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Colleen Ritzer

ANDOVER WOMAN KILLED IN SCHOOL WHERE SHE TAUGHT

Andover High grad found slain at Danvers High School

DANVERS — An Andover woman who was a teacher at Danvers High School was killed Tuesday, and a 14-year-old student is being held as a suspect in the homicide, according to the district attorney.

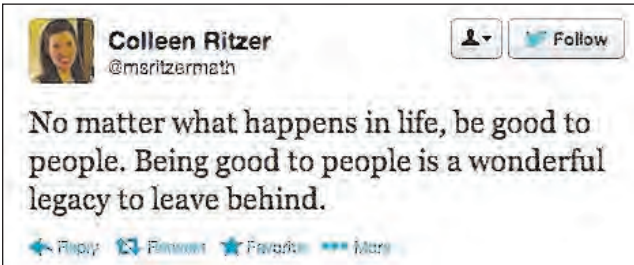
Colleen Ritzer, 24, who graduated from Andover High School in 2007, was found dead in woods behind Danvers High.

Ritzer had worked as a math teacher in Danvers since September 2012. She graduated from Assumption College in Worcester in 2011.

In 2007, when she graduated from Andover High, Ritzer received a technology award for excellence in TV production.

Joe Spanos, the retired head of the TV production department at the high school, remembered Ritzer well.

"I cried when I heard the sad news this morning," Spanos said yesterday. "She was a great student. I taught her in my TV production class. She was a teaching assistant. She always wanted to be a teacher."



Colleen Ritzer sent out this tweet on Twitter in August.

District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett said at a press conference Wednesday morning that the discovery of Ritzer's body was linked to an investigation into a report

of a missing teenager. That teenager, Phillip Chism, was found around 12:30 a.m. yesterday walking on Route 1 in Topsfield and was taken into custody by police.

Danvers police put out a public alert Tuesday night saying they were searching for Chism, 14, of Danvers. The boy had last been seen near Hollywood Hits movie theater off Route 128.

Investigators began searching for Ritzer late Tuesday night after she did not return home and did not answer her phone. When they went to the high school, police found blood in a second-floor bathroom. Working with the state police along with Topsfield and Danvers police, they conducted a search and found

Ritzer's body in the woods near the school.

"It is apparent she was a homicide victim," Blodgett said.

Town officials, including Town Manager Wayne Marquis and Danvers School Superintendent Lisa Dana, were grim-faced during the press conference.

A candlelight vigil was planned for last night at Danvers High.

Reporters Bill Kirk, Judy Wakefield and Jill Harmacinski contributed to this report.

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Phillip Chism

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Danvers High School was closed yesterday.

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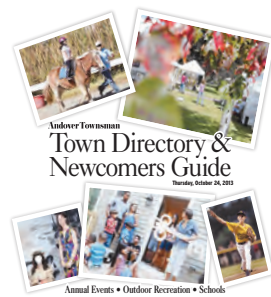


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STRAW INVASION



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

The sun bursts through the jawbone of a skeleton-themed scarecrow, one of many on display in downtown Andover.

Scarecrows stuffed with lessons take hold downtown

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
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An army of straw men has invaded downtown. Clinging to light posts along Main Street, 40 scarecrows, some decorated as celebrities, others as important historic figures, sprang up Sunday as part of the town's first-ever Scarecrow Festival. The festival, sponsored by the Andover Coalition for Education, may coincide with the Halloween season, but it is really intended to showcase

what is going on in local schools, said Tina Girdwood, president of ACE and a former School Committee member. One scarecrow is dressed as Amelia Earhart, complete with plastic airplanes glued to its legs. Another is meant to symbolize diversity, with flags from many different countries and a globe for the head. Still others look like they are just meant to be scary: One has brown

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MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Jen Monderer, left, and Beatrice Ward guide friends Joe Benjamin, center, and Armando Belliard, all members of the Andover High School Interact Club, on Sunday as they transport their scarecrow to its pole position by Memorial Hall Library.

Solar power to the people

Local man aims to harness sun's rays across town



COURTESY PHOTO

Anil Navkal, left, of Rock'O'Dundee Road, stands in front of the solar panels on the roof of his garage. Navkal, a "solar coach," is trying to get Andover designated as a Solarize Community. He is working with Andover High School student-interns Chelsea Hu and Kevin Zhao on the project.

BY BILL KIRK
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To say Anil Navkal is passionate about solar power would be an understatement. He wakes up at 5:30 a.m. every day, logs onto his computer and goes to work. By 8:30 at night, he's just wrapping up. A systems engineer with Motorola in Lowell for the last six years, Navkal, 59, lost

his job last summer. Tapping into some retirement funds, he decided to take a year off from paid work and instead volunteer to spread the gospel of solar to his fellow Andoverites. Already, his zeal has been rewarded. Three of his neighbors have plopped solar panels on their roofs, and the

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STEAM Studio faces sharp concerns

Officials fear funding loss from charter high school

BY DUSTIN LUCA
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Andover public school officials are painting a grim picture of what would happen if a charter high school opened its doors in town. They say a 450-student charter school — the size of the one being actively pursued by a team led by School Committee member David Birnbach — could cost the town about \$5.8 million in annual state education aid, under a worst-case scenario. The damage would

potentially come in the form of dozens of teaching positions lost at Andover High School, they said. Officials highlighted their concerns this week at a combined meeting of the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. Birnbach, who was out of the country on a business trip and did not attend Monday's meeting, disagreed with the projections. He is advocating for the creation of STEAM Studio, a charter school focused on the core

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Student shuffle in the works

Plan will redistrict schools

BY DUSTIN LUCA
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The difficult task of redrawing the town's elementary school district's boundary lines has begun. The School Committee assembled a "subcommittee on redistricting," comprised of members Dennis Forgue and Annie Gilbert. They will deliver a proposal to shift the boundaries of Andover's

elementary school districts sometime in December, according to Gilbert. A vote to change the boundary lines is expected to come in January. Whatever proposal goes forward will likely see heavy public scrutiny in the months ahead, she said. With the last change to the town's districts coming

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Putting on their game face



COURTESY PHOTO

Watch out St. Louis! The Red Sox bench is deep this year. These second-graders from High Plain Elementary School, from left, Liam Flanagan, Jack Gervais, Michael Andelman and Patrick Cote, are ready to cheer on the pride of Boston to another world championship.



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SOLAR: Resident petitions for town to be Solarize Mass community

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number of solar installations in town has gone from 35 to 50 in one year.

And if Navkal has his way, by 2014 more than 100 homes and businesses will be getting their electricity and/or hot water from the sun.

Even before losing his job, Navkal, the owner of his own solar panel array at his Rock O'Dundee Road home, began work on bringing solar to the rest of the town through a state-sponsored program called Solarize Mass, which is run by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, a division of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

The Clean Energy Center has already designated 29 communities around the state as Solarize Mass communities. This week, Navkal, with the help of two high school interns and members of a growing team of solar enthusiasts, submitted an application to the state for Andover to become another Solarize community.

According to the center's website, the Solarize Mass program looks to increase

the adoption of small-scale solar electricity systems through a grassroots educational campaign, driven mainly by local volunteers. Communities chosen under the program then choose a single solar panel installer that will then be able to offer discounted rates to customers.

The state says the program allows installers to offer a tiered pricing structure that increases the savings for everyone as more home and business owners in a community sign up.

Home and business owners who want to participate can either purchase the solar electricity systems directly or enter into a lease or power-purchase agreement with the installer. Under a lease or power-purchase agreement, the installer will own, operate and maintain the system,

while the home or business owner agrees to purchase the power generated by the system at an agreed-upon rate.

The 2011 and 2012 Solarize Mass program resulted in more than 6,000 individuals expressing interest in pursuing solar electricity, and more than 900 residents and business owners in 21 communities signing contracts to install 5.6-plus megawatts worth of solar electricity. In addition, the number of small-scale solar electricity projects in almost every community doubled as a direct result of the program.

The first phase of the 2013 program has designated eight more communities as Solarize Mass communities. Navkal is hoping Andover will be included in the second phase of the program. The state is reviewing the town's application and a number of

others and will choose eight more communities to accept.

Navkal became interested in solar power as he and his wife, Naomi, were putting an addition on their home in 2009. At first, he said, they were going to add onto the back of their house, but then he realized that if he angled the addition in a certain way, the garage roof could be used as a platform for panels to maximize the sun's rays.

He then went through a lengthy process to decide if solar power made sense financially using a spreadsheet financial analysis that he created. He got bids from a handful of companies and ended up hiring Brightstar Solar of Marlborough to do the work.

Currently, all of the home's electricity needs are serviced using the panels, in part because of a number of

energy-saving measures the couple took with their new addition, including putting in energy-efficient light fixtures, a new gas boiler and radiant heating, to name a few details.

In fact, it's worked so well that every year, they accumulate about 800 kilowatts of unused power and are now up to 1,500. Those can be credited to their account so that over time, they save even more money.

After seeing how successful his project was, Navkal joined the Andover Green Advisory Board and then began literally knocking on the doors of homes that had solar panels.

He found a receptive audience.

Part of the document he presented to the state includes information about the team that would conduct community outreach if Andover is designated a Solarize Mass Community.

Girish Rao of Highland Road was one of the first people in town to have solar panels. Don Michelinie of South Main Street, a member of the Green Advisory Board, has a 6kW array on his roof. Chad Stern, who works for a solar panel installer, has a 7.85 kW

solar power system on his roof on Highland Avenue.

Other people working on the project include Carolyn Dann, who works for the DEP and is involved at South Church in Andover, which recently installed a 52kW photovoltaic system on its roof.

Local businessman Mark Spencer, ex-president of the Andover Rotary Club; Greg Sebasky, senior vice president at Philips Healthcare and chairman of the Green Advisory Board; Selectman Paul Salafia and sustainability advocate Steve Fink are also on board.

Town Planner Paul Materazzo is the town liaison to the group, which has received support from Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski.

Navkal, working with Andover High School teacher Melanie Cutler, has conscripted the help of two interns — seniors Kevin Zhao and Chelsea Hu, both 17, who are also doing outreach and working on the group's website, which has an interactive map of the 50 properties in Andover currently equipped with solar panels.

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CHARTER: STEAM studio creates concerns

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areas of science, technology, math and the arts. It would be phased in over four years, with a maximum enrollment of 450 students in grades nine through 12.

STEAM Studio has been invited by the state to apply for a charter license. Its application is due into the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by Friday, Oct. 25.

A loss of up to 450 students "would have a disproportionate impact" at Andover High, School Committee member Annie Gilbert said.

In fiscal year 2012, the town spent \$12,805 on per-pupil expenditure, the benchmark for how much a single student's Andover education costs per year, Gilbert said.

With the average salary

"If a charter school's going to be successful, then the product has to be better than what the public school can give them."

Selectman Brian Major

of an Andover High teacher marked at \$60,000, the cost of 450 students totaling \$5.8 million would equate to 96 teaching positions, according to Gilbert.

Currently, the school employs around 110 to 115 teachers, according to school psychologist and Andover Education Association President Kerry Costello.

Based on other estimates, attributing to how much of the town's budget goes to the School Department each year, the pain could be shared throughout town. But even then, School Committee member Dennis Forgue said "you potentially lose 25 percent of the students at the high school and 48 percent of the faculty" in one scenario.

Birnbach offered a different take in an email provided to The Townsman that he originally sent to the chairmen of the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen, as a member of the STEAM charter school charter team, not as a town official.

"It appears that the reimbursement to the district (each year for six years) will be significant," Birnbach said.

By his calculations using the most recent numbers available — a \$15,871 per-pupil tuition rate — the town would be reimbursed \$1.59 million if 100 Andover students enroll in the first year. Then, after five years at 25 percent reimbursement, the town would receive \$3.57 million for those 100 students lost.

Throughout those first six years, "while the district no longer incurs the cost to educate the students, the district will still receive a rebate from the state," Birnbach wrote.

Officials agreed that any of the scenarios being discussed would take years to develop. With the charter enrollment increasing year to year, the town would be reimbursed 25 percent of the charter school's tuition from the second to sixth year of the school's operation, Gilbert said.

Then, once year seven starts, the town would receive no reimbursement for money lost to the charter school, according to Gilbert.

That also assumes the school would enroll only Andover students. By design, students could be enrolled from other surrounding communities if Andover students don't fill all the seats via an enrollment lottery, Gilbert said.

The school district also would not likely share the full hit of the lost money, given that the school's operating budget recently made up about 44 percent of the town's overall budget, she said.

Costello, who attended the meeting, said the AEA has taken a "position of opposition" against the charter school proposal. She encouraged officials to fight the STEAM plan.

"It's far from a done deal, and I think it's up to all of us — and I include the AEA," she said.

Costello highlighted the city of Brockton, where she said the community "twice defeated commonwealth charter schools" by local grassroots organizing against the proposal.

Officials also suggested that a charter high school wouldn't necessarily be popular among Andover High students

"If a charter school's going to be successful, then the product has to be better than what the public school can give them," Selectman Brian Major said. "If the public school education is excellent, then the charter school isn't going to be successful."

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SCARECROW: Each school in town represented by straw creatures

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yarn coming out its mouth, another has a human face topped by a bright, red hat.

One of the scarecrows, which looks like Microsoft founder and billionaire Bill Gates, got a scare of its own when one of its arms was torched Sunday evening by two people wearing dark hoodies. Police said a witness reported seeing two people flee from the burning effigy, running toward Phillips Academy. Security at the private school was notified.

Girdwood said the vandalism "was a shame" as students and teachers worked hard on creating and decorating their scarecrows. ACE members are quietly patrolling Main Street to make sure the rest of the scarecrows are safe, Girdwood said.

The scarecrows were made by students and staffers at Andover's 10 public schools. Local businesses are sponsoring them.

Tony James, a former School Committee member



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos

The finishing touches are added to a science-themed scarecrow, one of many straw creations crafted by the local public schools for the downtown display.

who now lives in Georgia but still serves on the ACE board, came up with the scarecrow festival idea, Girdwood said. His new community in Georgia hosts a similar festival every year. The ACE board liked the

idea and the scarecrow decorating was embraced by the town schools.

Every school is represented, with most schools contributing more than one scarecrow to the display. West Elementary School



A scarecrow already affixed to a pole on Sunday appears to make eye contact and conversation with another scarecrow flat in the back of a car awaiting its own post in downtown Andover.

decorated four, each crafted to look like a scientist as the school is showcasing its science program.

Students spent Sunday afternoon working with members of ACE as well as business and community leaders in setting up the scarecrows along Main Street from Elm Square to

Punchard Avenue.

The festival ends this Sunday with a Festive Gathering at noon. The free event at Old Town Hall on Main Street will feature Andover High School vocal groups, a presentation by Superintendent Marinel McGrath and refreshments. Then the scarecrows will come down,

with some being sold to residents who plan to decorate their homes with them for the remainder of the season.

Proceeds benefit ACE, which has awarded some \$500,000 to local schools since it was founded in 2005. It offers grants each year for innovative programs that stand to benefit students.

REDISTRICT: Plan has elementary students attending different schools

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with the opening of High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools in 2002, the impetus this time around is the opening of a new Bancroft Elementary School and the possible closing of Shawsheen School, officials have said.

When the 680-student Bancroft Elementary is opened next year, it will be the largest elementary school in town — capable of holding 227 more students than its predecessor, according to documents outlining the process.

Shawsheen School, a choice elementary school that parents can send their kids to in lieu of the school in their district, has been projected to go offline for all students kindergarten age or older due to the age and condition of the facility.

The earliest steps in the

redistricting process have put the five schools to remain at anywhere from 93 percent to 100 percent capacity, according to data provided by the School Department at a meeting last week launching the public portion of the process.

The process creating the lines "is very fluid. It's dynamic," said Paul Szymanski, assistant superintendent of finance and administration. "As we speak, that map may be changing."

But there are still some lingering questions that hang in the balance.

First, when will students move into the new Bancroft?

Officials are hoping to open the new school after April vacation this school year. That would allow the final phase of the project — demolition of the existing school and other site work — to start before the school year ended, Gilbert said.

If new district lines are supported by January and the Bancroft site is ready for a full, 680-student load in April, the redistricting could take effect for September 2014, according to Gilbert.

Otherwise, the shift in the lines would wait a year, Gilbert said.

The process so far assumes that Shawsheen School, if it closes, will send its kindergarten, first- and second-graders into their home districts, which was part of the original motivation behind building a new Bancroft, according to Gilbert.

While the suggestion of closing Shawsheen remains a contested one, it's still being factored into where the lines are going to be drawn, Gilbert said.

"Our starting assumption is to start with Shawsheen going offline because, when we built and planned for the

new Bancroft, that was an opportunity for us to look at taking a very expensive building that has a high rate of physical plant needs offline," Gilbert said. "We're going to start with the same assumption because that was our plan, but things have changed demographically in our community. So, we're going to see where that data leads us."

The process aims to keep all schools around 95 percent full to allow for future growth, but one thing not currently being accounted for is some of the larger construction projects spurring that growth.

One example, provided by transportation coordinator Mary Lou Walsh, is North Field Commons, an 80-unit development with 192 bedrooms being built in the High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools' district.

Another is Rolling Green, being built off Lowell Street. That development will add 334 bedrooms in 224 apartment units, according to Walsh.

"You want to look at that, too, when you're reaching capacity," Walsh said. "There is not a lot of room to play, to make room for those people right now. We have to populate what we have, and we don't have the luxury of making room for projects we know are going to be online."

That isn't to say the impending expansion of the town's student community isn't part of the discussion, however.

"That's some of the information that will be used to make some of the decisions, just the knowledge that there will be something coming in," Gilbert said. "There's a limit to how much we can do about it."

As of last week, there was not another meeting scheduled to discuss redistricting.

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Education



Elizabeth Dang, a preschool student in Ann O'Donnell's class, tried out life as a starfish during the New England Aquarium's recent visit to Shawsheen School. The program, which was sponsored by the PTO, focused on the ocean's tide pools.

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Star of the day

Shawsheen School students were able to experience the ocean and touch and see many underwater animals during the New England Aquarium's recent visit to their school. The program was sponsored by the PTO.



Percussive beat for Wood Hill benefit

What do you get when you combine percussion, recycling and a whole lot of fun? Billy Jonas and his band. And they are headed to Andover on Friday, Nov. 1, to perform a benefit for the Wood Hill Middle School Parent Advisory Council.

The family-oriented concert starts at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium on Cross Street and the community is invited to attend.

Organizers say Jonas is known for making his entire audience part of his ensemble. His percussion-based music makes use of found objects — buckets, broom handles, bottles, key chains and more — as well as traditional instruments to both



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Bill Jonas brings his engaging percussion music to Wood Hill Middle School next week.

entertain and educate.

Tickets are \$5; children must attend with an adult. Proceeds will support educational programs at Wood Hill

Middle School.

Earlier in the day, students at Wood Hill Middle and High Plain Elementary will participate in Jonas' educational

performances targeted for their age group. Themes will include ecological awareness, community connection and curriculum-related songs.

Jonas has performed across the U.S. and Canada, including at the White House. His CD, "What Kind of Cat are You?!" received multiple awards, including a First Place/Gold from American Federation of Independent Musicians and a Parents' Choice Gold. His videos have also garnered acclaim, including Parents Choice Awards and a New York Times "Best" listing.

For advance tickets or more information, contact Donna Robinson at donna_robinson@comcast.net.

LOCAL SCHOLAR

Anadir Soares-Guzman, a student in Greater Lawrence Community Action Council's Head Start program, was accepted into the kindergarten class at Pike School this fall. He is the 14th student from GLCAC's Head Start to be accepted at the private pre-kindergarten through ninth grade school in Andover in the past seven years.

He joins 11 other alumni of GLCAC's Head Start at Pike. The Head Start Program provides preschool education to children of low-income families in Greater Lawrence. Pike School offers the students' families financial aid awards to pay for tuition and transportation expenses while they are enrolled.

For more on GLCAC's Head Start program, call 978-681-4920 or visit www.glcac.org.

ON CAMPUS

Alexander Cain of Andover was named to the dean's Business Scholars Program, a special initiative for high-achieving, first-year students in the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University in New York. The program provides scholars with faculty mentors, specialized career center workshops and advisement, invitation to special panels, trips to Long Island and New York City companies and opportunities to engage with industry leaders.

Lily Gibbons earned a Bachelor of Science degree and **Michael Sequeira** earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in media studies from Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire.

John B. Wurts graduated summa cum laude from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio in May with two Bachelor of Science degrees in mechanical engineering and aerospace engineering and a minor in applied

mathematics. He obtained dean's high honors for his six semesters at Case Western and was a member of Tau Beta Pi since fall 2011. In 2012, he received the Robert and Leona Garwin Prize for a student who demonstrated theoretical scientific ability with experimental competence and inventive talent.

This year, he received the Fred Hale Vose Prize for the senior in mechanical engineering who demonstrated the greatest promise for professional leadership. A 2010 graduate of Andover High School, Wurts is now pursuing his doctorate in aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan.

Rachel Stern, daughter of Fred and Linda Stern of Andover, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester at the University of Delaware. Rachel, a junior at the school, is in the Honors Program. She is also vice president of an a cappella singing group and a member of the figure skating team.

Ashleigh Ryans has been elected president of the Student Government Association at Wheelock College in Boston for the 2013-2014 academic year. A senior, she is majoring in social work with a minor in communications. She also serves as an orientation leader and as part of her senior practicum works at Commonwealth Land Trust, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving neighborhoods and preventing homelessness. In addition to her community service and leadership at Wheelock, Ryans is a Red Sox fan who serves as a security guard during games.

Sean Flanigan, who graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology this summer, received an Alumni Award, which recognizes undergraduate students who achieved the highest cumulative grade point average in their major. Flanigan majored in building construction management.

MCAS rankings misleading, school officials report

By DUSTIN LUCA
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When it comes to MCAS scores, the rankings don't always tell the complete story.

That's the message schools officials sought to spread earlier this month when they reviewed the town's latest scores on the statewide standardized test.

Superintendent Marinel McGrath urged officials and the community to see beyond the rankings, saying they don't paint a full picture of what the test results say about Andover students.

For example, the rankings place Andover as 47th out of 344 school districts in the state in 10th-grade English, McGrath said. But in actuality, the town scored a 98, only two points off a perfect 100 score, she said. But because 22 schools scored 100 and another 24 scored 99, Andover as well as the other 22 districts in the state that scored 98 tied for 47th place in the rankings.

In the case of 10th-grade science, even though Andover's rank dropped from 52nd to 75th this year, students' overall score actually improved from 86 to 88 year to year, officials said.

"Statistics and numbers can be spun in a lot of different ways," McGrath said. "It gets very disturbing, and very annoying, to a lot of school personnel to see how this is, because all these different places do all these rankings, and then there are perceptions drawn about the school system that aren't accurate."

As a whole, Assistant Superintendent Nancy Duolos said the district's MCAS scores "have been holding fairly steady over the past five years. There's nothing alarming."

School Committee member David Birnbach characterized the scores as "a snapshot to know where we're at" and agreed that the rankings shouldn't hold much weight.

"I hope you don't spend a lot of time on this," he

"Statistics and numbers can be spun in a lot of different ways."

Superintendent
Marinel McGrath

said. "We're a high-performing district. Our scores are stellar, vis-a-vis the broader ocean we're involved in, in the state and nationally. I view all these scores as internal diagnostic tools for the teaching staff. That's it."

McGrath said the scores are useful as "a way for you to really see how students are measuring inside, in terms of the frameworks, to answer where students are, what kind of staff development, instructional adjustments we need to make."

But committee member Paula Colby-Clements acknowledged that parents are still going to worry, so the information McGrath provided on the rankings will be useful in discussing the results with them.

"Every year when MCAS comes out, you'll get emails or people will write to the paper, and they say, 'what happened? This dropped a point. That dropped a point,'" Colby-Clements said. "I think it's important for us to support (the administration) by being able to bring this information back."

Member Barbara L'Italien, a former state representative, said when she was in the Legislature, she never felt passing the MCAS should be a state requirement for high school graduation.

"Being a good test taker, which is really what MCAS is, isn't a predictor and indicator of what kind of person you'll be and how you'll fare in life," she said.

On the other hand, she said, "people like to monitor the numbers."

"There's always going to be that push and pull," L'Italien said. "It's a reality we have to put into perspective."

Students bake up a lesson to feed the hungry

Wood Hill Middle School students recently got a lesson in bread making, feeding the hungry and family togetherness — all rolled into one.

King Arthur Flour Co., based in Norwich, Vt., started the sixth- and seventh-graders kneading as part of its mission to teach kids how to bake bread at home and then share it with others.

The flour company visits schools to promote this life skills program and its three goals — learn, bake and share.

Andover applied to take part in the project three years ago, Wood Hill Middle School Principal Patrick Bucco said.

"It was impressive how many students participated. ... It was a great experience for everyone involved and beyond bringing in some of the curriculum standards, it also was a great lesson in citizenship and the importance

of giving back," Bucco wrote in an email.

After the demonstration by King Arthur Flour, the school's dough boys and girls tested out their bread-making skills at home, baking more than 200 loaves that they then donated to Cor Unum food pantry in Lawrence.

Food pantry director Diane Jenkins visited Wood Hill to explain where the bread would be going and how it would aid the hungry in the region.

Beyond the community benefit, Bucco hopes the exercise also strengthened the family unit.

"Hopefully the families got some time in the kitchen together, which is so important to slow down and walk away from technology and enjoy time together," he said.

— Judy Wakefield, staff writer

TOWN OF ANDOVER WATER DEPARTMENT NOTICE FIRE FLOW TESTS

Fire flow tests will be conducted on **Saturday, October 26, 2013** beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the **PHILLIPS ACADEMY AREA**. Water may be discolored for a period of time in the **SALEM ST., MAIN-SO. MAIN STREET, SCHOOL ST., & PHILLIPS STREET AREAS**. To help alleviate the problem, please run your outside spigots until the water clears.

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Patel handed \$5K fine, 1-year probation in obstruction case

By BILL KIRK
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An Andover man convicted in federal court in June of obstructing a grand jury investigation was sentenced earlier this month to one year of probation and ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Kamlesh Patel, 48, of Trevino Circle, was sentenced following his guilty plea in June to a charge of obstruction by destruction and alteration of documents in connection with a grand jury investigation, according to a press release issued by U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz's office.

Patel had received a grand jury subpoena for records relating to his business dealings with another company as well as claims that the other company was owned and operated by a service-disabled veteran.

According to a statement issued by the U.S. Attorney in June, Patel was aware that he had documents on his computer that were relevant to the subpoena and the pending investigation. Patel nonetheless deleted those documents, the statement said.

Patel, who owned J&J Contractors of Lowell, faced a maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison followed by three years of supervised probation as well as a \$250,000 fine.

Instead, U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr. ordered Patel to one year of probation and a \$5,000

fine, to be paid within two weeks of the sentencing, which took place Oct. 9.

Patel was also ordered to submit a DNA sample and is prohibited from possessing a firearm. He was also assessed a \$100 penalty.

The sentencing is based on a November 2012 agreement between Patel and the U.S. Attorney's office stating that Patel must testify truthfully and completely in any grand jury proceeding, hearing or trial.

"Defendant must answer all questions put to him by any law-enforcement agents or government attorneys and must not withhold any information," the agreement states. "Defendant must not attempt to protect any person or entity through false information or omission, or to implicate falsely any person or entity. Upon request, defendant must furnish all documents, objects and other evidence in defendant's possession, custody or control that are relevant to the government's inquiries."

If Patel fails to provide "substantial assistance" to the U.S. Attorney, the agreement could be revoked and he could face additional charges, including perjury.

Patel, who is no longer affiliated with J&J Contractors, has an unpublished phone number and could not be reached for comment. His attorney, David Vicinanza of Nixon Peabody, also could not be reached.

Board of Health shuts down eatery

By DUSTIN LUCA
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A downtown Andover restaurant with a long history before the Board of Health has been shut down until it can solve a new wave of problems.

After spending two years addressing critical health violations, Boston King Cafe at 16 North Main St. found itself answering once again to what health officials termed critical health violations Monday night.

A routine inspection on Oct. 3 found three pages of violations covering a range of issues, including "exposed food stored too close to open trash," "dirty paper towels (used) on contact surfaces," "establishment needed complete scrub down" and more, officials said.

Those violations come three months after Boston King Cafe won a clean bill of health from the town after the owners spent two years working with health officials to right the eatery.

"We went through two years of giving one more chance. You were looking for something to be sustainable," Board of

Health Chairwoman Candace Martin said at a hearing Monday night.

At the recommendation of Town Health Director Tom Carbone, the Board of Health voted unanimously to revoke the restaurant's food license until it presented a plan correcting its problems and hired a new chef.

"When you have a restaurant of that size with three pages of written violations, it's a problem," Carbone told the board.

David Bernard, the restaurant's attorney, said the cafe "made a big mistake."

"With the economy going down, they thought they could save the expense of (their) professional chef and try to take care of things on their own," he said.

Throughout the hearing, Bernard as well as owner Sun Son and employee Rory Linn said they had a plan moving forward to correct the issues, including hiring a new chef and putting Linn and Son through ServSafe food safety certification.

However, given the history, the Board of Health had

reservations about the proposal — namely, allowing the breakfast and lunch eatery to stay open without a newly hired chef in the building.

Martin said she heard the business' concerns, "and of course, we always want to balance and support businesses in the town."

"I think the message has been clear in the past, and we've said it directly to you: 'This is the last continuance — the next time, you're shut down,'" she said. "I thought it was pretty clear. I know it was pretty clear."

Board member Katherine Kellman added, "It's not our patience, it's not our trust; it's our responsibility that we need to consider."

"We took a lot of risks in what we did, for a good reason," Kellman said. "But I don't know how to justify continuing to take that same risk with public health."

As the board debated possible action, Linn said there has historically "never been a risk to the public. My little brother and sister come there. I serve

them. I eat there every day. No one has ever gotten sick. No one ever will get sick. There are some issues, but there has never been a risk at all."

But Kellman was not convinced.

"In the face of this long list of code violations, we have a statement that there's no risk to public health — none," she said. "It reflects absolutely no understanding that this isn't arbitrary rules, but rules to protect public health."

Following the hearing, Linn and Son reported that they are busy working inside to get Boston King Cafe back open.

"We respect the board's decision and are grateful to have the town work with us as we make the necessary changes to our kitchen personnel and operations," Linn said. "We will certainly fix any problems that we have encountered along the way, in order to better serve our customers and friends."

While the restaurant's doors were locked on Tuesday, Son was on site, he said, with chef interviews scheduled to get the restaurant back on track.

Drug disposal day set for Saturday

The Andover Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration and TRIAD will be holding a Medication Disposal Day on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Elementary School, 58 Beacon St., Andover.

Residents are encouraged to gather expired, unused and unneeded medications and drop them off.

The medication disposal is completely anonymous and free of charge for residential drug users.

In addition, representatives of the Police

Department will be picking up medication on Saturday at various locations for residents who are unable to go to West Elementary. The pick-up locations and times are:

- Community room of Frye Circle, 10:30 a.m.
- Community room of

- Stowe Court, 11 a.m.
- Andover Commons, 11:30 a.m.
- Main lobby of Atria Marland Place, noon
- Anyone with questions should contact Andover police officer Robin Cataldo at 978-475-0411, ext. 1004.

■ TOWN NOTEBOOK

Sen. Finegold office hours Oct. 25

Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, and his staff will hold office hours on Friday, Oct. 25, in the activities room at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., downtown Andover.

The office hours will go from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 617-722-1613 or email the senator at barry.finegold@masenate.gov or his chief of staff Caitriona Fitzgerald at caitrona.fitzgerald@mase.

Schedule set for fall leaf pickup, compost site

The annual fall curb-side leaf collection program has begun and continues through Dec. 6.

The collection typically starts five weeks before Thanksgiving and then continues for one week after the holiday. There is, however, no leaf collection Thanksgiving week.

In addition, the Bald Hill compost site on High Plain

Road is now operating with its fall hours, which are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The gates are locked and the site is closed on all other days and times. Illegal dumping is subject to penalties and fines.

A permit is required to

drop off leaves and raw clippings as well as to pick up compost. Disposal is restricted to grass clippings, leaves and green garden waste. No plastic bags, branches or other waste is allowed.

The annual residential permit fee for use of the compost site is \$25 per vehicle with a maximum of two vehicles per address. Commercial

permits cost \$1,000 for the first vehicle, with \$100 for each additional vehicle up to a total of three vehicles. The commercial permits are restricted to Andover-based businesses only.

Permits are issued by the town's Plant & Facilities Department. For more information, call 978-623-8472 or visit <http://andoverma.gov/facilities/compost.php>.



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Andover vet held in donut shop hold-up

By BILL KIRK
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WOBURN — An Andover man is being held without bail on charges of armed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon after police say he held up a Heavenly Donuts in North Reading early Sunday morning.

Police say Michael Quinlan, 25, whose street address was not immediately available, walked into the doughnut shop at 68 Winter St. at 4:23 a.m. Sunday, hopped over the counter and held a knife to the cashier, according to Stephanie Guyotte, spokeswoman for Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan.

"He ordered the employee to open the register," Guyotte said. "The employee opened the register and handed money to the suspect."

Quinlan then fled, but he was followed by another employee who had called 911, according to police. Police arrived and found Quinlan hiding in the bushes next to a nearby Papa Gino's.

Quinlan was arraigned Monday in Woburn District Court and was ordered held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing, which is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 29.

A police report on the incident said that Quinlan

was a veteran of the war in Afghanistan who was addicted to painkillers as a result of a back injury he suffered while serving, according to The Boston Globe.

Quinlan's attorney, John Burke, could not be reached for comment.

Andover Veterans Agent Mike Burke, no relation to Quinlan's attorney, would not comment on whether Quinlan had sought services from his office, citing confidentiality requirements. But he said his office does not often work with veterans of the war on terror, saying that the majority of them do not tend to seek services.

Quinlan was one of a handful of veterans honored in North Andover in November 2012 for his participation in the war on terror. The veterans agent in North Andover could not be reached for comment.

North Reading police are continuing to investigate the robbery, including any potential link to similar robberies in the region.

A number of Dunkin' Donuts shops have been held up in recent months, leading some to speculate that Quinlan may have been involved in those cases as well.

At this time, there is no corroborating information connecting this robbery to any others, the North Reading police said in a press release.

No bail for child rape suspect

By DUSTIN LUCA
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A Norwell man accused of enticing a 14-year-old Andover boy he met online into a sexual encounter at a local hotel is being held without bail after being deemed a danger to society.

Lawrence District Court Judge Michael Uhlarik ruled last week that Andrew Whittaker, 49, of 62 Brantwood Road, Norwell, presented a threat to society and that there are "no conditions of release imposed upon Mr. Whittaker that will reasonably ensure the safety of the juvenile."

Whittaker has been behind bars since his Oct. 5 arrest in Andover on charges of statutory, aggravated rape of a child and enticing a child under the age of 16. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

During his dangerousness hearing last Wednesday, Oct. 16, both the prosecution and Whittaker's defense counsel sought to shed light on what led to the arrest.

In arguing against bail, prosecutor Kimberly Gillespie painted the suspect as someone who "is preying on this boy because he is vulnerable, and he knows it."

But Whittaker's defense counsel, Hilary McCamic, argued the situation is not so cut and dry. McCamic said Whittaker "has



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andrew Whittaker, 49, of Norwell, appears for a dangerousness hearing in Lawrence District Court. He is charged with statutory, aggravated rape of a child and enticing a child under the age of 16.

no prior convictions. There is no evidence that this is somebody who's going online, looking at child pornography sites," she said. "This is a man who went to a man's site. He went to Craigslist, 18 and over, adult website, and the complaining witness posed as an adult."

Andover police Detective Kevin Aufiero said the local boy told police that in April he started posing online as an 18-year-old and posting to the adult sections of Craigslist as well as an adult social networking website.

Aufiero said the boy "was having issues identifying his

sexuality" and also was bothered by not having the "expensive electronics, such as laptops and cellphones," that many of his peers had.

Whittaker responded to one of the Craigslist posts in June, Aufiero said.

After the initial contact, Whittaker and the boy didn't exchange messages until September, when they arranged a meeting in Andover, according to Aufiero.

During the meeting, Aufiero said, Whittaker "told the juvenile that he didn't appear to be 18. However, the juvenile did state that he was."

Whittaker bought the boy a smartphone when they met, then took him to a local video game store to buy him a game, the detective said. They next went to La Quinta hotel in Andover for a sexual encounter, he said.

After the boy's parents learned about the encounter, they brought their son to the police station to report the activity on Sept. 26. The cellphone was seized by Aufiero, who on Oct. 4 used it to contact Whittaker — posing as the boy — and bring him back to Andover.

In an interview with police, Whittaker admitted to many of the details the boy shared — including that a sexual encounter took place in town, Aufiero said.

However, he also brought up the issue of the age of consent and said he believed the youth was 16 or 17, based on his appearance, according to the detective.

When Aufiero asked Whittaker why he returned to Andover for a second encounter, "his explanation was that he came to meet with the juvenile to question why he was lied to about his age," the detective said.

An electrician, Whittaker returned to Andover in a company work van. Aufiero said Whittaker has operated his electrical business in the state for nearly three decades. He has also been a karate instructor with the Hanover Police Boys Club.

Hanover Police Lt. Gregory Nihan said the Hanover Police Boys Club, which is more like a gym, is not affiliated with the town's Police Department, although it is run by a retired Hanover police detective. The club was started in the 1970s in an old Department of Public Works garage behind the town's former police station.

Nihan said he was familiar with Whittaker's arrest and the events leading up to it, but said the suspect's name "didn't ring a bell" when he first heard it.

A probable cause hearing for Whittaker is scheduled for Nov. 15.

More patrols targeting distracted drivers

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Notice an influx of police cruisers on the streets in the last week? If you haven't, consider yourself warned.

Andover police have been out in force monitoring the roads in search of unsafe

drivers. With the help of a Massachusetts Highway Safety Grant, police have had extra patrols around town since last Friday, Oct. 18.

The added patrols are specifically targeting distracted drivers and motorists not wearing their seat belts, Lt.

Edward Guy said.

Guy said police are looking for people texting while driving and cases of impeded operation, such as people driving with dogs in their laps.

He said distracted drivers pose serious safety concerns on the roads and police are

hoping to curb such activity. The extra patrols will continue through Nov. 1.

"We've seen some fatalities out there, serious injuries from accidents with distracted driving," Guy said. "It's obviously a serious concern."

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA AND BILL KIRK

The following items were taken from Andover police logs from Monday, Oct. 14 to Sunday, Oct. 20:

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Oct. 16 — At 6:35 a.m., Shawna Anthony, 38, of 6 Crescent Drive, Andover, was arrested on Crescent Drive and charged on a warrant.

Thursday, Oct. 17 — At 7:03 a.m., Eugene McSweeney, 55, of 2 Northeastern Ave., Burlington, was arrested on Union Street and charged on a warrant.

Friday, Oct. 18 — At 12:22 a.m., Sarah Nickerson, 33, of 24R Pomeroy Road, Andover, was arrested at her home and charged with assault and battery on a household member and intimidating a witness.

At 8:39 p.m., Richard Zeytoonian, 56, of 1912 Plains Road, Silver Lake, N.H., was arrested on Lovejoy Road and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor, third offense.

Saturday, Oct. 19 — At 1:33 a.m., Alexander Kutana, 22, of 13 Woodland St., Sharon, was arrested on Foxhill Road and charged with selling or delivering liquor to a person under 21 and trespassing. This arrest was conducted by Merrimack College police and processed by Andover police as a courtesy booking.

Sunday, Oct. 20 — At 2:12 a.m., Corey Cignarella, 18, of 9 High St., Norwood, was arrested on Foxhill Road and charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct.

At 4:42 a.m., William Igoe, 29, of 53 Jenkins Road, Andover, was arrested on Route 125 and charged with leaving the scene of property damage and operating under the influence of liquor.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Oct. 16 — At 3:48 a.m., a police officer found a purse on the ground next to a car parked on Argyle Street. Police later determined the purse had been stolen. The owner was contacted.

At 9:08 a.m., a theft was reported on Brook Street.

At 2:44 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Carlisle Street.

At 3:01 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Argyle Street.

At 5:43 p.m., a Carisbrooke Street resident reported that someone had gone through her car and stolen her wallet overnight.

Thursday, Oct. 17 — At 2:35 p.m., a theft from a tool shed was reported on North Main

Street.

Friday, Oct. 18 — At 10:04 a.m., a theft from two vehicles was reported on River Road.

At 1:03 p.m., a motor vehicle was reported stolen on River Road.

At 6:46 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Chandler Road.

At 10:15 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Fossen Way.

Saturday, Oct. 19 — A vehicle reported stolen out of Tewksbury was recovered on Brundrett Avenue after being parked in front of a home for two days.

INCIDENTS

Monday, Oct. 14 — At 1:35 p.m., a Morton Street resident reported that an approximately 15-year-old boy "just attempted to break into his house through his garage."

Police later caught up with the child, a 12-year-old Andover boy, and determined

he wasn't trying to break into the property or steal anything from it.

At 3:37 p.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on Andover Street.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 — At 3:25 p.m., a River Street resident reported that her neighbor was fishing too close to her property. Police spoke with the fisherman, who said it was "unintentional."

At 2:46 p.m., a York Street woman reported to police that her cat was in the backyard with an eye injury and was bleeding from the mouth. The animal control officer got the cat into a pet carrier and the owner took it to the vet.

Thursday, Oct. 17 — At 1:46 a.m., police received a 911 call from a man on Andover Street who reported that "he missed his train and was looking for a cab to Wakefield."

Police contacted a cab company for the caller.

At 9:32 a.m., a dog bite was reported on Summer Street.

Saturday, Oct. 19 — At 2:32 p.m., police were called to Railroad Street on a report of "a male and female in a white SUV having sex." Police reported "they were talking when (police) arrived and have been sent on their

way."

Sunday, Oct. 20 — At 4:04 a.m., a High Meadow Road resident reported hearing "kids behind his house laughing and screaming and he believes they are throwing debris on his neighbor's yard." Police checked the area and found everything to be quiet.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Oct. 17 — At 9:24 p.m., a crash with injury was reported on Dascomb Road. Two vehicles were towed.

Friday, Oct. 18 — At 7:49 a.m., a two-car crash was reported on Greenwood Road. Two cars were towed.

Saturday, Oct. 19 — At 3:06 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Brook Street.

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Youth Center ground-breaking remains in limbo

By BILL KIRK
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Ground-breaking at the Cormier Youth Center is being delayed yet again as town officials grapple with a way to cover higher-than-anticipated construction costs.

On Wednesday night, as The Townsman was going to press, the Board of Selectmen was expected to be presented with several options on how to finalize funding for the \$5.6 million project, half of which is being paid for by taxpayers and the other half by the nonprofit Andover Youth Foundation.

According to Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, one possibility is that the agreement between the town and the Youth Foundation be changed to reduce the amount of money being held in a contingency fund for cost overruns.

Currently, the agreement calls for 10 percent of the cost, or about \$560,000, be held in contingency.

"We will explore all options," Stapczynski said. "The staff will make a recommendation to selectmen."

Selectmen will then have to decide the best way to proceed, he said.

"We'd like to move on this," the town manager added. "We've gone out to bid. We want to do the footings and the foundation. But this is a very deliberative board. We will present a couple of options and they will probably decide in a follow-up meeting."

The road to the youth center has been plagued with delays amid questions over financing.

But in August, the Youth Center Building Committee, led by landscape architect Chris Huntress, predicted that the ground-breaking for the new building would occur on Oct. 7.

When bids were opened in

"This is a very deliberative board. We will present a couple of options and they will probably decide in a follow-up meeting."

Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, town manager

late September, youth center supporters were happy that the low bid was within budget — just barely. But the low bidder pulled out of the process after finding a \$400,000 clerical error in its bid.

The second-lowest bid is about \$300,000 over budget, according to town officials.

The result is that the Youth Foundation either has to come up with more money for the project or the agreement with the town needs to be changed to use some of the contingency fund to cover the higher cost.

Huntress said the building committee was continuing to review all its options.

Diane Costagliola, chairwoman of the Youth Foundation, said the next move was up to the building committee, the town's Plant and Facilities Department and the selectmen.

"They have to make their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen," she said. "We are not involved at this point."

However, if the Board of Selectmen determines the agreement needs to be changed, then the Youth Foundation would get involved, she said.

Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said he expected the building committee and town manager to "take us through all of the numbers" at Wednesday night's meeting.

He added that he anticipated there would be a request "to look at the contingency amount."

Colors of the season



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

The fall season has left its colorful mark on Andover, including on the landscape outside West Parish Church on Lowell Street.

Full slate of activities planned around Veterans Day

TOWNSMAN STAFF

The town is planning a full slate of events to commemorate Veterans Day, to be recognized on Monday, Nov. 11.

The first event is a veterans appreciation luncheon, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 1, at noon in Old Town Hall on Main Street.

The luncheon is free, but tickets are required and space is limited. Stop by the Veterans Office in the Town

Offices or call Director of Veterans Services Michael Burke at 978-623-8218 to ensure a seat.

The event will include welcoming remarks by Burke, posting of the colors and the national anthem by Lawrence High School Army JROTC, patriotic songs by Mark Mercer and Julie Diehl of the Andover Public Schools, lunch courtesy of the Center at Punchard, remarks from elected officials,

presentations and door prizes by the Patriotic Holiday Committee, and much more.

The presentation of Andover Veteran Challenge coins is also planned. The luncheon is being sponsored by Raytheon.

Then, on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, ceremonies will be held at West Parish Cemetery at 10 a.m., Spring Grove Cemetery at 11 a.m. and Ballardvale Green at noon. Lunch will follow the ceremonies at

1 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 7 High St.

The Veterans Day observances will be held even if there is inclement weather. If there is moderate to heavy rain, a brief ceremony will be held at Elm Green at noon, with the program then continuing indoors at the Masonic Temple.

Contact the Veterans Office at 978-623-8218 for more information on any of the events or observances.

TOWN BRIEFS

Dishing up a fundraiser for the arts

The Andover Cultural Council and local gourmet-to-go caterer DiSH are teaming up to support the arts. DiSH at 22 Andover St. will donate 10 percent of all proceeds on Oct. 30 to the council, which funds cultural programs and events in town.

Fundraiser coordinator and council member Molly Foley says the fundraiser

is an easy way for people to support the local arts. Those interested simply need to place an order for pickup on Oct. 30. All meals are made fresh and come with simple heating instructions.

The event is a way for the Andover Cultural Council to expand on its annual funding from the state, council co-chairwomen Judith Farzan and Leslie Malis said in a release. The co-chairwomen said that while the local council is

grateful for its state funding, their group receives many more requests for grants than it can support.

"So we are beginning to actively seek out ways to augment that amount with fundraising efforts of our own," they said.

Proceeds from the DiSH event will help the council support programs in the schools, at the senior center and throughout town. To participate, go to www.dinnerbydish.com anytime starting Oct. 28

to place an order or call 978-475-2991.

Trick or treat set for Oct. 31

Ghosts and goblins get ready. Trick or treat will be held in Andover on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The town has posted a link to a Halloween Safety Guide on its website at andoverma.gov.

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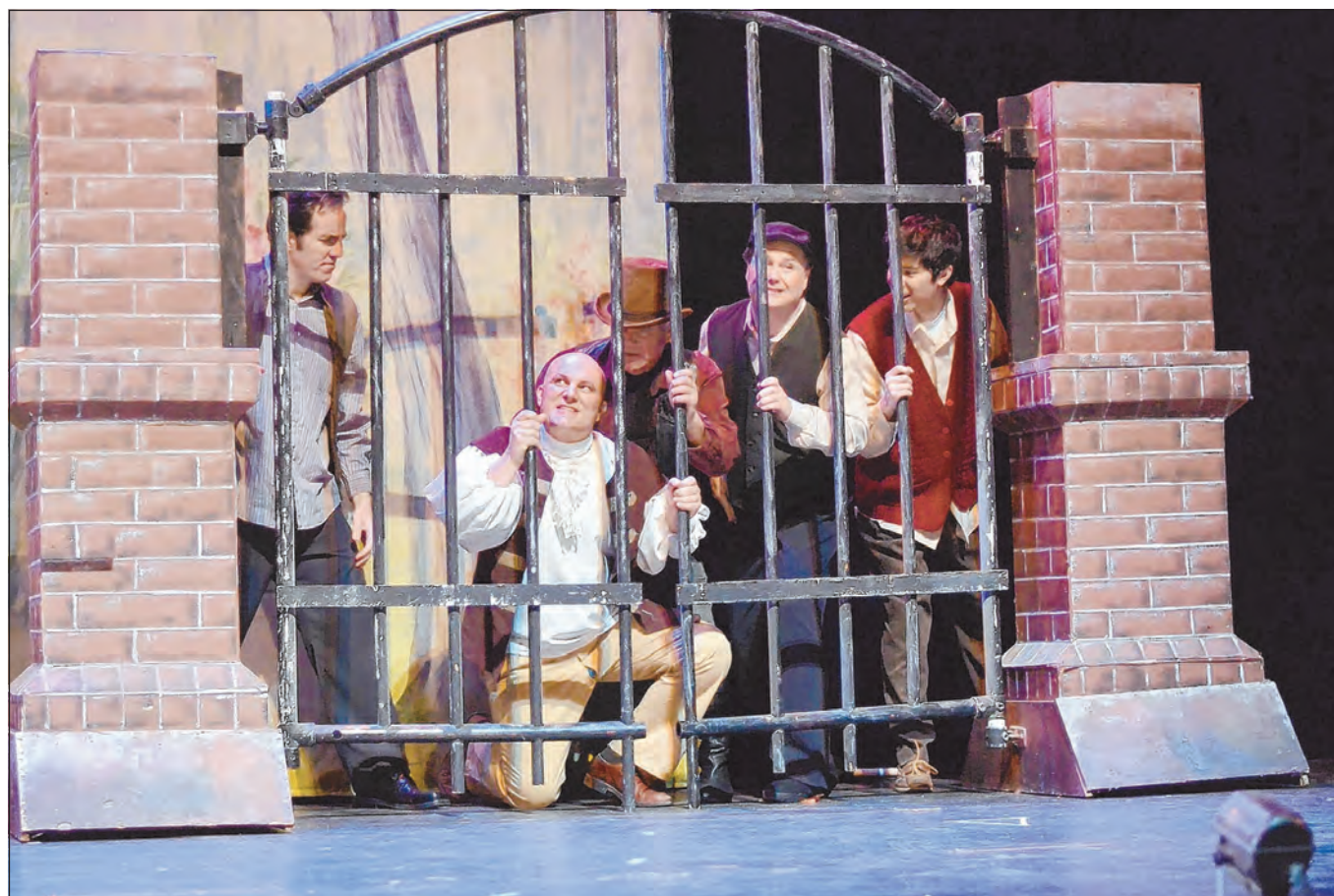
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Above, from left, Michael Condon, Steven Filipiak, Tom Aylward and Michael Giammasi Wang in a scene from "Les Misérables." Below, Tessa Bigelow of Andover as Little Cosette and Charles Dizon Gracy, an Andover drama educator, as Jean Valjean.

A rare thrill in 'Les Mis'

Blockbuster musical is ACT's biggest production to date

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Some call it the holy grail of musical theater.

And 80 cast members with ACT Theater Company are thrilled at the chance to bring it to the stage starting this weekend.

After months of intense rehearsals, the local nonprofit troupe opens the curtain on "Les Misérables" at the J. Everett Collins Center for three performances this weekend.

"There's a buzz about this show," said Cara Kennedy, a teacher at the Pike School in Andover who is in the cast. "It's a blockbuster."

The show could not have been possible until this year. Kennedy said the rights to stage the play were off-limits to adults until now. And only a handful

- **What:** "Les Misérables" presented by ACT Theater Company
- **When:** Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25 and 26, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.
- **Where:** J. Everett Collins Center at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road
- **Tickets:** \$25 premium seating, \$20 general admission, discounts available for groups of 20-plus
- **Information:** Visit www.acttheatercompany.com or call 978-276-9568.

of non-professional adult theater groups in the state were awarded those coveted scripts. ACT — which originally launched as Andover Community Theater — was among the lucky few.

It isn't the first time Andover has hosted a production of "Les Misérables."

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The full, 80-member cast of ACT Theater Company's "Les Misérables" is on stage this weekend at the Collins Center.

Out & About

An up-tempo Jumpin' Juba ready to rock library

Jumpin' Juba, a blues and roots-rock music group, performs Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover, as part of the Friends of Memorial Hall Library's 2013-2014 concert series.

Jumpin' Juba mixes blues from Chicago, Memphis and New Orleans with rootsy rock and roll, jazz and Latin beats. Steve Hurl's guitar playing draws from some of the great acoustic blues fingerpickers and from string benders of the 1950s. Bruce Ward's piano work recalls such greats as Prof. Longhair and Albert Ammons, while drummer Brian Flan knocks out a solid beat.

"Slap Happy" is the group's second CD of upbeat, varied blues/roots tunes.

Admission to the concert is free. For more information, visit www.mhl.org or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32. For more on Jumpin' Juba, visit www.stevrehurl.com or www.reverbnation.com/jumpinjuba.



Jumpin' Juba, a blues and roots-rock music group, will perform next weekend at Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

Music and more for Andona Society fall fundraiser

Musician and comedian Jim Plunkett, a staple of Boston nightlife for decades, headlines the Andona Society's fall fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. at Hillview Country Club in North Reading.

Plunkett, who calls himself the man of simple songs, has been performing in the New England area for decades and is known for getting audiences singing some of their favorite hits.

The event will include a silent auction for such items as signed sports memorabilia, weekend stays, gift cards, gift baskets and more, plus a raffle. This year's event will also include table sponsors and a coupon book for discounts to businesses in the Andovers and North Reading.

For more than 50 years, the volunteer, nonprofit Andona Society has been raising thousands of dollars with the support of local businesses and residents to enhance educational, athletic and cultural enrichment programs offered to young people in Andover.

Tickets for the concert are \$25; light fare will be served and a cash bar will be available. The event is sponsored by Lannan Mazda of Lowell. For tickets or more information, visit www.andona.com.

Ironstone Farm serving up benefit Bartender Night

An Andover restaurant owner is sharing his lounge for a night next week to help out Ironstone Farm, home to two local nonprofit organizations that provide therapeutic programs for children with special needs, veterans and others.

Brasserie 28 chef and owner Matthew Morello is opening his lounge at 2 Elm Square in downtown Andover for Ironstone Farm Bartender Night on Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Ironstone Farm supporters Steve "Cheeko" D'Urso and Patrick Leyne, both of Andover, will serve as bartenders, with 100 percent of their tips from serving libations courtesy of Berkshire Mountain Distillers, Inc. going to support the Andover

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Masquerade good time at Crystal Ballroom

Annual event dances in on Sunday

The Crystal Ballroom at The Town House at 20 Main St. in downtown Andover returns on Sunday, Oct. 27, to host the annual Masquerade Ball from 6 to 10 p.m.

Guests are invited to join other dance and music enthusiasts alike from Andover and around the Merrimack Valley in swinging to the tunes of DB's Orchestra. Costumes add to the enchantment and fun of the evening, but are not required. Tom Webster of Dance New England will provide ballroom dance instruction during the first hour of the event.

Until the 1950s, The Crystal Ballroom represented an important institution

in Andover. It was where young people met weekly to socialize with friends, dance the night away and be serenaded by names as big as Louis Armstrong.

This proud tradition was re-created in 2010 as "The Crystal Ballroom at the Townhouse," a collaboration between local organizations for the benefit of the town and to offer another option for evening entertainment in Andover.

There are now three Crystal Ballroom dances a year at the Townhouse: the upcoming Masquerade Ball, the Holiday Dance in December and the Spring Fling in April. These events are presented through the work

of The Andover Community Friends, a nonprofit organization that provides the funding to support the mission of The Center at Punchard (formerly the Andover Senior Center) and help foster awareness of the Andover senior community. There are a number of local businesses that step forward to sponsor the events as well.

Tickets for the Masquerade Ball are \$10 in advance. Admission at the door is \$15 or \$25 for couples. Advance tickets are available in Andover at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, and The Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.



Dan McDuffie, president of the board of the Andover Senior Community Friends, and his bewitching date at the 2012 Masquerade Ball at the Crystal Ballroom.

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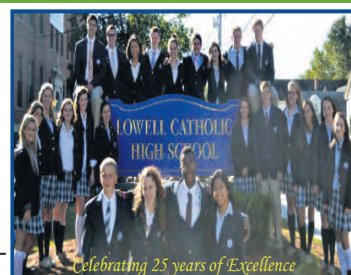
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LES MISERABLES: Musical will be ACT's biggest performance to date

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Andover High School staged the story of redemption and love focusing on Jean Valjean in 2002 when the school was allowed the rights.

It was a big show for Andover High at the time, and it led to some great memories for the play's director, Susan Leland-Smith Choquette, who is now the director of theater arts at Andover High. "We staged it with a cast of future

stars," Leland-Smith Choquette said.

That high school cast included Catherine Charlebois as Eponine, now on Broadway in "Wicked;" Martin Johnson as Enjolras, front man for Boys Like Girls; Briga Heelan, who was in the ensemble, is now starring in her own sitcom, "Ground Floor," which premieres next month on TBS; Alex Hanna as The-nardier, who appeared off-Broadway this past spring at Playwrights Horizons after graduating with an

advanced theater degree from Juilliard School; Becki Dennis Buchman as Madame Thenardier, who is now an actor and talent professional in the Boston area; and Dale Spollett as Jean Valjean, who is now an actor and musician in Los Angeles.

"A lot of people love 'Les Miserables.' It is a challenging, sung-through musical," Leland-Smith Choquette wrote in an email, adding she can't wait to see ACT's rendition, which features a lot of her friends and colleagues, including Eric Pellerin who, English teacher at Andover High, as well as some former students, including Kennedy.

Kennedy, who graduated from Andover High in 2001, remembers the AHS production and recalls dreamily thinking, "If I ever get the chance to be in that show," she'd jump at the chance. Eleven years later, that chance is now upon

her. Rehearsals started in late July. Featuring a professionally designed set and costumes, a 16-piece orchestra, stirring score and a talented cast, the show is the theater company's biggest musical undertaking to date.

"We have actors driving to rehearsals from Worcester, Hudson, Portsmouth three nights a week," Kennedy said. "It's a big deal."

Andover High School guidance counselor Sally O'Rourke is among the cast members, along with her young daughter, Deirdre. It's O'Rourke's first show in 26 years and she's excited to share the stage with her daughter.

"I have been singing these songs since I was in high school," O'Rourke said in an email. "Some of the biggest names in Broadway history have either been in or sung songs from 'Les Mis' on an album."

O'Rourke said she was

covered in goose bumps earlier this week when the orchestra struck its first chords during a dress rehearsal.

"At the end, one of the most poignant lines is, 'To love another person is to see the face of God' and then the chorus comes in," she said. "A number of us were in tears. It is thrilling to be a part of this cast and production."

Based on the novel by Victor Hugo, the show follows the story of Jean Valjean, an ex-convict who eventually becomes mayor of a French town. It was made into a movie last year that earned numerous awards, including a Golden Globe for best motion picture and an Academy Award for Anne Hathaway for best supporting actress.

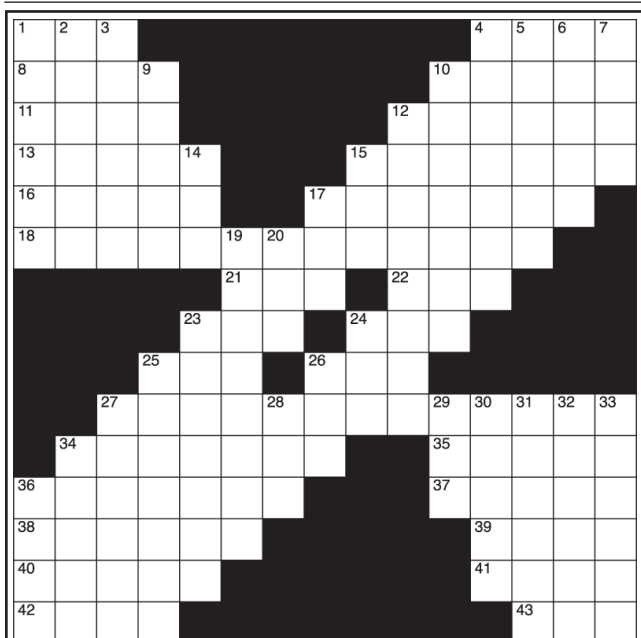
Mark Gracy, ACT's executive producer who is directing the production, said in a press release that he feels privileged to be working

with such an amazing cast on such a famous show.

"It's rare to meet someone these days who has never heard a song from 'Les Mis,' so for me, and most in the cast, to be able to perform this show in its totality is the experience of a lifetime," he said.

The lead role belongs to Charles Gracy, Mark Gracy's spouse, who as Jean Valjean finds himself being blamed by one of his factory workers, Fantine, when she is cast into a life of prostitution. Valjean feels responsible and agrees to take care of her illegitimate daughter, Cosette, when Fantine dies. The play follows the pair as Cosette grows up and they become swept up in the political turmoil in France, which culminates in the historic June Rebellion, or Paris Uprising of 1832.

Kennedy said ACT's mission is to provide quality theater for the Merrimack Valley, at affordable prices.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

1. Character (abbr.)
4. Animal companions
8. A country in SE Asia
10. Of Carthage
11. On top of
12. Boater hat
13. Eat rapidly (slang)
15. Paddlers
16. Food consumer
17. Aeronaut
18. Tonto's Kemosabe
21. Division of geological time
22. Hill (Celtic)
23. Towing boat

Solution in Classified Section

24. Clatter
25. Trees of the genus Abies
26. Deprive by deceit
27. Decomposed
34. Nail & hair protein
35. A citizen of Iran
36. Whitish edible root vegetable
37. Actress Winger
38. Lessens in intensity
39. Afrikaans
40. Connected spirals
41. Accordingly
42. Competently
43. Angle (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Clothes storage area
2. "___ and her Sisters"
3. Revolve
4. One who makes puns
5. Inspire with love
6. Chronograph
7. Look over quickly
9. French philosopher Georges
10. A peerless example
12. Picture done in oils
14. To and ___ movement
15. Egg cells
17. Macaws
19. Nerve inflammation

20. Energy unit
23. Herbal infusions
24. Female deer
25. Before anything else
26. Cotangent (abbr.)
27. Run off the tracks
28. A small drink of liquor
29. Get free of
30. A sharp narrow mountain ridge
31. Knight's tunic
32. Infuriate
33. Lines in a drama
34. Skewered meat
36. Ground dwelling rodent

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OUT AND ABOUT: Ironstone Farm event next weekend

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organization's programs. Ironstone Farm Executive Director Deedee O'Brien said she appreciates Brasserie 28 is opening its doors to raise money for her organization's kids.

The event is Brasserie 28's last outdoor-seating event of the season. The evening will include live entertainment by musician Dan Sky, starting around

7:15 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available.

Ironstone Farm at 450 Lowell St. (Route 133) provides therapy for individuals with a wide range of physical, emotional and cognitive disabilities from across Greater Boston, the North Shore and Merrimack Valley, and southern New Hampshire. For more information on the Bartending Night or

Ironstone's programs, call 978-475-4056.

Local actor in college's 'Les Mis'

Nicholas Kalantzakos of Andover, a theater arts major at Plymouth State University, will perform in the ensemble for Plymouth State University's production of "Les Miserables" this weekend in the Hanway Theatre at the Silver

Center for the Arts in Plymouth, N.H.

The show is being produced by the university's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Performances are Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 24 through 27. For more information, visit Silver.plymouth.edu.

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FAMILY CONCERT, Wood Hill Middle School PAC hosts Billy Jonas and the Billy Jonas Band, Friday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.; tickets \$5; children must be with adult; proceeds support education programs at WHMS; 11 Cross St., Andover; contact Donna Robinson, donna_robinson@comcast.net.

MUSICAL OPEN HOUSE, Andover School of Montessori open house Sunday, Nov. 3, 1 to 3 p.m., featuring performance by Toe Jam Puppet Band at 12:30 p.m.; free, 400 South Main St., Andover; 978-475-2299, ext. 33.

STORY TIME, Ben Clanton, author of "The Table Sets Itself," a fun story about helping with chores, and "Mo's Mustache," a story about a monster with a mustache, Saturday, Oct. 26, 1 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., Andover; free; 978-475-0143, www.hugobooks.com.

FILMS

HUNGER IN AMERICA, Memorial Hall Library and Neighbors in Need present "A Place at the Table," a documentary examining the issue of 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 "Amour," a French Academy Award winner, Thursday, Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m.; "The Gatekeepers," a documentary addressing when morality condones using violence for national security, Thursday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m.; free, snacks available; Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover; 978-623-8321, www.andoverseniorcenter.org.

SILENT FILM SERIES, Classic silent film series with musical accompaniment featuring "Nosferatu" (1922), Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.; free, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5355.

MUSIC

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HALLOWEEN GALA, History on Tap — A Vintage Halloween Party, featuring DJ Ted Teichert, Victorian fortune telling, photo booth, hors d'oeuvres, seasonal ales and more, Saturday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Andover Town House (Old Town Hall), Main Street; costumes/vintage attire encouraged; tickets \$40, order online; http://andoverhistorical.org/other-3/bewitched-in-andover/, 978-475-2236.

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Answering the call

There was plenty of fun to be had last Saturday as kids commemorated National Fire Safety Month. Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said he hoped the activities, including safety drills and other programs, served to better prepare families to react appropriately during a fire or other emergency situations.

Andover Fire Rescue hosted the annual open house at its headquarters at 32 North Main St. The event, which was sponsored by Papa Gino's,



Valerie Vandegriend, 5, checks herself out in the mirror after having her face painted by Annie Trombly.



Emily Mise, 3, of Andover dons a fire helmet and pretends to drive the fire truck during last weekend's open house.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



Alison Ford, 6, left, and her sister, Elizabeth, 8, get a close look at one of Andover Fire Rescue's ladder trucks. Much of the department's fleet was on display for the event.



Melissa Irvin of Andover hops into the driver's seat of a fire truck with her 3-year-old sons, Andrew, in front, and Tyler.

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Townspeople

Beyond the cookies

Local Scout earns \$10k scholarship for Haggetts Pond project

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Samoas? Thin Mints? Tagalongs?

Gabriella Smith has probably sold hundreds of boxes of Girl Scout cookies in the years since joining a Daisy troop as a kindergartner at Sanborn School.

Now an 18-year-old freshman biology major at Boston University, Smith's cookie-selling days are behind her.

And her work on her Gold Award — the Girl Scout equivalent to the Boy Scouts' Eagle Award — has earned her the inaugural \$10,000 Alcoa Chuck McLane Scholarship.

Smith, who graduated from Andover High School this past June, won over the scholarship committee with her Gold project, which focused on rediscovering Andover's Haggetts Pond through modern technology.

Her project sought to promote the trails surrounding Haggetts by making information about them more appealing and accessible.

Using GPS and cartography software, Smith created a detailed map of the area. She worked with volunteers to develop an informational website — haggettspondandover.blogspot.com — focused on the property. And she coordinated volunteers in building a kiosk displaying a QR code that takes smartphone users to the website.



Andover Girl Scout Gabriella Smith at the Haggetts Pond trail kiosk she helped build for her Girl Scout Gold Award project.

COURTESY PHOTO

"I just really wanted to help others," said Smith, who spent her senior year at AHS working on the project.

"Haggetts Pond is beautiful with its fishing, nature and wildflowers. ... I just wanted to make it easier for people to enjoy."

Growing up on Osgood Street, Smith would frequently walk to Haggetts Pond with her parents, Chris and Sandi Smith, and siblings, 21-year-old Michela and 23-year-old Dante. The

family enjoyed spending time in the outdoors as they traversed one of the trails there.

But Smith said while she was raised enjoying the property, she found few people in town even knew about the trails that run through the area.

Smith was not only intrigued by the trails though. She was also curious about the history of the site. Her research brought her to the Andover Historical Society, where she found lots of

photographs of the old days at the pond, when it was a popular destination for ice skaters, fishermen and swimmers.

Haggetts Pond is now the town's water supply and ice skating and swimming are forbidden.

"I really enjoyed doing the research. ... I liked learning about the history of the pond," she said.

A self-described "dig-in-the-dirt" sort of girl, Smith said she has always enjoyed

mixing science and Scouting. But she never envisioned her interest would pay off in such a big way. She credited her family, including her parents, especially her mother who serves as her Girl Scout troop leader, and her sister and brother, who offered a hand with the project, in helping her complete her Gold Award project and quality for the scholarship.

Launched this year, the Alcoa Chuck McLane Scholarship is open to Girl Scout

Gold Award recipients whose projects dealt with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Smith is one of only two senior Girl Scouts to receive the scholarship, which "challenges a girl to change the world — or at least her corner of it." She will be awarded \$5,000 this semester and another \$5,000 in her junior year, if she maintains a 3.0 grade-point average and continues her education in STEM, which combines the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields, or a related subject.

In addition to the financial support, an employee of Alcoa, a leading producer of fabricated aluminum, will mentor Smith during her freshman year of college.

The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting and Smith's interest in STEM "shows that we build awareness and educate community leaders on the importance of increasing girls' involvement in STEM," Ruth N. Bramson, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, said in a press release.

Smith said she hopes that by winning the scholarship, it shows the community there is so much more to Girl Scouting than cookies. "It's an honor for me to receive this," she said. "Girls should really think of Girl Scouts as a great way to learn about whatever interests them."



COURTESY PHOTO

Christine Jee and her former students from the Frost School in Lawrence explored Addison Gallery's "Sheila Hicks: 50 Years" exhibition in 2010. Jee has now joined the staff at Addison as its schools and community liaison.

Addison staffer goes full circle

Christine Jee has joined the staff of the Addison Gallery of American Art on the campus of Phillips Academy as its new education associate for school and community collaborations.

In her role with the museum's education department, Jee will serve as its primary liaison with area schools and

community organizations. She brings extensive experience with students as well as a long history with the Addison to the position.

Jee grew up in Andover, and her relationship with the Addison dates back to her years as a student at Doherty Middle School, where field trips to the

gallery were a highlight of her experience.

Prior to joining Addison, Jee worked as a classroom teacher at the Frost School in Lawrence from 2005 to 2012 and frequently partnered with Addison on programs for her students.

"During her seven years as a teacher in Lawrence, Christine masterfully integrated the Addison's exhibitions and permanent collection into her classroom curriculum, inspiring a love of learning and art in hundreds of students," Rebecca Hayes, Addison's curator of education, said in a release.

In addition to her teaching experience in Lawrence, Jee was a founding director of the Slice of Bread Loaf Writing Workshop, a two-week, youth-run program modeled after the Lawrence Student Writers Workshop for students in grades one through five, of which she served as co-director.

Jee has a master's degree in education with a concentration in arts in education from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

Addison Gallery partners extensively with teachers and students from area schools throughout the Merrimack Valley and beyond, and has in particular enjoyed long-term relationships with many of the schools in Lawrence. To learn more about Addison's free educational programs, visit www.addisongallery.org.

life jacket on, of course. He lives on Tally Ho Lane with his mom, Irene; dad, Scott; and brothers, Ryan and Kyle.

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Nominate your favorite pet for TownsPet of the Week. The honor is open to all types of pets. Submissions with a photo can be sent to townsman@andovertownsmam.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of Scout Troop 76, from left, Stephen Bambury, Devin Witt, Craig Milligan, Geoff Warne and Liam Fahey joined with Troop 79 Scouts at MassJam 2013 at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds over Columbus Day weekend.

Jamboree, fall hike top Scouts' October calendar

It's been a busy couple weeks for some local Boy and Cub Scouts.

Over Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 12 through 14, a group of Boy Scouts from troops 76 and 79 in town attended MassJam 2013.

They were among more than 7,000 Scouts, Webelos and Venturers from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire who gathered at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds in East Falmouth for three days of exhibits, challenging activities, competitions, entertainment, fellowship and general Scouting fun.

The local Scouts spent the weekend climbing towers, launching water rockets, broadcasting on a HAM radio station and trading hundreds of patches.

Nine Massachusetts

Scouting councils and the Narragansett Council in Rhode Island, with support from the Barnstable County Fairgrounds, the town of Falmouth and the state joined in the planning of the event.

The first MassJam was held in 1985 at Tewksbury State Hospital in Tewksbury. Subsequent jamborees have all been held at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds, occurring in 1993, 1999, 2004 and 2008.

While some of their fellow Scouts were at MassJam, other members of Troop 76 along with boys in Cub Scout Pack 76 hiked to the top of Mt. Major in Alton, N.H., on Sunday, Oct. 13. The joint hike was led by Packmaster Nick Warne, whose family has hiked the trail many times.

The summit was reached by the user-friendly Blue

Trail, which allowed the hikers to look out over the fall foliage around Lake Winnepesaukee. At the top, the Scouts also learned how to work a backpacking stove and the whole party enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies. The trip home included a stop for ice cream, as all good trips should.

The Andover troops and pack are all part of West Wind District, Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scouts of America. Troop 79 meets at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish on Haggetts Pond Road. Troop 76 meets Friday nights at 7 at Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road.

Pack 76 meets at the Andover Sportsmen's Club. Pack and Troop 76, which are family Scout groups, are both currently recruiting new members.

Two join Harvard Club of Andover board

The Harvard Club of Andover has elected two new board directors. Dr. Victoria Fahlberg and Danh Dang will serve the organization comprised of graduates as well as faculty members and administrative staff of all Harvard University schools.

Fahlberg holds a doctorate in clinical psychology and a Master of Public Health in population and international health from Harvard and has worked as a psychotherapist with victims and offenders of child sexual abuse. She previously lived in Brazil where she founded a social service/mental health program in Rio de Janeiro and initiated

the first graduate program in family violence in Brazil at Pontificia Universidade Catolica.

She was a member of the governor's Commission for Domestic and Sexual Violence and the executive director of the community-based ONE Lowell. She is currently pursuing her accreditation from the Association of Applied Sports Psychologists combining her expertise in violence with her experience in sports.

Dang is a software technology professional at Thomson Reuters, Magenic Technologies, Avanade Inc., and Andersen Consulting.

He was active as president of the Harvard Vietnamese Association and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in physics from Harvard. He lives in Andover with his wife and two daughters.

The Harvard Club of Andover sponsors a variety of educational events, scholarships and philanthropic projects and presents the Harvard Prize Award annually to area high school graduates. It welcomes new members. For more information, visit <http://harvardclubofandover.com/> or contact Richard Soo Hoo, chairman, at 978-470-2293 or richsoohoo@aol.com.

TOWNSPET OF THE WEEK: ANGUS



Angus, a 7-year-old English cocker spaniel, was adopted by the Lattanzio family from relatives in Surrey, England. He loves to take long walks and leisurely naps, chase bunnies and chipmunks (he's still trying to catch one) and watch the Red Sox and Patriots on TV. He also enjoys going out on his grampy's boat — with his



Town staff and officials stand in the entryway of the Town Offices, formerly Punchard High School, during a dedication ceremony last week honoring the building's original namesake, Bernard Punchard.

Town honors Punchard High School namesake

By DUSTIN LUCA
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More than 150 years after his gift helped pave the way for the creation of Andover Public Schools, town officials at last honored the man inside the building once named for him.

A ceremony in the entrance of the Town Offices on Bartlet Street earlier this month officially celebrated the building's original use as Punchard High School.

The recognition was especially intended for one man: Bernard Punchard, who endowed \$50,000 to the town following his death in 1859 to establish a free school for residents.

A new plaque recognizing the history of the former school building was dedicated as part of the ceremony.

The plaque hangs inside the front entrance of what today is the Town Offices. The entrance once served as the main entryway for Punchard High, with the principal's office on one side and district superintendent on the other.

"It started with a \$50,000 donation," Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski said. "The foresight that gentleman and his family had was absolutely incredible to produce a legacy like that."

The effort to install a plaque was championed by the Punchard Free School Trustees after member Jim Sutton sent a letter to the Townsman



Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, right, alongside Punchard Free School Trustees Chairman Earl Efinger, offers comments last week during a dedication ceremony for the former Punchard High School building that now serves as the Town Offices. Efinger's name is also on the plaque in recognition of his more than three decades of service to the trustees.

in 2011 raising the issue of the lack of a dedication in the building.

"I grew up here, left in my early 30s, and I was (in New York) for 43 years," Sutton, a 1951 graduate of Punchard High School, said.

"I came back and I saw the oversight every time I came down to pay something in this building. I see everything else, except that this was once a high school."

Bunny Downs, one of 89 students

who graduated from Punchard High in 1965, said she felt the dedication was "wonderful." She was set to attend her 63rd class reunion later that day and wished more of her classmates had joined her for the ceremony.

"I have fond memories of Punchard High School," she said. "I wish I told the people about it today, and they probably would have come — a lot of them."

The mystery of the Vale Tea Lots lives on



Andover Stories

Don Schroeder
 Andover Historical Society

How did the story of the Andover Tea Lots get started? The first printed mention of it comes from the town's trading of 27 acres of land at the corner of Ballardvale Road and Woburn Street to save Pole Hill. What originally was a story told from one person to another appears to have become fact in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

If A&P was running a promotion, one would imagine the grocer would have some records to indicate what happened. The company referred the question to the A&P Historical Society, which says it conducted an extensive search on the subject in 1997. But it has no documentation that this awarding of land to customers in exchange for the purchase of tea actually occurred and its staff has determined that the story was a hoax or elaborate marketing device. They were going to revisit this subject, but to date, nothing else has been reported.

The Tea Lots plan dated Sept. 1, 1906 notes that it belonged to Globe Publishing Company. This company was the predecessor to the Boston Globe, so the search switched to the newspaper. But the Globe library also had no record of a promotion or land dealings in Andover involving the company.

Jim Sutton, former director of Memorial Hall Library, suggested contacting Kim Lynn at the library and, with the help of the Boston Public Library, an article shedding some light was found.

The article, dated January 1963, was titled "Andover Seizing Land Acquired with Tea Coupons." It says an unidentified Boston tea company offered land for accumulated tea coupons. It goes on to say that titles to all but 50 of the 600 (25- by 60-foot) lots were taken by Route 495. These tea

lots were located in the Wood Hill area near Haggetts Pond — not in Ballardvale.

Al Retelle, a longtime resident, says that he discovered the tea lots when he and Harold Taft were looking for land that should be protected in the Haggetts Pond area. The article mentions in the last paragraph that, "In the Ballardvale section and somewhat apart from the so-called 'tea lots' are other lots of land acquired as premiums." My guess is that this would be the land across from South School. The article further says, "A Boston newspaper circulation campaign featured these as a giveaway for a year's subscription. The offer included an insurance policy to boot."

Based on that article, the Globe helped locate an advertisement for "50 lots to be given away for advertising purposes at Andover Park Ballardvale, Mass." This ad ran in the Boston Daily Globe in June 1908. It included a picture of a large, elegant, three-story home as a sample of nearby properties. It read, "Ballardvale, the home of the famous Ballardvale Spring Water, is situated on the Boston & Maine Railroad. Andover Park is one of the healthiest and most beautiful suburban home sites in the greater Boston territory."

Replies to the ad were to be mailed to the Boston Globe. While it doesn't tie directly to the 1963 article about Andover seizing land acquired with tea coupons, it does fit better with the plan of 1906.

The mention of lots being given away for free, other promotions at the time and a story told by many — albeit altered through the years — have all contributed to the tale of the tea lots.

A second plan dated 1929 with the notation of tea lots written on the back appears to also be a development plan for Ballardvale and had nothing to do with tea.

I expect this might not be the end of the tea lots story. Please contact me at the Historical Society with your own thoughts.

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Running back Jack Sylvester has made many defenders miss during his prolific career at Andover High. He has run for 200 yards in his last two games this season.

Warriors top La Salle, set up crucial showdown

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It took La Salle, R.I., more than 3 1/2 hours to reach Andover from Providence through heavy Boston traffic last Friday. It didn't take anywhere near that long for the Golden Warriors to make Rams wish they had skipped the trip.

Linebacker/offensive weapon Will Eikenberry was a terror on both sides of the ball, and running back Jack Sylvester delivered his second straight huge week as Andover exploded for five first-half touchdowns and rolled to a 49-32 victory on Senior Night at Eugene V. Lovely Field.

"We put some points on the board early and it was a great night," Eikenberry said. "We scored quick, got some big momentum and we kept the confidence going from the Billerica win. We are really hitting our stride."

Andover must now beat Lowell this Friday for a chance at a playoff berth.

Eikenberry once again left fans buzzing following another dominant performance last week.

The linebacker did it all and more. He picked off a pass and ran it back 47 yards for a touchdown, ran for a 2-yard TD and caught a 15-yard pass for another score. He also controlled the defensive end, making 14 tackles.

When it wasn't Eikenberry doing the damage, it was dynamic back Sylvester making life miserable for La Salle.

He finished his night with 206 yards on just 14 carries — his second straight 200-plus yard performance — and two rushing touchdowns. He had a third score on a 15-yard catch from Eberth.

"Having Jack going really makes a huge difference," Eikenberry said. "It is just clicking. We are feeling good."

Sylvester set the tone right away, breaking his first carry of the night for a 70-yard touchdown, and one possession later, Eberth took a fake punt 58 yards to the house for a touchdown.

On defense, tackle Ben Hartford added 12 stops, linemate Ommel Bonilla added 10 tackles and Sylvester picked off a pass.

"We came out slow but we are focused and playing our game now," Bonilla said.

The Golden Warriors now face a must-win game on Friday, when they travel to face Lowell with a playoff berth on the line.

"The Lowell game is do-or-die," lineman Matt Sutliff said. "We have to win. It's going to be a battle."

Andover 49, La Salle 32

Lasalle (3-3): 0 18 6 8 — 32
Andover (4-2): 14 21 7 7 — 49

First Quarter
A — Jack Sylvester 70 run (John Oteri pass from E.J. Perry IV), 7:45
A — Oliver Eberth 58 run (kick failed), 2:48

Second Quarter
L — Don'Trae Odufunade 8 run (run failed), 8:14
A — Sylvester 15 pass from Eberth (Ryan Payne kick), 5:35
L — C.J. Waite 20 pass from Jace Pena (pass failed), 2:28
A — Sylvester 69 run (Payne kick), 2:14
L — Will Eikenberry 47 interception return (Payne kick), 1:05
L — Pena 1 run (pass failed), 0:00

Third Quarter
L — Dimitri Ashby 1 run (pass failed), 3:35
A — Eikenberry 15 pass from Eberth (Payne kick), 0:00

Fourth Quarter
A — Eikenberry 2 run (Payne kick), 9:19
L — Lawrence Sabir 2 run (Keon Wilson pass from Pena), 7:20

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING: A (26-267) — Jack Sylvester 14-206, Oliver Eberth 3-58, Will Eikenberry 3-15, Brandon Marti 1-8, Connor McCullough 1-0, E.J. Perry 2-(-10), Kevin Chen 2-(-10), L (43-148) — Don'Trae Odufunade 19-41, Jace Pena 12-49, Dimitri Ashby 12-58
PASSING: A — Eberth 13-20-0, 114, Perry 2-4-0, 16; L — Pena 12-29-1, 252
RECEIVING: A — Alex Marshall 4-27, Eikenberry 5-33, Christopher Nicholas 3-31, Marti 2-24, Sylvester 1-15; L — Avien Peah 2-73

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After two straight, 200-yard games, Sylvester back to dominating the competition

By DAVID WILLIS
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Jack Sylvester isn't wasting time.

Two weeks ago, he broke his first carry of the game against Dracut for a 39-yard touchdown.

But hardly satisfied with that, he bested himself in a big way last Friday, taking his first touch of the night for a 70-yard score.

"Jack's unbelievable," said fellow quad-captain Ben Hartford. "We have some good backs, but Jack makes a big difference. He is our running game. He is the most powerful back I have ever seen. He just takes hits, pops right up and keeps going."

The start to Sylvester's senior football season was hardly storybook, after a preseason injury knocked him out of action for the early regular season, then a suspension due to a pair of personal fouls left him in the press box for another game.

But Sylvester has certainly hit his stride in a big way in his last two games — rushing more than 200 yards in each contest as he regains his standing as one of the state's most dynamic running backs while leading the Golden Warriors to a two-game winning streak.

"I finally feel like myself

"On the first play of my football career they put me in at quarterback and I ran a bootleg for a long touchdown. After that play they put me at running back and I have been there ever since."

Jack Sylvester

again," said the Andover High senior running back/defensive back. "I finally feel like I can play football the way I have always played it again, and I can finally help my teammate win ballgames again."

Now he hopes to lead the Golden Warriors to a win this Friday, when they take on Lowell with a spot in the newly realigned playoffs on the line.

"Every day I feel like I am trying to make up for the early season," Sylvester said. "Not being able to help the team was torture. But I feel amazing now, and there is nothing like just being able to play football again. I feel like this is the week we live up to our potential and hit our stride."

Sylvester began playing football in the fourth grade, and was a star from his first ever carry — literally.

"On the first play of my football career, they put me in at quarterback and I ran a bootleg for a long touchdown," he said. "After that play, they put me at running back and I have

been there ever since."

Sylvester — who runs with impressive power despite weighing in at just 165 pounds — first broke into the Golden Warriors' starting lineup as a defensive back two years ago, making 23 tackles and picking off a pass, which he returned 74 yards for a touchdown.

But it was last season that was Sylvester's breakout campaign.

Taking over the starting running back job from former All-Scholastic and current Brown running back Andy Coke, Sylvester scored his first 100-yard rushing performance against Methuen, then opened eyes when he tallied 202 yards and two TDs in a win over Tewksbury.

Sylvester finished the season with a team-best 1,152 rushing yards and seven touchdowns, and caught 17 passes for 252 yards and two more scores, helping Andover earn the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title and a trip to the playoffs.

"He stepped in and played great," Golden Warriors

coach E.J. Perry said. "He is, pound for pound, the toughest player you will see. He is able to take on linebackers and breaks more tackles than anyone. And he is terrific at reading holes, which is huge in our zone blocking scheme."

Sylvester planned to quickly surpass those numbers when he kicked off the season this fall, but hit a major setback in late August, when he suffered a badly sprained ankle that held him out of the Week 1 win over North Andover.

"It happened during the scrimmage against Reading," he said. "The QB threw an interception. I went to take on a block and I felt extreme pain in my ankle. I can't even explain how awful it was to miss the opener of my senior year."

He returned for Week 2, toughing out 95 yards on 16 carries, despite lacking his regular burst. But more trouble was on the way.

Against archrival Central Catholic in Week 4, Sylvester was called for two personal fouls. Due to a rule installed this season, according to Perry, two personal fouls are punished by an ejection from that game and suspension from the next — for Sylvester a loss to Chelmsford.

"I made two huge, stupid

Leone, field hockey earn sweet revenge vs. Central Catholic

FIELD HOCKEY

Jacquelyn Leone took a pass from Weezie Gross and beat the goalie for the lone score of the game midway through the second half as Andover avenged its only loss of the season, beating Central Catholic 1-0 on Saturday.

Weezie Gross scored one goal and added two assists to help Andover beat Tewksbury 5-1 last Wednesday. Jacqueline Leone added two goals and Brenna Keefe and Kat Vieira each added single goals for the winners.

Tori Roche scored a goal, but Andover ended up with a 1-1 tie with Beverly on Monday. Christine Aumais assisted on Roche's goal and Nicole Schena had 11 saves for the Warriors.



Staff File Photo

Jacquelyn Leone, here beating two defenders earlier in the season, supplied the winning goal as Andover avenged its lone loss of the season.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Hu comes through
Chelsea Hu notched five kills and five aces and Wylie Boughton

had three blocks to help lead Andover past Winchester 25-8, 25-23, 25-15 on Monday.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

JOHN OTERI FOOTBALL

The 6-foot-3, 212-pounder led Andover High to a big victory over Rhode Island powerhouse LaSalle Academy, 49-32. Oteri had 10 tackles, two knocked-down passes and one tackle for a loss. On the offensive side of the ball, John has been inserted into the offense and caught a two-point conversion as well as being Jack Sylvester's lead blocker. Oteri is being recruited by St. Joe's in Philadelphia for lacrosse and Merrimack, Stonehill, UNH and New Haven for football. Coach E.J. Perry's comments: "John has been our most consistent defensive player for the last two years and gets the highest marks from our defensive coaches during film sessions. He will be an excellent college athlete."

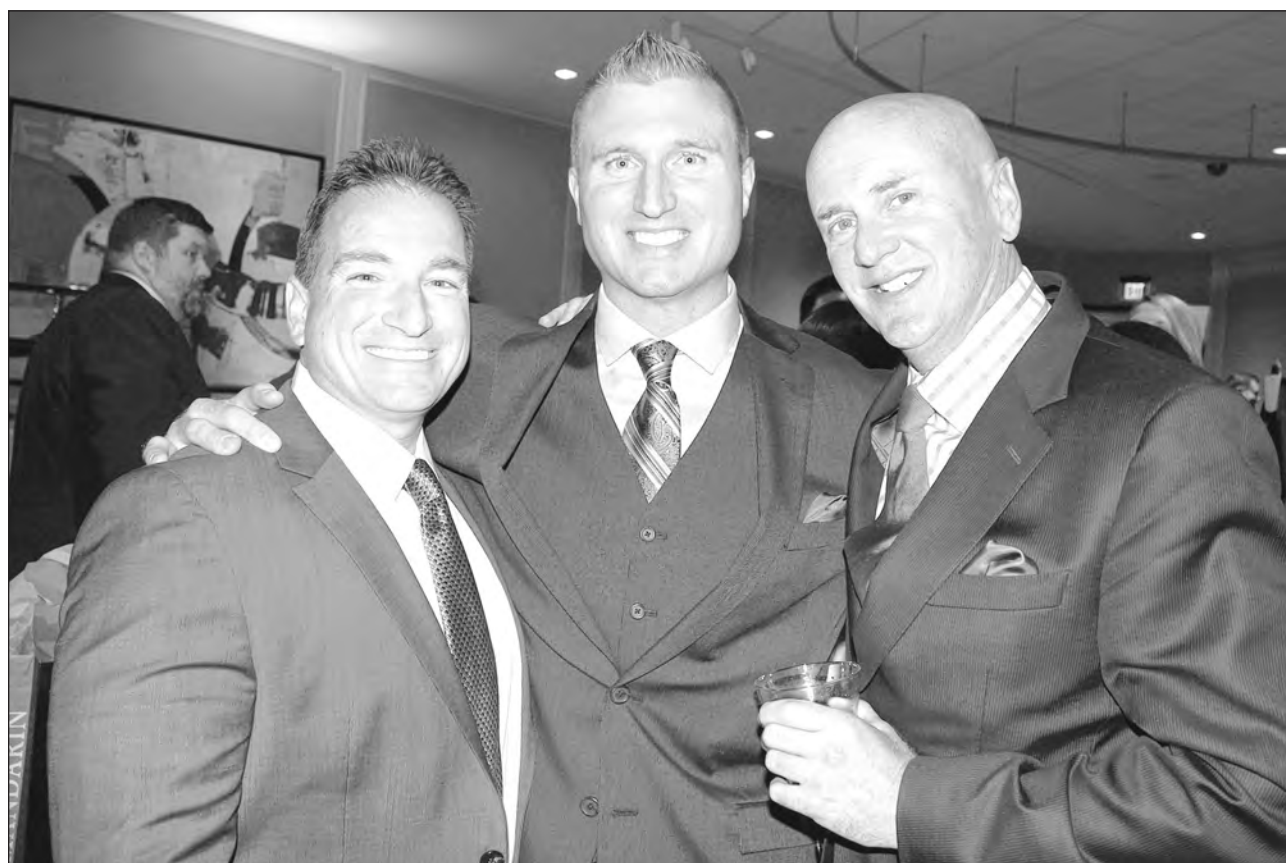


ADDISON KENNEDY VOLLEYBALL

Addison had a great week for the Andover High volleyball team, all 3-0 victories. She combined for 11 kills, 74 assists and a remarkable 100-percent serving percentage. Coach Kerri O'Dea's comments: "Addy is a top defensive player. She's very consistent in her passing and leadership. She is always very supportive of her fellow players on and off the court. She a great teammate."



Making an IMPACT



COURTESY PHOTO

Geoff Stevens of Andover, center, with Steve Garten of Topsfield, left, and Jim Regan of Hudson, N.H., attend the Team IMPACT second annual "Gama Day Gala" Oct. 3 at The Westin Copley Place in Boston. The event raised more than \$1 million to support the charitable organization's mission of pairing children who are facing chronic or life-threatening medical conditions with vibrant, team-based collegiate support networks. The organization was founded by Dan Kraft, executive vice president of The Kraft Group-International, and Jay Calnan. NCAA basketball coach and special guest speaker Jim Calhoun, ESPN reporter and emcee Wendi Nix, Celtics owner Jimmy Pallotta and former NFL players Joe Andruzzi and Matt Chatham were among the others in attendance as were scores of Team IMPACT's children accompanied by their college athlete friends, coaches and mascots.

SYLVESTER: Andover High running back busts out

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mistakes," Sylvester said. "I was a little too emotional and messed up. I was ashamed and it killed me to have to watch my team struggle at home against Chelmsford."

Perry was quick to say the incident certainly did not illustrate the character of his running back.

"He understood he made a mistake," Perry said. "But he has been the leader of this class and the leader of this team. He represents not just the toughness of the players we want in this program, but the kind of student-athletes we want at Andover. He wants to be a leader for this team."

Sylvester was certainly

leading the Golden Warriors when he toasted Billerica for 217 yards and three scores on just 17 carries, breaking 20-plus-yard touchdowns on each of the first two drives of the night.

"That was an amazing night," said Sylvester, who followed that up with 206 yards and three TDs last week. "I was also really relieved. I knew if I had a bad day, I was going to be really upset. I finally felt right again, like I was back to myself and could help the team. Hopefully, from here, the team will be clicking well and we can do some damage."

His teammates are sure happy to have their star runner back rolling.

"Jack is an amazing

running back," lineman Matt Sutliff said. "Having him back just gives us a great dimension."

Hitting the slopes

While he is a star on the gridiron, Sylvester's future lies in another sport, freestyle skiing.

Sylvester, who took a victory at the USSA Eastern Freeski Championships in March, hopes to pursue the sport at a college in Colorado.

Jumping Jack

He has not attempted the move in nearly a year, but Andover running back Jack Sylvester cannot escape the nickname given to him for his very unique, signature trick

— "Jumping Jack."

Sylvester stunned everyone last fall during his breakout performance against Tewksbury when he leaped over a would-be tackler as if he was a hurdle in track. He repeated that move numerous times throughout the rest of the season.

"It was kind of a spur of the moment thing," Sylvester said. "That first guy, I knew he was going low so I figured, 'Why not jump over him?' But it didn't work against Lowell and I started to realize people were catching on."

But could we see Jack jump again this season? "It's risky," he said. "But it might come out again."

ROUNDUP: Warriors swimmers keep on rolling

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Mackenzie Kennedy had 22 service points for the winners.

Maddy Reppucci had eight kills and fourth blocks to help Andover blast Chelmsford 25-15, 25-10, 25-14 on Friday. Mackenzie Kennedy added 17 service points, Sarah Kenyon had four aces and Amy Stabkiewicz had two digs for the winners.

Azita Bakhtyari continued to dominate, notching team-highs in service points (16) and assists (23) as Andover rolled over Lowell 25-16, 25-11, 25-9 last Tuesday. Rachel Schnakenberg added nine kills and three blocks for the winners.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Murtagh, Warriors keep rolling

Caroline Murtagh won the 200 freestyle, Melissa Zhang took the 50 freestyle, Emilee Nason won the 200 IM and they teamed with Anna Carroll to win the 200 freestyle relay as Andover rolled past Dracut 85-70 on Saturday. Kate Hunt added a win the 500 freestyle for the Warriors.

Soojin Kim won the 100 breaststroke in 1:15.20, qualifying for her eight different individual events for States, as Andover won every event on the way to beating Melrose 80-76 last Tuesday. Maeve Awiszus took the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke, Emilee Nason took the 200 freestyle Kristin Pettini won the 200 IM for the Golden Warriors.

GOLF

Burke shines
Ryan Burke placed second overall with a 77 and teammate Brett Krekorian was third with a 78 to lead Andover at the MVC Meet last Thursday. Tim Awiszus added an 86 for the Golden Warriors.

Brett Krekorian and Ryan Burke each shot a 77 to help Andover take fifth as a team with 322 points at the Division 1 North Championship on Monday.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Galat leads way

Max Galat (fifth) and Rob Perry (ninth) each scored top-10 finishes but Andover lost to Billerica (26-31) and Tewksbury (18-37) last Wednesday. Alex Bensley added a 12th for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Aruri takes another gold

Leila Aruri was first overall in 19:09 and Sarah Rothmann (third) and Chantal Kellerd (fifth) added top-five finishes as Andover beat Tewksbury (17-43) but lost to Billerica (27-28) last Wednesday.

Brett Krekorian earned a 2-1 victory as Andover rolled over Billerica 15-5 last Tuesday. Tim Awiszus added a 1-up win for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS SOCCER

Mauge clutch
Edgar Mauge scored one goal and assisted on another as Andover blasted Dracut 5-1 last Tuesday. Declan Collins, Sam Kelly, Kyle Surehan and Alex Gray each chipped in with a score for the Golden Warriors.

Alex Gray and Demetri Kostakis each scored a goal as Andover played Haverhill to a 1-1 tie last Thursday. Declan Collins assisted on a goal and Mike Weber had 11 saves for the Warriors.

GIRLS SOCCER

Giant killers
Andover sophomore Veronica Alois' second-half goal was enough to hand Canton just its second loss of the season, as the Golden Warriors earned a 1-0 victory on Saturday.

Lily Puccia scored a goal, but Andover lost to Chelmsford 3-1 last Tuesday. Hannah Ameen assisted on Puccia's score.

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7th and 8th GRADE - 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM

Questions call Joe Iarrobino at

978-474-0523

Spots open for Hooptown clinics

There are still spots open for the elite Hooptown's fall basketball clinics.

The clinics will run on the following Sundays: Oct. 20 and 27 and Nov. 3, 10 and 17. They emphasize the fundamentals of the game, teamwork and the value of sportsmanship. Campers' abilities range from beginner to rising high school

star. The clinics, for both boys and girls, run from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Andover High fieldhouse. The staff includes players and coaches from the Golden Warriors' boys and girls varsity teams. To register or for more information, visit hoopertowncamp.com.

SEND US YOUR TOWN SPORTS NEWS

The Townsman wants to spotlight the triumphs, and tragedies, of Andover's local sports teams and athletes.

We're asking coaches, players, parents and fans to send us photos as well as highlights from all the week's sporting games and events. Items can range from a shout-out for a top player or team, a spectacular play or sports milestone or even some candid shots from a game or practice.

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Health / Business

HEALTH BRIEFS

Town flu clinics scheduled

The Andover Health Division has set its flu clinic dates to help residents stay healthy this fall.

A clinic for residents ages 18 and up will be held Thursday, Nov. 7, between 4 and 7 p.m. at West Middle School.

A second clinic for ages 2 and older takes place Monday, Nov. 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Center at Punchedard (senior center) on Whittier Court.

Vaccinations are provided for free, although individuals who supply insurance information will allow the Health Department to bill the provider for the costs incurred and those reimbursements will then be used to purchase vaccine for the following flu season.

The traditional intramuscular shot and the nasal spray (FluMist) will be available at both clinics as well as a limited amount of high-dose vaccine for residents ages 65 and up. FluMist is recommended for medically eligible people between the ages of 2 and 49.

To download forms and specifics of the vaccine, visit the Health Division website at <http://andoverma.gov/health/>. Forms are also available at the senior center, the Town Offices building and Memorial Hall Library. Flu clinic updates will be posted to the Health Division's flu hotline at 978-623-8347.

Breast cancer screening Saturday

A free breast cancer screening program cosponsored by the Andover Board of Health will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Chinmaya Mission, 1 Union St., Andover. It will be performed by Dr. Rebecca Shore of Andover and Dr. Nari Sabeti, both of whom are medical professionals from Lowell General Hospital.

Space is limited and registration for the screening is required. To make an appointment, either email the Andover Health Division at health@andoverma.gov or call 978-623-8295 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the screening is the second of two related events in town designed to raise awareness of breast cancer. A presentation on breast cancer facts, risk factors and screening methods was held earlier this month.

According to the American Cancer Society, it was estimated there would be 230,480 new cases of breast cancer in the U.S. and 39,520 deaths in 2011. The society says only lung cancer accounts for more cancer deaths in women than breast cancer.

Donors sought for Red Cross blood drives

The American Red Cross is holding several upcoming community blood drives in Andover. The schedule is:

Tuesday, Oct. 29: Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., 2 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 31: CBRE Richard Ellis, One Tech Drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16: Masonic Lodge, 7 High St., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. To make an appointment to donate blood, call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) or log onto redcrossblood.org.

Golfing for a cause



Courtesy photo

Shaun Angles, right, of Andover, attended the 31st annual Jimmy Fund Classic at the International Golf Club in Bolton on Oct. 7 to celebrate another season of raising funds on the greens for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Classic is an annual event that recognizes tournament organizers and sponsors who helped raise more than \$6.4 million in 2013. Pictured with Angles are, from left, Pat Palmer of Newton, WEEI's John Dennis, event emcee; Kathy Kessel of Natick and Ryan Delaney of Boston. Visit www.jimmyfundgolf.org for more.

Townhouse project reduced by 1

A luxury townhouse development being built at Andover Country Club is downsizing just a bit.

Yvon Cormier, owner of the Legends development which is now under construction, recently sought

a minor modification to the plans, which were initially approved in 2009.

Town Planner Jacki Byerly said last month the development is being reduced from 31 to 30 units, spread out over eight

buildings of three or four units apiece. The modification reduces a four-unit building to three units.

The units are being built on Muirfield Circle and Crenshaw Lane, two streets that are woven into the

fairways of the country club on Canterbury Street. The change is being sought to improve the visual appearance of the development relative to the golf course, Byerly said.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were recently issued by the town, according to the Andover Building Department. The list includes permit recipients and addresses, job descriptions and value of planned improvements:

Steven E. Pouliot, 6 Jefferson Lane, single family, foundation for 12-by-24 addition, \$85,000

Lally II Real Estate Trust/John J. McCardle III, 36 Main St., commercial/residential, remove old mortar between brick and re-point, \$58,595

Jamison L. and Beth M. Tomasek, 31 Magnolia Ave., single family, remodel first-floor kitchen, foyer, and full bath, \$67,000

Jeffrey R. and Joan Anderson, 31 Lincoln St., single family, strip and re-roof, install ice shield, \$9,600

Paul W. and Lisa D. Maue, 40 Bellevue Road, single family, remodel kitchen floors, cabinets, walls, \$23,000

Xiaoying Zhong and Su Qi, 2 Newman Hill Drive, single family, kitchen remodel, \$63,585

Prentiss Games/Julie H. Prentiss, 109 Dascomb Road, single family, basement renovation, \$68,640

Roger A. and Elizabeth A. Desjardins, 4 Cottage Road, single family, renovate half-bath, living room and bar, \$9,875

William and Sandra Delfavero, 104 Hidden Road, single family, rebuild existing farmer's porch, \$20,640

David P. Cafua and Christina M. Cafua, 5 Regency Ridge, single family, inground gunite pool, \$82,000

138 Minuteman LLC, 138 River Road, general office, renovate and expand office space, \$47,500

Jason and Kristi Barbieri, 16 Marland St., single family, install 8-foot fence, \$5,200

NEBC Andover LLC, 10 N E Business Center Drive, general office, second-floor renovations, \$41,500

CA Investment Trust/ Cormier

+ D ENXING, 21 through 27 Ivana Drive, multi-family, structure permits for four, four-unit condo buildings, unavailable

Eleanor D. Perocchi, 144 Chestnut St., single family, strip and re-roof vinyl siding, windows, \$24,615

Michael J. and Barbara A. Mangione, 3 Yale Road, single family, remove and replace existing garage, \$30,000

Vaibhav C. and Manushi Khasgiwala, 10 Rutgers Road, single family, kitchen remodel, \$24,600

Keith and Annie Wilcoxon, 9 Christian Way, single family, inground gunite pool, \$50,000

David S. Rainen and Butler-Rainen, 5 Alderbrook Road, single family, remove window and replace with French door, \$10,000

Stephen M. and Maureen B. Weisner, 6 Cricket Circle, single family, replace siding, \$31,250

Kenneth B. Brizen, 7 Belle Haven Drive, single family,

bathroom remodel, \$15,000

Richard and Sally C Lincoln Vogel, 47 Carmel Road, single family, kitchen renovation, \$30,578

Keith and Ingrid O'Hara, 7 Samos Lane, single family, install wood stove and liner, \$3,369

David Smart and Lauren Scally, 30 Mohawk Road, single family, cut wall between kitchen/dining room, \$300

East Hope LLC, 191-UB Chandler Road, commercial condo, remove/replace insulation, ceiling tiles, \$6,148

Marcelle Colaneri, 36-U3 Central St., single family/condo, rebuild outside stairway, \$3,300

James A. and Lisa D. Doucett, 26 Lincoln St., single family, blown-in insulation, air seal, weather strips, \$2,100

Calixto Garcia, 74 Lowell St., two family, strip and re-roof rear porch at 72 Lowell, strip and re-roof main house at 74 Lowell, \$5,200

BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Local firm sends team to annual Rodman Ride

ALKU, a specialized consulting firm based in Andover, partnered with the Mass Mentoring organization for this year's Rodman Ride.

Over the past two years, ALKU — formerly The Start Group — has raised \$50,000 for Mass Mentoring

Partnership, the umbrella organization for youth mentoring programs in Massachusetts.

The Rodman Ride is a 25-, 50- or 100-mile bike ride that takes place every September in Foxboro. This year, ALKU's riding team consisted of 25 employees who participated in the noncompetitive ride.

The firm also pledged to match 10 percent of all donations collected and The

Rodman Ride pledged to match 10 percent on top of that, meaning Mass Mentoring received 121 percent of all contributions raised by the ALKU team.

Wright-Pierce honored by water works group

Wright-Pierce, a New England-based civil and environmental engineering firm with an office on

Shattuck Road in Andover, received the 2013 Sponsor of the Year Award from the New England Water Works Association, a nonprofit, professional organization.


The award recognizes Wright-Pierce's "significant, long-term support of the association through the volunteer services of employees, participation in committees and programs, financial support of various activities, and major contributions to fundraisers."

Wright-Pierce has been a service provider member of New England Water Works Association since 1977, and 15 employees are individual members, holding leadership positions and serving on key committees. Over the years, employees have helped organize member events; served as speakers and moderators at monthly meetings, conferences and professional development and training programs; and mentored young professionals. The company has also provided funding to support the association.

To submit an item for the Business Briefcase, email townsman@andovertownsm.com.

Your Dental HEALTH

by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD



BOO

While most children revel in the idea of wearing costumes and soliciting free candy from neighbors, many parents regard Halloween as a potential nightmare. Child safety aside, many see sugar as the primary threat. Not only has sugar emerged as Public Enemy Number One in the fight against obesity, but it has always been regarded as a threat to tooth enamel. While it is true that sugar and carbohydrates feed the bacteria responsible for tooth decay, we can take steps to minimize the threat. It is generally a good idea to brush and floss teeth immediately after eating any food, especially candy. More than pure chocolate, sticky candies pose the biggest problem. Remove them with floss before they do harm. Halloween doesn't have to be a dental disaster. Too much sugar, and its effect on oral and overall health, doesn't have to be the scariest part of Halloween or any other part of the year. Always guarantee that your child's teeth are cleaned by brushing with fluoridated toothpaste and flossing every day. Call **DENTISTRY BY DESIGN** at 978-475-5333 and ask about dental sealants as preventive measures to help protect teeth year-round. Our office is located at 19 Barnard St. where our highly trained staff is committed to providing quality, long-lasting dentistry to all our patients from young people to seniors.


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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly sunny; breezy	Partly sunny	Clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	A little a.m. rain
High: 53° Low: 33°	High: 51° Low: 32°	High: 53° Low: 37°	High: 55° Low: 37°	High: 55° Low: 39°	High: 56° Low: 43°	High: 51° Low: 30°

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in Andover

24 Canterbury St.: William M. and Lydia B. Moriarty to Kevin A. and Julie Korn, \$620,000

30 Center St.: Brookfield Relocation Inc. to Richard J. and Robyn A. Cotta, \$323,000

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151 Chestnut St.: Navneet and Kavita Chadha to Andrew J. and Karren B. Steckler, \$619,000

5 Lillian Terrace: Daniel P. and Stephanie A. Bryant to Stephen J. and Deanna M. Gemmell, \$750,000

9 Linda Road: Kyung and Tae Kim to Jonathan and Sherilyn Kasper, \$365,000

31 Lucerne Drive: John M. and Kathleen Federico to Oliver C. Purwin and Yashoda Dadkar, \$612,500

32 Lucerne Drive: Peter R. and Jane M. Gaulin to John K. and Jennifer R. Odonohue, \$465,000

354 North Main St., Unit 207: Michele K. Fox to Rachel M. Licciardi, \$160,000

62 Porter Road: Betty G. Mobbs and Thomas O. Jones to Christopher W. and Stephanie M. Deady, \$1,050,000

5 Punchard Ave.: John K. and Jennifer R. Odonohue to Philippe and Susan Roussilhes, \$584,900

17 Regency Ridge: Brian D. and Diane M. Cahill to Leonard D. Trudell and Alice Y. Chan, \$2,800,000

10 Saint James Drive: 69 North Street LLC to Uma Saha and Santosh Sikder, \$589,900

48 Summer St.: Julia McDonald to Jeffco Inc., \$305,000

45 Wild Rose Drive: Richard J. and Sheila A. Daly to Ralph P. and Heather Pass, \$600,000

61 Wildwood Road: Sajini and Chethan Shetty to Gail R. Matthews, \$525,000

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