on the NECC website at www.ihealthnecc.com or email ihealth@necc.mass.edu.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



On the highway, the exhaust blows past fast enough that you don't smell it. But stopping at stop lights or stop signs, you can definitely smell it. [By the end we were] so used to it that the smell didn't bother us.

— Alyssa Solomon, who converted a 1986 car to run on veggie oil, and recently returned from a cross-country trip in the car. The car exhaust smells like a fast-food restaurant. Story in Townspeople, page 11.

We all love baseball, so we don't really mind if we get any days off or not. We just love to practice and play.

Andover youth Michael Reilly, who started the team's 17-1 victory over Vermont, on playing in the New England Region tournament. The winner will go to Williamsport, Pa. for the official Little League World Series tournament. Only Andover's 1988 team has ever reached Williamsport. Story, page 6.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Health insurance open enrollment ends Aug. 15

The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority reminds residents that individuals who purchase health insurance on their own have until Aug. 15 to take advantage of the last open enrollment period this year.

Open enrollment is the only time those consumers can switch or change plans. If their current coverage expires outside of the open enrollment period, the only option for coverage will be to renew the same plan.

The Health Connector offers coverage from the state's major carriers and all the plans carry the state's seal of approval.

Residents may shop for and enroll in a Health Connector Commonwealth Choice plan at MAhealthconnector.org. They may also call the customer service center at 1-877-MA-ENROLL (1-877-623-6765) on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The next enrollment opportunity will begin July 1, 2012. This open enrollment deadline does not apply to employer or government-subsidized plans.

Refuge releases fishing permit details: Applications due morning of Aug. 15

After a careful assessment of beach conditions, Parker River National Wildlife Refuge has finalized details regarding the 2011 drive-on fishing season.

A total of 75 drive-on permits will be issued this year (an increase from the 50 permits issued in 2010).

Application for a permit may be made by submitting the following information by mail or in person: name, address, daytime phone number, e-mail address, Massachusetts saltwater license number, or the saltwater license number and state for a saltwater license that has a reciprocity agreement with Massachusetts (N.H., R.I., Conn.).

Applications must be received at Refuge headquarters before 8 a.m. on Aug. 15.

Seventy-five applications will be selected using a lottery system and successful applicants will be notified by Aug. 19. Successful applicants must obtain their permit at the Parker River NWR headquarters, have their vehicle inspected, and pay the appropriate fee by Aug. 26.

If any permits remain, alternates will be notified by Aug. 28 and must obtain their permit, have a vehicle inspection, and pay the appropriate fee by Sept. 2. Additional information will be provided to the successful applicants.

Applications can be mailed to: Parker River NWR, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA 01950. Applications can also be dropped off at the same location during normal business

hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Massachusetts signs FastLane/E-ZPass reciprocity pacts with N.H., Maine

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announced agreements with New Hampshire and Maine enabling all three states to impose sanctions on FastLane/E-ZPass toll violators across each other's state lines.

Enforceable penalties now include registration suspension (Maine) and denial of vehicle registration renewal (New Hampshire and Massachusetts).

The tri-state reciprocity agreements are the first such agreements in the nation and mark an important step in ensuring toll equity by addressing revenue losses caused by motorists without FastLane or E-ZPass transponders or whose electronic accounts perennially have insufficient funds.

While MassDOT previously had the ability to deny the renewal of a vehicle's registration, the agency had little recourse in pursuing out-of-state violators other than simply mailing invoices.

The agreements will be in force for one year. After that, the agencies have the option to extend the term of the pilot program for up to two additional one-year periods or create permanent agreements.

For more information, visit mass.gov/massdot.

Free weight loss seminars

Holy Family Hospital's Center for Weight Control - affiliated with St. Elizabeth's hospital, accredited as a Level 1 Bariatric Center by the American College of Surgeons - will offer monthly free Weight Loss Seminars on Friday, Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 21 and Nov. 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Holy Family

Hospital Auditorium.

Individuals may register for one of these lectures by calling 1-800-488-5959 or visiting CaritasChristi.org/bariatric.

American Cancer Society's Look Good... Feel Better

Holy Family Hospital will host the American Cancer Society's Look Good . . . Feel Better on Monday, Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Cafeteria Conference Room, 70 East St., Methuen.

Look Good . . . Feel Better is a free program that teaches cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them cope with appearance-related side effects from chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. Wig care, scarf and hat use, skin care, and nail care will all be discussed, and all participants will receive a free makeup kit.

Cosmetologists certified and trained by the American Cancer Society will conduct the sessions, which are non-medical and do not promote any product line.

Look Good . . . Feel Better is a free, supportive, informative, and enjoyable first step toward renewed self-esteem, self-confidence, and emotional recovery for cancer patients undergoing radiation or chemotherapy.

This program is offered through a partnership of the American Cancer Society; the Personal Care Products Council Foundation; and the National Cosmetology Association.

Registration is required. To register, call Gail Palermo at 978-687-0156, ext. 2021.

For more information, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

ACT Student Video Contest

ACT is sponsoring a video contest to encourage high school juniors and seniors to use their creativity to share their reasons

for taking the ACT test.

The student with the winning video will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to the college of his or her choice. Second- and third-place winners will receive \$2,500 and \$1,000 scholarships, respectively. Seven other finalists will each receive a \$500 scholarship.

ACT will judge the videos based on the following criteria: creativity (25%), visual appeal (25%) and overall content (50%). The top ten videos will then be placed online and students will vote for their favorite.

Participants must be U.S. high school students who plan to apply for 2012 or 2013 college admission to a U.S. two-year or four-year institution.

The ACT is a curriculum-based college achievement test. It measures what students have actually learned in school. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities across the country.

Video entries of three minutes or less will be accepted between now and Sept. 11. Winners will be announced by Oct. 10.

For more information, visit act-student.org/videocontest.

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Education

Shawsheen takes extra kids amid concerns of its closing

Bancroft, High Plain, Sanborn schools sending late registrations to choice school

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Word of Shawsheen School closing in a few years has sparked a low-enrollment problem for the school's incoming kindergarten class. But for three Andover elementary schools, that's exactly what was needed to help them keep their kindergarten class sizes at preferred levels.

Parents filing late registrations for their kindergarten-aged children at three public schools — Bancroft, High Plain and Sanborn elementary schools — are being referred to Shawsheen School, a choice

school for grades K-2 that also houses a significant portion of Andover's pre-kindergarten student population.

"It's nice, because I have two half-day kindergartens and some of the schools only have one," said Moira O'Brien, Shawsheen School principal. "If they're feeling like they're full, they're sending them over here."

This development follows previous concerns that enrollments would be low at the school. Earlier in the year, the school reported that it had significantly fewer enrollments than it usual at that time of the year, likely caused by the news that a

new Bancroft Elementary School is being built and, eventually, is expected to cause the closing of the school.

"I just had a lady email me and say she bought a house, and that the lady who sold them the house said we are closing at the end of the year," O'Brien said.

With the new Bancroft Elementary School not expected to carry its full 680-student capacity until the 2014-15 academic school year, any student coming into the school this year would complete all three years of school at Shawsheen.

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New students are being assigned to Shawsheen School, a choice K-2 school.

FILE PHOTO

Dragon's Lair set to crumble

Bancroft construction will require popular playground be destroyed

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Dragon's Lair 2000, a popular playground in front of Bancroft Elementary School, will be torn down when construction starts on a new Bancroft Elementary School next year.

The playground, which was built in 2000 by volunteers who were replacing the original Dragon's Lair following concerns about the safety of the old playground, sits right inside the footprint of the soon to be created building. The only available option to save the playground — picking it up and moving it to a new location — wasn't economically feasible, Bancroft Principal Francine Goldstein said. Relocating the playground would cost tens of thousands of dollars, she said.

"We tried," Goldstein said. "It was very expensive, as it turned out, to move it, and there is also the risk that we could move it and it would lose code." That would close the playground and require that it be brought up to current building codes before it could be used again.

Plans are in the works to replace the playground with a more mobile play area that will be constructed around the time that Dragon's Lair 2000 goes offline. The parts of this new playground will be moved once the new Bancroft is finished.

"We're going to buy some small pieces of equipment that we're going to be able to reuse as part of the permanent structure [after the school is finished]," Goldstein said.



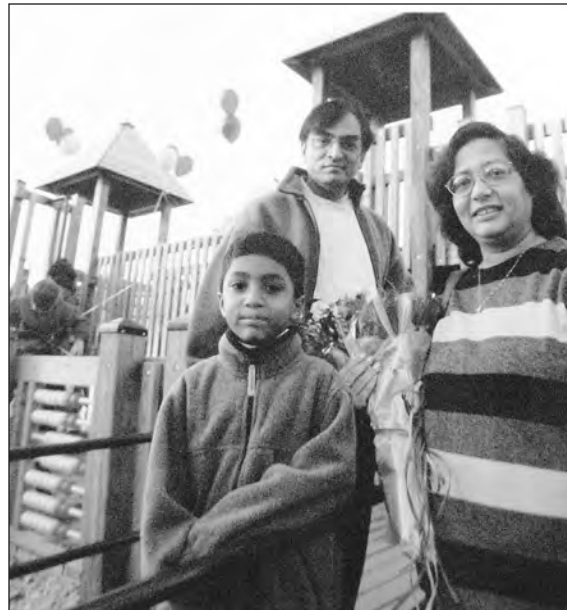
DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

When construction begins on a new Bancroft Elementary School next year, the school's popular Dragon's Lair 2000 will have to be torn down. It is in the building's footprint, and moving it is too great an expense, the school's principal said.

Another playground on the property — the Sandy Goldberg Memorial Playground, located to the far right of the building and dedicated to a beloved Bancroft teacher — will be maintained during construction. The playground currently is used by kindergarten students, Goldstein said.

Dragon's Lair 2000 was dedicated when it was built to Yogan Patel, a Bancroft Elementary School student who died from cancer. Another memorial inside the school's main entrance is dedicated to him as well.

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



Niles Patal, joined by his mother Joshna and father Chiman, stand at one of the entrances of Dragon's Lair 2000 during its opening celebration. The playground was dedicated to Yogan Patel, a Bancroft Elementary School student who passed away. In addition to the playground, a mural inside the main entrance to the school is also dedicated to Yogan.

COURTESY PHOTO

Parade of 15,000 sheep marks youthful dream realized

Ken Seifert



In the fourth grade my magic carpet was the geography book. With each continent I put on my imaginary traveling clothes and ventured to far and different lands. I dreamed some day I would actually be standing where the pictures were taken. In addition, the Oakdale Theater's Saturday and Sunday matinees, at 5 cents a ticket, were my spacecraft in and out of reality.

I remember Lassie, the wonder dog, who could do everything but drive a car. It was years later that I discovered Lassie was six dogs trained to do specific tricks. (I was learning to accept the brutal experiences of growing up.) For some strange reason I was fascinated by hills, sheep and sheep dogs. I guess subconsciously I wanted to become a farmer.

As time passed, much too quickly, I became a teacher and was able to work and visit places that were only pictures in my geography book. When I retired from Andover, my wife Norma and I decided: "Let's take a plane ride to New Zealand." After many days of planning and a 14 hour plane ride from Los Angeles to the other side of the world we arrived in Auckland, New Zealand. (It really is shorter than it sounds. Movies, sleeping, reading, talking and eating consumed most of our time.)

We decided to spend most of the time on the South Island. We were not disappointed. Our experience proved that everything positive they said about New Zealand was true.

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Second workshop gives students lessons in being rock star

Will Scott, Mandy Brady, Jesse Mattison hold Cam Roux. Each participated in the first rock school workshop.

COURTESY PHOTO



Andover's school of rock will have a sequel.

Andover Youth Services and Boston Music Center's Andover studio teamed in July to offer a Youth Rock Workshop. The five-day workshop was successful enough that they've scheduled another workshop for the end of August.

"The kids had a wonderful time and their parents were amazed at what they'd been able to accomplish in just five days," said Bill Fahey, director of Andover Youth Services. "On Friday night the kids put on a show, playing songs they'd chosen and learned during the week."

Clips of the show are available on YouTube, links to the clips can be found on Boston Music Center's website and Facebook page.

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Bill Fahey, director of Andover Youth Services

"Just as we'd hoped, many parents told us that their kids were inspired to restart music studies they had quit due to boredom or frustration with traditional teaching methods. After all, if you can't have fun making music, why bother?" John McElfresh, Andover resident and founder of Boston Music Center, said in a release.

The next workshop will again

be held at Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St. in Andover, starting Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Students can enroll on the Andover Youth Services website at a cost of \$250 for the week. Once again, the workshop will culminate in a performance by the students. Residents are welcome to attend the show, scheduled for Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at Free Christian Church. Admission is free.

Tuition from each of the workshops is shared with Andover Youth Services. "Our partnership with Boston Music Center has started strong. We appreciate Free Christian Church allowing us to use their facilities to provide this opportunity for Andover youth. We hope someday to hold our own Youth Center in our own Youth Center," said Fahey.



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Joel Edelstein, left, stands with Nathaniel Bonilla, an Andover High graduate, Aihua Le and Thao Nguyen, who graduated from Lawrence High, and Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein after the awarding of the annual Daniel A. Edelstein Scholarship Fund at Temple Emanuel in Andover. Edelstein established the fund in 1995 in memory of his son who passed away in the midst of his college years. Each student received \$3,000 to be distributed over a four-year period.

Daniel Edelstein scholarship now benefits AHS grads

Nathaniel Bonilla has become the first Andover High graduate to receive a \$3,000 Daniel Edelstein scholarship.

The Daniel Edelstein Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 as a continuing memorial to Andover resident Daniel Edelstein who died in the midst of his college years. It was intended to provide financial assistance to worthy, college-bound high school seniors from Lawrence, according to his father.

Edelstein was president of his Andover High School senior class and a member of the National Honor Society. He

enjoyed a wide range of friends and interests. The fund selection committee, reflecting on the reality that Andover too, has college bound students in need of help to meet college costs, has elected to include Andover applicants this year.

Andover's Bonilla will receive a \$3,000 prize in four annual segments. Two equal awards will be made to Aihua Le and Thao Duy Thi Nguven, both from Lawrence High. Award size has grown from a single prize of \$500 in 1996 to the current three awards of \$3,000 each.

Bonilla was a member of the Andover High football team and

worked as a supermarket produce clerk and Woburn Little League umpire. He had previously attended Woburn schools before coming to Andover.

The fund is based in Temple Emanuel of Andover, a 501-C-3 organization. Contributions to the "Daniel, Edelstein Fund" are invited, are tax deductible and used exclusively for awards.

The seven member selection committee consists of local professionals including a school financial aid administrator, teacher, doctor, engineer, author, literary editor, and a member of the clergy.

SEIFERT: Youthful dream realized

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One afternoon as we drove into the main road in a small South Island town we were hit with our first New Zealand "traffic jam." Hundreds of sheep were parading down Main Street. We got out of the car to witness this display of animals. We were astonished to see one shepherd, one dog and one thousand sheep go from one end of the town to the next in less than ten minutes. It was more orderly than going through Andover on a Friday night. They went to the loading pens in the railroad depot just on the edge of town. That night we witnessed 15,000 sheep parading, without commotion, their journey through town and on to the stockyard for the next day's auction. By the time the sun set all was quiet as we ate dinner at a peaceful restaurant on Main Street. You would never have guessed what had transpired in those eight hours unless you were there to see it. That scene is etched in our minds forever.

On another occasion, while staying at a bed and breakfast farm, the host asked us if we ever saw sheep dogs working in a field. We said no! The next morning, bright and early, we were privileged to see a shepherd, two dogs and a couple thousand sheep moved from

one field to the next. The owner told us there are two kinds of dogs used when moving large numbers of sheep. One is trained to scatter and the other trained to gather. Each dog can do both but specially trained for a specific purpose. These dogs are extensively used on stations. They are the biggest ranches and cover thousands of acres.

This well trained team moved the flock for a great distance expanding and contracting as the progressed. Strays were immediately rounded and chased back to the fold. As the last sheep was chased into the new field and the gate closed the dogs waited for the next command. The master praised them for a job well done and sent them on their way back to the farmhouse. As they frolicked back they knew they had done their job. We thanked our hosts and placed another live memory in our golden chest of diamonds in life.

A day or two before we were to fly home we took a drive in the countryside and stopped for a moment. We saw this sheep farmer and his dog going to the mail box a few yards from us. Like most Kiwis he was very friendly and we talked about life on his farm. Norma reached over to pet the dog and the farmer quickly told her,

"Ma'am, don't touch the dog!" He then directed the dog to go back to the farmhouse. The dog calmly turned around and pranced back to the house. He was not an abused dog. The man apologized for his quick reprimand and told us he is the only person who rewards and punishes his dog. They spend so much time together in the fields they have a code where each will help one another and no one is to go between them. He said too many master's confuses and spoils the dog. Some dog lovers may disagree with him but he felt they needed to maintain an environment where there was mutual love and respect. Norma completely understood and assured the gent he was right.

We remember many things about our times in New Zealand. It is one of the finest places on this earth to live or visit. It is obvious a dog is man's best friend. He is also essential if you want to raise a lot of sheep! No human being can do what a sheep dog can! I now have an even greater appreciation for hills, sheep, sheep dogs and those friendly Kiwis.

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

SHAWSHEEN: No extra charge for school bus

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The town is not expecting to redistrict until the students have left Shawsheen School anyway.

Taking on other school's late registrations is helping fill those low-enrolled sections, O'Brien said.

"We bus (students) all over town, so we can take them from any town school," O'Brien said. "We've always taken kids from the other schools, because we're the choice school."

Francine Goldstein, Bancroft

Elementary School principal, said sending students to Shawsheen helps balance new enrollments throughout the town.

"We're trying to keep the kindergarten numbers at reasonable numbers," Goldstein said. "So in order to do that, if our numbers are getting high, we suggest to some parents that they go to Shawsheen because they have room."

Elementary school-age students who come from one area of town and are transported to another school, specifically

Shawsheen School, are not charged anything extra for transportation so long as they're in the elementary school system, O'Brien said.

"That's the way it is in most districts. You go where there is room," O'Brien said. "It's not a new idea. You have got to level the classes to keep the classes as small as possible."

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email aluca@andover-townsman.com.

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 to 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.

Graduate of University of Rochester

Benjamin Eaton Elowe, a resident of Andover, graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Rochester during the school's

161st commencement.

Elowe is the son of Brian and Liz Elowe, and a graduate of Lawrence Academy at Groton in Groton, Mass.

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National history: How Andover dynamo has made it this far

By JEFF HAMRICK
STAFF WRITER

The thrills the Andover National All Stars Little League team has racked up during its run to the New England Region championship surely will make for a fascinating highlight reel. The players on this team earned the accolades that have come their way while winning 15 of the 16 games they played heading into Bristol, Conn. for the New England showdown. And Paul Finn's 12-player team continues to make the most of its opportunities. After dropping the opener to Rhode Island in the New England regional, the Nationals have all but assured themselves a semifinal spot with convincing victories over Vermont and Maine.

The win over Vermont was a result of a spectacular offense that put up 17 runs, while the victory over Maine came via a solid outing by starting pitcher Michael Reilly, who was backed ably by a tremendous defense.

The schedule has not allowed for much time off, but being on the diamond turns out to be what turns on these 12- and 13-year-olds.

"We all love baseball, so we don't really mind if we get any days off or not," Reilly said. "We just love to practice and play."

Following are some highlights of the preceding month, the reason the Nationals are in position to battle, after Townsman deadline this week, for the New England title in semifinal game on NESN and then, if they win, in the New England Region championship game on ESPN2:

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

It was an inauspicious start to Andover's tournament play when the Nationals squeaked past North Andover West 1-0. But they quickly found their balance, winning the next four games by a combined 50-14, earning a berth in the District 14 championship best-of-three series against their American rivals from Andover.

ON THE VERGE OF ELIMINATION

The opening game of the district tournament could have been the start of the end for the Nationals, who had a roller-coaster night of emotions at Deymond Park.

They appeared in control with a 7-5 lead entering the sixth and final inning against the Americans. A three-run home run by Logan Bravo followed by a two-run blast from Cam Schmitt three batters later, however, proved crushing as the Nationals lost for the first time in an 11-8 decision.

CLINGING TO LIFE

The Nationals rebounded from their first defeat with a late-inning rally of their own the following night, breaking a 3-3 tie with a seven-run fifth inning en route to a 10-3 victory over the Americans.

In the game the Nationals fell behind 2-0 but Daniel Walsh, who has played sterling shortstop throughout the tournament, hit his first career home run, and Andrew Selima followed with his seventh homer in seven games. The winning rally saw hits by Nate Abbott, Timmy Kalantzakos, Walsh and Selima.

"We knew it was coming because we have one big inning every game," said Cedric Gillette, who earned the win with 5 2/3 innings of solid pitching. "We knew the offense was going to come through."

The win evened the District 14 championship series at a game apiece, forcing a one-game showdown.

ADVANCING WITH OFFENSE

The climatic encounter with the Americans turned into a slugfest. The Nationals opened a 6-1 lead in the second only to see the American's rally to tie with five runs in the bottom of the frame. But the Nationals added four more in both the third and sixth innings before holding off a final American surge for a 14-10 victory.

"For the last couple years, we knew we were going to have a good district team," Gillette said. "And this is as good as we thought we were going to be. We all have high hopes, and we're hot. We're just hoping to keep it up."

The first three hitters in the National lineup - Nate O'Neil, Walsh and Selima combined to go 10 for 14 with eight runs and 11 RBIs. Both Walsh and Selima bashed three-run homers while Michael Reilly threw 2 1/3 innings of two-hit relief.

While the Americans handed the Nationals the only loss they would suffer until regional



The Andover Nationals pile on Andrew Selima, center bottom, after the final out of their Little League state championship win over Braintree on July 31. The team takes pride in all aspects of the game including...



PITCHING: Cedric Gillette follows through.



FIELDING: Jack Finn tracks a fly ball in a game earlier this summer.



HITTING: Daniel Walsh rounds the bases after hitting a home run in the district championship game.

action, the three-game set might have provided the motivation for what proved to be a remarkable run.

"It's been a great tournament for us," National manager Paul

Finn said during sectional play. "The only team that beat us was our own American League team. And I have to give them a lot of credit for helping get us here, for toughening us up. I thought they would be the toughest team we played in this tournament, and they were. Without their help and support we wouldn't be here today."

BREEZING THROUGH SECTIONALS

If there were doubts, the Nationals belonged on a bigger stage they were shattered during a four-game rout of Section 4 opponents in Tewksbury.

Andover defeated teams from Stoneham, Danvers and Peabody by a combined 62-15, while going 57 for 110 (.518) with 19 homers at the plate. Some of the more noteworthy

performances were Selima, who went 12 for 14 (.857) with nine runs, 10 RBI and four homers; Gillette, who was 8 for 11 (.727) with nine runs and nine RBIs; Walsh, who went 9 for 12 (.750) with eight runs and eight RBIs; and Reilly, who was 7 for 10 with 10 runs and nine RBIs.

"I knew we were capable of this," Finn said. "I coached this team two years ago and we had four or five guys on this team who could hit home runs. So in two years, we have a group of 12 kids who can all put the ball out of the park."

SWEEPING STATE

While the Nationals weren't quite as dominant at state, they won all four games by a combined 36-17, including a 7-6 victory over Braintree for the Massachusetts title.

Andover also proved it had the toughness to come from behind

against quality opponents, rallying from a 5-1, fourth-inning deficit in a 9-7 victory over Wellesley in the opener. In the championship game, the Nationals trailed Braintree 5-2 in the fourth, but a grand slam by Dan Gemmill provided a 6-2 lead and a solo shot by Selima in the sixth proved to be the game winner.

IMPRESSING THE MANAGER

Finn counts himself lucky to be leading this special group, and with the kind of fireworks the Nationals supply with bats in their hands might prove to be enough for one final trip. A journey to Williamsport, Pa., and the Little League World Series.

"It's just a great hitting team," Finn said. "It's a very talented group of players, who have dedicated themselves to be the best at this sport. It's just a great achievement for them."

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Sports

Semifinal showdown today for Nationals

Back-to-back wins over Maine, Vermont punch ticket to elimination round

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to back-to-back wins Monday and Tuesday, the Andover National All-Stars Little League team has punched its ticket to the New England Region semifinals. Now, it needs to win two games to board a bus for Williamsport, Pa., and become only the second Andover team to play in the internationally revered Little League World Series.

By Tuesday night, Team Manager Paul Finn already had his eye on the semifinal prize, even though his team was set to play a Goffstown, N.H., team the next morning that, at that point, had gone undefeated in the tournament.

"We're lining up our pitching to be ready for Thursday (today) and ready for Saturday," Finn said. "Those are our two goals. We look forward to playing Connecticut and New Hampshire."

At each of the games, there has been a lot of hometown support, Finn said, and it has helped the boys to see a bit of Andover so far away from home.

"It has been great," Finn said. But at the same time, friends and family haven't been the only people putting in for extended time off to be with the Nationals on the road. "My coaching staff has given up their whole summer for 250 batting practice swings and 150 practice throws today. What they are doing is above and beyond everything that we have expected," he said.

Not that any of them would change this for the world.

"It is a lot of work, but we are having a blast," Finn said. "Those kids care so much about the game. They're cool, calm and collected."

As of Tuesday evening, the top four positions in the New England tournament were held by the Nationals (2-1) and the championship teams from New Hampshire (3-0), Connecticut (3-1) and Rhode Island (1-2). The other two teams in the tournament, Maine (1-3) and Vermont (0-3), both faced elimination heading into Wednesday's final round of games.

Here's how Andover Nationals made the semifinals:

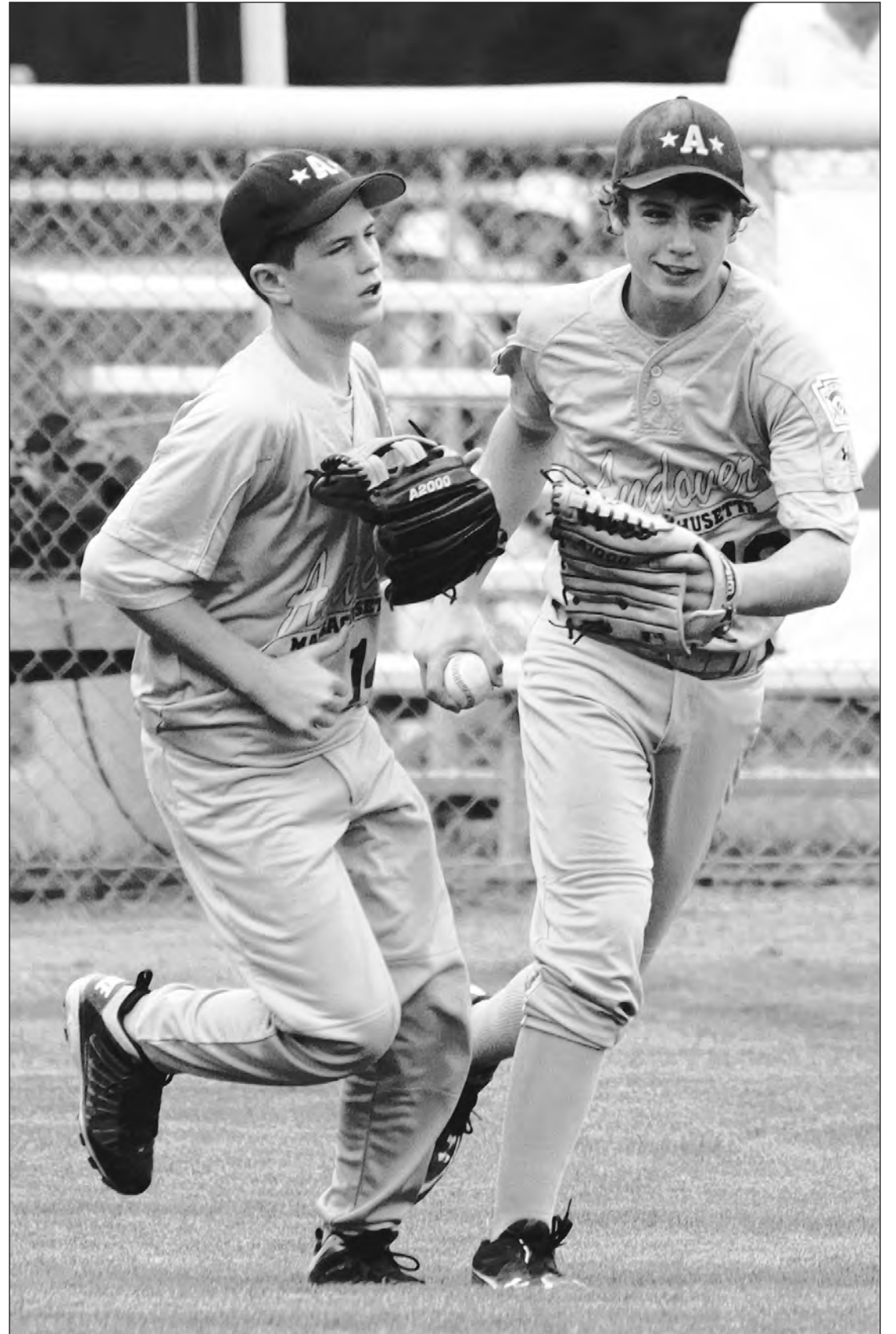


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Andover Nationals pitcher Michael Reilly pitches during their game against Maine on Tuesday, at the Little League Eastern Playoff in Bristol, Conn. The win clinched a spot in one of the semifinal games to be televised today, Thursday, on NESN.



Nationals manager Paul Finn acknowledges the crowd prior to the start of his team's game against Maine.



Michael Reilly and Andrew Selima celebrate in the outfield after the team recorded the final out during their game against Maine on Tuesday.



Andover's pitching was strong in Game 1 against Rhode Island, giving up only three hits. But Andover still lost the opener 5-3. Above, Andover Nationals starting pitcher Cedric Gillette lets a pitch fly.



The Andover Nationals came roaring back in their second game, against Vermont, crushing their opponents 17-1. Above, Mike Reilly launches a grand slam.



Andover Nationals player Andrew Selima, right, is congratulated by on deck batter Cedric Gillette after scoring one of the team's five runs during its victory over Maine.

Game 3

Reilly earned the 5-3 win over Maine, going 4 2/3 innings while holding Maine to three runs on four hits and three walks. He struck out five batters.

Conte earned the save, getting the final batter of the game to fly out. Conte also stroked a two-run single.

Daniel Walsh played incredible defense at shortstop and went 2 for 3 with one run scored. Reilly and Dan Gemmill each knocked in a run, in the game that sent the Andover Nationals to the New England Region semifinals.

Game 4

The team was scheduled to face New Hampshire on Wednesday, after Townsman presstime. The results of Wednesday's games were expected to affect the seeding of teams, but Andover was already guaranteed a place in one of the semifinal games.

Game 1

Pitching dominated the opening game in the tournament pool, as two teams averaging 23 runs per game between them scored only eight runs in six innings, with Rhode Island coming out on top 5-3.

The Nationals' first game away from home didn't go as well as games in their home state did, but there were still some shining moments.

The team took an early lead with a two-run double from Cedric Gillette. Rhode Island answered in the bottom of the first, however, with two runs of their own.

In the third, Andrew Selima gave the Nationals a 3-2 lead with a solo home run. That lead vanished when Rhode Island brought in three runs in the bottom of the fifth.

"I think there was a little rust," Finn said after the game. "It's been almost a week since we played, so that may have played into it a little bit. But you have to give Cumberland all the credit in the world. He waited around a little to play this first game, but we'll be ready for the next one."

Game 2

Finn's words proved accurate, as his team's bats came alive in Monday's game against Vermont. The Nationals took a quick 12-0 lead with a 10-run third inning. The game ended by mercy rule in the fourth, with a final score of 17-1.

A third-inning first-pitch fast-ball turned into a grand slam for Michael Reilly, who went 2 for 3 and brought in six RBI in the game. Sam Conte also hit a homer for the Nationals, and brought four runs across the plate.

Over the game's four innings, the Nationals' put four pitchers on the mound: Selima, Reilly, Timmy Kalantzakos and Conte. "We had everybody go 20 (pitches)," Finn said. "We wanted everybody available. We wanted a lot of flexibility going into the next few days."

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LEFT: A parent high-fives team member Tim Kalantzakos as he heads to the bus for Bristol after the Town Offices sendoff.

RIGHT: A crowd of parents, friends and well-wishers gathered at Town Offices to see the team off last Thursday, Aug. 4.
PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos

Andover shows big support for Little League champs

Nearly 150 people gathered last Thursday to give the Andover National All-Stars Little League team an enthusiastic send-off, before they headed to Bristol, Conn. to compete in the New England Region championship.

Members of the team wore "15=1" T-shirts, to show that the 15 individuals are all part of one team. Coaches and other residents offered encouragement and advice before the team boarded the bus.

Parents, siblings and some additional fans have also made the trip to Bristol to cheer on the team. Back home, the Nationals remained on the minds of many people, as is evident by the support shown by local businesses on these pages. Many homes were tuned to NESN on Tuesday morning to see the Nationals play Maine, a game they won 5-3.



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After arriving in Bristol, Dan Gemell may have gained even more fans, launching this home run in a 17-1 rout of Vermont.

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Opinion

Andover home prices stable

The price of homes has been dropping for several years almost everywhere. Andover is no exception.

But can Andover residents find any silver linings, however slim? A few.

The median single family home price in Andover is still higher in 2011 than it was in 2003. So those who have been in their home a while have still seen a gain. Prices also seem to have virtually stabilized, looking at the last full years available, 2008 to 2010. (Median home sale prices did still face a slight downward trend at \$529,900 in 2008, \$525,000 in 2009 and \$521,500 in 2010.)

Andover real estate agents, of course, say 01810 is still a sought-after zip code. Over the past decade Andover homes are said to have held their value better than in the rest of the Merrimack Valley as a whole. Andover condominium prices are doing quite well.

Given the state of the stock market, the average Andover residents can at least take some solice in the fact that their greatest investments - their homes - seem to be holding their values better than homes in many other communities.

Settlement shows power of whistle-blowers

It was a little over a decade ago that the state conducted a study in Andover because of the high rate of different cancers found in people here. Some residents at the time were concerned that the number of incinerators in the area might be to blame. The state found no link between the incinerators and the cancers. In fact, they found no cause and effect at all, noting that there was no significant cluster of the same cancer found anywhere in town. But, science to the contrary, some people remain skeptical about the effects of certain businesses, like incinerators.

A \$7.5 million settlement agreed to by waste incinerator operator Wheelabrator Technologies shows just how expensive it can be when employees blow the whistle on improper operations by such businesses. Wheelabrator agreed to settle a lawsuit over the company's handling of ash that results from the burning of waste. Three whistle-blowers, who shared \$1 million of that payout, were represented by former Andover and now Beverly attorney Jan Schichtmann, noted for his pursuit of two Woburn companies depicted in the book and film "A Civil Action." We suspect that a desire to avoid having the issue play out in public over a course of several years played a role in Wheelabrator's decision to settle. A spokesman said the company, which operates incinerators in North Andover, Millbury and Saugus, settled the case to avoid years of costly litigation. Wheelabrator admitted no wrongdoing.

The whistle-blowers alleged that Wheelabrator was allowing ash to escape into the environment through holes in the roofs of its storage buildings. Wastewater from the ash was also seeping into surrounding wetlands. The ash contains toxic levels of lead, mercury and other metals.

Inspectors from the state found that the ash and wastewater were indeed escaping into the environment. But both state and local officials said public health was not threatened. Still, Wheelabrator agreed to a \$7.5 million settlement. It's a lesson in the importance of environmental safety - and the court of public opinion.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you own a home, and do you expect to purchase a new home in the next ten years?

- I do not own a home, and I do not expect to purchase one anytime soon.
- I do not own a home, and I'm not sure when I'll buy a new one.
- I do not own a home, but I expect to buy one soon.
- I do own a home, but I do not expect to purchase a new one anytime soon.
- I do own a home, and I'm not sure when I'll move into a new one.
- I do own a home, and I expect to sell my current home and buy a new one soon.
- I am not old enough to own a home.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's question was "Do you approve of the system selectmen now use to grade the town manager's performance?" (They set goals and base his raise on the number

of goals he meets.)" With 30 people responding, 19 voters said they don't agree with the current way of grading Stapczynski's work in town. Only eight people said they agree with the process.

The answers were:
 ■ No, because it doesn't identify other issues that should be addressed: 11 votes, 36.67 percent
 ■ No, because the goals pointed out are not relevant or helpful for Andover taxpayers: 7 votes, 23.33 percent
 ■ Yes, it ensures that specific town needs are met: 5 votes, 16.67 percent
 ■ Yes, because it is based on yes-or-no answers, not a subjective one-to-five scale: 3 votes, 10 percent
 ■ Other: 2 votes, 6.67 percent

■ No, for other reasons: 1 vote, 3.33 percent
 ■ I do not know enough to decide, or I don't feel it impacts me: 1 vote, 3.33 percent
 ■ Yes, but for other reasons: 0 votes, 0 percent

CAT'S MEOW



Sadie Bernardin, 2, had her face decorated as a cat during the Halloween in August event held at the Park. More photos, Page 15.

Week at student trooper program best of her young life

Lauren LeBlanc

Andover High Senior

Nervous as can be, I entered the Massachusetts Student Trooper Program at the State Police Academy in New Braintree on July 25. I did not know then how this opportunity would change my life.

My mentor in the Andover High School Career Mentoring Program, Officer David Milne, made me aware of this program. After applying and interviewing with a representative from the American Legion, I learned that not only was I accepted into the program, but that the American Legion was sponsoring me.

Before our parents left us at the academy early that Monday morning, the state troopers addressed them. They told them that the Student Trooper Program is not a camp. They are not camp counselors, but are professional state trooper trainers. They told them there would be "no kayaking or pony riding" that week. They also said that of the 100 students who had been accepted into the program, 95 students showed up that morning, and that not all 95 would graduate on Friday.

The first day was by far the hardest mentally. The drill instructors were in our faces teaching us to be disciplined and to always pay attention to detail. We walked in a straight formation and carried our heavy suitcases to the gym. Before we knew it, we were holding the heaviest pairs of socks and shirts, because we had to continuously unpack and re-pack our bags in 15 seconds or less. They inspected the items we packed to make sure we followed the packing instructions they had sent to us.

I cringed when they found some make-up in my bag. Three troopers screamed at me from all angles and called me "Lady Gaga," a nickname that continued when they found that some of my shirts had designs on them and the in-seam on my shorts



COURTESY PHOTO

Rising Andover High senior Lauren LeBlanc poses with her drill sergeant Trooper Dana Lavigne at the end of Lauren's training.

was only four inches instead of seven. They also found a pill in my bag and immediately called the medic over. The drill sergeants screamed at me and asked me why I needed that pill. I didn't know anything about the pill. (My dad had used the same bag on a trip and it was a pill for stomach upset that he had packed!) Another student in the program brought her teddy bear, a decision I know she regretted!

If you dared to look the drill sergeants in the eyes they called you a "screwball" or "knucklehead." When we addressed the troopers, our greeting always began or ended with "sir" or "ma'am." Although the first day was draining, the instructors taught us lessons they learned at the academy: pay attention to detail, never get distracted, and stay strong.

Throughout the week we memorized and recited two important police codes multiple times each morning and evening. One was called the "Honor Code" and the other was called "Discipline". The Honor Code was: "Sir/Ma'am, student troopers are persons of integrity. They do not lie, cheat, or steal nor tolerate those that

do, Sir/Ma'am." The Discipline Code was: "Sir/Ma'am, discipline is the instant willingness to obey orders, respect for authority and self reliance, Sir/Ma'am". If the platoon didn't say the code in absolute unison, you had to keep reciting it.

As the week progressed we participated in physical training and actual police training. We drove police cars at high speeds around obstacle courses. At the high and low ropes courses - by far the hardest courses I have ever done - we learned how to work together. Special units from the State Police told us about their important jobs. Presentations ranged from the canine unit, S.T.O.P. (the state police S.W.A.T. team), CSI, state police helicopter, bullying, law, and computer safety.

Although we all missed our families, friends and especially our cell phones, the last day of the program was a sad day for all of us. There were 89 of us at the graduation ceremony on Friday (yes, six kids dropped out). Of course all of us student troopers had to stand for the duration of the ceremony and not move an inch! We stood in

the "position of attention" or "parade rest" for over an hour. In the "position of attention" we stood with our hands in a fist by our side, our backs straight and our feet turned out with our heels together. In "parade rest" we stood with our hands clasped together behind our backs, our shoulders back and our feet shoulder width apart. We were all in unison as we went from position to position and received our diplomas.

During our graduation ceremony we learned about a student trooper who had attended this program five years ago. He entered the military after graduating from high school and died in Afghanistan recently at age 22. He sacrificed his life in an explosion and saved the lives of many of his fellow troopers. He didn't back down in his duty even though it meant his death. His father was at our graduation and his speech touched not only our hearts but also everyone else's in the room. It made me realize how much risk law enforcers and those in the armed forces take on. After the ceremony was over and we could relax our positions, I broke down and cried.

I realized through my tears how much I learned in this program and how much all the friends I made meant to me. Although I won't miss waking up at 5 a.m. and precisely making my "rack" (bed), and screaming the Honor and Discipline Codes, I will miss so much about this experience. Every person I met changed the way I look at my life and gave me a stronger idea of who I am, what I am capable of, and what jobs I might want to explore. My respect and admiration for law enforcers and the military is now deeply ingrained.

After the graduation, my drill sergeant, Dana Lavigne, told me she was very proud that I stuck it out. She said it is a difficult thing to throw yourself into a program not knowing what you might face, and not giving up when faced with adversity. It was a very challenging week, but it was also one of the best weeks of my life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lyons helped our son get services

Editor, Townsman:

We would like to acknowledge state Rep. James Lyons for his support and advocacy on behalf of a disabled member of our family.

Recently we were informed of a decision by the administration of Mass Health to reduce

certain benefits for our son who is physically disabled. Following this administrative decision to withdraw services, our appeals were unsuccessful and we were facing a potentially disastrous situation. We contacted state representatives and Jim Lyons was swift and generous in his personal response to our need.

He personally contacted the head administrator of the Mass

Health agency and diplomatically pointed out not only our son's eligibility for the disputed benefit, but also the long term cost savings of the approach which we had been recommending. His advocacy was instrumental in having the original decision reversed and this has led to a more efficient and effective delivery of services for our son.

We are grateful to Lyons for

his gracious and heartfelt advocacy on behalf of our son. He has taken the time and made the effort to get to know our son and he continues to this day to check in and offer his kindness and encouragement. This type of personal responsiveness is refreshing and exactly what we need from our elected officials.

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TOWN TALK

Woman at center of Kartell trial dies

Suzan Kamm, remembered by those closest to her as a cutting edge psychiatric social worker who helped those around her, has died at age 69. Many members of the public remember her as the Andover woman at the center of a high profile shooting death in town.

Twelve years ago (Feb. 23, 1999), Suzan Kamm, was in Holy Family Hospital in Methuen recovering from pneumonia. Her then estranged husband, plastic surgeon James Kartell of Andover, arrived and found her boyfriend, Janos Vajda, visiting Kamm. The two men began arguing and fighting. Kartell shot Vajda in the stomach. Vajda collapsed and Kartell shot him a second time in the head. Vajda died of his injuries and Kartell later was convicted of voluntary manslaughter. Kamm did not testify at the trial.

Kartell served eight years in prison, was released and has tried to have his license to practice medicine restored in New Hampshire.

Dr. Kamm, 69, earned her master's degree and doctorate in psychiatric social work from Smith College School of Social Work. She treated numerous children and adults in her 48-year career in social work. She graduated from law school in 2004, when she was 62. She died peacefully in her sleep after an extended battle with cancer, according to her obituary.

- Judy Wakefield

Selectmen's goals discussion not televised

Selectmen discussed possible goals for the coming year, but residents had to attend the meeting to hear the discussion, as it was not televised.

This week's meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in a conference room at the Water Treatment Plant, 397 Lowell St., where no uplink to Andover's local access channels is available.

Also on the agenda to be discussed was a review of Town Manager Stapczynski and whether he had achieved the 2011 benchmarks



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Madeleine Corliss, as Velma Von Tussie, and Andover Selectman Brian Major as Mr. Harrman Spritzer strike a pose during a rehearsal for Hairspray at the Collins Center for Performing Arts at Andover High School.

necessary to earn a raise. The item was moved to the next meeting, Aug. 22, because one selectman — Ted Teichert — was not present.

Selectmen held the meeting at the plant was because it has a room that board Chairman Brian Major said creates "an open

thought process" that he believes is a catalyst for the meeting's opening work session on goals for the coming year.

"Throughout the last six-plus years, we've held our brainstorming sessions over here," Major said. "The idea surrounds getting outside of the usual selectmen meeting room, open[ing] up the brain and get[ting] people to a lot more of a relaxed environment."

The review of Stapczynski was scheduled because the discussion of the future goals was also on the agenda, so it made sense to pair the two in one meeting, he said. Holding the meeting in a location where it would not be televised was not an attempt to hide the meeting, and Stapczynski's review, from the public, Major said.

"I'd like everything to be on TV, and that would make sense to be on TV," he said.

- Dustin Luca

Pasquale said he enjoyed the performance.

"Listen, I've never been to any meetings where I stood up and clapped for you. But I clapped for you that night," Pasquale said.

- Dustin Luca

High tea & hook shots

The Andover Historical Society invites residents to spend the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 17 with Society President and avid golfer Doug Mitchell as he discusses Andover's early and recent golfing history. The free event called "High Tea & History: Golfing in Andover" will start at 2 p.m. in the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. RSVP at 978-475-2236.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Younger residents and their parents may be interested in visiting the Andover Historical Society the next day, Thursday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to "bring your favorite animal for a morning picnic with teddy-themed stories, crafts and snacks." The cost is \$7 per child, \$5 per adult.

Two more concerts in Park to enjoy

The Free Park Concert Series will continue next week with the Essex Jazz Ensemble on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.

The Essex Jazz Ensemble features classical composer and jazz pianist Tom McKinley, bassist Justin Purtil, jazz drummer Joe Hunt and ECMP Artistic Director and flutist Michael Finegold. Selections will include "Only Have Eyes for You," "Artistry In Rhythm," "Cantaloupe Island," "No 371," "Yesterdays," "Brazil," Chopin's "Prelude in A Major," "Spring Is Here," "Waltz," "Slow-Burn," "Song is You," Beatles' "And I Love Her," "Funk-Rock Thing" and more.

The last concert of the season will be a make-up performance on Wednesday, Aug. 24 of Four Guys in Tuxes for an earlier rain cancellation.

All concerts are in the Park at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets. Bring chairs and a picnic, if desired. The rain date is Thursday, Aug. 18, at same time.

Major applause... but only for his acting?

During Monday's Board of Selectmen meeting, at a moment when residents are able to speak to the board directly, Whittier Street resident John Pasquale stood and praised board Chairman Brian Major for his performance of Harman Spritzer in the musical Hairspray, put on last weekend by the Andover Summer Theatre Ensemble.

Author's 'Undone' is done

Since becoming a full-time author in 2008, Kat Brooks, known as K.S. Brooks to readers, has released children's books Postcards from Mr. Pish, and The Mighty Oak and Me; the suspense/romance novel The Kiss of Night; and the action-adventure thriller Lust for Danger.

Now Cambridge Books, a division of Write Words Inc., has released Night Undone, a new suspense novel by Brooks. It is available in print and electronically through Amazon.com and other online venues. In Night Undone, former Special Agent Kathrin Night and her partner, Russian FSB Agent Aleksey Khovechkin, travel to the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics where they hope to thwart terrorists plotting to disrupt the Games.

"I went to Vancouver to see an Olympic hockey game," Brooks said in a release. "I'd never experienced an Olympic event before, and it was awe-inspiring, for certain. I knew immediately this was something I wanted to write about." Brooks graduated from Andover High School in 1981.

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Hey, Grammy, look!



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Visiting his grandparents Nancy and Douglas Cornell of Andover, Ethan Buttner, 3, chooses to stand as he watches the performance of "Strega Nona" in Haverhill.

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100 Years Ago Aug. 11, 1911

About 100 local Knights of Columbus attended the monster outing held Saturday at Canobie Lake Park by the Merrimack Valley councils of that order.

The day was very enjoyably spent in sports and other recreations.

Jerry Fitzgerald, coachman for Curran and Joyce, has moved his house from its former site near the river to this newly purchased lot of land on Walnut avenue.

William Jewett Jr., well known here, is at work his book of experiences in his recent trip to Europe.

He went as a cattle man to get a true and complete insight into the lives of the crews of an ocean liner.

75 Years Ago Aug. 7, 1936

A drop from 101 to 77 in the local W.P.A. quota has put a number of local men who had been employed on government projects out of work and has diminished the number of men working on the individual projects to such an extent that the projects are progressing very slowly. Textile employment has not as yet taken up the slack.

One of the most severe local thunderstorms that Andover has experienced in recent years struck the town about five Tuesday evening, causing one fire, damaging another house, and shattering the flagpole on top of the town hall, in addition to knocking down limbs from several trees.

A monster picnic for all the playground children will be held next Tuesday morning and afternoon at Canobie Lake Park, Salem, N.H. Buses will leave all three playgrounds at ten o'clock and leave the lake on the return trip at about 3:30.

The circus was in town last Friday night, with some 2,000 children and adults flocking to the Central playground to see what Uncle Sam was doing for his unemployed circus performers and to see what the unemployed circus performers could do for them. The circus is a W.P.A. unit.

50 Years Ago Aug. 10, 1961

The De Matteo Construction Co. will receive a double-barreled warning this week from the selectmen. The board agreed Monday night to withhold any more gravel pit permits until the firm has made use of some that have issued for Route 495 construction.

The first lot of real estate tax bills are being mailed this mid-week to all those whose names start with the letter "A".

The bills will be mailed according to the alphabetical format until they are completed. Tax collector James Christie says this should be accomplished within 10 days or two weeks.

Memorial Hall Library has its new microfilm reader in use, enabling users to easily read many old town records now preserved on the film.



Alyssa Solomon has returned from a vegetable-oil-fueled cross-country trip, during which she hopped from restaurant to restaurant in search of waste vegetable oil to power her unusual car. Courtesy photos

Deep-fried dream realized

Andover girl back home after more than 9,000-mile trip fueled by vegetable oil

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Driving a self-converted, vegetable-oil-powered car across the country proved to have its unexpected challenges and unprecedented problems, but for Andover resident Alyssa Solomon, it was a dream come true.

Solomon, an 18-year-old Andover High School graduate and future Environmental Studies scholar at the University of Vermont, took a 1986 Mercedes-Benz 300 SDL she bought with her own life savings and converted it to run on used vegetable grease as part of a senior project. From the beginning, she longed to spend her summer in the car, taking it from coast to coast, she said.

And over the last month and a half, she did exactly that, using only three tanks of diesel fuel to do so.

Her 34-day journey took her and Andover resident Kyle



Among the stops on the trip was Greasebus, a transportation business in Portland, Ore., powered by vegetable oil. Greasebus was founded by Andover native Mike Parziale, who inspired Solomon years ago to convert her own car to run on vegetable oil.

Sauerbrunn from Massachusetts to California and back with summertime to spare. On their journey, they camped in more than a dozen national parks, drove over 9,000 miles

on freely-available, used vegetable grease only — not any kind of gasoline — and spent, between three people in the car, under \$1,000.

"We tried to take all kinds



Solomon looks out on miles and miles of canyons at Canyonlands National Park in Utah, which the travelers drove through on their way to the West Coast.

of back roads to see as much of the old country as we could, instead of the highway," Solomon said. "It was really an accomplishment that we found all that grease. It was an

accomplishment that the car made it."

The trip cost around \$80 per person in diesel gasoline, used

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Make best of a rainy day

While Family Fun Day at Ward reservation was rained out Sunday, the North American Butterfly Association's Vice president-East, Howard Hoople, of Andover, was on hand to give a presentation on butterflies. Adam Rolfs, left, Rachel Kimball and Chris Kimball watch a slide show of Hoople's photography.

JAN SEEGER/Staff photo.

Since frightening diagnosis, man enjoying most fulfilling years

Bill Dalton



I met a man the other day who should be dead. He has metastatic melanoma and is beating the odds.

Melanoma is the worst kind of skin cancer, and if it metastasizes the odds of living five or more years are only 15 to 20 percent; if it metastasizes in two or more organs, life expectancy is measured in months. The man's name is Jonathan Friedlaender, and in December 2007, when his melanoma spread to three organs, including his brain, his oncologist said his life

expectancy was eight months.

Dr. Friedlaender is a pleasant, charismatic man with a knack for listening well and saying interesting things. He looks a decade younger than his age -- he'll be 71 this month -- and that makes sense because his mom lived to be almost 100; but it doesn't make sense for another reason, because he has been fighting a serious disease for 15 years. Although he retired from Temple University seven years ago -- his official title now is "Emeritus Professor of Biological Anthropology" -- he isn't really retired and is writing and publishing more than any time in his life.

A graduate of Harvard, where he also received his doctorate, he went to prep school at Phillips Exeter (class of '58). Recently, the

school magazine, "The Exonian," did an article about him titled "Gene Sleuthing In the South Pacific," and described his work studying the genetics of Melanesian Islands people, descendants of the first "modern humans." (You can find details of his work and publications at friedla.wordpress.com.)

In the Exonian article, he says, "Facing a very uncertain future, being told I had perhaps only months to live, made me focus on what I really wanted to accomplish in whatever time I had left. It's been frightening, but it's also been an incredibly fulfilling time." In an email to me, Dr. Friedlaender credits his wife, Francoise, as the reason he's been so productive in recent years. They met in 2000, four

years after his first melanoma diagnosis, and Dr. Friedlaender said to me: "When I developed metastatic melanoma in 2003, Francoise said, 'Now you should retire,' and I replied, 'Now we should be married,' and soon we were. Since meeting Francoise, I've had by far the happiest and most satisfying decade of my life. My best publications have been during the last few years with her as a co-author."

In addition to his own body's ability to fight a deadly disease, medical trials may have been a factor in Dr. Friedlaender's survival. These trials are the method used by pharmaceutical companies to bring new drugs and medical treatments through the FDA approval process. Many people with serious illness choose to

enter these trials, and Dr. Friedlaender entered four, but only the last one helped. It was for a drug now called "Yervoy" that he took in April 2010. This past March the drug was accepted by the FDA for use by people with advanced melanoma who do not respond to other melanoma treatments. In the trial patients lived, on average, 10 months as opposed to 6.5 months for patients not taking the drug. Although you might think that 3.5 months isn't much, it is for a person who has that additional time, and "on average" means that some patients do better, even much better, than average, as Dr. Friedlaender proves.

Whatever is going on with him is something good and unusual because it has been over three years since his oncologist said he

had a median likelihood of living 8 months. What is particularly wonderful is that he is using the time to continue his life's work, "gene sleuthing," while he's also spending time at the FDA serving as a patient advocate for all other people with advanced melanoma. There are other melanoma drugs in the pipeline, and he is helping to move them along.

Whatever time he has left, Dr. Friedlaender is making the most of it and has never been happier, because of Francoise. Jonathan Friedlaender has given me a broader perspective about the importance of time and how we use it.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. His email address is billdalton@andovertownie.com.



Alyssa Solomon and Kyle Sauerbrunn finally back at home in Andover.

Courtesy photo/Alyssa Solomon

TRIP: Making it coast-to-coast on 350 gallons of grease

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when veggie grease was in short supply. By the end of it, Solomon said she likely used around 350 gallons of the thick, french fry-filled liquid.

Hardened grease was caked down the back of her car, which emitted exhaust that smelled like a fast-food restaurant everywhere they went. But by the time they returned to Massachusetts, nobody seemed to notice the smell.

"On the highway, the exhaust blows past fast enough that you don't smell it. But stopping at stop lights or stop signs, you can definitely smell it," she said. "I think we've gotten so used to it that the smell didn't bother us."

She, Sauerbrunn and a friend of Sauerbrunn's named Thomas Herrick, who met them in Tennessee and joined them on most of their journey, encountered their fair share of "characters": people of impressive, maybe terrifying in some cases, composition and manner.

But the trip almost didn't happen. The journey was almost cut short six hours after it began when Solomon and Sauerbrunn, driving through Pennsylvania, noticed coolant and vegetable oil leaking all over the trunk space of the car, where the vehicle's tanks are stored.

The two almost abandoned the trip, resolving instead to hike the Appalachian Mountains back home for the rest of the summer, until Solomon noticed a couple of loose hose clamps the next morning.

Later in Missouri, Solomon and Sauerbrunn, now joined by Herrick, were an obvious target for state police who were — this is not a joke — searching for suspects in a string of unsolved vegetable-oil thefts that had taken place throughout the state.

Solomon et al had obtained their vegetable oil legally. At every point in their journey, they stopped at restaurants and diners in search of the golden brown goo of road trip champions, and they pumped it into their own containers — "cubies" as they're called — only when they had permission.

Their efforts made them appear crazy to other vegetable oil-burning car owners they met along the way, Solomon said.

"I was telling them about the trip and they said, 'Do you have spots planned out (to stop for used oil)?' Solomon said. "We said, 'We're just going to ask around.' They said, 'Are we crazy?'"

They did run out of oil once in Denver, Colo., where they spent 13 hours searching for usable vegetable oil. Later, they became separated from their vehicle while hiking in the desert, and it took two hours of searching to find their way back to the veggie car.

Having a car that smelled like chicken fingers posed a threat at Yellowstone National Park with bear families roving through the area, but the three travelers — and their car — emerged unscathed.

But for its problems, the trip had its amazing moments — specifically out on the West Coast. Here, they met a guy in California that Solomon said was named Trent; and Michael Parziale, owner of Greasebus, a transportation service relying on buses that use only vegetable oil. Parziale is the person who drove Solomon to create her own veggie car.

Solomon first met Parziale when she was in the eighth grade and he, an Andover native and a graduate from Andover High School, gave a presentation at her middle school about his own recently-converted

vegetable oil car.

"He lived in Andover his whole life, moved out to Oregon years ago and started this company," Solomon said. "I told him I did presentations for 300 kids before I left, and I was thinking that it would be cool if a kid came to me in five years and did this."

"I think it was very cool for him," she said.

Now that she is home, Solomon is preparing to leave for college. She wants to sell the care to someone who "will love it."

"I'm probably going to cry when I sell it. I'm sure I will," she said. "But it makes sense to sell it. Putting a vegetable car on the road is like taking a car off the road. So in that regard, I feel it is another way to help the environment, because this car should be used instead of sitting in a driveway or garage for a year."

But she will convert again, she said. Sauerbrunn said he definitely wants to make a similar crosscountry trip.

"That's what made it an adventure, not being able to go to a gas station. To go out to restaurants, and talking to people, made it an adventure," Sauerbrunn said. "You didn't know what is going to happen, so it is a surprise how the day is going to end."

"As soon as I can build my own vegetable car, with Alyssa's help, I'll definitely want to go back out there. It's the way to travel," he said.

Other people should definitely do it as well, Solomon said.

"Given that we were able to get grease in any part of the country, I feel that wherever you are, there is a possibility to run on vegetable oil," Solomon said. "It was a relatively cheap trip, and for all that we saw, so worth it."

ANDOVER SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Andover Senior Center is at 30 Whittier Court. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Registration is required for all events, which are open to the entire community, pending space.

Activities include:

Grill Night: The last of these events this summer will be Aug. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Call the center for the menu and to buy tickets.

Lobster-roll luncheon: Monday, Aug. 15 at 1 p.m. enjoy this special lunch for \$9. Reservations are a must, and this is not part of the center's regular lunch.

Red Sox Nation: Enjoy the afternoon game on the center's large screen TV for free, Wednesday, Aug. 17 starting at 1:35 p.m.

High Tea and History: On Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. head to the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. for this free event, during which Oug Mitchell will discuss "Andover's First Golf Course." RSVP: 978-475-2236.

Facts on Flax: For \$3 on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 1:30 p.m. enjoy a demonstration and lecture by Robert Decelle about the preparation of flax, which is substantially

the same process as in ancient times.

Men's Hike: Take part in an outdoor adventure at the Nat Smith reservation on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Hike: This outdoor event is at the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 8 a.m. Cost \$3. Bring a picnic.

BoomerVenture and Senior Center term begins Aug. 29 with registration Aug. 15. Line dancing, 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.

The center would gratefully receive donations of costume jewelry, holiday decorations and wired ribbon and larger pieces of cotton fabric.

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



Amanda Muzzey, 12, a student at Wood Hill Middle School, carries a banner during the recent Susan G. Komen 3 Day Walk for Cancer.

Courtesy photo

Local girl carries flag for Komen cancer fundraiser

Amanda Muzzey, 12, a student at Wood Hill Middle School participated in the Susan G. Komen 3 Day for a Cure Walk in Boston on Friday, July 22 through Sunday, July 24, carrying a flag during the opening ceremonies.

Amanda was inspired to participate in the three-day event in memory of Andover resident Liza Crowley, who lost her courageous battle with breast cancer in March of this year, according

to a release.

Amanda was a member of the Youth Corps, a group of kids selected from applicants all over the country who are not old enough to walk, but whose lives have been touched by someone with breast cancer.

Amanda raised the most money this year of any member of the Youth Corps and was selected to carry a flag in the opening ceremony.

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Clarinetist John Diodati, an Andover High School graduate, has organized a benefit chamber music concert at West Parish Chapel on Aug. 19 for tornado victims in Joplin, Mo.

Clarinetist plays benefit concert for twister victims Aug. 19

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

With classes at New England Conservatory in Boston winding down last spring, clarinetist John Diodati of Andover started thinking of his goals for the summer. He wanted to help others.

"I've been involved in several charity performances at NEC, and it's inspired me to host one myself," said Diodati, 20, who is about to start his junior year at NEC where he majors in clarinet performance. He graduated from Andover High School in 2009.

On Aug. 19 he will achieve his goal. He has teamed with

MUSIC FOR MISSOURI

What: Live chamber music. Proceeds benefit tornado victims in Joplin, Mo.
When: Friday, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Where: West Parish Chapel, West Parish Cemetery, off Route 133
Who: Featured quintet includes clarinet player John Diodati of Andover
Price: \$10 to \$20, pay at door

Habitat for Humanity and has organized a chamber music concert at West Parish Chapel in Andover's West Parish Cemetery. Proceeds from

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Associated Press file

A business owner digs through the wreckage of his office on the east side of Joplin, Mo., in the wake of the tornado that tore through the area on May 22, causing at least 116 deaths.

History hike to tell the tale of deadly duel

'Stories from the Trail' to focus on sensational Pole Hill murder

Tales of a deadly duel and the murder trial that followed will be part of the colorful history of Pole Hill in Andover recalled during an Aug. 14 hike of the area.

The Andover Trails Committee and the Andover Historical Society are teaming to deliver the second in their two-part hike series called "Stories from the Trails." This hike series features both the natural beauty and unique geology of various Andover properties, as well as the colorful stories of the history related to each property and the surrounding area, according to organizers.

This second hike, which is free and open to the public, is on Sunday, Aug. 14 at 1 p.m. at Pole Hill on Pole Hill Drive in Andover. Jane Cairns from the Andover Historical Society will share colorful stories tied to the reservation and surrounding area. A history hike earlier this summer focused on the Skug River Reservation in Andover.

This hike of Pole Hill consists of relatively easy walking and will take about two hours. Ample parking is available on Pole Hill Drive, which is off Tewksbury Street in Andover.

Here's a sneak preview of what you'll see and hear about on the Aug. 14 Pole Hill hike:
Up river from the Ballardvale Dam was "the Shawshen Grove" - a popular tourist destination in the later years of the 19th century, where visitors could picnic, dance under the stars, swim, or paddle rented boats and canoes on the river. The Boston and Maine Railroad promoted day

excursions from Boston.

But by 1893, the crowds began to be large and unruly. A deadly "duel" at the Grove in August 1900, and the sensational murder trial that followed, threatened to put an end to the merry-making.

The 20th century brought new attractions including the dance hall "Parker's on the Shawshen" and the Serio family's "Miami Boathouse."

For more information on this hike, or to learn about other events and volunteer opportunities, visit andovertrails.org or email David Bunting, Andover Trails Committee at dbunting@andovertrails.org.

The Andover Trails Committee is a citizens committee including members of the Conservation Commission, the Appalachian Mountain Club, Andover Village Improvement Society, the Bay Circuit Alliance, The Trustees of Reservations, and residents who appreciate the outdoor recreational opportunities of Andover. It was reactivated in the spring of 1991 to focus on the establishment of the Bay Circuit Trail in Andover.

The committee continues to support Bay Circuit Alliance projects and is working on the Shawshen River Greenway initiative. The Andover Trails Committee will continue its work to increase the public's access to recreational trails by publicizing trail events, seeking volunteers to work on trails, raising money for trail improvements, and working with regional groups to create trail networks.

EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

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.

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.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13

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.

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.

FREE KIDS MOVIE UNDER THE STARS, The Mall at Rockingham Park, Salem, N.H., 6 p.m., opens with local musical performances, inflatable bounce houses, slides and other activities for kids. Benefits The Windham, N.H. Jaguars Booster Club. "Despicable Me." Rated PG, showing on 40" screen, dusk, food court parking lot; facebook.com/TheMallatRockinghamPark, simon.com.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

CHOWDERFEST, 4th annual Winnekenni Chowderfest, noon-5 p.m. Sample chowders from restaurants and caterers and vote for your favorite, live music. Sampling stops at 3:30 p.m., \$5-10, Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenozza Ave., Haverhill; winnekenni@yahoo.com, 978-521-1686, winnekenni.com.

LIVE MUSIC, Maudsley Arts Center's summer music series, Tarbone, 2 p.m., 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport. The concerts are held rain or shine, moving inside to the MAC Concert Barn when weather dictates, gates open at 1 p.m. \$10, 12 and under free; 978-499-0050.

CHILDREN AUDITIONS, for "Annie," 2-6

Please see **CALENDAR**, Page 14

Andover artist portrays 'Jewish World' decimated by Holocaust

Selected drawings by Andover artist Joan Nyman, entitled "The Jewish World of Eastern Europe - Images From the Past," are part of a current exhibition of artwork by the faculty of the DeCordova Museum School, running through the end of August at the Center for the Arts in Natick, Mass.

The drawings by Joan Nyman, reflect a sense of life found in the towns and villages of Eastern Europe before they vanished in the Holocaust. "Because her drawings resonate with people of all ages and backgrounds, she has brought her drawings into educational institutions as part of anti-bullying and teaching tolerance programs," according to a release. "Her Jewish artwork has been shown widely in galleries, public and commercial venues, as well as at her website, joannyman.com."

Nyman holds degrees from Wellesley College and Columbia University.



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"Boys Studying," one of the works from Joan Nyman's current exhibition.

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Red Bow Fair crafters' applications due Sept. 1

North Parish is seeking amateur and professional crafters selling original work for the annual Red Bow Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North Parish in Andover.

All applications must be received by Sept. 1 to be considered. All crafters will be chosen through a juried selection process. Notification of participation in the fair will be mailed to those selected no later than Sept. 30. No application will be considered without photographs or website address.

Each crafter will have approximately 5' x 8' of floor space. Six-foot tables and electricity are available. Space fee is \$65. Additional information will be provided with acceptance notices.

A check will be returned to those people not selected for this year's fair. Crafters who want their photos returned, are asked to include a self-addressed envelope with adequate postage.

For more information or to download an application, visit northparish.org.

Enjoy August on the water at Parker River wildlife refuge

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, is offering public programs throughout August.

"Behind the Scenes" refuge tour: On Saturday, Aug. 13, 20 and 27 from 9:30 a.m. to noon and Sunday, Aug. 14, 21 and 28 from 1 to 3:30 p.m., a tour will be conducted via refuge van, with several brief stops along the way.

Participants will visit areas on the refuge otherwise closed to the public. This guided 2.5 hour program is most appropriate for adults. Binoculars and/or a camera are recommended but not required.

Meet the ranger in the lobby of the refuge visitor center. Each session is limited to 10 participants. Advance registration is required for this program, as enrollment is limited.

Field Sketching- Drawing Birds: On Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon, come to this workshop and learn how to combine fast sketching with quick observation.

Participants will meet at the Refuge Visitor Center. Advance registration and fee is required for this program, as enrollment is limited. To register, please contact the instructor of this program directly at Sandy McDermott, Artist/Instructor, at 603-772-0761 or visit birchtreestudioart.com.

Time Pool Discoveries: On Friday, Aug. 19 at 9:30 am; Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 1 p.m.; and Thursday, Aug. 25 at 2:30 p.m., a refuge ranger will guide this hands-on session.

For generations children have enjoyed exploring tide pools and discovering the fascinating plants and animals that live in this realm between the tides.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, AUG. 19

LIVE MUSIC, Maudsley Arts Center's summer music series, 60's Invasion, 2 p.m., 95 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport. The concerts are held rain or shine, moving inside to the MAC Concert Barn when weather dictates, gates open at 1 p.m. \$10, 12 and under free; 978-499-0050.

LIVE BENEFIT CONCERT, Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert supports Joplin (MO) tornado victims, music of Crusell and Mozart for clarinet and strings, performances by students of the New England Conservatory, including John Diodati of Andover, 7:30 p.m., West Parish Chapel, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, \$20, \$10 students/seniors at door.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

WATERFRONT CRAFT FAIR, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., free admission, held rain or shine, Stage Fort Park, Hough Avenue, Gloucester.

FREE KIDS MOVIE UNDER THE STARS, The Mall at Rockingham Park, Salem, N.H., 6 p.m. opens with local musical performances, inflatable bounce houses, slides and other activities for kids. Benefits the Windham, N.H. Jaguars Booster Club. "Back to the Future," Rated PG, showing on 40' screen at dusk, food court parking lot; facebook.com/TheMallatRockinghamPark, simon.com.

LIVE MUSIC, Maudsley Arts Center's summer music series, Dane Vannatter Quintet, 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.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21

SUMMER OUTING, The Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange will demonstrate tai chi and kung fu, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine, 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; aqcesummerouting.eventbrite.com, Richard Soo Hoo, 978-470-2293, richsoohoo@aol.com, Ying Schmitt, 978-764-5087, shaschmitt@yahoo.com.

ROAD RACE, "Run Gloucester!," 7 miles, organized by Feaster Five's and Boston Marathon's Dave McGillivray; register at rungloucester.com.

LIVE BASEBALL, Essex Baseball League, plays at Smolak Farms, 315 South Bradford St., North Andover, noon-4 p.m., \$5.

SINGING CONTEST, Mike FM aims to find a singer to sing the national anthem at Fenway Park on Sept. 15, contest is noon-2 p.m., Lowell Spinners baseball field, Lowell.

ARMENIAN FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL, Sponsored by the Armenian Church at Hye Pointe, noon-5 p.m., American Legion Farm, 1314 Main St., Haverhill. Air-conditioned, bring lawn chairs, \$1; (978) 372-9227.

MONDAY, AUG. 15

ADULT AUDITIONS, for "Annie," 7-10 p.m., The ACT Space, 250 Canal St., Lawrence. Come prepared, with sheet music, to sing 32 measures of a song NOT from the show. Also, wear clothing you are comfortable moving in.

TUESDAY, AUG. 16

ADULT AUDITIONS, for "Annie," see Aug. 15 listing.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17

LIVE FREE OUTDOOR MUSIC, Andover's last summer concert, 6-8 p.m., EJE Jazz Quartet (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.

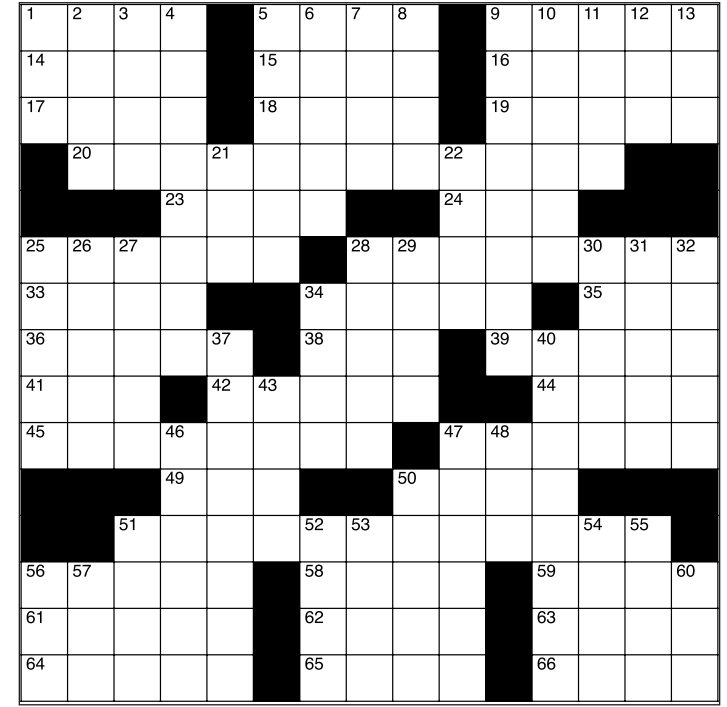
FREE LIVE MUSIC, Merrimack College summer music series, veteran singer-songwriter Jon Shain combines improvised piedmont blues with bluegrass, swing and ragtime, 7 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-837-5355.

LIVE MUSIC & PICNIC, 5 p.m., free, the public is invited to a "Summer Concert & Barbecue" at Ashland Farm at North Andover senior living community, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover. Bring the whole family, your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy fabulous hits of the past with Russ McQueen; RSVP, 978-683-1300.

MERRIMACK VALLEY TEA PARTY MEETS, 7 p.m., VFW, 32 Park St., North Andover. Guest Speaker will be Carla Howell, leading tax-cut activist.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18

LIGHTEN UP WITH LORETTA LAROCHE LIVE, 7:30 p.m., \$38-55, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, through Aug. 21; 781-279-2200 (hours Tues.-Sat., 1-6 p.m.), stonehamtheatre.org.



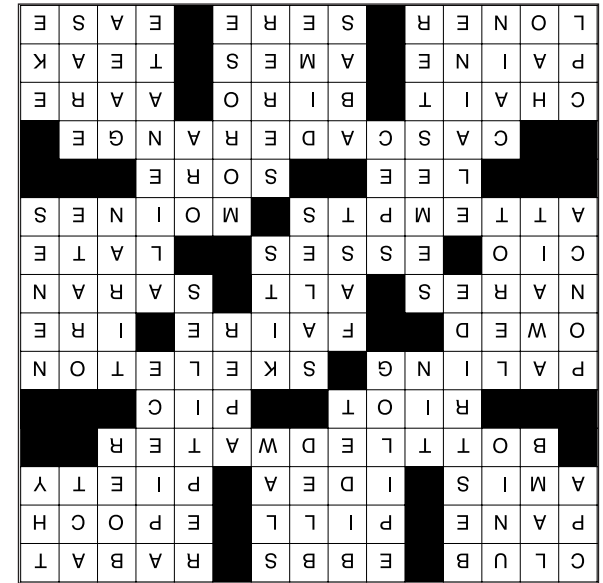
CLUES ACROSS

1. Cudgel
5. Wanes
9. Capital of Morocco
14. Glass in a window or door
15. A pellet of medicine
16. Era
17. Friends (French)
18. The content of cognition
19. Reverence
20. Evian or Perrier
23. Violent public disorder
24. Photograph (slang)
25. Picket fence
28. Internal support structure
33. Was in debt to
34. Old festival
35. Wrath
36. Nostrils
38. Option key
39. Plastic wrap brand
41. Data executive
42. Motorsports company
44. At an advanced time
45. Makes an effort
47. Des __, Iowa
49. The sheltered side
50. An open skin

CLUES DOWN

1. Accountant certified by the state
2. A young sheep
3. Pearly shelled mussel genus
4. Mount a horse
5. Concluding speech
6. Fr. bathroom basin
7. Emitted blood
8. Shredded cabbage
9. Lizards
10. To each one
11. Dutch colonist
12. Behave in a certain manner
13. Old word for "you"
21. Metal food container
22. One who copies the behavior of another
25. 68770 NE
26. Be ready for, expect
27. Dormouse of So. Europe
28. The act of selling
29. Young foxes
30. Straits between the Sinai & Arabian Peninsula
31. Speak
32. Hawaiian geese
34. Abstain from food
37. Period of an academic year
40. Estrange
43. Detailed design criteria for a piece of work
46. __ May, actress
47. Having a cheerless aspect
48. Mouths or openings
50. More dried-up
51. Abel's brother (Bible)
52. Son of Lynceus
53. Coin worth 1/10 of a dollar
54. Mother of Cronus
55. Geological times
56. Corporal (abbr.)

Solution



CONCERT: Local artist playing to help tornado victims

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will last about 90 minutes and have one intermission. Refreshments will follow.

"I'm excited that this concert is happening in my hometown," said Diodati, son of Paul and Irene Diodati of Andover, who has been playing the clarinet since he was 7.

Diodati has never played his clarinet in concert at the charming and fully restored chapel. He visited the chapel last week to

test its acoustics and was thrilled with what he heard.

Diodati's first local appearance joins a long list of musical accomplishments. He served as principal clarinet in the 2009 All Eastern Honors Orchestra, an ensemble consisting of high school musicians from Maine to Washington, D.C. He currently performs as principal clarinet of the NEC Symphony. Additionally, he appears with several Boston-

area orchestras.

He said a personal musical highlight is when he successfully auditioned last year for the Philadelphia Orchestra and performed in a three-concert series.

His future goal is to be a professional orchestra member.

"The BSO (Boston Symphony Orchestra) would be great because I know it. And I really like the Philadelphia Orchestra," he said.

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Peking Garden offers 10 different combination meals throughout the day. Lunch specials are served between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
Peking Garden is located at 36-36A Park St. in downtown Andover. They are open seven days a week: Mon.-Tues. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Wed. - Sun. 11 a.m. - 1 a.m. Telephone: **978-749-9919** and **749-9922**. You may fax an order or request a menu by fax: **978-749-9958**.

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SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Girls of Summer



Courtesy photo

The Andover Girls 10U Summer Travel Softball Team won the 2011 Girls of Summer Softball Tournament in Chelmsford on July 30. The team went 5-0 during the two day tournament, defeating the host Chelmsford Blue Crush 5-1 in the final. Team members are, from left, front row: Laura Olson, Kathleen Hartnett, Callie Wiley, Charlotte Guterma, Catherine Bravo, Emily Abbott and Sarah Sullivan; back row: Coach Karen Wiley, Alicia Valeri, Sarah Carmichael, Allison Wright, Sophia Bardetti, Caleigh Schmitt, Hannah Littlewood and Coach Maureen Abbott. Missing from the photo is Caroline Ritchie.

3-on-3 champions



Courtesy photo

Team Heat – from left players Josh Gordon, Jack Danisch, Nick Resendiz and Stephen Shaw, all 10-year-olds from Andover’s South Elementary School – were winners in their age division during the Merrimack Valley’s 19th annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday, July 30. More than 50 teams competed on the indoor and outdoor courts at the North Andover Youth Center. The tourney was open to boys and girls in five youth divisions: ages 9-10; 11-12; 13-14; 15-16 and 17-18. Teams came from around the Merrimack Valley region to compete. Members in each division won individual trophies and a gift certificate for sneakers from New Balance.

12U tournament winners



Courtesy photo

The boys 12U baseball team went 8-0 in the second round of the Baystate Tournament to capture the championship in Cambridge on July 31. The boys outscored their opponents 94-18. Pictured above are: Michael O’Connor, Jackson Quinn, Nate Wiley, Mikey Comeau, Joe Rockwell, Ben Andresen, Logan Bravo, Steven Schuhwerk, Zach Laramie, Cam Schmitt and Evan Christopoulos. The team was coached by Brian Wiley, Rich Quinn, Mike O’Connor, Mike Bravo and Steve Schmitt.

Star performers



Courtesy photo

Andover’s Nicole Boudreau helped the New England Shooting Stars 16U National Team continued to build on past successes, as the team compiled a 6-1 record, at the Nike Tournament of Champions in Chicago. It finished fifth at the USA Invitational at Penn State the previous week. Pictured, from left, in the front row are Cailey White, Katie Vareika, Jane White, Katie Prothro; back row: Lia Nawn, Andover High’s Nicole Boudreau, Ceara McNamara, Danielle Davis, Brianna Stoye and Shayla Hubbard.

Johnson named a 2011 CRCA National Scholar Athlete

Jennifer Johnson of Andover, a sophomore member of the University of Alabama women’s rowing team, received the 2010-11 Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association’s National Scholar Athlete Award.

The honor requires a rower hold a 3.5 grade point average for her career, be at least a sophomore in eligibility, and have competed in 75-percent of the team’s spring races.

The CRCA Scholar Athlete honors are just the latest accolades for the Tide rowing team. The 2010-11 won the Cal Cup at the San Diego Crew Classic, won a trio of gold medals at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships led all UA teams in the area of community service again this year.

Adult soccer, flag football to play in town

The Massachusetts Sports and Social Club is expanding in the Merrimack Valley. Adding to its adult dodgeball leagues, and an adult kickball league that is currently playing, the club has been registering people for coed adult 8 on 8 soccer and flag football.

Both leagues will start games Aug. 21 and play for eight successive Sunday afternoons plus one afternoon of playoffs. Games will be played outdoors at the Greater Lawrence Technical School, River Road, Andover.

Interested players can register for soccer and flag football and get more information online at MassSportsClub.com or by calling 603-644-3570. Players can register individually, with friends or coworkers, or bring an entire team.

It’s Halloween – in August?



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photos

Cameron Flowers, 14, a community service counselor in training, helps Thomas Osborne, 2 1/2, play a game at the Halloween in the Park event held on Tuesday. Thomas’s babysitter, Maggie Castor, left, and her sister Grace look on.

Since kids can never get enough of dressing up, the Department of Community Services held its annual, off-season “Halloween in the Park” on Tuesday morning Aug. 9.



Karen Landers plays with her daughter Emily Landers, 1, at the DCS Halloween in the Park event held on Tuesday.



Tihan Sheehy, 5, and Jonathan “Spiderman” Oatman, 4, play golf at the DCS Halloween in the Park event held on Tuesday.

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Obituaries

Suzan Rose Kamm



In Memoriam: Suzan Rose Kamm, Ph.D., J.D., Oct. 2 1941-Aug. 2 2011.

Beloved wife, colleague, and friend, Suzan Rose Kamm, Ph.D., J.D., has

died peacefully in her sleep after an extended battle with cancer, leaving the social work community, patients, friends and family with a stunning void. Suzan was the consummate clinical social worker whose 48-year career informed the cutting edge of change and was known for her warm and direct approach as a spiritual and humanist community member.

Suzan won her Master's and Doctoral degrees in Psychiatric Social Work from Smith College School of Social Work and strongly identified with Smith.

Her extensive career included positions in clinical supervision and research advising, graduate and post-graduate teaching. In her private practice she treated children and adults and provided consultation to colleagues, lawyers, the courts and eagerly mentored an array of students and co-workers.

While adhering to psychodynamic theory, she embraced a bio-psycho-social approach before it was accepted practice. Likewise she pursued family and group therapy in the 60s before these modalities were mainstream.

Always intensely devoted to her patients, she doggedly pursued answers and avenues and provided an encompassing holding environment.

Her high energy coupled with her dedication to the advancement of clinical social work led her to join NASW in 1968. She was a key spokesperson in winning licensure and vanguardship for social workers, and joined the Private Practice Task Force as one of its original members in 1977, serving as co-chair from 1982-83.

She was appointed to the Board of the National Institute for Social Work Advancement

between 1989 - 91 and belonged to several additional professional organizations before entering law school in 2000 from which she received her J.D. in 2004 at the age of 62.

Suzan was a strong believer in giving to her community, and in providing children with all possible advantages, especially early music education. She leaves a legacy of philanthropic contributions to local musical groups, live theater, colleges, and especially to children's musical education.

The words of Deuteronomy 05:006:005, which every Jewish household posts upon the doorframe for all to see, held deep meaning for her:

"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

It was her belief that all religions were in essence the same, having the same roots, with Abraham being the father of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

She was a longtime member of Temple Emanuel, Andover, and she and her husband, Dr. Frank O. Clark, were known as "the secular couple" for their attendance and support of South Church, Temple Emanuel, and the Chabad Lubavitch, all in Andover.

Suzan honored senior pastor, John Zehring, South Church, Andover and the many congregation members who comforted her and made her an extended member of that welcoming organization.

Dr. Suzan Kamm was "bigger than life" and her presence will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

She leaves a much bereaved husband, Dr. Frank O. Clark.

ARRANGEMENTS: A small private ceremony will be held at her interment. Please, no flowers. Donations in her memory may be made to Temple Emanuel: Hearing Impaired Fund, Youth Fund, or to South Church Andover: Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Arrangements are by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill and Bradford. Condolences to her family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.

Frederick R. Serley, 81



Frederick R. Serley, of Haverhill, 81, a retired teacher, tax-examiner and sportsman, died on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011 at Merrimack Valley Hospital,

following a brief illness. He had been a patient at Academy Manor in Andover following a major car accident and stroke in 2009.

Born in East Syracuse, N.Y., he attended school in Onondaga Hill, N.Y. He graduated Central Square High School, New York, in 1948. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, spending 19 months in Japan as a Chemical Corps instructor. After leaving the service, he played professional baseball for the Philadelphia Phillies organization in Pennsylvania and North Dakota. In 1959, he married Margaret (Fancher) of Syracuse, N.Y., and graduated from Syracuse University. He went on to achieve an M.A. in Education in 1960, also from Syracuse University.

After several years teaching upper elementary school, he entered Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in 1963. While there, he served as student pastor at Gilford Community Church in Gilford, N.H. In 1967, he returned to his teaching career in elementary education, serving in Stoneham and Pollard School in Plaistow, N.H.

After retiring from teaching in 1987, he worked as tax examiner at the Andover IRS until 1995. Fred spent many years coaching Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. He loved travel, bird-watching, music (especially Broadway musicals), politics and puzzles. He was noted for his youthful appearance and his outgoing nature. He was guided by the principle, "Lift the level of suffering wherever you go."

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Margaret Serley, and daughter, Diane Serley, both of Haverhill. He was predeceased by his son, Stephen. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Ruth Hutton of Houghton, N.Y., Joanna Fancher of Tempe, Ariz., Amy Serley of Contonment, Fla.; nephew, Roderic Hutton and wife Carolyn, and their children, Olivia, Roy, Wes, and Rosie, all of Madbury, N.H.; nephew, Willard Hutton and his wife Donna, and their daughter, Brooke, and son, Tyler and his wife Kelly, all of Holland. Additionally, he is survived by many other nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was scheduled to be held at West Parish Church in Andover, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to West Parish Church or The Jimmy Fund. Arrangements are under the care of the Conte Funeral Home of Andover. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at www.contefuneralhomes.com.



Courtesy photo

An early 20th century street scene showing trolley cars and a horse and buggy (far left)

Transportation: Town moved quickly from horse to trolley to cars



Andover Stories

By Francesca Balboni, Andover Historical Society

Today's Andover residents are accustomed to the constant traffic of Main Street. Cars often parade bumper-to-bumper, with one or two trying to park, while pedestrians simultaneously attempt to cross intersections.

Perhaps somewhat surprisingly, the traffic was not all that different in Andover over 100 years ago, albeit a bit slower. As one observer related in about 1890: "Elm Square was becoming increasingly congested: a clamor of horse-drawn delivery wagons, electric trolley cars and cyclists."

Andover, it seems, has always been a town on the move.

For the early part of its history, "moving" in Andover involved walking or hitching a horse to a cart or carriage. Before railroad tracks were laid through town in 1834, the stagecoach was the only way to travel to Boston. By the late 1800s, rail travel superceded literal horse-power, at least for these longer distances. In town, those wealthy enough to own a horse did so, while others might rent a carriage from the Park Street Stables. Bicycles were also an option after the invention of the "safety bicycle" around 1880. Resembling the bike of today, its wheels were nearly of equal size, making it much less dangerous to ride than its predecessor. Bike riding became so popular in late 19th century Andover that male enthusiasts even created a bicycle club. But electricity soon took the place of these animal and man-powered means of mobility.

Trolleys or electric streetcars arrived in 1891, but not without some resistance from townspeople. One pamphlet from 1888 asked the "public-spirited citizens of Andover" if they wanted to give up the roads or the quiet Sunday afternoons to the rails and its revelers, respectively.

Although some clearly resented the new form of public transportation connecting Andover to Lawrence and later to Haverhill and Boston, it facilitated travel better than any previous mode; the affordability and convenience of the trolleys won many over in the end. It cost a reasonable five cents for a ride to Lawrence and took only an hour to get to Boston.

The streetcars not only made travel to work or school much easier, but they also allowed people to take more excursions elsewhere. Canobie Lake Park became a destination on summer nights. The music, dancing and drink attracted many from the "dry" and relative quiet town of Andover. For others, riding the trolley was fun in and of itself, especially if you got to stand from one of the sideboards.

Within less than 20 years, Andover was thrust into the modern era with a water system in 1890, trolleys in 1891, electric lights downtown in 1897, telephone service in 1899 and finally the arrival of the automobile as early as 1901.

But for the first 30 years of the car's presence in Andover, most people viewed it as a dangerous menace. These machines would "scorch down Main Street at sixteen miles per hour, terrifying horses and creating dust clouds." By the late teens, the Townsman reported at least an accident a week, usually involving horses. The faster and more powerful cars clearly ruled the roads, but when in a collision, horses towed them away—the irony of which was not lost on anyone.

Despite much worry and annoyance among townspeople, the car would eventually cause the end of horse-drawn carriages and the trolley's economical mass transit. Perhaps more than the dangers of speeding and navigating horses, people in Andover sensed the end of a quieter and slower time. As early modes of transportation faded away, the pace of life in Andover did not simply "move" but "raced" forward into the future.

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

Robert D. Redfern, 74



Robert D. Redfern, 74, of Methuen, died Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2011 at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Born in Manchester, N.H.,

he was the son of Arthur and Mary (Doonan) Redfern. He attended Shawsheen Grammar School, graduated from Punchard High School in Andover, and earned his degree in economics from Brown University. Bob also served his country in the U.S. Navy.

Bob was a self-employed real estate appraiser with Burnham and Redfern Appraisals, Inc. He was a member of the Arlington

Neighborhood Group, the Lawrence Ski Club, the Methuen Planning Board, and was past president of the Methuen Exchange Club.

Bob is survived by 17 first cousins and other family members, and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends were invited to call on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. Funeral services and burial will be private at the families convenience. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445. For directions or condolences, please visit www.pollardfuneralhome.com.

William A. Schlott, 82

William A. Schlott, 82, of Florida and Georgia, formerly a longtime resident of Andover, died Monday, Aug. 1, 2011 at Well Star Community Hospice in Austell, Ga.

William was born in Lawrence on Nov. 20, 1928 to the late Albert and Annie (Hollins) Schlott. He attended Andover grammar schools and graduated Punchard High School. He also attended Cushing Academy and Suffolk University. William was owner and CEO of W. A. Schlott Tire Co. for over 25 years.

William was a former and long time member of the Lanam Club and was an avid swimmer.

He was the widow of the late Joan F. (Draper) Schlott who died

in 2001. William is survived by his sons, William Schlott and his wife Darlene of Powder Spring, Ga., and Eric Schlott of Boston. Also among his survivors are his daughter-in-law, Diane Schlott of Hampton, N.H.; his seven grandchildren, Rebecca, Karen, Stephanie, Rick, Bill, Jake and Taylor; as well as several great-grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were offered on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Burial followed in West Parish Cemetery also in Andover. Family and friends were invited to call last Friday at the funeral home. For directions or to offer online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Ronald I. Slade, 53



Mr. Ronald I. Slade, a resident of Andover and beloved husband of Gail A. (Sempstone) Slade, passed away on Saturday, July 30, 2011, at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a long and courageous battle with liver disease. He was 53-years-old.

He was born in Melrose, on Sept. 29, 1957, to John and Faith (Fairman) Slade. Following graduation from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. in 1979, Ron spent most of his career at Boston University in Environmental Health & Safety. He loved spending time with his family at Jolly Island on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire and attending the Boston Church

of Christ.

Besides his wife, Gail, Ron will be greatly missed by his two young children, Rachel and Elliott; his brother and sister-in-law, David and Marilyn Slade; his father and stepmother, John and Gail Slade; a large and loving extended family, and many, many friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Heidi (Slade) Westhoven, in 1987; his mother, Faith, in 2006; and his stepfather, Frank Conrad, in 2010.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service celebrating Ron was held on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011, at 2 p.m. in Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, 188 Elliott St., Danvers. Reception followed. In lieu of flowers, an education fund for his children will be established. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Burke-Maglioizzi Funeral Home of Andover. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemaglioizzi.com.

■ SUPPORT GROUPS

Free caregiver support group

On the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 5:00-6:30 p.m., Spectrum Adult Day Health Program at North Andover (located at 1820 Turnpike Street, Suite 106 in North Andover) will host a free support group for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and other memory disorders. Led by a social worker and offering a confidential forum for the sharing of coping techniques and information, free respite care will be made available upon request. For more information and to arrange respite services, please contact Susan Harrison at 978-921-1697 ext. 221 or sharris@nhs-healthlink.org

Free Metastatic Breast Cancer Support

We are a group of women and men from the North Shore and Merrimack Valley who are living with Stage IV Metastatic Breast Cancer. We get together every other week for confidential and caring conversations, resource sharing, supportive ideas, and laughter too. It is a special place to share your feelings, concerns,

fears, and joys and be completely understood by those who are also walking a similar path. We meet in Middleton near Route 114 every other Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 11:00 am and we cordially invite you to join us! For more information or to register, please contact founder and participant Heather LoRe (heatherlore@verizon.net or 978-664-2161) or facilitator Marie Lucca (mariejlucca@comcast.net).

Al-Anon Family Group

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.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous

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 breastfeeding are welcome.

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.

■ RELIGION

Youth Israel adventure registration now open

Registration is open for the Robert I. Lappin Youth to Israel Adventure (Y2I), which includes the free life-changing summer trip to Israel in July 2012.

Jewish teens, who live in any of the 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.

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.

More than 70 teens from 14 cities and towns have pre-registered for Y2I 2012.

Visit 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 sstein@rilcf.org

The Youth to Israel Adventure is a program of the Robert I. Lappin Charitable Foundation and is made possible by an allocation from the Jewish Federation of the North Shore.

Business

■ BUSINESS BRIEFS

Arnold named Needham Bank loan servicing manager

Andover resident Leslie Arnold was named loan servicing manager at Needham Bank, operating from the main office in Needham.

Arnold is an experienced business analyst with a focus on mortgage lending, compliance and loan operations processes for commercial, residential and consumer lending.

Prior to joining Needham Bank, she served as business analyst/loan operations officer at People's United Bank, formerly Butler Bank.

Previously, she was a lending project analyst and technical writer for Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union and project analyst, global securities services, and compliance officer, jumbo mortgage for Mellon Financial Corp.

Arnold earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

She makes her home in Andover with husband Paul Weiss; the couple has a grown son.

Elder Services earns Aging Achievement Award

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley's and Hebrew Senior Life's program, Powerful Partnerships to Better Health for Elders, was honored with an Aging Achievement Award by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

The 2011 Aging Achievement Awards recognize aging services programs across the country that provide successful, cost-effective approaches that help older adults live independently in their homes and communities and provide needed support to caregivers of older adults. The honored programs serve as models for other agencies seeking new and effective approaches to address the needs of older residents and their families in local communities.

Powerful Partnerships to Better Health for Elders began with a collaboration by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Hebrew Senior Life in 2006, to create a opportunity for evidence-based wellness programs to be available for Massachusetts communities.

Today there are 14 programs available, concentrating on a variety of health topics, educating participants about how take control of their health.

Holy Family Hospital opens new Emergency Center

Just a little over a year since the groundbreaking ceremony, the new \$21 million, 24,000 sq. ft. Holy Family Hospital Emergency Center is now open.

In the new Emergency Center, Board-certified physicians and nurses certified in trauma care can treat up to 54,000 visits per year.

The Center features 32 private treatment rooms, each equipped with computer work stations; two-bay cardiac room, double trauma room, dedicated imaging area with state-of-the-art 64-slice CT Scanner and digital radiographic imaging, EMS lounge and work area, rapid medical evaluation area in the lobby, access to round-the-clock cardiac care, certified stroke facility, electronic medical records, and advanced interpreter services technology (200 languages/dialects).

The Center was funded by a significant capital commitment from Steward Health Care and is one of six capital improvement projects that together total more than 117,000 sq. ft. and

represent a capital investment of more than \$100 million.

Master stylist opening new salon on Essex Street

After nearly a decade of at Indra Salon and City Spa, Jennifer Traverso says she is opening her own salon, Salon Forza.

Fellow master stylist Amy Borges will join Traverso at the new salon.

Located in Andover Center, across from Glory's Restaurant and Lounge (now Andolini's Italian Restaurant), Salon Forza's owner says it "will be bursting with fresh talent and plans to lead the way in hair style and wellness."

Salon Forza is scheduled to open during September 2011.

While the new salon is under construction, Main Street Salon in Andover will have both Traverso and Borges as guests.

Traverso and Borges strongly encourage their clients to contact them concerning their upcoming appointments by calling Traverso at 978-815-9954 or emailing JenniferTraverso@gmail.com or calling Borges at 617-957-0562.

MSL lawyers organize DC tiger abuse conference

A conference to discuss what is referred to as a "growing problem of tiger abuse in the United States" was held at the office of the International Fund for Animal Welfare in Washington, D.C., on July 25, organized by a pair of Andover law school lawyers.

Rose Church, an alumnus of the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, spearheaded the conference. Her co-organizer is Diane Sullivan, the director of MSL's animal rights program, according to a release.

Attendees brainstormed possible regulatory and legislative strategies to eliminate or substantially reduce the number of big cats who live in poor conditions in private hands and how the organizations represented might work together on a strategy.

The current legislation on "big cat" ownership, such as the Endangered Species Act / Lacey Act; the Captive Wildlife Safety Act; and the Animal Welfare Act were also discussed.

Today, 21 states allow private citizens to acquire or keep a tiger as a pet with as little a requirement as a license or permit -and some do not even require that, according to a release.

Anding elected president of Merrimack Valley Estate Planning Council

Ken L. Anding, a financial advisor with Andover's Boston Partners Financial Group LLC, was elected the president of the Merrimack Valley Estate Planning Council serving Andover, the rest of the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire. He was elected by his fellow CPAs, Trust Officers, Real Estate Professionals and Bankers, all of whom make up the 60-member estate-planning council.

It seeks to educate business professionals in the area on assets conservation and the newest tax information. The Merrimack Estate Planning Council arranges speakers and invitation-only information sessions throughout the year in an effort to provide the best and most up to date information to its participants, according to a release.

Parking will be free Saturday

Town waives meter fees for day one of tax-free holiday

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER



FILE PHOTO
Parking meters line Park Street, next to Old Town Hall, also known as the Town House, in downtown Andover.

This Saturday only, residents and shoppers will be able to park for free in downtown Andover in celebration of the state's tax free holiday, which runs this weekend on Saturday and Sunday, August 13-14.

The reason for dropping the fee for the first of the two days is to support downtown businesses, according to Selectman Paul Salafia.

"We have several new businesses down there," Salafia said. "I think it would be a wonderful gesture if we could waive parking fees on tax holiday, just that one day, so we can encourage business."

It is estimated that the decision to not charge for parking will cost the town as much as \$800 in revenue, the selectmen said.

All parking meters will not be

enforced on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to the end of the day. The reason for the 10:30 a.m. start is to prevent business employees from taking advantage of the free parking and using customer-intended spots, according to Selectman Mary Lyman.

But just because you can't park for free doesn't mean it's a free opportunity to park downtown for the day or break other Andover traffic laws.

"We will still be ticketing if there are violators all around town," Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said, adding that the traditional two-hour limit on metered parking is still going to be in effect.

Andover meters never operate on Sunday.

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

Can you hear me now?



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Nicole Griffin, left, Kerri Cormay, with "Honk" sign, and Barbara Stuart, with "C.W.A." sign were among Verizon employees picketing outside the Verizon Call Center on Shattuck Road in Andover Tuesday. They say the company is not offering a fair contract.

Ready to start a babysitting business?

Andona program gives interested middle-schoolers a leg up

Andover youth interested in starting what for generations has been a lucrative first job - babysitting - may want to sign up for a special class.

The Andona Society is once again offering its popular five-week babysitting course designed to educate sixth, seventh and eighth graders in the Andover middle schools in skills that will prepare them

to be mother's helpers and babysitters.

Course topics include: first aid, child development, safety, and babysitting as a business. Fun, hands-on activities will be conducted to provide practical experience, according to the organization.

Class choices are as follows:
■ Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:50 p.m. at West Parish Church

beginning Tuesday, Sept. 27.

■ Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:50 p.m. at Marland Place beginning Sept. 28. Please note the first class is Wednesday, Sept. 28, and the remaining four classes will take place on Thursdays.

Registration forms will be distributed to public and private middle schools via List Serv and hard copy during the first week of school and will also be

available on the Andona website (andona.org) under the Events section.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come basis with class sizes limited to 30 students each. Registrations for eighth-graders received before Sept. 16 will be given preference.

Registration will close on Friday, Sept. 23.

Nonprofit TAVAH: We help members stay in home

The unmet need for assistance with chores such as changing a light bulb, taking out the trash, or installing the screens, can force many older adults to uproot from the homes they love, according to the Andovers Village at Home. But TAVAH contends it is able to provide needed help to fill in the gaps so Andover residents can remain safe and independent in their homes.

"With a single phone call members are able to access help with chores through TAVAH's active and talented pool

of volunteers," according to the organization. "Satisfied members have learned to handle e-mail and surf the web, gotten to medical appointments near and far, received help getting their computers, DVD players and TVs to communicate, had snow and ice cleared from their walkways, enjoyed a weekly trip to the grocery store and if requested, a daily call to check in."

As a non-profit, member-driven group, TAVAH says its goal is "supporting its members in their desire to continue to

live independently in their own homes." The group has offices in the Old Town Hall in Andover,

also known as the Town House, 20 Main St.

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POLICE LOG

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The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, Aug. 2 through Monday, Aug. 8:

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Aug. 2 — At 6:42 p.m., Sharon Stacey, 48, an Andover resident, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with assault and battery on a household member. About 20 minutes after she was booked at the police station, Stacey was issued an abuse prevention order.

Wednesday, Aug. 3 — At 3:02 p.m., Jose Carrillo, 34, of 4 Union St., Methuen, was arrested on Clark Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed, failing to wear a seat belt and speeding.

Sunday, Aug. 7 — At 12:25 a.m., James Maclean, 48, of 5 Gleason St., Methuen, was arrested on Interstate 93 south in the area of Dascomb Road and charged with a marked lanes violation, failing to wear a seat belt and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 1:07 a.m., Cody Ardagna, 17, of 36 Chapin Road, North Andover, was arrested on Carlisle Street and charged with being a person under the age of 21 in possession of liquor, failing to use a turning signal, improper operation of a motor vehicle, having an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle, failing to stop for police, a motor vehicle lights violation, possession of a class D drug with intent to distribute and two counts of possession of a class E drug.

THEFTS

Friday, Aug. 5 — At 3:02 p.m., a theft of a suitcase was reported on Greenwood Road.

Saturday, Aug. 6 — At 12:39 a.m., a theft was reported on North Main Street.

At 11:45 p.m., a theft was reported on Woburn Street.

CAR CRIME

Thursday, Aug. 4 — At 8:51 a.m., a motor vehicle theft was reported on Grandview Terrace.

BREAKS

Friday, Aug. 5 — At 7:33 p.m., a house break was reported on Argilla Road.

MAN ON CELL PHONE DRIVES MILES BEFORE NOTICING POLICE CAR'S LIGHTS, SIREN

Several calls about an erratic driver sent one police officer on a low-speed chase down Route 495 that ended without an arrest, or even criminal complaints.

The incident started with several calls to the state and Tewksbury police about a large, white box truck with a blue emblem that was weaving dangerously. Dispatch informed Andover Police Officer Joseph Magliozzi of the driver, who the officer found leaving a gas station on Route 133, he said in a police report.

As the vehicle returned to Route 495, Magliozzi saw the truck repeatedly drive over the highway's fog line and back into its lane. Magliozzi turned on his lights and siren, but the vehicle refused to pull over, he said in the report.

"The vehicle was traveling approximately 50 to 55 (miles per hour)," the report said. "The vehicle continued at its slow rate of speed. I followed (it) for approximately 2 1/2 miles onto the

Saturday, Aug. 6 — At 9:42 p.m., a break was reported to a Porter Road home.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Aug. 2 — At 9:59 a.m., police received reports of two kids, a male and female both believed to be 8 to 10 years old, throwing rocks at cars or into a parking lot on Brookside Drive. Police were unable to find the two children.

At 2:36 p.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Pynchard Avenue. The call was precipitated when "someone posted a Craigslist ad to sell (the caller's) truck."

At 6:27 p.m., police received reports of a coyote in a Lincoln Circle back yard. The caller was advised that "it is the animal's nature to be out and about" and that the "animal did not appear to be aggressive either."

Wednesday, Aug. 3 — At 3:20 p.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on Tech Drive.

Thursday, Aug. 4 — At 8:15 a.m., police received reports of "loose chickens wandering the roadway" on Dascomb Road. The chickens were returned to their yard.

At 8:32 p.m., police received a report of a raccoon stuck in a

Lowell Connector with my lights and sirens."

On the Lowell Connector, the vehicle finally pulled over. As Magliozzi approached the driver, "I could see a surprised look on the operator's face in the driver's side mirror," he wrote.

The driver, a 39-year-old Salem man who was "in route to a job in Lowell," said that his poor driving and lack of attention was caused by "being on his cell phone and also listening to his radio at a high volume."

After state police also arrived, Magliozzi conducted "a few field sobriety tests" to make sure the driver wasn't drunk and that he was, in fact, not aware that an officer had been behind him with his lights on. The passed all of the tests.

Police also checked the cab of his truck for anything that could point to "a sign of impaired driving" but did not find anything. A check of his license and registration showed that he also had no traffic violation history.

dumpster on Washington Park Drive.

Friday, Aug. 5 — At 10:37 a.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on Arundel Street.

Sunday, Aug. 7 — At 5:49 a.m., police were contacted by an individual on Brookside Drive who reported that "the people down stairs from her ... are sending electricity through her bed." The caller declined to have an ambulance sent to her home when one was offered.

At 10:03 p.m., a caller at a business on North Main Street contacted police to report that while closing the business for the evening, the individual "heard the dryer go off in the bathroom," and the caller was "afraid someone may be hiding in the bathroom." After an investigation involving three police officers, including one sergeant, police reported "that it's just a ghost."

Monday, Aug. 8 — At 3:49 a.m., a Summer Street caller dialed 911 to "ask if a thunder storm just passed over Andover." The caller said "her alarms were going and assumed it was due to the storm."

At 2:22 p.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Buttonwood Drive.

Announcements

Auctions

Real Estate Auction

Nominal Opening Bids Start at \$10,000 Peabody, MA - 75 Walnut St Unit 104, 1 bedroom, 1 bath 782sf +/- cond. 18 Beech St., 3 bedroom 2.5 bath 1,446sf +/- Haverhill, MA - 94 S River View St., 3 bedroom 1 bath 1,400sf +/-

All properties sell: 5:30PM Tue., Aug. 16 at 94 S River View St. Haverhill, MA

Londonberry, NH - 20 Mammoth Rd, 3 bedroom 1.5 bath 1,603sf +/- Peppereil, MA - 59 Maple St, 4BR 1.5BA 2,825sf +/-

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LOST CAT black & brown Tabby with white face, paws & belly 7/11/11 Haskell St., Beverly Farms, MA. Reward for return. Call (978) 921-1491

LOST CAT: Coco missing 7/21, Water St. Danvers MA mostly black, white paws/chest, Tuxedo style, long hair, green eyes, medium size, no collar or tags. 978-501-6472. Reward.

LOST CAT large female long haired, black & white, vicinity Prospect & Wheatland St., Peabody, missing since 7/30. If found call, 978-531-4733.

LOST CAT - Male Bengal cat, brown/black marbling, arrow marking between shoulder blades. 8/2/11, Forest St., Salisbury, answers to Arlo. Call 978-465-1704; 978-377-5566

LOST CAT missing since 6/3 Elm St. Lawrence, MA CAT female, name CICI 5yrs. old small black, white on neck, belly & legs. \$100 REWARD for her return (978) 258-1252

LOST CAT neutered male, black/brown striped, green eyes, about 5 yrs old. Answers to Buzze Salem NH area. (603) 458-6288

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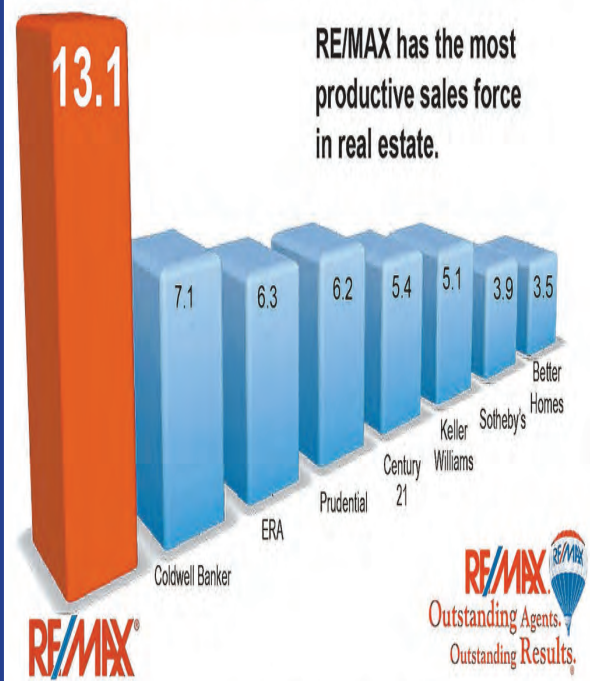
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