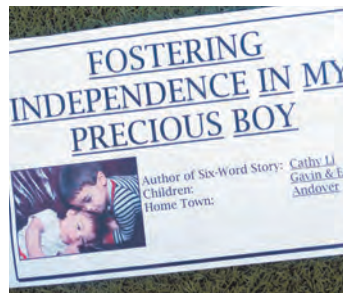




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Two sites eyed in final Ballardvale fire station plan

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The end is near for the seven-member Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee as it embarks on its final mission — recommending two places to build a new fire station to service the Vale.

The committee of residents charged with recommending locations for a new Ballardvale Fire Station met last week to begin putting together its final report, expected to be buttoned up in about a month. In the report, the group is expected to recommend

two locations for a new station, which would replace the 120-year-old station on the corner of Andover Street and Clark Road. Option one is to put it at the corner of Andover and Woburn streets, on property currently occupied by

a baseball diamond that is part of the South Elementary School property. Town officials say it is the ideal site for the project even though there has historically been stiff neighborhood opposition. Option two is a recently offered site on Reynolds

Street, which includes a private lot that connects to Andover Street just down the road from South School. But both locations come with problems. The Reynolds Street property is saddled with a lengthy legal history as it is the site of

a long-standing legal battle between property owners William and Gail Johnson and an abutting neighbor, state Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover. When reached for comment, Lyons said he was aware that

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100,000-pound day



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Bill Stearns, a member of the Andover Recycling Committee, moves two air conditioners for recycling, with the help of Northeast Material Handling Inc., during the MBTA Community Recycling event Saturday. The event break records for the amount of participants and volume of materials collected.

Recycling event tips the scales with new state record

By BILL KIRK
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Call the Guinness Book of World Records. Or at least the Guinness Book of Recycling Records, if there is such a thing. The MBTA's regional recycling day at Brickstone Square on Saturday gathered more tonnage from more cars than any of the agency's

previous efforts. "I'd venture to say it was the single, largest one-day recycling event in Massachusetts history," said Tim Lasker, sustainability specialist in the MBTA's Environmental Affairs Department, which co-sponsored the event with the Andover Recycling Committee. Lasker said 18 volunteers working for the MBTA and

the town collected 8,000 pounds of television sets and more than 500 air-conditioners. They filled eight, 30-yard Dumpsters and another 200 Gaylords, which are giant, corrugated cardboard boxes. In addition, Northeast Materials of Lowell took another 25 box-truck loads of material to its recycling facility. "It was well in excess of

100,000 pounds of stuff," Lasker said. "It was ridiculous." The amount of material collected smashed the previous record of 50,000 pounds set during an earlier, MBTA-sponsored event in Salem, Mass. It also smashed the record for the number of cars served — 704 in Andover

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Roadblock for Youth Center

Bids cause snag in ground-breaking

By BILL KIRK
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The Cormier Youth Center, originally scheduled for ground-breaking this past Monday, has hit another speed bump, which could potentially turn into a roadblock.

Five bids for the center's construction, ranging from \$4.3 million to \$5.4 million, were opened last week. But the low-bidder, G&R Construction of Quincy, apparently made a clerical error in its bid and has withdrawn from the process. The second-lowest bid, at \$4.6 million, would put the project over-budget.

As a result, town officials, the Youth Center Building Committee and the Andover Youth Foundation are looking at other options, which could include re-bidding the whole project. "We are examining all our alternatives," Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski said. "This is a very organic process. We are looking at ways of making the second bidder or other options work."

The second-lowest bidder, Dagle Electrical Construction Corp. of Melrose, put in a bid that was nearly \$300,000 higher than the low-bidder, which puts the construction cost out of reach of the current budget.

The long-awaited center, first proposed some 20 years ago as a privately funded, \$1.5-million facility in West Andover, has ballooned into a \$5.6-million, public/private project near downtown's Doherty Middle School.

Andrea Zaimis, vice chairwoman of the Andover Youth Foundation, said she thinks the project will get started soon.

"We'll keep working the numbers," she said. "We're getting a shovel in the ground either way. The details of the funding are not final yet."

Youth Foundation officials have said on numerous occasions that if funding comes up short, they could tap into other sources to make up the shortfall.

Even with the low bid, the group had to use a grant they had hoped to save for operating costs, Zaimis said.

The AYF got a \$150,000, three-year grant from the Rogers Foundation in June. The group set aside that money and wasn't intending to use it for construction costs.

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Andrea Zaimis

Taking stock of The Park

Parents toss around idea of playground return

By DUSTIN LUCA
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It has been 33 years since a playground has had a home downtown and a group of parents hopes to change that. The push for a playground is part of a master plan being pursued for The Park at Bartlet and Chestnut streets. Local officials are seeking

the public's input on how the town could better use the 20-odd acres of land encompassing The Park, town offices, Center at Punchard, Doherty Middle School and the playstead area behind it. "Some people think it should stay the same and never be touched again," town planner Lisa Schwarz said.



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The bandstand at The Park at Bartlet and Chestnut streets was built 100 years ago. Town officials are proceeding with a master plan on the 20 acres surrounding the Town Offices building, including The Park.

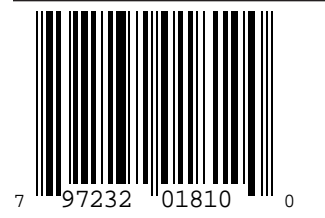
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A group of local parents and grandparents are advocating for a playground to be built at or near The Park to accommodate youngsters who live around the downtown area. Parents Irina O'Brien, with her 2-year-old son, Timmy, and Kristin Conforti, with twin 2-year-olds Nicholas and Eugene, are among the advocates for a playground downtown.



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STATION: Two locations eyed in Ballardvale

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The site was being proposed as a home for Ballardvale Fire Station, but he declined further comment.

That legal battle, while it has been a factor in the Johnsons' plans to build a single-family home at the site, "isn't really germane to our decision" to recommend it as a place for a fire station, committee member Jim Curtis said at a recent meeting.

What is germane to the decision is the site's details — it is flat, it already has utility access and it has had most of its trees cleared from the property already, according to Fire Chief Mike Mansfield.

One problem, however, is its location, as the driveway would be at the top of a hill and on a corner, which could create traffic challenges should a station be put there, the committee members contend.

To improve that situation, officials are considering the possibility of picking up land adjacent to the site, including two vacant lots currently in foreclosure and a small, single-family home at the front of the property, according to Mansfield.

Doing so would give the entire site an added 117 feet of frontage along Andover Street, according to a map of the proposal.

Putting that deal together would come with a price tag, however, as the purchase of all four pieces of land combined could cost the town about \$750,000, the committee estimated at its meeting.

In the case of the South School site, prior discussions

have suggested the town and School Department would swap land to relocate a baseball diamond that currently sits where the fire station is being proposed.

Since the location was first put in the public spotlight, neighbors and abutters to the school have been vocal opponents of using the site, pointing to concerns over safety and noise for the South School community.

In a way, that makes the Reynolds Street proposal more enticing, according to Curtis.

"Where it's located — location, location, location — being halfway between South School and the existing fire station, is a real asset," Curtis said. "It sort of balances the two. We don't want to move it out of Ballardvale, but we want to get it up to the corner."

Using a prior grading scale that took into account site size, dimensions, access to major roads and more, the committee gave the proposal a score of 21.5 out of 25, while the South School site was given a perfect 25 of 25 score when it was previously graded.

After discussing the Reynolds Street proposal, officials also heard an 11th-hour pitch for a site at 429 South Main St., presented by site co-owner David Deloury.

The committee gave the site poor marks — 17.5, mostly because of its location away from Ballardvale — after discussing it in detail.

The committee will meet at least two more times before submitting a final report, due before the end of the year.

YOUTH: Bidding process creates roadblock

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But when the low bid came in, the first \$50,000 installment of the three-year grant was needed to make up for a shortfall.

"We were hoping to keep that money in the bank so we could pay to manage the building or for add-alternates," Zaimes said, referring to additional items outside the base bid, such as kitchen and multi-purpose room build-outs.

Zaimes said if the cost goes up again because a higher bid is used, "we will be working with other donors" to get more money.

Thomas Watkins, Andover's purchasing agent, said Robert Morel of G&R Construction sent him an email saying the low bid his company submitted

was "\$400,000 lower than it should have been."

Watkins said Morel met with members of the Youth Center Building Committee last week and went back to his company to see if there was any way he could trim other costs to meet his original bid.

"He couldn't make it work out," Watkins said. "He decided to go forward with his withdrawal."

Watkins said the building committee could either re-bid the project or award the contract to Dagle, the second-lowest bidder.

But, Watkins pointed out that while Dagle is certified to do such projects, it is primarily an electrical contractor that does security systems and lighting projects. He said the company is

just now branching out into municipal projects like the teen center.

Even if the town does decide to go with the second-lowest bidder, it is still fairly costly.

"We are cutting it extremely close with Dagle," Watkins said.

At a recent Finance Committee meeting, Paul Fortier, the committee's liaison to the Andover Youth Foundation, said the \$4.6 million, second-lowest bid may require using some of the 10 percent contingency budgeted for the project.

"There is an initiative to change the contingency from 10 percent to something lower than that," he said at the meeting.

But Zaimes said her group hasn't even discussed that

option yet.

Youth Center Building Committee Chairman Chris Huntress said even with the second-lowest bid, "we will still have substantial contingency and we will still be able to move forward."

He said the 10 percent contingency is part of the agreement between the Andover Youth Foundation and selectmen and would have to be changed by amending the youth center agreement.

Stapczynski said Monday night he would probably have to schedule a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen to review any changes to the contract. On Tuesday, he said that special meeting may have to be delayed because there are many options on the table.

PARK: Group of parents seeks playground option

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Meanwhile, other people, she said, "think that, over time, little improvements have been made that have made for a great park today, so why can't we keep making improvements?"

The Park has had a long history in Andover.

Purchased in 1853 for \$2,100, the original site soon became the home of the Pynchard Free School. Over time, the site expanded with the purchase of surrounding land, which supported a heating plant, elementary school and more over the years.

Buildings may have come and gone, but the property certainly isn't frozen in time. The next big change in the site's future is the opening of the Cormier Family Youth Center, which is under construction today.

While the youth center will go a long way in giving Andover youth a place to play, some feel it leaves out a critical demographic — the town's youngest residents.

"There is a lack (of opportunity) for kids up to early elementary, children who wouldn't be served by the youth center," parent Irina O'Brien of Elm Court said.

For the estimated 500 children ages 10 and under who live within walking distance of The Park, the closest options for a play area are the Indian Ridge playground by West Middle School and the Shawsheen Fields to the north, according to a map provided by O'Brien.

"It is mainly a walkability factor," she said.

While there are no official

plans for a playground yet, and the parents themselves aren't ready to make a proposal, Kristin Conforti of Chandler Circle believes it's important to at least broach the idea.

"Since the town is revisiting the master plan, we thought it was our opportunity to have a voice in the whole discussion — having a place for children," Conforti said. "Our goal is, really, to have this be under consideration when they look at other things to do with The Park."

To help prod the discussion with something tangible, the group has pinpointed two suggested play areas within The Park, including a small area on the southeast corner by the senior center and a large tract on the edge of the site, by Chestnut Court.

"It's a beautiful park, and we want to keep it a beautiful park," Conforti said. "This enhances the community aspect."

While a playground isn't the central focus behind the master plan, the question of why one doesn't exist was "the last straw" that led to the plan's creation, according to Schwarz.

Last winter, a couple people approached Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski asking why there wasn't a playground in the park, Schwarz said.

"He said, 'You know what? Maybe this is the point in time (for a conversation),'"

Schwarz said.

It isn't like there has never been a playground there. In 1980, downtown's last playground was taken offline after Central Elementary School closed and was transformed into Doherty Junior High School two years later, according to town documents.

In addition to a possible playground, other ideas



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Eugene Conforti, 2, had some wild ideas last week as he played in The Park at Chestnut and Bartlett streets. A group of parents, including Eugene's mother, Kristin, are asking town officials to put a playground somewhere in the downtown area as planners formulate a master plan for The Park.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1850: Resident Benjamin Pynchard donates \$50,000 to create free high school for all residents.

1853: Trustees of Pynchard Free School purchase 8.5 acres of cow pasture for \$2,100.

1856: Pynchard Free School opens. Following a devastating fire in 1868, it is rebuilt in 1871.

1899: Additional land purchased.

1904-05: Funding approved to build central heating plant east of schools.

1905-06: Stone bridge built over exposed water feature, Rogers Brook.

1906: Town raises funds to purchase the Playstead, athletic facility for now-named Pynchard High School.

1910: Additional land purchased.

1913: Bandstand is built, with \$500 spent on the structure and another \$500 for entertainment.

Andover Brass Band performs every Sunday until 1941, when World War II leads the group to disband.

1932: World War I German howitzer cannon, a trophy captured by American forces, placed in The Park by Veterans of Foreign Wars.

1933: Special Town Meeting

appropriates money for junior high school, a common assembly hall and gymnasium. Andover Junior High and Andover Memorial Building are built.

1952: Central Elementary School built next to Pynchard High School. School is later renamed Doherty School, and renamed Doherty Junior High School in 1982. Final name, Doherty Middle School, applied in 1988.

1957: Pynchard High School closes, replaced by new Andover High School (now West Middle School) on Shawsheen Road.

1968: Town designs a culvert to bury Rogers Brook, ending significant flooding of the area. Grass is planted on top of concrete structure.

1980: Playground associated with elementary school is taken down.

1984: Junior High and Pynchard High School converted into town offices.

2007: Town Meeting votes to use land behind Doherty Middle School for future youth center.

2011, 2013: Cormier Youth Center funding approved at two Special Town Meetings.

being tossed around for The Park involve potential improvements.

"Nothing big, nothing huge, nothing structural. It's mostly small

improvements that can keep making it a better and better place," Schwarz said.

Among the comments from the public have included complaints about the benches not being comfortable, the need for more trash receptacles and the stairs on the now 100-year-old bandstand facing what is argued to be the wrong direction.

"Another big one heard over and over the last two months is care of the trees," Schwarz said, adding people believe that "if something happened to the trees, we should be prepared in advance for what types of species should go into The Park to make it a diverse type of park."

A second public meeting on The Park was scheduled for earlier this week. Then, the town's Planning Department will begin preparing the master plan and putting together recommendations for the town to act on beginning at the end of November or early December, Schwarz said.

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RECYCLING: Popular event

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compared to 418, also in Salem.

"We shattered the records from all previous MBTA recycling events both for participants served and amount of material collected for recycling," Lasker said. "What is further amazing is that no one waited in line for more than five minutes."

He said the pace of cars moving through the parking lot at Brickstone Square during the four-hour event was dazzling, with volunteers unloading an average of three cars per minute.

Records aside, Lasker said the significance of the day was that the items collected were, for the most part, appliances and other devices that are banned from being dumped in landfills.

Many communities have programs that enable residents to buy a sticker to get rid of a refrigerator, for example, but Andover doesn't have such a program. As a result, people often collect their old appliances in their basements, attics or garages and can't get rid of them.

The event also collected old bicycles, plastic toys, textiles, computers, yard and power equipment, all kinds of metal items, humidifiers/dehumidifiers, microwaves, stoves, lawn mowers, snowblowers, heaters, treadmills and exercise bikes.

Lasker said without events like the one on Saturday, appliances could end up getting dumped in the woods or behind a strip mall somewhere.

Keith Saxon, chairman of the Andover Recycling Committee, was equally excited about the event's success.

"It was pretty tremendous," he said. "It was a good public service. People kept saying, 'Thank you, thank you, I didn't know what I was going to do with this stuff.'"

Saxon said some people came multiple times, driving cars or trucks, sometimes towing trailers. Some people, including the first one to show up, even rented U-Haul trucks, which they filled with appliances and other stuff to



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Tom Beetham of Andover removes unwanted electronic equipment from his car for disposal during the MBTA Community Recycling event on Saturday.

drop off, he said.

"We had people from all over the Merrimack Valley," he added.

The event's success was attributed to advance publicity and outreach. In addition to stories in The Townsman and its sister paper, The Eagle-Tribune, Saxon said his group tapped into email lists of local civic groups, condominium associations, houses of worship and residential properties in the area.

"Any community group we had contact information for, we would send emails to," he said.

Selectman Paul Salafia even pitched in, forwarding an email about the event to his contact list. There were also signs and flyers all over town.

Saxon, one of the volunteers, thanked members of the Recycling Committee, including Eleanor Storch, William Stearns, Don Gottfried and Mike Elmer, for their work throughout the day. He said other people from Andover who volunteered included Brad Weeden, Stuart Melnitsky, Kathleen Bates, Mike Bates and Bob Decelle.

He also thanked Nicole Townsend at CBRE/Brickstone Square for allowing the use of the property's parking lots to stage the event.

MBTA volunteers included Tom Daly, Robert Perry, Christine Lentini, Cosette DeCoste and Lasker.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andrew Magner, 8, of Cub Scout Pack 77, replaces an old and weathered flag marking a veteran's grave on Sunday in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover.

With pride and honor

Several hardy veterans assisted by local Cub Scouts and cadets fanned out around the town's cemeteries Sunday to freshen up the graves of Andover's service men and women with new American flags in advance of Veterans Day.

The biannual marking of the graves is a long-standing tradition in Andover, according to Michael Burke, the town's director of veterans' services.

Burke said more than 3,800 veterans who served from the Revolutionary

War to the Global War on Terror are buried across the town's 10 cemeteries.

By law, Burke said, the flags on veterans' graves must be changed annually. To ensure the duty is completed, Andover looks to replace flags twice a year — once prior to Memorial Day and the other before Veterans Day, he said. Volunteers target 60 to 70 percent of the graves during each outing, he said.

Not only does the effort aim to demonstrate pride for the town's veterans and their service, the biannual

flag marking allows the veterans and youths of Andover to connect in meaningful ways, Burke said.

On Sunday, veterans joined with Andover Cub Scouts from packs 77 and 79 and cadets with the Essex County Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron in completing the task at hand.

"Without their patriotic support, we may not have met the goal," Burke said of the volunteers in an email. "Yet I'm happy to report that the mission was accomplished."

TOWN NOTEBOOK: DONATIONS SOUGHT, BANNER BAN

No Slots still looking for donations

No Slots Tewksbury, a grassroots organization that mobilized this summer to fight Penn National Gaming's ultimately unsuccessful push for a slots casino at the Tewksbury-Andover border, is seeking donations to offset some of the initiative's costs.

The Tewksbury residents behind the campaign are reaching out to Andover residents, particularly those neighboring the proposed casino site, for contributions. Donations to No Slots Tewksbury may be sent in care of the Lowell Five

Bank, located at 1775 Main St., Tewksbury.

No banners allowed

Banners are banned, at least for the foreseeable future.

In an update to selectmen this week, Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski said he and his staff held a briefing recently on the experience with the first banner being hung over Main Street.

The banner, promoting Andover Day, was put up after almost nine years of discussion among town officials and Mark Spencer, a former downtown business owner and longtime member of the Andover Business

Community Association.

Spencer met with town officials last week to discuss possibly amending the banner bylaw that was OK'd by Town Meeting in 2008. As it's currently written, the bylaw makes it expensive — to the tune of about \$1,000 — for local nonprofit groups to hoist and lower a banner because they have to pay town workers overtime to do it.

Spencer is working on rewording the bylaw and will return to selectmen soon with a proposal that could reduce the cost, Stapeczynski said. In the meantime, no banners will be hung over Main Street.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

Mary A. 'May' (Kearns) Keating, 71 Years

January 1, 1942 — October 4, 2013

ANDOVER — Mrs. Mary A. "May" (Kearns) Keating, beloved wife of James F. "Buddy" Keating, died suddenly in Falmouth on Friday, October 4, 2013. A resident of Andover since 1979, and former resident of Charlestown, she died at the age of 71.



Born in Brighton, Mass., on January 1, 1942, she was the beloved daughter of the late William J. and Emma C. (Cepi) Kearns. Mary was a graduate of Sacramento State University and the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1962. She was employed as a registered nurse at the Boston City Hospital for over 10 years, where she taught practical nursing, and later became supervisor of their radiology department. Mary was also employed as a registered nurse at the Delaware State University, while residing with her family at Dover Air Force Base. In addition, she was employed as a registered nurse at various locations across the country throughout the tenure of her husband's enrollment in the U.S. Air Force.

In her spare time, Mary enjoyed reading, traveling and going to the beach. She loved animals, and enjoyed spending time with the elderly, especially those who were residents of nursing homes, and was a volunteer at the former Phillips Andover Nursing Home in Andover.

Along with her beloved husband, Buddy, May will be deeply missed by her loving daughters, Jacqueline M. "Jackie" Keating of Londonderry, N.H.,

and Heather C. Keating of Andover; brother, William F. "Billy" Kearns of Arizona; and by her many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. She was also the loving mother of the late James F. "Jay" Keating, and sister of the late Patricia M. (Kearns) Ransom and Christina M. "Chrissy" Kearns.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral will be celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover, on Thursday, October 10, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, on Wednesday, October 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be held in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover.

Donations in May's memory may be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC, 20090-6929.

For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.

Mrs. Louise C. (Wakefield) Reardon, 99 Years

July 15, 1914 — October 3, 2013

NORTH ANDOVER — Mrs. Louise C. (Wakefield) Reardon, a resident of North Andover, formerly of Andover and beloved wife of the late James C. Reardon, died at the Meadows at Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover on Thursday, October 3, 2013. She was 99 years old.

Born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on July 15, 1914, she was the beloved daughter of the late Waldo N. and Ethel M. (Woodbury) Wakefield. Louise was a woman before her time and was the proprietor of the Louise Reardon Insurance Agency in Lawrence for more than 35 years. She grew up in Salem, New Hampshire and was a graduate of the Woodbury High School in Salem and the McIntosh Business School in Lawrence. An active woman, she was a past President of the Shawsheen Women's Club in Andover.

Louise will be very sorely missed by her loving god-children, Penny A. and her husband, Raymond H. Bardsley,

Paula Kelleher of Lawrence, Rt. Lawrence Police Captain David C. and his wife, Diana Kelley, of Haverhill and Mark J. Kelley of Nashua, New Hampshire; special friends, Theresa Foley, Liz Sforza, Jessica Foley, Julie Foley and Vicky Nixon; several cousins and the entire Kelley family. She was also the sister-in-law of the late Katherine E. Spires.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 205 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends were welcomed. Calling hours were held on Saturday, prior to the Mass, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover. Interment will be in St. Mary Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence. Donations in Louise's memory may be made to Lawrence General Hospital, Patient Care, 1 General Street, Lawrence, MA 01841. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.

Eunice (Reinecke) Mason

November 13, 1919 — October 8, 2013

NORTH ANDOVER — Eunice (Reinecke) Mason, 93, of North Andover, passed away early Tuesday morning, October 8, 2013, in North Andover from complications related to pneumonia.



Born in Redfield, South Dakota on November 13, 1919, Eunice was the wife of the late Richard Mason. Raised on a ranch in South Dakota, she was a graduate of Redfield HS and Dakota Wesleyan University. She worked as a paralegal in Chicago until she met her husband, Richard, at the USO, after which she devoted herself to her family and volunteer work. Through the years Eunice and Dick lived in Binghamton, Vestal and Poughkeepsie, New York, as well as Burlington, VT and Harwich, MA.

Eunice was a sixty-five year member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic, educational organization dedicated to bringing women increased opportunities for higher education. Among other accomplishments, she coordinated candy strippers at Binghamton

General Hospital, volunteered at The Corner Thrift Shop, and was a longtime member of First Congregational Church in Harwich. In her spare time, Eunice loved singing in her church choir, swimming, golf, bike riding and socializing with friends. Eunice was a lifelong animal lover, with horses and cats sure to bring a sparkle to her eyes.

Eunice is survived by her son, Martin Mason and wife, Kathleen, of Andover. She leaves two grandchildren, Katherine Mason and wife, Jennifer Malkowski, of Oxford, Ohio and Andrew Mason and wife, Sandra, of Jersey City, New Jersey; her brother, Robert Reinecke of Vermillion, Ohio and sister, Joyce Leavell.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Celebration of Life service for Eunice will be held on Saturday, October 12, at 2PM at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, NY, NY 10001 or online at www.alzfdn.org.

Talks fail on toxic sludge case

By BILL KIRK

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Negotiations have broken down between the town and Bancroft Road resident James Berberian over toxic sludge dumped by town workers into wetlands on his property in 2010.

A document filed last week with the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts indicates that talks have reached an impasse.

"Unfortunately, the parties have been unable to reach a settlement," according to a joint motion signed by the town's attorney, Thomas Gorman; Berberian's lawyer, Joseph Wadland; and the attorney for the engineering firm Pennoni Associates, Bethany Mindich.

The motion asks the court to reopen the case, which had been suspended for five months, and begin scheduling depositions and hearings. The breakdown comes after the three parties were extremely close to a settlement agreement in August. Following months of negotiations between the town and Berberian, the Board of Selectmen voted on Aug. 8 to accept an agreement brokered by the attorneys.

The deal carried a payment of \$440,000 to Berberian, along with other provisions, including a contingency that a separate settlement agreement be forged between Berberian and Pennoni Associates, which has done work

on his 2-4 Bancroft Road property.

But by late August, the negotiations dissolved.

"An agreement reached between the (town and Berberian) had several contingencies before it could become final," Wadland said in an Aug. 25 story in The Eagle-Tribune, The Townsman's sister paper. "It appears now that one of these contingencies is unlikely to be satisfied through no fault of either party."

Wadland declined to comment on the most recent breakdown in negotiations, which came after several closed-door meetings held by selectmen.

"We haven't been successful" in settling the case, Town Counsel Tom Urbelis said. "The (federal court) litigation is going forward." Mindich, the attorney for Pennoni, could not be reached for comment.

The case began in November 2010, when town workers were cleaning out a water tank near the Bancroft School. As they pumped the water out of the tank and into a truck, sludge that had accumulated on the bottom of the tank was also pumped out. That sludge spilled out of the truck and some of it ended up in a storm drain that flowed down Bancroft Street and ultimately into wetlands on Berberian's property.

Berberian videotaped the

dumping, which went on for three days as workers cleaned out the 6 million-gallon tank. When he tested the thick, black sludge that settled in the wetland, he found it was contaminated

with arsenic and other heavy metals.

He sued in federal court because he claims the dumping of the muck into wetlands was a violation of the federal Clean Water Act.

Norwell man arrested in town on child rape charge

By DUSTIN LUCA

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A Norwell man accused of statutory rape is being held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing next week after being lured back to Andover by his alleged juvenile victim.

Andrew Whittaker, 49, of 62 Brantwood Road, Norwell, pleaded not guilty to statutory, aggravated rape of a child and enticing a child under the age of 16 on Monday at his arraignment in Lawrence District Court.

Whittaker was arrested last Saturday, Oct. 5, at around 1 p.m. after being pulled over on High Street en route to allegedly meet the victim, according to police Lt. Edward Guy.

Police are withholding any information identifying the victim, including specific age and gender, to protect the juvenile's identity, according to Guy.

Guy said police used the victim to arrange a meeting and bring the suspect to Andover after being alerted about a previous "encounter" the two had at a hotel in the River Road area of town.

On Sept. 26, a family member of the victim reported "an encounter" involving the juvenile and Whittaker had occurred five or six days earlier at the hotel, Guy said.

The family member told police detectives the victim had maintained contact with Whittaker following the encounter, Guy said.

Police, through the victim, set up to meet Whittaker at a public location on North Main Street, according to

Guy. But Whittaker was in cuffs before ever getting to that point, Guy said.

"At that point in time, Andover detectives had viewed him in the area he was supposed to make the encounter," Guy said. "They knew who he was, they knew the motor vehicle he would be driving."

Guy said a marked cruiser located Whittaker's vehicle on High Street, which connects with North Main Street near Shawsheen Plaza.

Aside from the final moments leading to his arrest, little information on the case has been released.

Police records documenting the charges have been sealed at the request of the prosecuting attorney to protect the identity of the victim, according to Carrie Kimball Monahan, spokeswoman for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett.

At his arraignment, Whittaker waived the reading of the complaint against him, agreed to probable cause allowing him to be held and entered a not guilty plea, Kimball Monahan said.

Guy said Whittaker has a clean record, apart from minor motor vehicle-related offenses.

His dangerousness hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 16.

For police logs, visit andovertownsmen.com

CORRECTION

The Townsman always seeks to be accurate in its news coverage, but when we make a mistake, we want to know. Readers noting mistakes in stories are encouraged to call Editor Sonya Vartabedian at 978-475-7000, ext. 8733.Th

A piece on a fundraiser to support Wake Up Narcolepsy published in the Oct. 3 Andover Townsman should have said the neurological sleep disorder affects one in every 2,000 people. A local woman whose son suffers from narcolepsy was involved in the fundraiser last weekend.

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Education

Now serving: Native crops Cafeterias stress local foods for Farm To School week

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Design the 2014 Eco-Friendly Calendar

The deadline for submitting artwork for the Department of Public Works' 2014 Eco-Friendly Andover Calendar design contest is Oct. 17.

The contest is open to school-age children from kindergarten through grade 12 who either live in Andover or attend public school in town. There is no entry fee.

The published calendar will be comprised of four functions of public works: single-stream recycling, water conservation, composting and environmental protection. Each function will be highlighted for three months in the calendar.

Entries should be colorful and completely hand-drawn or painted on an 8 1/2-by-11-inch sheet of paper and drawn in a landscape/horizontal orientation. One winner will be chosen per grade level for each of the four functions. Entries may be submitted individually or as a group.

The published calendars will be available for sale, with proceeds used for eco-friendly collaborative projects between the DPW and the Andover Public Schools District.

For more information, visit www.andoverma.gov/recycle/contest.pdf, call the DPW administrative office at 978-623-8350, ext. 515; or email dpw-business@andoverma.gov.

By DUSTIN LUCA
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It was the kind of week where an apple imported from overseas triggered a biting reaction.

Throughout Andover Public Schools last week, health and education leaders took note of not only what students were having for lunch, but where their food was from.

So at a time when orchards throughout the region are churning out apples and pumpkins by the bushel, an apple from outside New England raised some eyebrows.

"I talked to one student. He was eating an apple. It had a sticker on it, and I asked him, 'Where is the apple from?'" Gail Koutroubas, director of food services, said. "He said New Zealand."

The educational initiative was part of the state's Farm to School week and local officials used the opportunity to speak to students about the importance of supporting local farms and how smart food choices can make a drastic difference both in and out of the classroom.

While the town's schools typically incorporate produce and other crops from local farms into their breakfast and lunch menus, some students aren't paying as close attention to the origins of the food they're eating, officials said.

"We have all these great



Maggie O'Handley, 5, enjoys her locally picked apple at Bancroft Elementary School. Officials taught students the importance of supporting the region's farms.

orchards throughout New England, and we're still importing," Koutroubas said. "I can see it in the winter, but now?"

In a way, staying local pays itself back, according to Koutroubas.

"It's important that students realize that it does tie back to the local economy," she said. "It helps the businesses as well — businesses support the schools through local taxes. It goes full circle."

Throughout the week, school officials — including Superintendent Marinell McGrath — helped spread awareness about native crops by distributing locally grown apples to the town's approximately 6,000 students.

The apples were carted in

from Donabedian Farms just over the border in Salem, N.H., which draws produce from farms and orchards throughout the region.

The district has been a long-standing customer of Donabedian, which fills a large share of the district's \$5,000 monthly produce budget, Koutroubas said.

"We try to make sure everything we procure is from local sources, which is great," she said.

But not all of the local food comes from Donabedian. At the high school, a sizable amount of the produce hitting lunch trays is grown right in the schools' backyard, Ruthy Olney, assistant food services director, said. The on-campus sustainable garden supports a ready supply of heirloom



Superintendent Marinell McGrath hands out apples to students at the Bancroft Elementary School last week as part of the district's celebration of Farm to School Week.

tomatoes, chives, fresh herbs and more, she said.

Olney spent a couple days last week with eight health classes going over food regulations and portion sizes. Together, they celebrated the work of Barker's Farm in North Andover and Kimball Farm in Westford and talked about the different varieties of apples that exist in New England.

She also treated students to a sampling of native flavors, encouraging them to branch out with tastes of exotic fruits like mango, papaya and star fruit.

"They taste-tested fruit and smelled herbs; tried rosemary, basil and thyme, sage; then they taste-tested native fruits from around here," Olney said.

Some of the taste-testing

even led to proposals for new menu items that could hit the schools in the future, Olney said.

"They gave me a lot of suggestions," she said. "When we gave them mango, they asked if we can add mango smoothies."

Life in the school cafeterias returned to normal this week. But that isn't to say local-sourcing, as Koutroubas calls it, has ended. Koutroubas is a proponent of tapping local sources for whatever is on the menu, even looking to local businesses like Perfecto's for some baked goods and others for pizza.

"We like to source locally anyway, and the students know that," Koutroubas said. "We promote that whenever possible."

Historian talking about American Revolution

Award-winning historian Dr. Eliga Gould will present a talk based on his recent book, "Among the Powers of the Earth: The American Revolution and the Making of a New World Empire," on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. at Massachusetts School of Law, 500 Federal St., Andover.

Gould's book has received several awards, including The Library Journal's 2012 Best Book honor and the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic's 2013 Best Book prize. It was also a finalist for the 2013 George Washington Book Prize.

Gould, who received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, is a professor and chairman of history at the University of New Hampshire at Durham, specializing in Colonial, Revolutionary and Early Atlantic History. His first book, "The Persistence of Empire," won

the 2000 Jamestown Prize from the Omohundro Institute in Virginia.

The talk is sponsored by the American College of History and Legal Studies (www.achls.org), and hosted by Massachusetts School of Law. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Copies of Gould's book will be available for

sale and signing. Seating is limited and reservations are requested by Oct. 11 by contacting Dr. Jessica Parr, ACHLS professor and chairwoman of history, at jessica.parr@achls.org or 603-458-5145, ext. 10.

The American College of History and Legal Studies was created by Massachusetts School of Law as an affordable

"completion" college offering the junior and senior years of undergraduate study toward a bachelor's degree in history and legal studies. It also offers an Early Admission To Law School program in conjunction with the law school. To learn more or schedule a visit, go to www.achls.org, email info@achls.org or call 603-458-5145.

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Opinion

The Park: Perfection, plain and simple

It's known simply as The Park, the picturesque expanse at Chestnut and Bartlet streets adjacent to the Town Offices building.

It's a fairly benign name for a site that is anything but. Andover undoubtedly knows what a treasure it has in its Park. On any given day, in any given month, the turn-of-the-century Park has the ability to draw visitors in for a stroll, a momentary escape from the otherwise whirl of a hectic world.

In summers, all ages can be found sitting on wooden benches or the lush green grass, the branches of towering trees providing shelter from the blazing hot sun. Kids romp on the brick pathways. Music regularly filters from the bandstand — which turned 100 this year — and fills the warm air.

Come fall, the foliage turns vibrant shades of red, orange and yellow. There's a nip now in the air and the scene turns classic New England, with leaves crunching beneath feet as the pace quickens with every degree drop in temperature.

The attraction to the Park continues in winter, when the landscape is blanketed in crisp, white snow, and then again in spring, when nature springs back to life.

In every season, there is much to revere about the Park.

Town officials have begun a review of the 20-acre tract around the Town Offices that includes the Park. A group of parents would love to see a playground for the town's youngster incorporated into some portion of the property. There's debate over the appropriateness of the World War I German War cannon that stands sentry at one entrance to the Park. Others likely have their own ideas.

As with all public attractions, it makes sense to take a look at the Park every now and then to see what needs to be repaired or tweaked. As town planner Lisa Schwarz says there have been little improvements made here and there to the Park over time and they have only served to make it a better place.

We can't argue with the benefits of that type of introspection. What we don't think would be beneficial is too much tinkering. Andover is blessed with its share of open spaces and public places in which to enjoy the outdoors. The return of a playground on the fringes of the Park would add even more youthful energy to the site. But the Park proper serves an important function and its quaintness and simple beauty should be maintained. Don't fix what's not broken, the adage goes. And I think Andover residents would be hard-pressed to find much broken with the Park.

Hitting the recycling payload

Kudos to Andover for hosting what's being called a record-breaking, one-day recycling drive for the state. More than 700 people turned out at Brickstone Square this past Saturday to unload no longer needed appliances, tools, furniture, gadgets, electronics and just about everything else one could pack in a car or U-Haul.

Organizers say the event, co-sponsored by the MBTA's Environmental Affairs Department and the Andover Recycling Committee, collected more than 100,000 pounds of items. Volunteers filled eight, 30-yard Dumpsters and another 200 giant, corrugated cardboard boxes with materials that will now be recycled rather than clog landfills or be disposed of improperly.

While the recycling day attracted people from all across the region, we know many Andover residents took the opportunity to clean out some unwanted clutter while doing their part for the environment.

The event set a great example for the rest of the state, and Andover should be proud for having a hand in it.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Would you like to see a playground at or around The Park in the downtown area?

YES: There isn't a place near the downtown area for children to play. This would give it to them, even in the safety of their own neighborhood for hundreds of kids.

YES: With the Cormier Family Youth Center coming online in the future, parents can drop older children off at one place and play with younger children nearby.

YES, but for another reason. **NO:** There are plenty of playgrounds around town to take younger children to. We shouldn't be spending money for convenience.

NO: Downtown generates enough noise on its own. Adding a playground will make the area even noisier and

more congested during warm weather.

NO, but for another reason. I don't know, or I have no opinion.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we asked our readers, "On a scale of one to five, how concerned are you about the current government shutdown?" With 79 responses, the answers were:

1: I'm not worried at all about this — 30 votes, 37.97 percent.

3: I'm concerned, but not freaking out — yet — 22 votes, 27.85 percent.

5: I'm incredibly upset about this — 14 votes, 17.72 percent.

4: I'm very concerned about the shutdown — eight votes, 10.13 percent.

2: I'm mildly worried about what's going on — five votes, 6.33 percent.

A final recognition for Punchard High

Bill Dalton



Punchard was Andover's high school for 100 years, and I lived so close to the ivy-covered

building I could see it out my windows. I looked forward to attending the legendary school, but, the year before I was to start, a new high school, named Andover High School, was built. I was disappointed.

In the movie of my mind, I see standing-room-only crowds on the sidelines of Punchard games and the All-Girl Band victoriously playing the Punchard fight song while parading through town. In 1911, Punchard's first varsity fields appeared with the opening of the Playstead.

Then, a young man named "Pop" Lovely took on coaching football and baseball. Called Pop because he was prematurely bald, his legend grew so great over the next three decades that the football field at Andover High is named for him. He was revered throughout Andover for he taught rough boys not only how to win, but how to

be gentlemen. Good sportsmanship was the overriding theme to Lovely's coaching, and the lessons taught those rough boys were later taught by those rough boys to their children.

William Goldsmith, Punchard's first great principal, was strict yet loved. He allowed his students to pick a name for his newly born daughter, and they chose "Punchard." Thus came Bessie Punchard Goldsmith, a colorful, strong-willed, Andover character of the 20th century and a long-time Andover Townsman columnist, who, on her death, bequeathed 130 acres to AVIS.

For three decades preceding 1940, Nathan Hamblin was the school's principal. Carrying a walking stick and wearing three-piece suits and a Van Dyke beard, he strode to and from his Chestnut Street home to Punchard. Personifying the word dignity, he brought academic excellence to the school. Like Goldsmith and Lovely, Hamblin taught basic values of right and wrong and stressed educational fundamentals. During the era of Hamblin and Lovely, it seemed an inordinate number of Punchard students

received college scholarships. The whole town was interested in Punchard, and each week, the Andover Townsman had a school column written by a Punchard student.

In 1947, due to lack of town funding for uniforms, eight men formed the Boosters Club, paying for football and band uniforms. The club continued doing good deeds for years. The Punchard Alumni Association, thriving for decades, gathered once a year to talk and celebrate. After the name changed in 1957 to the Punchard-Andover Alumni Association, it died after a few years, or at least gave a good imitation of doing so.

Maybe it was the unusual name that gave Punchard a certain cachet or mystique. Punchard, or Punch Hard — what was it, out-of-towners and newcomers asked, and where did the name come from? The answer: Benjamin Punchard's money (inflation calculator's estimate his gift would be worth close to \$2 million today) paid for the first town high school that was built in 1856 and then paid for the one that replaced it a few years later. The remainder of this bequest, with the help of

donations from a few other townspeople, still contributes to scholarships and programs through the Punchard Trustees.

The last Punchard Building was built in 1917, but was abandoned as a school only 40 years later, in 1957. It was converted to the town municipal building in the 1980s.

This Friday, at 9:30 a.m., a ceremony is being held in the Town Offices building to unveil a plaque that describes the building's history. Thanks largely to a private citizen, Robert Stefani, a Punchard alumni who advocated for the plaque, and Earl Efinger, who was chairman of the Punchard Trustees for years, one more step is being taken to preserve the Punchard legacy. I had the honor of assisting in the plaque's wording, and perhaps doing so slightly assuaged the boy within me who wanted to go to Punchard.

For more information on Punchard and why the name changed, please email Bill-Dalton@AndoverTownie.com. His somewhat regular column will be a continuing feature under "Opinion" in the Andover Townsman.

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELGIGET

100 Years Ago Oct. 10, 1013

The superintendent of the road department is directing the resurfacing of Union Street, where pea stone and Tarvia are being applied.

The corporation for the Andover Home for the Aged met on Tuesday evening at the home for its annual session.

Winslow Knowles has leased his house on Punchard Avenue for a period of 18 months to

75 Years Ago Oct. 6, 1938

Before an interested group of Shawsheen Club members assembled in Balmoral Hall on Monday evening, Margaret Stimpson led a program on "Making The Headlines Talk." She contrasted the hurricane and flood that visited last week to the whirlwind march of events occurring in Europe since the Munich Conference. She spoke of that conference as an epoch

George Torrey, manager of the Tyer Rubber Company.

in history and the effects it will have on the political, social and economic life, not only of Czechoslovakia, but the rest of Europe.

The attractive Dutch Colonial house at 7 York St. owned by George E. and Florence B. Cochran has been sold to Miss Winona F. Towne of Tower Hill, Lawrence, who intends to make it her permanent home.

50 Years Ago Oct. 10, 1963

Students from Merrimack College will aid the Andover Board of Trade's Parking

Committee in conducting a "demand study" of Andover's parking facilities, it was announced today by Eugene E. Bernardin Jr., chairman.

The only thing anyone can say with certainty about secondary school construction this week is that it's debatable. And it appears this will be the case for some weeks to come — until a decision is finally reached on what construction program to recommend to voters.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Let's reduce gun fatalities

Editor, Townsman:

Americans kill other Americans with guns every day. According to published reports, about 90 people in America are victims of gun misuse on a daily basis. Conventional wisdom would have you believe that criminals and the mentally ill are primarily responsible for this violence. But the reality of gun violence in America paints a different picture. Many times it is caused by ordinary Americans — like the parent arguing with a coach at a youth soccer game that gets out of control, or the political discussion at a neighborhood cookout that turns unexpectedly violent. How many times have you read or heard the same tragic comment: "It just went off."

While the right to bear arms is enshrined in our Constitution, the constitutional rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are also part of our Constitution. If we believe ourselves to be a proud, generous and peace-loving nation, then conscience must dictate that we do everything we can to reduce the number of Americans dying every year from gun-related incidents.

We took action more than 40 years ago when more than 50,000 Americans died annually from automobile fatalities. Americans

demanding that reducing injury and loss of life from highway accidents become a national priority. Congress took action and established the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to address automobile and highway safety and conduct research on the causes of highway accidents. As a result, automobile-related fatalities dropped from more than 50,000 to around 42,000 per year.

Today, more than 30,000 Americans die as a result of gun misuse every year. Can we find ways to reduce that number? Can't we take concerted action today with firearms? Can't we come together and make reducing gun-related injury and death a national priority? It's clear what happened when we focused on highway safety.

Can't we do the same with guns?

JOHN F. ZIPETO
14 Canterbury St.

Teachers' obligation to students extends beyond contract

Editor, Townsman:

Here's a heartfelt thank-you to my friend's daughter, an Andover High School teacher. I recently learned that she could not help her dad lead an evening program because she was very busy writing some 20 student college recommendation letters (each takes her about two hours to write). I responded that this was a wonderful compliment from her students. Then I was shocked by his reply. He said his daughter was writing so many college application letters because other teachers at the high school had refused to do so — since this task was not explicitly mandated in the teacher contract.

As a senior who has paid years of high town taxes to support the school system, I am appalled at this position, one so contrary to teacher claims that they are, and should be treated as, professional educators. The professionals that I know accept that it is their responsibility and primary obligation to do the best for their clients/patients, irrespective of whether they are indeed contractually required to do so or explicitly paid for each of their services.

In the "real" competitive private business world, this me-first attitude would not be acceptable. I suggest to these "work-to-rule" teachers that they remember Andover provides them with favorable working conditions not offered most Andover residents of comparable skill and education. Such teacher employee benefits include:

- Excellent pay (some \$10,000 per month based on actual classroom time) and routine raises;
- Reasonable work hours (what professional do you know who regularly gets home at 3:30 p.m.?);
- Lifetime job security, thanks to tenure;
- Cadillac family health plans, now and until they die; and
- Liberal, well-invested pensions based on their highest pay level.

For many educators, teaching in an affluent, highly educated community like Andover is a dream job. There are many supremely talented, passionate, super-educated, committed individuals who would be very happy to teach in our public schools — and to write with pride college letters for Andover's high school students. I thank those teachers who are expressing their care and concern for our children by willingly participating in this — and other student-supportive tasks. You are much appreciated.

LOIS KARFUNKEL
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TownsBeat

Out & About: Young musicians tune up for BYSO season

Five local musicians will join with the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras as they begin their 2013-2014 season Sunday at Symphony Hall in Boston.

Cellist Mari Nagahara, 14, will take a seat with the Boston Youth Symphony when it performs Brahms' "Symphony No. 3" and Stravinsky's "Symphony in Three Movements" under the leadership of Music Director Federico Cortese, who has led BYSO for the past 14 years.

Bassist Brett Sawka, 14, and violinists Aditi Kannan, 13, and Katie Yu, 16, will perform with the Repertory Orchestra conducted by Mark Miller.

And flutist Jessica Wang, 13, will perform with the Junior Repertory Orchestra conducted by John Holland.

The young musicians auditioned for BYSO in May. Of the 830 applicants, almost 500 were selected to become members of BYSO, which is now in its 56th season.

The concert starts at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$30. For reservations, more information or the full season schedule, visit www.BYSOweb.org.

A night of laughs with Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Andover thinks everyone can use a laugh. And the club promises to deliver at its annual Comedy Night on Friday, Oct. 11, starting at 7 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover.

Dave Rattigan will host the hilarity, with featured comedians Kelly MacFarland, Tony V and Steve Macone.

The club's two previous Comedy Nights both sold out, and this year's fundraiser is expected to be no different. Proceeds support the civic club's community grants programs.

"This is a perfect show for this crowd, because the comedians are all smart and original and very funny," returning host Rattigan said in a release. "There are plenty of comedians with one

or two of those qualities, but very few who provide all three.

"It's one of my favorite shows of the year, because the crowds are great, everybody has fun, and we raise a lot of money that Rotary will use to support a variety of important community organizations and causes. To me, that's the best show to do."

The night will include a cash bar and finger foods. Tickets are \$25 and available at www.rotaryandover.org.

Kelly MacFarland



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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Twins Brendan and Nathan Davies, now 12, attended The Professional Center for Child Development in Andover as toddlers after they were born prematurely.

6 words of heartfelt thanks

Short stories celebrate Professional Center for Child Development's 40 years

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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An unproven writing legend goes like this: Ernest Hemingway once placed a bet saying he could write a very short story in just six words.

"For sale: Baby shoes, never worn," he supposedly wrote.

This six-word fable has been floating around online for some time, with no real evidence proving Hemingway was the author.

But the short-story legend — fictionalized or otherwise — caught the attention of The Professional Center for Child Development in Andover.

School leaders thought this writing challenge would be an interesting and unique way to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the center, which provides therapeutic and educational services for children of all abilities and their families.

So, the six-word story



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Cathy Li and her sons Gavin and Ethan with the six words essay.

project was made. Family members and staffers were asked to write about the school in just a half-dozen words.

The result was simply powerful, organizers said. "We asked families, friends and staff to think

great ones."

Two Andover mothers in particular were able to emotionally convey in short order what the center has meant to their children and families.

Cathy Li's six words went like this: "Fostering independence in my precious boy."

Li, who moved to Andover from Malden last year, said the center "did amazing things" for her son, Gavin, who arrived there at 2 1/2 years old.

"Gavin was at first so very cautious about the new place, and about me leaving the class eventually. The teachers and staff were so wonderful and experienced. Gavin quickly was telling me I could go home," Li wrote in an email.

For Li, The Professional Center for Child Development was a turning point in her preschooler's life.

"My quiet little boy soon

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Susanne Bicknell, left, and Carly Warland, both of Salem, sprint to the finish line of the 5K race.



A Trot for a special cause

About 200 runners and walkers took to the streets of Andover Sunday for the 21st annual Trot for Special Tots 5K Road Race & Walk to benefit The Professional Center for Child Development in Andover.

Organizers said despite the rainy weather, the event was quite successful, raising more than \$20,000 for the center. All proceeds go directly to supporting the programs and services the center provides to children with developmental delays and disabilities.

The event drew 77 runners

— with Andover residents Ken Cain and Mike Roos finishing first and second respectively. Another 120 walkers also completed the course.

Each year, The Professional Center for Child Development provides educational and therapeutic programs and services to more than 1,400 children from northeast Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

For more on The Professional Center for Child Development, visit www.theprofessionalcenter.org.



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

The rain didn't deter almost 200 walkers and runners at Sunday's benefit for The Professional Center for Child Development.



Karen Isgur of Andover walks behind her 2-year-old daughter, Sara Damon, as she pedals along Osgood Street during the 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," through Jan. 5, 2014; "Natural Selections," through March 2014; "the kids are all right," photography and video exploring family in 21st century, through Jan. 5; 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.

ESSEX ART CENTER, "One of these days ..." featuring paintings by Leon Elitov, Connie McCausland and Patricia Edmonds, through Oct. 18, Chester F. Sidell Gallery; 56 Island St., Lawrence; Leslie Costello, 978-685-2343 or leslie@essexartcenter.org; www.essexartcenter.org.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, Artist of the Month exhibit featuring works by portrait artist Steve DiFranza, first floor; watercolor artist Meg O'Hanlon specializing in food and recipe illustrations, second-floor display case; both exhibits through Oct. 31; 2 North Main St., Andover; 978-623-8401, www.mhl.org.

COMEDY

COMEDY NIGHT, Rotary Club of Andover's third annual Comedy Night fundraiser featuring Tony V, Kelly MacFarland and Steve Macone with host Dave Rattigan Friday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m., Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover; tickets \$25, www.rotaryandover.org.

FILMS

HUNGER IN AMERICA, Memorial Hall Library and Neighbors in Need present "A Place at the Table," a



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Keith Lockhart, right, conductor of Boston Symphony Orchestra, leads a performance of Igor Stravinsky's "The Solider's Tale" last month at the Collins Center for Performing Arts at Andover High School. The program, hosted by Northern Essex Community College Foundation Inc., the Women of NECC and the NECC Alumni Association, was a benefit for NECC's Endowment Fund.

documentary examining hunger in America, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; food drive at library through October to benefit Neighbors in Need; 978-623-8401, ext. 38, or straina@mhl.org.

SCREENING ROOM, Boomer-Venture Screening Room Film Festival series featuring "Kon Tiki," a recreation of Thor Heyerdahl's raft voyage across the ocean, Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.; "Sweetheart", a French movie written by Andrew Coburn, local author and crime writer, Thursday, Oct.

17, 7 p.m.; free, snacks available; Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover; 978-623-8321, www.andoverseniorcenter.org.

LECTURES

EDIBLE LANDSCAPES, Garden historian John Forti explores how to eat locally and plant edible gardens and landscapes, co-sponsored by Village Garden Club of Andover and Friends of Memorial Hall Library, Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; 978-623-8401, ext. 49; eclasson@mhl.org.

PARANORMAL SCIENCE, Paranormal Research Association of Boston highlights paranormal activity, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; free, recommended for teens and adults; www.praofb.org/v2/, 978-664-4942.

PARENT TO PARENT, Vicki Hoefle, author of "Duct Tape Parenting," presents "How Parents Can Help Children to Resolve Their Own Dilemmas Independently," Thursday, Oct. 10, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Pike School Auditorium, Andover; Michael Thompson, Ph.D., presents "Best Friends/Worst Enemies: Friendship Development, Popularity and Social Cruelty in Childhood," Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7:30 to 9 p.m., North Andover High School auditorium; presented by Andover Parent to Parent; free, open to public; www.

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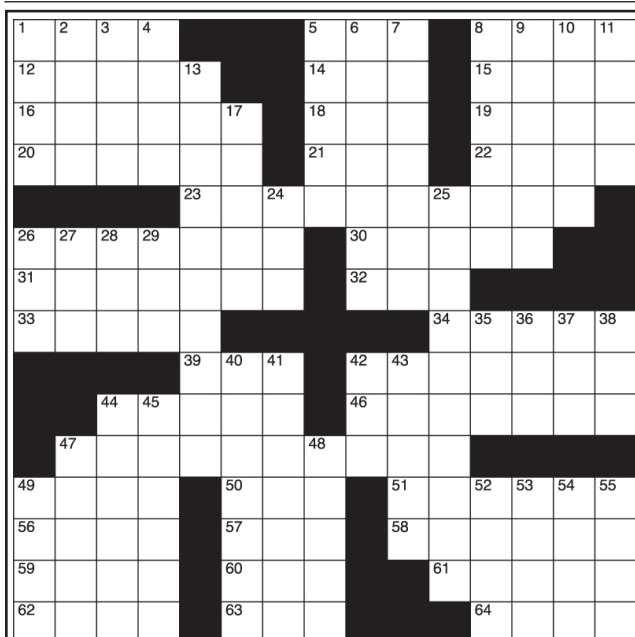
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BRASSERIE 28, Singer-songwriter Ryan Fitzsimmons, acoustic covers, Thursday, Oct. 10; Marc Fleury, acoustic country, blues, Friday, Oct. 11; Joey Vellucci, blues, rock, Motown, Wednesday, Oct. 16; all music 8 to 11 p.m., 2 Elm Square, Andover; http://brasserie28.com.

CABARET, Andover High School Choral Department presents fifth annual Cabaret, a night of Broadway memories old and new featuring 100 performers, Friday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.; \$7 adults, \$5 students; http://ahsmusic.ticketleap.com/cabaret, 978-623-8616.

HAPPY HARVEST, Friends of Memorial Hall Library concert series kick-off featuring Aine Minogue on the harp singing songs of the fall season, Sunday, Oct. 20, 2:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; 978-623-8401, ext. 38.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY, Recital featuring pianist Gabriel Chodos, Friday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.; Orchestra and Band Concert, Friday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m.; Vocal and Choral Concert, Sunday, Oct. 20, 3 p.m.; presented by Phillips Academy Music Department, Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St.; free, 978-749-4260, music@andover.edu.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

1. Pepsi is one
5. Kilocalorie (abbr.)
8. Canadian flyers
12. Bright fleshy seed covers
14. Exclamation of triumph
15. Dawn (Spanish)
16. Former Spanish currency
18. Illuminated
19. A benefit bestowed
20. Spanish beaches
21. Solid water
22. Baby flowers
23. Surrealistic comic strip
26. Uncontrollable tremors
30. Dapper
31. Ear shell
32. Russian river
33. #1 soup noodle brand

34. Relating to a tube
39. Air Reserve base (abbr.)
42. Relating to Deism
44. More dried-up
46. Pear-shaped vowels
47. Creator of 23 across
49. Leavened rum cake
50. "Much ___ About Nothing"
51. Two-sided discussion
56. Snake-like fishes
57. Fold
58. Removed writing
59. Away from wind
60. Small time unit (abbr.)
61. Look at with fixed eyes
62. Former Soviet bloc
63. Vision organ
64. Three-banded Armadillo

CLUES DOWN

1. "Lil Abner" cartoonist Al
2. Pitcher Hershiser
3. Elvis's daughter
4. Mt. Lebanon resort town
5. Islamic civil and religious leader (var. sp.)
6. Mexican American
7. A sideways pass
8. Bunny
9. Threatening rain
10. Where one abides
11. Ardent devotees
13. Not moving
17. Ghastly pale from distress
24. Midway between E and SE
25. Writing materials sellers
26. Even golf score
27. Fabric of camel or goat hair
28. Hide from police: on the ___
29. Patti Hearst's captors

35. Universal Standard Time (abbr.)
36. British thermal unit
37. Own (Scottish)
38. Digital display material
40. Fall back to a former state
41. Tom ___, former LA mayor
42. Runs PCs
43. Wear away
44. Russian marten furs
45. Item used for 58 across
47. A Scottish Highlander
48. Rolls-___, luxury car
49. Jeff Bridges' brother
52. Bay Area Transit Authority
53. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
54. Metric prefix for 10 to the 12th power
55. Frankenberg river

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 by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD

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The scarecrows are coming — for first fall fest

Don't be surprised if you bump into Amelia Earhart on a visit downtown later this month,

The aviatrix will be among 40 scarecrows depicting historical figures and educational themes that will be lining the streets for Andover

Coalition for Education's inaugural Scarecrow Festival.

The nonprofit, volunteer organization that sponsors curriculum-enhancing initiatives across the Andover Public Schools is holding the event to celebrate the local schools and bring a

festive fall excitement to the Andover business district. Designed in the spirit of Holiday Happenings and Andover Days, it is being planned with the support of many town groups, including the Andover Business Community Association. The scarecrows, each

with their own creative educational flair, will be displayed on light poles along Main Street from Oct. 20 through 27.

Then on Sunday, Oct. 27, at noon, the event will culminate with a Festival Gathering in front of Old Town Hall that will feature

performances by Andover High School vocal groups and a presentation by Superintendent of Schools Marinel McGrath.

Andover businesses and organizations are participating in the community-building event through the sponsorship of a scarecrow.

Each scarecrow will be customized with the sponsor's name for the week-long display.

For more information on the festival or to sponsor a scarecrow, contact Jennifer Bentley of the Andover Coalition for Education at info@aceandover.org.

THANKS

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became the silly boy in class," Li said. "The class was such a nurturing, safe environment for him; it really let him come out of his shell and enjoy what the class had to offer.

"He became independent Gavin, and much more confident in himself."

Gavin Li ended up participating in the center's summer preschool program and his mother said he would wake up every day and "ask if it was a school day." She credited his teacher and the program's director for making it such a positive experience.

"The summer program was just so much fun, to describe it in one word," Li said. "It was sad to leave the center at the end of the summer to head to a different preschool."

Julie Davies of Andover, meanwhile, turned to The Professional Center for Child Development for support and services after her twin boys, Brendan and Nathan, were born prematurely.

"Sitting-standing-walking-talking-learning-thriving" — those six words are how Davies described the influence the center had on her sons, who are now 12 and enrolled at Wood Hill Middle School in town.

"The center and the help we got was life changing," Davies said. "One of (my sons) benefited more, as he was delayed in more aspects of his development. The biggest change we saw was that once we were able to get him to sit up, he could then start to learn to feed himself, play with his brother and continue progressing."

Andi Larsen of Andover, an occupational therapist at The Professional Center, shared a view of The Professional Center for Child Development from a different perspective — through the eyes of a staff member.

"Parents Show Love Courage And Resiliency" were the six words she offered in support of the families who have entrusted their children to the center's programs over the course of 40 decades.

According to its mission, The Professional Center for Child Development strives to eliminate barriers to growth and development for children with disabilities and families coping with health issues and challenges. In addition to the main campus on Osgood Street, the center also has a site on Parker Street in Lawrence.

Dealing with special-needs children is not something that can typically be described in six words or less. But Waddill said the six-word project allowed families the chance to express their thanks to the center's staff in a creative way.

"We had caring, compassionate and thought-provoking stories from every participant," Waddill said. "This was a wonderful way for our attendees to get a feel of how much the center means to people."

WHAT'S HAPPENING: THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has a busy month on tap. Here are some of the upcoming activities:

Can You Sudoku?: Tuesdays, Oct. 15, 22 and 29, 9:30 a.m., held at Old Town Hall, Main Street. Sharpen your intellect while developing your logic and patience. Led by Sudoku enthusiast Frank Raymond, a beginners class on Oct. 15 progresses to advanced concepts by the third week; \$6.

Jewelry Making: Mondays, Oct. 21 to Nov. 4, 1 to 3 p.m. Learn to make earrings, a necklace and a bracelet; materials

provided, but bring beads and other objects to incorporate into creations; \$30; eight students maximum.

Meet the Author - Andrew Coburn: Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1:30 p.m. Coburn, a former crime reporter and city editor at The Eagle-Tribune, has written numerous short stories and 13 novels. His novel, "Sweetheart," a suspense mafia novel set in Boston that was adapted into a film, will be screened on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at the center. Coburn will talk about some of the perils of reporting on the criminal

High Tea and History: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2 p.m. South Church historian Charlotte Lyons shares Andover's role in the infamous Salem witch trials of 1692; free.

Men's Breakfast - Jungle Talk: The Amazon Basin: Friday, Oct. 18, 8:30 a.m. Professor Ken Thomas of Northern Essex Community College explores the Amazon Basin of South America; \$4.

Halloween Around the World: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1:30 p.m. Professor Richard Padova of Northern Essex Community College highlights Halloween customs, practices and traditions in different countries; \$3.

The Witches of Andover: Thursday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. What

spooked Andover in 1692? Who were Andover's witches? What happened to them? Join historian Don Robb to discover this fascinating part of Andover's past; \$3.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required for all classes.

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.andoversenior-center.org. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

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Guest piano recital at Cochran Chapel

Pianist Gabriel Chodos, who led the piano department at New England Conservatory for 25 years, visits Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy to perform a recital on Friday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

A teacher, concert performer and recording artist, Chodos also spent many summers as a mainstay of the Aspen Music Festival faculty. He has performed throughout the U.S., Europe, Japan and Israel, including appearances as a soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Aspen Chamber Symphony, Radio Philharmonic Orchestra of Holland and Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. A winner of the Concert Artists Guild Competition in New York, Chodos also received a Fulbright Scholarship, Martha Baird Rockefeller grants and an NEA Solo Recitalists Grant. He has also given master classes and lecture-demonstrations around the world.

Admission is free. For more information, contact the Phillips Academy Music Department at 978-749-4260 or email

music@andover.edu.

AHS Cabaret takes a note from Broadway

Have you ever wanted to be someone else for the day? Have you wondered what it would be like to be in someone else's shoes? The Andover High School Choral Department is switching roles next weekend as it presents a night of "dress-up" showcasing famous Broadway characters.

More than 100 students will stage the night of Broadway memories both old and new as part of the fifth annual Andover High School Cabaret on Friday, Oct. 18, at



From left, Matthew McCormick, Joshua Canner and Nathaniel Vilandre rehearse a scene from "True West," on stage next week at Merrimack College.

7 p.m. at the Collins Center on Shawsheen Road. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students; the public is invited. For tickets or more information, visit <http://ahs-music.ticketleap.com/cabaret> or call 978-623-8616.

Musical harvest opens library music series

Harpist Aine Minogue will kick off the Friends of Memorial Hall Library's 2013-2014 concert series on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2:30 p.m. at the 2 North Main St. library.

Minogue will sing and perform selections on the Irish harp to highlight the beauty of the fall season and

the rich Celtic heritage of the harp. Her songs will be in both Gaelic and English and she may even add a line or two of poetry.

The program explores the manner in which fall and the harvest season reflected the ancient cycle of the year for the early Irish and Celts.

Admission is free. For more information, visit www.mhl.org or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

Sibling rivalry plays out at Merrimack

"True West," a dark comedy about family dysfunction and sibling rivalry written by Pulitzer Prize-winning

playwright Sam Shepard, comes to Merrimack College next week.

Associate professor Kathleen Sills is directing the play of duality that focuses on two estranged brothers — a successful screenwriter and a petty thief — who are reconnecting.

The cast features Merrimack students Josh Canner, a freshman from Andover as Saul Kimmer; Nathaniel Vilandre, a sophomore from Shrewsbury as Austin; Matt McCormick, a senior from Arlington as Lee; and Kali Tudisco, a junior from North Andover as Austin's mother.

The production is presented by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Merrimack. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 17 through 19, at 7:30 p.m., with an additional matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. General admission tickets are \$10, with students and college employees admitted for \$5. For tickets or information, visit www.merrimack.edu/community/rogers or call 978-837-5355.

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Locals lacing up for B.A.A. Half Marathon

Nine Andover residents will be running in Sunday's 13th annual B.A.A. Half Marathon presented by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund as members of the official Dana-Farber team.

Each of the more than 650 Dana-Farber team members participating in the race have committed to raising at least \$500 to support adult and pediatric cancer care and research at Dana-Farber.

Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund have partnered with the B.A.A. in the half-marathon for 11 years. During that time, runners on the Dana-Farber team have raised more than \$3.5 million to fuel lifesaving discoveries.

The local runners are Chris Botting, Rebecca Buisan, Catherine Eccles, Jacqueline

Gillette, Lynn Hook, Jennifer Konjoian, Frank Perrone, Deborah Sloan and Gisela Yepez.

The 13.1-mile rolling course is an out-and-back loop that runs along the Emerald Necklace park system. It will begin and end in White Stadium in Boston's Franklin Park. The event attracts a field of more than 7,000 runners, including world-class athletes.

To support a runner in the B.A.A. Half Marathon, go to www.RunDanaFarber.org/BAAHalf. Anyone who has registered to run the race and would like to raise funds for Dana-Farber can call the Dana-Farber Running Programs office at 617-632-1970 or 800-551-7036 or send an email to drunners@dfci.harvard.edu.

Survivor to share her breast cancer experience

Breast cancer survivor Dr. Shamim Dahod of Andover will share her experiences at a breast cancer awareness program on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Andover Public Safety Center, 32 North Main St.

The program is being cosponsored by the Andover Board of Health with Lowell General Hospital and Chinmaya Mission of Boston in recognition of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is the first of two

related events designed to raise awareness about breast cancer.

Dr. Jill Steinkeler of Lowell General Hospital will lead the discussion, speaking about breast cancer facts, risk factors and screening methods. Men and women are invited to attend to hear about the latest information on detection.

Reservations are not required; light refreshments will be served.

A 'view' of boomer life

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Booming along in life, Leslie Noymer soon realized that friends her age were mirroring a national trend. Their conversations revolved around feeling sandwiched between their aging parents and their children or paying for college tuition or saving for retirement.

"I just remember thinking how everyone was talking about the same thing," the Andover baby boomer said. "It was like the music you hear at parties ... those conversations were being said by everyone over and over."

Noymer first considered writing a book geared at boomers, but then discounted the idea as sort of dry. Instead, she developed the idea for a cable TV show taped in her hometown.

She named it "Boomer Being" and was soon booming with show ideas. Taped at the Andover Community Television studio at the Collins Center at Andover High School, the show can be seen on the local cable channel as well as on YouTube. Noymer proudly said



Leslie Noymer, host of Andover Public Access Television's "Boomer Being," on set at Andover High School's Collins Center.

PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

it also airs in 74 countries.

The show is dedicated to the issues and topics baby boomers contend with in the 21st century, said Noymer, a longtime town resident who is married with two college-age daughters.

Boomers ages 50 to 60 now make up about 20 percent — or one in six — of Andover's residents, according to Kathy Urquhart, director of the Center at Punchard (formerly senior center). Urquhart has said one-third of town residents are now 50-plus. Noymer's target television audience is indeed there.

"Boomer Being" highlights topics like demystifying college admissions; acupuncture including cupping, a form that is a favorite with celebrities; boomer philanthropy, beating burn-out and the importance of adding humor to one's life.

This month, Noymer is piggybacking on the success of Barbara Walters' popular ABC talk show "The View" with installments of "The Boomer View."

The local version hosted by Noymer features a panel of three women sharing their professional knowledge and opinions

on a range of subjects all centered on "Living Longer — Living Better." The panel includes Jodi MacDonald, an almost empty-nester, and Amy Riemer, owner Riemer Communications, both of Andover; as well as Carol Ann Small, a stress expert and humorist.

New "Boomer Being" shows are taped every month. The current program airs through Nov. 5.

In addition to serving as host and creator, Noymer also produces the show. But make no mistake. She doesn't earn a salary and she guesses she spends at least 10 hours a week on the project, including meeting guests for a pre-show coffee and participating in rehearsals, when asked.

"Earning no money means I really like what I'm doing," she said. "I feel good when I hear someone learned something from a show ... it keeps me going."

Boomer Being airs five times weekly on Channel 8 Comcast and Channel 47 Verizon. Show times are Monday at 10 a.m., Tuesday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Visit http://andovertv.org/boomer_being for more.

TOWN TALK

COMPILED BY JUDY WAKEFIELD

Tipping talk

He's a downtown fixture with more than 25 years of pouring brews, wine and mixed drinks at the same address under his belt. And now he's finding himself on the receiving end of tips.

Bartender Bobby Riordan of Andover — who has worked at 18 Park St. tending bar at both Dylan's and its forerunner, Justin's Restaurant, for a combined quarter-century — is fighting cancer and will be out of work for 10 weeks while he undergoes treatment.

"Everyone knows him ... he's just a great guy," Dylan's owner Sam Petrovich said.

Dylan's is hosting a "Tip the Bartender" fundraising event for the well-liked Riordan on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 4 to 10 p.m.

Patrons will be encouraged to leave a \$10 tip — or more — at the door to benefit the local bartender.

"This event is for a good guy and cause," Riordan's friend, Damon Dyer, said. "We want the public to come out and tip their favorite bartender."

Dream wedding vows

The military couple who last year won a \$15,000 wedding package from nine

bridal businesses located in The Bridal Center building on Main Street in downtown Andover will head down the aisle to exchange their vows this weekend.

Brandon Reynolds of Texas and Kelly Becraft of Utica, N.Y., will be married Friday, Oct. 11, at Woburn Country Club.

Their love story video was the top vote-getter in last fall's military-wedding giveaway in Andover. Their video was about falling in love while serving in the military and even included Reynolds' unique proposal — occurring mid-air aboard an Army Blackhawk helicopter. Reynolds and Becraft are both serving with the U.S. Army, and were stationed in Honduras as of early this year.

The nationwide contest awarded \$15,000 worth of wedding-related prizes from the tenants of The Bridal Center. Plus, the Fairways at Woburn Country Club offered the couple a \$2,000 discount on their wedding-reception package. The wedding was originally planned for Sept. 6, but was postponed a month.

Day of Service

More than 80 people volunteered their time last weekend for Faith Lutheran Church's Day of Service in



Zoe Nepomnashy of Andover clears an AVIS site during Faith Lutheran Church's Day of Service last weekend.

Courtesy photo

celebration of its 50th year in town.

Church Council President Kathy Faulk of Andover said the volunteers cleaned the kitchen at Emmaus House in Haverhill, cooked and served the evening meal at Bread and Roses in Lawrence, made brown bag meals for My Brother's Table, planted 700 bulbs on the church's South Main Street property, cleared invasive species from Stanley Reservation, cleaned Andover walking trails, delivered and organized food for Andover's Neighbors in Need, picked apples at Smolak Farms with

members of Creative Living in Andover, and washed windows at Ironstone Farm in Andover. They also helped at Lazarus House in Lawrence with painting and the thrift store,

After they finished their work, they returned to the church to share lunch and fellowship.

Last Sunday, 20 church members also participated in the Hike for Hope, raising more than \$1,200 for Lazarus House.

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TOWNSPET OF THE WEEK: SERGIE



Sergie — a soon-to-be 12-year-old schnoodle (schnauzer/poodle mix) — is the de facto CEO of Samel Insurance Agency at 15 Central St. in downtown Andover and is well known by many of the regulars in town. Weighing in at 25 pounds, he's tough to forget, with his very long legs, brindle coloring and distinctive eyes — one white and one brown. Sergie, who is a beloved member of the Andover family of Jon, Marcy, Andrew and Jennifer Samel, comes to work every day, happily greeting visitors to the agency. He also can be frequently found walking through

downtown Andover on his way to make the daily bank deposits (a good CEO has to watch the money!). When he's not at work, "Serge" loves to chase Jennifer's kitty and play catch with his ball. He is very well trained and enjoys showing off all of his tricks, including balancing food on his nose, to anyone who asks and is willing to give him a treat.

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Selectmen offer input on new hires

By BILL KIRK
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With the impending departure of Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo, who heads to Dracut this fall as its town manager, the Board of Selectmen are taking another look at the position, hoping to add more responsibilities onto the job.

Meanwhile, the town received more than a dozen resumes last month for the newly created director of municipal services position.

While the appointing authority for both positions is Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, selectmen met recently with the town manager and Human Resources Director Candace Hall so they could weigh in on what attributes they think the town should be looking for in filling both jobs.

Municipal services chief

A two-page job description outlines the new director of municipal services' position, which will likely be filled from the field of interested job candidates.

Currently, Chris Cronin is serving as acting DPW director, but also leads the highway department. Ed Ataide is acting director of plant and facilities. It is not known if either applied for the top job. Their positions will be retained following the hiring of a new director.

Cronin earned about \$122,000 last year. Prior to Ataide taking the plant and facilities job, the position was held by Maria Maggio, who died in July. She earned about \$95,000. Cronin and Ataide were both given \$10,000 stipends to serve as acting directors.

According to the job description, the new director will be in charge of highway, water treatment, water and

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sewer distribution, solid waste and recycling, engineering, building maintenance, plumbing/heating/electric, parks, forestry, cemetery, vehicle maintenance and facilities management.

"It's a very big job," Hall said, adding that the person hired will need to merge two departments while also conducting all the usual responsibilities of both departments.

Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli suggested that the new director have a strong record of customer service and understand the concerns of both businesses and residents, along with budgets.

Selectman Brian Major said the next director needs to be able to break down complicated subjects, such as water quality issues, to explain them to the public in a simple, understandable way.

Selectman Paul Salafia noted that "people skills are extremely important. This is a small army of people in these departments. People don't look at these department unless people aren't doing their jobs."

There are about 100 employees between the two departments.

Selectman Dan Kowalski said he wanted to see the next director "down in a hole sometimes, working with the guys he oversees" rather than a bureaucrat or number-cruncher sitting in an office.

Stapczynski said he envisions the new director as a project manager who understands how projects come together, how they are funded and how to pitch them for approval to the town manager,

selectmen and Town Meeting.

The town manager agreed with Hall that the new director will have to oversee a merger of the departments.

"I always wondered why Andover had two public works departments," he said, explaining that the new setup will resemble other towns, such as Danvers.

Stapczynski said that after the resumes are studied by a review committee, the field of candidates will be narrowed to a handful and a finalist will be chosen from there.

The process will take about six weeks. He said he expects the new municipal services director will be chosen by January.

Assistant town manager

Selectmen said with Bucuzzo's departure, the town has the opportunity to rethink the assistant town manager's position.

They told Hall and Stapczynski that the next assistant town manager needs to take some of the workload off the town manager.

"We need to reduce your direct reports," Vispoli told Stapczynski, suggesting Andover Youth Services and Community Development and Planning as two departments that could be shifted to the assistant town manager. Others mentioned the Punchard (Senior) Center.

Major said the scheduling and use of town facilities could also fall to the new position.

Stapczynski said that in the past, the assistant town manager has helped him prepare

Town Meeting. Kowalski said it was important to look ahead, and to hire an assistant town manager who can take over as town manager once Stapczynski leaves.

"Hire an assistant town manager so you can put a succession plan in place for when you're not here," he

told Stapczynski, who noted, "That's a possibility."

Bucuzzo, who made about \$125,000 a year, is slated to leave in November. Hall said she would create a job description based on past ones for the position as well as input from selectmen and other department heads as well as the town manager.

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Making tracks to Deer Jump Reservation

Jane Cairns, president of the Andover Historical Society, is collaborating with Andover Village Improvement Society on a hike along the Merrimack River in the Deer Jump Reservation on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 1 p.m.

Cairns will provide a historical perspective of the AVIS reservation, one of the most-loved of the AVIS properties because of its views of the Merrimack River. John Hess will co-lead the event.

Participants will learn about Native Americans along the river, a former ferry that navigated the waters, some previous owners of riverfront land and more.

AVIS has a long-standing collaborative relationship with the Andover Historical Society. In addition to staffing a table at the Andover Farmers Market at the historical society on several Saturdays this summer, AVIS continues its partnership by co-hosting walks guided by historical society volunteers who offer a historical perspective on the various reservations in town and the events that took place there.

In addition, AVIS and the historical society coordinated with the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy to bring people to Andover

last month for a walk/hike series as part of the annual Trails and Sails celebration sponsored by Essex National Heritage Area.

To join next week's hike, meet at the entrance to Deer Jump Reservation near 17 Launching Road, off River Road. Park along the street or side streets. Wear sturdy shoes for hiking. Heavy rain cancels. For more, call 978-470-0806 or email hess.john@att.net.

Fire Rescue Open House

Andover Fire Rescue is welcoming families to a free open house on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its headquarters at 32 North Main St.

Commemorating National Fire Safety Month and sponsored by Papa Gino's, the open house is aimed at teaching families fire safety and prevention practices.

Participants will receive safety tips such as the stop, drop and roll drill and learn how to plan escape routes and to crawl through a smoke-filled room. Child car safety seats will be checked as well.

In addition, Papa Gino's will provide free pizza and

children's fire safety coloring sheets.

Other community organizations are expected to be on hand as well in an effort to disseminate more safety tips and messages.

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield hopes the event better prepares families to react appropriately during a fire or other emergency situations.

"This event allows us to reach out to the community and educate local families with fire and life safety information, tips and procedures," Mansfield said.

For more information, call Andover Fire Rescue at 978-475-1281.

TOWN BRIEF

Cultural Council grant deadline looms

The Oct. 15 deadline for submitting grant proposals to the Andover Cultural Council for the 2014 funding cycle is fast approaching. The council is seeking proposals for locally based projects related to the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. Artists, schools and cultural organizations are encouraged to apply.

While funding is limited, the council is eager to receive applications from as broad a segment of the community as possible, and is particularly interested in proposals that reflect Andover's growing diversity, collaborative ventures between community

organizations and requests from groups or individuals that have not previously applied.

Last year, the council awarded 16 grants, totaling just over \$4,500, for a range of local concerts, dance and theater performances as well as children's and senior citizen programs.

The grants are part of the Local Cultural Council program funded and administered by the state. Anyone with questions should email ACC01810@gmail.com or visit www.andoverculturalcouncil.com. Complete guidelines and application forms are also available online at www.mass-culture.org.

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Sports

Aruri, girls cross country shine

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Leila Aruri took third place overall in 19:04 to help Andover place third as a team at the 11-team Battle of the Border race last Saturday. Sarah Rothmann was 12th overall in 20:11 and Chantal Kellard was one spot behind in 13th to highlight the Golden Warriors.

Leila Aruri ran to first overall in 19:31 to lead Andover past Central Catholic

(19-32) and Chelmsford (25-31) on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Sarah Rothmann (fourth) and Chantal Kellard (fifth) added top-five finishes and Cate Donovan added a ninth for the winners.

BOYS SOCCER

Warriors red hot

Declan Collins netted a pair of goals as Andover cruised past Methuen 4-1 last Saturday. Victor Guery and Ray Forster each added goals and Alex Gray assisted on a pair of

scores for the winners.

Sam Kelly's first-half goal was all the offense Andover would need in a 1-0 win over Billerica last Thursday, Oct. 3. Edgar Mauge assisted on the score and Mike Weber made eight saves for the shutout.

Sebastian Silveira's goal sent Andover on its way to a 3-1 win over Haverhill last Tuesday, Oct. 1. Sam Kelly and Ray Forster each added goals and Mike Weber made four saves

for the winners.

VOLLEYBALL

Bakhtyari dominates

Behind 16 service points, 16 assists and five aces for Azita Bakhtyari, Andover rolled over Methuen 25-10, 25-11, 25-13 last Friday.

Azita Bakhtyari scored team-highs in assists (23), aces (4) and digs (2) for Andover as it rolled over Lawrence 25-16,

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Andover High senior Leila Aruri delivered an outstanding week, taking a victory and adding a third at an invitational meet.

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BOSTON COLLEGE ATHLETICS/Courtesy Photo

Andover's Dick Kelley is a beloved figure at Boston College, where he has served as longtime sports information director. A raffle to help Kelley, who is battling ALS, is currently still selling tickets. The winner will be drawn live Saturday during televised college football action.

SUPER BOWL RAFFLE TO BENEFIT ANDOVER'S KELLEY

The winner of the Super Bowl trip raffle to benefit Andover native Dick Kelley's fight against ALS will be announced live during the Saturday, Oct. 12, Boston College-Clemson football game. The game will be broadcast nationally on ABC/ESPN2 (depending on location). Tickets still can be purchased at dkfightsals.com. The prize features prime seats for the Super Bowl donated by the Mara family, owners

of the New York Giants. The game will be played at the Giants' home, MetLife Stadium, N.J. The prize also includes a hotel stay at Meadowlands Plaza Hotel. Kelley, a 1983 Andover High grad, is the son of longtime schoolteachers Ed and Ann Kelley. He is the longtime Boston College sports information director. Other prizes include tickets to the Patriots vs. Steelers game.

A natural Hall-of-Fame choice



Andover native Mike Grieco, who now resides in Denver, has been inducted into the Johnson (Vt.) State Hall of Fame. Grieco is one of the school's all-time leading scorers, graduating in 2006.

Grieco honored for soccer career at Johnson State

By BILL BURT
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In fall 2002, Mike Grieco went to little Johnson State College in Johnson, Vt. — also known as the "Middle of Nowhere," some 30 miles from the Canadian border — for a few reasons: Jay Peak, Smuggler's Notch and Stowe.

OK, we're joking, slightly. The small, liberal arts college offered the Andover native the opportunity to be at a tight-knit school that offered many outdoor activities, including skiing.

"It also wasn't that far from home," Grieco said. "Most of the student body enjoyed outdoor activities. And the fact it was 45 minutes from Jay Peak, Smugglers Notch and Stowe (ski areas) was ideal for me."

More than a decade later, Grieco's outdoor sport of choice, we came to find out, was soccer after he was inducted into the JSC Sports Hall of Fame recently.

Ironically, the former Andover High star didn't even go out for the team as a freshman despite being recruited to the school to play soccer.

"I sat out my first year because I had been playing soccer my whole life and needed a break," Grieco said. "I quickly realized how much I missed it and played in my second year at school."

Nobody was happier than JSC coach Brian

Buczek, who has since retired.

"I first watched Mike play in a tournament in western Massachusetts when he was in high school," Buczek recalled. "I was looking at another player at the time. I remember it was late in the day and not many people were present. After the second half began, it was evident that not only could Mike play, but he could score goals. He had two that day."

As Buczek expected, Grieco made his presence felt immediately. He scored three goals his first season and a school-record 13 goals in 20 games his second season. Grieco was named a captain his last two seasons, which included five goals his third year and 12 goals his final season. In the end, he stayed five years at SJC, primarily because of his love of soccer.

Buczek recalled a few games during Grieco's senior season that put him in the Hall of Fame category, when SJC made a trip to western Massachusetts.

"First, we played at Elms College (in Chicopee), which at the time was ranked ahead of us and on a six-game winning streak," Buczek said. "What people didn't know

was that Mike battled a groin injury and only played about 25 percent of the season. We rested Mike in the first half and were dead-locked until the opening minutes of the second when Elms scored.

"We had 30 minutes left in the game and started to play worse. With 25 minutes left in the game, Elms scored again. Now down 2-0, I asked Mike to warm up. When he went into the game, everything changed for us. Mike scored our first goal on a penalty kick. Then with 10 minutes to play, Mike outran two players to get to a ball and scored to tie it at 2-2. Then in the final minute, as we're thinking of overtime, Mike breaks free and wins the game with his third goal."

The next day at Becker College in Worcester, it was more of the same. This time — with Grieco on the bench, sore from his heroics the day before — Becker broke a scoreless tie in the first half with a break-away goal.

"I asked (Grieco) to get up and get loose," Buczek said. "I put him in and within 10 minutes, he scored again. Becker got another goal to go ahead and Mike scored two more goals to get us back the lead."

SJC eventually won 5-2. "In back-to-back days, this young man scored six goals, two of them game-winners," Buczek said. "In almost

20 years in the college game, I never witnessed someone with the ability to take over a soccer match."

Grieco stayed an extra semester at SJC to get that fourth year of soccer in, which was very fruitful as he was named conference Player of the Year and Student Athlete of the Year at JSC.

"I had a great experience at Johnson State," Grieco said. "And to end my soccer career, about 19-plus years, the way I did, will always be special."

Grieco flew home two weeks ago from his new address in Denver, where he is a sales rep for Comcast Business Class. Again, his affinity for skiing played a role in his decision to establish roots there.

"I love Denver, especially with the 300-plus days of sunshine," Grieco said. "I'm an avid skier and ski at Vail, Breckenridge, A-Basin, Keystone and Beaver Creek."

Coach Buczek, who not only attended the Hall of Fame ceremony at the school to honor his former player, but served as presenter, said the honor for Grieco was inevitable.

"Mike is one of my favorite players and I really enjoyed our time together," Buczek said. "A player like Mike only comes around once or twice in a coach's life. I am glad that he chose Johnson State College."

Chelmsford continues to haunt Warriors

By DAVID WILLIS
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For longer than the current roster of the Andover High football team has been alive, Chelmsford has been a serious thorn in the Golden Warriors' collective gridiron side.

A year after dealing the Lions a rare loss, 2013 continued that unfortunate trend, as Andover fell to Chelmsford last Friday, 43-22.

This marked the 13th time in the last 15 years the Golden Warriors have fallen to the Lions. Since the Andover Townsman began keeping complete records in 1984, Andover is now 6-23-1 against Chelmsford.

"Right now, we are just very inconsistent," Andover coach E.J. Perry said. "We had too many turnovers and too many penalties, and right now we just need to show that we can play a full game."

The game started in ominous fashion, as the stadium lights blacked out at Eugene V. Lovely Field in Andover, causing a nearly 40-minute delay.

Once kickoff finally occurred, the Lions jumped ahead early, scoring on three of their four first-half drives, grabbing a 22-0 advantage with two minutes to go before halftime.

The Golden Warriors then managed their best drive of the day. Brandon Marti started with a 52-yard kickoff return, E.J. Perry IV hooked

UP NEXT

Who: Billerica (0-4)
When: Friday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
Where: Billerica Middle School
Last season: Andover blasted Billerica 40-20, as Jack Sylvester ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns and ran a kickoff back for another score.
Billerica at a glance: The Indians have struggled mightily under new coach Rich McKenna, who replaced longtime coach Peter Flynn. They have been outscored 145-77 in four games this year. Billerica did play Chelmsford tough, 46-33.

up with Will Eikenberry on a 14-yard pass on fourth down and then Eikenberry ran in from 2 yards out for a touchdown.

"That drive right before halftime was pretty impressive," Perry said. "And Marti has played well on offense and defense. But we couldn't build on that success."

Chelmsford opened the second half with touchdowns on its first three possessions to put the game out of reach.

Eikenberry continued to be a bright spot for the Warriors, catching five passes for 117 yards and a score and making 14 tackles. Marti also picked off a pass for a 27-yard touchdown and Oliver Eberth rushed for the other score.

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ROUNDUP

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SWIMMING

Fitzsimmons, Andover on a roll

25-11, 25-6 last Wednesday, Oct. 2. Mackenzie Kennedy added 23 service points and Rachel Schnakenberg had eight kills for the winners.

GIRLS SOCCER

Van Antwerp clutch

Meredith Van Antwerp scored one goal and Veronica Alois struck again with the other score to lead Andover to a 2-0 win over previously undefeated Lincoln-Sudbury last Saturday. Courtney Grygiel had an assist and Emily Masterson made five saves for the winners.

Courtney Grygiel scored twice and Andover made it count for a 2-0 win over Billerica last Thursday, Oct. 3. Julia Manty and Veronica Alois each had an assist for the winners.

Emily Wilson made eight saves, but Andover lost to Haverhill 3-1 last Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Shannon Fitzsimmons and Rachel Landry swam on all three winning relays (200 medley, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle) as Andover bested Lowell 99-82 last Friday. Alison Murtagh took the 50 freestyle and Caroline Murtagh won the 100 breaststroke for the Warriors.

Anna Carroll won the 200 freestyle (2:08.72) and swam the anchor leg of the winning 400 freestyle relay as Andover downed Billerica 103-80 last Tuesday, Oct. 1. Nara Norgil took the 50 freestyle, Shannon Fitzsimmons won the 500 freestyle and Morgan Starkweather took the 100 backstroke for the winners.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Galat takes fifth

Max Galat took fifth overall and Alex Bensley was 10th as Andover beat

Central Catholic 19-39 but lost to Chelmsford 16-47 last Wednesday, Oct. 2. Robert Pineault, Jack Hoyt and Rob Perry added places 11-13 for the Warriors.

GOLF

Scarpa, Krekorian star

Brett Krekorian earned victory with a 36 to lead Andover past Tewksbury 18-2 last Thursday, Oct. 3. Tim Awiszus and Nick Scarpa each shot 38s for the winners.

Nick Scarpa fired a 37 and Tim Awiszus and James Nussbaum each had 41s, but Andover fell to Haverhill 11.5-8.5 last Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Hunter Guidboni and Brett Krekorian each scored 2-up victories, but Andover fell to Chelmsford 10.5-9.5 last Tuesday, Oct. 1. Colleen Caveney also earned a win for the Warriors.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

VERONICA ALOIS

SOCCER



Veronica, only a sophomore, is a two-year member of the varsity girls soccer team. This past week, she played a key role in all three games, scoring the winning goal in a 2-0 win against Lincoln-Sudbury, offering an assist in a 2-0 win over Billerica and netting the lone goal in a 3-1 loss against Haverhill. Coach Meghan Matson's comment: "She leads the league with 14 goals and three assists already this season. Her hard work at practice and during games is a huge reason for our success."

DECLAN COLLINS

SOCCER



Declan Collins had two big goals to help lead Andover High over Methuen, 4-1, last Saturday. The senior captain, noted for setting his teammates up — he's among the team leaders in assists — used his speed in both scores. Coach Jim Saalfrank's comment: "Declan is a leader for us. He's a pleasure to coach."



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The following are among the building permits issued in August, according to the town's Building Department. The list includes permit recipients and addresses, job descriptions and value of planned improvements:

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- William E. and Cynthia K. Rand, 5 Robinswood Way**, single family, portico, \$8,500
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- renovations, \$22,000
- First Church of Christ Scientist of Andover, 278 North Main St.**, commercial/religious, strip and re-roof, \$15,250
- Carolina Properties, LLC, 6 Courtney Lane**, single family, new construction, not available
- Wolf Jachimowicz and Alice V. Merkrebs, 19 Hemlock Road**, single family, replace deck and privacy wall, \$20,000
- Royall M. Mack and Valerie J. Mack, 22 Keystone Way**, single family, replace 16 windows, \$16,800
- Clinard Family Revoc. Trust/Mark and Christine Clinard, 1 Wintergreen Circle**, single family,

- replace slider, \$8,300
- Jeff and Suzanne Griffin, 50 Wildwood Road**, single family, add 16-by-30-foot rear deck, \$15,730
- David W. and Kathleen S. Chapman, 34-U17 Martingale Lane**, single family condo, replace 12 windows, \$12,800
- Holly W. Rogers, 2 West Hollow**, single family, strip and re-roof, \$76,620
- Sarah Buck, 12 Theodore Ave.**, single family, strip and re-roof entire house, \$4,960
- Carmen J. Milora, 55 Marilyn Road**, single family, strip and re-roof, \$8,190
- Daniel H. and Kristin B.**

- Kowalski, 24 Enfield Drive**, single family, replace four windows, \$1,000
- James R. and Deborah Arbo, 14 Burton Farm Drive**, single family, 33-by-18-foot addition, \$105,000
- Doyle Lumber Real Estate, LLC, 43 River Road**, commercial/residential, install wireless location on existing tower, \$50,000
- Todd S. and Diana M. Elliott, 5 Alonesos Way**, single family, 21-by-38-foot, in-ground pool, \$45,000

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