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Andover Day to rock Main Street

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Main Street will close Saturday for the town's annual block party featuring live music, food, entertainment and special sales.

The Andover Business Center Association is hosting Andover Day, a yearly event that highlights local businesses and organizations while giving stages to local talent.

"We are expecting 100+ vendors and if the last two years are any indication - thousands

of visitors," reported Kathleen Bates of ABCA. More than 9,000 people were believed to have attended the event last year.

"It's just a great event and we'll have 100 white tents on Main Street," added ABCA president Peter Caruso, a lawyer whose

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ANDOVER DAY

When: Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Main Street
Where: Elm Square to Punchard Street is closed to traffic

What: Free live music, 1 p.m. featuring Jason Spooner, Beetlejuice on WXRV 92.5 radio stage in Elm Square

Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 25



File photo

Twins Madeline and Macy Osborne, 4, enjoy their slush at last year's Andover Day while sitting in a wagon.

What works, what needs to change in the downtown?

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

For years - decades even - those interested in improving the downtown have discussed the same problems. They have quibbled over how to improve the mix of businesses, the availability of prime parking, the cost of rent, the amount of nightlife. During the past decade, taxpayers invested more than \$2 million to improve the roads, traffic flow and look of the downtown. Andover officials continue to consider ways to expand the size of the downtown, suggesting, for instance, moving the town yard out of the downtown. This week, the Townsman launches a series aimed at fostering more discussion over how Andover's downtown can remain a lively, attractive place well into the 21st century. If you have a comment, we'd like to hear it. Send it to townsman@andovertownsman.com.

Andover's picturesque, classic New England center is one of the qualities often cited for drawing people to town. Many residents would say the downtown is one of the most important parts of Andover, a district that has a dramatic effect on every person in the community.

"People appreciate their downtown, and people have a real comforting feel with their downtown," said Kay Demaso, owner of downtown-based jewelry store Quiet Pleasures. "Some people like to go to their favorite shops and see what is new, and they'll go to a number of businesses."

Along the general business district area of Main Street, eateries, retail stores, law offices, salons, banks and other businesses populate the sides of Route 28 and its various side

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■ **Columnist Bill Dalton recalls the downtown of his youth. Townspeople, page 13.**
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fabric," Demaso said. "Maybe it's a quilt - a crazy quilt - but it is all one large fabric, one large area that people depend on."

And people do depend on it, according to Alex Vispoli, a member of Andover's Board of Selectmen.

"You go into some towns where no one really wants to go there, and that's just a direction you don't want to go in," Vispoli said. "The fact that you bring people into the town makes it a destination town. At the end of the day, it builds and preserves your real estate investment."

Merit Tukiainen, owner of the lingerie shop Night And Day that closed earlier this year, believes that if a town's downtown community fails or does not return the profit it's designed to, "your real estate goes to pot."

"Sometimes, you may pay a

streets. While people complain about parking, and some businesses have closed during the rough economy of the last decade, other businesses have moved in.

"We have a great rug store, a couple good jewelers, wonderful lunch spots. It offers so much," said Tom Carroll, broker and owner of Remax Parters on Park Street. "You can go to the bank, get a haircut, get a coffee, eat lunch, do some shopping, all in one fell swoop. It's just convenient."

"To me, it's all part of one large

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SPECIAL SECTION: BIG EVENT

Tennis Friends hope to net resurfaced AHS courts

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
AND NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITERS

Described as hazardous and full of cracks, the seven tennis courts at Andover High School have seen better days. They have not been resurfaced in 22 years.

But a team of tennis enthusiasts are hoping to copy the strategy Andover football supporters who privately raised \$675,000 five years ago to renovate the AHS football field.

It will cost \$200,000 to resurface all seven of the Andover High tennis courts, said Bryan Frykenberg of The Friends of Andover Tennis. Tennis supporters hope to raise \$100,000 privately and then ask 2013



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

The tennis courts at Andover High School have cracks that need repairs and a private group hopes to raise \$100,000 to help.

Town Meeting for the rest.

"It definitely affects the play because there are so many cracks, and grass grows in the

cracks," said Mike Wartman, who has been the boys tennis

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State DEP to visit quiet Bancroft construction site

NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Residents may get their first indication today of how long the new Bancroft Elementary School construction will be delayed as the state Department of Environmental Protection visits the site.

School neighbors requested the state Department of Environmental Protection review decisions of the town Conservation Commission, questioning whether the wetlands and drainage plan for the site is flawed. DEP will visit the site today, Thursday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. with six site neighbors, lawyers and a variety of town officials.

Two school neighbors have also appealed to the state Superior Court.

"We should have some indication of the DEP timeline on Thursday or shortly thereafter," said Mark Johnson, Andover School Building Committee chairman. He believes residents will learn more about how long the court proceedings will delay the project within the next 21 to 30 days.

"I don't know if people are aware that as of now, we are on budget," said School Committee member Annie Gilbert, "but the impacts are unknown."

All construction work has

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BANCROFT: State DEP to visit site; project on hold until court reviews case

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stopped until the case is resolved, which means the construction market could change before the project begins and items are put out to bid. When the town will close the existing Bancroft School and the Shawsheen School — the two most expensive schools to operate — are also tied to when the new Bancroft is complete.

Workers were expected to begin site work for the new school project before this school year. Superior Court documents say the “case shall be resolved and judgment shall issue by Sept. 8, 2012.”

Johnson said the court should not take until next September to resolve the case. However, he

believes the earliest the project could begin is in 90 to 120 days.

Peter Flynn, the attorney for two abutters concerned with the project said the case could be resolved before next September “depending on how the town reacts.” Calling the town’s decision to send letters to abutters demanding they remove fences and other items “ill advised” and “more than a coincidence,” he said such actions could result in the need for additional suits to defend his clients’ property rights.

Issues

Abutters hired Robert Cummings of Engineering & Management Services Inc. to review the

town plan that covers wetlands relocation and drainage. Cummings called the town plan overall “a reasonably sound design for the management of the stormwater from the site, however there are several flaws that will likely result in significant off-site impact that has not been fully devaluated in the documents I reviewed.” He listed four specific areas of concern.

“There are serious concerns with regards to the drainage problem, pockets of flooding,” said Flynn, who said Cummings found “mathematical calculations that didn’t make sense to him.”

“We’re trying to design a project that works. We’re not trying to design a project that

causes flooding anywhere,” said Johnson.

“We’re quite confident in the strength of our plan,” said Gilbert. “We’ve worked very hard to strike a reasonable balance (between competing demands). It’s like a zero-sum game - one change can help someone and hurt someone else.”

“It’s not that we’re saying a project can’t be made better through more input. We looked for all the input,” said Johnson. “It needs to be an inclusive process and I’m very comfortable that it was.”

Gilbert said the town took eight months on its feasibility study and schematic design, basically doubling the time allowed

“to accommodate all of the comments coming in.” The town plan creates roughly two times as many wetland areas as there are now, to help with drainage, she said.

“You can respond to the concerns you hear. If they’ve been a part of the process, they’ve been responded to - maybe not to everyone’s satisfaction, but to the best of our ability,” said Gilbert.

“We’ve got all kinds of abutters here and they may be at cross purposes,” said Flynn, noting some wanted to move the entrance road, which can affect how water flows. “We have a legitimate scientist saying there’s a problem with this (plan).”

Johnson said he was frustrated

the group didn’t come forward with their engineer’s study while the Conservation Commissions was reviewing the issues between May 24 and Aug. 16.

But Flynn said his clients shouldn’t be expected to hire a scientist during the planning.

“I’ve talked to several neighbors. They felt they were in the dark,” said Flynn. “On Aug. 17 when that order of conditions was signed, all of a sudden it was off to the races.”

“My clients were stuck with a 10-day appeal period - all of a sudden they have to decide if they’re going to be serious,” he said. “They only have 10 days to hire a lawyer, hire an engineer and perfect the appeal.”

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TENNIS: Group to raise money for ‘hazardous’ courts

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coach at Andover High for the past 26 years. “It’s becoming close to affecting the safety because someone could trip.”

“We just want to resurface because the asphalt underneath is fine,” said Frykenberg, who plays tennis himself and has a son on the varsity tennis team. “The courts are all cracked and I’d say hazardous...and, there’s too much of a grade.”

The Friends of Andover Tennis will host a “renovation rally,” combining tennis with socializing at the Indian Ridge Country Club tennis facility in Andover. The event is Saturday, Oct. 1, from 5 to 10 p.m.

“It’s a start,” Frykenberg said. “We want to raise some money privately and then go to the town...The courts are public and lots of residents use them.”

Tennis courts were planned as part of the 1990’s Andover High School renovation project. But design flaws created new courts that were not large enough for competitive play. In the end, the town decided to use the new tennis court space for the Andover Community Skate Park run by Andover Youth Services.

Wartman remembers when the high school courts had to be closed 22 years ago and the high school team played on the four courts at Recreation Park. He said the courts are not at that



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

One of the seven tennis courts at Andover High School has been closed to the school’s tennis teams due to poor conditions.

RENOVATION RALLY

When: Saturday, Oct. 1, 5 to 10 p.m., \$30

Where: Indian Ridge Country Club tennis facility, Andover

Who: Hosted by The Friends of Andover Tennis

What: Socialize, play tennis and learn more about a citizen-sponsored project to resurface the seven tennis courts at Andover High School.

More information: friendsofandovertennis.org

teams, which are perennial Merrimack Valley Conference champions.

“When visiting teams come, they don’t expect to play on a court with significant cracks,” said Wartman. “I think our courts are in the worst shape of any courts in the MVC, except for Central which doesn’t really have courts of its own.”

AHS Athletic Director Chris Bergeron agreed that the tennis courts are in bad shape.

“I had to close one of them down,” he said. “Our tennis teams can’t use one of the seven (tennis courts).”

There’s no money in the athletic budget to pay for resurfacing and he applauds the Friends of Andover Tennis for tackling the issue as football boosters did.

“Football supporters raised money privately five years ago. This (project) is just like that,” Bergeron said.

level yet, but it is close.

“I think its questionable whether they’ll be playable this

spring,” he said.

Fifty to 60 Andover High students are on the boys and girls

Sept. 30 clinic offers special, free flu shot for 65+

Andover Health Department offers New Flu Vaccine Designed for Seniors

The Andover Health Department this year is offering a new flu vaccine designed especially for seniors, 65 and older. Fluzone High-Dose vaccine, approved by the FDA in December 2009, is the first and only influenza vaccine designed and licensed specifically for this age group, according to a release from the town. Statistics show that people 65 and older have a higher risk for

complications from influenza and it is estimated that over 60 percent of the annual flu-related hospitalizations and about 90 percent of the annual flu-related deaths occur in people 65 and older, according to the town health department.

“Most medical experts agree that vaccination is the best way to help protect people against influenza. However, recent studies indicate that people 65 and older may not respond as well to the standard - dose flu vaccine as

do younger people. Older people do not produce as high an antibody response following vaccination. And it is the antibodies that protect against infection. People with low antibody levels may be at higher risk of catching the flu, so by improving the production of antibodies in older people, it can provide a stronger, more robust, immune response than the standard - dose vaccine. This is critical for older people who are at a greater risk of complications from influenza,” according to a town release. “Because of these facts, it is not only important to get vaccinated but it is especially important to consider this option if you are 65 or older.”

The Andover Health Department will offer this vaccine at an upcoming flu clinic on Friday, Sept. 30, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. This clinic will be for Andover residents only, 65 years of age and older who wish to receive this vaccine. It is covered by Medicare so there is no charge.

Because of a limited number of doses available residents are asked to call the Andover Health Department at 978-623-8295 to book an appointment. The department reports: “Do not leave a message on the answering machine as messages will not be able to be returned. You may also email the Health Department at health@andoverma.gov for an appointment. You must have an appointment for this clinic.”

The Andover Health Department is scheduling additional clinics for all residents. Please call the hot line at 978-623-8347 for dates and times of future flu clinics. All clinics are free of charge.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



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THEN: The Homes at 93 Main St., left, and 89 Main St., were purchased by Lincoln Giles in 1961, and he built around the houses and named the new complex Olde Andover Village.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

NOW: Olde Andover Village as seen from Punchard Street. At the left end of the building is Dunkin' Donuts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chamber's annual MVHRA Social

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association will host its MVHRA Social on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Andover Inn, 4 Chapel St. The event features hors d'oeuvres, beverages, door prizes, networking and a special presentation by Addison Art Gallery. It is sponsored by Pentucket Medical Associates, Inc. and costs \$10 for members, \$20 nonmembers.

For more information, call 978-686-0900 or email TGimby@merrimackvalleychamber.com.

2011 Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association will hold the 2011 Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 100 Brickstone Square in Andover.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The walk, with new and improved 1-mile and 3-mile route options, begins at 9:30 a.m.

There will also be a special tribute to those who have experienced or are experiencing Alzheimer's.

Massachusetts First Lady Diane Patrick and U.S. Rep. Edward Markey are serving as honorary chairs of the Walk which is being held at 12 locations throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

For more information or to register, call 800-272-3900 or visit walkMANH.org.

Giant yard sale

Andover & North Andover Sister Towns Association will host a giant yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 440 Osgood St., North Andover.

Household items, books, collectibles, furniture, sports equipment will be available. Proceeds support ASTA's non-profit organization.

Kids can see Andover Chamber Music for free

To expose Andover kids to classical music at a young age and thus cultivate a life-long appreciation for such music, Andover Chamber Music will now allow all children younger than 18 to attend its shows for free, said ACM founder Julie Scolnik.

The group's season-opening concert "An Equal Music," is this Sunday, Sept. 25, at 4 p.m., at West Parish Church.

Volunteer group helps stock homes

Project Home Again, a program affiliated with Temple Emanuel of Andover, provides people in need with donated household goods free of charge. Its warehouse, where people can drop off goods, is located at 439 South Union St., Lawrence. Items can be dropped off on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Flags for veterans

On Sunday morning, Oct. 16 Andover veterans, cadets, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and interested citizens will meet at 11 a.m. at Spring Grove Cemetery on Abbot Street to replace 3,600 flags on the graves of deceased Andover veterans. The process takes about 90 minutes. For more information call the Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

Volunteers needed for suicide crisis help lines

The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley, a suicide prevention center, is looking for volunteers willing to work five hours a week on their confidential crisis help lines.

For more information or to register, call Debbie at 978-327-6671 or email dhelms@familyserviceinc.com.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



The water is very calming and very soothing. I stood there for hours... They did it right. I think they did the victims honor.
— Cathie Ong-Herrera, sister of Andover flight attendant Betty Ong, who died on American Airlines Flight 11 in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, speaking about the New York City memorial to Sept. 11 victims. The Ong family later visited Andover to see its memorial plaque. See story, page 4.

I know two people who have broken down and cried because of their experiences at town hall, because they thought everything was fine... and there was some other rule they didn't know about.
— Amy Finegold, owner of dresscode, on the challenges some businesspeople face in dealing with government regulations. See package of stories on the downtown that begin on page 1.



New instructor for DCS preschool programs

The Department of Community Services has more than just new activities for adults and kids this fall. It also has a new staff member running many of the programs, Jessica Miele.

Miele will instruct the town department's preschool programs and assist with other programs and events throughout the year, according to Mary Montbleau.

Miele holds a bachelor's degree in recreation management and policy, and she is a certified park and recreation professional. She



Jessica Miele

completed internships at the Danvers and Lexington recreation departments and worked at the Boys and Girls Club in Newton before coming to Andover.

"I have a passion for

developing and implementing recreation and leisure services. My desire is to make a difference in Andover," she said in a release.

She is an avid skier and also enjoys recreational sports such as soccer, basketball and tennis, as well as outdoor activities including camping, hiking and biking.

Programs run by Miele that begin the last week of September include: Lil Rascals, Animal Antics, Motion Matters, and Soccer Pals for ages 2-4 with an

adult. Programs for ages 2-5 with an adult are Scrapbookin' Stars; and Paper, Paint & Playdough. Programs geared for kids ages 4-6 include: Outdoor Education, Mighty Mites Soccer.

The popular Saturday morning Kickin' Kids Soccer League for ages 4-6 is starting up this weekend, Saturday, Sept. 24. Program descriptions can be found in the DCS booklet online at andoverma.gov/dcs. Registration is also available online or by calling during office hours, 978-623-8274.

Merrimack Valley Sandbox partnership kicks off next week

On Sept. 26, the Merrimack Valley Sandbox will kick off Community Catalyst — a partnership between community-based organizations in Lowell and Lawrence.

The program supports these partners to teach entrepreneurship and financial education to high school students and

youth who have left school, and provides Catalyst grants to youth from partnering organizations.

The kick-off, which takes place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road, Andover, will bring more than 200 students to generate ideas, build

connections and excite them about entrepreneurship from the following partner community-based organizations:

Lowell: UMass Lowell Center for Family, Work and Community; Community Teamwork Inc.; Light of Cambodian Children; Lowell Community Health Center; Teen Coalition;

Revolving Museum; and United Teen Equality Center

Lawrence: Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence; Family Service Inc.; NFTE at Greater Lawrence Technical School; Lawrence Community Works; Teach for America at Lawrence High School; and YouthBuild Lawrence.

St. John's Prep hosts a pair of admissions open houses

St. John's Prep in Danvers will hold an admissions open house on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon, and on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Students and families interested in learning more about St. John's will have the opportunity

to talk with the headmaster and principal, learn about academic programs, explore extracurricular opportunities, and take part in student-led tours of the school's 175-acre campus.

Faculty, coaches, parents, current students and representatives of the school's more than 60

clubs and organizations will be on hand to answer questions.

All open house sessions begin in Brother Benjamin Hall, where applications and entrance exam information will be available.

St. John's also offers a Student Shadow Program for current eighth graders interested

in spending a typical day on campus, attending classes with Prep students. The shadow program begins on Oct. 19 and runs through March.

For more information, call 978-624-1301 or visit stjohnsprep.org.

TAVAH to participate in Know Your Town Fair

The Andovers Village at Home will be at Andover's Know your Town Fair on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Learn how you can become a volunteer or member of this innovative and socially conscious organization.

The first 100 guests to TAVAH's tent will be entered into a drawing for a special prize.

TAVAH will also be holding its Gala Open House and Membership Drive on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at TAVAH's office at Old Town Hall in Andover.

A non-profit organization, TAVAH serves the communities of Andover and North Andover. As a virtual village, TAVAH seeks to pool its resources and talents with that of the broader Andovers communities, and provide support to make it possible for our older citizens to live independently and safely at home for as long as they choose.

For more information, call 978-623-0700 or visit www.TAVAH.org.

YMCA fall program registrations underway

Registration for the Merrimack Valley YMCA's fall programs continue, as its fall session runs Oct. 25 through Dec. 12.

The program guide includes adult and child health and wellness classes, swim lessons, arts and humanities classes, and teen development programs. The Y also offers full-day and after-school childcare programs.

Program Guides are available at mvymca.org. Members and program participants can register online or at the Y for programs, classes, and membership.

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■ POLICE LOG

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The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, Sept. 13 through Thursday, Sept. 15:

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - At 6:01 p.m., Damien Barrett, 18, of 105 Willard Road, Chenango Forks, N.Y. was arrested on Starwood Crossing and charged with a peddling door-to-door violation.

CAR CRIME

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - At 10 a.m., a 1995 Honda Civic previously reported stolen from Andover on July 7 was recovered in Methuen. The vehicle had damage to its ignition. No arrests were made in relation to the recovery.

BREAKS

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - At 11:11 a.m., a break into a Beacon Street home was reported to police. The incident was believed to have happened within 90 minutes of it being reported.

THEFT

Thursday, Sept. 13 - At 11:31 a.m., a theft of manhole covers was reported on Burt Road, a private road. National Grid was on its way to replace the covers.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 - At 8:10 a.m., police received reports of a theft that took place on

Bullfinch Drive overnight. The incident was reported by security at the building, which reported that "one of the (motor vehicles) in the lot had all its tires stolen." A little over an hour later, a separate report of a break into a motor vehicle through a smashed window was reported at the same location.

Thursday, Sept. 15 - At 10:31 a.m., theft of a license plate from a motor vehicle was reported on Union Street.

At 3:24 p.m., theft from a vehicle on Bullfinch Drive was reported to police.

At 9:04 p.m., a theft of a cell phone was reported at a restaurant on North Main Street.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - At 1:44 p.m., an employee at Elm Street Automotive, on Lupine Road, reported that a vehicle towed earlier in the day, at 5:52 a.m. from a town lot on North Main Street for reasons including driving with a revoked registration and driving while uninsured, was "taken without payment" by residents who had earlier been at the police station to retrieve newly-registered plates.

Thursday, Sept. 15 - At 6:39 p.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Bridle Path Road.

ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - At 5:36 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Lowell Street.



From left, Harry Ong Jr., Gloria Ong, Andover flight attendant Barbara Hillmann and Cathie Ong-Herrera visit the new memorial plaque in Town Offices honoring the four Andover residents lost on Sept. 11, 2001. At right is Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski.

Ong family returns to Andover to honor sister lost on Sept. 11

Siblings found NYC memorial 'appropriate,' 'moving'

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The last time Harry Ong visited Andover he was picking up the belongings of his sister, Betty Ong, one of the Andover victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Standing last week in front of Town Offices, next to a replica of a plaque dedicated to Andover's victims he said, "Everything here is really changing. It has changed slowly in the last 10 years."

Ong, with the rest of his family from San Francisco, visited Massachusetts to honor Betty Ong, who died as an American hero on American Airlines Flight 11 in 2001. Betty Ong is best known for her role relaying details about the hijacking of her plane, and

information about the hijackers, to officials on the ground.

Last week, Betty's family arrived in Boston after being in New York City on Sunday, Sept. 11 for the opening of the memorial at Ground Zero. It was part of a trip that Harry said was filled with media inquiries about his sister, about how they felt after the attacks and more.

"It's very appropriate," he said of the memorial in New York City. "It's very moving."

The largest feature of the memorial is the hollowed-out footprints of the two 110-story towers of the World Trade Center, surrounded by the etched names of all of those who died in New York City during the attacks, and a waterfall moving into the center of where each

tower once stood.

Standing before the memorial, looking at Betty's name, Harry said that the only thing moving through his mind was that she shouldn't have been there.

"9/11 shouldn't have happened," he said. "(That) was the first point I just couldn't bear to see my sister's name, etched in there. She, along with the others, shouldn't be there. It shouldn't have happened."

At the memorial, he leaned forward and kissed her name before stepping away, a final gesture that was later broadcast on national TV.

Cathie Ong-Herrera, Betty and Harry Ong's sister, said the memorial in New York City was nothing like she expected.

"The water is very calming

and very soothing. I stood there for hours," she said. "They did it right. I think they did the victims honor."

The family later flew to Boston. Since the attacks ten years ago, Harry has flown from New York City several times, he said. Every time, he felt like he was leaving her behind.

But this time, as he expected to return to Andover to see the memorial at Betty's home, it was different. He didn't feel like he was leaving her behind, he said, because the memorial site — with her name carved in steel — is her final resting place. It's where she belongs, he said.

The family was met in Boston by Robert Landrum, owner of ATA Martial Arts in Andover and Betty's fiancé before the 9/11 attacks.

"I was very honored to be able to drive them up," Landrum said.

Cathie Ong-Herrera said Andover plaque is beautiful. "It touches your heart," she said.

"To see the dedication of Andover and the town hall, to dedicate something to the victims of Andover, is moving and touching," Harry Ong said.

More than anything, he said the trip to his sister's home was special, as it was 10 years ago when he first came to retrieve her belongings after the attacks. Gathered outside the Town Offices with a number of town officials, Harry explained that Andover was part of her. Before the attacks, she likely came to the Town Offices to do things like register her car or pay taxes. If she voted in an election, it may have been at the Andover Senior Center behind the offices.

"I feel that I'm breathing the air that Betty breathed," he said. "She was here. She lived here."

After the meeting, Burke said the Ongs visit to Andover was a historic day, and a day that wasn't without strange coincidence.

"They came the day we put (the plaque) on the wall," he said.

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CENTER OF ATTENTION: FOCUS ON ANDOVER'S DOWNTOWN

Downtown parking key to downtown success

Town wonders why not park and walk?

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Dave Pierre of Andover has the newest business in downtown Andover. He owns the new yogurt shop, Orange Leaf on Park Street.

Frequently packed with customers, it has become a downtown destination for all ages as it's open until 11 p.m.

There's only one headache parking. Pierre now understands the rallying cry of so many downtown business owners - Andover needs more parking.

"Our founding fathers just don't realize it. They want businesses, but there is only so

much parking," said Rick Pruneau, owner of the Park Street Pub. "Downtown businesses are upset. There's no parking and that hurts business."

Several business owners say it's the biggest problem downtown because of its lasting effect on customers. Customers won't come if they can't park - or if they're towed from private lots or ticketed for staying too long on the street.

"There are no easy answers but it's not going away either," Pruneau said of downtown parking woes.

NO EASY FIX

Selectman Alex Vispoli knows downtown parking has been an issue for years.

"Parking is always one (issue) you hear about. I know that I really want to get a spot right in front of where I am going. Usually, that doesn't end up

happening," he said.

He said there has to be "parking structures built in." Andover does have a parking bylaw that requires one space for each 250 square feet of business. But it's apparently not helping some businesses.

Take Tom Carroll's real estate business on Park Street. He often feels cramped in the space.

"People ask us all the time to park in our lot and walk to work, and we have to say no. We just barely have enough room for ourselves and our clients," he said.

Some business owners find the town's ticketing "aggressive."

"There is parking, but there is no mercy with the tickets. It is brutal," said Merit Tukiainen who used to own Night & Day on Park Street. The lingerie shop closed earlier this year after eight years.

She said some customers would be looking at lingerie



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

This van recently received a parking citation for being parked on Chestnut Street longer than two hours. One of the downtown debates is over how aggressively the town should ticket. Some stores favor ticketing because it encourages turnover of spaces, while others fear it drives away repeat business.

ask, "will I get ticketed if I go 20 minutes over?" She would have to say yes. She would often lose that customer as they would not come back.

"I have no doubt that downtown is losing business to the mall," she said. "Any downtown has to make it super attractive to come and spend."

TOWN'S PERSPECTIVE

Meanwhile, town officials point to the parking complaints as proof of Andover's downtown vibrancy.

"(Downtown) has over 600

spaces within a five-minute walk...no, there are not 300 spaces in front of Starbucks or Park Street Pub or one of the retail stores," said Planning Director Paul Materazzo. "Do you want vibrancy or a parking facility in your downtown?"

Senior planner Lisa Schwarz said there is a struggle in maintaining good parking.

"You don't want a business to not come in because of parking, you don't want a person to not come down because of parking, and you can't create parking," she said.

This past summer, the town voted to turn six coveted parking spaces on Post Office Avenue into outdoor dining spaces. Pruneau and Sam Petrovich of Dylan's bar and restaurant spoke publicly against losing the parking spaces.

The Zoning Board of Appeals politely listened to them at the July 7 meeting then took the town's position. They encouraged customers to park in a municipal parking lot downtown and walk to their destination.

— Dustin Luca contributed to this story.

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CENTER OF ATTENTION: FOCUS ON ANDOVER'S DOWNTOWN

DOWNTOWN: Business center still attractive but owners see ways to improve it

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little more, but in essence that little amount you are paying is paying you back," Tukianen said. "You're protecting your investment by doing that."

She's also big believer in supporting small, local businesses like those in Andover's downtown, because most of the money spent there stays in the

community. Smaller businesses often support local charity fundraisers as true members of the community, she said.

Carrie Midura, public relations and development assistant with the downtown Andover Historical Society for the last four years, believes one of the downtown's strongest elements is its sense of community.

"You have that one central place you can go to find your neighbors," Midura said. "You know you're going to run into your neighbors at Town Meeting, and at all of the places to go shopping."

Downtown, residents and business owners can build "those neighborly" relations, Midura said. And neighborly relations between the businesses themselves is something many proponents say is

one of downtown's strongest characteristics.

For each strong attribute, however, there are other characteristics that many residents and shop owners say need improvement.

When given the opportunity to talk about downtown, many business owners shared their concerns about a number of issues they believe make running a downtown Andover business more difficult.

WHAT IS WORKING DOWNTOWN

Business owners like camaraderie

"The sense of community has always been here in Andover, and I would think that is what helped create a central downtown," Historical Society PR and Development Assistant Carrie Midura said. "It was that sense of community that established downtown as a cohesive, central place."

For many of the businesses, a critical part of what drives business is the neighborly relations between establishments.

"If I don't have something that someone is looking for, I automatically send them to someone else in town," Quiet Pleasures owner Kay Demaso said. "I love being able to support my neighbors in that way. I know them all. I know they're great, and I know they would do the same for me."

Jenn Levental, owner of General Goods at Olde Andover Village, said the camaraderie between businesses often helps make the darker times of business a bit brighter.

"They don't have to do that, but the fact that they do is keeping me in business," Levental said.

"We all help each other like that," she said. "I'd rather support Lisa or Izzy, or Kay, than have someone go to the mall or something."

From his vantage point at the Town Offices, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said the infrastructure surrounding downtown — the sidewalks and the roads themselves — is one of the downtown's strongest qualities. Andover and the state recently spent several years and more than \$2 million to improve the traffic flow, safety and look of the downtown. Andover residents voted to add amenities such as different street lights and benches.

"The public infrastructure that goes into downtown is very important, in the sense that it makes it attractive," Stapczynski said.

One of the best effects of the project, in the end, is how it impacted the businesses, he believes.

"We've seen the uptick here," Stapczynski said. "That had a tremendous impact, because the other businesses downtown have improved their facilities."

Overall, looking at the number of vacancies in the downtown community and how many are visible from Main Street, Stapczynski said that downtown is doing very well.

"Our infrastructure money here went a long way to attract businesses downtown," he said. "It's hard to quantify, except we don't have that many storefronts that are vacant."

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WHAT ISN'T WORKING DOWNTOWN

Government regulations, approach play a role, according to shop owners

Businesses today face a number of challenges, many driven by conditions in the market. But some business owners say there are struggles created by the town.

REGULATIONS

"Some things are harder than they should be," Amy Finegold, owner of dresscode, said. "I know two people who have broken down and cried because of their experiences at town hall, because they thought everything was fine... and there was some other rule they didn't know about."

Adrienne Pappadopoulos, owner of Andelini's, a new Italian restaurant on Essex Street and the former Best of Boston winner Glory, notes "allergy management is a department for me now."

"The powers that be in our downtown, in our town government, should contemplate the amount of energy that it takes to conceive of a business, put together the support needed to open the business, make the plan ... and hire the staff, because it is very significant," Pappadopoulos said. "It is so structured that we will never be like Newburyport... We can't go on to have that kind of bustle with the hoops and ladders that you have to jump through, and climb, to get things done."

"The process to open a new business does get complicated, but a lot of different things come into play," said Tom Carbone, health director.

"Not just the health code, but when you open up a place, the zoning issues come into play. Special requirements from the planning board come into play. It can be very complicated," Carbone said. "All of the sudden you realize you need a permit to put a sign up, and then you find out that you need a special permit."

To help solve this type of issue, the town is working on bringing all necessary parties together early in the process of opening a business so that a prospective owner knows what he or she is up against, according to Carbone.

"When somebody is coming to open up a restaurant in town, we're trying to get all the permitting and inspection departments at once with the hope that we can help the owner with trouble-shooting ahead of time," Carbone said.

TAME NIGHTLIFE

Andover residents often joke about how much of the downtown becomes a ghost town after business hours. But some are hoping the arrival of some new restaurants and the town's decision to allow seating on public sidewalks will help enliven the downtown scene.

"One of the things a good downtown has is an active night life," Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said. "What makes North End so attractive? Everybody has studied that, and they've been studying it for years."

COMMUNICATION

Another problem facing downtown is the amount of communication that exists between businesses and the government they answer to. People on both side of the fence attest to that.

"I think we could learn a lot, increasing the communication, creating a formal communication," Selectman Alex Vispoli said. "The more communication we can have together between the town manager, selectmen, the other boards in the town and the community, we'll find that there are other things we can improve that don't revolve around budget."

For that, Vispoli wants to create an economic development council, a group of individuals from a number of businesses that will relay to the town what is going on downtown, and how town government either has impacted that or could impact that.

"The process would self-dictate, what are these issues that could come out," Vispoli said. "They could involve big-picture items, awareness of trends or maybe even identify best practices on a number of topics."

"For me, it's because of getting anecdotal statements from all of the people," he said. "There's always an opportunity to do a better job."

Lisa Schwarz, a town planner, agreed with the idea of a development council.

"An economic development council, if it has people in business within the community, may have a whole other sense and pulse of the town that residents and municipal staff don't have," Schwarz said. "Maybe an economic development council is the way to do that."

EVENT: Andover Day, a party in the downtown, is this Saturday

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office is in Elm Square. "There are two goals — we showcase our downtown and make sure people know about our new businesses, like the bridal building and the new yogurt shop (Orange Leaf)."

Secondly, ABCA is thrilled with the "know your town" emphasis at Andover Day. Community groups, including the Rotary Club, will have tents alongside the vendors.

"You can see what your neighbor is doing and hopefully sign up to join something," Caruso said.

Once again, Stop & Shop is a key sponsor, along with Lawrence General Hospital and others. The radio station 92.5 The River brings performers to its main stage set up at Elm Square. This year's opening act is Jason

Spoooner, a songwriter and singer from Massachusetts. The headliner is Beetlejuice, best known for their take on Beatles music.

The show starts at 1 p.m. and is free. Small folding chairs are welcome for listening comfort.

Food will be plentiful so event-goers should bring their appetites. Andover Country Club, Casa Blanca, DISH, My Brother's Pizza, Andover Inn/Samuel's, Henny's, Brian's Father's Hot Dogs, Glenn's Pushcart, Good Day Café and Frank's Senior Center Luncheon are among the food vendors.

"Everyone should go. It's going to be great," Caruso said.

The Andover Townsman will have a table and will look for people to offer their ideas for what is working in the downtown and what can be done to make the downtown better.



Danielle Sosnowska attended Andover Day last year to promote her theater group and its upcoming performance. She was performing as the title character in ACT Andover's production of Cinderella. Andover Day is an opportunity for residents to learn about a variety of local organizations.



The Adam Ezra Group performs during a previous Andover Day held on Main Street in downtown Andover. Live music is a big part of the annual event.

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Obituaries

Mary Campbell



Mary (Hussey) Campbell, a resident of Andover for more than 30 years and beloved wife of Michael S. Campbell, passed Thursday morning,

Sept. 15, 2011, with loving family by her side.

Born in Lynn, she was the beloved daughter of the late Timothy and Kathleen (Molloy) Hussey. Mary was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Having taught at Lawrence High School for 37 years, she recently entered an active retirement, walking and golfing with friends daily. Mary's vivacious spirit, love of laughter, and outgoing nature endeared her to all.

In addition to her beloved husband, Michael, Mary is survived by her loving children, Michael S. Campbell and his partner, Jeffrey

M. Smith, both of San Francisco; Timothy R. and his wife Rebecca A. Campbell of Haverhill; and Andrea C. and her husband Robert J. Mooney of Marblehead; granddaughter, Sadie M. Campbell of Haverhill; siblings, Noreen Hussey of Waltham; Timothy and his wife Mary Anne Hussey of Salem, N.H.; Helen and her husband Stanley Shaw of Portsmouth, N.H.; and many nieces and nephews. Additionally, she will be deeply missed by several dear friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Andover, Monday, Sept. 19, 2011. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Tewksbury. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to the MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Gwendolyn M. O'Connor



Gwendolyn Marie (Jansson) O'Connor passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, surrounded by family and friends at home in Andover,

where she resided for the past six years.

Gwen began sharing love on the first day of spring, March 21, 1928, in Bangor, Maine, and spent her entire life helping the world become a more beautiful place to live. She graduated from John Baptist High School and considered becoming a nun before marrying, settling in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, and giving life to seven children. Amazingly while raising her considerable brood, Gwen also found time and energy to be an active member of her church and local government, teaching CCD classes at St. Thomas Catholic Church and serving as chairwoman of the Piscataquis County Democratic Committee for several years. Motivated only by her sense of responsibility to help people, Gwen worked tirelessly for causes in which she believed, and in so doing, touched the lives of many in a profoundly positive way. Her natural ability to care deeply for others extended beyond her immediate family to an entire community. Her doors were never locked; her heart was always open. Gwen's spirit lives on in the hearts and souls of her

children and everyone whose lives she touched.

Gwen was predeceased by former spouse, Donald T. O'Connor. She is survived by daughter, Mary O'Connor of Bangor, Maine; daughter, Annie and husband Tom McNamara of Winchester; son, Christopher of Durham, N.C.; son, Dennis of Clearwater, Fla.; daughter, Kathy O'Connor and granddaughter, Kavvanah O'Connor of Andover; daughter, Carol and husband John Lovett of Winchester; son, Kevin of New Orleans; grandsons, Tommy, Connor, and Gavin McNamara of Winchester; Evan Worthing of Dover-Foxcroft; granddaughter, Ariel Worthing of Dover-Foxcroft; great-grandson, Kaleb Briggs of Dover-Foxcroft; great-granddaughter, Emma Gwendolyn Crossman of Dover-Foxcroft; sister-in-law, Kay O'Connor of Hanson; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to friends and caregivers, Grace Bouvier and Mary Lou Sims, for the love they shared with Gwen during the past few years.

ARRANGEMENTS: A private interment will be held at Pinegrove Cemetery, Bangor. A celebration of Gwen's life is being planned to take place in Kennebunkport, Maine, in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations in Gwen's memory may be made to Visiting Nurse Hospice, VNA of Middlesex-East, Development Office, 607 North Ave., Suite 17, Wakefield, MA 01880.

Warren L. Court, 86



Warren L. Court, 86, formerly of Haverhill passed away Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 in Andover.

He was born in Haverhill on Feb. 28, 1925, son of the late Samuel and Etta (Laskey) Court.

Warren was a graduate of Haverhill High School, Governor Dummer Academy and Bowdoin College. He prided himself on being the first student of Jewish heritage to be admitted into a fraternity.

Warren is survived by his son,

Stephen C. Court of Wichita, Kan.; his daughters, Patricia E. Court of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Elizabeth S. and her husband Donald Zabel of Willow, N.Y.; and former wife, Dorothy (Cohen) Court of Lowell.

ARRANGEMENTS: Graveside services were held on Monday, Sept. 19, at 11:30 at the Children of Israel Cemetery, Haverhill. There was no memorial observance. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Academy Manor Nursing Home Employee Fund, 89 Morton St., Andover, MA 01810. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill and Bradford. For complete obituary and condolences please go to www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.

Barbara E. Henderson



Barbara Ellen (Wilson) Henderson of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Andover, and Sunapee, N.H., passed away Friday, Sept. 16, 2011 following

a lengthy illness. She was the beloved wife of Robert M. Henderson with whom she celebrated 65 years of marriage on Sept. 6.

Prior to moving to Sarasota in 1991, Barbara raised her family in Andover, where she was active in her children's youth activities. She also spent countless hours volunteering at Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence. She loved spending time with family and friends at Lake Sunapee, NH enjoying summer and winter activities. She experienced much joy on her many trips to Germany, visiting her daughter's family. Barbara's sponsorship of Hopi Indian children resulted in numerous trips to the Hopi Reservation in Arizona, where she received love and affection from the sponsored families. Barbara loved travelling, spending time at the ocean, following the Boston Red Sox, jigsaw puzzles, reading, and spending time playing cards and board games with her

family.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Robert; son, Robert and his wife Louise of Andover; son, Richard and his wife Irene of Sarasota, Fla.; daughter, Karen Henderson of Chelmsford; and son-in-law, Dr. Paschen Simonis of Gilching, Germany. Grandchildren include Dr. Christopher Simonis and Dr. Anja Kaltstein of Olching, Germany; Katrin Simonis of Munich, Germany; Andrew Henderson and wife Julia of North Andover; Douglas Henderson and wife Ivana of North Andover; Dana Henderson of Norwalk, Conn.; Kara Martellucci of Nashua, N.H.; Jenna Martellucci of Portland, Maine; and a sister, Dorothy Robinson of Lake Mary, Fla. Also, nine great-grandchildren. Barbara was preceded in death by her daughter, Judith Simonis of Gilching, Germany.

Her family wishes to acknowledge the loving care she received during her stay in the Carroll Center at the Glenridge on Palmer Ranch, Sarasota, Fla.

ARRANGEMENTS: A celebration of her life will be held at The Performing Arts Center of The Glenridge at Palmer Ranch on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the Benevolent Fund at The Glenridge at Palmer Ranch, 7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota, FL 34238.

Kathleen Smith-Lane

Kathleen Smith-Lane of Hanover, N.H. formerly of Andover, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011 in Hanover.

Born in Claremont, N.H., and raised in New Britain, Ct., Kathleen graduated from the University of Vermont in 1952 with a BSN and attended Brown University for a MSN.

Kathleen, with her husband, Robert, were invited to join the faculty of Phillips Academy in 1955 where Robert established the Russian Department and joined the Classics Department teaching both Latin and Ancient Greek and introducing Etymology. Kathleen and Robert both served at their beloved Andover

until their retirement in 1984 when they moved to Hanover and Dartmouth College.

Kathleen also dedicated many hours to serving the American Red Cross in the Merrimack Valley while at Phillips Academy.

Kathleen is survived by three children, Cyril (Methuen), Ross (Franklin, Maine), and Martha (Hanover); and one grandson, Steven (Lawrence).

ARRANGEMENTS: There are no calling hours. A service will be held at Phillips Academy, with burial immediately following in the Phillips Academy garth. Memorial Contributions in Kathleen's name may be made to Trustees of Phillips Academy; Oliver Wendall Holmes Library.

Alexander Thomson, Jr., 73

Alexander (Sonny) Thomson, Jr., 73, a longtime resident of Andover, passed away at home on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011 due to complications of diabetes.

Alex was the son of the late Alexander and Grace Thomson of Andover. He was a 1956 graduate of Puncard High School in Andover. After graduating, he served in the United States Navy Submarine service on the USS Bacuna and the USS Sablefish from 1957 to 1961. Alex worked as a steamfitter at Phillips Academy in Andover for 36 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret (Campbell) Thomson of Manchester, N.H., with whom he had just celebrated 50 years of marriage; son, Andrew Thomson of Salem, N.H.; daughter, Heather Thomson and

her partner Susan Ricciardi of Manchester, N.H.; brother, Alan Thomson and his wife Susan of Andover; and brother-in-law, John Campbell and his wife Cheryl of Andover; and niece, Lisa Campbell, and nephew, Brent Campbell and his wife Kristen.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011 at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made in Alex's name to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. For funeral home directions or to sign the family guest book, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Paul S. Strong

Paul S. Strong, of Wakefield, formerly of Reading, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011.

Son of Charlotte E. Strong of Reading and her late husband, William. Brother of Susan Teixeira and her husband Richard of New Hampshire, Richard Strong and his wife Janice of Andover, William Strong and the late David and Douglas Strong. Brother-in-law of Carol Strong of Florida, Anne Strong of North Reading. Paul is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nephews and great-nieces.

Paul worked for many years at

both North Reading and Reading Stop and Shops, and always had a smile on his face.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral service was held in Old South Methodist Church, 6 Salem St., Reading, on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, North Reading. Please omit flowers and make donations in Paul's name to the Co-operative of Human Services, Inc., 17 New England Executive Park, 3rd Floor, Burlington, MA 01803. Arrangements by the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., North Reading. www.cotafuneralhomes.com.



Early, unidentified officers of the Shawsheen Village Women's Club are shown in this Historical Society photo.

Shawsheen Village Women's Club continues into 91st year



Andover Stories Bernice Haggerty Andover Historical Society

Later, a drama group was formed. Community work was done by sponsoring a Girl Scout Troop, a class in training for motherhood, and aiding the needy during the Depression years. An antique and heritage group met regularly at the Andover Historical Society.

At one time, volunteer work was a requirement for all members. Volunteer hours were reported and credited to the club on a state level. In 1995, members submitted over 9,000 volunteer hours.

Fund-raising continues to be an important club activity. The primary goal is to provide scholarships for high school students. Two pupils from Andover High School and one from the Greater Lawrence Technical School are given these awards. The Veterans' Committee is also active, supporting Andover's Veterans Services Office with monetary donations and CARE packages to local service men and women.

In addition to the business and serious side of the group, there is also a great deal of fun enjoyed by the members. An early group was the Creative Arts Committee that met each month to work on arts and crafts. One of their most ambitious projects was a commemorative patchwork quilt made by members of the committee to honor the 75th anniversary of the club and the 350th anniversary of the town of Andover. Each square of the quilt relates in some way to the Shawsheen Village Women's Club. Currently, it is stored at the Andover Historical Society.

Social activities today include a bridge group and a bowling league. At one time there was a golf league and "The Singles" group - women who got together for brunch or lunch and planned visits to museums or the theater.

In the club's current organization, monthly meetings are held, presenting a variety of entertainments and timely topics. Within its group of regular and honorary members, are three members with over 50 years of service each. New members are always welcome.

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

RELIGION

West Parish Church's E-scrap Day

West Parish Church, at 129 Reservation Road will offer "E-Scrap Day" on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will go to the various charities that West Parish Church supports.

The following prices apply to items that are not special items: \$5 for items smaller than a microwave (or a small box of small items); \$10 for items the size of a

microwave; \$15 for items the size of a mini fridge; \$20 for items the size of a washer, dryer, or small lawnmower provided that they are light enough for two men to lift into the truck and contain no liquids of any kind. Special Items: \$20 per TV, any size; \$10 computer monitor, any size.

People are asked to bring electronics and appliances only. All items are cash only.

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Opinion

Encouraging artistic interests

The Andover schools have created a task force to look at improving the town's fine arts program and, to use an obvious cliché, that should be music to many people's ears.

Now, we know Andover cooks up more task forces than some people make home-cooked dinners. And many of the task force reports have done little but sit on shelves. However, the effort to study the state of Andover's fine arts program is justified and applauded here.

"We want a more robust arts program," School Committee member Annie Gilbert told the Townsman's sister paper, the Eagle-Tribune. "It is such a gem in our community and we need to grow it."

A noticeable commitment to the arts curriculum is greatly welcomed because it is needed to provide a well-rounded education, and opportunities for young students interested in that area.

We've noted before in this space that when the Andover High School was renovated in the mid 1990s, there was really only one area of the curriculum that did not benefit - the fine arts. While the addition and renovation added playing fields and a field house on top of the Dunn Gymnasium for those interested in athletics, the Collins Center for the Performing Arts received virtually no upgrades. In fact, for a long stretch during the construction, fine arts took a step backward as the Collins Center stage was used to hold construction supplies and equipment. The state-of-the-art stage where the Boston Pops had performed during the facility's opening night had become a dusty storage area. You couldn't help but see the fine arts as a second class citizen in the Andover High community.

That feeling has been carried by many Andover High students and their parents over the years. But last school year in particular there was great excitement at Andover High in the fine arts program. Praise was heaped on music teacher Mercer for the magic he performed directing Andover High's new show choir. He seems to be building something special, and the students seem to share his passion. That should be encouraged.

Perhaps through the task force, the school administration, School Committee and residents can show artistic youth that the Andover community has a passion for the arts, too.

State reputation needs repair

Those who maintain that getting a job with the state is not a matter of what you know, but who, could not have been surprised by the indictments handed down Monday against the former probation commissioner and a former high-ranking staffer in the treasurer's office.

John O'Brien, who was relieved of his duties as probation commissioner last year in the wake of allegations of "pervasive fraud" within his department, is in this instance accused of arranging a job for his wife back in 2005 in exchange for organizing a fundraiser for then Treasurer Timothy Cahill. The deal was sealed, according to prosecutors, in conversations between O'Brien and Scott Campbell, then Cahill's chief of staff, who went on to manage his 2010 gubernatorial campaign.

Both men have denied the charges, which Attorney General Martha Coakley described as only the first result of what is a comprehensive probe into Probation and other state agencies' hiring practices.

Coming on the heels of former House Speaker Sal DiMasi's conviction for influence-peddling, these latest charges will only bolster the public's cynicism over the way their money is spent. Providing comfortable employment for a favored few is not what most of us want done with the money that's taken from our paychecks every week.

A bill signed into law by Gov. Patrick last month creates tougher hiring standards for those applying for employment with the courts and Probation Department which, like the MBTA and Turnpike Authority, had long been viewed as a haven for friends and family of influential legislators. Unfortunately, the damage done by recent leaders will take more than a single piece of legislation to repair.

WEB QUESTION

Result: Don't build walls

Last week's web question was "Federal and state governments have set \$10 million to install sound barriers along part of Interstate 93 in Andover. Should the government build these types of sound barriers?"

The majority of people responding said, "No."

53.5 percent of those responding said, "No, because residents who buy property near a highway should be aware that noise will affect them."

Nearly 14 percent said, "No, because building walls along one stretch of highway sets a precedent taxpayers cannot afford."

16.3 percent said, "Yes, when the noise from a nearby highway reaches a certain decibel and serves as a constant nuisance for who are outside or have their windows open."

11.6 percent said, "Yes, but only if the noise increases from what it historically has been, such as through the use of an additional lane of traffic."

The remaining responders, over 4.6 percent, said, "Yes, because the noise of nearby highway transit drops the value of homes and makes selling real estate difficult."

No one picked "No, because

residents affected by the noise can get used to it," or "I don't have an opinion on this."

Downtown thoughts

This week's web question is "What's the biggest problem in the downtown?"

- I'm a resident and it's parking.
 - I'm a business owner and it's parking.
 - I'm a resident and it's lack of nightlife.
 - I'm a business owner and it's lack of nightlife.
 - I'm a resident and it's not enough variety of shops.
 - I'm a business owner and it's not enough variety of shops.
 - I'm a resident and it's too many offices, banks, etc.
 - I'm a business owner and it's too many offices, banks, etc.
 - I'm a resident and it's government regulations.
 - I'm a business owner and it's government regulations.
 - I'm a resident and it's high rents.
 - I'm a business owner and it's high rents.
 - I'm a resident and it's another issue (please leave comment).
 - I'm a business owner and it's another issue (please leave comment).
- Visit andovertownsmen.com to offer your answer.

HANDS-ON FUN



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Giavanna Acosta, 7, of Methuen pets the back of a tame and descented skunk during a show of animals at the festival at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church Saturday.

State senator: We have to change status quo on pensions

Barry Finegold

I voted to reform our pension system because in difficult times, you have to be willing to make tough choices, and these tough choices can be unpopular.

Massachusetts is one of 25 states across the country that has enacted significant pension reforms this year. We are not the only ones scaling back and reevaluating our fiscal situation. Every aspect of retirement needs to be examined, including life expectancy.

When Social Security was created, the average life expectancy for men was 58 and 62 for women. The retirement age was still 65. Back then, there were 40 workers supporting each Social Security retiree. Now's there's about 3. These numbers are analogous to the state pension

system; it wasn't built to sustain this large number of people for this extended period of time at such a great cost.

There are more than 175,000 active members in our state and teachers pension system. But there are also 107,578 retired members collecting pension payments. That means there are roughly 1.6 active workers for each retiree. The numbers can't support the system we have in place right now.

I believe asking future employees to work longer is a necessary measure that will keep the system functioning. If you ask a young person now, many do not believe their pension or Social Security will even be available for them when they reach retirement age.

Reform is necessary for the betterment of the future state employees as well as for all

the taxpayers of Massachusetts. Right now, on average, the state contributes about 2.7 percent per state employee for the pension fund. Under Social Security, private sector employers are mandated to pay 6.25 percent. If the state had to pay for Social Security for all state workers, it would cost more than \$365 million per year more than what the state contributes now to the pension system. It's simply a better deal for the state as whole to keep the current system than replace it with Social Security.

Pointing fingers at what should have been done in the past does not solve problems. It does not matter who was the root cause of the unfunded liability for pensions, but rather more important that we address it and make sure it doesn't happen again for future

generations. We have to confront the issues and make bold choices. Scapegoating government employees will also not solve problems. I saw firsthand how dedicated and how hard my parents worked as teachers. I still have people come up to me today to tell me what an impact my parents had on their lives. People choose public service because they want to help people. I think they deserve a decent retirement when they are done with their careers. In order for that to happen, we all have to be willing to change the status quo, not hide behind it.

Barry Finegold is the state senator representing Andover. He replaced fellow Andover resident Susan Tucker earlier this year after years as a state representative.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS POLICY

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community, had the opportunity to participate in and directly influence the school design.

The SBC was extremely careful to incorporate the concerns of this community of actively involved residents. As the Townsman has reported, the resulting sustainable design will serve as an environmental, educational, and financial success. The new Bancroft will be an exciting place to teach and learn, and be used for many other purposes.

In addition, many accommodations were made to mitigate impacts on the school's neighbors, including altering the location of the school, reorienting its position, changing its massing, narrowing the much-needed playing fields, and developing a carefully considered wetlands replication plan.

The result is a balanced plan, one that earned broad support at the two town votes for the school last winter. It also was strongly supported by the Mass. School Building Authority, which

awarded this design the maximum available matching funding. We look forward to both parties working to the speedy resolution of the current environmental protection appeals, both because of our strong support for this balanced plan, but also because of our knowledge from other area school building projects that delays always raise costs. Finally, the coming of winter brings back in focus concerns about the roof structure that makes this project so necessary to the safety of our students and staff.

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Founders, Sustainable Andover

Tea Party does not equal Republican

Editor, Townsman:

I thank Andy Rouse for his response to my letter of Sept. 8 and would like to comment on his observations {"Pouring over Tea Party name-calling," Letters, Sept. 15}).

It's unfair to assume that derogatory signs you've seen in the media were carried by Tea Partiers. I know Tea Party groups frown on displaying such signs and make every effort to get that word out. If you've ever been to a Boston rally, however, you would be aware that opposition groups openly display vulgar commentary and visuals.

Your assumption that the Tea Party is affiliated with the GOP is not true. The Tea Party is

not affiliated with any political party. It is a grassroots movement comprised of millions of Americans from all backgrounds and all political parties. The group supports the core principles of the U.S. Constitution. Among them are limited federal government, states' rights, balanced budgets, individual liberty, freedom and personal responsibility. Some supporters are Republican and conservative; some are Independent, Libertarian and some are even Democrat.

Because the Tea Party is not affiliated with the Republican Party, you cannot blame the Tea Party for controversial statements made by GOP lawmakers or conservative media personalities.

I do agree hateful rhetoric is not new to politics. But the Tea Party issue is not the usual Democrat-Republican go-around of "dirty politics." It is a hateful, concentrated attack by Democrats against a group of citizens whose main purpose is to preserve the American traditions outlined by the Constitution.

In their effort to "take out" the Tea Party (Hoffa), Democrats have committed the very deeds they accuse the Tea Party of. They have revealed themselves as "the extremists," "the terrorists," and "the enemy."

For the record, I am a Tea Partier and an Independent ("unenrolled") voter.

JOAN PATRAKIS
35 Chandler Road

THURSDAY FILE

We don't look for facts any more to form our opinions. We look for facts that enforce our opinions and shun those facts that contradict our opinions. People believe in what they want to believe.

- Gianni Riotta

When I can't find something perfect, I design it myself.

- Isay Weinfeld, architect

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. Explore. Dream. Discover.

- Mark Twain

If I had a formula for bypassing trouble, I would not pass it round. Trouble creates a capacity to handle it. I don't embrace trouble; that's as bad as treating it as an enemy. But I do say meet it as a friend, for you'll see a lot of it and had better be on speaking terms with it.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

Trust that little voice in your head that says 'Wouldn't it be interesting if...?' And then do it.

» Duane Michals

I have found that if you love life, life will love you back.

- Arthur Rubinstein

To be content with little is hard; to be content with much is impossible.

- Marie Ebner-Eschenbach

I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing.

- Agatha Christie

People only see what they are prepared to see.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

No man will swim ashore and take his baggage with him.

- Marcus Annacus Seneca

Change is inevitable in a progressive society. Change is constant.

- Benjamin Disraeli

We find that having a meal is creative alchemy. Not just the soil but cultivating conversation and people.

- Alastair Mackenzie

To have joy one must share it. Happiness was born a twin.

- Lord Byron

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FILE PHOTO

The late Dorothy Piercy in front of one of her Main Street murals that is now in need of repair.

Murals from Ford's Coffee damaged, being repaired

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

It won't take a road crew to repair the damage to this "Main Street." But it will take time.

An iconic mural capturing the Andover Main Street of yesterday have been torn slightly while hanging at Town Offices, and is in need of special repairs. The mural, painted by the late Dorothy Piercy, once hung in Ford's Coffee Shop, a Musgrove Building eatery popular for decades with families, students and politicians alike. When Ford's closed in 1994, it was moved to Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St.

"People see them as such iconic images of Andover," said Carrie Midura, public relations and development assistant for the Andover Historical Society. When the Historical Society had its "Main Street Memories" exhibit in 2008, and recreated a portion of Ford's Coffee Shop complete with a replica mural, everyone wanted to sit in a booth by the mural.

"People love trying to recapture those memories," she said. "We'd even see adults bringing their young children and saying, 'That's where we used to go after school.'"

Another Main Street mural created for the town's 350th celebration in 1996 also still hangs at Town Offices and has been slightly damaged, according to assistant town manager Steve

Bucuzzo. The paintings were most likely damaged by people walking the halls there, said Midura.

"It does seem accidental. Probably somebody bumped into it at one point and, human nature being what it is, you see a little tear and you want to keep poking at it," said Midura.

The more damaged, 1957 mural has been taken down and is being repaired in a meeting room. When the work is finished in mid October, it will be rehanging and both paintings will be covered with plexiglass to protect them, she said.

"This has been something we've been working toward for a number of years. It first came to our attention from local citizens," Midura said. "It's just been in the past six months that the damage seemed to increase."

She said the second mural may be repaired at a later date, when office space is available again.

"The murals are so large they cannot be transported offsite without raising the costs astronomically," said Midura.

The \$1,700 repairs by restoration specialist Sara Hidalgo will be paid for by the town.

Piercy died in March 2008 at age 86. At the time her family said the murals were one of the things she had been most proud of. Piercy not only captured the stores on Main Street, but painted some well known residents walking the streets.

Lisa Loosigian

Andover Annie was what they called her when she'd roll into town in her familiar horse and buggy back in the 1920s and '30s. She would be bringing her fresh eggs and farm vegetables to sell to the grocers who regularly bought from her. They must have enjoyed sparing with this small but feisty woman who could haggle over prices completely unhindered by her limited command of the language. Broken English, they used to call it, but hers was always rich and colorful. She had nicknamed me, her fussy, delicate granddaughter, "Queen Mary" (which always sounded like Coon Merry).

Andover Annie was my father's mother. She lived next door to us on the farm on Lowell Street. She was four foot something tall and stout of body, heart and mind. Her face was creased and wrinkled beyond her years from too many summers out in the fields under a merciless sun. She kept her long gray hair braided and coiled around her head, though sometimes it would break loose and hang defiantly down her back. Her trademark cotton print dresses were pinned and patched haphazardly. Her billowing apron was always used to carry fruit from her trees or eggs just gathered from the coop.

Bent over in a field, picking beans or tomatoes, Annie was a sight in pink bloomers. We loved to tease her with the chant, "I see Boston, I see France...." No matter. She was unfazed, and at the slightest urging she would start singing or reciting the poems and proverbs learned in distant childhood in Armenia, and remembered still.

She might spend a whole

day chopping wood and laying it in for winter, or making a big batch of lethal-smelling lye soap. One day she could be operating on a hurt farm animal and the next, bringing down the ax on Sunday's chicken dinner.

Bossy and tough, that was Andover Annie. She had to be, to stand up to Billy Wood each time he came around offering to buy the farm, stuffing cash into my grandfather's overall pocket. As scarce as money was in those days, she would snatch it out and press it back into Wood's palm. She stood her ground again when dairy farmer Sid White, whom she would always refer to warily as "that Sinney P. White," tried to get her to sell. That the farm is still owned by the family today has a lot to do with Annie's pride and deep attachment to the land.

Yes, Annie was strong-willed and her tongue was often sharp. The language she sometimes used could curl a truck driver's hair. Yet just because she used them so sparingly, words of endearment from her always had a soul-warming power.

It was only after Annie had passed on, in her 90th year, that I dared to open the mystery-shrouded trunk that she kept locked in a corner of her upstairs bedroom.

crystal.

By now I had uncovered a stack of tinted family photographs, cherished letters, and somber-looking legal documents, including the deed to the farm. Beneath these lay a large wicker tray with a ring of iridescent blue butterflies pressed under glass. Upon removing it I found a weighty packet. I opened it most gingerly. Here was a shimmering beaded bag in opulent red and gold. The faceted glass beads were woven in a basket-weave style. It was not quite completed, and long threads hung from the unfinished end.

I was struck by the poignancy of this piece, left as it was. Like a sweet but suddenly interrupted dream it would never be completed. But in reality there had been no place in Annie's hardscrabble life for a fancy beaded purse. She must have known she had no pressing need to ever finish it.

I marveled at that purse and all those other fine and beautiful things hidden away in the depths of Annie's trunk. Yet it seemed so unlikely that our tough old grandmother would have kept and treasured such fancy, frivolous things. The hardening effects of farm life had left their mark, to be sure. Not that she had ever complained about the endless chores and few niceties. On the contrary, she loved her little farm and everything that grew on it. But it now seemed Annie also had a taste for another kind of life, one more elegant and genteel. Apparently, those lovely things she had collected and stored inside that massive trunk were enough to satisfy that yearning in her. In the private sanctuary that was her room she could gaze upon and hold them, savoring the graciousness they imparted.

I liked the idea that in my grandmother's gritty, homespun life a small place had been kept aside for a trove of utterly useless, hopelessly fragile, yet remarkably beautiful objects. But most of all it pleased me to discover an aspect of Andover Annie that I might never have know.

Lisa Loosigian grew up in Andover and now makes her home in North Andover.

Anna Loosigian circa 1920.

Anna Loosigian in her later years.

The key was easy enough to find, in a covered porcelain dish on her 1930s waterfaller style bureau. As the tumbler turned I lifted the trunk lid slowly, uneasy about invading my grandmother's privacy. I knew it held the purple brocade wedding dress she had sewn herself and worn as a sixteen-year-old bride. But what other personal treasures lay inside? I couldn't even speculate.

One by one I began removing the muslin or yellowed tissue paper from each carefully wrapped parcel. Here was a small locket, silver set with marcasite, framing a tiny mother-of-pearl chariot.

Next came a dramatic pair of black silk stockings adorned, just above the ankle, with a pink butterfly in tiny glass beads.

A set of translucent, hand painted demitasse cups and saucers were carefully boxed and individually wrapped.

Inside a neatly tucked and pinned linen towel were exquisite bits of handmade lace, matching lengths for edging pillowcases, and intricately patterned collars. Here too were richly brocaded satin and velvet ribbons. A small tin held a charming assortment of fancy buttons, some studded with rhinestones, some with cameos, and just one of cut


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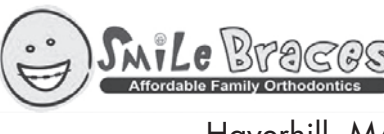


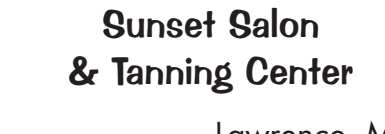
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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

LIVE THEATER, "The Persian Quarter," through Oct. 9, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell; merrimackrep.org, 978-654-4MRT.

LIVE THEATER, "Steel Magnolias, through Oct. 2, Stoneham Theatre, Main Street, Stoneham; stonehamtheatre.org.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

WALKS AND WATER, Trails & Sails celebration, multiple locations throughout Essex County, Mass. Participants "stamp" as they bike, paddle, stroll or sail to any of the 100+ free, fun, family-friendly locations. Visit trailsandsails.org to review the full listing of events. A limited number of printed guides will be available for free at Essex National Heritage Area Visitor Centers and TD Bank and Eastern Bank locations in Essex County. Printed guides can also be purchased for a nominal fee at trailsandsails.org, 978-740-0444.

LIVE THEATER, Spotlight Playhouse presents Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," 8 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 26 White St., Haverhill, \$15, \$12 seniors; spotlightplayhouse.org, 978-380-8509 for tickets.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

ANDOVER DAY, downtown on Main Street, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., sidewalk sales, entertainment, food, hosted by Andover Business Association.

KIDS SALE, featuring gently-used children's items including baby equipment, toys, clothes, books and more, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$1 admission, under 14 free. Cash only, Central Congregational Church, 1 Worthen St., Chelmsford; sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, nashobavalleymom.org.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT, Andover/North Andover YMCA, 5 to 8 p.m., kids enjoy a fun night of crafts, mat room activities, sports, dinner and a light snack, for ages 4-12, \$10-20. Pre-register at the Y, 165 Haverhill St., Andover.

LIVE MUSIC, "Real Diamond," the Premier Neil Diamond Tribute band will be the featured artist at Northern Essex Community College's Annual Signature Fundraising Event, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center, Shawsheen Road, Andover, \$35. All seats are reserved and assigned; necc.mass.edu/signature-event, 978-556-3870, lsmerdon@necc.mass.edu.

CRAFT & GIFT FESTIVAL, Austin Preparatory School, MultiPurpose Facility (gym), 101 Willow St., Reading, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. admission is \$3; Julianne Bloise, Manager of Public Relations, jbloise@austinprepschool.org, 781-944-4900, 849.

BRING THE DOG, free Salty Dog Day, Essex Shipbuilding Museum, Essex, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., four-legged friends welcome, celebration of the long history between the maritime trades and dogs. Newfoundland dogs will demonstrate water rescue and carting, also happening are the popular Salty Dog Costume Parade, agility demonstrations, how to communicate with your dog and the story of Guerriere the Terrier on the USS Constitution. The day will be filled with lots to do: make a silkscreened T-shirt; make your own toy dory; tour the shipyard; have your face painted; learn what your dog is really saying; after watching an agility demonstration, see how well your dog can do. There will be live music by Kathy Corneau, food. Well-behaved, leashed salty dogs encouraged; essexshipbuildingmuseum.org.

WALKS AND WATER, see Sept. 23 listing.
LIVE THEATER, "The Mousetrap," 8 p.m., see Sept. 23 listing.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC, Andover Chamber Music opens 15th season with "An Equal Music," named after the powerful and deeply haunting novel by Vikram Seth which is set against a backdrop of Vienna and the international classical music scene. The Trout Quintet perform and hail from prestigious festivals and ensembles all over the country. Concert is at West Parish chapel, Reservation Road, Andover; Jessica Ruda, 978-474-6222, info@andoverchambermusic.org.

WELLNESS FESTIVAL, Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center in North Andover, noon to 4 p.m., free admission, massage, tai chi, music, nature tours, food, health and wellness vendors, music by Wild Maple, featuring guitar and violin in celtic and folk traditions from noon to 1 p.m.; Larry Peacock, Director of Rolling Ridge, 978-682-8815, rollingridge.org.

WALKS AND WATER, see Sept. 23 listing.

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George Sullivan of Andover looks through a stack of mounted reproductions of paintings during a community event of juried artists from around New England at the Bartlet Street Park in Andover Saturday. An Andover volleyball coach, Sullivan was also a history teacher in the Andover school system for 35 years.

JAN SEEGER/Staff photos

DAY OF THE ARTIST



Salem, N.H., artist Debra Grubbs, left, shows her mixed-media work to Erin Salazar, 4, of Andover, and her mother Courtney Salazar, explaining the technique she used to get the rich pink color Erin is attracted to. Grubbs infuses swatches of brightly colored fabrics into her paintings for color and added texture.

Fine weather helped make the 37th Art in the Park a well-attended event.

Residents had the chance to view works in a variety of fields, talk with 60 or more artists from around New England, and purchase art of their taste.

Nine Andover artists were selected to be part of the juried competition and show in the Park at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets in the downtown: Carol Boileau, Phillips Boileau, Karla Cook, Sheila Corbitt, Bob Friedenson, Joe Frio, Janet Hamlin, Bart Navarro and Renee Sanfit.

Attracting artists from all over New England, Art in the Park raises money that goes into the Andovers Artists Guild Scholarship Fund for high school seniors entering college to pursue a career in art.



Karla K. Cook works on a painting in her booth that displays finished work of pet portraiture.



Artist Alex Porras of Windham, N.H., greets community members outside of a booth that displays her oil paintings and hand-crafted jewelry.



Surrounded by his work, artist Dan Burleigh, right, who lives in Florida during the winter but returns to Maine each year to paint, talks with Charles Corsano.



Real Diamond

Neil Diamond-like performance for Collins Center

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

A generation of young fans may know "Sweet Caroline" as a Red Sox thing, but they and true Neil Diamond fans can hear it performed live in Andover on Saturday night.

The song "Sweet Caroline" is sure to be on the song list as Real Diamond, a group billed as "the premier Neil Diamond tribute band," plays the Collins Center for the Performing Arts on Sept. 24.

"Real Diamond" is a professional band dedicated to the faithful recreation of the live Neil Diamond experience. "Cracklin Rosie" and "Cherry Cherry" are also on this concert song list.

Collins Center manager Scott Worthley said the show kicks off

DIAMOND IS NECC'S BEST FRIEND

- What: Concert by Real Diamond, Neil Diamond tribute band
- When: Saturday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.
- Cost: Tickets are \$35 at door
- Where: Collins Center, 80 Shawsheen Road, Andover
- Why: Northern Essex Community College's annual signature fundraising event
- More info: necc.mass.edu/signature-event, 978-556-3870, lsmerdon@necc.mass.edu

this school year's calendar of performances at the Collins Center, the performing arts facility on the right side of Andover High School that also serves as the school's auditorium.

Ballets and Andover High School's November production of "Fiddler on the Roof" fill out a somewhat thin fall lineup.

"I think the economy is tough, so we don't have a lot of bookings,"

Worthley said.

But Northern Essex Community College is bringing the Neil Diamond show to town. It's the college's annual signature fundraising event, its largest fundraiser. Proceeds benefit Northern Essex Community College's Annual Fund Campaign.

Lori Smerdon, of the college's Institutional Advancement Office, said the approximately 1,200 seat

Collins Center is a favorite venue. This year marks the seventh consecutive year for a benefit show. Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhardt is among the previous performers.

A Neil Diamond tribute singer may not sound as hip. After all, Diamond achieved top-song success almost 40 years ago, in the late 1960s and '70s. Apparently, there is a faithful following.

"This band was highly recommended," Smerdon said. "People like him."

In terms of Billboard chart success, Diamond is the third most successful Adult Contemporary artist ever, ranking behind Barbra Streisand and Elton John. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame earlier this year.

'Chance' encounter coming for two singing groups

Merrimack Valley Chorus presents "Take a Chance" on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

Special guest is Overboard, a male a cappella group from Boston founded in the spring of 2006 by director Nicholas Girard.

Ticket prices start at \$10. Discount advance tickets are available. For more information or tickets, call 800-928-6151 or visit merrimackvalleychorus.org.

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge seeks artists

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge is looking for artists for its Artists of the Month Series.

Artwork is displayed in the auditorium of its visitor center, located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport; and is available for viewing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

There is no cost to view or display the artwork and a portion of all artists' proceeds will be donated to the Friends of Parker River. Donated monies help further environmental education and public events on the refuge.

To have artwork displayed contact Jean Adams at 978-465-5753 or at Jean_Adams@fws.gov.



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Brothers, left, Niko and Saki Potamitis of Andover watch expert forager Russ Cohen, as he shows a variety of edible plants including the hickory nut during a previous event at the Ward Reservation off Prospect Road in Andover.

Walk teaches how to identify wild, edible plants

Join Russ Cohen for a walk through Deer Jump Reservation in Andover, a property of the Andover Village Improvement Society, and learn to identify wild edible plants and how to use them on Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Although a few species should not be harvested due to scarcity or other reasons, this walk emphasizes invasive or alien and

common native species that can be collected ethically, according to a release.

Pending favorable weather conditions, several edible wild mushroom species may be also encountered.

Information will be provided on identification tips, edible portion(s), seasons of availability, preparation methods, and guidelines for safe and

environmentally responsible foraging. Although no collecting is allowed on this property, all of the species discussed on the walk can be found in similar habitats elsewhere in Essex County.

The cost is \$20 for members, and \$24 for others. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 508-877-7630, ext. 3303.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 27

OPEN HOUSE, Yang's Fitness & Wellness Center and The Andovers Village At Home (TAVAH), a non-profit organization that provides information, referrals and services to the over 50 population in Andover and North Andover, host, 3-5 p.m. at Yang's, 5 Dundee Park, Andover. Reservation required, 978-475-2020.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28

LIVE THEATER, "The King & I" opens, North Shore Music Theatre, Dunham Road, Beverly; nsmt.org, 978-232-2700.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

FREE ORGAN CONCERT, The Methuen Memorial Music Hall hosts, organist Joseph Olefinowicz performs works by Bach, Dinda, Grison and others, 55-12, 8 p.m., Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen; mmh.org.

SINGLES DANCE, Angelica's Restaurant, 49 S. Main St., (Route 114), Middleton. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ, 8 p.m. to midnight, \$15, ages 35-60, business-casual attire, no jeans or sneakers; 781-446-0234, se-4u.com.

LIVE COMEDY, with Kenny Rogerson, China Blossom, North Andover, dinner 8 p.m., comedy 9 p.m., hosted by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, \$35-50.



Spotlight Playhouse will present Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 26 White St., Haverhill, on Sept. 23, 24 and 30 and Oct. 1, at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Oct. 2. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for seniors. Pictured in the rehearsal photo from left, are Lauren Ennis, Gregory Holland, Frank Budelman, Kate Gilbert, Jon Vellante and Ryan T. Jennings.

LIVE THEATER, "The Mousetrap," 8 p.m., see Sept. 23 listing.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

RENOVATION RALLY, hosted by The Friends of Andover Tennis, 5 to 10 p.m., Indian Ridge Country Club tennis facility, \$30. Socialize, play tennis and learn more about this citizen-sponsored project to resurface and improve the seven courts at Andover High School. Non-

players are welcome; friendsofandover.tennis.org.

COMMUNITY FAIR & OPEN HOUSE, hosted by Merrimack Valley Hospital and Trinity Ambulance, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., complimentary barbeque lunch, fitness demonstrations, music, shopping and children's activities. In addition, the Haverhill Kiwanis Club will be giving out free bicycle helmets while supplies last and Curious Creatures from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Merrimack Valley Hospital, 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill; Mary

O'Neil, 978-420-1157.

MONSTER MIKE, popular Blues guitarist Mike Welch, Crossroads Coffeehouse, doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m., top floor in the Old Center Hall, directly across the street from the North Parish Church and around the corner from the Top of the Scales restaurant in North Andover, \$15; crossroads-coffeehouse.org.

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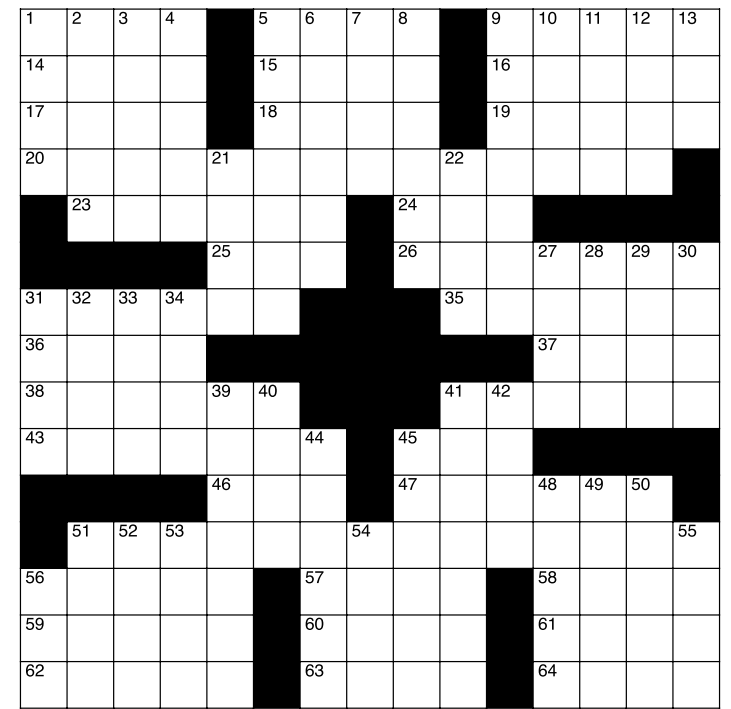
SUNDAY, OCT. 2

TROT FOR SPECIAL TOTS & Walk, benefits The Professional Center for Child Development, 32 Osgood St., Andover, with check-in and registration at 9 a.m., racers take off first at 10 a.m., then walkers, \$25 entry fee before Sept. 23, \$30 after, \$20 online through Sept. 29. Event ends with a free costume parade and free cookout for all participants; 978-475-3806, theprofessionalcenter.org.

HIKE FOR HOPE, 5-mile walk, starts & finishes at Merrimack College, noon, benefits Lazarus House's Capernaum Place, a transitional housing building for less fortunate families and individuals, \$25, \$12 kids 12 and under.

LIVE BARBERSHOP STYLE MUSIC, Merrimack Valley Chorus presents, "Take A Chance," with special guest, Overboard, a male a cappella group from Boston, 2 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, tickets start at \$10; 800-928-6151, merrimackvalleychorus.org.

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Microelectromechanical system (abbr.)
5. Performs in a play
9. Adventure stories
14. Ladd, actor
15. Restore to health
16. Seize and hold by force
17. Capital of Latvia
18. Short whip used in riding
19. Lasso
20. Glass master Louis
23. Second sign of the zodiac
24. Macaws
25. Not night
26. Fastens
31. Group of natural steroid alcohols
35. Fire-Chief gasoline brand
36. Exclamation of movement joy
37. Upon
38. Pine pillow smell
41. "Music Man" librarian
43. A cloth for washing dishes
45. Adult female chicken

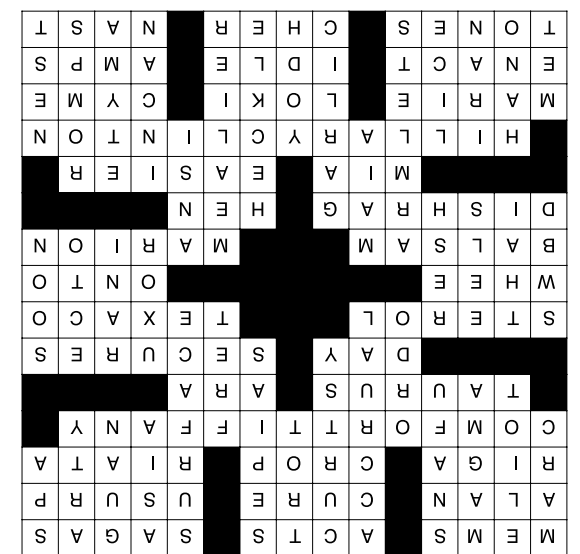
CLUES DOWN

1. Latin singer Anthony
2. Poet T.S.
3. Earth's molten rock
4. Goof
5. Accumulation
6. Introductory bob
7. A pace of running
8. Reddish browns
9. Outer boundary of an object
10. Continent
11. Cracidae bird
12. Imitative of artists

CLUES ACROSS

13. A fashionable hotel
21. R.C. church booklet
22. Guitar ridge
27. Wife in latin
28. Wife of a rajah
29. Prefix meaning outside
30. Anon
31. Switchboard (abbr.)
32. A native of Bangkok
33. Snake-like fishes
34. 20th Hebrew letter
39. Arm bands
40. Mother of Hermes
41. More farinaceous
42. Am. Nat'l. Standards Inst.
44. Popular cloved herb
45. Taunt a speaker
48. South American Indian
49. Word origins
50. Frolics
51. Tewa Village
52. Tehran is the capital
53. Tiny skin feeders
54. 10th Hebrew letter
55. Bird home
56. Was introduced to

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GREEK WEEKEND

There was a bit of something for everyone at the three-day Greek Festival offered at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church this past weekend. And, as expected there was a lot of tasty food.

People not only had the chance to enjoy eating lamb, kabobs and spinach pie, but they could learn how to make certain dishes during special cooking demonstrations. Musical performances, dancing and shopping were offered at various times.

Kids enjoyed a variety of activities, from face painting to petting animals, including a descented skunk.



JAN SEEGER/Staff photos

Church member Helen Kostakis is applauded as she holds up an oven-ready tray of spanakopita, the classic spinach pie, after showing community members how to make the dish during the Greek Festival at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church Saturday. Kostakis' recipe uses 1 pound of spinach, 1 pound of feta cheese, 1/2 bunch parsley, 3 scallions, 1 yellow onion, 4 eggs and a dash of oregano, which she recommends baking between layers of phyllo dough in a 375 degree oven for approximately 1 hour.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELIGET

100 Years Ago Sept. 22, 1911

When the sign makes its appearance, patrons of "The Circle," the remembrance shop and tea room on Main street, may know that the attractive shop is again open, this time under new management. Miss Dickey of Ogunquit, Maine, is to be in charge.

Louis A. Dane has brought out Mr. Hanley of the firm of Manning & Hanley, electricians, on Park street. The new firm will conduct business under the name of Dane & Manning.

The physical training and domestic science which is to be introduced again into the public schools this year, will begin in earnest next week. The domestic science will be restricted to seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, and some Punchard classes.

75 Years Ago Sept. 18, 1936

The town of Andover, with a small percentage of the voters visiting the polls, threw most of its support to the candidates who led throughout the whole state. On the Democratic ticket, Curley led Greenwood by 275 to 103 for the senatorial nomination, while Henry Cabot Lodge scored a landslide victory over his opponents for the Republican nomination.

The annual Grange Fair will be held Tuesday afternoon and evening of next week. The hard and enthusiastic work that has been put into the arrangements by the committee of Grangers promises that the fair will enjoy its usual success.

Injured in the line of duty was Officer Ray Hickey last Saturday night when the police cruising car in which he was transporting an alleged drunken driver to the local cell-block was struck by a truck on Main street near Winter street in North Reading. He was treated at the Lawrence General Hospital for a contusion of the forehead and upper lip, and a severe contusion of the chest and right knee.

25 Years Ago Sept. 18, 1986

An emergency School Committee meeting on Tuesday evening was held regarding the election of Mary French in the position of Pupil Personnel Administrator.

Gary Cornell, president of the Family Service Association of Greater Lawrence, has announced the appointment of Kay Berthold Frishman to the position of executive director. Frishman replaces Thomas Kelley who recently resigned to enter private practice.

Approximately 15.5 percent of Andover's 15,483 registered voters took to the polls Tuesday for the state primary election. "It was light and it was what we expected," said Town Clerk Elden Salter.



Church member Stafanos Loisuou cleans the grill during a rare lull in the action.

The festival attracted people from many towns. Here, Aileen McCarthy of Lowell buys a faux fur hat from Lisa McNulty of The Fashion Bus in Newburyport, one of several vendors at the event.



Andover friends Meredith Stewart, 12, and Lauren Hodgman, 12, try a sample of loukoumades from the plate of Meredith's mother, Donna Stewart, during the Greek Festival at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church Saturday. Both agree the Greek dessert is delicious.



Nora Schweizer, 7, of Andover, right, watches as other children, from left, Natalia Grasso, 9, of Haverhill, Anastasia Spinelli, 11, of North Reading, Marina McMahon, 12, of Lynnfield, and Xavier Phisic, 5, of Andover fill up clear vials with colored sand. Schweizer is waiting in a separate line to get her face painted at an adjacent table.



Working at a long dessert table filled with sweets, church members Anna Vasilakis, left, and Elaine Pescatore bring out a full tray of baklava to replace one that has been emptied.

Helping the customer has always been central to downtown popularity

Bill Dalton



I knew Andover's center as well as my own backyard when I was a kid in the 1950s and until I went to college in 1961. We lived 300 yards from my father's drug store, which was next to the town hall, and that was the center of the center.

I spent a lot of time in the store,

soda jerking for a while. During those years, "downtown" or "uptown," depending where you lived in Andover, expanded and modernized some. A few stores moved in and some that were already here expanded or changed locations, but the essence of the center was always the same. It revolved around people not places, for it was the people who gave good personal service, and that was the same in 1961 as it was in 1950.

If there were complaints about the center of town — and there were — it was that, in spots, it was shabby. The shabbiness was

mostly on Post Office Avenue and Park Street.

The change that did occur in those years was caused by two things that weren't near town's center: the construction of an interstate highway system that bypassed town centers and this town center in particular, and the closing of the mills in Lawrence and that city's subsequent deterioration, which began in the mid '50s.

Lawrence was born in 1856, solely for the purpose of the building and supporting of water-powered mills, and it was an early part of America's industrial

revolution. The city was made from large pieces of Andover and Methuen purchased by industrialists. In the 100 years after 1856 it had become the paycheck and shopping center for many area people, including my Uncle Bill, a foreman who was suddenly and forever out of mill work in 1956. The loss of jobs initiated the deterioration of Lawrence and its well-known shopping section located around Essex Street. By the late '50s, businesses such as Sutherland's Department Store and MacArtney's clothing store, which had major business operations in Lawrence, hedged their

bets by opening branches in Andover.

The construction of interstates, the largest and most important investment ever made in America, provided transportation incentives for shopping malls to be built away from town centers, which eventually took business away from towns. After the interstates were built at the end of the '50s and in the '60s, I asked my father what affect it had on his pharmacy, and he answered that it wasn't much; there was less traffic and therefore less transient customers for minor items like cigarettes. But, he added, he

thought that the shopping malls were hurting downtown businesses that dealt in more than prescriptions and sundries.

The interstates had an additional affect on Andover; its fortunate (from an economic viewpoint) location at the intersection of two major interstates created an advantage in Andover that eventually made it the economic engine for the entire area and allowed the town to become one of the state's most attractive areas for big industry. It is to the ever-lasting credit of Bob Zollner,

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Should parents or children themselves (age 18 or above) have concerns about a child's ability to learn and suspect that a disability is interfering with the child's learning process, please contact the Student Services Office, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA 01810, or call the office (978-623-8540).

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Andover Senior Center, at 30 Whittier Court behind Town Offices on Bartlet Street, is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required for all events, which are open to entire community, pending space. Call for information: 978-623-8321, or visit andoverseniorcenter.org.

The ASC term began Aug. 29 offering line dancing, aerobics, strength training and balance exercises, gentle and intermediate yoga, tai chi, zumba and tap dancing. Also available: art instruction, wood carving and performance groups.

Senior center open house

Friday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please RSVP. Free continental breakfast at 9 a.m. and free buffet lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. At 9 a.m. meet our groups and learn about the 200+ classes that we offer monthly. At 1:30 p.m. choral and tap dancing performance with free refreshments. Let us show you what makes this center such a diverse and wonderful place to get involved!

Your digital camera & you

Monday, Sept. 26, 1:30 p.m.; \$5. Discuss exposure, loading images into your computer and editing. Bring your digital camera and accessories, manual, notebook and samples of your

photography. Jack Holmes, professional photographer, instructor.

Meet the author

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m.; \$3 includes dessert and beverage. Bring your own lunch or order it here. RSVP required. June Fitzgerald talks about her new book "A Dream That Became a Reality", a true story of her husband's dream and how the family survived it!

Computer 101

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1:30 p.m.; \$5. Talk about your expectations for computer use and find out the basics for your first computer. Private classes also available

Five frontiers of the old west

Thursdays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. each day; \$12. Explore the Wild, Wild West in five sessions, focusing on the Indian frontier, the mining frontier, the cattle frontier, the railroad frontier and the farming frontier, led by Don Robb, historian and teacher.

Nature Fridays

The center will offer nature walks every Friday at 8 a.m. into October, weather permitting. Call to register.

Men's outdoor adventures

On Thursday, Sept. 29 at 9 a.m. the group will visit the Wildcat Conservation Area. On Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m. it will hike the Amy Gordon Taft Reservation.

Tired of burning, dry eyes?

Friday, Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m.; free. Are you one of the 60 million Americans who suffer from Dry-eye Syndrome? Do your eyes feel dry, gritty or irritated? Learn the symptoms and causes. There are many treatment options on the market and in the pipeline. Learn about cutting edge research on ophthalmic development being done locally at the Ora research facility.

Fall Craft Fair

Oct. 7, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. See and buy autumn and Halloween gifts and treasures to keep or to share.

Act before it hurts

Oct. 14, 9:00 a.m. learn how to "pre-hab the injury" at a free forum on preventative exercises to do for joint trauma or arthritis before it becomes increasingly hard to move. Gain control of your health by creating improved movement with a basic exercise program.

Women's outdoor adventures

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 9 A.M. To 2:30 P.M. Join A Carlisle Hike And Picnic. The Hike Has A Difficulty Level Of 4.

Photography: Sharing travel experiences

Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12, and 26 (Oct. 19 is a weather make-up day), at 1:30 p.m. each day; \$15. Focus on what and how to photograph and ways to write about your travel and holidays. Email and blog writing will be explored, as well as self-published books. Camera operation is covered sparingly. Offered by Jack Holmes, travel photographer and writer.

Streetcar Named discussion

Mondays, Oct. 17 to Nov. 14, at 1 p.m. each day; \$12. Study the play "A Streetcar Named Desire" by Tennessee Williams in three sessions, view the movie on Nov. 7 and conclude with a follow-up discussion on Nov. 14. Students can order the Signet paperback of the play for \$7.99. ISBN# 9780451167781. Offered by UMass Instructor Ned Martin.

WEDDING



James Michelinie and Kyra Routon

James Michelinie and Kyra Routon celebrated their love in a wedding ceremony on July 30, 2011.

The marriage was witnessed by their families and friends and was held at the Blue Heron Herby on Sauvie Island, Ore.

James is the son of Don Michelinie and Christine Michelinie, both of Andover. He is a graduate of Andover High School and Worcester

Polytechnic Institute. He is a senior biomedical engineer with Acumed Corporation.

Kyra is the daughter of Darro and Steve Routon of Clatskanie, Ore. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon and is pursuing a master's degree in speech pathology at Portland State University.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Maui. They make their home in Portland, Ore.

DALTON: Looking for service? Shop downtown stores

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Peggy Keck, and the others who participated in Andover's master plan that, while the town became a magnet for industry, it remained a magnet for residential housing.

However, back to the area of which I write, before Lawrence's descent, buses brought Andover folks back and forth to the stores

of Lawrence on frequently-scheduled buses. In addition to its relatively fabulous stores, Lawrence had four major movie theaters (five if you include the shabby Star Theatre), but it was those stores that were the main attraction. As a small child accompanying my mother, I was awed by the size of the big department stores with elevators, including Sutherland's,

Cherry & Webbs, Russems, Leone's Furniture, MacArtney's, and Kap's. There were high quality smaller stores as well, such as Whitworth's Sporting Goods (from which I purchased baseball gloves I still use), Al Magoons, and Weiner's Furs, which stored each summer a substantial part of Andover's assets. There were good restaurants including Cedar Crest, Bishops, Levagie's (I am unsure of the spelling) and Yankee Doodle, (which was on the outskirts of Lawrence), that Andover lacked in terms of evening dining.

In Andover, coincident with its post-war population growth, existing stores increased their inventory volume and variety, some stores expanded in size, and new stores opened. Yet, except for "Woolworth's 5 and 10 Cents Store," which had transparent pneumatic tubes shooting money and receipts to and from the store's financial office to the salespeople helping the customers, most

stores in Andover were small to medium in size.

I want you to note the words in the previous sentence: "helping the customers." Those words suggest the most important reason why Andover stores succeeded. Even at big Woolworth's, I'd walk in with friends and the woman behind the counter would say, "Hi, Billy, what are you looking for?" and she'd know some of the other kids and use their names and you could tell she really liked us. We knew her name too, and we'd always use it with a "Miss" before it and answer her question by asking for squirt guns or the like, and she'd show us where they were.

For more on Andover center and its shops during the 1950s, see the special business section "The Big Event" included in this week's print edition. Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. His email address is billdalton@andover-townie.com.

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Its next Friday Night Family Shabbat Service is tomorrow, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

"We have stories, songs, blessings and a lot of fun," according to a release. A light kosher dinner is served. An \$18 donation per family is requested.

CBI is located at 501 South Main St. Please RSVP to 978-474-0540 or office@bethisraelmv.org. See BethIsraelMV.org to learn more about CBI.

Temple Emanuel events

Temple Emanuel of Andover will offer its annual Selichot Concert and Service on Saturday, Sept. 24 with a performance

by new cantorial soloist Jodi Blankstein.

The evening will begin at 8 p.m. in the chapel, followed by refreshments in the multi-purpose room at 8:45 p.m. and conclude with a short service in the chapel at 9 p.m.

The temple is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road. For more information, call 978-470-1356 or visit templemanuel.net.

Cantor Thompson to perform solo

Congregation Beth Israel invites people to join it for High Holiday services Sept. 28-30 and Oct. 7-8. Cantor Stephen Thompson will join Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley for High Holy Day services as their cantorial soloist.

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Education

Reunion of educators recalls team's pride

Ken Seifert



About two months ago I received an invitation in the mail. It was from Iora Alexander, teacher counselor and principal in the Andover Schools, now retired. She was inviting me to a reunion of the West Elementary staff (1965-1983).

Her invitation had a wonderful beginning: "We worked together, we laughed together, let's reminisce together." It was to be held at her house in Salisbury, Mass. The invitation concluded with a request to bring your beach chair, and an appetizer, a dessert or snack. She was always the type of person who gave you options in all things she directed.

I was deeply touched to think that I would be remembered and invited to such a gathering. With the invitation there was an enclosure that listed all of the possible attendees. I called her and asked, "Are you sure you want my name on this list? I graciously accept, but it might discourage others from attending." Sometimes as a superintendent you have to do things that create ill feelings and place you on a person's most disliked list. Iora assured me she would see that no harm came to me. Truthfully, I really felt good about the invite!

From about 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sept. 13, I was in the company of more than 30 educators who did reminisce. They were a group of all nationalities and religions. Their politics ranged from ultra conservatives to libertarians. In spite of such diversity, there was no discussion about debt ceiling, boo on Obama, throw the bums out, and no complaining about past salaries, fringe benefits and working conditions. Almost everyone brought a lawn chair to sit on the beach. I forgot mine. Some did spend a few minutes walking the beach and sunning. The majority of time was spent in a relatively small space with chairs and a few tables. From every table and small group assemblage you would hear belly laughs and teasing. It was continuous and infectious.

I tried to talk to everyone who came: what are you doing, where have you been since retirement, how's your health and a few other items of personal interest. We did talk a little about those less fortunate who were not given the gift of older life. Only a few on the list could not make it. A couple touring Alaska sent regrets. At least six people said, please don't write what I said in one of your articles. I assured them I have never broken a confidence for the sake of newspaper space.

Whenever I go to reunions I try to capture the essence of the event and the people attending... What I witnessed was a group of people who did work together and did laugh together. In addition, I heard from each and every person significant commonalities. Each person during those years from 1965-1983 tried to make tomorrow better than today for hundreds of children. They spent hundreds of hours beyond the work day to fulfill such a goal. Saturdays and Sundays were not days away from their mission. A second and equally important habit was to be a part of something greater than you. I could give you many specific examples but what is said in reunions stays at the reunion.

It was time to say goodbye and there was the usual banter I had whenever I visited the school years ago. I did let them know how lucky I was to have had the opportunity to work with such competent and caring educators. I also told them I would write something about the reunion and would not embarrass anyone. This group of retired educators was symbolic of the many others in other schools that had the pride of being Andover educators in making tomorrow better than today.

While walking to my car, Bob Mirisola shouted out to me, "I hope you get a better photograph to accompany your articles!" I wish they could develop cameras that lied about our age. As I drove Route 495 back to Andover, I realized I had experienced one of those rare senior moments with a great bunch of people. Thanks, Iora.

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

Prospective student open house at Phillips Academy Oct. 2

Andover eighth-graders and high school students interested in attending Phillips Academy beginning in fall 2012 are invited to spend the afternoon on the Andover campus on Sunday, Oct. 2 beginning at noon.

The day is also open to other students in nearby towns.

Parents are invited to accompany the students for an informational session from 1 to 2 p.m. at Cochran Chapel on Chapel Avenue. This session will include discussions of the

application process and life as a day student at Phillips Academy.

Optional breakout sessions will follow, offering discussions of the following topics: the parent's role in the application process, writing the application essay, performing arts and athletics at the school, transferring to Phillips Academy, and financial aid opportunities. There will also be a Spanish language question-and-answer session. Group campus tours led by students will be offered twice

— at noon and again at 3:15 p.m. — from the meeting point at the steps to Cochran Chapel.

Prospective day students include all applicants living in the towns of Andover and North Andover, and may also include from nearby towns in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Massachusetts towns include Boxford, Bradford, Dracut, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynnfield, Methuen, Middleton, North Reading, Reading,

Tewksbury and Wilmington. New Hampshire towns include Atkinson, Pelham, Plaistow and Salem. Of the approximately 1,100 students enrolled at Phillips Academy, slightly more than a quarter are day students.

The open house is sponsored by the Phillips Academy Office of Admission and Financial Aid. Questions may be addressed to Vivien Valenzuela Mallick, senior associate dean of admission, at 978-749-4062 or vmallick@andover.edu.



Before leaving for Denmark, exchange student Susan Alexis Brown posed with her parents Wes Brown and Jan McClure-Brown and (far right) Paul Mercandetti, the Andover Rotary Club's exchange student coordinator.

Rotary sponsors Andover girl's year in Denmark schools

Andover Rotarians gave a rousing send-off to Susan Alexis Brown last month, as she left to begin a year of study in Denmark, according to member Katharine Barr.

Susan Alexis, 16 — who would have entered her junior year at Andover High School — is instead spending the year at Esbjerg High School in Esbjerg, Denmark. She has been chosen as the Rotary Club of Andover's 2011-12 exchange student.

Susan Alexis's mother's family hosted many exchange students when she was a girl, and wanted to continue the tradition with her children. Two years ago, the family hosted an exchange student from Germany via a different program. However, the Rotary

International program better met the family's needs and, when Susan Alexis discovered online that Andover Rotary participated in this exchange program, she applied.

"She's a very outstanding young lady," said Paul Mercandetti, Andover Rotary's exchange student coordinator, "and one that perfectly exemplifies the spirit of Rotary."

When asked why she chose Denmark, Susan Alexis said her mother, Jan McClure-Brown, had been an exchange student in Denmark in the early '70s, and recommended it highly. Although Susan Alexis does not currently speak any Danish, she is participating in an intense language course in Denmark in addition to school. She told club members she's

eager to immerse herself in the Danish language and culture and learn more about how other people live. "I'm also looking forward to gaining a different perspective on America," she told Rotary.

Susan Alexis thanked the Rotary Club of Andover for "this wonderful opportunity" and urged other young people to consider similar exchange programs, according to Barr.

As a condition of her acceptance into the Rotary program, she will submit periodic reports to the Andover club.

In the meantime, Andover Rotary has welcomed a student from overseas. Jeanne Vennerie, from Toulouse, France, is attending Andover High School for the current academic year.

ON CAMPUS

Dean's list at University of Rochester

Kelly Pierce Rousemaniere, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering at the University of Rochester, has been named to the dean's list for academic achievement for the spring of 2011 semester.

Rousemaniere, a resident of Andover, is the daughter of Art and Jennifer Rousemaniere, and a graduate of Andover High School.

Benjamin Eaton Elowe, a senior majoring in political science at the University of Rochester also was named to the dean's list for academic achievement for the spring 2011 semester.

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

Dean's list at RIT

Charlie Nickerson of 143 Greenwood Road, Andover has been named to the dean's list for the 3rd quarter at Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology. A first year student in RIT's E. Phillip

Saunders College of Business. Charlie is studying Business Administration. Charlie is the son of Charles and Diana Nickerson.

Alabama president's list

Jennifer Johnson was named to the University of Alabama Honors College president's list for the 2011 spring semester. Full-time undergraduate students are named to the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all As).

Virginia Tech graduate

Caroline Koch received a bachelor of science in business degree, cum laude, in hospitality and tourism management, from the Pamplin College of Business. She was among the Virginia Tech students honored at the university's spring commencement ceremony.

Canisius dean's list

Jessica Mancini, a sophomore with an undecided major, was named to the Canisius College dean's list for the spring 2011 semester.

Former Andover residents receive juris doctor degrees

Stephen C. Garabedian and Michael Joseph Meagher, Jr., both formerly of Andover, received juris doctor degrees from New England Law-Boston on May 27.

Garabedian is the son of Charles and Andrea Garabedian of North Tewksbury, Massachusetts. He is a 2003 graduate of Andover High School and a 2007 graduate of Suffolk University.

While a student at New England Law, he served as a clerk at Cohn & Dussi, LLC. A dean's list student, he also volunteered as a legal assistant at Shelter Legal Services.

Meagher is the son of Lois and Michael Meagher of Kennebunkport, Maine. He is a 2000 graduate of Andover High School and a 2004 graduate of University of Massachusetts (Amherst).

While a student at New England Law, Meagher participated in the Family Law Clinic at the Children and Family Law Division of the Committee

for Public Counsel Services in Boston and in a Criminal Procedure II Clinic at the Youth Advocacy Department in Roxbury.

A dean's list student, he was the recipient of Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction Excellence for the Future Awards for three courses, Legislation, Children and the Law, and Clinical Evidence.

Meagher is a full-time employee at the Committee for Public Counsel Services, Children and Family Law Division.

Merrimack College president's/dean's list

Nicole Zaffini was named to the Merrimack College president's list for the spring 2011 semester.

The following students were named to the dean's list: Lauren Brennan, Stephen Daniels, Thomas Doucette, Michael Lamagna, Jacob Lebowitz, Gretchen Wagner, Taylor Martel, Kyle Murphy, Michael O'Neill, Julie Ouellette, David Selima, Jacob Silverman and George Thorlin.



Baxter completes West Indies veterinary program

Joanna Baxter, daughter of Wilfred and Malvena Baxter of Andover, has recently returned to the United States after successfully completing her studies at Ross University School of Veterinarian Medicine in St. Kitts, West Indies. She enrolled there after loving her work at Andover Animal Hospital, according to her family.

Baxter is currently doing her clinical internship at University of Miami School of Veterinarian Medicine in Gainesville, Fla. She is a graduate of University of Massachusetts Lowell and Andover High School ('96).

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Sports

Freshman Grygiel, soccer on fire

GIRLS SOCCER

Freshman Courtney Grygiel scored her third goal in two games, leading Andover to a 4-0 victory over Winchester on Saturday. Gabby Cappello, Emily Van Antwerp and Jodi Pollack each added a goal and Emily Wilson made it three shutouts in a row with six saves.

Courtney Grygiel scored the first two goals of her varsity career, giving Andover a 2-0 victory over Masconomet last Thursday. Emily Wilson made seven saves for the shutout.

She's known for her shot on the court, but basketball star Devon Caveney added a game-winner on the pitch, with a first-half tally to give Andover a 1-0 win over Billerica last Wednesday. Hannah LeBlanc added an assist and Emily Wilson needed to make just one save for the shutout.

BOYS SOCCER

Johnson, Wagner light the scoreboard

Drew Johnson recorded a hat trick and Alex Wagner scored two goals for Andover, which cruised past Tewksbury 7-1 last Thursday. An Huynh and Nick Atwood each added single goals for the winners.

Josh Chevalier made nine saves to blank Haverhill 3-0 last Tuesday. An Huynh, Alex Wagner and A.J. Vernaglia each scored a goal while Drew Johnson and Nick Atwood each chipped in with an assist for the winners.

Alex Wagner's second-half goal gave Andover a 1-1 tie with North Andover on Saturday. Nick Atwood assisted on the goal.

VOLLEYBALL

Brogan, Murtagh pace girls team

Lauren Murtagh had team-highs with 28 assists and 11 service points to lead Andover over Billerica 25-14, 25-13, 25-18 on

Friday. Marcela Familiar-Bolanos added 12 digs while Elise Brogan chipped in with seven blocks for the winners.

Elise Brogan tallied 11 kills to lead Andover to a 25-21, 25-7, 25-16 win over Tewksbury last Wednesday. Ava Bakhtyari added eight blocks and Sarah Arvidson tallied 10 assists for the winners.

SWIMMING

Daly, teammates dominate

Deborah Daly won the diving with a 225.25 as Andover rolled over Methuen 101-76 on Friday. Rachel Moore continued to star with wins in the 50 freestyle, 100 butterfly and swimming on the winning 200 medley relay. Maggie D'Innocenzo chipped in with a win in the 100 breaststroke and Soojin Kim won the 200 freestyle and swam on the winning 400 freestyle relay.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Aruri steps up

Missing star Maggie Mullins, who was sick, Leila Aruri stepped in to take first in 18:11 and lead Andover to a 27-29 win over Lowell last Wednesday. Meghan McPhee was fifth (19:15) while Eliza Lewis was sixth (19:23) and Emma Lamoreaux was seventh (19:43).

FIELD HOCKEY

Farnham, Keefe lift Andover

Anne Farnham and Meagan Keefe each scored two goals and Andover blasted Methuen 6-0 last Wednesday. Julia LeBlanc and Jaclyn Torres each added a goal of their own and Taylor Faris had a pair of assists for the winners.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Cooney, Warriors fall short

Ryan Cooney placed fourth in 14:59, but Andover fell to Lowell 17-44 last Wednesday. Mike Maldari added a seventh in 15:13 for the Warriors.

CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

THE NATURAL

Mullins a dominant force on the trails

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Andover cross country coach Leo Lafond did not hesitate in his praise of star senior Maggie Mullins.

"She will go down as one of the all-time best runners in Andover High history," said Lafond. "It's really her and (1996 graduate) Susan Ashlock. They are by far the two best distance runners Andover has ever had."

A year ago, Mullins was a junior newcomer to cross country, not knowing what to expect.

Now, she is a record-setting returning All-Scholastic who hopes to make an even greater impact as a senior.

"I surprised myself last season," said Mullins. "I had no idea what would happen. I just want to do it again, or do even better this season. I am really excited."

Mullins first showed her talent as a runner in track, taking third in the mile at Eastern Mass. Division 1 outdoor states (5:10.39) as a sophomore.

"My track (distance) coach (Brenda) Clark-Warne encouraged me to do cross country," said Mullins. "She said cross country would really help me in track. But I had no idea what to expect."

Mullins didn't waste time making history. In her first cross country dual meet, she took first with a 19:38, smashing the Andover course record by 22 seconds.

She ended up winning 9 of 10 dual meets last year, breaking Andover's course record again, the second time by a whopping 54 seconds. She then won the MVC Open, was third at the EMass. Division 1 Meet and fourth at Division 1 All-States, winning MVC Division 2 MVP and earning All-Scholastic honors.

"I didn't think that would happen," she said. "I really didn't know what I was doing last season. I didn't have any expectations and just kind of went out and saw that happened. I loved it right away."

After struggling through the track season, however, Mullins knew she needed time to rest.

"I performed pretty poorly in outdoor track," she said. "I was pretty burnt out. So I took a long rest after the season. I took three or four weeks off."

"Once I started running I was ready to go again. I started with some cross training and was back to normal by August. I ran a high of 43 miles (in a week) but was mostly around high 30's."

Mullins was back in fine fashion in the season-opener on Sept. 10 at the Clipper Relays in Newburyport, running a stellar



File photo

Maggie Mullins has emerged as a record-setting cross country runner for Andover, who her coach called one of the two greatest in school history.

split of 11:26, helping Andover take third as a team. She was sick and did not run in the dual meet opener against Lowell.

"She is a natural talent," said Lafond. "People don't know how good she really is. Rarely do I see her winded or straining. She is continuing to evolve, but she is off to a terrific start. She's always nervous before a race, but when the race starts she is a very,

very tough runner."

Mullins agreed that the nerves before a race quickly turn in a calm.

"Once the gun goes off, you're not nervous anymore," she said. "As long as you're not having a terrible race, it goes by fast. You just go. I know it sounds weird, but it's kind of relaxing. It's still intense, but you are running in the woods, with nice scenery. It's fun."

Mullins is looking to continue her cross country career in college, and is looking at top academic schools.

A member of the National Honor Society who is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement English and Spanish, Mullins has been in contact with Dartmouth and Yale along with Syracuse and Colgate.

"It's pretty stressful to decide on a school," she said. "But I do plan to run. I have talked to a few coaches."

Not a bad career for a runner whose first experience with distance running was less than memorable.

"I did middle school track and was with the sprinters," she said with a laugh. "I ran the mile once — and I was dying. I thought to myself, 'Oh, I hate this.' But in high school they put me with the distance runners, and it worked from there."

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

2010 season: 8-1 record, 6th at EMass. Division 1
Returning lettermen: Charlie Schleifer, Sr.; Ryan Cooney, Sr.; Mark Waller, Sr.; Evan Gaj, Sr.; Will Klein, Sr.; Mike Maldari, Jr.; Doug Lewis, Jr.

Newcomers: Peter McGinn, Jr.; Max Galat, Soph.; Leo Wu, Soph.; Yen Wi, Soph.

Candidates: 38
Captains: Evan Gaj, Ryan Cooney, Charlie Schleifer

EMass. Division 1: 41. Ryan Cooney, 43. Evan Gaj, 52. Mike Maldari

Head coach: Leo Lafond: 23rd year
Assistants: Brenda Clarke-Warne, Kevin Sharkey

Odds and ends: Graduated standout Simon Voorhees is running at Lehigh. ... Junior Doug Lewis and Eliza Lewis from the girls team are twins. ... Assistant coach Kevin Sharkey was an Andover captain in 1993.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

2010 season: 8-2, MVC Small champs; 6th EMass. Division 1 meet

Returning lettermen: Maggie Mullins, Sr.; Sarah Warne, Sr.; Camille Harris, Sr.; Kathleen McGinty, Sr.; Nikki Morin, Sr.; Jaymi Cohen, Sr.; Eliza Lewis, Jr.; Meghan McPhee, Jr.; Leila Aruri, Soph.

Newcomers: Emma Lamoreaux, Jr.; Jessi Jacobowitz, Soph.; Gwyneth Miner, Fresh.

Candidates: 37
Captains: Maggie Mullins, Jaymi Cohen, Camille Harris

EMass. Division 1: 3. Maggie Mullins, 19. Meghan McPhee, 27. Leila Aruri

Head coach: Leo Lafond: 24th year
Assistants: Brenda Clarke-Warne, Kevin Sharkey

Warriors pound Gloucester

By NICK CURCURI
STAFF WRITER

GLOUCESTER — Andover players freely admitted Gloucester played tougher than they did when Andover lost to the team a season ago.

On Friday, the Golden Warriors made sure that didn't happen again, pounding the Fishermen to the tune of 230 yards on the ground, led by superstar Andy Coke, in a 33-16 thrashing of the powerhouse at Newell Stadium.

"Our game plan was to out-physical them, and we did," Perry said. "(Gloucester) showed a lot of improvement this week and we let them off the hook a couple times in the first half but our kids responded and they really wanted to win this game."

Coke again was a force on the ground, carrying 25 times for 198 yards and three touchdowns — including a 65-yard score to give the Warriors the lead to stay. The senior All-Scholastic now has 328 yards in the first two games of the season.



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Running back Andy Coke finds running room against Gloucester. Coke rushed for 198 yards as the Golden Warriors beat the defending Super Bowl champs 33-16.

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SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Annual Special Field Games this Saturday

The 31st Annual Special Field Games, an annual sporting event for people of all ages with special needs, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Northern Essex Community College, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill.

Volunteers are needed for the games to assist guests in enjoying the day, and helping with game logistics.

Cosponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Service Club of Andover.

For more information, to register or to volunteer, visit serviceclubofandover.org.

Free swim lessons for tots

Cedarland Aquatic Center in Haverhill will be offering a free Parent 'n Tot and a Free Advance Tot with Parent swim class on Monday, Sept. 26 or Thursday, September 29 at 10 a.m.

This class will provide information and techniques for parents to orient their children to the water and learn how to safely supervise all water activities.

The Parent and Tot class is for children between the ages of 8 months and 2 years old. The Advance Tot with Parent is for children age 2 through 3.

All children must be accompanied in the water by a parent or an adult. Children not toilet trained must wear a swim diaper.

For more information or to register, call 978-521-7700 or email Stacy Roberts at sroberts@cedardale-health.net.

Cookie dough fundraiser for swim team

Through Friday Sept. 23, the Andover High School girls swim and dive team will be selling tubs of cookie dough as its fundraiser. Money raised will support the defending state champion AHS swim and dive team as it work towards another successful season within the Merrimack Valley, according to organizers.

Each tub of frozen Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough costs \$15 and makes about 36 cookies.

There are 13 cookie flavors, plus brownies, apple coffee cake and heat-and-serve pretzels.

Members of the Andover High School swim and dive team will be taking orders, or people can place their orders with Cyndi Webber at 978-475-1361 or by email at webberbc@comcast.net.

For more information, contact Cyndi Webber at 978-475-1361.

Assistant director, coaches wanted for Special Olympics

The Andover Golden Eagles Special Olympics Basketball Program has openings for the following positions:

■ Assistant Program Director: The Assistant Program Director will be responsible for assisting with coach, athlete and volunteer registrations, ordering uniforms, attendance, assisting with fundraising events and helping with coordinating readiness for the Special Olympic Winter games in Worcester including hotel accommodations.

■ Coaches: The Andover Golden Eagles Basketball Program is a Unified Mentoring Program that is made up students with and without disabilities. Last year there were three teams, a competitive team, mentoring teams, as well as a beginner program for athletes who are new to the sport. Coaches will be required to go through the SOMA coach training certification program and should have experience coaching and working with kids. Experience with APE would be a plus.

Please send an email to agoldeneagles@comcast.net for more information or to apply.

Martone-Mejail Field dedication Oct. 1

Merrimack College will honor longtime soccer coaches Tony Martone and Gabe Mejail on Oct. 1, renaming Warrior Field in their honor.

With a combined 58 years of coaching, Merrimack will rename the field Martone-Mejail Field in between soccer games in an on-field ceremony at approximately 3 p.m.

The men's soccer team will take on Southern Connecticut at 12:30 p.m., with the women

taking on Southern New Hampshire at 3:30 p.m. The ceremony will begin immediately following the conclusion of the men's game.

In his 30th season at Merrimack, Martone entered 2011 with 281 career wins, eleventh all-time in Division II history. His teams have succeeded on and off the field, posting the highest GPA among Merrimack's men's teams in 2010-11.

Martone has led the Warriors to three Northeast-10 regular season titles and three postseason championships.

In his 28th season at Merrimack, Mejail is the winningest coach in Division II women's soccer history with 411 victories entering this year. Mejail's squad has recorded 26 consecutive winning seasons, the longest streak in women's soccer history and has reached the NCAA Tournament in nine of the last 11 seasons.

Mejail has led the Warriors to seven Northeast-10 regular season and postseason titles.

Alumni, staff and fans wishing to attend the special ceremony should RSVP by calling 978-837-5341 or emailing athletics@merrimack.edu.

Free soccer clinic for ages 6 through 12

The second annual GracePoint free soccer clinic for boys and girls ages 6 through 12 will be held Sept. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Merrimack College Soccer Field. Children of all abilities are invited to participate.

Coaches and players from the highly successful Merrimack College Men's Soccer Team led by Head Coach Tony Martone will be leading the clinic for the second consecutive year.

The players will receive gifts during the event including a T-Shirt, and refreshments will be available at no charge to parents as well as the players.

This year's free soccer clinic will be able to accommodate approximately 25 additional participants.

To insure registration, the church recommends pre-registering on-line. Day of event registration will be accepted if space permits.

Sponsored by GracePoint Community Church.

Information is available along

with an online registration form at gracepointne.org/soccer-clinic.

Merrimack to name basketball court during Homecoming

Merrimack College will honor long-time men's basketball head coach Bert Hammel by naming the Volpe Gymnasium court Bert Hammel Court in a special on-court ceremony Homecoming Weekend, Saturday, Oct. 22 at 11 a.m.

Alumni, staff and fans wishing to attend the special ceremony should RSVP at athletics@merrimack.edu or call 978-837-5341 by Oct. 7.

Hammel joined the Merrimack basketball program in 1974 and was named the seventh head coach in Merrimack men's basketball history in 1981.

Entering his 32nd season at the helm of the Merrimack men's basketball program, Hammel ranks 22nd all-time in Division II wins with a 459-423 all-time record as a head coach. He has guided the Warriors to six NCAA Tournaments, two Northeast-10 Conference regular season titles and one Northeast-10 Conference Tournament crown.

Under Hammel's tutelage, 16 players have garnered Northeast-10 Conference first-team selections while three attained All-America status.

Hammel has made the Merrimack men's basketball program a fixture in the local communities in his time.

He started and developed the Academic Basketball Awareness Camp in conjunction with the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club. Each summer, campers are invited to play basketball and study for one week.

Hammel has been recognized for his generosity with many awards including the UMass Amherst Sports Management Program Service Beyond Recognition Award and the Literacy Champion presented by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

He has twice been honored by the City of Lawrence and is a two-time recipient of the Paul Schoenfeld Sportsmanship Award.

Andover swimmers to battle world-class athletes in Japan

Two Andover swimmers will compete in Japan this week against Olympic level competition.



Rachel Moore



Maggie D'Innocenzo

Rachel Moore and Maggie D'Innocenzo of Andover will be representing the National Swim Coaches Association of the United States in a dual meet against Itoman Swim School in Osaka, Japan. Itoman currently has numerous members on Japan's National Team who competed in the 2008 Olympics.

The Crimson Aquatics teammates qualified for this honor through their performance with

that squad this past summer at National and Junior National Championships in Palo Alto, Calif. Both swimmers will compete in five events in Osaka, according to a release sent by Marilyn Fitzgerald, Andover High School swim and dive coach.

Moore and D'Innocenzo recently achieved Olympic Trial Cut Times in four events apiece, and will be joined on the trip to Japan by fellow Crimson teammate Liam Egan of Boston. Crimson Aquatics is coached by Andover resident Mike Spring.

THE WEEK AHEAD

FOOTBALL	Sept. 24	at Tewksbury	1:30 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER	Sept. 22	Billerica	7 p.m.
	Sept. 24	at Westford Academy	7 p.m.
	Sept. 27	at Chelmsford	7 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER	Sept. 22	at Central Catholic	6:15 p.m.
	Sept. 24	Westford Academy	7 p.m.
	Sept. 27	Methuen	7 p.m.
FIELD HOCKEY	Sept. 22	at Dracut	3:30 p.m.
	Sept. 26	Chelmsford	7:30 p.m.
	Sept. 28	at North Andover	3:45 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL	Sept. 23	Lawrence	6 p.m.
	Sept. 27	at Notre Dame Academy	5 p.m.
SWIMMING	Sept. 23	at Lowell	3:30 p.m.
	Sept. 26	Belmont Hill	4 p.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY	Sept. 28	at Lawrence and Chelmsford	4 p.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY	Sept. 28	at Lawrence and Chelmsford	4 p.m.
GOLF	Sept. 22	Methuen	3:30 p.m.
	Sept. 26	at Central Catholic	3:30 p.m.
	Sept. 27	at Chelmsford	3:30 p.m.
	Sept. 29	Lowell	3:30 p.m.



DAVID LE/Staff photos

Andover junior Cam Farnham hauls in a long pass from quarterback CJ Scarps over the outstretched hands of Gloucester's Nick Taormina.

FOOTBALL: Gloucester falls to Andover

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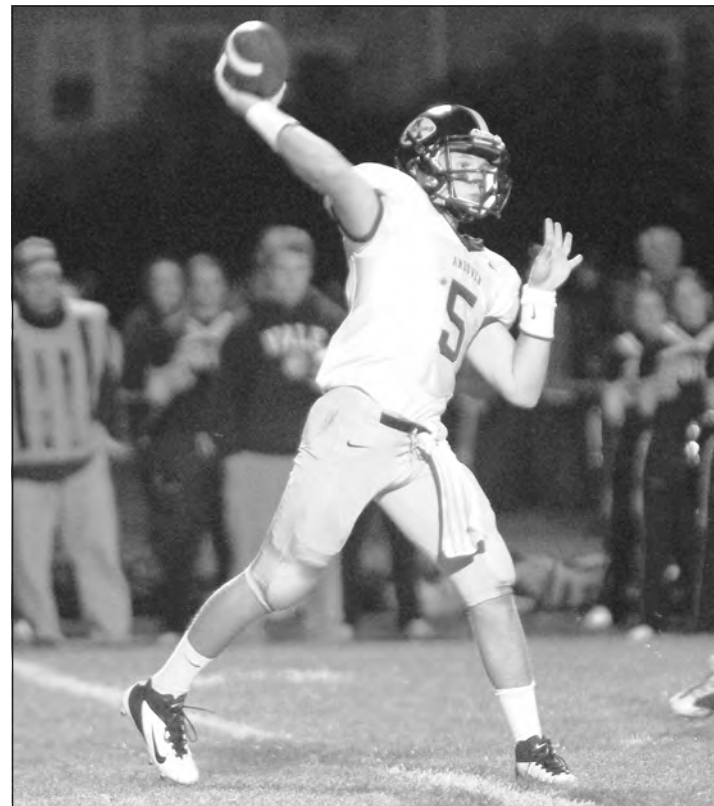
"On the first play of the game Andy came out of the gates and said, 'We are playing,'" Perry said. "This team wanted the win tonight and we came out and played smashmouth football."

Andover kicker Mark Zavrl continued to prove he is possibly the state's best kicker, blasting field goals of 40 and 44 yards.

"He is such a big weapon to have," said Perry. "Not too many kids can kick the ball the way he can."

The decisive drive came in the Golden Warriors' first possession of the second half when they went 69 yards in 13 plays, culminating with a Will Heikkinen 3-yard touchdown catch from quarterback C.J. Scarpa.

"In the second half (Andover) just lined up in the I-formation and pushed us," said first-year Gloucester head coach Tony Zerilli. "And when you have a lead, that's all you need to do. They are a big and physical team and they showed why they are one of the top teams in the MVC this year. They wore us down."



DAVID LE/Staff photos

Andover quarterback CJ Scarps drops back to pass against Gloucester on Friday night.

A — Coke 5 run (Zavrl kick)
G — Mark Horgan 69 pass from Lenny Taormina (Taormina run)
A — Zavrl 44 field goal
A — Will Heikkinen 3 pass from C.J. Scarpa (Zavrl kick)
G — Kyle Lucido 93 punt return (Taormina run)
A — Coke 15 run (Zavrl kick)

Scarpa 5-12, Sylvester 3-2; Gloucester — Nick Taormina 9-74, Lenny Taormina 3-24, Harmon 4-6, Horgan 6-4, Lucido 2-3, Parisi 4-2.
PASSING: Andover — Scarpa 10-19-115, 0 interceptions; Gloucester — L. Taormina 7-16-150, 0 interceptions.
RECEIVING: Andover — Heikkinen 5-57, Farnham 2-23, Peterson 1-11, Myachi 1-6, Coke 1-5; Gloucester — Horgan 2-73, Lucido 2-32, N. Taormina 1-17, Smith 1-17, Parisi 1-11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING: Andover — Coke 25-198, Flaherty 6-18,

Change is in the air

September brings many changes. Most schools are back in session. Days get shorter. Cooler temperatures chase away the hot summer days. Football teams clash on the fields.

Autumn begins on Sept. 23, bringing thoughts of beautiful leaves and pumpkins.

Autumn is one of the four temperate seasons. It marks the transition from the hot summer into cold winter. In the Northern Hemisphere autumn comes in September, October and November.

The word "autumn" comes from an Old French word autompne. Before the 16th century the season was called "harvest." We also call the season "fall," shortened from "fall of the leaves."

Mother Nature paints a beautiful landscape in autumn. Do you live in a part of the United States where the crisp temperatures and shorter days turn the green leaves into orange, red, brown, and gold?

What makes the leaves change colors?

Shorter days and less sunlight cause the veins that carry fluids in and out of the leaf to close. A green pigment called chlorophyll can't be replenished.



The clogged veins trap sugars in the leaf. The sugars combine with bright light to make anthocyanin. The anthocyanin pigments tint the leaves red, purple and crimson.

Yellow and gold colors come from carotenoids. Carotenoids are always present in leaves, but green chlorophyll usually hides those colors in the summer.

Dry conditions in some parts of the country will affect autumn colors this year. The start of fall color might be a few weeks later than normal.

Some trees are already dropping leaves in drought-stricken areas.

Autumn leaves are most brilliant when there is a moderate, moist summer followed by sunny warm fall days with cool nights.

After the color display, leaves fall to the ground. Their work is not over. As the leaves decompose they resupply the soil with nutrients and make up part of the humus layer of the forest floor. This layer also helps hold the rainfall on the forest floor.

Enjoy autumn! Gather colorful leaves to use in decorations. Make a scrapbook of leaves. Include information about the trees that produced the leaves.

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