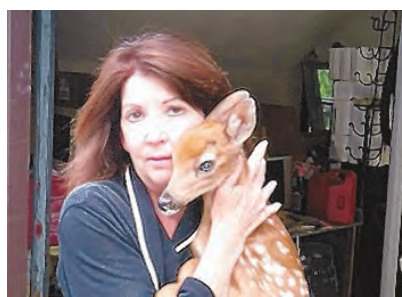




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Andover’s Marcia Lier of Community Strings



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Marcia Lier, a McKenney Circle resident and founder of violin and fiddle school Community Strings, moves a group of 7- to 8-year-old students through a Legato Ensemble lesson at the Community Day Charter Public School in Lawrence.

Lier brings music, beauty to city, town kids

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Many in Andover view Lawrence by its crime rates, but one woman, holding a violin, saw another type of crime in the city: not having enough art in the schools.

A decade and a half later, her Community Strings program teaches youth in four of the city’s schools, as well as out of its director’s Andover home.

Sixty-two-year-old Marcia Lier, who started the program in 1997 with just three students, said she wanted to teach children how to play music because it influenced her childhood, and she’s seen that it is not as prominently featured in schools today.

“This population wasn’t getting

the arts, and that was a crime. That was just ... there was no creation of beauty in their lives,” said Lier, sitting in a classroom at the Community Day Charter Public School in Lawrence. “There isn’t just the lack of academic skills. These are traumatized lives, and music is an answer to that.”

Lier’s speciality is the violin, one of the most difficult, but celebrated, instruments to play. She teaches it to children as early as kindergarten and first grade, and a portion of her students stay with her for so long, they themselves now teacher younger Community Strings students how to play. Today, over 70 students are enrolled.

“I start off every lesson with saying, ‘This is the hardest instrument

to play in the world, and you’re going to do it,” said Lier. “Performing does a lot of good. It gives you confidence, poise.”

The biological nature of music – its ability to bring scenes to life and convey human emotion – gives students that much more to strive for, she explained.

“You’re working with human emotion. You’re working with joy, sorrow,” said Lier. “You’re always telling a story.”

After several years, Lier started encountering many students who weren’t in one of the Lawrence schools she taught at, which drove her to create another program in her home that works with students

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Merrimack College to add 428 beds

Says six new buildings in town needed to stay competitive

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Calling Merrimack College “a hot school” as 5,000 applications were received for 700 freshman slots this year, college officials said Jeff Doggett told college remain competitive.

The college’s first phase of plans is being presented to a lot of good. It gives you confidence, poise.”

The college is located in both Andover and North Andover with the new buildings located entirely in Andover. Current tuition is \$45,610.

Town planner Jacki Byerley said the college has seven acres in Andover. If plans are approved, construction would start this September and end in August 2013.

“We need more students,” Merrimack’s Chief of Staff Jeff Doggett told college neighbors - mostly from Andover - at a meeting Monday night, July 9. “You’ll see this college close if we don’t have a master plan.”

After the meeting, he said 40 to 50 upperclass students will be living at the Marriott’s Residence Inn in west Andover this fall as dorms are already squeezed for space. These students will be shuttled to the main campus for classes.

The college also looked at leasing the Franciscan in Andover.

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Rigby not reappointed to Finance Committee

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Greg Rigby, a Finance Committee member and financial planner known for his tough questions on financial issues, has been dropped from the committee in favor of a new appointment still to be made by Andover’s town moderator.

Rigby said he respected Town Moderator Sheila Doherty’s decision to appoint someone else in his place, though he wished he could stay.

“For the most part, there’s

not anybody on there who’s a quantitative analyst, who can look at the numbers and look at the investments and look at how things work from a financial point of view, to look at the intricacies on how this affects the town in the long run,” said Rigby.

Doherty said, “the talent that we have on the committee is exceptional,” and said she strives to have a diverse group.

“Greg was appointed to fill a term [the resignation of Stephen Stapinski in 2010]

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L’Italien, Lyons gear for rematch November election to feature ‘10 opponents

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

It has been nearly two years since Barbara L’Italien lost her bid for a fifth term as state representative for the 18th Essex. She’s been watching current Rep. Jim Lyons ever since.

Lyons has been watching her, too, in her recent position in the state treasurer’s

office. This fall, the two will square off again, as they did in the 2010

general election, when Lyons defeated L’Italien by

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Cuff: District is ‘Tale of Two Worlds’ 17th Essex has Andover voters, Lawrence majority

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

For 25 years, Beacon Street resident Kevin Cuff has played a role in politics as a business and banking advocate.

Now, after recent redistricting of legislative districts put his home and three Andover voting precincts in a “majority minority” district

of Lawrence voters, Cuff says he is ready to enter the final frontier of politics for him - an elected position.

“I’ve been doing it for 25 years. I just haven’t been voted into it,”



Kevin Cuff

said Cuff. “There’s this small thing called an election standing in my way.”

Part of his reason for running involves the recent change to the voting district he lives in. The new 17th Essex Legislative District will be made up of around 36 percent Andover voters, 56 percent Lawrence voters and

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18TH ESSEX: L'Italien to challenge Lyons for her former Statehouse seat

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1,076 votes. "I really didn't expect to run again," said L'Italien, who had to leave her job as executive director of Government Affairs for the state treasurer's office to do so. "What spurred me to consider running again was the fact that I was working in State House, so I was able to monitor what the current representative was doing."

There, she watched as Lyons exhibited what she said is a Tea Party tact of "voting down everything."

"He's well outside the mainstream of Republicans, and he was just engaged in these ideological battles which have really isolated him from his own party, and rendered him ineffective," said L'Italien.

Lyons said he's regularly worked with other Republican representatives, and there have been times when he's crossed the aisle and worked with Democrats as well.

Citing efforts he made to reveal details to the public



MARY SCHWALM/File Photo

During the 2010 race, candidates for the 18th Essex District House seat, then-incumbent Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, left, listens as Republican James Lyons, Jr. makes an opening statement during a debate hosted by the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover.

about how much the state pays for health care given to illegal immigrants, Lyons said he worked "with members of the Republican Party and the Democratic Party to

get that information."

"I clearly am in there with a focus of adding balance to Beacon Hill, and my positions are in line with the taxpayers of the 18th Essex

District, the working families and the struggling businesses," said Lyons.

L'Italien referred to Lyons' recent vote to reject the state's \$32 billion

budget. Lyons was the only state representative to vote against it. Saying that a rejection of the budget is a rejection of every line of it, including increased local aid, L'Italien said Andover needs "to have a representative working for you in Boston who's willing to work with people in a bipartisan fashion."

In response, Lyons said "this budget did not warrant a vote from me to support the overall budget, because there's so much waste, fraud and abuse still within the budget. We should be able to fund more local aid."

If he is re-elected, Lyons said reducing the state's sales tax to 5 percent will continue to be a priority, as it was part of his platform in his 2010 campaign. L'Italien, if victorious, would continue to oppose any efforts to reduce the tax.

"One of the reasons Andover is able to get an additional \$600,000 [in local aid] right now is because those tough decisions were made two years ago" to increase the sales tax to 6.25

percent, said L'Italien. "You can't have it both ways. You can't eliminate revenue sources and expect to have level or above-level funding in the budget."

Lyons believes L'Italien's recent \$100,000-a-year position with the state treasurer's office will hurt her with voters. L'Italien sees her work in the position as, in spirit, a continuation of her legislative service. She said she worked to strengthen small business banking partnerships and create a budget transparency website called Open Checkbook.

After deciding to pursue another shot at the 18th Essex seat, L'Italien "quit my job to run for office, because I take very seriously the fact that Andover deserves to have a better representative, to have someone who's going to deliver in the State House."

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17TH ESSEX: Kevin Cuff takes on Lawrence's Frank Moran in new district

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8 percent Methuen voters. Whoever wins the seat — Cuff or Lawrence Democrat

Frank Moran, who also serves as president of the City Council — will be in a position to bring about

change in Lawrence, a city with a school system in crisis and crime rates that many say are out of control.

"They have real problems in the city that need to have real leadership address them," said Cuff. "We have identified what the problems are, but the current state of the leadership in that city isn't getting the job done."

With the recent district change, a "tale of two worlds" is unfolding, according to Cuff, and he believes he has the ability to represent both Lawrence and Andover residents.

Whoever wins the election will serve as the legislative voice for a portion of Andover's schools and residents, which face its own problems, and also Lawrence, where Cuff said many residents view replacing the city's mayor as a No. 1 priority to solve a number of other issues.

"They think the leadership issue is the predicate in the whole thing," said Cuff. "My job in it would be to be absolutely certain that the state budgetary process appropriately represents both communities to the extent that

it can. "I'm penetrating in all precincts in Lawrence, and I'm making headway," said Cuff. "I care — that's my motto. I care. But this is a tale of two [worlds]."

Citing a recently published ranking that placed Andover among the best Massachusetts towns and Lawrence at the lowest point on the list, Cuff said, "to all my neighbors in precincts 2, 3 and 4 who all live up near Lawrence, how good is Andover when Lawrence is the No. 1 worst?"

The district, long

represented by Andover residents, is currently represented by Paul Adams, who is running for state senate this year.

Cuff has lived in Andover for 16 years with his wife and 9-year-old daughter. He is a member of the town's Housing Partnership Committee and he has coached in Little League Baseball and the Andover Girls Softball League.

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3 Andoverites in register of deeds race

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Lots of local political races this fall have one commonality between candidates. Many candidates live in Andover.

Republicans Paul Adams and Alex Vispoli and Democrat Barry Finegold are running for state senate. Kevin Cuff is running for state rep. of the 17th Essex. Barbara L'Italien and Jim Lyons will square off again for the 18th.

Then there's the Northern Essex District Registry of Deeds race. Three of the five candidates live in town.

Incumbent Robert "Bob" Kelley, a Democrat, has lived on William Street for 35 years.

John "Jack" Wilson of Bayberry Lane pulled papers to run against Kelley. Even

though he has a long Democratic family history — he's related to former Sen. Patricia McGovern, a Democrat — Wilson is running as a Republican.

Independent candidate Brian T. Corrigan lives on Cobblestone Lane.

Each man has said they're ready for the race.

"I think people will be pleased to hear that this office runs smoothly and I want to continue that," said Kelley, whose current term ends in December.

The \$90,000-a-year register of deeds job heads the Northern Essex District Registry of Deeds, a filing center for Lawrence, Methuen, Andover and North Andover property records. The center is located at Sal's Riverwalk, 435 Merrimack St., Lawrence, just off Interstate 495.

"We have digitized records from as far back as 1869...and

when state cuts meant layoffs or downsizing, we downsized from 17,000-square-feet to 11,000-square-feet at the Riverwalk," Kelley said.

Meanwhile, Wilson said his experience will be great for the job.

"Real estate is my world," he said. "This is an important job, a full-time job."

Wilson currently works in private practice as a real estate attorney and was most likely referring to Kelley, who was documented on camera by FOX-25 last year working at his private law office, running errands while on state-paid work time. In response, Kelley has told The Eagle-Tribune: "If I made any error in judgement, I've certainly learned from them and moved on."

Wilson also said he'd like to make the Registry of Deeds more customer friendly and increase awareness of what

goes on there. It's a second try in politics for Wilson. He ran unsuccessfully for Sen. Barry Finegold's seat in 2009. He ran as a Democrat back then.

Corrigan also referenced Kelley's television appearance, but insisted he is not interested in running a negative campaign.

"I've just listened to people. They want new blood...they are sick and tired of those not doing their job," said Corrigan, a Lawrence native and Brooks School graduate who is running for the first time. "That's the sentiment out there."

Corrigan is also a lawyer. His four children attend St. Augustine School in Andover. In a June interview he said he rents his home as he has a house on the market in Wilmington.

Stephen Battle and M. Paul Iannuccillo are also on the primary ballot this fall for the Registry of Deeds position.

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Thursday, Sept. 6 is the primary while the general election is Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Toddler Town on Main Street was owned by Rita and Greg Christie. It featured two floors of toys, juvenile furniture and accessories. Photo was copied from the Andover Townsman, Sept. 12, 1957.



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NOW: Lyn Evans Potpourri Designs occupies the storefront that once was Toddler Town.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Free diabetes workshop

Andover residents can sign up for a free six week workshop that starts today, Thursday, July 12, on "Diabetes Self-Management." The program runs from July 12 to Aug. 16, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. each session, at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court. For more information or to register, call the center at 978-623-8321 or visit healthyliving4me.org. The workshop is a spin-off of the My Life My Health program, specifically for people with diabetes. Participants are introduced to tools that improve their ability to manage their diabetes, according to Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley. Free nutritional assessments are included.

American Red Cross blood drives

The American Red Cross will hold several community blood drives during the month of July.

All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Blood donors are needed everyday to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need.

All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free carton of Friendly's Ice Cream.

To make an appointment to donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Schedule:
Thursday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at CBRE Richard Ellis, 1 Tech Drive, second floor
Tuesday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rockstar New England, 100 Burt Road.

July health clinics

The Andover health department will offer a mini clinics on Monday, July 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

It will offer senior center clinics on Wednesdays, July 18 and 25 from 2 to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call 978-623-8295.

Wildlife refuge has drive-on fishing permits

Those interested in applying for a 2012 Drive-On Fishing Permit at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge may do so from now through Tuesday, July 31.

The specific number of permits to be issued this year has not yet been determined, but will be based on beach conditions.

Permit applicants must provide all of the following information, either in person or via mail: name,

address, email address, daytime phone number.

Applicants must also provide their Massachusetts Saltwater License number or the number of a saltwater license that was issued to them by a state that has a reciprocity agreement in place with the State of Massachusetts.

Applications must be received at Refuge Headquarters no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31.

Permits will be awarded by lottery selection. Selectees will be notified by email or mail no later than Monday, Aug. 6. All successful applicants must pick up their permit, have their vehicle inspected, and pay the appropriate fee at the Parker River NWR headquarters by August 17.

If any permits remain unclaimed, alternates will be notified by Aug. 20 and must pick up their permit,

and pay the appropriate fee by Aug. 31. Additional information will be provided to successful applicants.

Applications can be mailed to: Parker River NWR, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA 01950. Applications can also be dropped off at the same location during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Season's first positive mosquito sample for West Nile found in Boston

West Nile virus has been detected in a mosquito in Massachusetts for the first time this year.

A WNV infection was confirmed by the State Laboratory Institute in a mosquito sample, which was collected on June 20 in Boston.

No human cases of WNV or Eastern Equine Encephalitis have been detected as of the first week of July.

WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. Six cases of WNV were detected in Massachusetts residents last year. While WNV can infect people of

all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommends the following steps to help avoid mosquito bites:

- Apply insect repellent when outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months

of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

- Be aware of peak mosquito hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

- Clothing can help reduce mosquito bites. Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

- Drain standing water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.

- Install or repair screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

For more information on WNV, visit mass.gov/dph/wnv or call 617-983-6800.

UMass Lowell site for Brown-Warren debate

Republican U.S. Sen. Scott Brown and his Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren have agreed to participate in a debate this fall sponsored by UMass Lowell and the Boston Herald.

David Gregory of NBC's "Meet the Press" will moderate the one-hour debate, which will be held at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell on Thursday, Sept. 27.

Gregory will pose questions to the candidates and students from UMass Lowell will also ask questions from the audience.

Students from other colleges and universities in Massachusetts will be invited to attend and participate, along with the public and other media organizations, including TV stations interested in airing the debate live.

The public will also be able to take part in the debate via social media including Facebook and Twitter.

The debate will be presented through UMass Lowell's Center for Public Opinion, which sponsors events and independent, nonpartisan public opinion polls on political and social issues.

Appleton Farms' Visitor Center open

Appleton Farms' Visitor Center is now open to the public Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Staffed with on-site docents, the visitor center is a special room furnished to represent the family's life in the mid-1800s. Family furniture, portraits, and other historic artifacts are on display throughout the house.

In addition, the center has a farm-based education classroom with seasonal education

displays and a state-of-the-art kitchen, where programs that feature the farms' locally grown food are held.

The visitor center is central to the 1,000-acre working farm and offers easy access to the surrounding trails and farmstead area, including other historic buildings and pastures with grazing cows and roaming chickens.

Visitors can also take advantage of the farm's dairy store, which has Appleton Farms' milk, beef and eggs for sale as well as an assortment of other locally sourced products including yogurt, ice cream, cheese, maple syrup, honey, bread, and artwork.

Dairy store hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Education

Digital-age leader arrives at historic Phillips

John G. Palfrey Jr., the 39-year-old author, Harvard law professor and scholar, reported to Phillips Academy July 2 to begin his new role as head of school.

He succeeds Barbara Landis Chase, who retired after serving for 18 years.

Palfrey is just the 15th head of school in Phillips Academy's 234-year history. He is certainly the first to enter with his own blog, Twitter following and Facebook page.

His formal investiture is planned for Sunday, Sept. 23

on campus.

Prior to joining the private high school known throughout the world as "Andover," Palfrey was the Henry N. Ess III Professor of Law and Vice Dean for Library and Information Resources at Harvard Law School.

"A recognized thought leader in the field of internet law, intellectual property,



John G. Palfrey Jr.

and on the impact of digital technologies on societies and education, Palfrey served as the executive director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard from 2002 to 2008, where he secured millions of dollars in funding for and oversaw programs to examine the far-reaching effects of the internet and digitized information on commerce, governance and education," reports the school in describing his arrival.

Palfrey is the author or co-author of several books,

including one released just last month titled "Interop: The Promise and Perils of Highly Interconnected Systems." Previous works include "Born Digital: Understanding the First Generation of Digital Natives" and "Access Denied: The Practice and Politics of Global Internet Filtering."

Anticipating the start of his tenure, Palfrey said he is looking forward to "joining a spirited, dedicated, and inquisitive community whose long-held values are lived each day. Core values

— non sibi, goodness and knowledge, youth from every quarter — form the bedrock of Andover. How can we build upon these precepts to prepare students for a world marked by globalization and innovation? Andover is the kind of place that can ask and answer these questions, and it is exciting to think where those conversations may lead."

Palfrey began his teaching career as teaching fellow at Harvard University, where he taught internet law courses from 2000-2001.

He returned to teaching at Harvard Law School in 2002 after spending a year with the Boston law firm Ropes & Gray LLP. During the 2007-2008 academic year, he was a visiting professor of Information Law and Policy at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. He also served as a special assistant at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency during the Clinton administration.

Palfrey is married to Catherine Carter, and they are the parents of two children, Jack, 9, and Emeline, 6.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

St. John's Prep honor roll

The following students were named to the St. John's Prep honor roll for the third quarter of the 2011-2012 school year.

Headmaster's list: Andrew Cadigan, John Chahraban, Matthew Eckstein and Marcus Pelletier.

Principal's list: Matthew Broderick, Michael DeLuca, Gregory Kobelski, Zachary Sargent and Anastasios Wallingford.

Honor roll: Tyler Bird, Alexander Cain, Jonathan Costello, Taylor Brock-Fisher, Phillip Igoe, Conrad Kuin, Cory Lang, Walker Martin, John McKeon, Shane Napolitano, Sean Nork and Timothy Tully.

Students who qualified for the headmaster's list earned grades of A- or above; students who qualified for the principal's list earned grades of B+ or above; and students who qualified for the honor roll earned grades of B or above.

AHS students receive book award

Andover High School students Daniel Caveney and Xinni Chen were awarded the 2012 Saint Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience.

The award recognizes students who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in volunteer service and academic achievement.

Recipients, named at schools throughout the country, are high school juniors who are inductees of the National Honor Society or an equivalent school-sponsored honors organization. They must demonstrate a commitment to service activities in high school or community organizations, taking leadership roles in these activities.

Winners were presented the book *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers* by Loung Ung, a 1993 Saint Michael's College graduate and author.

A tree grows in Andover



A third-grade West Elementary/High Plain Destination Imagination team that conducted a Bike-a-Thon earlier this year in support of reducing global warming was able to plant trees before the end of the school year. The team raised over \$400. Pictured after a tree planting are West Elementary students Ashley Veneto, Carolyn Parker, Moiz Mahesri, Tanner Peckham and Zack Clement, with Matt Strong from Forever Green Landscaping. Missing is Emme Pitts, a High Plain Elementary student.

ON CAMPUS

Hamilton College news

Matt Therkelsen, son of Beverly and David Therkelsen, received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 20. Therkelsen graduated cum laude with a degree in biochemistry/molecular biology. Matt Therkelsen had been named to the Hamilton College dean's list for the 2012 spring semester.

Also named to the spring semester dean's list was **Alice Grant**, daughter of Martha and Christopher Grant Jr. She is a junior majoring in biology and a graduate of Brooks School.

To be named to the Hamilton College dean's list, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an

average of 3.5 or above.

Li now Chicago dentist

Bowen Li graduated cum laude from SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in May 2012 with a doctorate of dental surgery. He will start practicing dentistry in Chicago in July.

Li is a 2003 graduate of Andover High School.

Graduates and scholars

The following students graduated from Merrimack College on May 20: **Kyle Lighter**, magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in communications studies; **Kristina Martin**, bachelor of science degree in business administration; **Julie Ouellette**, summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in political science; **Victoria Quilliam**, cum

laude with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology; **Benjamin Roberge**, bachelor of arts degree in criminology; **Paul Farnham**, bachelor of arts degree in criminology; **David Selima**, cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in criminology and religious and theological studies; **Linn Spitzer**, bachelor of arts degree in psychology; and **Michael Sukienik**, cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in sports medicine.

Andover residents **Tito Encarnacion** and **Katherine Rouff** graduated from Assumption College on May 12 with bachelor of arts degrees.

Dennis Fleming graduated from Clemson University on May 11 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting.

Megan Richards graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in neuroscience and Chinese from Colgate University. Richards was one of 661 students to graduate with the Class of 2012, representing a graduation rate of 89.7%, which is among the highest in the nation.

The following students graduated from the University of Rhode Island: **Betsy Cohen**, bachelor of science degree in marine biology; **Andrew Jannetti**, bachelor of science degree in marine affairs and bachelor of science in resource economics and commerce; **Kirsy Melo**, bachelor of science degree in biological sciences; **Matthew Pescatore**, professional masters degree in Pharm D, magna cum laude; **Jillian**

Winfield, bachelor of science degree in textiles, fashion merchandising and design; and **Rebecca Wrightson**, bachelor of arts degree in art history, summa cum laude.

Sean Conger and **Kate Roman** graduated from Providence College on May 20. Conger received a bachelor's degree in history. Roman received a bachelor's degree in psychology and biology.

Devin Geary, daughter of Joseph and Ann Geary of Andover and a 2008 graduate of Andover High School, was named to the Bucknell University dean's list for the spring 2012 semester. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Cable access channels scholarships to Andover High grads

AndoverTV, the town's cable television station that is run out of Andover High School, gave a special sendoff to two of Andover High's graduating seniors, Derek Witt and Joseph Kuykendall. They each received scholarships.

"Both of them have been very involved here throughout their high school careers with AHS TV class,

TV Club, as well as helping with various AndoverTV shoots, and even working for us broadcasting municipal meetings. We decided to recognize them by presenting them with certificates of appreciation and they each received a \$500 scholarship," said **Wess Murphy**, executive director of Andover Community Access & Media.



Joseph Kuykendall, left, and Derek Witt.

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White powder brings hazmat team to IRS

By JONATHAN PHELPS
STAFF WRITER

The mail processing room at the Internal Revenue Service building on Lowell Street was placed in lockdown Monday morning after a white powdery substance was reported being released from an envelope.

A hazardous materials team was requested to respond to

the building at 310 Lowell St. shortly after 10:30 a.m. The 30 employees working the processing room at the time were placed in isolation, according to a press release from the fire department.

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said there was no evacuation of the building. There are about 860 employees who work in the building, according to IRS spokeswoman

Peggy Riley.

At 12:30 p.m., it was determined the 30 employees could exit the isolation area after being briefed, Mansfield said.

He said the mail was examined by hazardous material technicians and there was no indication the substance came from the envelope.

There was no threat received or any evidence of a

threat found in the involved mail, the release said.

"It appears we are dealing with a residue of a prescription drug," Mansfield said. "We are not viewing this as an act of malice."

The incident was under control by 2:45 p.m. The remainder of the substance was recovered and sent to a laboratory for further analysis and identification.

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA
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The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Monday, July 2 through Monday, July 9:

ARRESTS

Monday, July 2 — At 4:42 p.m., Elisander Marte, 21, of 3 Whinthrop Ave., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed, driving with a revoked registration and driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Tuesday, July 3 — At 6:50 a.m., Michael Courey, 37, of 21 Stoneybrook Road, Methuen, was arrested on Lewis Street and charged on a warrant for possession of a class B drug.

Wednesday, July 4 — At 7:26 p.m., Josue Antonio Davila, 19, of 18 Dale St., Andover, was arrested on Stevens Street and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 7:49 p.m., a person was taken into protective custody on Longwood Drive.

Thursday, July 5 — 4:02 p.m., Kenneth Hoff, 53, of 100 Washington Park Drive, Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 7:04 p.m., Socorro Martinez, 23, of 81 Farley St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Sunday, July 8 — At 12:30 a.m., Zachary King, 20, of 136 Prospect St., Milford, N.H., was arrested on Main Street and charged with a marked lanes violation, failing to yield at an intersection and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended

license.

At 12:37 p.m., Luis Sanchez, 26, of 1 Cadillac Drive in Providence, R.I., was arrested on Union Street and charged with driving a motor vehicle while unlicensed and having no inspection sticker.

Monday, July 9 — At 7:41 p.m., a person was taken into protective custody on North Main Street.

BREAKS

Monday, July 2 — At 10:08 p.m., an attempted house break was reported on River Street.

Wednesday, July 4 — At 10:03 p.m., an attempted break was reported on Abbot Street.

Thursday, July 5 — At 12:39 p.m., a break was reported to a shed on High Street.

Sunday, July 8 — At 8:52 a.m., a break on a camp office building was reported on Jenkins Road.

THEFTS

Monday, July 2 — At 5:33 p.m., a possible theft was reported on Andover Street.

Thursday, July 5 — At 6:32 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on High Street.

At 8:07 p.m., theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Olde Berry Road.

Sunday, July 8 — At 9:46 a.m., a theft of a bicycle was reported on School Street.

Monday, July 9 — At 3:33 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Ferndale Avenue.

INCIDENTS

Monday, July 2 — At 9:27 a.m., a case of illegal dumping was reported on Sagamore Drive.

At 7:50 p.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Railroad Street.

Tuesday, July 3 — At 6:59 a.m., an accident involving road rage was reported on North Main Street, involving a car that tailgated another and then swerved in front of the vehicle and caused an accident. No injuries were reported.

At 11:25 a.m., a dog attack was reported on North Main Street.

At 2:07 p.m., police were called to town property on Bartlet Street on reports of "some kids setting up a grill to cook on." The kids were told to move their grill.

Wednesday, July 4 — At 2:39 a.m., a domestic incident was reported on Greenbriar Circle.

At 9:13 a.m., state police reported that a "female in a gray station wagon driving roads in the vicinity of Boston Road" was "stealing newspapers."

At 12:52 p.m., vandalism to a stop sign was reported at a school on Shawsheen Road.

At 9:26 p.m., police were called to a hotel on River Road on reports of "a large fight in the pool area with a lot of men." Two people were treated by an ambulance for "bumps and bruises."

Thursday, July 5 — At 9:16 a.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

Friday, July 6 — At 11:26 a.m., a violation of an abuse prevention order was reported on Topping Road.

At 7:48 p.m., police were called to Salem Street on a report of a package delivered by UPS during the day that was stolen. After an area search involving a police dog, the "stolen" package was found in the home's mailbox by the road.

At 9:53 p.m., a case of trespassing was reported at a

school on Andover Street.

Saturday, July 7 — At 8:07 a.m., vandalism to a mailbox was reported on Algonquin Avenue.

At 8:32 a.m., damage to a mailbox was reported on Lovejoy Road.

At 1:21 p.m., police were called to report of a disturbed person who "wants to be deported to Portugal." Police transported the person to an area hospital. Two hours later, police responded to another call regarding a disturbed person, this time about a person threatening suicide.

Sunday, July 8 — At 6 p.m., a case of trespassing was reported on Canterbury Street.

At 10:26 p.m., police responded to a report of a disturbed person "acting strange."

Monday, July 9 — At 3:13 p.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

At 5:15 p.m., vandalism to a pool area was reported on Brookside Drive.

ACCIDENTS

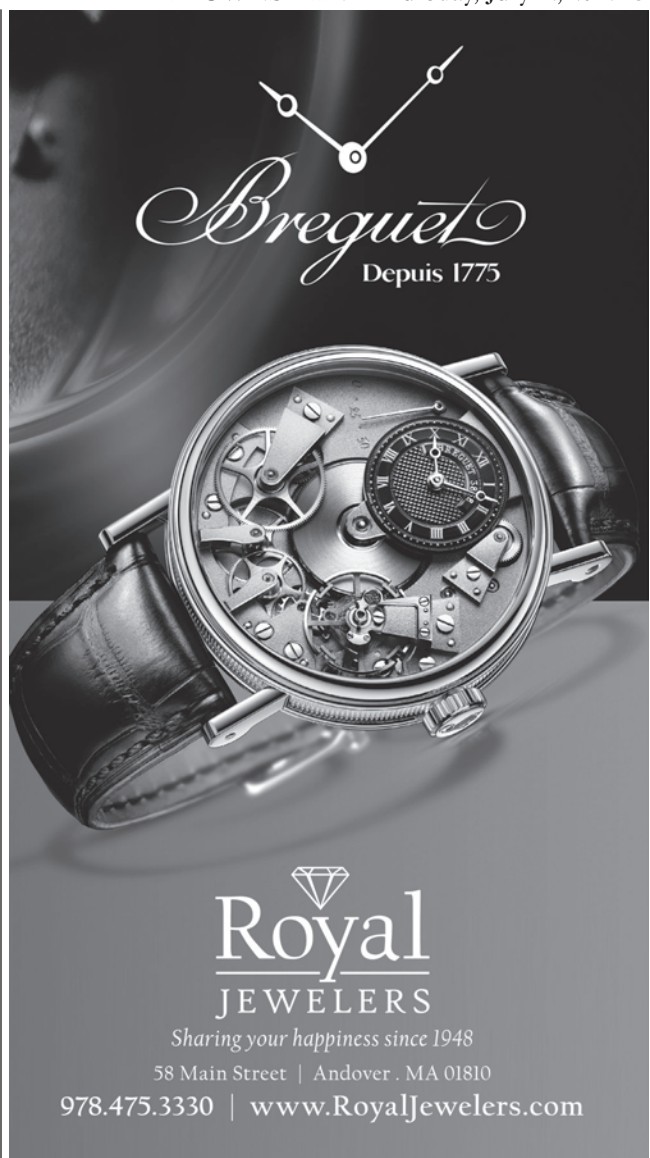
Thursday, July 5 — At 3:51 p.m., a three-car crash was reported on Summer Street. One vehicle involved in the accident was towed from the scene.

At 4:51 p.m., a three-car crash with personal injury, requiring one towed car, was reported on Dascomb Road.

Friday, July 6 — At 5:14 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Main Street.

Saturday, July 7 — At 5:10 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Central Street.

Monday, July 9 — At 12:05 p.m., a crash involving personal injury was reported on Central Street.



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RIGBY: Finance Committee member not asked to continue serving

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that ended on June 30. It was an interim term that he was appointed to," said Doherty. "It was just a 'thank you very much for doing that.' There are several qualified candidates I'm looking at."

In an email to Rigby explaining her decision, Doherty said, "There are several equally or better qualified individuals that I have either approached or have approached me, and I am going to move in that direction." She said she has not made a decision yet, but expects to within the next month.

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski declined to comment on Rigby's non-

reappointment, saying the decision was Doherty's, as Finance Committee members "serve at her pleasure."

"He was a conservative voice that had a message and a point of view that was valuable," said Stapeczynski.

Rigby believes his tendency to ask pointed, hard questions on financial issues is what led to the decision to not reappoint him. Rigby mentioned the well over \$200 million in unfunded post-employment benefit and pension liabilities that he says the town is not addressing as much as it should be. Throughout the recent budget process, Rigby regularly called for the town to take a harder look at the liabilities before considering multi-

million-dollar projects.

"They've continued to pay the minimum amount they need to pay to stay within compliance," said Rigby. "When you're looking at a \$250 million debt, a few hundred thousand dollars a year doesn't even begin to make a difference in what you can do each year."

There was not an effort to let Rigby go because of his tendency to ask tough questions, according to Stapeczynski.

"They all ask tough questions. They all ask pointed questions. That's their role, to be advisors for Town Meeting," said Stapeczynski. "No one asks tougher questions than Joanne Marden, so he's not the first person to be on

RIGBY'S CONCERNS

Since he was appointed to the Finance Committee in February 2011, Greg Rigby has frequently voiced his concern over a number of elements of town finances, he said. These include:

- Over \$200 million in unfunded liabilities relating to post-employment benefits and pensions;
- The interest rate on Andover's "accrued compensation" account, which would pay employees for unused vacation and sick days;
- How the town "runs internally on a 12-month horizon," considering large capital projects on a year-by-year basis.

the committee with tough questions."

Doherty said other officials did not influence her.

"Oh my heavens, no. I like to think I don't work in a vacuum, but there was no campaign to get [Rigby] off the committee," she said.

Jon Stumpf, Finance

Committee chairman, also said he knew of no effort to remove Rigby from the board. When asked for his thoughts on Doherty's decision to appoint someone else, Stumpf said the committee members "report at the pleasure of the moderator. The moderator chose not to

reappoint Mr. Rigby."

Rigby said he added a long-term focus to the Finance Committee, one that tried to place proposed project debt among the debt service schedule that the town uses to pay off existing debt over the years.

"The focus will no doubt go back to a one-, maybe two-year outlook. You can't run a company that way; you certainly can't run a town that way," said Rigby. "I'm not mad that I'm not on the Finance Committee. I'm concerned for Andover that we won't have somebody asking the hard questions. You've got to get the hard questions in front of everybody, because that's how you're going to get the solutions."



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Marcia Lier, a McKenney Circle resident, started Community Strings – a violin school for children – 15 years ago with just three students. Today, with several dozen students enrolled in the program at the Community Day Charter Public School in Lawrence and more coming to her home every Saturday for violin and fiddle lessons, Lier has made a notable impact on the community through the introduction of art in the lives of hundreds.

MUSIC: Strings program gaining in popularity

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not just from Lawrence, but from Andover, Boxford and other communities. Twelve to 18 students are in her at-home program at any given time, and they see her every weekend.

"In a way, Saturday is one of my favorite days," said Lier. "It's free. You

have a really good feeling."

Kyle Brennan, 13 and from Lawrence, was in the first grade when he first started playing violin with Lier. Now, eight years later, he's gearing up for attending the Essex Agricultural High School in Danvers, but he's leaving behind someone he said feels like a second mother.

"She's not just my teacher. She's my friend," said Kyle. "She can be strict, but it's a good kind of strict, like your mom says, 'Eat your vegetables — it's good for you later on.'"

For feedback or inquiries on this story, please email dluca@andover-townsmam.com.

Health board pleased with Boston King

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

After its license to serve food was suspended for three days back in April following problematic town health inspections, Boston King Cafe on North Main Street has received a clean bill of health following three more inspections with no critical violations.

Sun Son, owner of the restaurant next to the Andover Public Safety Center, said that since the April hearing, efforts have significantly increased to keep the restaurant up to code, with Son training his employees on the town's expectations.

"Based on the inspection reports, it looks like a

corner has been turned somewhere, and it's a good thing," said Tom Carbone, Health director. "Things look pretty good. Something has changed."

The restaurant will appear before the Andover Board of Health again in October after three additional months of inspections.

After the board voted to continue the item to the October meeting, Son apologized for the trouble, saying that he was "very sorry it took this long."

"It's the result that matters," said Candace Martin, Board of Health chairwoman. "This is very promising. I think this is the first time we've had three inspections with no critical violations."

Clear your closet, fill another's

The Big Brother Big Sister Foundation will be collecting donations of clothes in town, North Andover. To schedule a free door to door, next Monday, curb-side pick up, call 1-800-July 16. The foundation seeks lightly used clothing and small household items. It

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Baseball and softball will not be on the schedule this year.

Watching sports is not the only thing the Kid will do in London. There are ten attractions on the Kid's to-do list.

The world-famous British Museum is at the top of the list. There, the Kid will see the Rosetta Stone, the Parthenon sculptures and mummies from the Ancient Egypt collection.

The next stop will be the world's highest observation wheel. The wheel has 32 capsules that hold up to 25 people and weigh 10 tons. It's called the London Eye. From it, you can see more than 55 of London's landmarks in just 30 minutes.

The third stop on the list is the Science

Museum. The museum features major scientific advances over the last 300 years.

The Kid is excited about seeing the Tower of London. The tower has served as a royal palace, prison, jewel house and zoo during its 900-year history.

The Kid will visit many more locations during the trip to London. Over the next few weeks the Kid will give you a bird's-eye view of the United Kingdom. Come along for the ride!

City Scramble

Unscramble these names of cities in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)

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Newspaper in Education activity

The summer games are held once every four years. This year London is hosting the event. Search your newspaper for reports on sporting events in your area.

MERRIMACK: To add dorm rooms

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MERRIMACK COLLEGE PLAN

Center on River Road for student housing. But Doggett said the Residence Inn works better for the college's needs. Residence Inn rooms have kitchens.

"Residence Inn does this for colleges across the country," said Doggett, who previously worked for Northeastern University in Boston and handled neighborhood issues.

At the neighborhood meeting, Doggett said colleges need a master plan to survive and attract students these days as college enrollments are expected to drop in the coming years.

"Remember Bradford College?" he asked the crowd of about 20 neighbors. The Haverhill college suffered the consequences of having no master plan and it closed, he said. Its site is now home to Zion Bible College.

But Merrimack College neighbors were most concerned about parking, water drainage and signage issues as a result of the new buildings. Doggett emphasized that the meeting's goal was

- Being a leader in health-related fields, biotech fields
- More graduate studies programs; now has 3
- 3,000 students by 2021, up from 2,300 students today
- Additional hockey rink
- Add women's hockey team
- Add classroom space

- College townhomes abutting Fox Hill Road will come down
- Hamel Health Center will move near Volpe sports complex
- College tennis courts will be relocated

Source: College Chief of Staff Jeff Doggett

to simply inform neighbors of the proposal. He had no concrete answers to parking, water and signage issues.

That didn't seem to bother most neighbors as Doggett promised to hold another meeting after presenting the plans to Andover's Planning Board on Tuesday, July 10 and to the Conservation Commission tonight, Thursday, July 12, after Townsman deadline.

"I just think it's good that the college is meeting with us and keeping us informed about what's going on," said Helen Waller of Brookfield Road.

Paulette Grunden's house on Fox Hill Road abuts the college's health center and she asked

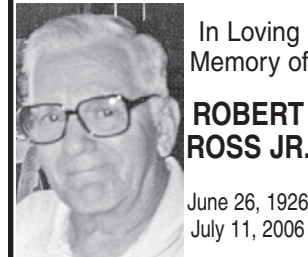
about improving the buffer between her backyard and the college.

Drainage issues were clearly on the minds of other neighbors. Doggett said he believes a drainage basin system installed a few years ago that crosses Elm Street and drains on college property near the YMCA, is helping.

Neighbors also said that a lack of signs, especially for the Volpe Center's hockey rink, deserves attention because drivers get lost on neighborhood streets.

"We want to get ideas and suggestions from you and take responsibility...That's why we're here tonight," Doggett said.

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Town seeks new Planning Board member

Interested in serving on one of the town's boards? The town's Planning Board is seeking interested residents to fill an anticipated vacancy on the Planning Board.

As a judiciary board, the role of the Planning Board is to review Town Meeting articles, special permits, site plans, residential subdivisions, as associated with various land developments,

and zoning and open space; and to implement the Andover Master Plan.

Interested residents are encouraged to contact the Planning Division at 978-623-8310, and to fill out a talent bank form available at andoverma.gov/publish/talentbank.pdf. The Planning Board expects to fill its vacancy by August or September.

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Opinion

Blows for town government, workers

Andover government and town workers have been taking black eyes for the past month. But some of these high profile bruises have been self-inflicted wounds, not low blows. We hope they force town government leaders and employees to reconsider their approach and change their actions, and not come out swinging blindly to defend the way things have been.

First there was the case of Cynthia Vaughn, a former Andover water treatment worker who admitted in June to operating a side business on town time, submitting false records and larceny. In court, lawyer John Andrews said Vaughn's direct supervisor, John Pollano, the former plant superintendent, was aware of the side business Vaughn was running. "She had permission from her direct supervisor," Andrews said. "That was the culture." Judge Timothy Feeley agreed, noting Vaughn did not hide her day-to-day activities. He gave her a slap on the wrist, what's called a continuance without a finding, meaning her charges will be dismissed after a 12-month period if she stays out of further trouble.

That an impartial judge looked at the evidence and seems to agree that the theft of taxpayer money is part of the culture, so Vaughn deserves little blame, is an indictment on town government, the town manager and other paid supervisors like Pollano, who has not been charged. Andover still needs to hire a new person to oversee - and set a new culture - at the Department of Public Works and its water-treatment plant headquarters. It's time for some action.

Second, there was the state arbitrator who was "dumbfounded" by the Andover teachers union insistence on Andover High School teachers overseeing duties like hall monitoring rather than teaching an extra course for half a year. This state official, charged with suggesting a reasonable agreement, also said the union did not provide solid evidence to support several of its arguments. She said a small group of high school teachers were holding up a deal sought by teachers at all levels. Now that the arbitrator has offered her powerful opinion, and a new contract is signed, we hope this relatively small group of high school teachers becomes nothing more than a vocal minority, rather than the leadership team guiding all Andover teachers that it has been in the past.

In the past week, Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia, in taking offense to town watchdog Mary Carbone's questioning the money spent on Town Yard planning, asked, "how come she's the only one who's had problems with us?" Finance Committee member Greg Rigby became the rare - perhaps even unique - person to be denied reappointment to that board. That led to theories in town that he was forced out for asking tough questions, such as one suggested by resident Bob Pokress, whose letter appears online. Andover government needs more people willing to ask tough questions, even if it makes them unpopular with town employees or others on the board. Andover is not Lake Wobegon, the fictional town "where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average," and its OK for officials to say so. Until all Andover leaders do a better job of addressing problems publicly, people will continue to assume that those who confront town government will be ostracized.

Andover workers have good-paying jobs with superlative benefits including pensions, sick leave and other add-ons not dreamed of by most middle class workers in the private sector. It's not too much to expect from all employees an honest, full day of work. Town workers and officials should be questioned - in an appropriate manner - to ensure taxpayers' money is being handled appropriately. Such questioning must be seen as welcomed as part of a healthy checks-and-balances system. That should not just be the culture, that should be the requirement.

WEB QUESTION

Andover residents - or at least the relatively few answering our poll this week - haven't been finding many creative ways to beat the heat. Website visitors were asked "Summer has arrived, as has its sweltering weather. What are you doing to beat the heat?" Sixty percent of respondents said, "Staying indoors, where there's air conditioning."

Another 8 percent selected, "Standing in front of the freezer, air conditioner, fan..." Other responses: Spending so much time at the beach, my skin secretes sun block, 12 percent; Hosting family cookouts, pool parties, etc., 8 percent; Traveling north, where it's cooler, 8 percent; Other, 4 percent

FOURTH, NOT FATHER'S DAY



Logan Satlow, left, and Danny Alepa, both 8, pull Steve Alepa in a wagon near the finish line of the "Horribles Parade" during Andover's Fourth of July celebration.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Hardock family: After the fire, our heartfelt letter of thanks

To our family, friends, the entire Andover community and beyond, we don't know where to begin. Has it really been four weeks?

As many of you know, our peaceful lives turned upside down recently after we lost our home to a massive fire. It has been a surreal time. Thankfully our family is safe, which is absolutely the most important part of this whole experience. We are trying to keep all of the "what ifs" out of our minds.

We have to begin with a special thanks to the first responders who came to our home on June 14. To the firefighters and the police of Andover and our surrounding towns, we cannot thank you enough for your heroic efforts to keep our family safe and for trying to limit the level of damage to our home.

With regard to the Andover community in general, and the Sanborn Elementary and West Middle School communities in particular, a heartfelt thank you for all of your generous donations of time, money and meals.

Never in a million years did we think we would be on the receiving end of so many bake sales, candy sales, lemonade stands, and walk-a-thons. You should all be so proud of your children, as they possess a generosity of spirit that is truly amazing.

While we are devastated that the experience of a house fire will be etched as one of our children's biggest



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

The Hardocks express gratitude to the Andover emergency workers who responded to a fire at their 5 Cheyenne Circle home, which started in a second floor bedroom and spread to the attic, and to community members who have been reaching out to help ever since.

childhood memories, we are consoled by the fact that these incredible acts of kindness will likely be a much more vivid memory. It has been so important for them to see all of the goodness in

the world in the middle of such a frightening time of uncertainty.

The compassion and generosity that has been shown to us started while the fire was still burning and

continues each day. It has been overwhelming. Friends brought us toothbrushes and clothing that night when we hadn't even processed the fact that we didn't have ours anymore, while others went on a mission to get our twin daughters back-up costumes for their big dance show, because at that point in time, we didn't even know what day it was.

We certainly have a long road ahead, but it is so comforting to know that we are not alone. We are eternally grateful for everything the community has done for us. It may be a while before we get a chance to acknowledge friends, families, and first responders individually, but know that we have seen every text, listened to every voicemail, read each email, and treasured each of the beautiful cards that have been sent. We are truly humbled by it all.

What makes a house a home is the people inside. And next year, when we return to 5 Cheyenne Circle, we will come back to our home with not only our family, but also the spirit of all of you who have helped us through this challenging time.

We will never forget the incredible support you have all given us. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

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TAWNY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FinCom must raise uncomfortable questions, says member who was not reappointed

Editor, Townsman:

I enjoyed serving the town of Andover on the Finance Committee for the last 17 months. I believe in the role of the FinCom as the "watch dog" for the taxpayers.

I was informed that I was not reappointed on July 3 and have received over 100 emails, phone calls and texts from residents regarding my departure and I thank them for their support.

We serve on the Finance Committee at the pleasure of the town moderator. As the moderator explained in an email to me on July 3, I was appointed to complete the term vacated by Steve Stapinski and she had a number of equally or more qualified candidates to fill my seat. I respect her decision.

I hope the questions I raised, many of which made elected officials and town management uncomfortable, continue to keep the focus on the long-term financial issues of the town. The town must address the quarter billion dollars in retirement liabilities with a realistic action plan. I think the taxpayers also deserve a 10-year

capital plan so we can make informed decisions regarding new projects presented at Town Meeting.

During my term I made many friends on the various boards and in Town Offices. I wish them all the best as they take on the challenges in Andover's future. I intend to stay involved through a blog, twitter, letters to the editor, and OpEd pieces with the future of Andover always at the forefront.

GREGORY RIGBY
131 Rattlesnake Hill Road

Wildlife, nature among the features that make Andover special

Editor, Townsman:

In response to the letter published last week by a resident (and her cat "Fur Face" - bless him!) who did not welcome the wildlife in town as she had to keep her cat indoors; I say that the main reason I enjoy living in Andover is absolutely because of the "off chance" I may see a fisher, coyote, deer or wild turkeys in or around my property or town. If it so happens that your letter was merely a witty observation, then I think the idea of the government reasoning with the local wildlife to show them the error of their ways would

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be a great Ricky Gervais or Saturday Night Live skit.

I own a 45-pound dog and chickens and although some locals have said, "Aren't you afraid of the coyotes?" we let them free range. Our dog has a life basking in the sun, and is even being trained to "leave the wild bunnies." My chickens are regularly dove-bombed by passing hawks during which my 5-year-old son runs outside screaming "hawk alert"; the hawk remains stuck at how huge they are and the poultry continue with their chickenly duties. We have talked as a family about the life we want our animals to lead and have decided that a fulfilled life for us and our "brood" includes letting them free

range, but preparing ourselves that their carefree life may (but most likely will not) come at a cost.

I would love to have 17 wild turkeys relieving themselves on my otherwise unfertilized lawn. What fabulous fertilizer and such a unique and interesting animal. I would give anything for my two young children to see that sight.

We wish there were more deer in our area and the only fisher cat we have seen was squashed on our road. As a past cat owner I understand your concerns about letting your cat out to roam but if it makes you feel any better, think about all the wildlife that cats hunt when they are out.

Cats' natural instincts are to hunt but once they were domesticated then our smaller wildlife became vulnerable - the main reason why no matter how much I love them I can't own a cat again (perhaps a hamster or hermit crabs next time?).

Enjoy this town for all the natural beauties it has. I have lived in many different places around the world but I am settled here as it is a very special place indeed. Cherish any animal sightings, as they are becoming less frequent in populated areas, and feel very lucky indeed.

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TOWN TALK

Giving color wheel a 'stunning' new meaning at PCCD

"Wheelchair art" was all the rage at the Professional Center for Child Development recently as each student who uses a wheelchair was able to express themselves through the use of color and movement.

Some of the children aged 3 to 10 in the Developmental Day School created art work in an unusual way.

With the assistance of the classroom staff, each child choose the colors to be used on his or her painting. After the colors were laid down and covered with paper the artists went to work.

"Students and teachers had fun manipulating the wheelchair around the page to craft the contemporary art. When the sheet was revealed the results were extraordinary. Each painting was a one-of-a-kind abstract stunning success," said Ellen McGrail Waddill, PCCD parent and community liaison at the Osgood Street center. "The younger children in the



Artwork created by a PCCD student.

Two-by-Two program were out on the playground and some stopped to watch the Day School students design beautiful pictures to be taken home and hung on the family refrigerator. Teachers explained that all children love art, and just because their friends in the Day School have physical limitations it doesn't stop them from experiencing the joy of creating a masterpiece."

Resident, selectman spar over question

Two days ahead of the Fourth of July, fireworks flew at a July 2 selectmen meeting between Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone and Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia.

The episode took place after a work session discussing the Town Yard, during which the board took no public input, its policy, according to Salafia. After Carbone attempted to ask a question about the project, Salafia ordered her to stop speaking.

Carbone's question: how much has the town spent to study Town Yard options? "They do exactly what they want to do," said Carbone by phone. "I'm not taking it. I'm a resident of the community, and enough is enough."

Salafia said the board has decided to hold work sessions without hearing public input to expedite the information-gathering process.

"With a nice, efficient process to try to bring in all this information, we'll certainly, happily take public input.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Colby Ardizzzone, 3, throws a bean bag as part of a game for kids in the Park, during Andover's Fourth of July celebration.

Just not yet," said Salafia. "She baited me and tried to circumvent the process... Of the 33,000 people in this town, how come she's the only one who's had problems with us?"

— Dustin Luca

Frankenstein and the 5K

School's out but school fundraising never sleeps. Plans for Bancroft

Elementary School's "Book It To The Finish" 5-kilometer race and family fun run have been announced. The run will be Saturday, Oct. 27 and participants are encouraged to dress up and run/walk in Halloween costumes.

Proceeds will help buy the playground equipment for the new Bancroft Elementary School. The 1K race starts at 2:30 p.m. and the 5K starts at 3 p.m. The event starts and ends at Bancroft School. Register online at bookittothefinish.com.

T-shirts will be given to the first 200 participants registered before Sept. 5. Prizes, games and refreshments will be available.

— Judy Wakefield

Short goodbye

As Christopher Lord starts his new job as principal of Andover High School this month, his predecessor, two-year interim Principal Tom Sharkey sent a very short goodbye email to parents.

"I have appreciated the opportunity to spend these past two years with you and with your wonderful children. Though this year had its twists and turns, I have valued the experience of being in a very good school that will be a great school and I thank so many of you for your words of kindness and encouragement along the way," Sharkey wrote.

Sharkey led the school during the time of a hazing scandal and difficult teachers union negotiation.

— Judy Wakefield

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Arts & Entertainment

ENTERTAINED ON THE FOURTH

Andover residents enjoyed Independence Day in the usual town fashion, with pancakes in the Park and a Horribles Parade down Main Street to start the day.

Fireworks were enjoyed the night before, July 3 at dusk, eliciting “ohs” and “ahhs” from those sitting on the Andover High School grounds, off Shawsheen Road.



Ella Hoffenberg, 5, waves to her friends as she rides her bike in the Horribles Parade on Main Street.



Erin Salazar, 5, and her sister Audrey, 2, look ahead while being pulled along in a wagon in the Horribles Parade on Main Street during Andover's Fourth of July celebration. TIM JEAN/Staff photos



Gill Martin of Andover, plays the trumpet in the Middlesex Concert Band as it entertains the crowd in the Park.



Candance Erwin, 7, left, and her sister Emma, 4, take turns driving the fire truck.



Andover Firefighter Todd Richardson flips over chocolate-chip pancakes.



Henry Schwartz, 4, taps the ball toward the hole during a miniature golf game in the Park.



Jorgen Martin, 6, left, and his sister Brita, 8, are served up pancakes.



Hannah Selverian, 6, enjoys a bite of her pancake.

EVENTS CALENDAR

under 18 is free; greekfestivalipswich.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

COLLEGE FAIR, Phillips Academy Summer Session hosts, in the Case Memorial Cage located near the Borden Gym on the Phillips Academy campus, free, open to the public, 6 to 8 p.m.

FREE LIVE MUSIC, the Backyard Music Series in Lowell, with Bruce Marshall Group, 6 to 8 p.m., on the back lawn of the Tsongas Center along the Merrimack River, food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at each show, every Thursday through Aug. 23.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

LIVE MUSIC, Dan Kirouac & Dorette Weld, Acoustic rock, pop, and country, Samuel's Restaurant at the Andover Inn, 4 Chapel Ave., 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., No cover charge; facebook.com/DanandDorette.

GREEK FESTIVAL & CLAMBAKE, the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of Ipswich, 1 to 11 p.m., at the Hellenic Community Center, 117 County Road, Ipswich, \$5 admission,

SUNDAY, JULY 15

GREEK FESTIVAL & CLAMBAKE, 1 p.m. to dusk, see July 14 listing.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

CONVERSATION CAFE, "Is the Bible Real? Reliable? Relevant?," 7:15 p.m., A Different Christian Voice, 189 N. Main Street, Middleton; adifferentchristianvoice.org, 978-973-2466.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

FAMILY PADDLE, at Poms Pond in Andover, 6 to 9 p.m., \$10 adult, \$5 child; register with the Department of Community Services.

FREE LIVE JAZZ, the summer arts season at Merrimack College opens, featuring The Jazz Disciples, 7 p.m., the Rogers Center; 978-837-5355.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

FREE LIVE MUSIC, the Backyard Music Series in Lowell, with Jilly Martin, 6 to 8 p.m., on the back lawn of the Tsongas Center along the Merrimack River, food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at each show, every Thursday through Aug. 23.

MONDAY, JULY 23

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT, for Melmark New England, Andover Country Club.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

FREE MOVIE, "The Glenn Miller Story," commentary at 6:30 p.m., movie at 7 p.m., the Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-837-5355.

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SoHip keeps early music accessible

The Dutch masters of Ensemble La Silva will keep the SoHip summer series rolling next Wednesday with an Andover concert called "Le Goût, La Force, et la Variété: Music of Antoine Forqueray."

The Society For Historically Informed Performance presents new and established early music performers each Wednesday at 8 p.m., at the Chapel at West Parish, 129 Reservation Road in Andover. The Ensemble La Silva show features Nanneke Schaap (viola da gamba), Anne Legêne (viola da gamba), Mariken Palmboom (harpichord) and Jeremy Beckett (narration).

"The lively flames of friendship and music are rekindled after 30 years by Nanneke, Anne and Mariken, through the interpretation of the splendid music of Antoine Forqueray. Taste, strength and variety are characteristic of this virtuosic, intense, deep music full of surprises," according to a release.

SoHIP Concerts take place every Tuesday in Weston, Wednesday in Andover, and Thursday in Boston's Back Day at 8 p.m. during its summer season.

Seven Times Salt was scheduled to perform Wednesday, July 11, after Townsman deadline.

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Music by the carload at Crane Estate

The Boston Music Award-winning folk rock group David Wax Museum will perform at Castle Hill, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich next Thursday, July 19 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Since its breakout performance at the 2010 Newport Folk Festival, David Wax Museum has become a New England favorite, winning Boston Music Awards in 2010 and 2011 and featured on National Public Radio.

The Castle Hill gates will open at 5 p.m. for picnicking. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early. Space is limited

PICNIC CONCERT SERIES

David Wax Museum's July 19th performance is part of Castle Hill's Summer Picnic Concert Series, which features a different performer every Thursday through August 30. The remaining 2012 line-up includes:

DATE	GROUP	MUSICAL STYLE
July 26	Grupo Fantasia	Latin
Aug. 2	BaHa Brothers	Summertime/Bufett/Beach Boys
Aug. 9	Beantown Swing Orchestra	Big band swing
Aug. 16	Inner Visions	Caribbean reggae
Aug. 23	Entrain	Rock funk jam band
Aug. 30	Orville Giddings Band	Boogie blues

and the gates will close once capacity is reached. Admission is at the gate only and costs \$30 per car, or \$20

passenger will be charged \$5. Motorcycles are \$10 and walk-ins \$5.

Weather cancellations (if necessary) will be announced by 3 p.m. on the day of the concert. Visitthetrustees.org or call 978-356-4351 for more details.

Directions: From Route 128 (Exit 20A) follow Route 1A North for 8 mi. to Ipswich. Turn right onto Route 133 East and follow for 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Northgate Road and follow for 0.5 miles. Turn right onto Argilla Road and follow for 2 miles to entrance to the Crane Estate.

Grace Kelly picks up beat at Maudslay

People can listen to music while sitting under the stars on a moonlit evening, or lounging on a blanket on a Sunday afternoon during the 20th season of the Maudslay Arts Center Summer Concert Series.

The series kicked off Saturday, July 7 with "Boston's First Lady of Jazz" Rebecca Parris. Next up: Grace Kelly Jazz on Saturday, July 14.

"For those who haven't already heard of her, Grace Kelly is fast becoming one of the young bright stars of the jazz world. Jazz at Lincoln Center artistic director and trumpeter Wynton Marsalis was so impressed with Kelly's three-night stand as guest of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra that he invited her to join the ensemble at the Kennedy Center's

Eisenhower Theater in Washington, DC for Barack Obama's Inauguration Celebration," the center said in a release.

Maudslay Arts Center is at 95 Curzon Mill Road in Newburyport. Its performance schedule for this non-profit series is billed as offering "something for everyone: award-winning country with Don Campbell, foot-stompin' New Orleans jazz with the New Black Eagle Jazz Band, the bluegrass music of The Spinney Brothers, the chutzpah of the Shirim Klezmer Orchestra, and much more."

Summer schedule

Saturday concerts begin at 7 p.m. with gates opening at 6 p.m. and include: Grace Kelly Jazz on July 14, the Don Campbell Band on July 21, the

New Black Eagle Jazz Band on July 28, Shirim Klezmer Orchestra on Aug. 11, the Mystix on Aug. 18, and the Spinney Brothers on Aug. 25.

Sunday afternoon performances begin at 2 p.m. and include: the Shaw Brothers Band on July 8, the Walker Creek Band on July 15, the 60s Invasion on July 22, Celtic Sojourn with the Bracken Dance Studio on Aug. 12, Occidental Gypsy Jazz Quintet on Aug. 19, and the Paul Broadnax Quintet on Aug. 26.

The concerts are held rain or shine, moving inside to the MAC Concert Barn when weather dictates. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner. Desserts, such as seasonal cobblers, brownies and Hodgie's ice cream, and beverages may be purchased during

intermission, all served by MAC volunteers.

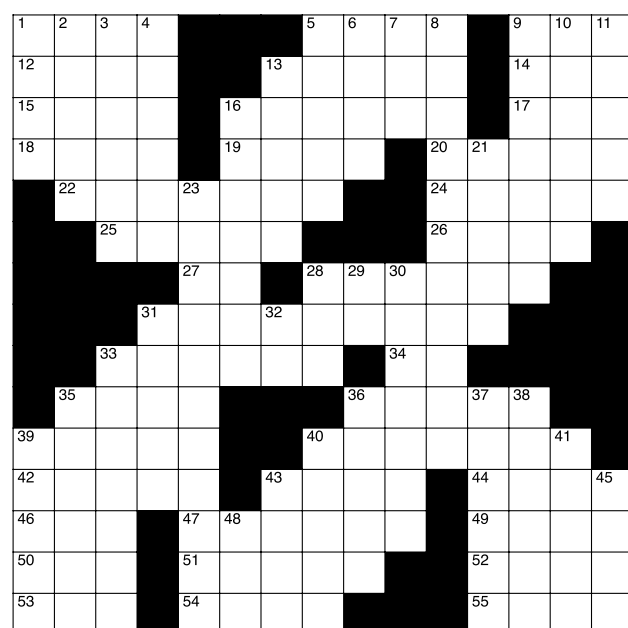
Tickets

On Saturdays, patio seating (tables and chairs) is \$20, while lawn seating (bring your own chairs or blankets) is \$18. Children 12 and under are free.

Sunday performances start at 2 p.m. with gates opening at 1 p.m. General admission is \$10 with open seating on the patio and lawn. Children 12 and under are free.

To purchase tickets online (major credit cards accepted), or for further information about the performers, visit the MAC website at maudslayartscenter.org. Tickets also may be purchased at the gate (cash or check only), or by calling to reserve at 978-499-0050.

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 3rd VP Aaron
- Not hard
- Revolutions per minute
- Assoc. of Licensed Aircraft Engineers
- Being of use or service
- Macaws
- 1960's college civil rights organization
- Protection from extradition
- Animal examiner
- Japanese persimmon
- Commands right
- A stage of development
- Irish, English & Gordon
- Showing keen interest
- Doyens
- Remain as is
- 36 inches (abbr.)
- Told on
- Making a sustained din
- Poked from behind
- 24th state
- Himalayan goat

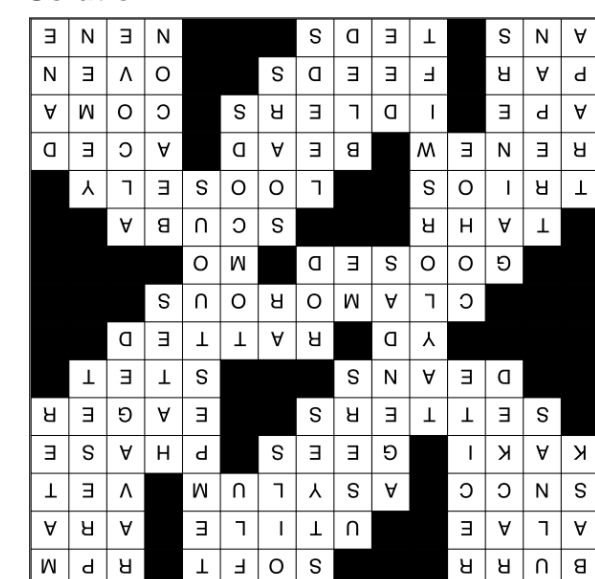
CLUES DOWN

- Usually in the sun
- Arm bones
- Placed on a display stand
- Repeat a poem aloud
- Eyelid gland infections
- Lubes
- A contagious viral disease
- Stormy &

CLUES ACROSS

- unpeaceful
- Devastated & ruined
- Put in advance
- Pater's partner
- Exploiters
- Meeting schedules
- Intensely dislikes
- "Tim McGraw" was her 1st hit
- Fishing implement
- Atomic #18
- Microgadus fishes
- Blue jack salmon
- Of I
- Feet first somersault dives
- Tool to remove bone from the skull
- Glides high
- Tower signal light
- Small recess off a larger room
- Water chestnut genus
- City on the River Aire
- Its capital is Sanaa
- Lost blood
- A citizen of Denmark
- River in NE Scotland

Solution



Winnekenni Castle offers a free concert on Sunday, July 15, from 2 to 4 p.m., by the John Penny Band, a six piece country band whose repertoire consists of contemporary and traditional country music, as well as '50s and '60s oldies and pop standards.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, JULY 29

CAR SHOW, the North Shore Concours d'Elegance, some of the most unique automobiles and motorcycles in the country with brands such as Duesenberg, Packard, Delahaye, Ferrari, Rolls Royce, etc., Misselwood, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; concours@endicott.edu.

Committee and Department of Community Services, slight fee, register with DCS.

FREE MOVIE, "Queen Kelly," set in Kronberg, Ruritania, it is the story of the planned wedding of Queen Regina and Prince Wolfram being halted when the prince falls in love with Patricia Kelly, a beautiful orphan at the convent, commentary at 6:30 p.m., film at 7 p.m., the Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-837-5355.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

CONVERSATION CAFE, "Financial Freedom," 7:15 p.m., A Different Christian Voice, 189 N. Main Street, Middleton; adifferentchristianvoice.org, 978-973-2466.

THURSDAY, AUG. 2

FREE LIVE MUSIC, the Backyard Music Series in Lowell, with Ripchord, 6 to 8 p.m., on the back lawn of the Tsongas Center along the Merrimack River, food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at each show, every Thursday through Aug. 23.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

FAMILY PADDLE, Poms Pond, 6 to 9 p.m., hosted by Shawsheen Watershed

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Business

Bambi moment for local real estate agent Takes fawn into home for night, returns it to mother

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

An apparently sick fawn has given a whole new meaning to "open house" for an Andover real estate agent.

Realtor Peggy Patenaude of Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors on Bartlet Street, was recently getting ready for an open house at a home on Forest Street in North Andover. Her husband, Joe Osbaldeston, was retrieving the open house sign from the home's garage.

Upon entering the garage, Osbaldeston noticed something frail and freckly.

"He thought it was a yard ornament," Patenaude said.

A closer look revealed it was a motionless fawn that seemed barely alive.

"It must of gotten in the garage when the lawn was being mowed and the garage door was open...it (the fawn) must have been in there for two days. The lawn was mowed Friday and the open house was the following Sunday," Patenaude said. "There is a lot of woods in the area



Peggy Patenaude cradles the fawn she and her husband cared for.



Joe Osbaldeston found the fawn in a garage.

and that's where it came from."

Mass. Wildlife advises people to avoid intervening with baby animals seen on their lawn, as the animal is probably fine and a parent may

be nearby.

River Road Veterinary Hospital in Andover recommends that people call Tufts University Veterinary School (508-839-5395) if they happen upon an abandoned fawn. Cecilia

Murch of Tufts University Veterinary School said fawns are stressed animals. She said humans should leave fawns alone as their mothers often leave them for stretches of time.

MASS. WILDLIFE ADVICE

The following information is from the frequently asked questions portion of website of the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Q: I found an abandoned fawn near the edge of a field on my property. I brought the fawn into my house to save it, but I don't know how to care for it. What should I do?

A: Immediately take the fawn back to the spot where you found it, and leave it there. The mother will come back again looking for the fawn. Fawns have been successfully reunited with their mothers by returning them to the place where they were found even one or two days after removal from the wild. When you picked up the fawn, the mother was probably feeding not far away. Young fawns are usually quite safe when left alone because their color pattern and lack of scent help them to remain undetected until their mothers return. This is true for many other species of wildlife.

"The fawn looks abandoned but really isn't. Keep an eye on the fawn for a few hours," Murch said. "If the fawn is still alone and looks injured, then it's time for an animal rehabilitator and time to call us."

In the North Andover case, the fawn was believed to have been stuck in a garage.

Patenaude guessed the fawn was less than a week old and simply couldn't get up on its legs. So, Osbaldeston brought the baby deer to their North Andover home. They nursed it all night. The weak fawn spent the night curled up in their living room as the

couple used an eye dropper to feed it baby formula, said Patenaude.

The next day, the fawn stood on its four wobbly legs.

An animal control officer with North Andover Police told the couple the fawn should go back to the spot where it was found. That's also the advice given by Mass. Wildlife on its website.

The couple returned to the Forest Street lawn and within minutes, an adult deer walked across the lawn. Then, both deer walked off into the woods.



Mimi Queen from Sweet Mimi's candy store on Main Street in Andover shows the Waldo that she has in her store.

Waldo's here — and promoting local business

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Wearing a distinctive red and white-striped shirt with a bobble hat and glasses, this character has been hiding in a series of books for 25 years.

Waldo, king character of the very popular "Where's Waldo?" book series, turns 25 this year and who better than the Andover Bookstore to host a local Waldo birthday party.

"Waldo is long-living. He's timeless," said Mairead Small Staid, events and marketing coordinator for Hugo Bookstores, which owns the Andover Bookstore. "He's still huge. Readers still love finding him."

Waldo officially arrived in Andover on July 1. But, of course he's hiding. All we can say is that 16 downtown businesses have him. The idea of the effort is to encourage people to shop locally and see if they can find Waldo.

Interested? You'll get a Waldo card from the business if you find him. Bring your collected Waldo cards to the Andover Bookstore and you get to enter a raffle. Winners will be drawn Tuesday, July 31. Where's Waldo? books and goodies from local businesses will be raffled.

This "Find Waldo Local" birthday celebration is an idea from Where's Waldo? publisher, Candlewick Press. A bookstore in Falmouth hosted the same event last summer and it was successful, according to Small Staid. Andover Bookstore was invited to host the same event this summer.

Andover is off to a good start, as one fan turned in 16 Waldo cards on July 2 - just one day after the program started.

"I guess she really wants to win the Waldo books," Small Staid said.

The goal is to promote awareness of and support for Main Street businesses while celebrating the Where's Waldo? books.



Waldo can be found at Sweet Mimi's candy store on Main Street. It's part of the "Find Waldo Local," which promotes awareness and support for downtown businesses while celebrating the 25th anniversary of the "Where's Waldo" books.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Cammarata joins Prudential Howe & Doherty

Jamie Cammarata joined Prudential Howe & Doherty as a Realtor. He will be focused on residential real estate sales in The Andovers and the Merrimack Valley.

"Jamie shares Prudential Howe & Doherty's commitment to quality and customer service," said Doug Howe, Broker/Owner, Prudential Howe & Doherty. "Jamie has a passion for the business and we are excited to have her join our expanding team as we continue to grow the company, and increase our presence in the local community."

MVCC golf spectacular, silent auction

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold its golf summer spectacular and silent auction on Monday, July 16 at the Indian Ridge Country Club on Lovejoy Road in Andover.

Morning Flight is \$175, and includes cart, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and more.

Registration and breakfast at 7 a.m. with a shot gun start at 7:30 a.m. Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon Flight is \$185, and includes cart, lunch, dinner, gift and more.

Registration is at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. shot gun start.

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Townspeople



Peking and the Mystics are, from left, David Pratt from Wellsley, Tim Vaill of Andover, Chris Parker of Lynnfield, Gene Blake of Andover and Andrew Cranin of Acton.

39 years and counting: Andover pair part of Mystic connection

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Band breakups are common. Sometimes the split is temporary and followed by a comeback tour. Sometimes the breakup is forever.

Peking and the Mystic, which kicked off Andover's outdoor summer music series at the bandstand in the Park on Wednesday, July 11, has been together for a whopping 39 years.

Over the years, this five-man a capella singing group – with Andover residents Gene Blake and Tim Vaill at the center – has performed throughout the United States and Canada, China, Japan and Brazil. They have been on PBS' National Public Radio and local television stations.

Today, Thursday, July 12, around 4 p.m., Blake, Vaill and the boys

will perform at a Fenway Park concession stand. Fenway Park is one venue in Boston where they haven't performed since the band started in 1973.

"We're all friends. We've watched all of our kids grow up and we've been there for each other," Blake said. "I know it's been a long time. We just really enjoy what we do."

While band members Blake and Tim Vaill are from Andover, Andrew Cranin is from Acton, Chris Parker is from Lynnfield and Dave Pratt is from Wellesley.

Each of the band's members sang with the Tufts Beelzebubs, a leading collegiate a cappella group.

Andover's show was the band's summer tour kickoff show and Blake said there's no better place to start a tour.

"Andover is a music community," Blake said. "Andover really

likes songs from the swing era and Motown. We're upbeat and inspirational and Andover likes that."

As a result, songs by Bobby Darin, the Mills Brothers and Tommy Dorsey are always on the Andover playlist. So are popular Motown hits such as the Temptations' "Get Ready," Smokey Robinson's "Tracks of My Tears" and Tom Jones' "It's Not Unusual."

Peking and the Mystic already has three CDs (\$10 each) featuring hits from the '50s to today, such as Michael Buble's "Just Haven't Met You Yet," Blake said. The band is now working on their fourth CD.

If you missed them in Andover, Blake, Vaill and company can be seen performing at Woodman's Restaurant in Essex on Sunday, July 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. and at the Wilmington Commons on Wednesday, July 25 at 6 p.m.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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add to the efficiency of the departments," the tree warden said.

100 Years Ago July 12, 1912

What would undoubtedly have been a serious train wreck was prevented on Thursday afternoon by the presence of mind of John Kelly, the gate tender at the Essex street crossing at the Boston & Main station. Just before the train was due to pass the station, a big auto truck heavily loaded with furniture and belonging to the Miller Lakin Company of Roxbury, stopped directly on the tracks as a result of the stalling of the engine. Mr. Kelly realized the danger and running to the south end of the station flagged the express, thus enabling the engineer to slow down considerably before the engine struck the truck. The truck was turned completely around and thrown against the gate tender's shanty, moving it several feet. One wheel on the machine was also broken. The three men who were on the truck escaped injury by jumping as the train approached.

One of the horses belonging to the Cross Coal company died this week as a result of the heat.

Several of the rooms in the Tyer Rubber company's factory had to be closed part of this week on account of the heat.

50 Years Ago July 12, 1962

Because of inadequate public notice of a hearing on proposed land takings for the new Chapter 90 project on Lovejoy Road in the area of the new Sanborn School, completion of the work will be delayed several weeks.

The warm, sunny weather on Sunday prompted hundreds of Andover residents to seek relief from the heat at Pumps Pond, the town's popular swimming and recreational area. During the high point of the day, more than 1,200 people were counted, and the parking lot was filled to capacity.

Town Manager Thomas E. Duff, upon recommendation of Fire Chief Henry L. Hilton, has given a provisional appointment as a firefighter to Charles M. Keeler, 25, 74 Memorial Circle.

Summer activities of Andover residents resulted in a series of injuries which required medical treatment on Tuesday. [The Townsman went on to list the name, age, and address of Andover residents who went to area hospitals for: a fracture of the right elbow, sustained in a fall while horseback riding; a laceration of the right thumb; a laceration of the chin, and a puncture wound of the right foot.]

75 Years Ago July 9, 1937

Not a single accident and not a single arrest was the record set up here in Andover over the holiday weekend. Only one fire alarm was sounded, the department being called out at 11 o'clock Monday night to extinguish a blaze on the roof of a double-tenement house in Ballardvale. A hand chemical was sufficient to put out the fire.

Lindsay Kinnear Jr., of Walnut Avenue was injured when a firecracker exploded near his face while he was at Lake Attitash, Amesbury, on the holiday. Harrison Brown of 104 Chestnut St. was treated at the Lawrence General Hospital early Monday morning for superficial burns on the left hand caused by fireworks.

A building to house an office, shop, garage and storage space for the tree and moth departments was advocated this week in a statement issued by tree warden G. Richard Abbott. "Providing enough space to have all equipment in one suitable building would

25 Years Ago July 9, 1987

The Andover Zoning Board of Appeals Monday night closed the public hearing on Winn Development's "Brookside Estates" comprehensive permit application after a long discussion of drainage issues relative to the proposal. Winn has proposed 190 rental units in 12 two- and three-story, wood-frame buildings, each containing 10 or more units.

Mary Athey Jennings, Andover High School principal for six years, has resigned to accept a similar position in Brookline.

The School Committee made the most of last week's work session, voting to implement Phase One of a system-wide computer plan, calling for the installation of 266 computers in Andover schools this year. The computer plan, estimated to cost the department \$637,341 this year, accounts for the purchase and installation of computer hardware and software in all town schools.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Venuti selected

An Andover High School sophomore was part of a statewide leadership conference last month.

Gina Venuti, a member of the Andover High School Class of 2014, attended From June 8-June 10, the Massachusetts Youth Leadership Foundation's annual MassSTAR Citizenship Conference from June 8 through

10. MassSTAR stands for Massachusetts Students Accepting Responsibility.

The Massachusetts Youth Leadership Foundation seeks to recognize and empower outstanding high school students across the Commonwealth. MYLF says that it "values the potential of young people as future leaders and provides them with the tools

to create positive change in their schools and communities," according to a release. MYLF invites one sophomore from every Massachusetts-accredited high school to participate in the exciting MassSTAR experience.

The MassSTAR Conference is an intensive three-day event that presents student delegates with the

opportunity to partner with leaders across diverse fields that include business, politics, science and the arts as they mutually explore the true meaning of themes including responsibility, respect, intentionality, initiative and collaboration. The conference is free to the students, their parents, and their schools, because of assistance from sponsors.

Andover in time of the Great Depression, and Clay Hole baths

Bill Dalton



In 2007, before he died, Albert H. Reed gave me a wonderful description of Andover when he was growing up. He was born in the "America House" in 1922 and his first bed was a dresser drawer. From the America House, Al's parents, Albert Sr. and Mildred C. (Abbott) Reed, moved family to Cuba Street across from the Indian Ridge School, then, in 1931, to Argilla Road, where they had six rooms and 11 children. Al's father was a sexton at Christ Church who made extra money by digging graves and checking the furnace during the winter. One of Albert's early memories was swinging up and down in

the belfry as his father pulled the rope to ring the bell.

Al described the house on Argilla Road: "In the winter, two rooms were heated by wood burning stoves, three rooms by fireplaces. The upstairs bedroom was heated by having a 12-inch vent above a downstairs fireplace. We used a hand pump to get the water from a well in the yard and were brought up using the old outhouse. Saturday night, my mother would heat water on the stove in the kitchen, then get out the galvanized laundry tub, and we would sit in the middle of the kitchen floor to bath. When we all had our baths, our kitchen was just like a skating rink. We could not wait for the weather to be warm enough so we could go down to the Shawsheen River to a place we called the 'Clay Hole' to take our baths." [The Clay Hole, also called

the "Clay Pit," is less than 200 yards Southwest of the Central Street "Horn Bridge."]

Al's favorite story about the Clay Hole involves his leading a group of boys running as fast as they could to see who could get to the water first, and as they were running they were shedding clothes so they were naked by the time they got to the river bank. Al said, "As I was making my jump into the river, I looked down, and there were six girls using our sacred spot. They were also in the nude, and I almost killed myself trying to stop and get back to the river bank. The girls were students of Abbot Academy. We were good kids, and we backed off quite a bit to let the girls get dressed while we did the same."

A number of Mr. Reed's relatives still live in Andover;

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Fair volunteers



High school students Devon Heavey of Andover, Mass., and Noah Barehmi of Andover, N.H., volunteered at the Michael B. Christensen Believe in the Blue Health and Wellness Fair held on the North Lawrence Common. The event was sponsored by the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council in partnership with the Exchange Clubs of the Merrimack Valley. Believe in the Blue says it "promotes strong, healthy families through positive parenting."

Newspaper Readers Wanted to participate in a paid survey (\$100)

The New England Newspaper & Press Association will be holding in-person interviews in August to learn readers' views about which qualities separate good newspapers from great ones. If you are an avid reader of daily or weekly newspapers you are invited to participate. If selected, you'll receive \$100 for sharing your opinions at a 3-hour session in Dedham, Massachusetts.

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DALTON

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and he thinks a few people still may remember his grandfather, Freeman Abbott, who lived at the corner of Lovejoy and Dascomb roads. He owned land on both sides of Dascomb Road at least halfway to Lowell Street. He loaded a horse-drawn wagon with produce and drove to the market in Boston before dawn. All the way home he slept in the wagon, because the horses knew the way home. The same horses and a wooden plow cleared the area roads of snow in the winter, and when Al was 14 or so he'd drive a horse and plow to clear the sidewalks in Ballardvale.

Not far from the Reeds' home, Colombo Yogurt was born. Al said, "At the joining of Argilla and Blood roads lived the Colombo family, who made all types of Armenian cheeses and yogurt. Rose and her husband, Sarkis (Sam), were the first people in our country to make yogurt commercially." Colombo is short for Colombosian. The family moved to Andover in the 1920s and started the business in 1929. It was sold to General Mills in the early 1990s.

Independence Days in the 1930s were busy. Al said, "The celebration in Ballardvale started at midnight the night before with a big bonfire at the corner of Woburn and Andover streets. By the time we got home it was three or four in the morning. By 10 in the morning we would get back to the 'Vale for a big parade and all kinds of contests such as seeing who could gobble down a blueberry pie with his hands tied behind his back. Then we went to the Shawsheen River for more contests such as two-person canoe matches. There would be two canoes involved in each contest. The man in the back had to paddle. The person in front had a very long pole with a bundle of rags on it. He had to stand up and knock over the person in the other canoe. Another contest was to cover a pig with lard and put it in the river and see

who could catch it. Most times the pig won."

During much of Al Reed's youth he looked for ways to make money. It was the Depression and jobs, even small jobs, were hard to find. He said, "I was 8 when my grandfather Freeman Abbott told me it was time I should be hand-milking cows. One of my grandfather's sayings was, 'If unemployed, take any job you can get, because a half loaf of bread is better than no bread at all.'" Albert described another job he took as a boy: "I cut ice and was paid 10 cents an hour. My first job was riding a horse pulling ice up a ramp to fill the icehouse. After a couple of years I cut the ice into blocks, which was stored in the icehouse for sale to homes. We cut the ice on the flat of the Shawsheen River, an area to the side of the river's flow, located south of the Clay Pit." The Great Depression and World War II halted Mr. Reed's education, and he regretted never finishing high school. In 1938 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, and was paid \$30 a month. He sent \$22 home to help his parents. In 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy for six years.

Mr. Reed closed his emails with this story: "One of my best memories was while I was in the Navy. I was home on leave when Andover was celebrating its 300th anniversary [in 1946]. There was a large parade. Everyone, especially my brothers and sisters, wanted to see me in the parade. I took my place in line. There I was marching along Main Street. I looked at my mom and dad standing on the curb in front of Dalton's Pharmacy. She ran into the street with tears running from her eyes to give me a big hug. She was so proud of me, her son, as were all the folks in Andover. The town will be forever in my memories."

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. His email address is BillDalton@AndoverTownie.com. The above column draws from two columns written in 2007.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Andover Senior Center, located at 30 Whittier Court, on the first floor of the School Administration Building, is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is required for all events, which are open to community, pending space. For more information, visit andoverseniorcenter.org or call 978-623-8321.

Events include:
SIMPLE SUMMER PLEASURES: On Thursday, July 12 at 1:30 p.m. join the Ice Cream Social, a free event sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care.

HEALTHY EATING FOR ONE: Friday, July 13 at 10 a.m. At this free offering, Victor Casado, lead chef at Methuen Village Assisted Living, will provide recipes for simple, quick and healthy meals, great for summer time. Samples of the recipes will be served.

GRILL NIGHTS: Wednesday evenings, July 25, and Aug. 8 and 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. Advance reservations required. Hot dogs, grilled chicken and burgers will be available each night, along with weekly specials like steak tips and grilled shrimp. Entrée prices range from \$4.50 to \$9 and include

side dishes, dessert and beverages.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT: Free six-week workshop to improve diabetes management from Thursday, July 12 to Aug. 16, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. each session. Topics will include nutrition, stress management, exercise and foot care. The workshop is sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley.

TECH TALK: Don't get lost with your GPS. On Monday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m., \$3. Learn your way around your GPS system.

HIGH TEA AND HISTORY, "PIKE SCHOOL": On Wednesday, July 18 at 2 p.m., Julie Pike gives a free history of the school. The tea will be at the Andover Historical, 97 Main St. Call 978-475-2236 to register.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME: Lowell Spinners minor league baseball game on Thursday, July 19, at 5:30 p.m. Free tickets and transportation from the Andover Senior Center are sponsored by local Andover firefighters. People must pre-register to reserve a spot, and there is room for a maximum of 80 people.

Junior Girl Scouts keep 9,000 trays out of landfill

A group of fifth grade Girl Scouts from Junior Troop 66780 spent the spring recycling styrofoam lunch trays at High Plain Elementary School to earn their Bronze Award.

According to school records, the girls recycled just under 9,000 trays during the seven weeks of their project.

The Scouts include Mia Galat, Olivia Gillman, Lyndsey Grava, Paige Long, Becca Nash, Madison Quill, Julia Sergeant and Kaleigh Stuart.

Prior to working toward their Bronze Award, the

girls completed a Junior Journey which focused on ways to help Lazarus House in Lawrence.

The Bronze Award is a team-based project for Junior Girl Scouts and the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. The group "Take Action Project" for the Bronze Award is supposed to focus on something the girls care about that they would like to improve within their Girl Scout or local community and to put the Girl Scout Promise and Law into Action. The team started recycling lunch trays on March 19 and continued until May 11.

Prior to the start of the project, the girls made and put up posters advertising the event, made an announcement on the student news and wrote an article for the student newspaper.

To recycle the trays, the girls researched the possibility of free local styrofoam recycling events and cleaned the trays after school every day. The first week of the project the girls helped the younger students during the lunch hour, showing them where and how to put their used trays. Six of the team members attended the first recycling event on April 22

at the Lowell Earth Day celebration. They dropped off approximately 4,500 trays for recycling and spoke to Barbara Sherman of Refoamit to learn more about styrofoam recycling. Two of the team members attended a second recycling event on May 12 at the Tewksbury library where they dropped off another 4,500 trays.

The girls were supported by their parents, all of the High Plain Elementary students, Principal Pam Lathrop, the High Plain teachers and particularly the High Plain janitorial staff, Danny Dowd and Paul McCarthy.

UNICO helps bring college dream home

Elizabeth Pugliese, a recent graduate of Andover High School, is one of six people who each won a \$2,500 in scholarships from UNICO of Merrimack Valley.

The local UNICO is celebrating its 23rd year as a Chapter of UNICO National and has announced that it has raised and distributed over \$450,000 to local charities.

This year UNICO awarded scholarships to five high school students of Italian decent in the Merrimack Valley and one staff member from St Anne's Home in Methuen.

"We distributed over \$35,000 to organizations and individuals this past year alone. Some of the local charities include: Lazarus House, Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence, COR Unum, Bellesini Academy, Esperanza Academy, Ironstone Farm, Essex Art Center, Prof. Center for Child Development, Family Services, Lawrence History Center and Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley, in addition to St. Ann's Home," UNICO President Mark Girardi said in a release.

The UNICO Scholarship program has recognized and encouraged scholastic ability

and academic performance among Merrimack Valley students since its inception 23 years ago.

According to Scholarship Program Chairman and President Elect Ken DeBenedictis, "Criteria such as grade point average and standardized test scores receive point values, as well as the individual's displayed financial need. The essays are unmarked so the judges can read them with impartiality and fairness. The selection process for UNICO scholarship recipients is a detailed one, involving reviews of academic achievement, results


of a personal interview and careful evaluation of the candidate's application by the Scholarship Committee."

UNICO continues to award both need-based and merit-based scholarships. "We are committed to helping those with the greatest needs and will continue to evaluate and evolve our scholarship programs to fit the economic times," says DeBenedictis in a release.

Following the scholarship ceremony, Mark Girardi inducted Ken DeBenedictis as president (2012-13) of the Merrimack Valley UNICO Chapter.



Engagement



Magner - Parsons

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Magner of Andover, Massachusetts are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Margaret, to Brian David Parsons, son of Dr. and Mrs. David C. Parsons of Queensbury, New York. Ms. Magner graduated from Andover High School in 2003 and received a bachelor's degree in business from Babson College in 2007. She is currently employed as a Membership Associate at Argyle Executive Forum in New York, New York. Mr. Parsons is a 2002 graduate of Glens Falls High School, received a bachelor's degree in business from Babson College in 2007 and a Masters in Sports Business from New York University in 2011. He is currently employed by the United States Golf Association in Far Hills, New Jersey as an Assistant Manager of Marketing Membership. A September 2012 wedding is planned.

Engagement

Delaney - Plummer

Mr. and Mrs. James Delaney of Andover, MA along with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Plummer of West Yarmouth, MA proudly announce the engagement of their children Caitlin Delaney and Ted Plummer. The couple will be married in September 2012.

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Sports

Defensive ace: Toughness makes Alois three-sport wiz

By MICHAEL MULDOON
STAFF WRITER

People marvel over how Jackie Alois is such a talented defensive basketball center at a mere 5-foot-6. Except there is something about that 5-6 she's listed as in the game program and team previews. "I'm 5-4," she corrected. "I'll take the couple inches!" Jackie, the third oldest of six athletic siblings (five girls and the youngest, a boy), will take the couple inches and anything else she wants. Alois, who just finished her junior year at Andover High, brings a rare toughness to the playing fields which has made her an award-winning three-sport standout.

The Alois (pronounced ah-loyce) clan prides itself on being tough. "A lot has to do with competitiveness," said Jackie from the family's summer home on the Jersey shore. "Anything we do is a fight to see who can be the best. We have that extra fight."

That fight helped her hold some of the state's best to well under their averages this winter. That would include in the state tourney alone, 5-10 UNH recruit Elizabeth Belanger of Acton-Boxboro (12 points, 5-16 shooting), Central Catholic's 6-foot Super Teamer Casey McLaughlin (10 points), Braintree's powerful 6-1 Molly Reagan (10 points) and Holyoke's 6-1 Alison Littles (8 points).

Seventeenth-year basketball coach Jim Tildsley, who has guided Andover to five Division 1 state titles, including the last three straight, said, "She has the strongest hands of any player I've ever had. She's the hardest working, best conditioned athlete I've ever coached."

"She can cover all those big players because of all of the above plus her instincts, heart and determination."

She certainly is a unique



ANGIE BEAULIEU/file photo

No matter how tall, Andover's Jackie Alois, right, refuses to back down from any opponent as a star in basketball, lacrosse and soccer.

player.

This spring she earned All-MVC honors in lacrosse after also being named All-MVC in basketball and soccer, and defense is her calling card in all three sports.

Alois took her sophomore year off to just play club soccer but was back with a bang last fall.

"It was weird going home and having nothing to do," explained Alois, whose younger sister Rebecca is her teammate in basketball and lacrosse. "It was unnatural. I was so used to going to practice."

Golden Warrior soccer coach Meghan Matson was thrilled to have her back in the fold.

"Jackie is a skilled and powerful defender," said Matson, who raved about Alois' skill heading the ball. "She's a game-changing player. ... She wins the ball out of the air every time. Jackie is a Division 1

college player just with her skill and athleticism."

But Alois, a National Honor Society student, has her sights set on Division 1 lacrosse. The family may have never even gotten into lacrosse but her sister, Alex, had a bad back so she made the switch from softball after her freshman year.

The former three-sport star is now a two-year starter at Division 1 Delaware.

John McVeigh has won 82 percent of his lacrosse games and sent a slew of Golden Warriors to Division 1 colleges in his eight years at Andover. He also has had a fine nine-year run as the Brooks boys basketball coach.

He said, "Jackie is as fierce a competitor as I've ever coached. She always wants to cover the other team's best player. She takes incredible pride in being a great defensive player."



Courtesy photos

Celebrating the Blue Wave victory were Catherine Dankens, Grace Hennessy, Allie Altman, Joslyn DiFraia, Heather Graham, Hannah Altman, Dani Silva, Jaylin Deleon, Sara Folan, and Lanie DeBonis. Coaches were Dr. Rich Altman, John Graham, Chris Hennessy and Donna Lagana-Silva. The team mascot was Boris the Bulldog.



Celebrating the Junior Division victory for the Red Bulls were Gabby Batista, Sarah Cain, Ashley Cocchiaro, Grace Condon, Scarlett Gillette, Mikayla Goodwin, Ally Keenan, Jamie Licciardi, Abby Myers, Caleigh Schmitt, Abigail Sleeper, Allison Wright and Megan Zalanskas. Coaches were Dan Gillette, Patrick Keenan and Jerry Sleeper.

Players propel Blue Wave, Red Bulls to softball championships

The Blue Wave and Red Bulls took home Andover Girls Softball League trophies following two separate, day-long, round-robin tournaments at Andover High School, capping off the spring 2012 softball season.

The teams are from the league's Sophomore and Junior Divisions.

"We had a great season with all of our teams and are very pleased with the increase in participation we have seen this year," Jay Lyons, Spring League Commissioner, said in a release. "AGSL puts on clinics, practices and games

throughout the year to help girls learn about softball and have a fun time, but the Round Robin Tournaments are the best days of the year for all of us, win or lose."

Between the Round Robin playoff games there are festivities and music, as teams set up tents and have snacks and lunch together.

In the Sophomore Division, for third- and fourth-graders, the Blue Wave, coached by Dan Graham, crested at the right time to win several close tournament games, including a hard fought 3-2 victory in the championship

game over the Purple Girls, coached by Lou Shipley.

In the Junior Division, for fifth- and sixth-grade girls, the Red Bulls, coached by Dan Gillette and the Orange Leafs, coached by Mark O'Sullivan, faced off for the fourth time this season in the championship game, having split the earlier games. The Junior Championship run for the Red Bulls was characterized as a solid defensive effort with the team only giving up a total of 5 runs in the five games they played, including shutouts in the final two games.

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Pony teams on a roll

The **Andover Gold** 14-15 year-old Pony team entered the week winners of two straight games. Shortstop **Quinn McCarthy** leads the Gold offense, hitting .588, while **Dylan Gale** is hitting an even .500, **Tommy Kalantzakos** is sitting at .417 and **Sam Heikkinen** has hit .318.

Garrett Finn had three RBIs in a win over Andover Blue and has stood out defensively behind the plate along with **Kelan Mahan**. **Billy Stahley** has provided key defense in the middle infield while **Max Krinsky** drove home the winning run against Dracut.

Drew Farris delivered a single to score pinch runner **Matt Faulkner** to give the **Andover Blue** 14-15 year-old Pony team a 2-1 win over Lowell Shedd and make Andover 6-2 at the midway point of the season.

Pacing the Andover Blue offense has been **Chris Nicholas**, **Nick McNulty** and **Dillon Preston** along with **Jack Merryfield**. Farris has led the pitching staff with a 3-0 record while **Mike Calabro** and **Brian Burns** were stellar defenders in the middle infield and **Ethan Smith** excels behind the plate.

The Andover 13-year-old Pony team is off to a red-hot 8-0 start through Monday. The team features many of the members of Andover National Little League team that surged to the New England finals last summer.

Sam Conte has thrown a no-hitter and a 1-hitter in two starts against Dracut. **Andrew Selima** has also picked up a pair of victories on the hill, against Lowell and Methuen.

Other members who have stood out include **Timmy Kalantzakos**, with three hits against Lawrence, **Mikey Comeau**, two hits against Lowell, along with **Nate Wiley** and **Cedric Gillette**, who drove home the winning run in an extra-inning win over Methuen, among others.

Hunt, Farnham lead Post 8

Dustin Hunt continued his dazzling summer, pitching six innings of one-hit, shutout baseball to lead Andover Post 8 to a 6-0 win over Middleton on Sunday. He improved to 4-0 and has not allowed a single earned run this summer.

Picking up the offense was recent Andover High graduate **Burton Deady**, who was 4 for 4 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored.

Leadoff man **Cam Farnham** chipped in with an RBI single, two runs and stole two bases, giving him eight steals in his last three games. **Mike Geaslen** added a picture-perfect suicide squeeze bunt to spark Andover's four-run second inning.

Red-hot center fielder **Cam Farnham** stepped up and delivered a clutch single, plating pinch runner **Andrew Bruno** to give Andover a walkoff 3-2 win over archrival North Andover in extra innings Saturday.

Nate Spellacy started the ninth-inning rally with a double over the center fielder's head before being replaced by pinch runner Bruno. Bruno then advanced to third on a sacrifice fly by **Mike Geaslen** before Farnham plated him with his winning line drive base hit to right.

It was Farnham's night, as the speedy Andover High senior-to-be had three hits, scored twice and added three stolen bases. Ace **Dustin Hunt** continued to deal, pitching 2 1/3 innings of relief to pick up the victory.

Bennett Deady was nearly unhittable, allowing just two singles, striking out six and walking just two over four scoreless innings as Andover rolled over Salem Post 32 10-0 last Wednesday.

Jimmy Walsh notched two hits and drove in two runs, **Cam Farnham** continued to surge with two hits, two runs and three stolen bases and **Nate Spellacy** had two hits and three RBIs.

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First Run

LOST: Car keys at Endicott Plaza Danvers, MA near Catherine's Store. Thurs. 7/5 tag labeled Sonata Please call 978-884-7888

LOST CAT - East Methuen area, last seen on Wednesday June 13, female, micro chipped, spayed, domestic short hair, black and white white between eyes, white on left cheek, black on right cheek, white on chest, white on paws, shy/timid.Missed VERY much!! Call with any info 978-688-1781

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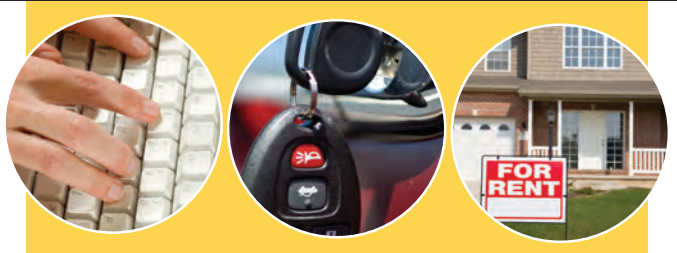
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