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Bancroft Elementary School PTO President Sara Wells challenged, from left, Bancroft School Principal Dr. Malcolm Forsman, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marinel McGrath and School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert to take the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS. Students doing the honors are, from left, Campbell Morrison, 8; Nicole DeBernardo, 7; Tim Conners, 8; Declan Scully, 9 (hidden); Jeffrey Conners, 10; and Maeve Feeley, 8 (not seen).

An icy cold lesson

School officials rise to challenge to fight ALS

By TIM LIMA
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It was a lesson they simply couldn't resist.

So Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marinel McGrath, Bancroft School Principal Dr. Malcolm Forsman and School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert had no choice but to take to The Park Tuesday and accept the cold, wet terms of the cause.

The three were challenged by Bancroft Parent Teacher Organization President Sara Wells to complete the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS research — the social media campaign that has taken the nation by storm, raising millions of dollars in the fight against the progressive neurodegenerative disease.

And they had six local students — whose names they

randomly selected out of a pail — to help them carry out the deed.

With ice water at the ready, the three pairs of youngsters picked up the buckets as the school officials clasped hands and counted to three.

"Remember who your favorite principal is, now," Forsman said moments before Campbell Morrison, 8, and Nicole DeBernardo, 7, sent the ice water pouring down his back.

Tim Conners, 8, and Declan Scully, 9, did the same for McGrath and Jeffrey Conners, 10, and Maeve Feeley, 8, for McGrath, drenching their school leaders in a cold bath.

For McGrath, the challenge was especially personal. Last Thursday, she lost a dear family friend, Rosarie Coughlan, at the age

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Bancroft student Declan Scully, 9, reacts to having ice put down his back by School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert as Bancroft School Principal Dr. Malcolm Forsman looks on.

Tobacco age eyed at 21

Health officials push to toughen bylaws

By TIM LIMA

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In a desire to "catch up" to other communities in the state, the Board of Health is seeking to raise the legal age to buy cigarettes in town to 21 and to toughen other local tobacco regulations.

Assistant Health Director Joanne Martel said at a Board of Health meeting this week that Andover has "fallen short" when it comes to updating its tobacco use regulations.

"We used to be in the forefront," said Martel, who has urged the Board of Health to review the town bylaws. "We were one of the first four or five towns in the state that had regulations on tobacco. We were one of the pioneers back in the day and I think we now need to catch up."

At least 28 communities in the state, including Arlington, Concord, Newton, Westford, Yarmouth and, most recently, Salem, have raised the legal age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21. Others, such as Newburyport and Watertown, have opted to increase the

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Third time's the charm?

Town yard project back on the table

By BILL KIRK

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Town officials are taking a third crack at building a new facility for public works equipment and offices and hope to have a proposal ready for next May's Town Meeting to spend upwards of \$30.4 million on the project.

But any costly proposal to build a new headquarters for the town's water, sewer, highway and other municipal services functions may face heavy opposition, as two previous attempts have both been shot down by Town Meeting voters.

In 2013, a quest to rezone the current town yard property off Lewis Street to make way for housing, retail and other commercial uses failed by a "whisker," Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski said. A 2012 plan to relocate the entire facility also failed by a similar margin.

Tim Vaill, who heads up the town's Economic Development Council, told selectmen last month that the biggest problem right now with the town yard is "indecision."

He said ideally the site of the current facility would be best redeveloped for housing and other uses that could bring in needed tax revenue while also contributing to the town's

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Judge refuses to dismiss Chism case

Lawyer wants teen tried in Juvenile Court on murder charge

By JULIE MANGANIS
Staff Writer

Barring a pretrial appeal, accused killer Philip Chism will stand trial as an adult in last October's slaying of Danvers High School teacher Colleen Ritzer of Andover, a crime described by the lead

prosecutor Tuesday as "one of the most heinous and brutal murders a person could commit."

A Salem Superior Court judge acted swiftly following the 45-minute hearing, rejecting arguments by Chism's lawyer that the state's youthful offender law is unconstitutional

and that, therefore, the indictments against him should be dismissed and the case sent to Juvenile Court.

"You're asking me as a judge of the Trial Court to ignore a (Supreme Judicial Court) decision rendered less than a year ago?" Salem Superior Court Judge Howard Whitehead

asked Chism's lawyer, Denise Regan.

That decision, Commonwealth vs. Diatchenko, concluded that mandatory life without parole sentences for those under 18 were unconstitutional. But the ruling also

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Paddle fun



MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photo

Guide Matthew Rostkowski, center, of North Shore Kayak Outdoor Center in Rockport, takes Maureen McNamara, left, and Michael McNamara, both of Andover, past the famous Motif No. 1 fishing shack during a paddleboarding tour of Rockport Harbor recently.

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Kayak pack



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Ben Hurd, 9, right, and Celyn Heslin, 7, paddle a tandem kayak at Poms Pond earlier this month. The town pond closes for the season on Sunday.

CHISM

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left in place the requirement that murder cases involving juveniles 14 to 17 be tried in Superior Court.

"Right," said Regan, who argued that the Diatchenko decision did not go far enough.

"I think that argument is going to have to be presented to the (Supreme Judicial Court) or even the Supreme Court," Whitehead told Regan. He denied the motion.

Chism, now 15, is facing charges in two counties, in similar attacks on young women.

He is charged with following Ritzer, a 24-year-old math teacher, into the second-floor girls bathroom at Danvers High School, on the afternoon of Oct. 22, then attacking her with a box cutter he had received as a gift, and raping her, before killing her and leaving her in a wooded area near the school.

Then, while in custody at a Department of Youth Services facility in Dorchester in June, Chism, armed with a sharpened pencil, allegedly eluded staffers



KEN YUSZKUS/Staff photo

Philip Chism, right, appeared in Salem Superior Court Tuesday as his attorney, Denise Regan, left, argued that he should be tried in Juvenile Court.

who were supposed to be watching him and followed a 29-year-old DYS clinician into a restroom/locker area, where he attacked her. He was arraigned in that case

last month in Suffolk County Juvenile Court.

In both cases, he is facing charges as a youthful offender, a law enacted in 1996 amid concerns about a perceived increase in the severity of crimes committed by juveniles, including the violent slaying of a Somerville woman, Janet Downing, by 15-year-old Eddie O'Brien, her son's best friend, in 1995.

The 1996 law also requires that all juveniles charged with first-degree murder be tried as adults.

Regan blasted the law, contending that it was based on a "frenzy that was created out of fear based on great exaggeration in the media," and that the only point of the law was "to stigmatize" teenagers charged with murder. "There is no other reason," Regan argued.

But prosecutor Kate MacDougall told the judge, "It's good law," noting that legislators have taken no steps to change the requirement for adult trials in murder cases and citing a line of recent court rulings and legislation that have all let stand

the requirement that murder cases be tried in Superior Court and not Juvenile Court.

Whitehead agreed, saying that there is no case law saying that trying homicides in Superior Court is unconstitutional, and that as a Trial Court judge, it is not his role to make the law.

Regan suggested that juveniles are a "protected class" entitled to special consideration within the justice system, including the rights to have a parent or guardian take part in proceedings, as well as limits on the types of sentences that are imposed.

But Whitehead challenged the assertion, saying he's aware of no case that holds that juveniles are a protected class, and he said that the case law that does exist deals only with sentencing, not with where a trial takes place.

And MacDougall argued that juveniles on trial for murder are afforded extra considerations that adult killers do not receive, even in the Superior Court. For example, investigators are still required to have a parent or guardian present when questioning a suspect under 18. And when presenting a murder case to a grand jury, prosecutors are also under an obligation to present "mitigating evidence" on behalf of the juvenile — something MacDougall said she was told by Regan did not exist when she was seeking the indictments last year.

The prosecutor also took issue with comments by Regan in her motion comparing Massachusetts to "such stalwart defenders of human rights as Sudan and Somalia."

"The comparison is ill-informed, badly off-base and shameful," MacDougall noted in her response, filed Tuesday.

MacDougall argued that if the public has a reason to be outraged, it ought to be the prospect that as a result of the Diatchenko ruling, Chism could be eligible for parole before he turns 30.

Members of Colleen Ritzer's family sat with their attorney on one side of the courtroom. Chism's mother sat on the opposite side, in the back row, once again wearing sunglasses and a scarf to hide her face.

Chism will be back in Salem Superior Court on Oct. 15 for a motion to suppress evidence in the case, including, likely, his statements to police after he was found walking along Route 1 in Topsfield hours after the killing.

TOBACCO

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minimum age to 19. More than 12 percent of the state now requires individuals to be at least 19 to purchase tobacco.

Massachusetts communities are not alone in increasing the legal age to buy tobacco. New York City raised the age to 21 in May. And some states, including New Jersey, have instituted 19 as the legal age statewide.

In Andover as well as other surrounding communities, the legal age remains at 18.

By raising the age, officials hope to discourage young adults from starting to smoke.

"The longer they don't smoke, the less likely they are to take up the habit later on," Board of Health clerk Dr. Gopala Dwarakanath said. "The only question I have is that if you change the age to 21, if someone really wants to smoke, wouldn't they just go to Tewksbury to get it?"

But Martel, who also serves on the Board of Health in Westford, where she lives, countered that research shows that 15- and 16-year-old youths are getting cigarettes from the 18- and 19-year-olds. She said there wouldn't be that much movement from town to town among that age group.

"Is a 15 or a 16-year-old going to jump on their bike and ride to Tewksbury?" Martel asked. "Probably not."

Last week, a divided Board of Health in Salem, Mass., narrowly approved raising the minimum age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21. The vote followed strong objections from the public, including from retailers concerned by the loss of business. Others called it an attack on personal freedom.

But medical professionals all supported raising the age, arguing delaying the age at which young adults can buy tobacco reduces their chances of becoming regular smokers, and makes it less likely that adolescents will be able to get tobacco products from them.

The Board of Health is also looking to cap the number of tobacco sale permits in town, although a specific maximum number has not yet been set. There are currently 14 places in town permitted to sell tobacco.

One option discussed by the board involved capping the total number of permits at the current level of 14. Members said if, for example, a business with an existing permit was sold, the new owner could be given a set amount of time to request the permit. After 60 days, the permit would be eliminated from town use. However, if a business simply closed, its permit would cease to exist.

Members said another option might be to increase

the number of permits available by two, to 16, to accommodate potential new businesses. But that raised the question of whether companies that sell tobacco products would then be attracted to the area, making the effort counter-productive.

Board member Candace Martin wanted more specifics before deciding on a route to pursue.

"I need to know the history," she said. "If we're putting a limit on it and have had 12 permits for the last 20 years, and we are capping it at 12, I don't know what our objective is really. I need the history before I say yes or no on that."

But Martel said, "If the number has been increasing for the past 20 years, then we're making progress by capping it."

Finally, board members debated whether it was worthwhile to consider regulating the sale of tobacco at health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes and pharmacies, both free-standing ones and those within companies, such as supermarkets and retail stores.

"Somebody promoting health should not be promoting ill health at the same time," Dwarakanath said.

CVS Pharmacy has been the only tobacco-selling pharmacy in town. But that practice will cease Oct. 1 when a company-wide ban on tobacco sales takes effect.

But Martel said she feels specific regulations are still necessary, citing the hookah lounge that sought to open in town earlier this year after the applicants noticed Andover did not regulate their operation. The proposal was ultimately rejected by the town, and the Board of Health has since adopted a complete ban on hookah lounges in the community.

Martel said she would prefer that the town not find itself in a reactive position, as it was with the hookah lounge proposal.

"We don't have a lot of the businesses and may not have a lot of these issues coming up, but they will," she said. "Like the hookah lounge — they looked around to see who didn't have regulations, then they showed up. I think we need to be in the forefront again in the Merrimack Valley. We need to show that it can be done, because other communities have done it and it's where tobacco is going."

Health officials will gather more information in time for the board's next meeting on Sept. 9. Martel said last night's discussion represented the first step in the discussion process.

"It's an apple," she said. "You take little bites, and little bites and little bites. But you can't swallow the apple whole. We have made great accomplishments, but we're struggling to keep up with it now."

ICE

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of 44 to the disease.

"It was perfect timing," she said. "I feel I can make an immediate contribution to something to help fight the disease. It's been inspiring to see it go viral."

On behalf of the three school officials, Gilbert thanked Wells for the nomination and said she had already made her donation to ALS in memory of her husband's cousin, who passed away from the disease a number of years ago.

In keeping with the spirit of the challenge — and in honor of the "almost completion" of the new Bancroft School — the trio threw down the gauntlet, calling out three members of the School Building Committee — outgoing chairman Tom Deso, newly named chairman Joe Reilly

and vice chairman Emil Frei — to complete the icy deed next.

"Tom had his last meeting this morning and he has been fantastic as the leader of the School Building Committee, so I think this will be a great way for him to finish," said Forsman, who is readying to welcome his first class of students to the new Bancroft.

He added, jokingly, "It will be (Reilly's) first assignment" as building committee chairman.

McGrath said the challenge also tied in nicely to the School Department's motto that stresses the importance of community partnerships and collaborations. Similarly, the collaborative Ice Bucket campaign has brought awareness to ALS, she said.

As they towed off, the soaked trio encouraged others who haven't already donated to do so.

"I'm starting to wonder if anybody in Andover hasn't done this yet," Gilbert said. "It has raised so much money. It has been a great way to raise awareness."

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Selectmen chairman proposes new minutes policy

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The chairman of the Board of Selectmen wants to implement a policy requiring the board to review and release its executive session minutes more frequently — and to put them on the town's website once they've been approved for release.

Dan Kowalski, picked as chairman of the board following the May Town Meeting, has proposed that twice a year, the board review and release the minutes of executive sessions that no longer need to be kept secret.

"I want to ensure our discussions are made available to the public on a timely basis," he said. "It's important that we as a board review past executive session minutes and declassify them when the subject matter is no longer pertinent."

Over the past year or so, the board has released dozens of sets of executive session minutes at the request of the Andover Townsman. The executive session minutes that were released go back nearly a decade, as the board hadn't declassified old executive sessions despite the fact that the issues had long since been resolved.

State law requires that boards and commissions "periodically" review their executive sessions and release them to the public in a timely manner.

Kowalski said the town manager has taken his proposal under review and that the full board would be reviewing the new policy at its Monday, Aug. 18, meeting.

Kowalski's policy states: The Board of Selectmen recognizes that comprehensive meeting minutes are necessary to promote public awareness of town issues and open communication with town government.

To promote these values, the Town of Andover Board of Selectmen shall adhere to the following policies:

- Meeting minutes shall be taken at each Board of Selectmen meeting. The individual responsible for recording minutes at Board of Selectmen meetings shall be the Board of Selectmen recording secretary, town manager and Board of Selectmen secretary (elected member), respectively, based upon

attendance. Best effort will be made to create an audio recording of all meetings in which the Board of Selectmen recording secretary is present. Audio recordings shall be retained until official meeting minutes are reviewed and approved to form by the Board of Selectmen.

- The minutes will be as accurate and detailed as required to ensure that the main discussion points are captured within the minutes. Selectmen can request that the minutes include specific topics of discussion. Draft versions of all meeting minutes shall be provided to the Board of Selectmen within two weeks of the meeting. The Board of Selectmen shall require access to draft meeting minutes a minimum of two days prior to reviewing and releasing draft minutes in an open session. All meeting minutes that have been approved by the Board of Selectmen for public distribution shall be posted on the town website within one week of approval.

- Executive session meeting minutes shall be drafted and made available to selectmen within two weeks of the executive session meeting. Any draft executive session minutes will be reviewed to form and classification at the next executive session meeting. Any executive session meeting minutes that are declassified in executive session will also be released for public distribution in a public session. All executive session meeting minutes that are classified as confidential will be reviewed for declassification twice a year, in June and December. Executive session meeting minutes shall be posted to the town website within one week of public release.

YARD

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downtown economy.

"We want to join forces to come up with a solution no later than next year's Town Meeting," said Vaill, whose group has sponsored two economic development forums over the past year during which redevelopment of the town yard was considered a linchpin in the town's economic development plans.

After the 2013 defeat of the rezoning, selectmen shelved town yard talks for a year as taxpayers started feeling the effects of the \$50 million Bancroft School debt payments. During this past May Town Meeting, the town yard wasn't even mentioned except as one of many long-term projects the town needed to tackle in the future.

Once Town Meeting was over, selectmen began asking Stapczynski to resurrect plans for the town yard, keeping in mind that they wanted the "least-cost option" to either relocate or renovate the yard. It is currently located in a mish-mash of buildings in the center of town, with its main address on Lewis Street, but also bordered by Buxton Court and the commuter rail tracks.

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting late last month, and then again last week, Stapczynski and his staff offered five options to selectmen, ranging from doing nothing at no cost, to building a state-of-the-art facility on land behind West Fire Station at a cost of \$23 million to \$31.4 million.

The town manager and his team, including Municipal Services Director Chris Cronin and a consultant for Weston and Sampson, said the current facility, built in 1965, is outdated, overused and, in some ways, unsafe.

Stapczynski said a 1986 vote by the Board of Selectmen to keep the town yard in place with additional buildings scattered throughout town — known as the "distributive approach" — has not worked as Town Meeting voters rejected costly attempts to build new facilities elsewhere in town.

Nonetheless, the town's Municipal Services

TOWN YARD ALTERNATIVES

ALTERNATIVE 1 – COST: \$0

The town would change nothing, with the only cost being ongoing maintenance of an "outdated and undersized facility" on Lewis Street.

inefficient use of space and would not maximize the site.

ALTERNATIVE 4 – COST: \$23M

Demolish all the buildings and acquire two adjacent properties and erect a 57,000-square-foot building. **Pros:** Would provide all of the space needs for the department. **Cons:** Would not allow for future growth or reuse of the property.

ALTERNATIVE 5 – COST: \$20M, OR \$30M OVER 10 YEARS

Build a new, 57,000-square-foot structure on town-owned land behind West Fire Station, near the intersection of Greenwood and Chandler roads. **Pros:** The proposal would solve all of the town's needs, including allowing for reuse of the existing town yard while creating a state-of-the-art facility for municipal services employees and equipment. **Cons:** Not centrally located, new residential abutters and higher site development costs.

ALTERNATIVE 2 – COST: \$11.5M

Demolish the existing structures and rebuild new, more modern structures in their place. **Pros:** Keeps town yard in a central location. **Cons:** This alternative would not meet the space needs of the Municipal Services Department and would prevent the town from using the downtown site for housing and retail or commercial uses.

ALTERNATIVE 3 – COST: \$22.9M

Demolish the existing structures, create a campus-style facility with new buildings and one, off-site structure for seasonal equipment storage. **Pros:** Allows for many of the upgrades needed without requiring land purchases. Plus, the town yard would remain centrally located. **Cons:** It would remain an

Department is now scattered in a half-dozen locations, including Lewis Street, Red Spring Road, Abbott Street, Spring Grove Cemetery, in town offices and at the old treatment plant.

The current conditions, he said, lack office space, provide inadequate employee support services, are overcrowded, lack proper ventilation, do not meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and offer no interior vehicle storage, among other problems.

A 2011 structural report shows that some of the buildings are "reaching the end of their useful life," he said. Current and previous building inspectors have found that the

buildings could be in danger in the event of high winds or heavy snow accumulation.

Given the myriad of functions of the Municipal Services Department, Cronin said a full-service facility is needed that is larger than the current facility with more modern, up-to-code buildings and services.

Consultant Jeff Alberti said the town needs a 57,000-square-foot facility, but is now working in just 38,000 square feet at the Lewis Street site.

He and Stapczynski, as well as Cronin, support a new facility near West Fire Station on Chandler Road, saying that while it would cost \$20 million (or \$30 million if phased in

over 10 years), it would open up the existing town yard property for use by a private developer, which would garner the town property taxes of \$500,000 to \$700,000 a year.

But selectmen had mixed reviews of the high-cost proposals, saying Town Meeting voters don't have an appetite for expensive projects, especially given that their taxes went up last year and are going to go up again this year.

"Town Meeting has weighed in on what they will go with," Selectman Alex Vispoli said. "We got the message from Town Meeting that they would support the least-cost, most-feasible project on town property, which is what we thought Town Meeting was interested in hearing."

Selectman Paul Salafia said the board needs to consider the value of the existing town yard property if it was redeveloped into housing and commercial uses, saying it would mean an increase in property taxes.

"MIT did a study there 20 years ago and called it the golden triangle," he said. "If redeveloped, it would represent a nice financial influx into the town. That's something to think about."

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski said taxpayers would still be on the hook for \$20 million in debt service payments, even with an increase in property taxes from the site.

He said the board would continue to discuss the proposals at its next meeting on Monday, Aug. 18.

Stapczynski said selectmen need to decide on a course of action so that a warrant article can be prepared by January or February for next year's Town Meeting.

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Market Basket CEOs issue final warning

Environmentalists criticize mercury recycling bill

By DOUG MOSER
Staff Writer

Market Basket's co-CEOs issued what they said was a final warning to about 200 employees that they must report to work by Friday or lose their jobs, according to letters that arrived at employees' homes Tuesday morning.

Friday will be four weeks since more than 550 warehouse workers and dozens of employees at corporate headquarters walked out, demanding the return of former CEO Arthur T. Demoulas.

The company already has issued statements offering employees a way back to work without consequences and letters threatening to withhold pay and now an explicit threat of firing if they fail to return.

"We are writing one final time to invite you to return to work and perform your job obligations," the CEOs, James Gooch and Felicia Thornton, wrote in identical letters sent to about 200 employees.

Employees who are based at headquarters are to report by Friday, they said. Those whose "job is based in the field" must contact either CEO to review the work they have performed before Friday.

"Should you choose to ignore either of these directives, the company will consider you to have abandoned your job, thereby ending your employment with the company," they wrote.

The executives have warned in the past few weeks that those not reporting to work would have their pay withheld, and suggested people would be replaced by saying the company would "begin advertising for employment opportunities" for those who refused to return to work by Aug. 4.

Thornton and Gooch in a statement Tuesday afternoon said the ongoing walkout has left them with no choice and emphasized the employees are the ones



Shopping carts form the initials ATD in honor of ex-CEO Arthur T. Demoulas in the Market Basket parking lot in North Andover this week.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

leaving their jobs.

"Since July 17, approximately 200 associates who work at headquarters and the distribution centers have failed to report to work, despite several company communications requesting they do so," they said. "The company has not taken any action in response to their absence, but is left with no choice but to make this last request. The company will of course follow all applicable laws should these associates choose to abandon their positions."

One employee, among about 100 protesting and picketing outside company headquarters on East Street in Tewksbury Tuesday, said she was worried about what would happen, but several others said each warning and letter has made them more determined.

Lori Scott, an executive receptionist, said Tuesday's letter, which arrived by FedEx, was the first direct communication to her from the company. "They know where we are, just across the street," she said.

Several employees dismissed the threat as a scare tactic. "It just fires us up even more," said Ann Rogers, who works in accounts payable.

John Jurczak, who works in accounting, questioned

the independence of the three members of the board of directors, who are appointed by all Demoulas shareholders and are to be unaligned with either side of the family. "Is this in the best interest of the company?" he said.

Corporate and warehouse employees walked off the job July 18 to protest Demoulas' June 23 firing, and since have led a picket of the company's headquarters and advocated a boycott of the 71-store supermarket chain.

Store managers and employees have gone to work as scheduled, but the warehouse shutdown left stores empty of perishable groceries. Sales are down by 90 percent in many stores, managers have said.

The company held a three-day job fair in Andover last week, saying it was hiring store managers, assistant managers and key corporate positions. A few dozen people in total showed up to apply as employees and customers picketed, but the executives established an email address for people to send applications and resumes.

Demoulas is negotiating with his cousin and rival Arthur S. Demoulas in an effort to purchase Arthur S. and his family's shares

in the company.

A flurry of abrasive statements from both sides last weekend indicated there are at least two main hangups to a deal: Financing for Arthur T. to buy out his cousin and Arthur T.'s status while the deal is finalized. Arthur T. has offered to return as CEO immediately, which he said would bring back all the employees and customers loyal to him.

The board of directors has said only that it offered to allow Arthur T. and his management team, including those who were fired or who resigned in protest, back in the company to assist in its operations, though specifically not in control of the company, while reaffirming its support for Thornton and Gooch.

Arthur S.'s family has said they are prepared to sell to Arthur T.

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
CNHI State Reporter

Recycling mercury from old thermostats and light bulbs is mandated under a bill being weighed by Gov. Deval Patrick, but environmentalists say the legislation doesn't do enough to protect waterways.

If signed by Patrick, the new law will require thermostat and light bulb manufacturers that operate in Massachusetts to pay \$10,000 each for a mercury recycling program and make recycling containers available to contractors and wholesalers.

Mercury production was banned in Massachusetts years ago, but environmental groups say tens of thousands of old mercury thermostats remain in use across the state. Absent a mandated statewide recycling program, environmentalists say, the toxic materials have been ending up in landfills and are eventually released into the environment.

Instead, the final version of the bill on Patrick's desk doesn't do enough to lessen mercury contamination, environmental groups say. Lawmakers dropped a provision requiring manufacturers to provide financial incentives and a requirement that the state Department of Environmental Protection set recycling goals and evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

"Reducing mercury

pollution is an important public health problem, and the women and children of Massachusetts deserve better protection than the Legislature has provided with this bill," said Elizabeth Saunders, Massachusetts director for Clean Water Action, one of the groups that pushed for tougher requirements.

Phil Seago, of the Massachusetts Sierra Club, said states such as Vermont, Maine, Rhode Island and California require thermostat manufacturers to offer a financial incentive for recycling. Maine, for example, gives a \$5 gift card to contractors or homeowners who drop off old thermostats and light bulbs at regional recycling centers.

"The fact that the Legislature did not follow the successful model of other states, and then did not even require an evaluation of the program, makes me think that the Legislature isn't serious about creating a successful mercury reduction plan," Seago said.

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Andover Youth Services 'discovers' its identity

By TIM LIMA

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Small Army believes the best way for an organization to tell its story is to discover its moral — that singular belief that represents the soul of a group or company.

With the foundation for a new youth center now laid, Andover Youth Services this summer sought help in learning the moral of its own story in hopes of simplifying who they are for the community.

"People misunderstand youth development a lot of the time," AYS Director Bill Fahey said. "This youth center is going to be a huge compliment to the community in so many ways. It will be a place for kids to explore themselves, where young people develop and run the programs."

To help brand the organization, Andover Youth Services representatives met with the Boston advertising agency Small Army, best known for its storytelling



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover Youth Services is dedicated to helping teens discover themselves. Staff members say they attend the Andover High School graduation each year on their own time and wait outside to congratulate students and encourage them to be themselves as they take the next steps in their lives.

The Small Army story into an informative themselves, they discover themselves, they discover themselves. "It was really a phenomenal experience," Fahey said. "We went down as a staff and sat in their conference room. They had their team there and they were really interested in hearing our story, our history and how we arrived to where we are today. We had a chance to kind of tell people who didn't know our story."

Fahey hopes the experience — and the new moral — helps his group gain more exposure. "We are involved in so many different facets of the community, from running summer programs, to building a skate park, to special education programs at the schools, to the development of lacrosse in town, to advocating for services," he said. "We have gotten a tremendous amount of support from the community, but we wanted to ... get the word out there."

The team-building experience comes as AYS' new \$5.6 million youth center is about to begin taking form. It's something that Fahey

feels will be a vital part to the growth and maturity of the youths in his program. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed in February.

"The young people really love the youth center and can't wait for it," he said. "They say it will be like their second home. I think in our houses and homes where we grew up, we are surrounded by people loving us and helping us and that's what we want to do."

In guiding kids as they find themselves, AYS has tried to allow dreams to take flight whenever possible, Fahey said. That means never saying "no" and letting kids turn an idea into a program that they run.

"We love sitting next to them and helping them discover who they are," he said. "We aim to encourage them to thrive and fly and be who they want to be."

Small Army CEO Jeff Freedman said his team encountered an inspirational group of people when AYS came in for its nonprofit Moral Session. Each month, Small Army donates a half day of its time to working with a worthy nonprofit.

"We find that most people who are involved in nonprofit causes are very passionate about what they do and the people they do it for," Freedman said in a release.

Having the people of Andover understand the passion behind what Andover Youth Services does is critical to keeping the organization moving forward, according to Small Army.

"I'm not sure everyone understands how much AYS does and how much we as a town need to support it," Allison Reilly, an Andover resident who serves as account director for Small Army, said in the release.

"It's one of the few organizations that truly lets kids be themselves, and as a result, kids can be comfortable to discover who they truly are."



Andover Trails group needs volunteers

The Andover Trails Committee is looking for volunteers to help clear, maintain and oversee a network of hiking and biking byways that have become overgrown and underutilized.

The Community Paths project was initiated in the mid-to late-1990s by the Andover League of Women Voters, and spearheaded by longtime resident and community activist Margaret Pustell until her death in 2012.

Pustell formed and led an ad-hoc citizens committee called The Andover Community Paths Committee. Its mission was to provide safe and convenient routes away from automobile traffic for walking and bicycling.

More than 30 "community paths" were identified, established and approved by the town. They were marked

with a plastic square logo and monitored by neighborhood "path-minders." Virtually all are on town property and are short in length compared to Andover's recreational trails, which are mostly on private conservation land.

The Trails Committee has evaluated the current status of these community paths and found that while several are well-marked and functioning, the majority are not currently serviceable and are in need of remarking, maintenance and general care by "path-minders."

Volunteers would take on the role of "path-minders" and would assist in keeping these paths open and usable to the public.

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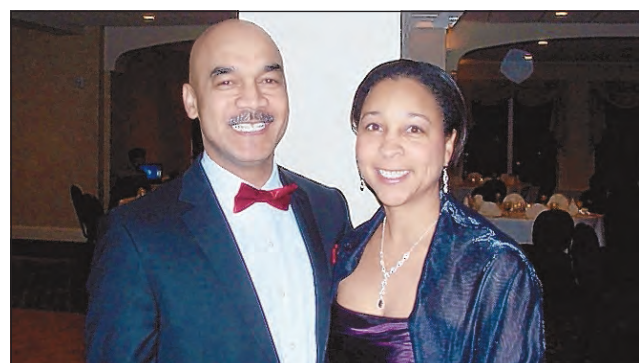


Andover Baptist's Rev. Myers celebrates 10 years

Andover Baptist Church at 7 Central St. is celebrating Pastor Rev. Lyndon Abraham Myers' 10 years of dedicated ministry service this weekend with a ball and recognition service.

The Pastor's Ball will be held Friday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. at UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center, 50 Warren St., Lowell. The semiformal/black tie affair will feature dinner, music and live entertainment. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$500 per table. For reservations or more information, email adinelat@aol.com.

On Sunday, a recognition service is planned for 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the Central Street church. The congregation will lift up and honor its pastor and his family for 10 years of faithful service leading the flock at Andover Baptist



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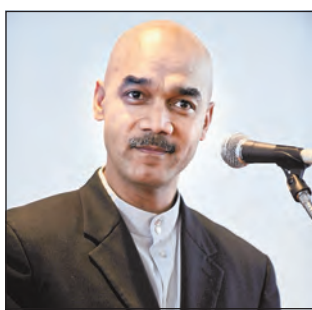
Andover Baptist Church Pastor Rev. Lyndon Abraham Myers and his wife, Tesha-Lyn, who serves as Sunday School superintendent, will be feted for their 10 years of service to the church community.

Church. The worship service will include guest preachers and musicians. Dinner will follow.

Myers was installed as pastor of Andover Baptist in August 2004. Since his arrival

the church's membership has swelled from 20 to more than 150 people.

Myers has been a steady leader for the church over the last decade, remaining strong even after suffering a



FILE PHOTO

The Rev. Lyndon Myers gives the keynote address during Andover Baptist Church's third annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity brunch and service in 2010.

heart attack in 2008 that led to months of recovery and rehabilitation for the pastor.

For more information on this weekend's events, visit www.andover-baptist-church.org.

Local women join in Hadassah national convention

Five local members of the Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah, including four from Andover, have returned with new ideas from the Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America's 97th National Convention last month in Las Vegas.

Debbie Ginsberg, president; Ruth Rosensweig, Merrimack Valley Book Group chairwoman; Rhonda Saunders, regional OVP; and Sondra Finegold, regional AVP, all of Andover; and Sherry Comerchero, regional OVP, of Haverhill, were among more than 800 members, supporters and associates in attendance at the convention to celebrate Hadassah.

In a release, Ginsberg described the convention as "a spirited and inspiring few days together presenting many new innovative directions for the organization. She said she is excited to bring the new programs back to the Merrimack Valley.

Hadassah introduced several new initiatives to leaders and members, including The Uplift Project, a breast cancer awareness program; a walking challenge for heart health called Every Step Counts; eMember, an online membership initiative; and a

new advocacy agenda, among others.

The convention also offered many panels and workshops, including one by the Hadassah Medical Organization featuring trauma specialist and first-responder Dr. Avi Rivkind, head of the shock trauma unit at HMO, who was able to provide insights into the current situation in Israel and Gaza. New York Times bestselling author Ari Shavit and the Wall Street Journal's Bret Stephens also gave presentations.

Between individual pledges and a first-ever "text to pledge" campaign, Hadassah raised \$1.5 million in two days at this year's convention.

Founded in 1912, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America is the largest women's Zionist Jewish membership organization in the country and includes 330,000 members, associates and supporters. The goal of the convention is to bring powerful Jewish women together to meet new women, connect and learn from each other as well as discuss current issues facing Israel and the Jewish people.

For more information, visit www.hadassah.org or email the Merrimack Valley chapter at hadassahmv@gmail.com.



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The Merrimack Valley was represented at the national Hadassah Convention in Las Vegas last month. Local women who attended are, front row, from left, Ruth Rosensweig and Rhonda Saunders, both of Andover, and, back row, from left, Debbie Ginsberg of Andover, Sherry Comerchero of Haverhill and Sondra Finegold of Andover.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Congregation Beth Israel launching tutoring program

The Religious School of Congregation Beth Israel at 50 South Main St. in Andover has instituted a new tutoring program for children ages 9 to 11 who either don't read Hebrew or aren't as proficient as they should be.

The instruction will consist of one-on-one personalized lessons, plus review

and practice sessions. Religious School tuition will cover the cost of this program.

For more information and registration materials for any of the Religious School programs at Congregation Beth Israel, contact Principal Esther Kaufman at Eddirector@BethIsraelMV.org or call the temple office at 978-474-0540.

Does your church or synagogue have a special event coming up or is it launching a new program or activity? Share your news with the Townsman by emailing townsman@andovertownsm.com.

St. Augustine Family Festival has lots to celebrate

St. Augustine Church at 43 Essex St. is readying for its Family Festival on Saturday, Aug. 23, rain or shine.

The event will be held in recognition of the patron St. Augustine's Feast Day and will celebrate the dedication of the parish center's main hall, the St. Augustine School Centennial and the spirit of the parish community.

The festivities begin at

4 p.m. with Mass in the church, followed by a celebration in the parking lot and parish center next to the church.

The event will feature a cookout manned by the Knights of Columbus, a cookie bake-off, live music, raffle baskets, games, contests and local vendors.

The entire Andover community is encouraged to join St. Augustine for the celebration. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information, call Bridget Rao at 978-475-0050, ext. 28.

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Opinion

An ice-cold challenge that warms the heart

CHEERS to those in Andover and elsewhere taking the Ice Bucket Challenge on behalf of Beverly resident Pete Frates and his ongoing drive to raise awareness about — and money to combat — amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, often referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. There is no cure. Frates was diagnosed with the disease two years ago.

The Ice Bucket Challenge — for the few remaining people unfamiliar with it — has swept the region and the country, fueled by social media. Once someone has been “challenged,” they have 24 hours to post a video of themselves on Facebook or Twitter taking an ice water shower before passing on the challenge to others, often with a donation request of \$10 (if the person completes the challenge) or \$100 (if they don't).

United by the thousands, they paint a picture of a community that cares, and they send a message of hope that someday soon a deadly disease will meet its match.

“It's been like wildfire,” Nancy Frates, Pete Frates' mother, told Phil Stacey, sports editor for our sister paper, The Salem, Mass., News, last week. “It's really been amazing to see. As I've been saying, we keep moving the needle and making people aware.”

Andover Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marine McGrath, School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert and Bancroft School Principal Dr. Malcolm Forsman were the latest to rise to the challenge this week, at the urging of Bancroft School Parent Teacher Organization President Sara Wells. The trio of school officials in turn called

out three members of the School Building Committee to rise to the challenge next.

McGrath and Gilbert both had personal reasons for accepting the challenge. Just last week, McGrath lost a close family friend to ALS at the age of 44. Gilbert's husband saw a cousin succumb to the disease a number of years ago. So they were especially willing to do their part for the cause.

“I'm starting to wonder if anybody in Andover hasn't done this yet,” Gilbert said. “It has raised so much money. It has been a great way to raise awareness.”

McGrath, Gilbert and Forsman far from stand alone in the campaign. Young and old all throughout town are joining the campaign — each having a little fun while doing a whole lot of good. They're in good company. Members of the New England Patriots and Boston Bruins have taken the challenge. So, too, have Boston Marathon survivors and elected state leaders. Even the editor of the Andover Townsman dumped icy cold water on her head.

They all deserve a pat on the soggy back. Alone, their willingness to look silly on the Internet doesn't mean much. But united by the thousands, they paint a picture of a community that cares, and they send a message of hope that someday soon a deadly disease will meet its match.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Board of Health is looking to raise the legal age to buy tobacco in town from 18 to 21. Where do you stand?

SUPPORT IT. The longer we can encourage young adults to wait before they can legally buy cigarettes — the same as we do with alcohol — the more chance there is that they won't take up smoking. And that can only save lives down the road.

OPPOSE IT. An 18-year-old is an adult in the eyes of the law — old enough to vote and serve the country — and should be treated as such. It should be their decision if they want to smoke, whether I think they should or not.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Andover students head back to school in two weeks, signaling the unofficial end of summer. Should the town return to starting school after Labor Day? With 130 votes, the answers were:

YES. Return to a post-Labor Day start. Summer is over much too soon and students don't get out early enough in June to make an August start to the school year worthwhile. **84 votes, 65 percent.**

NO. Keep the pre-Labor Day start. The school year should end as early in June as possible. Delaying the start will extend the school year almost to July. **45 votes, 35 percent.**

OTHER: 1 vote (The start of school should vary, depending on where Labor Day falls, between Sept. 1 and Sept. 7).

CHILLING CONTRIBUTION TO CHARITY



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Students, from left, Tim Conners, 8; Declan Scully, 9 (hidden); Maeve Feeley, 8; and Jeffrey Conners, 10, pour ice-cold water over School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert, left, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marine McGrath as they complete the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS in The Park on Tuesday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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also that one of Andover's blight properties is located at the entrance to the neighborhood. That will do more damage to property values than meticulously landscaped townhomes.

I have known many Merrimack students and used many as babysitters. The students are not the noisy, weapon-wielding, neighborhood-stomping, extreme partiers that they have been unfairly painted as. They have more interesting things to do than hang out in the Rockridge neighborhood. I look forward to their arrival each fall as the campus comes alive. Merrimack College is beautiful, but more melancholic when classes have ended.

DIANE MCCARRON
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Market Basket 'fisaco' a sad tale of greed, vengeance

Ever since there was a Demoulas in Shawsheen Plaza, my entire family has shopped at Demoulas/Market Basket stores. It is unbelievable that vengeance and family disagreements are what threaten to bring down what used to be such a great company.

This whole situation hurts my head and upsets

my stomach — real physical reactions to your actions. Let me explain why. When Stop & Shop played its dirty tricks that pushed Market Basket out of Shawsheen Plaza, I was outraged. I vowed to never shop in any Stop & Shop. I go to Planet Fitness in the plaza and even if I needed to “pick up a few things” after working out, I'd go to Whole Foods or drive past my house to the Market Basket in North Andover.

I laughed when Stop & Shop closed its big store in North Reading and moved into that teeny store in the former Atlantic Plaza, to prevent Market Basket from going there. Every time I'd drive past that little store with its empty parking lot, I'd chuckle at the company's folly and pettiness. Now the lot is pretty full.

I'm in Reading a few times a month and drive “behind” the Stop & Shop there to shop at Market Basket. I smiled when I did that, because the Market Basket parking lot was usually full while Stop & Shop's lot was not — but now it's reversed.

It hurts my feelings deeply that my longtime loyalty (and the loyalty of so many others who think and act the way I do) is being spit in the face by Arthur S. Demoulas and the new CEOs — all because of greed and vengeance. Along with people like me who just want to get a good deal for their food dollar, from a good company who appreciates its employees and customers, you have people who are living paycheck to paycheck, shopping at Market Basket to get “more for their dollar” now being told they don't matter by the actions of a handful of people who are not happy with the millions you already make (notice I did not say “earn”). You want more — on the backs of your employees and customers — none of us who will ever hope to earn in our lifetimes anywhere near what you have already

made.

I think you are sadly mistaken in thinking you can gain any more money running the company this way. That ship sailed when you fired Artie T. Without Artie T. and his business practices, we won't drive out of our way to Market Basket to save money and shop where we are appreciated — because Market Basket under your leadership will be just another expensive place to shop, where the only way to save is to “shop the sales.” No one believes you have any other viable offers on the table except for Artie T.'s, and I would bet that at this point, his offer is for more than what you have currently made the company worth. Take it, divest yourselves from any future involvement in Market Basket and move on with your lives.

Don't get me wrong — I'm all for capitalism — but greed, family squabbles and vengeance are not part of any successful business model. Even your teenage cashiers and baggers who have not finished high school or taken a single business course know this. Whatever the turnout of this fiasco, the actions of Arthur S. and the rest of the directors and shareholders on his side will be held up as examples of what not to do to a successful company. You will be laughed at for years — a pathetic legacy. Your families will be so proud.

I'm protesting with my pocketbook — “bye-bye” until you accept Artie T.'s offer and he is back as CEO (along with everyone else you have fired). You can't fire customers — we quit. And regardless of what you get the media to report, the customers are boycotting because of your deplorable actions — not because of supposedly “empty shelves.”

Sincerely, with a heavy heart, headache and upset stomach,

SHARON FLUET
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TownsBeat

Summer of fun for Community Services



Ben Rudnick and Friends entertain the crowd with their youthful energy at last week's free summer Concert in The Park. The performers are a returning series favorite.



Abby Tosch, 9, is all smiles as she holds the hands of her 4-year-old sister, Mia, while the young girl dances to the music of Ben Rudnick and Friends.



Mia Tosch, 4, and her sister twirl arm in arm in their bare feet during last week's summer concert.

Photos by
Carl Russo



Jocelyn McCabe, 2, enjoys her ice cream as the music plays.

Director reflects on strong season

By TIM LIMA
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After a summer of ups, Kim Stamas' busiest season as director of the town's Department of Community Services is winding down.

Stamas said her first summer as the program's director has been successful, with most programs, including expanded ones, at capacity.

All four weeks of paddleboarding classes — an increase over last summer's single session — were full. And enrollment in the Outer Limits Middle School Program hit 60 kids per week, an increase over last year's weekly roster of 25 participants.

All-Day Discovery was also full, as were three weeks each of golf and soccer camps, six weeks of tennis, one week of football, two weeks each of track and theater, five weeks of cheering, one week of boot camp and several workshops.

To accommodate the influx, DCS' staff neared 100 workers, Stamas said.

"This is currently our busiest time, but everything has gone very smoothly this summer and we believe the residents are very happy with us," Stamas said. "We're in a good place."

The 58-year-old Stamas, who lives in Andover with her husband and two children, was promoted to the department's top spot in March, replacing longtime director Mary Montbleau as she retired.

Stamas, who grew up in town, started working for DCS at age 16 before joining the department full-time after college as recreation coordinator. Since, she has stopped only for eight years to raise her children.

In 2012, she was honored as a Town of Andover Unsung Hero presented by Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski at a town Founders Day event.

Even though she has stepped



Kim Stamas at an Arbor Day program this spring at The Park. She took over as Department of Community Services director in March.

into the director's role, Stamas continues to coordinate the Bob French Basketball League, the Co-Ed Adult Softball League, the Summer Playground Programs and her favorite — the Bradford Ski Club — among others.

One of her main goals as director is to enhance DCS' lineup of adult programs, something she

intends to begin making some headway on this fall.

"I think what we talk a lot about is that the parents in Andover are so busy and dedicate so much time to their kids," she said. "We'd like to do more adult workshops — one-night things that get the parents out of the house, like new cooking classes

GEARING UP FOR FALL

The Department of Community Services is preparing to launch into fall with some new programs and activities.

The Fall 2014 Booklet will be mailed out to residents the last week of August. The booklet, along with program descriptions and registration, will also be available online.

Here are a few things to look for: Coach Jess programs and leagues (kids ages 4 to 6) will be under "Kids Corner" and will feature some new offerings in art, music and tumbling.

Adults can try new, one-day workshops such as jewelry making, Introduction to Pickleball and the "You Can Cook" series.

Registration has already begun for some children's programs at www.andoverdcs.com/INFO/Fall_programs_8-4-14. For more on the fall season and upcoming programs, visit www.andoverdcs.com.

and new painting classes."

These new, shorter programs will be in addition to existing offerings that have enjoyed success, she said.

"We have our staples that we always do, such as intro to photography, picture framing, CPR classes, wine tasting. We also have some sports programs like tennis, yoga, boot camp, Zumba, ballroom dancing and karate," she said. "We are keeping those and introducing new workshops."

Stamas said the idea is to cater to parents in Andover who are unable to commit to an ongoing series or multi-week program.

"Adults don't have time for month-long classes, so I think we are looking to create programs that get them out of the house for two to three hours to interact," she said.

But before she launches into fall, Stamas has to wrap up DCS' summer session. Most of the summer programs will end this Friday, Aug. 15, and Pumps Pond will close for the season on Sunday, Aug. 17.

"After that, we have one more week of specialty camps like golf and stuff like that, then it winds down," she said.

Waiting out the storm

"American Idol" hopeful Casey McQuillen isn't about to let the weather rain on her Concert in



FILE PHOTO
Casey McQuillen, seen here performing at an Andover Youth Services Valentine's Day Dance, is hoping for clearer skies Thursday night for her Concert in The Park.

The Park

parade. With the forecast for this Wednesday looking downright wet and miserable, the Andover singer decided to postpone her free show scheduled for that night in The Park at Chestnut and Bartlett streets until

Thursday instead.

While World War I Memorial Auditorium adjacent to The Park has served as the rain location for this summer's concert series, McQuillen wasn't content to simply move her show indoors.

She promised her fans, as well as friends and family, an outdoor performance. And she has every intention to deliver.

So she and her five-piece band decided to just put things on hold for 24 hours. The concert will take place Thursday at the same place and time — 6 p.m. by the gazebo at The Park.

McQuillen's appearance will serve as the season finale for the summer concert series presented by the Department of Community Services. Visit www.AndoverDCS.com for more information.



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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

Here's a look back at what was happening in town this same week at key points over the last 100 years, as reported in *The Townsman*:

100 Years Ago Aug. 14, 1914

Lowell Junction station was broken into last evening and all the money was stolen from the gum machine and the telephone booth. Chief of Police Smith was notified and he is investigating the matter.

A blazing camp on the banks of the Merrimack River in West Andover presented quite a spectacle to the people who were at Glen Forest last Tuesday evening. It is thought that the fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp, as a loud report was heard immediately before the flames enveloped the structure. The camp, which was owned by Thomas Parker, was burned to the ground.

75 Years Ago Aug. 10, 1939

Board of Public Works employees this morning started constructing small filters in the brooks that empty into Haggetts Pond in an endeavor to keep Andover's water supply as bacteria-free as possible. Earlier in the week, it was decided to forbid boating and fishing at the pond, and owners of boats have been notified to remove them from the pond by the beginning of next week.

A drop of 33 percent in public welfare expenses has taken place in Andover for the first seven months of the year, welfare agent Arthur W. Cole announced yesterday. The Shawsheen Mills are at present unusually active, and the payroll compares most favorably with pre-1929 years. The Marland Mills and the Tyer Rubber Company, however, are running much below capacity.

50 Years Ago Aug. 13, 1964

Three hundred and sixty-eight boys and girls attended the annual playground outing held Tuesday at Canobie Lake Park in Salem, N.H. A photo shows a group of youngsters boarding one of the seven buses used for transportation and being checked off by Supervisor Barbara Cole. They are Susan Morreo, Debbie Deschene, John Connors, Fred Connors, Bob Waldie, Robert Cole and Kevin Connors.

State Public Works Commissioner James D. Fitzgerald has reminded overzealous workers for political candidates that the posting of signs or posters on state highway property is a punishable violation of the law. He said that signs had appeared on trees along the right of way, in rest areas, pasted to the abutment of bridges and even posted over standard highway directional signs.

25 Years Ago Aug. 10, 1989

The J. Everett Collins Center Subcommittee, scheduled to report in October with recommendations on how the facility can better serve the community, is right on schedule, said Andres Salazar, the group's chairman. The School Committee formed the subcommittee in June after local community groups voiced criticisms about the center's management and alleged inaccessibility.

At last week's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, Andover Terrace residents expressed fear that property values and traffic safety would suffer if a proposed 18-unit apartment complex is built next door at High and Haverhill streets.

With several neighbors carrying their fight to stop the Fun Flight Circle development to the bitter end, the Planning Board Tuesday night approved definitive plans for the four-house subdivision.



Andover Stories

Jane Dietzel Cairns

Andover Historical Society

On May 23, 1864, the poet Walt Whitman, serving as a volunteer nurse with the Christian Commission in Washington, D.C., wrote to his brother:

"Yesterday afternoon, I spent a good part of the afternoon with a young man of 17, named Charles Cutter (sic) of Lawrence City, Mass., 1st Mass Heavy Artillery, Battery M — he was brought in to one of the hospitals mortally wounded in abdomen. Well, I thought to myself as I sat looking at him, it ought to be a relief to his folks after all, if they could see how little he suffered — he lay very placid, in a half lethargy, with his eyes closed; it was very warm and I sat a long while fanning him and wiping the sweat; at length, he opened his eyes quite wide and clear, and looked inquiringly around.

"I said, 'What is it, my dear, do you want any thing?' He said quietly, with a good-natured smile, 'O nothing, I was only looking around to see who was with me.' His mind was somewhat



A memorial in West Parish Cemetery in Andover honors brothers Granville and Charles Cutler, who both fell victim during the battle of Spotsylvania in 1864.

wandering, yet he lay so peaceful, in his dying condition. He seemed to be a real New England country boy, with a pleasant, homely way and quite a fine-looking boy."

This was, in fact, Charles H. Cutler, born in Andover on May 21, 1846, son of farmer William Cutler and his wife, Amelia. Two Cutler sons, Abalino and Granville, had enlisted in Andover's Company H in July 1861. Their younger brother — claiming to be 18 years of age — joined Company M the following March, two months before his 16th birthday. He may, at the same time, have altered the spelling of his last name slightly to "Cutter" by which he was known in the hospital;



Poet Walt Whitman, while working as a volunteer nurse, tended to Charles Cutler in Washington, D.C., after the young Andover man became wounded at Spotsylvania. Cutler succumbed to his injuries in May 1864.

this was a frequent strategy employed by underage soldiers to avoid detection.

With the rest of the 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, all three Cutlers spent the first year of their service in garrison duty, manning the big guns that guarded the city of Washington. Charles' letters written to his parents at home reveal both the excitement and the tedium of camp life. In April 1863, he wrote, "I am getting two dollars a day now. ... For that I have enlisted for another three years."

In May 1864, the 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery was sent to Spotsylvania to reinforce more experienced troops. Granville Cutler was killed on the field on May 19 and buried on the battlefield. Charles was seriously

wounded, and taken, by a slow, horse-drawn ambulance back to Washington. Several days after the battle, he was attended by Frank B. Fay, the founder of the Sanitary Commission's Auxiliary Relief Corps.

Fay later wrote in his memoirs that he and prominent Unitarian clergyman William H. Channing had found Cutler sleeping beneath one of the ambulances "covered with his tent-cloth, which served as a blanket" and "praying that he might die." The two men spoke kindly to him, and, kneeling together under the ambulance, baptized him "with our rubber basin of cold spring water." They left him with a sleeping powder and a promise to write to his father.

In the hospital in Washington, Charles lingered for another week. At one time, he looked to be showing some improvement; Whitman wrote on May 30 that he was "still living and may get well." But Charles died later that night, after Whitman had left the hospital.

His body was not returned to Andover for burial, but he shares with his brother Granville a handsome memorial stone in West Parish Cemetery.

Andover Stories is a recurring series on the town's interesting history that is prepared and submitted by the Andover Historical Society.

Fall sign-ups and more at The Center at Punchard

Ever thought about taking a class or joining a group at The Center at Punchard? Now is your chance.

The Center, formerly the Andover Senior Center, at 30 Whittier Court is registering this week for its fall programs.

The sign-ups include the BoomerVenture series, which has a lot on tap this fall, including a kick-off barbecue on Sept. 11 featuring the music of The Jazz Disciples. A variety of talks focusing on such topics as cyber crime, work and play balance, sugar addiction and the real skinny on vitamins and minerals are

also planned.

An open house highlighting this fall's programs is set for Friday, Sept. 12. It starts with a complimentary luncheon buffet followed by an introduction to all of The Center's groups as well as special presentations.

The Center goes on semester break next week, Aug. 18 through 22, with make-up classes only occurring. New classes will begin Aug. 25.

Here are some upcoming highlights:

Tinnitus: You don't have to just live with it: Friday, Aug. 15, 9:30 a.m. Presented by Digital

Hearing Healthcare.

Pomps Pond Picnic: Tuesday, Aug. 19, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. End-of-summer celebration at the local swimming hole. Picnic, swim, kayak or paddle and enjoy a barbecue with lots of fun. \$2.50 suggested donation for food. Registration requested by Friday, Aug. 15. Rain date Thursday, Aug. 21.

Women's Outdoor Adventures: Lowell National Canal Tour, Wednesday, Aug. 20; meet at The Center at 9 a.m.

High Tea and History: Family Farms Delivering Summer

Treats: Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2 p.m. at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Jim Batchelder will share stories about his summer job making pre-sunrise delivery treks. Reservations requested by calling 978-475-2236.

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

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

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Education

School supply drive aids students in need

The new school year is coming, and while kids may groan, most in town will start classes with everything they need, from sturdy backpacks to notebooks to pencils and pens. Yet, thousands of area children cannot afford even those basic necessities.

They are forced to carry their school books in flimsy grocery bags, and have to hope that their impoverished school systems can supply the pencils and paper that they need. Often, they don't have the basic materials to complete their homework at home.

For those children, Community Giving Tree conducts an annual school supply drive. Through August, the group will be collecting new pens, pencils, pocket folders, notebooks, glue sticks, markers, crayons, erasers and backpacks for local kids in need.

Backpacks will be loaded with supplies on Sept. 2 and 3 and distributed to local social service agencies on Sept. 4 to be given to children with the highest need. Children living in Lawrence, Lynn, Salem, Gloucester, Haverhill, Lowell, Peabody, Beverly, Danvers and

Methuen will be among the recipients. Donations may be dropped off at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover, through Aug. 18 as well as public libraries throughout the region. They can also be brought to Community Giving Tree's

Giving Center at 572B Main St. in West Boxford. Anyone interested in helping to load and distribute the backpacks may email info@communitygivingtree.org or visit www.communitygivingtree.org for more information. Teens and groups are welcome.

Of pickaxes, a pipeline and new people



Courtesy photos

Longtime Andover friends Steve Schuhwerk, left, and Griffin Clark show the pickaxes they used to help build an aqueduct in the Dominican Republic this summer.

Local teens pursue the greater good in the Dominican

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Griffin Clark and Steven Schuhwerk both have great "what I did on summer vacation" stories to share.

The two 16-year-olds from Andover will undoubtedly write about the nine days they spent in a remote mountain village in the Dominican Republic this summer, where they helped build an aqueduct system that will bring running water to the village of La Gomita.

"It felt good to get out of my comfort zone ... when I was alone, I realized that the experience makes you grow up a little," said Clark, who is readying for his junior year at Andover High School.

Clark's longtime friend, Schuhwerk, who will also be a junior at Andover High this fall, said embracing the unfamiliar can be a big adjustment.

"But it exposes you to new experiences that undeniably shape you as a person. It helps build character," Schuhwerk said.

The two traveled with Rustic Pathways, an organization that specializes in experiential education for high-schoolers.

They were among 16 teenagers from around the world who set out from John F. Kennedy Airport in New York on June 24 bound for the community service and cultural



Griffin Clark helps make a kite with one of the children in a Dominican classroom.

immersion experience.

Once in the Dominican, the team toiled in 90-degree heat, swinging pickaxes and shovels to dig the aqueduct and lay the water pipe. They worked five hours at a time, completing 50 meters of the pipeline a day. It was tiring and exhausting, but Clark said he didn't mind because the work was so important.

"With every swing of the axe and burn of the muscles, we felt that much more satisfied that we were getting the job done," he said.

A typical day also found

them spending time with the villagers. They would lead activities at a village day camp, playing soccer and doing craft projects with Dominican children.

In their free time, the teens hiked to the Baiguarte waterfall and rafted on the Jimenoa River to get the full appreciation for the beauty of the Dominican Republic.

For Clark and Schuhwerk, both honors students and athletes, it was their first trips without their families. The adjustment to unfamiliar people, languages and food, not



Steven Schuhwerk, left, spends time with boys from the village of La Gomita as part of his community service trip to the Dominican Republic this summer.

to mention the physical labor, made things tough at times. And, their Spanish was spotty.

But those moments when they were able to make the locals happy made the whole trip worthwhile.

Schuhwerk was most impressed with the Dominican youngsters' "overall exuberance" and he left with an awareness that having "stuff" doesn't matter to these kids.

Clark will never forget the sheer excitement in the eyes of one child, Manuel, as the two made a kite from sticks and a plastic trash bag.

"Little things like a beat-up soccer ball made kids smile," Clark said. "It really makes you think."

UMASS AMHERST DEAN'S LIST

Several local students were named to the spring dean's list at Umass Amherst. They are:

Adam Robert Ladd, Alexander David Schwartz, Alexandra Leigh Perry, Allison Levine Hines, Allison Elizabeth McLeod, Allyson Rose Long, Alyssa Anh Cummings, Andrew James Schwartz, Anthony Taehoon Kim, Arielle Patricia Gillette, Ava Bakhtyari, Bridget Marie Aumais, Brynn Woods Stevens, Cameron Kevin Wolf, Camille Julia Harris, Carly Michelle Wareham, Chelsea Marie Hockman, Christine Rose Gencorelli, Colleen Brianna Hespeler, Daniel Hsiao-Yang Yuan, Danielle Christine Slauzis.

Also, Danielle Marie Jacobsen, Danielle Marie Molloy, Derek David Monson, Elizabeth Anne Borseti, Elizabeth Jane Doherty, Emma Ginsburg, Eric James Wybenga, Erika Rose Spinale, Erin Donahue, Estelle Willow Black, Eugenie Pauline Moffitt, Griffin Reed Lyons, Helen Kay Root, Hemang Kaul, Jacob Mitchell Cunningham, John Michael Mazzuchi, John Michael Shattuck, Jonathan Kilburn Abbott, Jordan Ashley Levine, Joseph Michael Danisch, Joseph Thomas Solimini, Karen Abouhamad.

Also, Kayla Christine Baldwin, Kevin Norman Yang, Kristen Amelia Wilson, Mariela Nicole Siegel, Marielle Elizabeth Waters, Matthew Levine, Meaghan Anne Molloy, Melissa Yvonne Shattuck, Michael Emmanuel Brandon, Michelle Molly Gordon, Monica Carusi, Nadja Arifovic, Nathaniel Antonio Bonilla, Pauline Gillette, Peter Jeffrey Scapicchio, Pratiksha R. Yalakkishettar, Robert Matthew Sockol, Robert Scott Hillson II, Ryan McPartlin Beaumont, Samantha Lillie Edgecombe Stettiner, Tinamarie Raffaella Adly, Xiaobin Liu.

MERRIMACK COLLEGE CLASS OF 2014

Thirteen local students were among the 2014 graduating class at Merrimack College in North Andover. They are:

Jonathan Booth, Bachelor of Science, business administration

Jessica Braer, Bachelor of Arts, liberal arts

Nolan Gerding, Bachelor of Science, business administration

Joseph Lamagna, Bachelor of Science, business administration

Breanna Lucci, Bachelor of Arts, psychology

Michaela McIver, Bachelor of Arts, human development

Natalie Stone, Bachelor of Arts, human development

George Thorlin II, Bachelor of Science, business administration

Katie Anderson, Master of Education

Jeffrey Ashworth, Master of Education

Matthew Raitt, Master of Science, management

Maria Socci, Master of Education

Ashley Varano, Master of Science, management

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Elizabeth Kaufman was named to the honor roll for the spring semester at Pomfret School, an independent boarding and day school in Pomfret, Conn., for students in grades nine through 12 and postgraduates. Kaufman was among the school's 105 graduates this spring.

Melanie Murphy was named to the high honor roll for the spring term at Pomfret School in Connecticut. She will be a junior this fall.

Peter O'Connell received honors for the 2013-14 academic year at Belmont Hill School, an independent school in Belmont for boys in grades seven through 12.

Changing of the guard for Rotary Interact Club

After a successful start, the baton has been passed and the Rotary Interact Club at Andover High School is preparing for new leadership as it begins its third year.

Interact is the Rotary Club of Andover's service club for youths ages 12 to 18. It works with young people to help develop leadership skills, integrity and respect for others as well as to advance international understanding and goodwill.

The club, which started with just three members two years ago, grew to include 62 students by the end of the last school year, according to new club president Shannon Manuel.

"I think the secret to phenomenal membership growth is very simple. It's the desire to help others that is captured by the theme Service



Courtesy photo

Incoming Interact Club president Shannon Manuel, left, is congratulated by outgoing president and recent Andover High School graduate Ali Hale at an Andover Rotary Club meeting.

Above Self," Manuel said in a release.

The club includes students from all four grades at the high school who are seeking a heightened connectedness to their school, the community at large and the world.

"I've learned that the fear of being alone in the crowd is only exceeded by the dread of never making a valuable contribution quietly, cheerfully, decisively and belonging," said outgoing club president Ali Hale, who led the club

for its first two years before graduating this spring.

In its first two years, the club held a record-breaking coat drive benefiting Lazarus House in Lawrence and established an annual tradition to fill Christmas stockings for children served by the program. Club members wore Red for a Bed and raised money for the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. They also raised \$1,100 as part of the Our Hearts Go Out campaign to support the Colleen Ritzer Scholarship Fund. The club has supported the Andover Coalition for Education as well.

Nine AHS Interact youths also joined more than 300 Interact club members from around the world as well as hundreds of adults at the 2013 Rotary United Nations

Day at UN headquarters in New York last November. The day-long program offered the chance to meet United Nations and other global leaders and learn about economic, community, basic education and literacy initiatives taking place internationally.

Students interested in humanitarian service were also exposed to a model UN program and other projects that could be brought to Andover. The trip included a visit to the 9/11 Memorial, too.

"It was an amazing day. We met kids from France, Germany, Spain and Brazil, all there like us with the same goal to help better the world," Hale said in the release.

"It was an eye-opening experience to be presented with the challenge to live

below the poverty line of \$5 a day for a week, so we could personally understand the level of poverty for billions of people across the world. We learned so we could educate our community at large."

Andover Rotarian Ken Feyl chaperoned the group. "What struck me about the day was there is a younger generation very willing to take up these causes," he said in the release.

Manuel is hoping to continue that momentum going forward. More information on the club is available at the high school.

The Rotary Club of Andover, a civic group of men and women, meets Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St.

Visit www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=3379 for details.

Business

Brickstone Square sale in works

By BILL KIRK
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Brickstone Square, a 1-million-square-foot office park adjacent to Shawsheen Square, is under agreement to be sold to a Los Angeles-based asset management firm for about \$60 million.

Oak Tree Capital Management is in the process of buying the iconic, three-building complex visible from Interstate 495 from Chicago-based Pearlmark Real Estate Partners.

Pearlmark bought the \$78 million mortgage on the office complex in 2006 for an undisclosed amount. In late February, the company put the complex, located at the intersection of Haverhill Street/Route 133 and York Street, on the market.

At the time, HFF, the Boston real estate firm marketing the property, had hoped the complex would bring in about \$75 million. A source familiar with

the negotiations said on background that the actual amount is closer to \$60 million.

The sale should close within the next 30 days, at which time an official announcement will be made.

Oak Tree Capital Management will work to bring in more tenants and improve the property while increasing its value in the hopes of a resale in five to seven years, according to the source.

The complex currently is only 65 percent full, with about 50 tenants focused on technology, software, telecommunications, investment, financial services and professional services.

Major tenants include Genesis Healthcare, Unicare Life, WellPoint, Grumman and Bright Horizons, which has a day-care facility on the property. Benjamin Sayles, director for HFF, has said the day-care center is used by employees of the facility, as is a huge cafeteria, a health club

and a small convenience store. There is also a parking garage on the site.

Prior to being purchased by Pearlmark, the property was owned by Martin Spagat, who was instrumental in turning the 90-year-old mill and warehouse buildings into modern-day offices. The original structures were owned by the American Woolen Co., which built the three buildings, along with a power plant and a dye shop, in the early 1920s. Two of the buildings, which are five stories each, were known as Shawsheen Mills One and Two. The third building, which is 10 stories, was a warehouse.

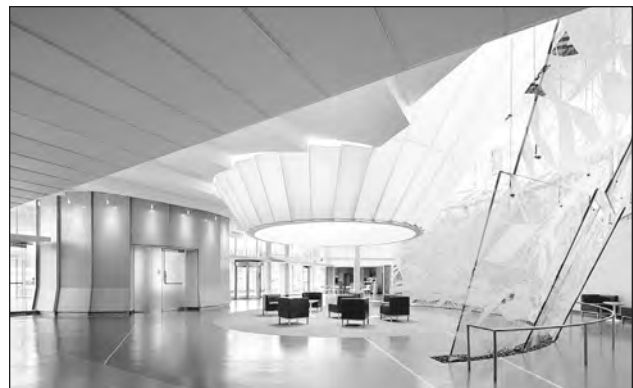
Raw wool was brought to the site on the rail line that runs through the property, and turned into horse blankets, uniforms and other products for the military, according to Don Robb, a local historian who lives at 36 York St., immediately across from Brickstone Square. The plant

flourished during World War I and again during World War II, becoming one of the prime suppliers of wool products to the allies fighting overseas, Robb has said.

The three main buildings were used as mills until the 1950s, when the textile industry moved south. After that, it became a site for small and large manufacturing companies, including Raytheon, which occupied much of the property until moving to its current location in West Andover.

For a time in the 1990s, the property was occupied by CMGI, an Internet company that collapsed when the dot-com bubble burst.

According to the Boston Business Journal, the 495 North market contains 15.4 million square feet of office space, with a vacancy rate of 22 percent. Rents were about \$19.33 per square foot at the end of the second quarter, the BBJ reported.



DAVID LENA/Courtesy photo

The lobby of the refurbished 400,000-square-foot federal office building on Lowell Street. The project has been recognized for its high efficiency and sustainable design.

IRS building earns LEED Gold rating

A team of Boston architects has helped the refurbished and redesigned IRS office in Andover achieve the second-highest rating for sustainable design from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The federal office building at 310 Lowell St. has earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification.

Led by Jonathan Levi Architects and Stantec, the gut renovation of the approximately 400,000-square-foot, 1960s-era building has created a modern workplace that is said to encourage the creation, retention and productivity of the 1,800-person workforce.

In addition to reorganizing the building's interior to replace a maze of isolating cubicles with more collaborative "boulevards" and a multi-functional lobby and training complex, the new design incorporates a number of sustainable design elements.

The building works with nature to aggressively control heat loss and gain by making use of insulated glass windows, oversized skylights and automatic daylight dimming systems.

Low-flow plumbing fixtures have reduced portable water

use by 32 percent.

In addition, 95 percent of the original building material was maintained, repurposed or recycled in the redesign.

The building's crowning sustainable achievement, however, is its geothermal well system — one of the largest in the Northeast. With 384 separate, 500-foot wells, the system produces an ample amount of green energy, significantly reducing its carbon footprint.

As a result of all of its energy-saving features, the building uses no fossil fuels for heating, cooling or hot water, and energy consumption has been cut by more than half.

"This building truly represents the great strides the federal government is making to be leaders in green design," Thomas Choe, Stantec designer, said in a release. "Not only does it help conserve energy, but it's created a beautiful, bright, engaging place for staff to come to work every day."

LEED is the nation's top program for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings and LEED Gold certification is the second-highest standard achievable.

BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Cervizzi's Martial Arts Academy coming to Andover

Cervizzi's Martial Arts Academy is expanding its operations and opening its fifth location in Andover at 28 Chestnut St.

The Cervizzi Self Defense System was established by Grandmaster and 10th Degree Black Belt Paul Cervizzi, a graduate of Boston College and Massachusetts School of Law in Andover who has been studying the martial arts for 39 years.

The academy started in 1995 with its first storefront in Winthrop before adding studios in North Andover, Lynnfield, North Reading and now Andover. Over the last two years, it has helped



COURTESY PHOTO

Paul Cervizzi is opening his fifth martial arts academy on Chestnut Street in Andover.

thousands of students ranging in age from 3 to in their 70s master skills in a variety of self-defense, kick boxing and martial arts classes. Cervizzi brings a wealth of dedicated staff to Andover. "Our goal is to maximize one's individual potential so he/she can become leaders and champions in any arena of life," he says in a release. "We teach

much more than punching and kicking. We are a character-building program that transforms individual lives."

Early registration for the Andover location begins this month, with classes starting in early September. For more information, visit www.cervizzimartialarts.com, call 978-470-1313 or email cervizzis@aol.com.

Phillips named VP of marketing for Capsule Tech

Kevin Phillips has been named vice president of marketing and product management for Capsule Tech, Inc., a global provider of medical device information systems.

Phillips has been with the company for five years,

quickly moving from sales and business development manager to director of business development and, most recently, vice president of product management, according to a release. In his new position, he reports directly to Capsule CEO Gene Cattarina.

Phillips earned a Master of Business Administration from Boston College, Wallace E. Carroll Graduate School of Management and has more than 10 years of experience in various roles within the healthcare, medical device and diagnostic industries. His career has been focused on new product development, product marketing, market analysis, strategic alliances, corporate operations and sales. For more, visit www.capsuletech.com.



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Sports

Andover wins Pony League 13-year-old title

The Andover 13-year-old Pony League baseball team won the Suburban League championship for the first time in at least 12 years, rallying to defeat Methuen in the winner-take-all third game of the championship series.

"I am so proud of my kids and what they were able to do," Andover head coach **Frank Mazza** said. "They fought through days where they were short-handed and tired. We had great pitching, but it was a true team effort and I am very proud of them."

Here is a look at how the title run played out for Andover:

Quarterfinal slugging

After finishing the regular season 14-2 and earning the No. 2 seed in the play-offs, Andover opened the postseason by sweeping Billerica 2-0 in the quarterfinals.

It took a wild finish to close out the series, as Andover won Game 2 13-11, led by a massive game for **Josh Gruenberg**, who was 4 for 4 with a double, two triples and six RBIs. **Tommy Gallagher**, **George Kombouras**, **Arvin Nunez** and **Jeffrey Sambuco** also contributed to the offense, while **Colin Kirkpatrick** and **Andrew Theriault** combined for the win on the mound.

Semifinal sweep

Andover followed that effort by sweeping Lowell. But it wasn't easy as the winners had to grind out a pair of one-run victories.

In the first game, **Chris Rassais** allowed just a single run in 6²/₃ innings, leading Andover to a 4-3 win. Gruenberg closed out the victory on the hill and **Nick Christopher** collected two hits.

In the second game, **Sam Luxa** (five innings) and **Nunez** (three innings)

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Rodriguez, Perry lead boys Hoops for Hope

BOYS HOOPS FOR HOPE

Jonathan Rodriguez scored a team-high 20 points as Andover edged Westford 66-65 on Sunday.

Andover rallied back late, with **Jonathan Rodriguez** knocking down a 3-pointer off a dish from **E.J. Perry IV** as the Golden Warriors topped Governor's Academy 59-58 last Saturday. Rodriguez scored 19 points to lead the way.

Despite 22 points for **E.J. Perry IV**, Andover fell to Preps 2 66-56 last Thursday, Aug. 14.

E.J. Perry IV exploded for 27 points to lead Andover past Malden Catholic 65-51 last Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Andover topped rival St. John's Prep 66-56, led by 17 points for **E.J. Perry IV** last Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Andover held off North Andover 57-53 last Thursday, Aug. 7. **E.J. Perry IV** netted a team-high 14 points.

GIRLS HOOPS FOR HOPE

Jillian Webber netted 19 points as Andover traveled back from Worcester to roll over Salem 51-25 last Saturday.

Colleen Caveney was red hot, scoring 18 points to help Andover past archrival Central Catholic 42-39 last Monday, Aug. 4. The Warriors also fell to Methuen 34-33 that night.

Amanda Stickney scored nine points to lead Andover to a 39-10 win over Methuen last week.

Paige Hartnett scored 20 points, but Andover fell to Methuen 50-36 last Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Locals help undefeated D5 team score state title

Three Andover girls pitched in on the District 5 U14 girls' soccer team that recently won the 2014 Massachusetts Youth Soccer, District Select Championship for the second consecutive year, capping off another undefeated season.

The D5 team claimed victory with hard-fought matches in the season-ending tournament on Aug. 2 and 3 at the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Complex in Lancaster.

The team entered the tournament after having dominated the competition throughout the season. The girls shut out their opponents in eight of their 13 matches, scoring 45 goals

and only allowing five goals against. Additionally, in the 670 minutes played over the season, including the year-end tournament, the D5 team trailed a mere five minutes.

Kate Gregory, **Emalie Tjalsma** and **Maddie Rhodes** represented Andover on the team that consisted of players from 10 Essex County travel teams and from top local clubs, including Aztec, Rush, NSU, Vikings and Benfica.

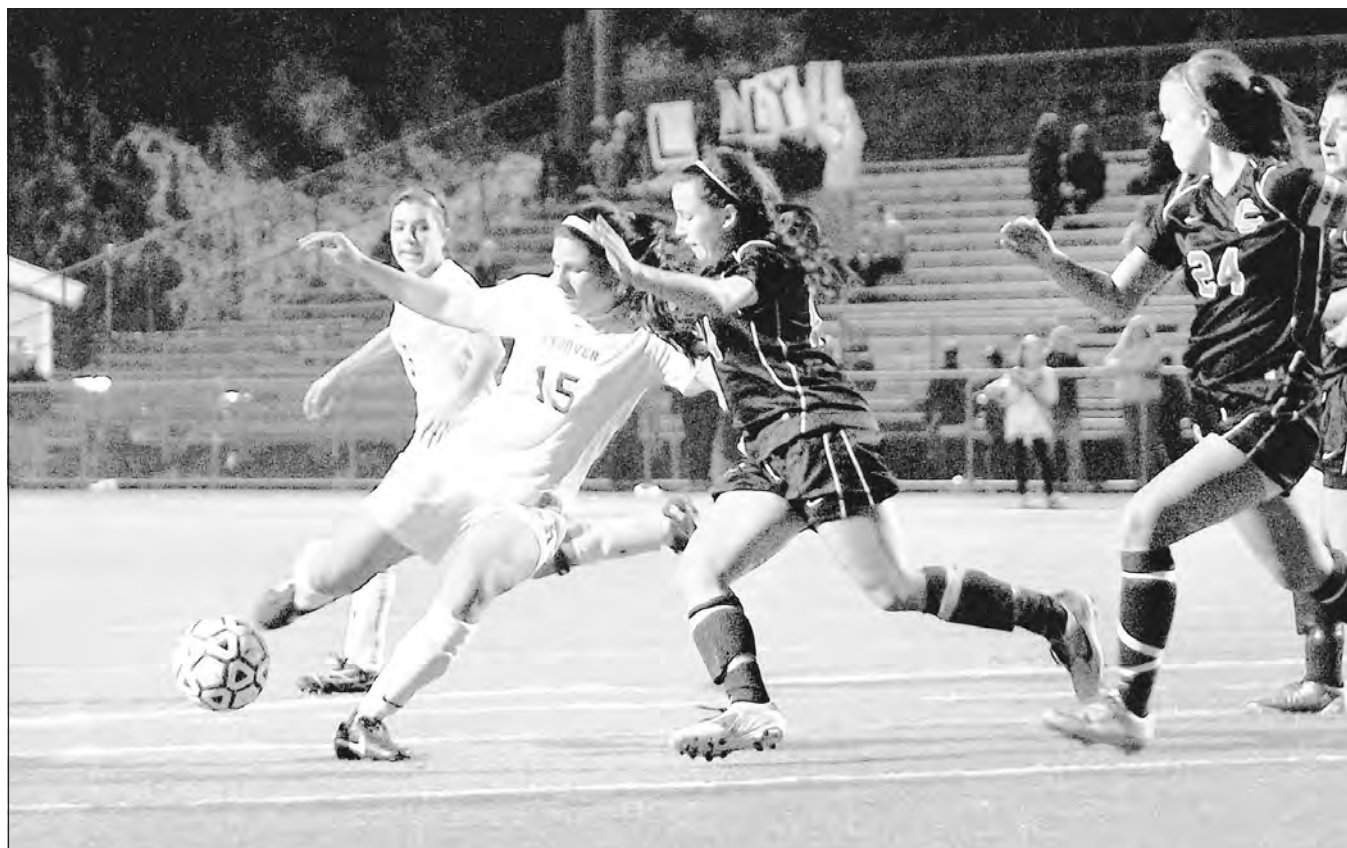
All three local girls will be playing on the Andover High School soccer team this coming season.

The District Select Program involves teams comprised of players from

different towns in the state, which is divided into seven districts of approximately equal population. The District 5 championship team included girls from 11 of the 36 towns in the district, who would normally be competing against each other on their various town travel and club teams.

"For the District Select Program, the girls had to put aside any rivalries and become an efficient, skilled and competitive team with a common goal of winning the year-end District Select tournament," coach David Swallow of Methuen, who was aided by coach Ron Arigo of Peabody, said in congratulating his players.

One tough Bear



FILE PHOTO

Jackie Alois, here making a move against archrival Central Catholic while at Andover High School, has continued to be a force on the soccer field in college. As a freshman last fall, she won a starting job at Brown University in Rhode Island, and is hoping for more success in her sophomore season this year.

Former AHS hoops star makes immediate impact for Brown soccer

By **DAVID WILLIS**
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Jackie Alois' vision of life on the soccer field is very simple.

"My job is to keep the ball out of the net," said the defender. "I have always been a defensive player in any sport I have ever played, and my job is to never let the offensive player beat me. I will do anything to be better than the person I am guarding, that is my motto."

A three-sport star at Andover High, Alois made a name for herself as a gritty and aggressive athlete. She became known as someone willing to take on any opponent, including guarding players nearly a foot taller than her as starting forward for the three-time state champion girls basketball team.

That ability to never back down has continued to shine through now that she has fully embraced soccer for the Rhode Island college.

Last fall as a freshman, Alois earned a starting job on the pitch for the Brown University soccer team. She hopes to assume an even more prominent role this season for the Bears.

"I am very excited for the season," she said. "Last year went surprisingly well. I saw an opportunity and I took it. Even though I missed some time with mono(nucleosis), it was still a great season and I am ready to go for my sophomore season."

Alois seemed to do it all at Andover High, earning All-Merrimack Valley Conference honors in soccer, basketball and lacrosse and as a junior earning the "Bishop Award" for the best three-sport athlete in *The Eagle-Tribune* area.

For most of her high school career, Alois believed that she would be playing college lacrosse, following in the footsteps of her sister, former



FILE PHOTO

Jackie Alois' ability to never back down from an opponent, like when the 5-foot-4 forward guarded 6-foot-1 Braintree star Molly Reagan at the TD Garden while at Andover High, made her a key member of three Division 1 state title squads for the Golden Warriors girls basketball team. It has also been a major reason the soon-to-be college sophomore is starring on Brown University's soccer team.

Andover and University of Delaware star Alex Alois.

"I always loved soccer more, but I didn't know if I would be able to play at the college level," Jackie Alois said. "Finally, heading into my senior season at Andover, I told my coach (Meghan Matson) that I wanted to play soccer and she helped me to get my name out there."

It proved to be basketball, the sport she was best known for in high school, that helped win over her now-college coach.

Alois earned three straight state championship rings as a key player on the Golden Warriors' hoops dynasty from 2010-12. After serving as a reserve as a freshman, she started at forward on the title teams of 2011 and 2012.

"It was truly an honor to be a part of those teams," she said. "To play with such

great players like Nicole (Boudreau), Ally (Fazio), Devon (Caveney) and Natalie (Gomez-Martinez), there was nothing like it. We had such great chemistry. It was amazing."

Alois wowed fans and opponents as the tough-as-nails, 5-foot-4 forward that was able to, through passionate play, shut down players such as 6-foot-1, Division 1 recruit Molly Reagan of Braintree.

"She's the hardest-working, best-conditioned athlete I ever coached," said 18-year Andover High basketball coach Jim Tildsley, who retired following Alois' senior season (2012-13). "She covered all those big players because of all of the above, plus her instincts, heart and determination."

Those traits were clear to Brown soccer coach Phil Pincince when he saw Alois

take the court.

"The first time the Brown coaches saw me was in basketball," Alois said. "I was late getting my name out there; Coach Matson helped me get in touch with (Pincince) and we started talking in the winter. The coaches came to see me play a basketball game against North Andover and he saw how hard I worked and said, 'We want you to play for Brown.' It was unusual to say the least."

Alois far from expected to make a huge splash when she arrived at college last fall.

"I went in just wanting to do the best that I could to hopefully win a spot in the rotation," she said. "I wanted to be on the 20-person travel team so I could see the different schools. Then there was an opportunity in the preseason,

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COURTESY PHOTO

The District 5 U14 girls' soccer team that won the 2014 Massachusetts District Select title included, front row, from left, Cassidy Fletcher of Boxford, Sarah Freeman of Merrimac, Emily Nelson of Peabody, Mary Laut of Georgetown, Jillian Good of North Andover, Audra Greenblott of West Newbury, Carolina Ivanov of Ipswich, Jillian Arigo of Peabody, Brooke Hernon of Methuen and Emalie Tjalsma of Andover, and, back row, from left, coach Dave Swallow of Methuen, Kate Gregory of Andover, Mary O'Connor of North Andover, Allison Rodrigues of North Andover, Jackie Mothon of Methuen, Ali Sommers of Byfield, Shea Jenkins of West Newbury, Katie Swallow of Methuen, Maddie Rhodes of Andover and coach Ron Arigo of Peabody. Caroline King of Gloucester and Tory Tustin of North Andover are missing from the photo.



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A stray shower	A shower in places	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	A shower in spots	Mostly cloudy; humid	Cloudy
High: 78° Low: 54°	High: 74° Low: 55°	High: 79° Low: 60°	High: 80° Low: 59°	High: 81° Low: 63°	High: 83° Low: 63°	High: 85° Low: 63°

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- **8 Highvale Lane:** Timothy W. Barash to Rio and Olga E. Sacchetti, \$53,700
- **49 Juniper Road:** Anthony R. and Maryellen Silva to Sam K. and Samuel K. Haslam, \$575,000
- **34 Lincoln Circle E.:** Ulrick Schmidt and Toungsiri Chantaraskul to Seth G. and Brooke A. Fishbein, \$679,900
- **9 Longwood Drive, Unit 9:** Norman Rogers and Karen Allschwang to Laurence W. and Younje A. Gibson, \$115,000
- **4 Newport Circle:** Patch Development LLC to Earl R. and Alma L. Gonzales, \$1,023,130
- **9 Newport Circle:** Patch Development LLC to Jonathan R. and Danielle C. Urbon, \$910,000
- **22 Orchard Crossing:** Lois M. Karfunkel to Dong Pan and Yuqing Zhu, \$768,000
- **27 River Road:** Xi Nan to Timothy D. Sullivan, \$220,000
- **2 Rolling Ridge Road:** Kings Oak Properties LLC to Patrick C. and Denise A. Devine, \$625,000
- **4 Saint James Drive, Unit 4:** 69 North Street LLC to Christina Luconi, \$579,900
- **48 Salem St.:** 48 Salem Street RT and Todd Davenport to John and Nicole Wiggins, \$1,215,000
- **8 Starwood Crossing:** M.K. and J.S. Rickards to Venkata R. and Bharathi D. Chappala, \$667,500
- **1 Bradley Road:** Eric S. Thomas and Nin W. Yu to Mark and Ann Ebert, \$592,500
- **18 Dale St., Unit 3B:** Srinivas Chilukuri to Ali R. Niakosari, \$377,500
- **1 Governors Drive:** George L. and Rosemary E. Pinksten to Keith J. and Nicole J. Bernardo, \$629,449
- **224 High Plain Road:** Tak M. and Jessica Lui to Vladislav Zarayskiy and Alexandra Zarayski, \$410,000
- **278R High Plain Road:** Town of Andover to Donald B. and Lesley A. Durant, \$8,500
- **64 High St., Unit B:** Kristen Bard and Kristen Serra to Mark E. Armstrong, \$420,000
- **177 Highland Road:** Douglas E. and Leah K. Johnson to Christopher C. Oat and Helen A. Popinchalk, \$543,000
- **10 Iron Gate Drive:** James E. Sullivan to Michael T. and Sarah T. Gilligan, \$559,900
- **16 Knollcrest Drive:** Evert and Joyce Huiuzing to Steven F. Croll RET and Steven F. Croll, \$955,000
- **35 Lincoln St.:** Thomas J. and Anne M. Norris to John and Deborah Lang, \$620,000
- **41 Porter Road:** Childs RT and Paul G. Childs to Fieldstone Meadows Development, \$750,000
- **81 Sunset Rock Road:** Alfred J. and Anne S. Hammond to Andrea Rutherford, \$891,500
- **7 Tobey Lane:** Yuan T. Du and Pei Zhang to Jianming Han and Lei Gao, \$498,900
- **26 Washington Ave.:** Mark E. and Jane K. Tully to Stamatios and Maria Kontalipos, \$422,500

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