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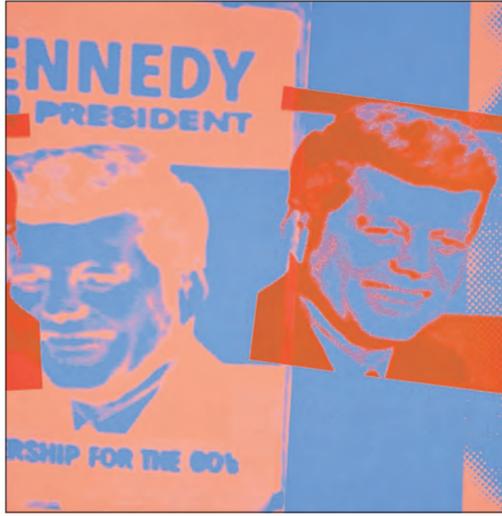
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Artistic ending



Clockwise from top left, Kathleen Robbins' Asher on Belle Chase," courtesy of Jennifer Schwartz Gallery, Ga., from "the kids are all right;" Andy Warhol (1928-1987), from "Flash Back - November 22, 1963;" James Prosek's "Black Sea Bass," from "James Prosek: The Spaces in Between;" and John Singer Sargent's "Val d'Aosta: A Man Fishing, c. 1907."

A personal connection fills fall Addison exhibitions

By Sonya Vartabedian Editor
When Brian Allen was assembling the fall exhibitions for Addison Gallery of American Art, the director had no inkling it would be his last on the campus of Phillips Academy. Addison unveils a new cycle of exhibitions three times a year, with the shows taking shape months, even years before they are hung. And so, this fall's quartet of

shows formed long before the New York Historical Society set its sights on Allen as its next museum director and vice president. In June, Allen announced that come the end of the year, he would be leaving behind his post of nearly a decade at Addison to lead the oldest art museum in New York. As summer turned to fall, Allen set about the bitter-sweet task of overseeing the installation of his final show

as director at Addison. True, he will leave behind a schedule of exhibitions planned out for the next two years to allow his predecessor time to grow familiar with the gallery and its impressive permanent collection. But he won't be the one bringing those next shows to life within Addison's halls. Had he scripted the fall shows as his last for Addison, Allen isn't sure he would have done things much differently.

As it turns out, the treasures show in the upstairs gallery, which houses a rotating array of pieces from Addison's permanent collection, features all of the works the director has grown most fond of. "It really has all my favorite things that I love the most in the collection," Allen said last week. There are also personal See ADDISON, Page 7

Charter school raising questions

By Dustin Luca
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School Committee member David Birnbach this week said he intends to continue serving the students of Andover amid conflict of interest concerns raised over his involvement in a charter high school proposal in town. In response to questions last week by School Committee members over where his interests lie, Birnbach said he intends to stay the course.

ON THE WEB
For the complete text of letters exchanged between School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue and School Committee member and STEAM Studio proponent David Birnbach, see www.andovertownsman.com.

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Flap grows over Main Street banner

Andover Day sign blamed for bridal window damage

By Bill Kirk
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Just when you thought it was safe to put a banner across Main Street, some town officials are now looking askance at the idea. After nearly a decade of permitting, approvals and wrangling, the Andover Business Community Association finally got the OK to hang a banner advertising Andover Day from two buildings near Elm Square. For a week earlier this month, the blue and yellow banner, in the colors of Andover High School,

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Barreling down in Ballardvale

Traffic, speed spark safety concerns for neighbors

By Bill Kirk
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Watching the traffic on Tewksbury Street in Ballardvale is a little like watching a NASCAR race: It's an accident waiting to happen. An elderly man jogging along the edge of the asphalt one morning last week forced one car to pull over the double-yellow line into the oncoming lane of traffic — while on a hill. A woman in a minivan, slowing to a safe speed of 30 mph, was tailgated and honked at by someone driving a Subaru station wagon

who was obviously in a rush. Delivery trucks of all shapes and sizes hurtled down the road, headed from Ballardvale center toward Tewksbury. Other trucks, some loaded with huge logs and others towing landscaping trailers, went the opposite direction. During a two-hour stretch last Thursday morning, a reporter and photographer for The Andover Townsman stood at the end of the driveway at 93 Tewksbury St., watching firsthand as trucks, cars, joggers, dog-walkers, children, school

buses and bicyclists tried to share the 18- to 20-foot wide road. It wasn't pretty. Residents of the roughly 1-mile stretch of road between Ballardvale center and the Tewksbury town line say life has become unbearably hazardous. Over the last decade, neighbors say they have pleaded with town officials to do something, anything, about the road — to no avail. "We've been working on this for 11 or 12 years," Dianne DeLucia of 86 Tewksbury St. said. Finally, in April, DeLucia

and a dozen neighbors penned a letter to town officials highlighting the dangers of the busy thoroughfare. According to the letter, trucks that are too large and too heavy are fracturing the asphalt. Storm drains are depressed by the

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Students cross a narrow section of Tewksbury Street to get onto their school bus last week. Some parents say the speed and traffic on the street make it unsafe for children to walk to and from their bus stop.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos

Large trucks, like this one carrying logs last week, have become commonplace on Tewksbury Street. Some have suggested excluding trucks of a certain size from the street, and redirecting them up Andover Street to Dascomb Road to get to Interstate 93.

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Andover remembers Sept. 11 victims



U.S. Army Reservist SFC John Nicholas outlines the importance of remembering Sept. 11 from the eyes of American servicemen during Andover's ceremony last week.

Never forget those who haven't forgotten.

That was the message by U.S. Army Reservist SFC John Nicholas of Andover during the town's Sept. 11 observances last week.

Nicholas urged those gathered outside the Town Offices on Bartlet Street to be mindful of the sacrifices made by military families today as tens of thousands continue to serve their country in the aftermath of the 2011 terrorist attacks.

"When a reservist or National Guardsman deploys, home and work life are disrupted," said Nicholas, who has served for 30 years, including completing several deployments. "The financial impacts and changeover to the military health care system are just one part of the adjustment."

Nicholas told the crowd that while serving in the Army Reserves the last 12 years, he has missed "over 100 Little League games, over 50 Junior League high school football games, 30 birthdays, over 20 holidays, five wedding anniversaries and I have yet to make it to a graduation for one of my children."

This year's ceremony honored citizen soldiers like Nicholas serving in the National Guard and reserves who answered the call in the Global War on



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photos

Andover police officers and firefighters reflect on those who perished in the Sept. 11 attacks 12 years ago during a ceremony in front of the Town Offices last week.

Terror to keep Americans safe in a post-9/11 world.

It included a floral tribute to the local victims of 9/11. Andover lost four people on Sept. 11: Christopher Morrison at the World Trade Center, Millie Naiman and Betty Ong on American Airlines Flight 11, and Len Taylor on American Airlines Flight 77.

"For those people I've mentioned here today and for the thousands serving worldwide right now

to keep us safe," Nicholas said, "that's why we must remember the events and

sacrifice of Sept. 11, 2001."

—Dustin Luca, staff writer



William Harnedy, brother of Andover resident Millie Naiman, who was killed in the Sept. 11 attacks 12 years ago, wipes away tears during a bagpipe rendition.



Doherty Middle School student Natalie Good sings the national anthem at the opening of Andover's Sept. 11 observance last week.



Memorial wreaths honor Betty Ong, foreground, and Len Taylor, two of four Andover residents who lost their lives on Sept. 11. Christopher Morrison and Millie Naiman also perished in the attacks.

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They danced like the traditional Greek villagers and dined like their brethren in the homeland last weekend as Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church on Chandler Road in Andover hosted its annual festival.

The two-day event included Greek dancing performances by the Boston Lykeion Ellinidon Dance Troupe and the Sts. Constantine & Helen V.E.V.A. Dancers and Greek music served up live by the band Orfeas as well as by DJ Peter Souhleris.

Plates were overflowing with Greek culinary specialties — from roast leg of lamb, pastichio, spanakopita and moussaka to pastries like koulourakia (braided cookies), galaktoboureko (custard pie in phyllo) and baklava.

Parishioners also treated the public to an Athenian Marketplace, cooking demonstrations and church tours throughout the weekend.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos

Dimitri Brachos of North Andover leads a traditional line dance to the delight of spectators on the grounds of the Chandler Road church. For more photos from this event, go to www.andovertownsmen.com.

DJ Peter Souhleris conducts a mock interview with his son, Athan, 2, during a break in his duties at the festival.



Festival crowds line up to enjoy an abundance of traditional Greek foods at the annual festival last weekend at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church.



Dancers clad in classic dress present a traditional line dance during a performance at the two-day festival.


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Please join us as we celebrate the opening of our fall exhibitions, *Flash Back—November 22, 1963*, *James Prosek: The Spaces in Between*, *Natural Selections*, and *the kids are all right*. Meet the curators and James Prosek, the Addison's fall 2013 Edward E. Elson Artist in Residence, while enjoying music, a glass of wine, and a bite to eat. This event is free and open to the public.

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Education

'Bully' makes powerful impression Middle schools screening bullying documentary as teaching tool

By DUSTIN LUCA
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School officials are looking to a documentary to help drive home the real effects of bullying in a vivid and provocative way.

Last week, Wood Hill Middle School students were the first in town to see Lee Hirsch's film "Bully" highlighting the struggles that surround victims of bullying.

The shortened, school-appropriate version of the film chronicles two students who are frequently bullied while they are at school, home and in the community — capturing the abuse they endure and how it permeates their lives.

Leaders at West and Doherty middle schools are now considering potential screenings of the film as well.

Wood Middle School Principal Pat Bucco said showing the film to his students created a "reality for the situation."

"Whenever you talk about it, even if you role-play, in some ways, kids don't take it as seriously," Bucco said. "Bullying won't stop unless you're real about it."

For some local students, however, bullying has already had an opportunity to become real.

Lauren Hodgman, a 14-year-old Wood Hill student, said she has experienced bullying firsthand.

In her case, Hodgman said support from friends and school staff as she struggled

with her situation proved invaluable and ultimately helped her to come out on top.

She was enthusiastic about the screening of "Bully" and the opportunity to share the effects of bullying with her peers in such a dramatic way.

"You can't prevent bullying — just trying to stop it is good," she said. "They're really trying to promote the act of stopping bullying."

Even though the student version of "Bully" is edited to be appropriate for younger audiences, there are still mature elements to it. At one point, it shows the film crews stepping in and bringing their footage of abuse to school officials and the family of the victim for fear of what might happen next.

The unedited version of the movie, covering such themes as suicide, is more difficult to watch, said Brian McNally, the district's health and physical education director, who saw the full format at a screening in Washington, D.C., a few years ago. He said he couldn't come home without it.

"It affected me so much," he said. "When I came back, in my opening meeting with my health and phys ed teachers, we talked about it and I said, 'This is the kind of movie every student and teacher needs to see.'"

McNally later arranged for the movie to be shown for school staff at a theater in Danvers after efforts to have it played in Lawrence and



Wood Hill Middle School students and faculty fill the school's auditorium last week to watch a condensed, school-appropriate version of the documentary "Bully" by Lee Hirsch.

DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Methuen were "fruitless," he said.

"We felt compelled that it was something we needed to bring into the schools," he said.

McNally was later able to purchase an "educator's toolkit" created in conjunction with the film for use at each middle school in town.

After last week's screening at Wood Hill, school staff incorporated discussions about bullying into their

lesson plans for the rest of the week, Bucco said.

"Even in adulthood, (bullying) happens. Unfortunately doesn't stop in childhood," Bucco said. "We can make kids aware and if we give them the tools to stop it, we'll be ahead of the curve."

The goal, Bucco said, is "to totally eliminate it. How real that is, I don't know, but the more kids are aware, we'll eventually come to the dream."

West Middle students may not have enjoyed the film, but it did capture their attention. While 12-year-old Belle Haslam found the film "sad and depressing," she also said it was important.

"I didn't like it, but it makes people notice what is happening," she said.

Adam Maagoul, also 12, added after the screening, "That's not right. People shouldn't do that stuff," Michelle Liu, 11, said

what stood out to her most was how the movie "shows aspects of every kind, applying to everyone. It shows how people get bullied every day and what you can do to help."

For Hodgman, the movie "takes it to a whole new depth, and makes it personal," she said.

"It's not fun. It's traumatizing," she said. "But it's good that Andover is taking the steps to prevent bullying any way they can."

Rotary Club awards \$2,500 scholarships

Three local students were recognized for their successes with the \$2,500 scholarships from the Rotary Club of Andover.

The recipients were singled out based on their community service, leadership, academic performance, demonstrated values/attitudes and a personal interview.

"This year's recipients have demonstrated a maturity and commitment to their future plans that are impressive, especially when you converse directly with each of them," Paul Mercandetti of the Rotary Club of Andover Scholarship Committee said in a release.

This year's recipients are:

Michael E. Selima: Born and raised in Andover, Selima recently graduated from St. John's Prep in Beverly. He has been working for the past seven years as a farmhand at Barker Farm in North Andover, where he had been growing and harvesting corn, apples and hay. Through his work on the farm, he developed a strong interest in agriculture, which led him to enroll at the University of Maine, Orono, in a program for sustainable agriculture and forestry. Selima was chosen for the scholarship based on his sincere interest in his chosen course of study and his clear direction toward his future career.

Mackenzie P. Dutton: A recent graduate of Andover High School, Dutton received the Barbara Doran Rotary



Courtesy photo

Rotary Club of Andover 2013 scholarship recipients Alex Cain, fourth from left, and Mackenzie Dutton, fifth from left, are pictured with club members, from left, Amy LaMarche, Paul Mercandetti, President Bob Lavoie, Peter Caruso, and Rotary District Governor John Hall. Scholarship recipient Michael E. Selima is missing from the photo.

Scholarship. She is a well-rounded student with broad academic interests as well as a varsity athlete in swimming and ice hockey. She was recommended because of her strong community service background. A few years ago, Dutton lost her father to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, and had to take on a large role in the household to help raise her younger brother. Despite her loss and the large burden on her shoulders, she found time to coach youth hockey, raise \$11,000 for ALS research and be a bereavement counselor to

children at the Comfort Zone Camp. She has now enrolled in the nursing program at Endicott College in Beverly.

Alexander P. Cain: An Andover resident and graduate of St. John's Prep in Danvers, Cain received the Phillip Mercandetti Rotary Scholarship. He has been working for the past three years on an online tutoring business that uses modern technology to provide affordable tutoring to people all over the world. He has been thorough in his research, soliciting input and advice from successful business owners and taking courses in computer technology and

Internet security. He will continue his research at Hofstra University in New York where he is furthering his business and computer science studies in pursuit of his vision.

Since the inception of the Rotary Club of Andover, more than \$100,000 in scholarships have been given to high school seniors living in Andover who are pursuing higher education. The program was started to help and support local students with a better start toward their careers.

The civic club meets Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover.

High-schoolers named National Merit semifinalists

More than 30 seniors at Andover High School and Phillips Academy have been named semifinalists in the 59th annual 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students — among 16,000 semifinalists nationally who represent less than 1 percent of U.S. high-schoolers — are now eligible to compete for 8,000 National Merit Scholarships, worth about \$35 million, which will be offered next spring.

To become a finalist, the students and their high schools must submit a detailed scholarship application that includes their academic record, participation in school and community activities, leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards.

The local semifinalists are: **Andover High School:** Julia L. Ganley, Jaydeep C. Samangi, Qingyuan Wu and Wendy L. Zhou

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Destination ImagiNation meeting Oct. 1

Destination ImagiNation is holding a town-wide information meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. at Doherty Middle School.

Destination ImagiNation teams use creativity, imagination and teamwork to solve open-ended challenges and perform at competitive and noncompetitive tournaments. Students choose from open-ended challenges in six areas — technical, scientific, performance,

improvisation, structure, community service and a special program for kindergarten through grade 2 — and work together to tackle these challenges under the direction of a team manager.

The meeting will offer a chance to learn more about how to get involved. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Stephanie Maze-Hsu at stephnh@comcast.net.

To submit an item for the Education Notebook, email townsm@andovertownsm.com.

ON CAMPUS

Bryson Andersen earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Management at Purdue University in Indiana. He was also named to the dean's list and earned semester honors for the spring 2013 semester.

Renee Coiro graduated from UMass Lowell with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. She received the Outstanding Academic Achievement in Fine Art Award during the university's commencement

ceremonies.

John Gorman earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Technology at Purdue University in Indiana.

Leslie Perez, Katherine Cox, Catherine Jacavano, Rachel Cunningham, Sean MacDonald and Cecily Givens were named to the dean's list at UMass Boston for the spring 2013 semester.

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SPEED

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constant beating of 18-wheelers. A water main recently broke. When two cars are passing, the letter said, there is no room for pedestrians.

"On more than one occasion, people have come within mere inches of being hit by speeding vehicles," they wrote. "Families do not allow their children to walk to the ice cream shop in Ballardvale during the summer months for fear of them being hit."

The letter was addressed to Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski, with copies to state Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover; state Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover; former Police Chief Brian Pattullo and police safety officer Charles Edgerly.

"When we first sent the letter, we didn't get one response," DeLucia said. A week or two later, she said, she ran into Lyons and pleaded with him to do something about the road.

"He said, 'I'll stay on it,'" she recalled.

Lyons said he spoke with Selectman Brian Major and then sent a letter to Stapeczynski inquiring about the neighbors' concerns. Soon after, the restive neighbors



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Two cars pass each other on a narrow section of Tewksbury Street last week. Neighbors are calling for safety improvements on the roadway.

got a response, and a meeting was called at the Town Offices.

Earlier this month, more than 50 people — armed with photos and anecdotes about how their once peaceful, rural, winding road had become a speedway for trucks and commuters and a safety hazard to residents — packed into the third-floor selectmen's meeting room. "The outpouring of people was amazing," said John Brussard, who lives at 93 Tewksbury St. with his wife and four, school-age children. "There were people there I've never seen before."

People came not only from Tewksbury Street, but also

from Chester Street, Yardley Road, Mitton Circle and other nearby streets.

And they all had different concerns. **Speed, visibility among problems**

For the Brussards, the issue comes down to the safety of their children.

Last week, while their two elementary school-age daughters got ready for school, Julie Brussard spoke about the dangers of the roadway for young children.

At the start of the year, the bus stop for her youngest daughters — Jacklyn, 9, and Jesselle, 6 — was about 200 yards down Tewksbury Street at the intersection

with Yardley Road.

But her husband, fearing for their daughters' safety if they had to walk along the narrow road, spoke with school officials and convinced them to pick the girls up at the end of their driveway.

Julie Brussard said she'd love to let her older daughters — Casey, 14, and Chloe, 11 — walk to the stores in Ballardvale center, but doesn't dare.

"When we are waiting at the end of the driveway, we see trucks going by really fast," Jacklyn Brussard said. "I've seen vehicles come to a complete standstill going in opposite directions if there's a pedestrian or biker. ... Even the bus driver has to stop when cars are going by."

The Brussards' neighbor, Shital Shah, of 91 Tewksbury St., said she is worried about the late fall and winter months, before the clock changes and it is pitch-dark in the morning. Two streetlights near her home have been turned off as part of the town's cost-saving measures.

"At night, there is no light," she said, recalling how a car recently hit a fire hydrant opposite her house one evening.

Making matters worse will be the arrival of snowbanks, which make the road even narrower, she said.

Shah asked the town to turn on the streetlight in front of her house and was told she'd have to call National Grid and pay the electric bill herself.

Room for improvements

At their meeting with neighbors, Stapeczynski and acting Public Works Director Chris Cronin told neighbors they can bring a warrant article to Town Meeting next year seeking a new sidewalk, something the residents were open to.

"Everybody who lives here says, 'Take 5 feet off my front yard,'" Shah said. "It would be a great improvement."

Police safety officer Charles Edgerly said police and public works employees have conducted studies and found that the average speed is around 40 mph, too high for such a road.

But state law prohibits the town from erecting a speed limit sign, so for now, neighbors will have to rely on a "Thickly Settled" sign, which is meant to imply speed limits of 30 mph or less.

Another option is to make Tewksbury Street a "truck exclusion" zone, meaning trucks of a certain size would no longer be allowed to use the road. Instead, they'd have to go up Andover Street to Dascomb Road to get to Interstate 93.

That's the option DeLucia

is hoping for, although several neighbors interviewed would be happy with a sidewalk.

Matt Strong, the owner of Forever Green landscaping company at the Tewksbury end of Tewksbury Street, said his drivers are advised to go slow.

"We've always gone slow," he said. "We talk about it every year."

But he said he has seen large trucks cut through the neighborhood, and that some vehicles — including cars — often go too fast. Strong said he supports the idea of widening the road.

"It's not a big road," he said, adding that he views himself and his company as "a steward of the street. I'm always looking after it. Many of the people on the street are our customers."

Stapeczynski said Tewksbury Street is scheduled for repaving and some widening in 2014 or 2015.

The work, he said, would be done in conjunction with water utility work, drainage improvements and the natural gas company upgrading service in the area.

He called the meeting with neighbors productive and positive, adding that plenty of opportunity for widening and sidewalks exists.

"A lot of good ideas came out of it," he said.

CHARTER

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He rejected a request to consult again with the state Ethics Commission regarding his role with the proposed STEAM Studio Charter School.

Saying he already sought the state's guidance last month when his team's proposed charter school was first announced, the four-term School Committee member said he sees no need for further clarification.

"I have a very clear set of guidelines that have been conveyed to me in writing by the state Ethics Commission," he said. "The guidelines are clear, they're concise, and I reached out to get guidance proactively."

Birnbach added he intends to continue to "advocate for

what's best for all public school students in Andover."

Last week, School Committee Chairman Dennis Fergie in a four-page letter to Birnbach cited "potential or perceived" conflicts of interest with his role on the school board as he lobbies for the creation of the STEAM Studio Charter School.

Other School Committee members joined Fergie last week in registering concern with Birnbach's dual role and potentially competing interests. At a meeting that at times grew volatile, Birnbach was removed from serving on two subcommittees.

Member Barbara L'Italien, a former state representative, said she had "a big problem" with Birnbach serving on the school board's budget subcommittee in light of the loss in funding for Andover public schools that would result if STEAM Studio gets

WHAT'S NEXT

STEAM Studio Charter School, a STEM and arts- and design-enhanced school for a maximum of 450 students in grades nine to 12, is one of 10 seeking approval in the state. In early October, the state will select any number of the proposals to submit formal applications for consideration, according to JC Considine, a spokesman for the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Those invited to apply will have until Oct. 25 to complete their paperwork, after which there will be a public comment period and a full review and

the go-ahead from the state.

Under the funding formula, \$15,000 per student of town education funds would be redirected to the charter school, which is proposed to enroll a maximum of 450 students from ninth through 12th grades.

"If \$15,000 per student

interview process, Considine said.

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education will vote on the applications in February.

While restrictions may be established for how many charter schools can operate in any one community, there are no limits on how many charter programs may be approved each year by the state, Considine said.

In addition to veteran School Committee member David Birnbach, the team behind STEAM Studio includes various technology- and education-focused professionals.

walks out the door and goes to the charter school, depending on 100 students to 400, we're talking about an impact of \$1.5 million to over \$6 million to this school budget," L'Italien said.

School Committee member Annie Gilbert echoed some of Fergie's concerns.

"While I believe completely that you have the best interest of the Andover Public Schools' students in your heart, I don't question that, I think that there is an inherent conflict in the duality of the roles," Gilbert told Birnbach. "I've heard from an enormous number of people who have said, 'This doesn't make sense to me.'"

In his letter, Fergie requested that Birnbach go back to the Ethics Commission to seek its opinion on several specific issues — including serving on various school board subcommittees, advocating for the charter school in communications to the School Committee and contacting Andover High faculty to discuss his team's proposal.

However, Fergie's allegations that Birnbach contacted high school faculty on school premises to discuss his proposal and "solicit their support and possible involvement" drew a heated response from Birnbach.

In a written response to Fergie, Birnbach shot back, denying he acknowledged contacting faculty at the high school to advocate for STEAM Studio — as Fergie asserted.

"I have not solicited AHS faculty support, nor have I sought out their involvement. Your claims are inaccurate," Birnbach wrote. "Given my role as a School Committee member, I have consciously avoided having interactions with Andover High School faculty."

Fergie this week said he plans to respond to Birnbach's concerns and talk to him about the high school faculty issue for further clarification.

Fergie also argued that Birnbach's continued communications to the School Committee "as a private citizen," as Birnbach has classified them, also created the appearance of conflict of interest.

In response to Birnbach's initial inquiry, the state Ethics Commission said state law prohibits him from appearing before the School Committee on behalf of the charter school team. The commission further said that Birnbach "should not sign letters, applications or

any other type of submission that the team makes to the committee."

Birnbach characterized his communications with the School Committee as for informational purposes only.

"As a courtesy, I have sent occasional emails to School Committee members and the leadership team to keep you in the loop regarding the charter school team's upcoming public meetings and progress," Birnbach wrote to Fergie. "As stated several times previously, STEAM Studio Charter School would like to collaborate with the Andover Public Schools — to benefit all Andover students."

While Birnbach opposed being removed from the budget subcommittee last week, he ultimately voted in favor of a temporary departure until the state decides next month whether STEAM Studio's proposal will advance in the consideration process.

The School Committee also voted 4-0-1, with Birnbach abstaining, to remove him from the facilities subcommittee since it is studying space issues at Andover High, among other district needs.

"Due to the subcommittee's review of the possible expansion of the Andover High School and the charter school's intent to reduce the number of students at AHS, you and I both believe that a conflict of interest exists," Fergie wrote in his letter to Birnbach.

Birnbach also sits on the calendar subcommittee, and he's listed as a resource to the communications subcommittee. He will continue in those roles.

Meanwhile, Birnbach said "to allay any concerns" about possible conflicts of interest with the public, he has requested that all School Committee and subcommittee meetings be audio- or videotaped.

"This will ensure that there is a public record of all our discussions," he wrote to Fergie.

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BANNER

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swayed in the breeze some 30 feet overhead, attached to anchors on buildings on either side of Main Street.

Andover Day, held Sept. 7, came and went, and the banner was credited with helping boost the crowd to nearly 10,000 people.

But the next day, an ill wind blew and the banner, made of rip-stop nylon, was stretched to its breaking point.

In fact, town officials believe, a metal, spring-hinged clip holding the banner may have come loose. It then flew through the air, they surmise, and smashed into the second-story window of The Bridal Center building at 1 Main St., leaving a softball-sized hole and some cracks in the outer layer of the double-paned window.

"It was not the cable, but the attachment might have flown off during the wind," Jack Norton, manager of the bridal building, said. "That's what they think happened."

Acting Plant and Facilities Director Ed Ataide said pieces of metal clips were found on the road under the banner.

"It's possible," Ataide said, when asked if the clips broke the window. "Nobody knows for sure. The bottom of the banner had clips on it."

Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski said the banner may have been improperly made.

According to the town bylaw, banners may be no more than 30 feet long and 36 inches high. The Andover Day banner complied with those requirements.

However, all banners are supposed to have U-shaped wind openings every 5 feet. The Andover Day banner did not have those vents, Stapczynski said, so when the wind blew on Sept. 8, the force was too great and the clips holding the base of the banner to the steel cable may have given way.

Not everyone is so sure that the banner caused the damage, however.

Mark Spencer, a former downtown business owner and past president of the Rotary Club of Andover, worked for



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Some in town are alleging a metal, spring-hinged clip from the Andover Day banner that was anchored to The Bridal Center building on Main Street is responsible for the broken window at Cristina's Bridal earlier this month. But others are arguing that it's unlikely the banner caused the damage.

nine years to get the banner hung across Main Street. He said while the bottom of the banner appeared to be flapping around on Monday, Sept. 9, two days after Andover Day, it isn't to blame for the broken window.

"Buzz is trying to connect the broken window to the banner," he said, adding that there was no conclusive proof that the banner was at fault. "It's highly unlikely."

Yet, the ABCA has agreed to cover the cost of the window damage.

"The ABCA has graciously offered to pay even though it's unlikely that's how it happened," Spencer said. "It looks more like a rock was thrown through it."

Spencer has become accustomed to opposition to the banner. When he first proposed it nine years ago, he and other ABCA members were told that since the town didn't have a bylaw regarding banners, they were illegal.

So Spencer and his banner comrades set about writing a bylaw, which was approved by Town Meeting. But then they found they couldn't raise the money to install heavy-duty poles that would be required to hoist the banner.

Earlier this year, a breakthrough came about when the owner of two Main Street buildings offered to let the ABCA anchor the steel cables from the corner of his properties.

Flying high, at a price

While the town foot the bill for the actual hanging of the Andover Day banner, future groups looking to hoist a banner may be faced with an additional hurdle: cost.

Stapczynski told selectmen at a recent meeting that future groups will likely be charged about \$1,000 in overtime and other costs associated with shutting down Main Street to allow a town crew to hang and then lower future banners into place.

Groups must also get an insurance binder in case of damage or injury potentially caused by the banner.

Combined with the \$1,200 cost of manufacturing a banner, the additional expense could make it prohibitive for most groups working on shoestring budgets to fly banners promoting town activities such as Holiday Happenings, Andover Day and Clown Town.

Selectmen were generally outraged by the idea of charging local, nonprofit groups such a high price to hang a banner.

"That is not a reasonable burden to put on a community group," Selectman Mary Lyman said. "Sometimes we have policies that aren't practical."

But Stapczynski said the town is governed by "very specific requirements. That group has to be prepared to pay for police and plant and facilities. It's a little under \$1,000."

"These are nonprofits," Selectman Paul Salafia said.

"One thousand dollars is out there."

While selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said it took less than two hours to hang the Andover Day banner, Stapczynski said town workers must be paid a minimum of four hours when they work overtime, even if they only do an hour's worth of work. To minimize disruption on the roadway, the Andover Day banner was hung by 6 a.m.

Selectman Dan Kowalski questioned whether the town would be charged to hang a banner advertising a town-sponsored event. It would be, the town manager said.

"We have to find a way to do it cheaper," Kowalski said. "Why would anyone do it if it cost them \$3,000 for a banner?"

Salafia said he wanted the town to provide the banner hanging as a service, "using our resources and facilities." But Stapczynski said it wasn't his call.

"The burden I have is the bylaw says the applicant has to cover the cost," the town manager said.

Kowalski asked if the bylaw should be restructured and presented to Town Meeting for modification.

Meanwhile, Ataide said the Andover Day banner design and installation was kind of a test to see how well it would work. That's why the town covered the cost the first time around.

"We ironed out the issues for future banners," he said.

ADDISON

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FALLING FORWARD

connections among this fall's featured exhibitions.

One of the shows highlights the work of James Prosek, a former student of Allen's when he was working as a teacher.

Allen said Prosek has gone on to become "a naturalist, environmental activist, a great teacher and a great artist." Inspired by the long tradition of natural history painting as well as contemporary influences, Prosek's work questions the way one understands, classifies and interprets the natural world. Prosek is also serving as this fall's Edward E. Elson Artist-in-Residence at Addison.

"I knew him when he was a very young man," Allen said. "He has accomplished so much in his career."

Another show — "Flash Back — November 22, 1963" commemorating the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination — is curated by Jaime DeSimone. Allen remembers giving DeSimone her first job at the Addison eight or nine years ago. He said he has watched her career flourish from a young assistant curator to now an exhibition curator at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem.

"When I look back on the young people who have been part of my life at the beginning of their careers, it gives me a sense of pride," Allen said. "So many have gone on and done so well, whether as artists in the case of Jim and curators as Jaime."

"It's gratifying to me to have these two very successful people in the arts, to have them in my life at some point in my career ... to see them flourish and do well."

Beyond being his final exhibitions as director, Allen said the fall shows will take on added meaning for him at the end of the year. Before he formally departs from Andover, Allen will enter Addison not as its director, but to celebrate his marriage. The gallery will serve as the backdrop for his upcoming wedding reception.

The four new fall exhibitions at the Addison Gallery of American Art feature a mix of painting, photography and mixed-media works exploring a range of subjects — from the meaning of the word "family" in the 21st century to the way that people understand and interpret the natural world to how the media influences one's perceptions of dramatic events. The shows run through early January. Here's a quick look:

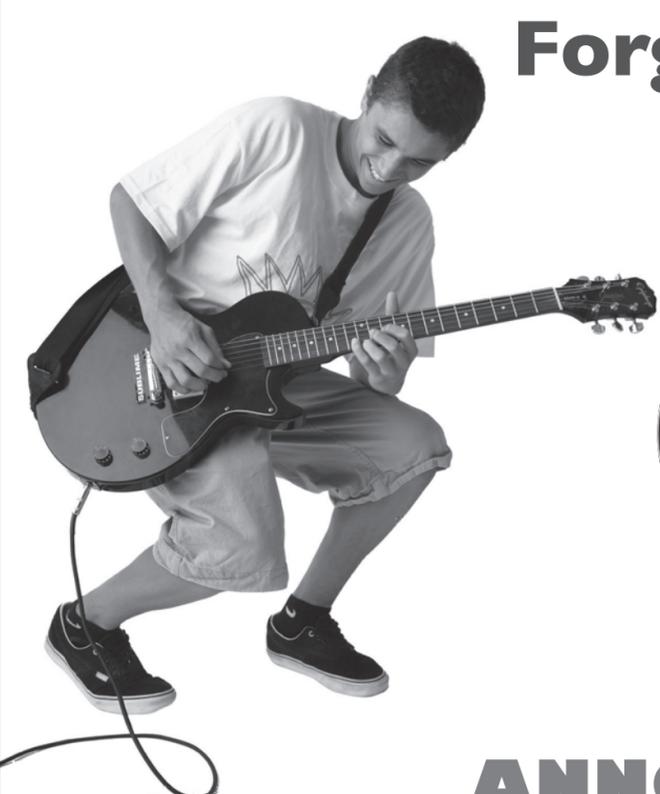
"Flash Back — November 22, 1963:" Presented on the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, it investigates the lasting impact of a painful episode in American history through works of art that appropriate, manipulate and at times distort images that document the time. **"James Prosek: The Spaces in Between:"** Questioning accepted notions of how people understand and interpret the natural world, the exhibition includes paintings, watercolors and taxidermed specimens, many of them referencing Prosek's extensive travels, collecting trips and biological expeditions to places as distant and diverse as Suriname and Kyrgyzstan.

"Natural Selections:" Drawing from the Addison's permanent collection, the exhibition complements James Prosek and features works of art from the Addison's collection illustrating how artists explore their relationship with the natural world.

"The kids are all right:" The show features photography and video created in the last 10 years by 38 established and emerging artists who reveal, with sensitive yet radical openness, the notion of family in the 21st century. The family units depicted in this exhibition are accepted as is and the artists take no critical position, but affirm with poignancy and humor the ever-shifting notion of the contemporary family.

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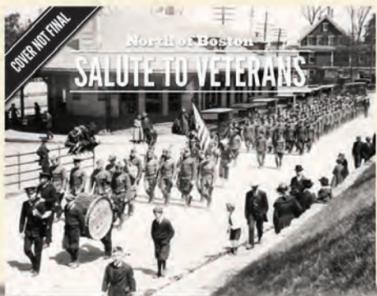
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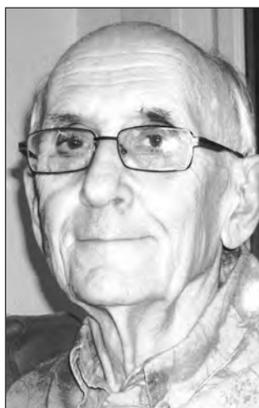
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OBITUARIES

James "Jim" Bottomley, 79

ORLANDO, FL — James "Jim" Bottomley, 79, of Orlando, Fla., passed away September 10, 2013, while under the care of Hospice. Jim graduated from New Bedford High School in 1951 and the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1955 with a degree in chemistry. He was a research chemist for 43 years and held several US patents. He was a resident of Andover for over 30 years.

Jim was the son of English immigrants, William and Sarah Bottomley of New Bedford, Mass. He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Jean (Andersen) Bottomley; daughters, Jill Enders (Paul) of Bolton, Mass., and Jennifer Buzzett (Joe) of Tampa, Fla.; and four grandchildren (Daniel, Owen, Jacqueline, and Jor-



dan).

Jim was known for his love of plants and gardening, reading, animals and his kindness to all. He was gentle and patient and will be greatly missed.

Mary Christine Crowe, 58

December 25, 1954 — September 11, 2013

ANDOVER — Mary Christine Crowe, 58, of Andover, died peacefully on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at Merrimack Valley Hospice House, Haverhill. She was born in Methuen and was raised in Andover. Christine was a graduate of Andover High School and a graduate of Anna Maria College, Paxton, Mass. She worked as an accountant in various local businesses and banking institutions, and was a member of St. Augustine Parish, Andover.

The daughter of the late, Francis X. and Doris E. (Belanger) Crowe, her family

members include her sister, Andrea R. Crowe of Andover; her uncle and aunt, Wilfred and Mary Belanger of Methuen; and her aunt, Irene Hoyle of Methuen; as well as several cousins.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were private. Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Avenue, Haverhill, MA 01830.

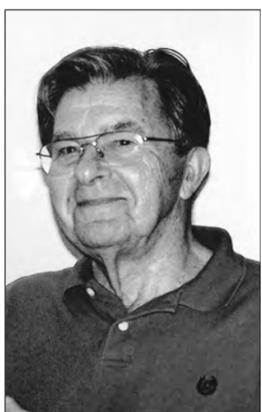
Arrangements are by The Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson Street, Andover. To send a condolence, please visit, www.dewhirstfuneral.com, or www.facebook.com/dewhirstfuneralhome.

Ralph Skinder, 83

August 23, 1930 — August 27, 2013

ANDOVER, MA — Ralph G. Skinder, longtime resident of Andover and beloved husband of Barbara J. (Doyle) Skinder, died from complications of cardiac arrest on August 27, 2013.

Mr. Skinder was never idle, and was often repairing, restoring, refinishing or revitalizing anything near or far. He started his career in the Air National Guard mechanic division, and cherished his years in the auto industry. He was a lifetime learner, and was passionate regarding issues surrounding social justice. He thoroughly enjoyed quality time with family and friends, and was known as a fine dancer, and patron of local theater. He is survived by his wife, Barbara J. (Doyle) Skinder. He was the loving father of Gerard J. and his wife, Ellen Nicole Skinder, of Merrimack, Mark A. and Mary Hunter Skinder of Greenfield, Carolyn F. Skinder of Cambria, Calif., Laurel M. and her husband, John T. Gourville, of Wakefield and Amy E. and Todd Meredith



of Spokane, Wash., and the adored grandfather of Maggie, Evan, Alisher, Jasmine, Cedar, Eli, Byron and Briar.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass was held at St. Augustine's Church on August 31. Donations in his honor are most welcome at Catholic Charities, 51 Sleeper St., Boston, MA 02210 and Habitat for Humanity, 240 Commercial St., 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02109. For additional information, please visit www.burkemaglozzi.com.

David H. Cross, 80

January 3, 1933 — September 1, 2013

SUMMERFIELD, FL — David H. Cross passed away on Sept. 1, 2013 with his loving family by his side. Dave was born on Jan. 3, 1933 to the late Hurley and Beatrice Cross. He graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 1951 and worked at Skellys Garage in Haverhill, MA, for many years and at Centronics in Hudson, NH, until his retirement in 1988 at which time he and his wife moved to Florida, where they enjoyed many happy years. In his earlier years he was a member of the Masons and became a Shriner. Dave enjoyed boating and camping and spending time with his family. He had an awesome sense of humor and loved joking and making you laugh, which is how he got his

nickname "Dirty Old Man." He will be sadly missed. He leaves his wife Alice (Haggett) Cross of 62 years; sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Linda (Faxon) Cross of Ocklawah, FL, David and Jean (Ouellet) Cross of Fremont, NH, Cathy (Bevins) Cross of Joppa, MD; sisters, Pearl Thar of Florida, Ginger Wolak of Summerfield, FL, and Charlotte Barry of Hampstead, NH; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Lorenzo and Bette Haggett of Summerfield, FL; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sons, Larry Cross and Robert Cross.

ARRANGEMENTS: At the request of the family burial will be private.

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN OBITUARIES

Obituaries in the Andover Townsman are paid notices. To place an obituary, please visit andovertownsmen.com/submitobit. Call 1-800-681-6248 if you have any questions.

POLICE LOG

The following items were reported in Andover police logs from Monday, Sept. 9 to Sunday, Sept. 15:

ARRESTS

Monday, Sept. 9 — At 7:07 a.m., Douglas Ivers Jr., 37, of 226 Willard St., Dracut, was arrested on Andover Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

At 10:54 a.m., Frank MacMillan, 56, of 24 Pomeroy Road, Andover, was arrested at his home and charged on a warrant.

At 9:19 p.m., Thomas Geraghty, 20, of 587 Gay St., Westwood, was arrested on Foxhill Road and charged with the false use or misuse of a liquor identification card or license, two separate counts of possession of class B, D and E drugs. The arrest was conducted by Merrimack College police and processed by Andover police as a courtesy booking.

Thursday, Sept. 12 — At 3:37

p.m., Stephen Biggins, 30, of 180 Andover St., Andover, was arrested on Red Spring Road and charged on a warrant.

At 4:25 p.m., Carl Carrasquillo, 30, of 31 Kendrick St., Lawrence, was arrested on Main Street and charged on two warrants.

Friday, Sept. 13 — At 2:02 a.m., Rebecca Ippolito, 48, of 71 Hidden Road, Methuen, was arrested on Pearson Street and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

Saturday, Sept. 14 — At 9:16 a.m., John Pinto, 55, of 20 John St., Tewksbury, was arrested on Andover Street and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 4:25 p.m., Francis Fedele Jr., 54, of 14 Dunmore St., Boston, was arrested on Main Street and charged on a warrant.

Sunday, Sept. 15 — At 12:08 p.m., Antonio Inoa, 26, of 59 Sylvester St., Lawrence, was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and on a

warrant.

BREAKS

Wednesday, Sept. 11 — At 9:34 p.m., a house break was reported on North Main Street.

THEFTS

Monday, Sept. 9 — At 9:24 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Standish Circle. Another theft from a motor vehicle was reported later in the day, at 4:12 p.m.

At 12:04 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Cutler Road.

At 5:27 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Mayflower Road.

Wednesday, Sept. 11 — At 8:37 a.m., a motor vehicle break was reported on Fiske Street.

At 12:28 p.m., a theft was reported on Andover Street.

Thursday, Sept. 12 — At 7:11 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Elm Street.

At 11:07 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Longwood

Drive.

Sunday, Sept. 15 — At 3:03 p.m., a wallet was reported stolen on North Main Street.

INCIDENTS

Monday, Sept. 9 — At 8:18 p.m., police were called out to Andover Street to investigate "a male in green shorts jogging on Andover Street with a teddy bear in hand."

Friday, Sept. 13 — At 10:31 p.m., police responded to Lowell Street after a resident called 911 to report "her upstairs neighbors being loud and stomping

their feet."

Saturday, Sept. 14 — At 5:47 a.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on Fairfax Drive. The vandalism involved eight tires, on four vehicles, being slashed.

Sunday, Sept. 15 — At 6:17 p.m., vandalism to a home by egging was reported on Heritage Lane.

ACCIDENTS

Sunday, Sept. 15 — At 11:08 a.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Railroad Street.

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MOST INSURANCES ACCEPTED

Man attempts to steal \$1,000 in cosmetics

Police say a man who attempted to steal an estimated \$1,000 worth of cosmetics from the CVS Pharmacy at 68 Main St. this week may be a suspect in similar shoplifting incidents throughout the area.

The merchandise stolen in Monday's incident at the Andover store was recovered, according to Lt. Edward Guy.

"Once he was confronted, he ended up dropping the merchandise and fleeing on foot," Guy said.

"The manager at CVS believes this person has been stealing CVS products from stores in nearby towns," he added.

North Andover police detectives conferred with Andover about a shoplifting incident at their CVS store at 115 Main St.

"Based on the description they have and the surveillance photos we have, it appears it's the same person involved," Lt. Guy said.

Police have not yet identified the suspect, but have described him as wearing a red Chicago Bulls baseball cap, red sneakers, blue jeans and a gray T-shirt.

— Mark Vogler, staff writer



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Town Notebook

Bill Kirk

Recycling free-for-all

The MBTA is sponsoring a free community recycling event for area residents on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Brickstone Square lower parking lot off the intersection of York and Haverhill streets (Route 133).

The MBTA sponsors a handful of these events around the state every year as part of its environmental awareness program.

People can bring just about anything, from electronics and yard/power equipment to air-conditioners and plastic toys. Small appliances, electric tools, even textiles that aren't moldy are permitted. Computer monitors will cost \$15 and TVs cost 50 cents per pound to discard. Otherwise, the event is free.

For more information, contact Keith Saxon of the Andover Recycling Committee at ksaxon@aol.com.

Magic of Wi-Fi

Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski recently was effusive in his praise of some of the work done over the summer by town employees and contractors.

He said the Doherty School paving project was completed by the contractor in time for the start of school, with crews working weekends and holidays to finish the task. Contractors also spent the summer in the basement of West Middle School upgrading the heating system.

Over at the Center at Punchard, a new kitchen was installed, with a ribbon-cutting held last week.

The Information Technology Department, meanwhile, worked long hours getting 10 school buildings ready with wireless technology.

"The work IT did was invisible," Stapczynski said of wireless networks in school buildings. He said town officials recently took a tour of school buildings, where there are now "hot spots" so people can hook up to the Internet.

"What is that called?" he asked.

"Wi-Fi," someone hollered from the audience.

"Oh yeah, Wi-Fi," he said.

Appealing openings

The Zoning Board of Appeals should soon have a full complement of members.

During its meeting last week, the Board of Selectmen set up a subcommittee made up of Brian Major and Paul Salafia to review the four applicants for three open positions.

The applicants are David Marson, a Realtor with ReMax Partners in Andover; Lisa Rechisky, who works for Raytheon; Tara Wilson, an attorney with a family practice in Brickstone Square; and Denise Bordonaro, a real estate attorney.

Three of the names should look familiar: Rechisky, Wilson and Bordonaro all applied earlier this year and were even interviewed by zoning board members. Their names were then forwarded to the town manager and selectmen.

Selectmen, however, decided to intervene and take a more active role in the selection process. They reopened the application period in an effort to draw more interest. The subcommittee will now interview the four candidates and forward their names to the full board for consideration.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in Andover:

12 Alden Road: JSFR FT and Thomas P. Francis to Raymond N. and Margaret A. Pike, \$570,000

30 Andover Country Club Lane: Deborah M. and Neil D. Weber to Xiafang Barr, \$1,199,000

8 Avery Lane: John F. and Janet R. Whelan to Brian D. and Shannon M. Gath, \$952,000

27 Bannister Road: Michael C. and Evelyn S. Mcdade to Allan C. and Sarah L. Gibson, \$670,000

21 Blood Road: Youell RT and Robert J. Youell to Stephen and Megan M. Flood, \$440,000

101 Brookside Drive, Unit 101: Jennifer F. Difrancisco to Gaurav Jetly and Pushp Gandha, \$282,500

700 Brookside Drive, Unit H: A&M RT and Albert Robbat to Shiqing and Junkai Li, \$225,000

34 Clark Road: Ann E. Fuchs FT and Dorothy Fuchs to

Zachary U. and Allison Farkes, \$442,500

8 Harding St.: Wayne Feldman to Evan C. Michaels, \$277,750

7 Harvard Road: William J. Benson to Anne Marie & Associates LLC, \$259,000

82 Haverhill St.: William L. Dunlevy to John R. and Linda McCarthy, \$392,000

82 Haverhill St.: Janet L. Facella to William L. Dunlevy, \$11,500

140 High Plain Road: Lane H. and Joyce M. Andersen to Kangho Kim, \$455,000

8 Highland Ave.: Christopher M. and Kelly E. Stevens to David D. Ray, \$439,900

6 Jefferson Lane: Edward R. and Judith A. Kaufman to Steven E. and Cheryl L. Pouliot, \$472,000

9 Lowell St.: Gail A. Beardsley Estate and David A. Beardsley to John W. Beardsley and Jeanne E. Puffer, \$247,125

92 Lowell St.: Alan P. and Diane G. Cohen to Michael and Charlotte Dunn, \$379,900

28 Michael Way, Unit 28:

Ramchandran Sarma to Clara I. Tompkins, \$265,000

52 Morton St.: Robert H. and Helen E. Watkinson to Leif and Paula L. Eriksen, \$380,000

1 Reynolds St.: Timothy W. Barash to Arch Land Development LLC, \$185,000

3 Reynolds St.: Timothy W. Barash to Arch Land Development LLC, \$185,000

4 Rindge Road: Jeffco Inc. to Mehool S. Patel, \$799,900

60 River St.: Hannula RT and Christine M. Hannula to Justin G. Pappas and Amy L. Menkin, \$457,500

4 Rolling Ridge Road: Sullivan FT and Jeane M. Sullivan to Nicholas and Andrea Pavlidis, \$500,000

42 Summer St.: Jacqueline Rutter and Andrew P. Gully to Mirco and Molly M. Gagliotti, \$655,000

10 Timothy Drive: Christopher W. and Stephanie M. Deady to Marshal S. and Robyn A. Grant, \$696,000

5 Wyncrest Circle: Ben B. and Rose T. Sheng to Rachelle A. and Sean F. Haney, \$710,000

TOWN BRIEFS

Giant Yard Sale at Town Park Sept. 28

The Andover Department of Community Services is making plans for its Giant Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets.

The event offers a chance to support the planet by turning someone's objects into newfound treasures. More than 50 families are expected to be selling their wares in every corner of the park and on the sidewalks on both sides.

The sale will include baby and children's clothing, household and kitchen items, doll accessories, books, knickknacks, toys, sports equipment, decorative pieces and an assortment of treasured recyclables that can be put to a new use.

Admission to the public is free. Late spots for vendors may be purchased until Friday, Sept. 27, for \$10. The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 29. For more information, call 978-623-8279 or stop by the DCS office at 36 Bartlet St.

Ethical electronics recycling drive

Trade in your used electronics at a special ethical electronics recycling drive on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside The Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St., Andover.

Almost anything with a battery or a plug, including TVs, CRTs, monitors, computers, radios, telephones, e-readers, appliances, game systems, power tools, household batteries, office furniture and more are welcome. No hazardous materials of any kind, however, will be accepted.

Several items will be accepted for free. The charge for other items is \$1 a pound for less than 50 pounds of items and 50 cents per pound for donations for 50-plus pounds; seniors and teachers receive a 15 percent discount. Everyone will also receive a coupon for Andover Bookstore.

For more information, a complete list of accepted items or to arrange for pickup of larger items, contact Christopher at 617-233-4120 or onehealthyocean@gmail.com.

Sign-ups for baby-sitting course

The Andona Society is once again offering its popular baby-sitting course for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders in Andover who want to prepare to be mother's helpers and baby sitters.

Topics for the four-week course include: First Aid, Child Development, Safety, and Baby-sitting as a Business. Fun, hands-on activities will provide practical experience.

The class meets either Tuesdays starting Oct. 1 from 6:30 to 7:50 p.m. at West Parish Church or Thursdays starting Oct. 3 from 6:30 to 7:50 p.m. at Marland Place.

Registration forms are available under the Events section on the Andona website, www.andona.org. They will be accepted on a first-come basis, with class sizes limited to 30 students. Registrations for eighth-graders received before Sept. 20 will be given preference. Sign-ups close on Sept. 24.

To submit an item for the Town Briefs column, email townsmen@andovertownsmen.com.

HEALTH BRIEFS

'High-dose' flu clinics for seniors

Three "high-dose" flu clinics for seniors ages 65 and up have been scheduled for this fall in town.

The clinics will be held on

Tuesday, Sept. 24; Thursday, Sept. 26; and Tuesday, Oct. 1, by appointment only from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court.

Call the Health Department at 978-623-8295 to

schedule an appointment. Consent forms will be available at the Health Department, Town Offices, senior center and online at www.andoverma.gov.

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Opinion

Seizing on tragedy to promote anti-gun agenda

The shooting of 12 innocent people at the Washington Navy Yard by a former Navy reservist and civilian contractor was a terrible, horrifying event that should outrage us all.

Unfortunately, for some, the shooting was an opportunity to shamelessly promote their political agendas, even before the facts of the tragedy were fully known.

California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein seized the moment to call for a renewal of gun-control efforts previously rejected by Congress. Feinstein, just hours after the shooting, linked it to other recent massacres and asked, "When will enough be enough?"

It is beyond inappropriate to begin advancing a political agenda while the victims of tragedy still lay where they were slain. Prayers for the dead and condolences for their families would be a better response.

It is difficult to see how the kind of gun control Feinstein advocates — expanded background checks and bans on certain styles of rifles — would have made any difference at the Navy Yard. Having chosen to advance her political cause before the facts were in, Feinstein could not have known that the killer, Aaron Alexis, purchased his weapon, a shotgun, at a Virginia gun shop and passed both federal and state background checks.

Nor could Feinstein have known that the type of semi-automatic rifle she particularly opposes — the AR-15 — was not used in the shooting. No gun control measure we've heard of is seeking to ban shotguns. In fact, Vice President Joe Biden recommends that homeowners concerned about crime purchase one and fire it out the window a few times in response to a perceived threat.

Early reports that an AR-15 was involved played into the hands of gun-control crusaders. It prompted the New York Daily News to fill its front page yesterday with a photo of the rifle and the headline "Same gun, different slay" — a reference to the Sandy Hook school shooting that did involve an AR-15.

Rather than focusing on inanimate weapons or trying to puzzle out what elusive mix of gun control laws would guarantee us perfect safety, our nation would be better served directing our collective attention to those who actually commit these heinous acts. Seeking answers to some of the questions surrounding these individuals might prove useful.

Alexis, 34, had twice previously been involved in shooting incidents. In neither case was he charged with any crime. Yet, according to reports, the incidents, along with other discipline problems, were enough to prompt the Navy to consider a general discharge from the Reserves for him. But Alexis sought an honorable discharge and the Navy, unwilling to pursue the less desirable general discharge, granted the request, according to the Associated Press.

Alexis had also been treated for serious mental health issues, including paranoia, the AP said. At one point, he reported to police that he had been hearing voices that he believed meant to do him harm.

How was Alexis, with a history of shooting incidents and recent mental illness, able to maintain both his gun permit and a secret-level security clearance? How did he pass the background checks needed to purchase his shotgun. And how was he able to get that shotgun past security at the Navy Yard?

Answering these questions will do more to promote the security of Americans than a politician's self-serving call for the gun-control legislation she desires.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

With traffic in Ballardvale getting heavy attention, where do your concerns lie on traffic townwide? Select all that apply:

Access to and from highways takes too long. Interchanges with routes 93 and 495 need work.

Downtown driving during the day is a disaster. From Punched to Lewis streets, we need to rethink what we're doing.

There aren't enough sidewalks around town for people to walk around safely in the midst of traffic.

Traffic rules enforcement is lax. People speed and cut through everywhere. Police need to step it up.

Traffic rules enforcement is too heavy. You can't go anywhere without getting a ticket. Tone it down a notch.

Never mind traffic — the roads are in poor condition and need work before we put more cars on them.

Overall, traffic is a problem

in Andover. I am concerned.

Overall, traffic is fine in Andover. I'm OK with it.

Where there's development, there's traffic. If you don't like, you can move.

Other (supply your own answer)

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we asked, "Andover Day was a huge hit this year, but should it change? What do you think is the best option for the event's future?" With 30 responses, the answers were:

KEEP IT THE SAME: It's a great annual event as is. Changing it would take away from its character. — 16 votes, 53.33 percent.

MAKE IT LONGER: It should go into Saturday evening, maybe start Friday night or have a second day on Sunday. — eight votes, 26.67 percent.

SHORTEN IT: With Main Street closed for so long, the way of life in Andover is interrupted too much to justify the event. — six votes, 20 percent.

IN MEMORY



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Amy McGlothlin of Andover stands at the ready with her bagpipe during last week's town ceremony honoring local residents who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 attacks 12 years ago.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago Sept. 19, 1913

The Andover Canoe Club's new canal cutting through the marshy land of F.H. Foster and extending from the river halfway to Ballardvale to the pond is now in operation. Canoeists who have been accustomed to the carrying of their canoes for some three-quarters of a mile over land cannot speak too highly of the conveniences and advantages of the canal.

Five men have returned to work in the flax-dressing department of the Smith & Dove mill. They had been

laid off since spring.

Ella Petrie, daughter of George Petrie of Red Spring Road, is recovering from an attack of paralysis.

75 Years Ago Sept. 15, 1938

James Quinn of Walnut Avenue, job pressman for the Andover Press for 14 years, collapsed this morning on High Street in front of the Hall residence, dying almost immediately. A steady, conscientious worker, Quinn was on his way to the printer when he was stricken. The ambulance was summoned, but he was beyond aid.

The condition of John H. Grecoe Jr., son of the

well-known local jeweler, was reported as being good yesterday at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston, where the youngster was rushed Friday after having been hit in the eye with a stone. For a while, it was felt that the youngster might lose his eye. Nothing definite can be determined, however, until the swelling decreases.

50 Years Ago Sept. 19, 1963

A photo titled "Fifteen Years Later" shows the seven men who started the Boosters Club 15 years earlier, and have maintained interest in the organization and in each other through

the years. They are Hervey Guertin, Charles F. Dalton, Harold Wennik, president Walter Pearson, original treasurer James P. Christie, inaugural first president J. Everett Collins, and Charles O. McCullom, original secretary of the organization.

A photo titled "Discussing Homemaker Club" shows Mrs. Helen Retelle of Andover, Miss Judy Moore, Essex County agent in home economics; and Mrs. Kathleen Henze of Lawrence. Women interested in starting or joining a homemakers club may obtain further information by contacting Miss Moore at the Essex Agricultural & Technical Institute in Danvers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Neighbors deserve action on blight properties

Editor, Townsman:

Your article on blight properties was of great interest to us, as 27 Kirkland Drive is across the street from our home. We've been getting "assurances" that this problem will be resolved for more than seven years now. Beyond the issues of the unsanitary and potentially hazardous conditions, we also fail to understand why the town refuses to enforce its own bylaws, such as Section 6.7.4, which prohibits unregistered vehicles not in condition for travel from being in public view.

ANDREW AND LESLIE MALIS
30 Kirkland Drive

Step up to help pay back Tewksbury neighbors

Editor, Townsman:

This summer, Andover was faced with the very real prospect of a slots parlor in neighboring Tewksbury, in the Ames Pond area off Route 133, abutting West Andover. At a meeting at our library on Aug. 6, more than 100 town leaders and other residents heard from an official of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission what our town's status would be as a "surrounding community." It was not reassuring to learn of the negotiating process for "ameliorations" of potential costs for traffic, public safety and other areas that could be expected to impact Andover's services and in some cases, homes and properties. It

was also alarming to learn that Tewksbury's boards and town manager were unanimously supportive of the plans of Penn National Gaming and pushing for approval of the necessary rezoning proposal to be acted upon at their open Town Meeting on Aug. 20.

Fortunately, a number of Tewksbury residents were of similar minds to many of us in Andover. With very little time to organize and marshal support, the ad hoc No Slots Tewksbury group pulled off a marvelous effort that resulted in the defeat of the rezoning proposal by an overwhelming 1568-995 vote. In Andover, there was a collective sigh of relief.

But the effort in Tewksbury, in the face of time constraints, a summer Town Meeting and town leaders of the opposite persuasion, was not without its costs. I have recently learned that a small group of Tewksbury residents contributed \$5,000 of their own money to fund the purchase of yard signs, postcards, fliers, advertisements and other expenses of the campaign. There is no doubt that this financial support and the hard work of many Tewksbury people resulted in the best outcome for Andover, avoiding a negative impact on our budget as well as on many West Andover residential areas.

It's now time to step up and show our gratitude for the efforts of our good neighbors. Donations are being solicited to reimburse those folks for their out-of-pocket expenses, and I hope others will join us in contributing to this fund. Contributions in any amount can be sent

to: No Slots Tewksbury, c/o Lowell Five Bank, 1775 Main St., Tewksbury 01876.

NANCY MULVEY
104 High Plain Road

Finance staff raises debate

Editor, Townsman:

If anyone was looking for any further evidence that the galactic spending habits of our town manager are approaching those of the British monarchy, all they need to do is listen to the lame rationale he gave for creating yet another padded, overpaid secretarial position when challenged on it by Selectwoman Mary Lyman at last week's meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Buzz Stapczynski's response to Lyman's question as to how he could justify upgrading what was working just fine as a part-time secretarial job into a \$75,000-a-year job was, stunningly, "all the department heads have administrative assistants." Just another example of how, while the rest of the world has learned how to be more efficient, reduce administrative overhead and get more bang for every administrative buck, Stapczynski just wants more bucks. These so-called "administrative assistants," handmaidens for managers at best, have been eliminated almost everywhere in the business world, even those who used to work for corporate CEOs, as businesses have learned that these jobs were never justifiable financially. Yet here we have our town manager continuing his empire-building

ways by converting a part-time secretarial job into yet another overpaid administrative position on the town's payroll.

And Selectman Brian Major's defense of Stapczynski's bureaucratic empire building — that Mary Lyman should have raised her objection during budget planning last spring — is just flat out wrong. If the Board of Selectmen cannot make changes to town spending after a budget is approved, then they have declared themselves to be merely yes-men working for the town manager, abdicating their being his boss as it should be. It was a sad display of the neutering of our Board of Selectmen by the current town manager that Selectmen Alex Vispoli, Daniel Kowalski and Paul Salafia bought into Major's muddled thinking. Lyman appears to be the only member of our Board of Selectmen who is willing to take on the town manager's bad spending ways as the other selectmen continue to cave to every ill-conceived spending desire of our current town manager. Sadly, until we either get a new town manager or more members of the Board of Selectmen with the courage that Mary Lyman has to say "no" to the irresponsible spending ways of our current town manager, our town will continue its downward financial spiral and huge increases in property taxes that have become the hallmark of the Stapczynski regime over his 23-year tenure as town manager.

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TownsBeat

Trails & Sails tours set down in Andover

This year, the Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover Historical Society and Andover Village Improvement Society are teaming up to offer three back-to-back events on Sunday, Sept. 22, in conjunction with Trails & Sails: Two Weekends of Walks & Water, which is organized by the

Essex National Heritage Commission.

Starting at noon, AVIS will lead a 90-minute walk through the Goldsmith Woodlands to explore the mature forestland and the shoreline of Foster's Pond.

From 2 to 3 p.m., Addison Gallery Director Brian T. Allen will offer a tour of one of the gallery's fall

shows, "Natural Selections," exploring the many ways artists relate to the natural world.

And at 4 p.m., the Andover Historical Society will lead a 90-minute walking tour along beautiful Central Street in the heart of downtown Andover.

All of the events are free and open to the public, and participants can choose to do all or just one or two. "We're thrilled to be partnering with AVIS and the Addison Gallery

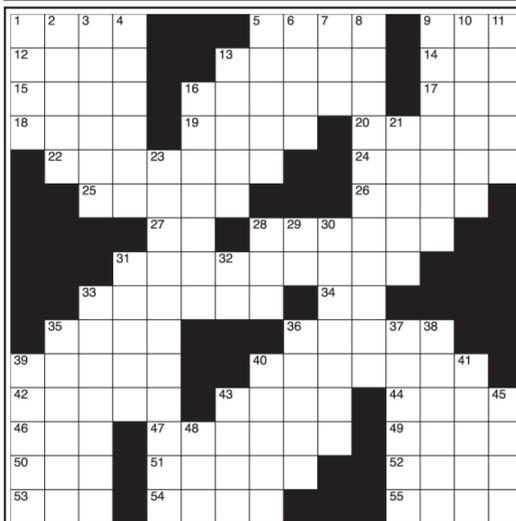
to coordinate these three terrific events, which complement one another perfectly," Elaine Clements, executive director of the Andover Historical Society, said. "Whether you live in Andover or are coming to town from farther afield as part of the Trails & Sails program, these programs will make for a great afternoon exploring the town and will offer insights into Andover's cultural and natural resources."

Also in conjunction with

the 12th annual Essex Heritage Trails & Sails, the Shawsheen River Watershed Association is hosting a paddle on a scenic section of the Shawsheen River in Andover on Saturday Sept. 28. Paddlers should meet at the Ballardvale dam at 8:30 a.m., where people will be shuttled to the launching point upstream. SRWA can provide gear for up to 15 people; people with their own gear are also encouraged to participate. Those

interested should email bob_otter@comcast.net by Sept. 25.

The events are among more than 100 free activities planned as part of Trails & Sails: Two Weekends of Walks & Water, Sept. 20 through 22 and Sept. 27 through 29. The annual event celebrates the historic, cultural and natural treasures found in the Essex National Heritage Area. Visit www.essexheritage.org/ts for a complete schedule.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Cape near Lisbon
5. Chew the fat
9. Time of the 90th meridian
12. 1982 planned city in Israel
13. Vehicle carrying passengers
14. Expression of surprise
15. Long range nuclear weapon
16. 2nd largest Muslim denomination
17. Mad Men's Draper
18. Spanish artist Salvador
19. S.F. murdered mayor
20. Baby talk fathers
22. Religious discourse
24. Poet Dickinson
25. Emblem stamps
26. Competes
27. 40th state
28. Expects
31. In an ageless way

33. A person in religious orders
34. Pa's partner
35. Two considered as a unit
36. NE 68770
39. Duple time dance
40. Greek myth's 1st woman
42. Word element meaning right
43. Point that is one point E of SE
44. Common teen skin disease
46. 4th Caliph of Islam
47. Oblong cream puff
49. Phoned
50. Very low frequency
51. Guild Wars creatures
52. Cozy
53. Hooray!
54. Work units
55. Soft-finned fishes

CLUES DOWN

1. Foray
2. Killer whales
3. Television systems
4. Marvel at
5. Connected spirals
6. Moroccan outer garment
7. Play a role
8. Daniel Webster
9. Golf attendants
10. Large school of fish
11. Tanacetum vulgare
13. Lower jaw fronts
16. Burn without a flame
21. Cordiality
23. PBS drama theater
28. Mandela's party

29. 42nd state
30. One who distributes alms
31. 20th C. playwright T.S.
32. Smallest state
33. Turn into lime
35. Spanish seafood dish
36. Language synonym Bura
37. Large-grained or rough to the touch
38. Understood by only a few
39. Thickened meat juices
40. Anjou and bartlett
41. Declare invalid
43. Molten metals surface scum
45. Bird reproductive bodies
48. Chronicles (abbr.)

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OUT & ABOUT

Merrimack Valley Idol auditions

Quota International of Andover will host auditions for the next Merrimack Valley Idol on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Andover High School's Collins Center for the Performing Arts on Shawsheen Road.

The auditions are open to vocalists ages 14 and up from the Merrimack Valley. Singers at local high schools and colleges along with the general public are encouraged to try out. Judges will be from the local music community.

Ten finalists will then compete for a \$500 grand prize on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road. Dinner with cash bar, silent and live auctions

and a raffle will round out the evening.

Proceeds from the event will assist the nonprofit Quota in its efforts to provide financial support to local women and children in need, including victims of domestic abuse as well as the deaf and hard of hearing. In each of the past four years, Quota has donated between \$20,000 and \$30,000 to local organizations supporting its causes.

Anyone interested in auditioning should contact Elaine Pescatore, event chairwoman, at elpjafra@yahoo.com or 978-470-3515.

Rotary Comedy Night brings back laughs Oct. 11

The Rotary Club of Andover is preparing to serve up another evening

of laughter at its third annual Comedy Night next month. The club fundraiser, which has sold out the past two years, is set for Friday, Oct. 11, starting at 7 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover.

Dave Rattigan will host the bill featuring three sought-after comedians — Tony V, Kelly MacFarland and Steve Macone.

Proceeds from the event will support the Rotary Club's community grants programs. Tickets are \$25; a cash bar will be available and finger foods will be provided. For tickets or more information, visit www.rotaryandover.org.

Lockhart and Friends returning for fundraiser

There's still time to catch Keith Lockhart and Friends' visit to Andover next weekend. They will perform Saturday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Collins Center for

the Performing Arts at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road.

Lockhart will present a talk on composer Igor Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale," illustrated by periodic interludes of music performed by a group of seven musicians.

The 1918 theatrical Russian parable meant to be "read, played and danced" tells the tale of a soldier who trades his fiddle to the devil for a book that predicts the future of the economy.

The event is presented by the Northern Essex Community College Foundation, Inc.; the Women of NECC and the NECC Alumni Association. Proceeds will benefit NECC's Endowment Fund.

Tickets are \$35 and are available by calling the NECC Institutional Advancement events line at 978-556-3870 or by visiting www.mvarts.info.

For more information, visit www.necc.mass.edu/signature-event.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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ART AND GALLERIES

ADDISON GALLERY, "Flash Back Nov. 22, 1963," 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, through Jan. 12, 2014; "James Prosek: The Spaces in Between," incorporating natural history painting with contemporary influences,

To see more of the events calendar, go to www.andovertownsmen.com

through Jan. 5, 2014; "Natural Selections," drawings from Addison's permanent collection, through March 2014; "the kids are all right," photography and video exploring notion of family in 21st century, through Jan. 5; opening reception for fall exhibitions Friday, Sept. 20, 6 to 8 p.m.; gallery admission free. Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover. Gallery hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.; 978-749-4000. www.andover.edu/museums/addison/Pages/default.aspx.

ALPERS FINE ART, "THIS to THAT," gallery's opening exhibit, 96 Main St., Andover. 978-760-1829, www.alpersfineartonline.com.

ART IN THE PARK, Andovers Artists Guild's annual show and sale featuring works by area artists, Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; rain date Sunday, Sept. 22; The Park, Chestnut and Bartlett streets; free admission/parking; www.andoversartistsguild.com/page/2013ArtinthePark.

BENEFIT

YMCA FUNDRAISER, "Fall Into Adelante," second annual Adelante Education Center Scholarship Fundraising Dinner hosted by Merrimack Valley YMCA, Saturday, Sept. 28, 6 p.m., Indian Ridge Country Club, 73 Lovejoy Road, Andover; tickets \$100; Kate Rozzi, 978-725-6681, krozzimvymca.org.

LECTURE

CUBAN AUTHOR, Poet Richard Blanco, a Cuban-American author, presents "Becoming an American," Tuesday, Sept. 24, 8:45 to 10 a.m., part of Northern Essex Community College's White Fund Lecture Series, Lawrence High School, 70-71 North Parish Road; free; Martha Leavitt, mleavitt@necc.mass.edu.

TO CATCH A THIEF, Anthony Amore, art crime expert and director of security at Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, discusses famous art crimes Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; 978-623-8401.

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A familiar ring with Mistral

New name, but same sound for Andover Chamber Music

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It's a year of change — sort of — for a popular local chamber music group.

Andover Chamber Music, which has been bringing “unstuffy, unpredictable and unmatched” concerts with internationally renowned musicians to the Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston since 1997 — has removed Andover from its name, literally and figuratively, and has taken on the moniker Mistral.

The local couple who founded Andover Chamber Music — flutist Julie Scolnik and her husband, Michael Brower — sold their house on South Main Street this summer and have relocated to Brookline.

But their departure from Andover is only part of the reason for the name change.

Scolnik, who serves as the group's artistic director, said the main impetus for the new identity is that the group wants to reach a broader audience.

“Our Andover-based audience loves us, but as we are building a following in Boston and other towns, we and the board of directors feel a different name helps support this goal,” Brower, the group's executive director, added in an email.

Scolnik said Mistral was chosen as the new name because it is the notorious penetrating wind that blows in the south of France where she summers. She connects the word to chamber music.

“I like to think of our ensemble as a fresh wind blowing through chamber music,” she wrote.

While a new name may seem like a big change to many, Scolnik said, her group already had been using the Mistral title for its ensemble-in-residence when it performed with the core group of musicians, especially when they were appearing outside of Andover. Making the distinction between the two groups



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Julie Scolnik, artistic director for Mistral, formerly Andover Chamber Music, serves up cake at a garden party to thank supporters last weekend in Andover. Scolnik and her husband, Michael Brower, have moved to Brookline, but their chamber music group will continue to perform in greater Andover, where it got its start.

became confusing, she said.

But more importantly, she said, the transition to Mistral is aimed at better reflecting the stature of the choral group. In addition to performing locally, the chamber group has begun repeating most of its concerts in the Boston area at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brookline.

“I cannot tell you how many people wrote me letters telling me that, because of the ‘Andover’ in our name, they had no idea the caliber of music was world class, that our musicians hailed from Marlboro and Lincoln Center and Jordan Hall,” Scolnik wrote. “... They just assumed that it was a local organization for a small-town series. After years of hearing that the name made us sound provincial, we knew we had to make a change.”

The Scolniks and Mistral aren't leaving greater Andover behind for good though.

The group kicks off its new season on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Rogers Center for the



Courtesy photo

Grammy Award-winning violist Kim Kashkashian joins Mistral for its season-opener.

Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover. *See related story.*

While Scolnik and Brower say they will miss Andover, they feel being in Brookline will allow them to be closer to their children, who both graduated from Phillips Academy.

Son Sasha is a freshman in the dual-degree program of Harvard University and New England Conservatory and daughter Sophie has begun



Courtesy photo

Mistral has enlisted Latin Grammy Award-winning pianist Pablo Ziegler for “A Night of Modern Tangos.”

her master's program in piano at NEC

“While I was unpacking what seemed like 1,000 boxes, they kept me company by rehearsing a program together that they were performing that night,” Scolnik said in her email. “They will continue to play a lot together in their various musical endeavors.”

Up ahead: A globe-trotting season

IF YOU GO

Who: Mistral, formerly Andover Chamber Music
What: “A Night of Modern Tangos with Pablo Ziegler”
When: Saturday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover
Cost: Tickets \$30, \$25 seniors, students free with ID
Information: www.AndoverChamberMusic.org

Scolnik on flute.

The series continues Nov. 3 with “America the Beautiful” featuring a range of works by American composers, from Samuel Barber's lyrical “Dover Beach” for baritone and string quartet to popular songs by George Gershwin and Cole Porter, some forgotten works of 19th century African-American pianist “Blind Tom” Wiggins, and culminating in a lively piece by Bruce Adolphe titled “Tough Turkey in the Big City” for ensemble and narrator.

February's annual Valentine Concert on Feb. 7 and 9 — “Viennoiseries!” — will present masterpieces from Vienna, the center of the musical world for nearly two centuries. The program will include Schoenberg's tonal masterpiece, “Verklarte Nacht” (Transfigured Night), and works by Schubert and Mozart.

The season finale on April 4 and 6 is titled “The Orient Express,” with works by Eastern European composers such as Dvorka, Enescu, Suk and Bartok that evoke the folk tunes and dances of Bohemia.

Art in The Park readies to paint the town

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff writer

The popular Art in the Park once again fills The Park at Chestnut and Barlet streets with some dazzling works of creativity this Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some 50 artists are taking part in the Andovers Artists Guild's annual event, which will feature a range of work, including paintings in all mediums, photography and more, said Robert Crooker of Wakefield, who is handling publicity this year.

Be sure to stop by space 108. Ten-year-old Grace Cohen of Andover, a budding photographer, will be there with her mother, Deb Cohen, selling her own postcards depicting nature scenes. Grace's mother and grandmother are both cancer survivors and the young girl is selling the postcards to raise money for the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and treatment programs.

Kaveh Mojtabai founder and publisher of Artscope, a New England cultural magazine, and Charlotte



FILE PHOTO

Jacqueline Cunningham of Atkinson, N.H., moves one of her oil-on-canvas paintings during last year's Art in the Park. Cunningham will be back in town Saturday for this year's show.

Wharton, an internationally known artist, teacher and author of “The Language of Energy in Art: Finding Your Vision,” will judge the show in special artistic categories for cash awards.

Art in the Park is Andovers Artists Guild's major fundraiser, with the registration proceeds from participating artists going to support the greater Merrimack Valley group's scholarship program. Every

May, scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who will be continuing their education in art, either at college or art school. Andover High graduate Sarah Blasi and North Andover High's Matthew Emmons were last year's recipients.

Admission to the fair is free. The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 22. For more, visit www.andoversartistsguild.com.

Andover Choral Society sings in new director

The Andover Choral Society launches its 85th season next week with a new music director at its helm.

Michael Driscoll, who has served as music director of Boston's Saengerfest Men's Chorus and has been a guest conductor with Chorus pro Musica, has assumed the baton for the choral group.

Driscoll is currently the director of choirs at Brookline High School, president of the Massachusetts chapter of the American Choral Directors Association and a doctoral candidate in choral conducting at Boston University.

New members are invited to join the Andover Choral Society for its new season. Rehearsals are set to begin Monday, Sept. 23, from 7:20 to 9:30 p.m. at



Courtesy photo

Michael Driscoll is the new music director of the Andover Choral Society.

Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover. All voice parts are welcome.

Past performances by the group have included Brahms' “German Requiem,” Orff's “Carmina Burana,” Verdi's

“Messa da Requiem,” Haydn's “The Seasons and Creation,” Handel's “Messiah,” Mendelssohn's “Elijah” and works by Bach, Beethoven and other masters.

This year's winter concert will be held on Sunday, Jan. 26, at Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover and will feature Mozart's “Requiem” with full orchestra. The spring concert — “Simple Gifts — Our American Musical Heritage” — will showcase the music of Aaron Copeland and other noted American composers.

The Andover Choral Society is sponsored in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For more information, call 603-893-5636 or email info@andoverchoralsociety.org.

Gather around the campfire for Autumnal Equinox Celebration

The start of school may have signaled the end of summer for many. But this weekend it becomes fact with fall's official arrival.

The Shawsheen River Watershed Association will mark the occasion with its third annual Autumnal Equinox Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Poms Pond Recreation Area on Abbot Road in Andover.

The event will include a short program on astronomy and the history and culture of the equinox. There will be boating on Poms Pond. Boats and gear will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; people can also bring their own boats. Joe's Garage will supply

the music and a campfire will be roaring for ambiance and for cooking s'mores and toasting marshmallows. People should supply their own food.

The playground will be open for enjoyment. However, the beach is closed and there will be no public swimming.

The association will be repeating the “hazelnut relationship predictor” tradition that began last year.

According to Bob Rauseo of the Shawsheen River Watershed Association, the tradition plays on the annual harvest of hazelnuts, which ripen and are usually picked at the equinox.

The story goes that a young couple would take two

hazelnuts and place them close together in the hot coals of a fire.

If the hazelnuts burned down evenly and slowly, it was a sign of a long, happy relationship.

If the hazelnuts sputtered, cracked open and split apart, the couple's future seemed less bright.

Rauseo says that most of the couples who tried the tradition last year had been together for 20 to 55 years, so the outcome was somewhat moot.

Saturday's Autumnal Equinox Celebration is open free to the public.

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O'Donnell - Lamontagne

Richard and Jane O'Donnell of North Andover, MA along with Leo and Deborah Lamontagne of Lawrence, MA proudly announce the engagement of their children, Meghan Julia and Leo Joseph III.

Meghan is a 2008 graduate of St. Anselm College, and is employed at Koya Leadership Partners in Newburyport, MA as well as Center for the Performing Arts in North Andover, MA.

Leo is a 2005 graduate of Northwestern University and is employed at KForce in Burlington, MA as well as North Andover School of Dance in North Andover, MA.

Meghan and Leo reside in North Andover, MA with their Yorkie, Theodore. A May 2014 destination wedding is planned in Captiva Island, Florida.

Townspeople

Troop 77 fetes newest Eagle Scouts



Ben Keffer at the trailhead kiosk he completed for the Hammond and Harold Rafton reservations as his Eagle project.

Boy Scout Troop 77, West Parish of Andover, recently inducted two new Eagle Scouts: Ben Keffer and Matthew Byrne.

The two young men both made informational kiosks for local trailheads as their Eagle projects. Byrne built two kiosks at the beginning of Indian Reservation and Keffer constructed a kiosk that will serve two tracts of public land — The Hammond and Harold Rafton reservations.

The kiosks, which were made on behalf of Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS) and the Andover Conservation Commission,

will hold maps, information and announcements.

In order for a young man to reach the Eagle rank, he must “plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school or the community.”

Keffer and Byrne both received help in constructing their kiosks from troop members, friends and family. They also received donations in the form of materials, construction sites and pizza.

On their paths to Eagle, both young men previously worked on several Eagle projects for other members of their troop.



Eagle Scout Matt Byrne with one of the two kiosks he built at the beginning of Indian Reservation.

Volunteer medical reserve corps at the ready

Local health departments are celebrating National Preparedness Month this September and reminding people that one way they can prepare for an emergency is to volunteer to help address public health needs through the Citizen Corps Program.

Locally, public health departments depend on the Andover-based Greater River Valley Medical Reserve Corps in both emergency and non-emergency situations. One of 46 units statewide, the local corps serves Andover as well as North Andover, Methuen, Lawrence, Wilmington, North Reading and Lynnfield.

The unit participates in local health programs by assisting at public health clinics, staffing first aid stations at various community events and aiding in emergencies anywhere it is needed.

Volunteers for the GRV MRC come from both medical and non-medical professions. Members include nurses, pharmacists, health educators and other medical professionals who can provide direct care during an emergency as well as citizens with no medical background but a desire to serve others who can help support patient registration,

transport materials and assist with the diverse needs that can arise during a disaster.

Area health boards have been working on emergency management plans that include infectious disease emergencies and natural disasters. Officials say the corps' pre-credentialed, pre-trained volunteers are an integral part of emergency response. Without them, health officials say emergency support services would have a difficult time providing for a medical surge and outreach during a large-scale crisis.

The MRC was extensively used during the H1N1 Flu outbreak in 2009 and 2010 to staff dozens of flu clinics in the region. Chances are the people working public flu clinics this season are also volunteers who deserve the community's thanks.

Training sessions are available for volunteers, who can accept or decline a deployment as they choose.

For more information on the Greater River Valley Medical Reserve Corps, visit <http://andoverma.gov/health/reserve.php> or contact coordinator Dave Nichols at grvmrc@gmail.com.



Andover selectmen Alex Vispoli, chairman, second from right, and Paul Salafia, right, enjoy a sparkling water toast at the North Andover town line marker on Route 133 with, from left, Ann Cubleigh of the League of Women Voters and North Andover selectmen Rosemary Smedile and Dick Vaillancourt as part of Saturday's ceremonial perambulation.

Town border in order? We'll drink to that!

If you had any doubts, rest assured. The town boundary between Andover and North Andover is in proper order — at least for the next five years.

Andover town leaders joined their counterparts in North Andover over the weekend in carrying out their obligations under a 19th century state law to perambulate — or inspect — the shared border between the two communities every five years.

The Saturday meeting at the town line included a ceremonial painting of the

granite marker with the year of the perambulation and initials of both communities.

The granite marker is close to the sign identifying the town border — on Route 133/Haverhill Street between the YMCA and Route 114.

In keeping with tradition, the outing included a spirited sparkling water toast to a successful meeting at the town bounds.

Had they not fulfilled their duties under the 1896 law, selectmen would have risked a nominal fine, Andover selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said.



From left, North Andover Selectmen Rosemary Smedile and Dick Vaillancourt meet up with Andover Selectmen Alex Vispoli and Paul Salafia at the town line marker on Route 133 during Saturday's ceremonial perambulation.



Town officials repainted the "A" for Andover on the granite marker at the Andover-North Andover town border on Route 133 and added the year "13" to signify the completion of the perambulation.



Selectman Paul Salafia watches as board Chairman Alex paints the year "13" on the granite marker at the Andover-North Andover town border during Saturday's ceremonial outing.

TOWNSPET OF THE WEEK: LUCY

Ten-month-old Lucy is more than just a pretty face. The yellow Labrador retriever is training to compete in agility with her owner, Nicholas Carleton of County Road. Last month, they competed in their first dock diving competition at the Hopkinton State Fair. Lucy jumped 19 feet, 9 inches on her first dive and took first place. She also had the longest dive for the day in her division. Carleton also has a black Labrador retriever, Sophie, that he has been competing in agility with for the past five years.



Week. The honor is open to all types of pets. Submissions with a photo can be sent to townsm@andovertownsm.com.

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The Quakers among us: 17th and 18th centuries



Andover Stories

Kimberly Whitworth
Andover Historical Society

The Quaker faith is not the first thing that comes to mind when you look out over Andover's hills and view the many weather vane-topped church steeples dotting the landscape. Andover, along with most of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, was founded by English Puritans. North Parish Church — as well as other churches throughout Andover and North Andover — traces its roots to the Puritans who arrived during the Great Migration of the 1630s and settled the town. And within these Puritan communities, Quakers were present.

The story of Quakers among the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay is not one of



Courtesy photo

Simon Bradstreet

acceptance and harmony. During the 17th century, both the Quaker and Puritan movements emerged in rejection of the Church of England. But this is where similarities in the two religions end.

Quakers professed tolerance and peace toward all, believing that God could speak to people directly. In contrast, Puritans believed the Bible supplied all

religious authority. This led Puritans to strive for conformity in their communities, permitting no other religious groups within the borders of Massachusetts Bay.

Quakers began arriving in Massachusetts Bay during the 1650s. They challenged the established order, interrupting church services by shouting their disagreements with Puritan ideology. According to published

accounts, one Quaker woman, Lydia Wardell, took her protest so far as to fully disrobe during services in Newbury while another Quaker woman, Deborah Buffam Wilson, protested in a similar fashion by walking naked through the streets of Salem.

During this time, a number of Quakers began settling in Salem. While the Quakers in Boston seemed far away from Andover, their presence in Salem felt alarmingly close to home.

Massachusetts Bay leaders acted quickly and passed a law against the "cursed sect," banning Quakers from the colony. This law also imposed fines against anyone bringing a Quaker to the colony and proscribed corporeal punishment against any Quaker who returned to the colony after banishment.

The first members of North Parish Church agreed with the law enacted in 1657. Andover's early congregation believed in religious conformity and saw toleration to be evidence of a lack of faith.

Historians and writers generally view Simon and Anne Bradstreet as moderate in their views, with Simon Bradstreet often described as a "just and benevolent leader." Nevertheless, even though no Quakers disturbed the peace in Andover, some of the church's members were prominent in Quaker persecutions, especially Simon Bradstreet in his capacity as magistrate.

Records show that at "... court in Ipswich, and in the ministerial councils at Newbury, he was zealous against offenders." Bradstreet's most notable persecution was that of Nicholas Phelps, a Salem resident whose descendants later settled in Andover.

Over time, Puritans accepted the presence of Quakers, but they remained a minority in Essex County. The most notable Quaker living in Andover during the 18th century was a man named Thomas Houghton. Houghton left a wealth of

letters, some of which are housed at the Andover Historical Society. From these letters and others, we learn he emigrated from England after his paper manufacturing business failed due to a lawsuit over what he considered an unjust tax on his product.

He arrived in Andover around 1789, finding employment at a new paper mill being set up on the "Shawshin River" by Judge Samuel Phillips. Phillips did not take an active role in the business, trusting the running of it to Houghton.

Houghton's letters speak of his economical and moral habits, both of which find their origins in Quaker teaching. It is clear he applied these teachings to his work life because the paper mill became a profitable concern within a few years. By 1795, Phillips brought Houghton on as a partner. Houghton's son eventually succeeded him in the business.

Next Week: *The Quakers among us: 19th and 20th centuries*

WHAT'S HAPPENING: THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, is gearing up for an open house next week in celebration of Senior Center Month.

The event is set for Friday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will feature an expanded schedule of activities. Many of the groups based at the center will be represented, and all are welcoming new members.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with a complimentary continental breakfast with legislative forum hosted by the Council on Aging advisory board.

The TRIAD group hosts Fire Chief Mike Mansfield in a "lock box" forum at 10:30 a.m. There will be a buffet lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$4, and advance purchase is required.

The open house concludes with an emergency preparedness forum at 1 p.m.

Here are some of the other upcoming activities at the center this month:

Men's Breakfast: The Vietnam War: Friday, Sept. 20, 8:30

to 10 a.m. First Lt. Joseph Leone, a highly decorated veteran, highlights the daily life of infantrymen in Vietnam; \$4.

Dinner Show: Lunatic, Lover and Poet – Shakespeare's Greatest Hits: Saturday, Sept. 21, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Richard Clark, a 25-year veteran of television and stage, showcases some of the most memorable moments in dramatic literature from the great wordsmith. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council and includes a full roast beef dinner plus show; \$10.

Retirement on the Line: Age, Work and Value in an American Century: Monday, Sept. 23, 1:30 p.m. Anthropologist Caitrin Lynch explores the value and meaning of work for seniors and the consequences for a society that devalues aging and employment; program includes a documentary film screening; \$3.

Fiction Writing Basics: Wednesdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and 9, and



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The Center at Punchard kicked off Senior Center Month on Sept. 9 with a cookout and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newly renovated kitchen. On hand for the ceremony were, from left, Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, Elder Services Director Kathy Urquhart; Frank Melendez, nutrition program coordinator; Ed Ataide, acting director, plant and facilities; and Don Robb, co-chairman of the Council on Aging.

Nov. 6, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Focusing on short stories, the class will study the art and craft of fiction while examining the tools and techniques useful in writing original works, \$12.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is

required. The Center at Punchard is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check the center's newsletter or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

Salute to good health from Andover Chroniclers

"There's Something at home. About Andover" continues its salute to good health this month with an overview of yoga.

Pat Dumont talks about the benefits of this ancient form of fitness and also shows how yoga can be adapted as one ages, including ways to customize poses to account for any limitations one may experience.

The other half of the TV program features a report from France by Evelyn Retell.

In October, look for a discussion on "Historical Costumes & Dress" with the Andover Historical Society. Next month will also include a discussion on reverse mortgages with H.O.M.E. as part of the show's continuing conversation on options for elders who wish to age

The shows air Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. on Comcast Channel 8 and Verizon Channel 47.

They are produced by the Andover Chroniclers, an all-volunteer group of seniors from the Center at Punchard. The group welcomes new members; prior experience is not necessary. Anyone who might be interested in any aspect of video production from planning to taping can email seniorcenter@andoverma.gov with the subject line Skip Wilkins.

To learn more about the group and watch previous shows, visit www.andovercenter.org/programs-activities/groups/andover-chroniclers.

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Business

Foundation gives \$300K boost Merrimack Valley Sandbox awards top entrepreneurs

Merrimack Valley Sandbox, funded by an Andover couple's foundation, doled out \$30,000 last week to the top entrepreneurs in the 2013 Sandbox Summer Accelerator Awards Ceremony at the Everett Mills in Lawrence.

The event marked the conclusion of the Sandbox Summer Accelerator, a three-month program that helped 16 early-stage entrepreneurs move their businesses and nonprofits forward through workshops, mentor assistance, space and funding.

Stephen Kaufer, co-founder and CEO of TripAdvisor, gave the evening's keynote speech.

Erin Freeborn of Newton, with Juvenile Court Restorative Justice Diversion, Inc, a nonprofit that works with juvenile offenders in Lowell, won the evening's top prize of \$8,000. Freeborn says the funding will help her organization increase its caseload and aid more Middlesex County juveniles.

Other prize winners were Aaron Burke and Russ Queen of Hamilton with Paraware, LLC, a device that tracks the wear of running shoes, \$6,000; Leslie Rivera, formerly of Lowell with Little Leaders family child care that supports healthy growth and development for children in Lawrence,



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Gururaj "Desh" Deshpande, right, and his wife, Jaishree Deshpande, third from left, with, from left, David Parker of Merrimack Valley Sandbox, Will Andronico of Moody, Famiglietti & Andronico, top award winner Erin Freeborn of Juvenile Court Restorative Justice Diversion and keynote speaker Stephen Kaufer of TripAdvisor at the 2013 Sandbox Summer Accelerator Awards Ceremony.

\$5,000; Lowell native Ron Ayotte with I4class, a web-based learning system, \$5,000; Greg Page of Lowell with Merrimack Analysis Group, which conducts online security presentations and seminars, \$3,000; and Lucky Henry of North Andover with College Power, a marketing and advertising agency to help attract more college student customers, \$3,000.

Also, Brad Durbin of North Hampton, N.H., received \$5,000 in legal

services from Edwards Wildman law firm for Uber-simple, a software company that has developed "AppPack" mobile app and website to promote referrals in the mortgage and real estate industry, and Marcia Strauss of Chelmsford won access to Sandbox space for six months for Lowell Naturalization and Citizenship Services, a test preparation program for immigrants.

Merrimack Valley Sandbox is an initiative designed to

strengthen the ecosystem in Lowell and Lawrence around entrepreneurship and leadership. It is funded by the Deshpande Foundation led by Andover residents Gururaj "Desh" and Jaishree Deshpande, who have encouraged the use of entrepreneurship and innovation as catalysts for sustainable change in the U.S., India and Canada since 1996.

For more information, visit www.MVSandbox.org or www.DeshpandeFoundation.org.

An order of status quo

Restroom stands in way of more seating for Ultimate Perk

By BILL KIRK
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Chris Clemente said.

But when the business applied for the additional outdoor seats earlier this year, Clemente said it triggered a state review, which resulted in a denial of the variance.

Down the street, Fisichelli's bakery, which recently opened, was not allowed to put in any seats — either inside or outside — because it doesn't have a bathroom, Clemente said.

"(Fisichelli's) decided to eliminate seats inside so they didn't have to install a bathroom," he said.

Clemente said if the Hadads maintain the same number of seats they have always had, they can continue to operate without a restroom.

Town Clerk Larry Murphy said while the Hadads can have a total of five tables and 10 chairs altogether, they can only put four tables and eight chairs outside at any given time, per their license.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Dave Brown recommended that going forward, the town install public seating areas along Main Street so that people can take their coffee and sit where they like. Selectmen liked that idea, but said that in the meantime, the Hadads are in compliance.

Ultimate Perk was always grandfathered for lack of a bathroom," Building Inspector

Northeast Document Conservation Center wins \$23,200 state grant

The Northeast Document Conservation Center in Brickstone Square in Andover has received a \$23,200 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council through its Cultural Investment Portfolio program.

The funds will help support the center's mission to serve museums, archives, libraries, historical societies, town clerk offices and other collection-holding organizations, as well as private and family collectors in

Massachusetts.

The conservation center offers book and paper conservation treatment, digital imaging, assessments and consultations, and educational programs on the care and preservation

of paper-based collections for institutions as well as individuals.

The primary purpose of the Cultural Investment Portfolio program is to strengthen the cultural sector as a whole. Officials say

it's designed not as a traditional grant program, but as a partnership that will better position the cultural sector as vital components of Massachusetts' economy and the quality of life for citizens. The Massachusetts

Cultural Council invests about \$3.4 million in about 400 organizations annually through the program.

For more on the Northeast Document Conservation Center, visit www.nedcc.org.



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Sports

Bakhtyari, volleyball start season with a bang

VOLLEYBALL

Azita Bakhtyari tallied 14 aces and 16 assists to help Andover roll over Hamilton-Wenham 25-7, 25-7, 25-7 on Monday. **Chelsea Hu** recorded seven kills for the winners.

Madelyn Reppucci and **Rachel Schnakenberg** each notched four blocks to help Andover past Chelmsford 25-17, 25-11, 25-8 Sept. 13, Sept. 13. **Sarah Kenyon** chipped in with 10 service points for the winners.

Azita Bakhtyari scored team highs in service points (14), aces (9) and assists (28) as Andover topped Dracut 25-7, 25-7, 25-12 Sept. 11. **Chelsea Hu** added 10 kills and **Rachel Schnakenberg** chipped in with seven blocks for the winners.

SWIMMING

Kim wins three

Soojin Kim won the 200 freestyle (2:02.35), the 100 freestyle (56.95) and swam on the winning 400 freestyle relay as Andover beat Methuen 96-85 Sept. 12. **Maeve Awiszus** added a victory in the 500 freestyle, swam on the 200 medley relay and joined **Kim**, **Nikole Rudis** and **Alison Murtagh** on the 400 freestyle relay and **Jen Manning** won the 100 backstroke for the Warriors.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Galat earns gold

Max Galat placed first overall in 17:34 to help Andover beat North Andover 23-32 on Sept. 13. **Tommy Kalantzakos** (fourth) and **Rob Perry** (fifth) added top-five finishes for the winners.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Aruri leads victory

Leila Aruri was first overall in 19:51 and **Sarah Rothmann** took fourth in 20:29 as Andover edged North Andover 27-30 Sept. 13.

GIRLS SOCCER

Alois stays hot

Veronica Alois continued to surge with two goals and an assist to lead Andover past Danvers 3-1 Sept. 11. **Courtney Grygiel** added the other goal and **Emily Wilson** made six saves for the winners.

FIELD HOCKEY

LeBlanc, Warriors tie

Julia LeBlanc scored off an assist from **Georgina Christopoulos** as Andover played Chelmsford to a 1-1 tie Sept. 11. **Nicole Schena** made 12 saves for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS SOCCER

Forster, Kelly net two

Ray Forster scored two goals as Andover downed Lawrence 4-0 Sept. 10. **Sam Kelly** added two goals and assisted on another while **Mike Weber** made eight saves for the shutout.

Despite 11 saves for **Mike Weber**, Andover lost to Somerville 5-0 Sept. 12.

GOLF

Krekorian takes win

Brett Krekorian scored a 4-3 victory in the No. 1 spot, but Andover fell to North Andover 12-8 on Sept. 10. **Tim Awiszus** and **Mark Nardone** also took wins for the Warriors.

Kellen McAuliffe earned a win, but Andover lost to Haverhill 13-6 on Monday.

TWO IS BETTER THAN ONE



DAVID WILLIS/Staff photo

Identical twins Sam, left, and Matt Kelly are both standouts for the Andover High soccer team. Sam is a striker and Matt is a defensive player.

Identical Kelly twins play key role for boys soccer team

BY DAVID WILLIS
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For opponents, there are times it seems that Kelly kid is everywhere for the Andover boys soccer team.

One minute, the captain with short blond hair is playing deep in the defensive end; the next minute, he is firing a shot on goal on the offensive end.

Then it clicks in. "A lot of people will say, 'Wow, that kid is all over the field,'" Matt Kelly said. "Then, by the end of the game, they figure it out and come over and say, 'I didn't know you had a twin.'"

The reason it seems that Kelly is in two places at once on the pitch is because they are. But the Andover co-captains understand the mistake.

Identical twins Sam and Matt Kelly both lead the Golden Warriors soccer team, with Matt a force on defense and Sam a go-to striker who entered the week with a pair of goals already this season.

"People joke with us a lot that it isn't fair because we know what the other is thinking" Sam said, laughing. "But we really do have a special connection. He is a little more disciplined on the field and I am a little more creative, but overall we are very similar players. And we look pretty similar, too."

Similar does not begin to describe the pair, who look

exactly the same outside of a mole on the left side of Matt's face ("I tell people mole equals Matt" Sam said.) But for Andover coach Jim Saalfrank, a little mistaken identity is a small price to pay to have the standout twins on his team.

"Those two are tenacious on the field," the coach said. "They are also born leaders. They will do anything it takes to make our team better, and that's something you can't teach."

"But I still can't tell them apart. The numbers during games help an awful lot." Growing up in Andover, the Kellys — who often wear different color clothes to make it easier to tell them apart — played nearly every sport for a time.

"My dad was a basketball player (at Winthrop High) and always pushed us to be athletic," Sam said. "He wanted us to play basketball and we did for a while, along with baseball. But we both fell in love with soccer and made our own way."

Even from their early days in youth soccer, Matt seemed more drawn to the defensive end and Sam more attracted to offense.

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Matt Kelly

"People have always been amazed we are on the same team and play different positions," Matt said. "He has always been more offensive and I am more a defender. I like to stay disciplined and he will roam around and go after the ball. But we both love soccer."

The twins both made the Andover High varsity team last season, but their time on the field together was cut short after just five games.

"During a game, someone pushed me from behind," Sam said. "I hyperextended my back forward. At first, I thought it was just muscles, but then I went to the doctor and found out it was much more serious."

Sam had suffered a stress fracture of his lumbar spine and was done for the season, missing the final 16 games.

"It was rough standing on the sidelines or sitting on the bench and watching my teammates play," he said. "I felt like I could be performing and helping them. It was really crushing. I didn't need surgery, but I had to wear a plastic back brace for four months. It was very stiff and very hot and presses down on your pressure points. At

first, I thought I may be able to come back late in the season, but the doctors said no."

After nearly a full year of rehab, Sam returned with a bang last week when he scored two goals and assisted on another in a victory over Lawrence.

"Coming off the injury, it was just unbelievable," he said. "And my first home game, hearing my name called out by the announcer was great."

Now reunited on the field, the twins are busy supporting one another and enjoying the inevitable sibling rivalry.

"Yeah, we compete," Matt said. "In school when we are in the same classes, we are always saying, 'I bet I'm going to get the better grade.' Or when we are shooting around, we are always trying to top each other with trick shots."

When the decision for captains came up, Saalfrank knew that there was no decision.

"When we were talking about captains, and the traits of being a leader like character and leadership, I knew I couldn't choose just one," Saalfrank said. "They both embodied those traits, so I knew I had to choose both."

The two now have their eyes set on a big year for the Andover soccer team.

"I feel like this is a team that has the talent and chemistry to have a really good season," Sam said. "I feel like we can compete."

Eikenberry stars, but Warriors fall to BC High in OT

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Will Eikenberry did everything and more.

He even earned the ultimate compliment from his coach.

"Will played the best defensive game that I have ever seen for an Andover player," Andover head coach E.J. Perry said last week.

But despite Eikenberry's best efforts, the Golden Warriors lost to BC High 16-10 in overtime last Thursday, Sept. 12.

"Will is truly one of the best players in the state," Perry said. "I couldn't believe how well he played. He almost willed us to a victory making all those tackles and the interception in a time we really needed it."

In his second game back

with the Golden Warriors after a year focusing on lacrosse at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, N.H., Eikenberry terrorized the BC High offense.

The senior linebacker turned in a team-high 16 tackles. He caused three fumbles, one of which set up a Ryan Payne field goal; recovered another fumble and grabbed an interception and returned it 45 yards for the Warriors' lone TD of the day with 4:46 left in the game.

"I thought our quarterback (Sean Holleran) was playing about a perfect game," Eagles coach Joe Gaff said. "But (Eikenberry) made a heck of a play on that interception. That kid — No. 2 (Eikenberry) — is very, very good."

He was not alone in the

defensive effort. Linebacker Brendan Slattery made 12 tackles and recovered an on-sides kick and Christopher Nicholas added an interception.

The Warriors struggled to find consistency on offense, committing three turnovers and twice turning the ball over on downs. Running back Jack Sylvester did rush for 95 yards on 16 carries, but he was still noticeably slowed by the sprained ankle that kept him out of Week 1's victory over North Andover.

"Jack played a heck of a game and the team showed tremendous heart," Perry said. "But we have some things we need to work on."

The Golden Warriors are off this weekend before taking on archrival Central Catholic next Friday, Sept. 27.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover players celebrate their only touchdown made by Will Eikenberry with less than five minutes to go in last week's game, which saw the Golden Warriors come up short in overtime against B.C. High, 16-10.



When a loss is a win

Perry clan has family gathering at Navy-Delaware game

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Losing in the Perry household has never been a reason to hold a party, particularly when a family member is on the wrong end of a 51-7 game.

But on Saturday, in Annapolis, Md., the loss was, well, a loss, and the festive, family atmosphere eventually won out.

Two dozen members of the Perry family made the weekend trip to see former Andover great John Perry's football team, the University of Delaware Blue Hens, and meet up with relatives. John Perry is an offensive assistant coach for Delaware.

Brother E.J. Perry — Andover High's football coach — was there with his wife and two sons. So were the three other Perry brothers — Tim, James and Matt.

The trip was a memorable one to say the least.

"It was one of the most picturesque scenes in college football at the Naval Academy," E.J. Perry, the oldest of his brothers, said.

"It was amazing to see the plebes file into the stadium. They actually marched. Then they all had a place on the football field designated to stand. It was amazing to watch."

Coach E.J. Perry's Andover High team, which lost to B.C. High in an overtime heartbreaker last Thursday night, doesn't



Courtesy photo

The Perry clan, most of whom is based out of Andover, gathered in Annapolis, Md., last Saturday for the Navy-University of Delaware football game. Former Andover great John Perry is an offensive assistant coach for Delaware. Shown here just outside Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, are, back row from left, Abby Perry, James Perry, Barbara Perry, Tim Perry, Kathleen Perry, Len Slosek, E.J. Perry, Opie Owen, Matt Perry holding Matthew Jr., Caitlin Perry and Julia Perry; and, front row from left, Elizabeth Perry, Caroline Perry, Nate Perry, Jennifer Perry and Karen Slosek. Wondering where the second-generation Perry boys are? They were off throwing the football on the field.

play again until Sept. 27 against Central Catholic. Coincidentally, his brother James, a coach at Princeton, is off until next week, too, thus allowing for this big family trip.

Last Friday, E.J.'s son, E.J. IV, played in a JV game at B.C. High — he threw for two TDs and ran for another in a 26-20 loss. Following the game, the family left for Annapolis straight from South Boston.

But they made a pit stop in New Jersey. Brother James called and said his Princeton team was doing some film work

last Saturday morning and that he would show young E.J. "how to watch a real football practice." So they dropped young E.J. off at Princeton at about 11 p.m. on Friday and let him ride with his uncle to Annapolis.

"We stayed at my brother John's house late Friday night and in the morning, we headed to Annapolis to get our tailgate spot, which was mint, right across from the entrance gate to the stadium," E.J. said. "We tailgated for three hours and entered with the other 36,000 fans."

While Navy looked like a "bowl team," what impressed E.J. most was what happened after the game.

"The sportsmanship after the game was awesome," E.J. said. "Both teams, Delaware and Navy, stood in front of the cadets and sang the Navy fight song together. It was like karaoke — the big screen showed the words while everybody sang. Before the game was just as impressive as the cadets sang the national anthem a cappella style. It was amazing."

"The best part was my mom and dad were in their glory even through a devastating loss," E.J. said. "We then went to Gibson Island and although we weren't celebrating victory — we were celebrating life. It was great to be together with everyone, which is harder to do these days."

As for John and his wife, Jennifer, it was a weekend they won't forget.

"Despite the outcome of the game, John had a smile on his face at the end of the day being surrounded by our family," Jennifer Kelly said. "It means so much to us to have their support."

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



SENIOR MAX GALAT

Max is a senior quad-captain for the Andover High cross-country team and its No. 1 runner. Last week, as the Golden Warriors hosted a talented North Andover squad bolstered by two talented transfers plus a strong group of returning runners, Max battled against his top two competitors for the lead for about 2 miles. With a strong push over the last mile, Max was able to pull away and take the victory. From coach Leo Lafond: "In a meet where every position was important, Max's first-place finish was one of the keys to the victory." As a bonus, Max is a member of the National Honor Society, too.

Dedication ceremony



Courtesy photo

Andover High football player Mitch Stevens and his mother, Deb, cut the ribbon at the dedication of the Peter Stevens Weight Room before last week's game. It is dedicated to Mitch Stevens' father, Peter, who passed away tragically last winter.



SENIOR SOOJIN KIM

Soojin is a senior quad captain and has already started her season off with three state qualifying times in her first two meets. She has qualified in the 200-yard freestyle (2:02.35), 200-yard individual medley (2:18.21) and 100-yard freestyle (56.95). From Coach Marilyn Fitzgerald: "Soojin is a great leader and has set the pace for the rest of the team as they seek their 14th state championship in 15 years."

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Payne proving a key addition at kicker for Golden Warriors

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Two field goals and a game-winning extra point are a career stat line for many high school kickers.

Andover's Ryan Payne accomplished that in his first ever varsity game, then added another crucial field goal in his second game as Golden Warrior kicker.

Not a bad way to start a varsity career.

"I never could have imagined that this would happen to me," said Payne. "I feel so lucky that I had the opportunity and made it count. I never thought I would have the chance to win a game for the team."

In the Andover football opener this season, Payne became the most unlikely of Andover football heroes when he booted the extra point — his fifth made kick in five tries including the game-tying point — that was the winning margin in the Golden Warriors' overtime victory over North Andover.

Then, a week later, his 27-yard field goal helped Andover take BC High to overtime.

It was the culmination of an unusual journey for a senior who had never

appeared in a varsity game, did not even play football as a junior, and did not solidify his spot as varsity kicker until late in camp.

"After taking a year off, you wonder if he is ready in the first game," said Andover coach E.J. Perry. "The first one was the biggest. It was a tough kick and he put it right through the uprights. He proved he had ice water in his veins."

A soccer player as a youngster in San Diego, Payne made the transition to football when he moved to Andover in the third grade. Immediately, he was drawn to kicking.

"After playing soccer, I thought I could kick," he said. "I kicked a football once and I just loved it."

In his first high school season, he kicked for the Andover freshman team, and as a sophomore he kicked for the JV team. But he soon began to lose his passion for the game.

"I had a bad year sophomore year," he said. "I thought about it for a long time and decided not to play my junior season."

Payne regretted that decision last fall when he found himself in the stands at Eugene V. Lovely field as

a fan, watching the Golden Warriors surge to a 10-2 record, the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title and a trip to the playoffs.

"It was really tough," he said. "I was on the sidelines watching my friends have this success and wanted to be out there. I wanted to come back."

Making matters worse, the Warriors played most of the 2012 season without a placekicker after star Mark Zavri tore his ACL and was lost for the season in Week 3. Andover ended up sending six different players to try extra points.

"After we lost Zav we really never settled on a kicker," said Keenan. "We tried out a bunch of different guys. It's important to have a reliable kicker."

In the offseason, Payne began focusing on giving football and kicking another shot, and word made its way to the coaching staff that the kicker may be back in the mix.

"Ryan is good friends with the son of (special teams coach) Peter Reilly," said Perry. "Peter had talked to Ryan during the summer and asked him if he wanted to come out for football again. He regretted not

playing last year. He worked a lot during the summer and Peter gave him the first shot at the kicking job."

Once camp opened, the Warriors began to realize they may have solved their kicking situation as Payne beat out standout linebacker Brian Duffy for the job.

"Payne was definitely a little rusty at first," said Keenan. "But the more he worked, the better and more confident he got and we started to feel really good."

But an impressive showing in camp is quite different from kicking in the pressure of a big game, and Payne was quickly called upon on Andover's first drive of the season to kick a 23-yard field goal.

"Going out for the first one, I was very nervous," said Payne. "Then the snap was a little high and I got really nervous. But Cam, who is a great holder, put it down and I got it though. I just wanted to kick another one."

In the second quarter, he then kicked his first extra point and then he booted his second field goal, an 18-yarder right before halftime.

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