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These games were 'electric'

Unified Basketball Jamboree packs high school field house

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Special Olympians and their friends, relatives and mentors filled the Andover High School field house recently for the second Unified Basketball Jamboree.

Teams of young people with special needs from Andover, Lowell, North Andover, Malden, Tewksbury, Billerica and Haverhill competed in the event, which has grown significantly from its premiere event last year.

"The goal of the event is the hope that Andover's team will continue to grow and other teams across the Merrimack Valley will continue to grow as well," said Brian Saad, a transition specialist and coach of Andover's team.

Last year, Andover's team consisted of seven members. This year that number nearly doubled with five peer mentors and 13 student athletes making up the team. Two peer mentors and three athletes represented each team on the court at a time, and games were refereed by Andover High School students.

More than 200 spectators filled the field house to cheer on the teams, waving signs and cheering for the players who represented their communities. With four games played at the same time, the atmosphere in the field house was "electric," Saad said.

Saad said the theme of unified sports is to make the Special Olympics more inclusive. There is no ability level required for those who want to play.

"As long as we have fun, it doesn't matter if we win or lose," Saad said.

This year, James Keith, 20, played in the event for his second time. He said it is a great way to meet people and make friends, while playing a sport he loves.

Saad said the support of families, friends and fans has been incredible over the course of the event.

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Matteo Raponi looks to pass the ball during a game against Haverhill at the MIAA North Sectional Unified Basketball Jamboree at Andover High School.

New vet services director hired

Replaces woman who resigned after tweet

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Local veterans have a new go-to person if they need help with services available to former military personnel.

A new veterans services director has been hired following the resignation of Alicia Reddin in mid-August after she made profane statements on Twitter.



Mark Comeiro

Mark Comeiro has taken over the veterans director position. Comeiro, a Woburn resident and U.S. Navy veteran for 20 years, has left his job as veterans officer in Watertown. He held that position for four years. He served in the Navy from 1994 to 2014.

Comeiro's first day on the new job was Nov. 13. He said he is enjoying working in Andover.

"I am looking forward to all of the patriotic events," he said. "I can't wait to piggyback upon what they already do and add in other events as well."

Comeiro said he is also excited to get to know and work with Andover's veterans and make himself known in the community.

"I couldn't be more proud and honored to have been offered this position," he said.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said Comeiro provides a strong combination of experience because of his service to both the Navy and the field of veterans affairs.

"He is going to be a great addition to our team and a critical resource for our veterans community," Flanagan said.

In July, Reddin sent out a profane tweet that appeared to criticize people who did not vote for Democrats in the 2016 election.

"You caused this," the tweet says. "Now: UN-(expletive) YOURSELF and get these slime sucking republican (expletives) out of office. REGISTER. VOTE BLUE. REPEAT."

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Plans filed to demolish home of popular toy store

Residents want to know future of popular Learning Express store

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An associate member of the town's Planning Board asked a million-dollar question at a recent meeting, voicing what is on the minds of many residents.

What's happening with Andover's popular toy store Learning Express now that its landlord has filed plans to demolish the store's building at 32 Park St. and replace it

with a three-story office building? "It's closing after Christmas," landlord Lillian Montalto, a local realtor, told the Planning Board.

Montalto is proposing to move her realty office to the new office building. Her office is currently at 34 Park St., next door to Learning Express.

Associate Planning board member Rocky Leavitt said he asked that most-important question.

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Learning Express on Park Street

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Santa visits twice Sunday as holiday season starts

Feaster Five race is on Thanksgiving

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And, we're off! It's the official start of the holidays in Andover as Thanksgiving and the festive Feaster Five road race kick off the season — and Santa is right behind those celebrations.

Santa comes to Andover twice on Sunday, Nov. 25. First, he arrives on the back of a fire truck in the annual Firefighters Santa Parade. The parade starts at 1 p.m. and will march along Main Street.

The grand marshal of this year's parade is a familiar face — Kim Stamas, former

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Nathan Piva of Andover has his picture taken with Santa at last year's Holiday Happenings event.

Residents invited to Small Business Saturday, Nov. 24

Event helps merchants hurt by gas disaster

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Since mid-September, small businesses in Andover have been suffering because of the natural gas disaster.

With gas service shut off to the businesses, See **SMALL**, Page 2



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Tuned to healing



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

Pianist Lynne Wilby and Terri Kelley work in Kelley's home in Andover.

Andover music director helps with concerts after gas disaster

BY TERRY DATE
Staff Writer

Pianist Lynne Wilby was in her 30s when for the first time she listened to a cassette recording of her mother playing her composition "Tone Poem."

"It had to be the most beautiful thing I ever heard," Wilby said. "I was just crying, crying."

Afterward, Wilby was miffed at her mother for never having taught her to play the song and asked her why she hadn't.

Her mother, an accomplished pianist (she had

played New York's Carnegie Hall) was by nature modest, saying only, "Oh, I'm so glad to know you liked it."

Last Sunday, in a free White Fund concert dedicated to the people of the Merrimack Valley, Wilby played "Tone Poem." She also played two others by her mother and assorted classical selections, including works by Bach, Chopin and Gershwin.

The hour-long concert at Lawrence Public Library was dedicated to healing — and music's integral role in it.

The concert happened in

the wake of the gas explosions and fires in September that took the life of Leonel Rondon, 18, of Lawrence. The explosions forced thousands of people from their homes and the loss of utilities for extended periods, causing hardship for many people and businesses.

The concert series art director, Terri Kelley, a pianist and music instructor who lives in Andover, said the concert selections evoked emotions associated with the gas disaster. There was the loss, the shock, the darkness, and then the recovery and a restoration of hope, even joy.

The concert opened with "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Ted Cornell, based on "Ode to Joy." The concert ended with three American jazz numbers by Gershwin, upbeat tunes that fly off the keys.

In between was plenty of Chopin, including his "Prelude in E minor," a delicate exploration of pain. Then came a playful Chopin waltz, "Grande valse brillante." Also on the set list was the first movement from a Bach song, "Italian Concerto."

To Wilby, the Bach concerto is a picture of life. She associates the German composer's music with healing.

"That entity of music, I can't explain it," Wilby said.

"It just helps."

Wilby has been playing piano since she was 3 years old and was taught by her grandmother Laura, who in 1915 started the LeVeille Virtuoso School of Piano and Violin in the Tower Hill section of Lawrence.

The concert came courtesy of a grant from the White Fund, which, for more than a century, has promoted education and culture in the Valley, especially through its lectures and concerts earmarked for working people.

The White Fund, Wilby and Kelley all share deep Lawrence roots and have a place in its musical family tree.

The White Fund presents accessible classical music that is soothing and healing and heartwarming, said Kelley, who grew up in Lawrence and now lives in Andover.

This was the first of two White Fund concerts at the library this programming year. The second will be in April, featuring pianist Constantine Firehouse.

The series dates to 2006 when the White Fund partnered with the Catherine McCarthy Trust, said Jay Dowd, a trustee of both the White Fund and Lawrence Public Library.

The McCarthy Trust has since bowed out of the

classical music series, but the White Fund has kept it alive, recruiting accomplished and enthusiastic players.

Dowd, 67, a retired high school English teacher who also grew up in Lawrence — and lived there until four years ago — said the White Fund originated with trust money set aside in 1852 from George Appleton White's sale of Lawrence farmland to the Essex Corporation.

Additional trust dollars funded construction of the first Lawrence library at the corner of Haverhill and Hampshire streets in 1892. The Steinway piano at the library, which Wilby will play, came as a gift from White Fund trustee Irving Sargent, and the fund paid for its \$20,000 restoration.

"The musicians are happy to come; they love the piano, being able to play on that magnificent instrument," Dowd said.

The piano is nicknamed "Immortal Beloved" by Kelley, who, by the way, took piano lessons from Wilby's mother.

The beloved piano, which has 12,500 parts, was purchased in 1914 at Steinway's New York headquarters. It settled in at various private homes until 1937 when it landed at the old WLAW

radio station in Lawrence.

Wilby said she was excited to find out that her mother, Cecile, had played the Steinway as a little girl.

"It is the same piano," Wilby said. "At 12 or 13, she played it. She played on that same piano."

Wilby herself has played the 1914 Model A Steinway twice before.

"I love it," she said. "It has a beautiful touch, a really nice tone, terrific for romantic era and impressionist music."

Wilby grew up in Lawrence and worked for years at Malden Mills. She now lives in Kingston, New Hampshire, where she gives private lessons at her piano studio. She has been playing church services since 16 and is organist at Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Brentwood.

Wilby spoke briefly before the Lawrence library concert and talked about each composer before playing their music.

That included her mom's "Tone Poem," which starts out in a minor key, telling a story that hints at someone wandering, seeking their way.

The concert will also include an actual poem, written and read for the occasion by Shawna Bernard of North Andover.

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they lost sales and their workers lost wages with the holidays approaching.

As the gas disaster recovery moves forward, the town will host an event to support those businesses as the holiday shopping season arrives. The event will give local families a chance to see what the businesses have to offer.

Andover will host a special

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family-friendly Small Business Saturday on Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to visit downtown for the event, which will include an opportunity for people to explore a variety of town-owned vehicles and equipment.

The Touch-A-Truck event will take place at Old Town Hall. The activity will feature vehicles from the police and fire departments — including a police cruiser and motorcycle — as well as Department of Public Works equipment, like a dump truck and a backhoe. Touch-A-Truck is popular with children who get a chance to touch vehicles they sometime watch speed past their neighborhoods. Small

Business Saturday will also feature free giveaways celebrating the beginning of the holiday shopping season.

"The last few months have been challenging for residents and businesses alike," said Town Manager Andrew Flanagan. "This will kick off a major effort to both celebrate our business community and accelerate its recovery."

Small Business Saturday was created by American Express to promote shopping at local businesses on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Since the event was created in 2010, consumers have spent an estimated \$85 billion nationwide at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday.

Andover leaders has been working with business owners to get back on their feet following the Sept. 13 natural gas explosions and fires. Most of the town's small businesses were impacted by the disaster.

"The town has come together amid the gas disaster and we hope that residents will show their support for the small businesses and restaurants that were also affected by this crisis," said Ann Ormond, the town's director of business, arts, and cultural development. "Small Business Saturday will be a great chance to have fun, shop and enjoy a great meal at the dozens of stores and restaurants that make our town special."

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A screenshot of the tweet was posted in a closed Andover Facebook group and obtained by The Eagle-Tribune. The account the tweet was sent from was no longer active and appeared to be Reddin's personal account.

"In all seriousness - if you

or your family are not registered to vote, did not vote in the Mid-Terms or for a blue candidate for Congress and Senate... all of this is absolutely your fault. #Tre45on #Fbr #BlueTsunami2018," reads another

Alicia Reddin

tweet from that account.

Flanagan accepted Reddin's resignation a short time after the tweet. He said the resignation was in the best interests of the town and its veterans. Since Reddin's resignation, town officials have been working to fill the veterans services director position, and said they are happy to welcome Comeiro to the job.

In good taste — veterans get a pancake thank-you

A local equine therapy program for veterans benefited from a pancake event at a local church held, appropriately, on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Twelve local middle school children from the Faith Lutheran Church Youth Group organized the tasty event to salute veterans. There were blueberry, chocolate chip, strawberry and plain pancakes galore with sausages, milk, juice and coffee. About 80 people were served. “We had a free-will offering and the kids raised over \$600 to benefit Ironstone Farm in Andover,” Tom Schauer, youth director at the church, said of the farm that uses horses for therapy. “The farm is trying to build a retreat house to help put together an equine program for veterans and the kids wanted to help. It was really cool seeing the kids interested in service and giving back to the community.”



Duncan McKenna of Andover flips pancakes.



Courtesy photo
Catherine Neuman and Arden McKenna, both of Andover, make pancakes.



James Keith dribbles up the court during a game.



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos

Player Michael Straceski dances after scoring during a game against Haverhill at the MIAA North Sectional Unified Basketball Jamboree at Andover High School.

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the basketball season. They have traveled as far away as Malden to cheer on the Andover team, and that support has made all the

difference for the players, he said. For players William Jordan, 18, and Michael Briggs, 21, the program is about having fun while doing what they love — competing on the basketball court. Jordan said one of the

best parts of the program is getting to travel to distant schools for away games. The Andover team has one practice per week and one game per week. Saad said the team had one win and six losses in the regular season this year, not the group's

best performance. But the program is not all about wins and losses, Saad said. It's about the experience and helping the public learning more about special needs athletes. “As a program and school, we are really hoping the

word gets out,” Saad said. “We really want people to have an overall understanding of the program.” School Superintendent Sheldon Berman said the program is fulfilling for the students and the people who

organize it. He acknowledged Athletic Director Bill Martin for his support of the program. “It's an important initiative that builds strong relationships among the students,” Berman said.

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director of the town's Recreation Department. Stamas, an Andover native, worked for the town for more than 30 years. She retired this year.

Santa returns to Andover Landing at Brickstone Square when KS Partners has a tree-lighting ceremony at their building from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 25.

Weather permitting, Santa will arrive in a red helicopter on the building's parking garage roof. The holiday tree lighting ceremony, complete with an ice sculpture demonstration and a variety of activities for children, happens at Brickstone.

It's a comeback event of sorts. A tree lighting at Brickstone was once a very popular event for local families. The event is back after a 13-year absence.

On Thanksgiving Day, some 10,000 people will do a “turkey trot” of sorts to the

finish line at the Feaster Five Road Race.

The race, a Merrimack Valley tradition since 1987, is one of the largest road races in Massachusetts and one of the largest Thanksgiving Day races in New England. Participants can choose between a 5-mile race and a 5K.

The race will kick off on Main Street at the corner of Route 133 and Route 28 in Andover and end at Andover Landing in Brickstone Square.

Participants can register the morning of the race at Woodworth Motors at the corner of Route 133 and Route 28. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. This year's presenting sponsors for the race are Schneider Electric and Columbia Gas.

The day will also feature a

kids fun run at the track off Balmoral Street.

Andover is also getting ready for the big Holiday Happenings event on Friday, Dec. 7, from 4 to 8 p.m. All sorts of events are planned around downtown including fireworks, horse-drawn carriages, activities for kids and a tree lighting downtown in The Park.

Most businesses on Main Street are staying open late for the event and will be serving refreshments such as cookies and hot chocolate to holiday shoppers. The downtown business group — Andover Business Center Association — hosted Holiday Happenings on December's first Friday for several years. The town took over the event last year.

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Poetry night features local students, teachers

Education notebook

Jessica Valeriani



The ninth annual Robert Frost Foundation's Poetry Night featuring the students and teachers of Andover



Andover poet Mark Schorr

High School will be aired on local cable television in Andover, Methuen, and Lawrence beginning this month.

The event took place last spring at Cafe Azteca in Lawrence. It was dedicated to poet Mark Schorr, who founded the event, along with Don Michaud and Harry Durso. It was sponsored by Don's Auto Care of Lawrence, with Joe Spanos Productions handling the video production and editing.

The event was hosted by former Andover High teacher Harry Durso and featured these Andover students: Charlotte Guterman, an Andover High senior and fourth-year performer; Abby Daggett, an Andover

High graduate and former fourth year performer; and Gio Coppola, a former Andover High first year performer.

Andover High alumnus Kate Hernandez of the Class of 1994 performed a Mark Schorr poem.

Andover High staff members who read were: Eric Pellerin, an English teacher; and Leslie Ganley, a special education teacher. Special guests from Don's Auto Care included poets Daniel Rice and Louise Hart.

"Every year we do this, the students bring a new voice that is clearly their own," said event sponsor



Courtesy photos

Andover students sign Letters of Intent to play sports at colleges.

Don Michaud. "It is amazing to see how different the poems are each year and how the students see the world around them."

It's a deal: Andover High students agree to play college sports

The Andover High School athletic department hosted student athletes, friends and families at the Dunn Gymnasium on Nov. 14 for the National Letter of Intent ceremony.

Twelve Andover High student athletes have

committed to play a sport at a division 1 or division 2 university or college. The National Letter of Intent is a binding contract between the athlete and the university outlining their scholarship terms and ensuring their commitment to play at the school.

Andover High student athletes who signed letters included: Victoria Ambrose, swimming, University of Delaware; Mia Galat, swimming, University of Connecticut; Callie Wiley,

ice hockey, St. Michael's College; Connor Fu, tennis, University of Notre Dame; Dan Blatman, football, Sacred Heart; Zach Grover, swimming, East Carolina University; Alexa Pacy, softball, Post University; Delia Barbanti, track, Boston University; Julia Donahue, swimming, Boston College; Jordan Clements, swimming, Merrimack College; Dominika Silvestri, equestrian, Baylor University; Jake Dalton, track, Dartmouth College.



Poet Robert Frost in 1959

Andover High team to compete in TV's High School Quiz Show

Local students try to defend title

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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For the third time, 2018 defending champion Andover High School will compete on WGBH's High School Quiz Show.

Andover High will join 15 other academic teams from across Massachusetts to compete on the 19th season of the show.

The 16 schools participating received the highest scores on an oral quiz held at the Super Sunday qualifying event earlier this month. The schools will now move on to the next phase of the competition, which will be recorded in January 2019 to be shown on TV.

Among the top 16 teams is also two-time champion Lexington High School.

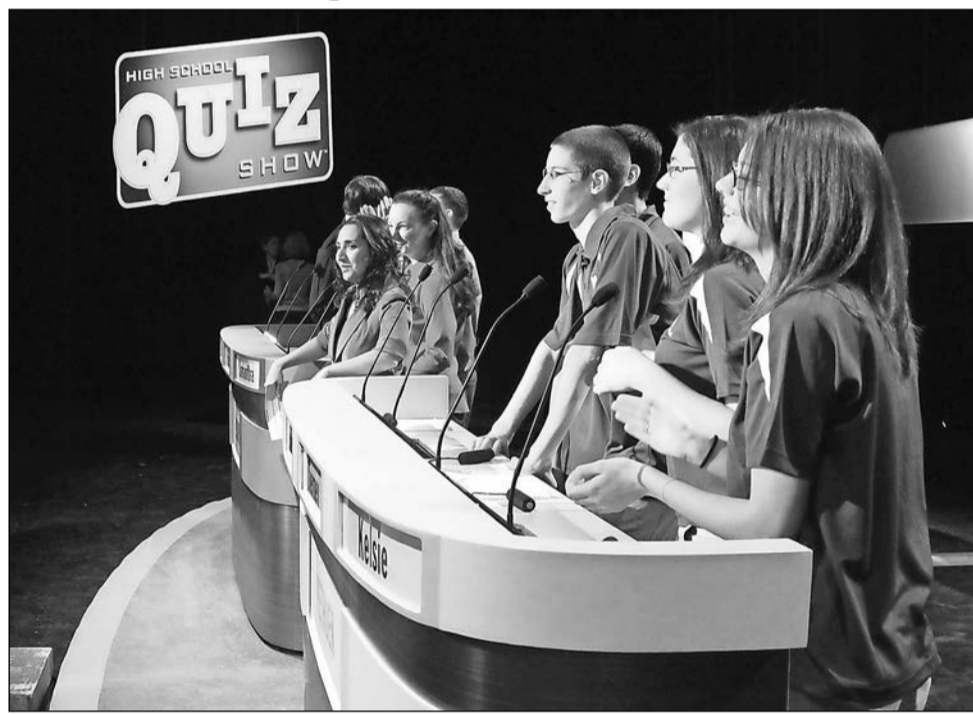
"Ten years in, and High School Quiz Show is still going strong, celebrating the immense curiosity, teamwork and academic power of Massachusetts high schoolers," said host Billy Costa. "A well-deserved congratulations to our 10th season's top 16 teams. I know you'll bring the heat at the tapings this winter."

The schools participating will include: Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, Advanced Math & Science Academy, Amesbury High School, Andover High School,

Belmont High School, Boston Latin School, Brookline High School, Hingham High School, Lexington High School, Mystic Valley Regional Charter School, Needham High School, Seekonk High School, Somerville High School, South High Community School, Thayer Academy and Westford Academy.

The teams will compete in the televised, single-elimination, bracketed academic tournament that will determine a state champion.

High School Quiz Show begins taping at WGBH in January, in front of a studio audience. It will premiere Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. on WGBH 2.



FILE PHOTO

Students compete on the High School Quiz Show at the WGBH TV studios.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

Here's what's in store for young people at the library at 2 N. Main St.:

December events in the Children's Room:

Chinese Language Storytime on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 11:15 a.m. for birth to age 6 in Activity Room - Chinese stories, songs and simple crafts. Email andover-ma@chinesestorytime.org for more information.

Make It Take It Tuesday for ages 3 and up and an adult, on Tuesdays, Dec. 4 and 11 from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Join us for a new drop-in craft program. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Reading with Annie on Tuesdays, Dec. 4 and 18 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children able to read on their own. Annie is a therapy dog who loves to be read to. The sessions are 15 minutes long and only the child who is reading is allowed in the room with Annie and her handler. Register online at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Dads and Donuts on Saturdays, Dec. 8 and 29 at 10 a.m. for ages 2-5. A story time targeting dads and children ages 2-5 (although all are welcome). After stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, share coffee, juice, and donuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Other events:

In-BE-Tweens Programs are for Grades 4 and 5. Space is limited. Registration required. Pointsettia Card on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.

Thinking Thursday on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 3:45 p.m. for ages 5-8. Share a story, do simple experiments and create a craft to take home. Register at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Yoga for Kids on Sunday, Dec. 16; offered by Stand Tall Family Yoga

Bigger Yoga at 2 p.m. for ages 5-9

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Mark Bernard Magane, 56

March 5, 1962 - November 9, 2018

DERRY, NH — Mark Bernard Magane passed away on November 9, 2018, at Parkland Medical Center, Derry, New Hampshire. He was surrounded by his loving family and dear friends. He is the son of the late Bernard and Brenda Magane of Andover, Mass. He also leaves behind his sister Donna Mattison of Derry and her partner Richard Tripp, sister Sheila Daly and husband Richard Daly of Salisbury, Mass. and niece and nephew

Katelyn and Shawn Daly. He graduated from Andover High and went on to attend Merrimack College where he obtained his Bachelor's degree. He was employed as an assessor for many years. A funeral mass will be held on November 24 at St. Thomas of Aquinas in Derry, N.H. A celebration of life will be held at the VFW on 8 Railroad Ave Derry, NH immediately following the service.

Mary Ellen Johnson, 69

December 11, 1948 - November 12, 2018

ANDOVER — Mary Ellen Johnson, 69, of Andover died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Monday, November 12. She is at rest after courageously living with, and battling, melanoma for 16 years.



Mary Ellen was born in Arlington, Mass. on December 11, 1948 to the late Catherine (Doran) and Vernon Jones.

She spent her childhood in Lexington and West Harwich, Mass., and Kennebunk, Maine. Her lifelong love of the ocean began on the Cape, spending barefoot summers swimming, fishing and crabbing with friends.

Mary Ellen later attended UMaine and transferred to UMass Amherst, where she graduated with a degree in Education in 1971. At UMass, she met Alan C. Johnson of Beverly, whom she married and began a 47 year partnership bound by love and devotion to each other and to their ever-growing family. Alan and Mary Ellen lived in Stoneham and North Andover, where they built many lasting friendships, before settling in Andover in 1976.

Mary Ellen began her career teaching elementary school in Concord, Mass. She would later dedicate much of her time and patience to raising four children separated in age by 15 years, while helping to run Johnson's Flower World in Methuen, and at times working the night shift at the IRS. In 1995, Mary Ellen returned to teaching, becoming a kindergarten teacher assistant at Sanborn Elementary School in Andover, where she loved being with the children and her colleagues until a month before her passing.

Mary Ellen's passions were many and varied. The ultimate "hockey mom," she spent countless hours cheering on her sons and grandsons in ice rinks across the north-

east. As an active member and past president of The Andover Society, she annually donned a clown costume to help produce Clown Town for Andover youth. She loved flowers and plants, sewing, baking, murder mysteries, and chocolate. But above all, she loved her family and friends, of which there are so many.

Mary Ellen is survived by her husband, Alan Johnson, of Andover, daughter Kristin (Johnson) Treacy and her husband, Ben of Needham, son Matthew Johnson and his wife Kristine of Methuen, son, Michael Johnson and his wife Meghan of Alexandria, Virginia, son Stephen Johnson and his wife Katie of Andover; grandchildren Colin and Samuel, Eva, Lena and Grady, and Whitney and Boden, beloved sister Patricia (Jones) Henry and her husband Wayne of East Bridgewater, along with many brothers and sisters-in-law, and nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Mass of Christian Burial was held on November 17 at 10 a.m. in St. Augustine's Church, Andover. A private interment will follow. Services were handled by the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover. For online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com

The family wishes to acknowledge Dr. Donald Lawrence and his team at Mass General Hospital, who provided years of expert care for Mary Ellen. In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory may be made in support of melanoma research at Mass General at www.giving.massgeneral.org or via check (note "in memory of Mary Ellen Johnson") mailed to MGH Development Office, Attn: Megan Daniel, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114.



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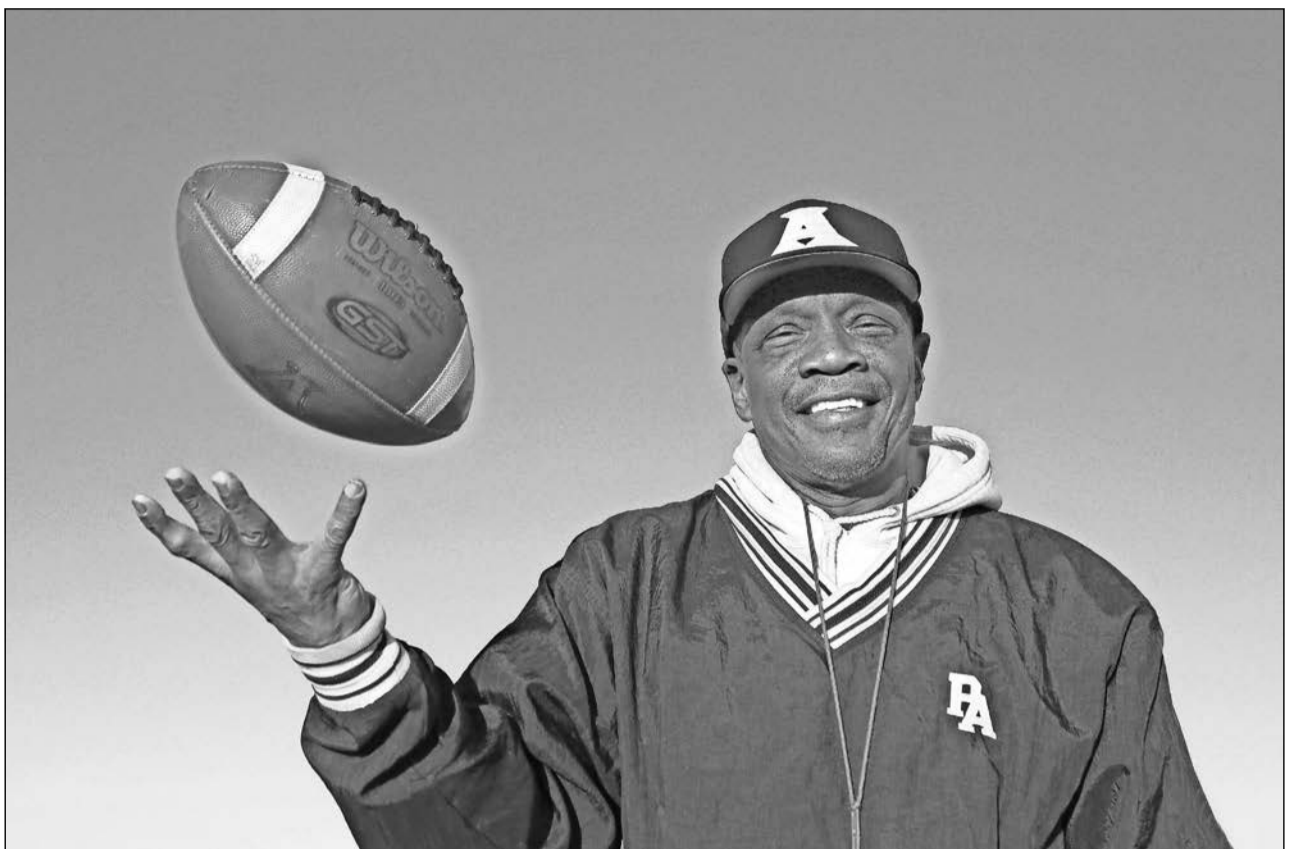


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Andover's Emily Clements takes part in the 200 medley relay at the Division 1 state meet. Her relay won, and Andover took first as a team.

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More than a coach



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Leon Modeste, head varsity football coach at Phillips Andover, is retiring after 32 years at the school.

After 32 years, Phillips Andover's Modeste coaches his last game ... against Exeter

By BILL BURT
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ANDOVER — Leon Modeste will miss a lot of things about Phillips Andover football.

After 32 years, Modeste's last game as head football coach was Saturday against Phillips Exeter. He will be staying on through June as the school's director of athletics.

He will miss the games. He will miss, believe it not, the long bus rides. He will miss playing (and beating) Exeter — which he did in his final game, 14-0. He called it a dream way to end his career.

You know what he's going to miss most? "I think I'm really going to miss seeing a kid walking around campus after a bad loss, or even a bad practice, where he might not have done his best," said Modeste, known as "Coach Mo" around campus. "I just like lifting a kid up. That means a lot to me. It always has."

Energy always picks up on the Andover campus before the game with Exeter, but last week was especially exciting.

There was the huge pep rally in which every student and teacher wore a "One Mo Game" T-shirt. He's received dozens of emails and text messages from former players, most that have made him smile.

But it's also been difficult.

"It has been an emotional rollercoaster," Modeste said. "After Tuesday's practice, it hit me that this is the last Tuesday practice I'll ever have."

"After Wednesday's practice, we moved the big bags inside, and that's the last time I'll do that."

Modeste finished with a career record of 157-98-3. More importantly, his teams were 20-10-2 against Exeter.

But wins and losses on Saturdays don't define Modeste's place in Andover's rich history.

Nobody knows better than his football teammate at Poly Prep in Brooklyn, N.Y., Lou Bernieri. In fact, it was Bernieri, after having already been at Andover a decade, who told Modeste about the opening.

"He's a legend here at Andover," said Modeste's best friend and long-time assistant. "He's one of the most deeply respected people here."

"Before it was in the public eye, he was helping out LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning) groups on campus. He was behind hiring women in key positions (in the athletic department) ...," he said. "The guy is special."

One of Modeste's most well-known football alums is Zak DeOssie, now in his 12th season with the



MIKE SPRINGER/Staff photo

Leon Modeste, at one of his last practices as head varsity football coach at Phillips Andover.

New York Giants. DeOssie was rough around the edges before walking onto the Andover campus as a freshman.

"It's hard to balance athletics and academics at a place like Andover, especially the new kids on the block who aren't used to academic rigor," said DeOssie.

"I owe Coach Mo so much," he said. "When I started becoming one of the better athletes there, he brought me into his office and explained to me that it is one thing to be a great athlete, there are plenty of those. But it's another to be the quarterback at Andover, where you have to carry yourself a different way and set an example on campus. That meeting stuck with me along the way, navigating my life off the field."

As for the football side of "Coach Mo," DeOssie, who went onto an illustrious career at Brown University, laughs.

"He makes it feel like this is big-time football," he said. "He speeches were the best — especially before the Exeter game. We would be watching film, and he wouldn't like something and maybe throw a cassette tape at the wall and yell, 'We need to do better!' I loved it."

Modeste can't explain the connection he has had with the school other than

to say it's felt like home from Day 1.

Andover's motto — "non sibi," or "not for self" — may have something to do with it. It really has permeated everything throughout his 32 years.

"It's always felt like family here, always," he said. "That probably has something to do with being around the students and faculty so much, living on campus."

"Non sibi" is so meaningful. That should be the motto for every team, everybody ... forever," he said.

Modeste, at 63, appears to be in great shape, physically and mentally. His energy is high.

So why leave? "I wanted to leave when I still loved being a coach and athletic director," he said. "Some people retire when they don't have anything left."

"The time was right with Trey (Brown), who has been my assistant the last two years," said Modeste. "He's one of our guys (as a postgraduate in 2011-12). He works full-time here. He's in the dorm."

"Maybe he'll stay 32 years. I'd love it if he did." Brown, a native of Sacramento, California, who attended Bowdoin College ('16) after Andover, said Modeste leaves enormous shoes to fill.

"I don't know where to

start," he said. "He taught me a lot about being a leader, seeing the way he interacts with people and how positive he is. I will probably end up calling him every day looking for advice. He better pick up."

Modeste and his wife, Jo-Ann, have been planning for retirement over the last several years. Upon their travels, they found a spot in Taos, New Mexico, where they'll live full-time after he retires as athletic director in late June.

"We finally bought a place," said Modeste, who has lived on the Andover campus. "We love the mountains and scenery. My wife got me to start snowboarding about 10 years ago at Wachusett (Mountain). Only this mountain isn't 600 feet high but closer to 12,000."

Modeste won't look to teach or coach football in New Mexico. Instead, he expects to find some part-time work, maybe at the ski area, but definitely outdoors.

"I'm one of the luckiest guys in the world," he said. "The football part has ended. And I will miss it. But I'm leaving this job in good hands, with a great staff and a young team that's going to be better next year."

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Congregation Beth Israel celebrates return to Andover

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley held a dedication ceremony for its new home in Andover on Sunday.

The ceremony came after the group returned to town on Aug. 1.

The ceremony celebrated the return of the synagogue from their previous location in Lawrence, where the group remained for over two years. The event also welcomed new members and visitors. Amy Sherr, administrator at Congregation Beth Israel, said the group always wanted to be located in Andover.

Speakers at the event included Rabbi Howard Mandell of the congregation and guest speakers Andover Selectwoman Annie Gilbert and state Rep.-elect Tram Nguyen.

The event was a very important event in the history of the synagogue, Mandell said. In his speech, he said he hoped the new, larger space would enable the community to better serve God and better meet the needs of the community.

"It is the heart and soul of the people that inhabit a building that make it a holy community," he said. "I am so pleased and excited that we have this new home and that we are all here together ... Our new home will enable us to serve these entities and causes even more effectively and more efficiently."

The new location in Dundee Park was packed with some 100 attendees for the dedication ceremony. Gilbert said all of those in attendance, whether members of the congregation or not, are now a part of the town of Andover.



Andover Selectwoman Annie Gilbert speaks during the dedication.

REBA SALDANHA/photos



The Rev. Michael Shirley of Grace Episcopal Church in Lawrence listens during the dedication.

"It is more important now than ever to say you are welcome here," she said.

Congregation Beth Israel was established in 2004, when Temple Beth El of Lowell and Congregation

Tifereth Israel of Andover merged, according to the program book. The goal of the congregation is to be an inclusive community that offers a warm atmosphere focused on friendship,

renewal and care. Nguyen said there is so much reason for hope to newcomers in the Andover community.

"I'm so happy to be standing in front of you to welcome the congregation back to Andover," she said in her speech.

In addition to the speakers, the ceremony included a musical tribute by Bashert and a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

It was announced at the ceremony that a portion of the proceeds from the program book advertisements will be donated to The



State Rep.-elect Tram Nguyen speaks during the building dedication.



Rabbi Howard Mandell speaks Sunday during the Congregation Beth Israel building dedication in Andover's Dundee Park.

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question about the toy store on behalf of someone special.

"My wife really wants to know what's happening to Learning Express," Leavitt said.

So do a lot of toy shoppers around town. For nearly 30 years, Learning Express has been the local go-to destination for birthday gifts for children. The store's employees even wrap gifts for free.

Joyce Will of Learning Express said she has "no idea" about the specifics of the demolition plan and how it will affect her toy store. She said there has been talk for months about the building being demolished.

"I just don't know," she said recently. "This could drag on for a very long time."

Will said she wants people to know the toy store will be open through Christmas. She wouldn't say if the store will close permanently like the Learning Express in Salem, New Hampshire, did a few years ago or move to another location in Andover after Christmas.

Meanwhile, Montalto's plans for a new building on the site — which include a rooftop deck and landscaping — are moving forward. Planning Board Chairman Zach Bergeron said the plan would be "dressing up" downtown, something he likes.

The Planning Board has held two public hearings on the plan. It calls for demolishing the entire Learning Express building — about 1,300 square feet spread over one and a half floors — and replacing it with a three-story, almost 10,000-square-foot office building with a rooftop deck.

Parking for the plan is an issue because more than twice as many parking spaces are needed for the proposed new building. There are currently 10 parking spots for the property, and the new plan requires 26 parking spaces, according to town planner Jacki Byerley.

Plans for the proposed building must also be presented to the town's Design Review Board.

Montalto filed the application to demolish the building at 32 Park St. on Sept. 6. She told the Planning Board at an Oct. 23 meeting that nine full-time employees work in her realty office. All of them will move to the new building, she said.

The plans show that the first and second floors of the new building will have several conference rooms so Montalto's realtors can comfortably meet with clients. She and her husband are realtor coaches and their workshops will be held there, according to the plans. Their workshops are currently held four times a year at Andover Inn.

The plan calls for the third floor of the new building to be one open room with slider doors leading to the rooftop deck. The deck will not be visible from the front of the building, according to the plan. Montalto told the Planning Board that the town will be allowed to use the deck for events.

The proposed three-story office building would replace a wooden structure that was built 28 years ago.

Learning Express opened in 1990 and was first located at 28 Chestnut St. The store needed more space and moved to Park Street five years later.



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Michael Wall's daughter, Harper, 1, waves during the dance while being held by her dad.



John Ham lifts his daughter, Emma, 5, into the air while dancing.

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Making memories

These little girls just love wearing their holiday dresses for a special dance with their older, dressed-up dates.

Nearly 50 couples did just that at last Friday night's Holly Ball. Held every November to kick off the holiday season at the Town House on Main Street, the dad-daughter, grandpa-granddaughter or niece-uncle event is a place where precious memories are made. The little girls who attended also enjoyed games and prizes.

The Ball, hosted by the town's Recreation Department, is popular with locals. Sign ups start two months before the ball and there is always a wait list because the Town House is only so big.

Girls 5 and younger danced from 5 to 6 p.m., while girls ages 6 to 10 took over from 6:30 to 8 p.m.



Victoria Baldwin, 3, strikes a pose while dancing with her father, Mark Baldwin.



Grandfathers David Rosenberg, left, and Jim Cyrier enjoy the evening with their granddaughters Valentina Cyrier, left, 4, and her sister Natalia, 7.



Adam Tokarz and his daughter Elizabeth, 2, have fun on the dance floor.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER NOV. 30

UPLIFTING KABBALAT SHABBAT MUSICAL SERVICE, 7:30 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley, 6 Dundee Park, Suite 301. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m.; \$10 per person, \$25 maximum for families, free for children 12 and under, free for those attending the service only, and free for those attending their first Shabbat Chai event; reservations are requested; 978-474-0540, email office@BethIsraelMV.org, www.bethisraelmv.org.

SUNDAY, NOV. 25

NORTHSHOREMEN BARBERSHOP CHORUS, 3 p.m., Italian Community Center, 300 Rantoul

St., Beverly, Holiday Cabaret, half of profits go to Care Dimensions. Tickets are \$15, and \$10 for children 12 and under. To order tickets go to: harmonize.com/northshoremen, or call 866-727-4988. Deadline to order tickets is Friday, Nov. 23. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help; 781-641-2303.

MONDAY, NOV. 26

MEMORY-MAKING CAFÉS AND DINNER, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Salvatore's Restaurant, 34 Park St., Andover. Memory-Making Cafés create opportunities for individuals living

with memory challenges, their caregivers, families and friends to come together for light-hearted social events; each café will have a specific theme and activity facilitated by a presenter aimed to stimulate shared connection and joy; this event is free and pizza will be provided; sponsorship opportunities are available; 978-604-0830.

NOVEMBER 29

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, 6 p.m., Bridges by EPOCH, 254 Lowell St., family caregivers can socialize, share stories and get expert advice and information from dementia care professionals who understand. A complimentary lunch will be served for attendees and their loved one

with memory loss (RSVPs are required). Caregiver support groups are facilitated by Kim O'Connell and are held on the last Thursday of each month.

NOV. 30 TO DEC. 29

FESTIVE FIRS PROGRAM, Andover Center for History and Culture, 97 Main St. Take part in the ever-popular Santa Story Time and other holiday events surrounded by a display of decorated trees inspired by unique objects from the historical society's collection; this year's theme, "A Season of Giving," highlights items given as gifts to others; local community groups, businesses, families and individuals are encouraged to sign up to decorate a tree;

978-475-2236, email info@andoverhistoryandculture.org, www.andoverhistoryandculture.org.

NOV. 30, DEC. 1, 7, 8

SPOTLIGHT PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS HOLIDAZE, 6 p.m., The Galleria at Maria's Restaurant, 85 Essex St., Haverhill. The annual dinner theatre cabaret showcases traditional and non-traditional Broadway and holiday songs and stories. This year Spotlight Playhouse presents the talents of 30 performers including the ever popular Stag Party barbershop quartet. Directed by Beth Yuskatis of Merrimac, with musical direction provided by Gina Naggar of Cambridge, Broadway on Essex: HoliDAZE is

sure to be a treat for all. Seating is limited. Ticket price is \$38 per person, \$35 for members or senior citizens and includes a full dinner buffet, coffee and tea. A cash bar is also available. Performances will begin after dinner is served with a dessert buffet at intermission. Tickets are available at spotlightplayhouse.org, tickets@spotlightplayhouse.org, or by calling the box office at 617-470-2175.

DECEMBER DECEMBER 1

RED BOW FAIR, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of North Andover, 190 Academy Road, Old Center, North Andover. See **CALENDAR**, Page 12



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Farrar House was once located at Main and Phillips streets.

Squire Samuel Farrar: On the hill and in the town

by Gail Ralston

Andover Center for History & Culture

Samuel Farrar was born on a farm in Lincoln, Massachusetts in 1773. His work ethic was developed in the work he did on that farm. When he fell from the barn roof and broke his leg, he didn't cry out, "he made no sound, but crept along to the house, dragging his broken leg the best he could."

Graduating from Harvard in 1797, he came to the Academy by chance when a classmate declined an offer to become the school's assistant and recommended Farrar in his place. In the position for the usual one year, Farrar went on to advanced studies at Harvard, served as a tutor for one year, and studied law in Springfield.

He returned to Andover in 1802 to make a go of his profession. That same time Academy founder Samuel Phillips was dying. Farrar was a comfort to his wife, Phoebe, continuing to be an important part of the family as he had done in his earlier

position.

When Oliver Wendell resigned as Treasurer of the Trustees in 1803, Farrar was chosen to succeed him, and held that position until 1840.

Fritz Allis, in his Academy history, noted the value of Farrar's legal acumen during the negotiations of the founding of the Theological Seminary.

As treasurer, Farrar was in charge of the funds of both the Academy and the Seminary. When the schools needed money, Allis tells us that Farrar invested in loans to local farmers and businesses and rarely saw any default on these loans.

In addition, Farrar served the school as business manager and superintendent of buildings and grounds. He supervised construction of campus buildings, and had a hand in designing some of them.

Most notable was his recommendation that an unrestricted bequest go toward the construction and financing of the campus Teachers Seminary, a move that came on the cusp of the development of public school education. Here, high school

graduates were schooled in the pedagogy and curriculum necessary to instruct young minds.

Farrar was also a "tree planter" and designed the campus Elm Arch.

In the Town of Andover, Farrar was the first president of the Andover Bank when it was established in 1826, holding that position for 30 years. This and other efforts inspired historian Sarah Loring Bailey to say that the "Squire was a man of habits, healthy and religious, and in reputation and deed was second to none in Andover." Historian Claude Fuess described him as the most "picturesque and useful citizen in the first half of the 19th century."

The title "Squire" had been given him as a young man when, at an early age as Fuess noted, it was clear "he was prudent and sane, unlikely to indulge in wild speculation."

In addition, the Squire took a leading role in the development of the female Abbot Academy at the urging of town citizens, even loaning the institution money to construct its first building. He helped elect the "federal republican ticket" in Essex County. He even took on the position of Librarian for the Seminary.

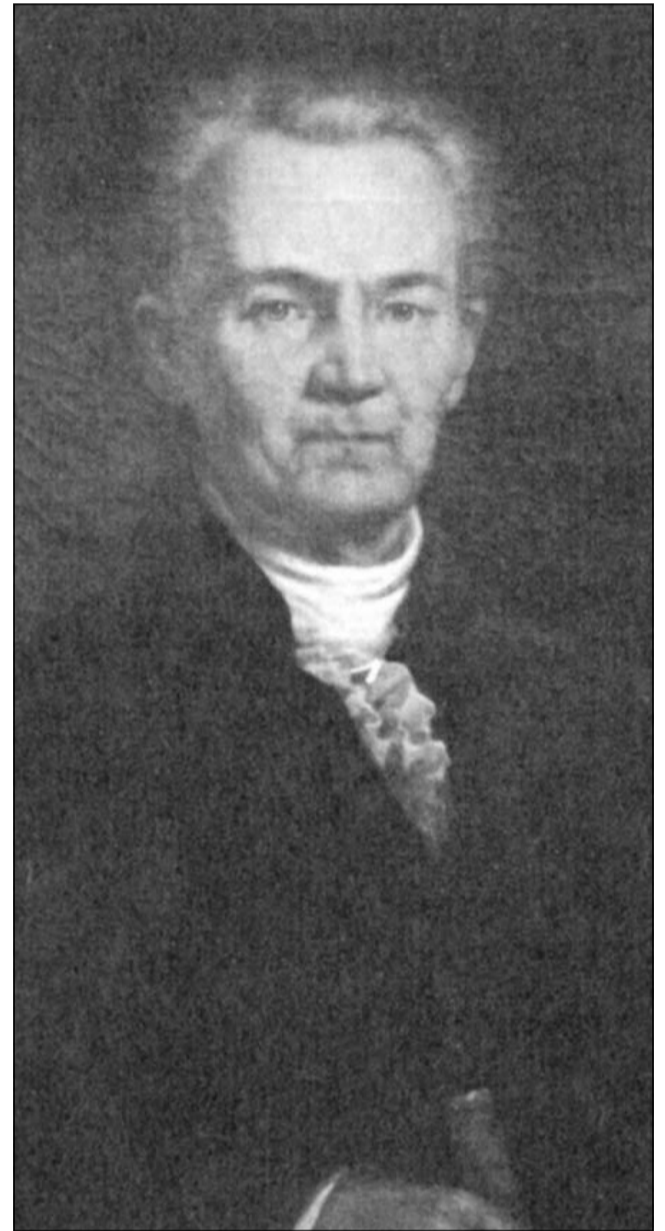
Farrar's constancy and precision applied to his personal life as well. Once



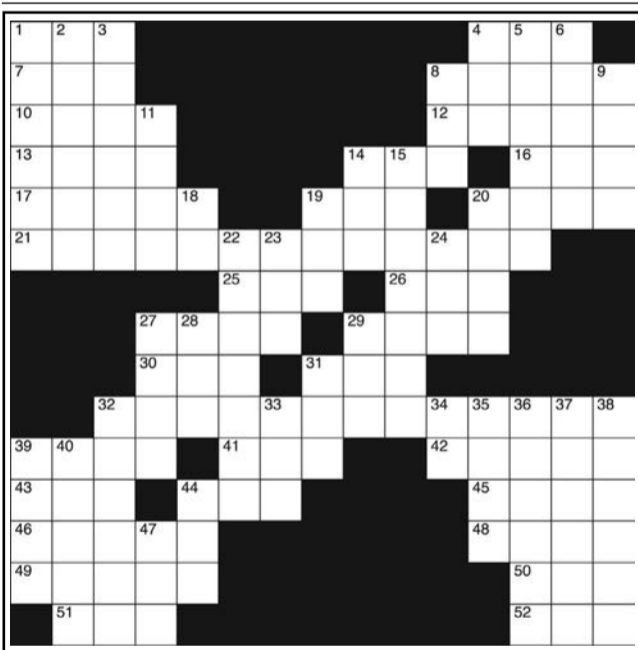
awakening in the morning, he sawed wood for precisely one half hour. He then led family prayers at 6:07 a.m., never earlier, never later. Most days he would take three walks which he had measured with a measuring rod. During them, townfolk would confirm their time-pieces, for he would pass the same spots at exactly the same times.

The Squire lived a long life, dying in 1894 at the age of 91. In his book, *The School Boy*, Oliver Wendell Holmes memorialized the man:

"Where is the patriarch time could hardly tire –
The good old, wrinkled, immemorial 'squire'?"
An honest treasurer, like a black-plumed swan,
Not every day our eyes may look upon."



Samuel Farrar



CLUES ACROSS

- Scottish lawyer (abbr.)
- ___-bo: exercise system
- When you hope to get there
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Long, pointed tooth
- Hillsides
- Scandinavian god
- Keyboard key
- Indian title of respect
- The end
- Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- Domesticated animals
- The gridiron
- Disfigure
- Central processing unit
- Get in ___: fight
- Jacob ___, US journalist

CLUES DOWN

- Set back
- Flat
- Place to gamble
- Dark liquid
- Mortified
- Famed movie critic
- Corpse count (abbr.)
- Egyptian goddess
- Type of garment
- Extremely high frequency
- More peppery
- The big game (abbr.)
- Single Lens Reflex
- In addition
- In the company of
- Order's partner
- Upon

Solution in Classified Section

- One point north of due west
- He said, ___ said
- Where people live
- Sheep noises
- The ocean
- Packers' QB Rodgers
- One who buys and sells at the same time
- Place to get cash
- Dog's name
- Aviation enthusiast
- Plant of the lily family
- Larval crustaceans
- Brooklyn hoopster
- Military force ready to move quickly (abbr.)
- Make an effort
- Dazzles
- Baseball stat
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Helps little firms
- Arrested
- Haw's partner
- Expresses surprise
- Stumblebums
- Align relative to points on a compass
- LA ballplayer
- Showing disapproval toward
- "Diamonds & Rust" singer
- Protects the wearer's body
- Yes vote
- British Air Aces

CALENDAR

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60th annual fair. Free admission. The fair will feature several juried crafters and artisans. In addition the church will feature an array of holiday arrangements, wreaths, swags, boxwood trees; crafts; silent auction; gift baskets; quilt drawing; instant wine cellar drawings; gently used and vintage housewares, holiday décor, books and toys; kids crafts and activities; jewelry boutique; breakfast and coffee served from 9 to 11 a.m.; lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Check out northparish.org for more information or on Facebook: The Red Bow Fair. All proceeds benefit the North Parish Church and its mission.

DEC. 2

A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for Performing Arts, North Andover, featuring The Deep Blue C Studio Orchestra. Discounts for seniors/students/military. For more information, call Donna Vose, 207-361-4221 or email: donna@heart-of-boston.com **SATURDAY, DEC. 8**

'EVERGREENS, HOLLY AND JOY,' 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St. The Andover Garden Club announces that tickets are now available for "Evergreens, Holly and Joy: A Tour of Andover Homes in Holiday Dress"; the tour will feature approximately a half dozen decorated Andover homes, as well as a holiday boutique; attendees will

receive a map for the tour at the church and find a holiday boutique with holiday décor, handmade arrangements, wreaths, coffee, light refreshments and more; advance tickets are \$30 and are available from garden club members and online; tickets may also be purchased at the church on the day of the tour for \$35; email tgirdwood@verizon.net, www.andover-gardenclub.org.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

HOLIDAY BALL, 6 to 10 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover. Dance instruction by Tom Webster of Dance New England from 6 to 7 p.m., music by D.B.'s Orchestra; hosted by Andover Senior Community Friends and sponsored by Ashland Farm North Andover, Atria Marland Place Andover and BrightView North Andover; tickets available at The Center at Punchard or the Andover Bookstore for \$15 per person, \$25 per couple or \$15 per person at the door; complimentary refreshments; black tie optional; free parking behind the building. **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12**

PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES, 7 to 8 p.m., Andover Center for History and Culture, 97 Main St. Peek inside closets, pull aside curtains, and explore behind the scenes in the Blanchard House and the History Center; tour the Blanchard house attics, closets, nooks and crannies and hear stories about rarely seen collections items; free and open to the public; registration is required; 978-475-2236, email info@andoverhistoryandculture.org, www.andoverhistoryandculture.org.

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'GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS' BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Andover. Holidays can be stressful for those who have lost a loved one; this two-session workshop will address dealing with old traditions, creating new traditions and learning new coping strategies; the meetings are offered as a free service to the community; the location will be revealed at the time of registration; 978-837-3333. **SUNDAY, DEC. 16**

'REINVENTING RITUAL OBJECTS,' 2:30 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley, 6 Dundee Park, Suite 301. Presented by Artist in Residence Shira Rubin, attendees will learn about Israeli and American artists who are imaginatively reinterpreting Jewish ritual objects; the program will feature a recent exhibition at the Israel Museum called "To Go: New Designs for Jewish Ritual Objects," where artists from around the world were tasked with creating a collection of objects together with a case, essentially a travel set for a Jewish holiday or life cycle event; \$20 per person; sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation; 978-474-0540, email office@BethIsraelMV.org, www.bethisraelmv.org.

JANUARY JAN. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

AVIS 125th ANNIVERSARY HIKE: 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Start the new year off with a hike and begin the year-long AVIS 125th Anniversary. No

registration required. No pets. Leader: Jeff LaFountain, jefflaf@comcast.net. Hike will take place at Skug River Reservation, 315 Salem St.

THROUGH JAN. 20

ADDISON'S FALL EXHIBITION, Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave. "From Starfield to MARS: Paul Manship and His Artistic Legacy" considers Manship's work and influence through two interconnected components: "Art Deco at Andover" examines Addison's connection with Manship, while "Starfield through Contemporary Lenses" presents the work of contemporary photographers Barbara Bosworth, Justin Kimball, S. Billie Mandle and Abelardo Morell, who served as the first artists-in-residence in the Manship Artists Residency + Studios (MARS) program in Gloucester; free admission to the gallery and all programs; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

MARCH THROUGH MARCH 3

ADDISON'S FALL EXHIBITION, Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave. "Contemplating the View: American Landscape Photographs" highlights images of the American landscape, both natural and manmade, through works by photographers such as Ansel Adams, Robert Adams, Lois Conner, Marcia Resnick, Carleton Watkins, Edward Weston and Katherine Wolkoff; free admission to the gallery and all programs; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has lots of activities and programs on tap.

Here are some of the highlights:

Friday Night Special: Chinese American Association of Andovers and Andover Elder Services host free activities at The Center on Fridays, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., including Zumba, yoga, ping pong, Mah Jong, board and card games, and other social activities. All are welcome.

Wellness Clinics: Stop in for a blood pressure and weight check with trained nurses Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Get help with day-to-day health needs. This service is free and confidential.

Townie Trips: Thursdays, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Center offers in-town traveling for those who want to get their hair done, go out to lunch, to a friend's house or to the library. A one-hour minimum stay at the destination is required. The cost is \$4 one way or \$7 round trip. Travel plans should be arranged by Tuesday at noon. Call 978-623-8323

to schedule transportation. **Monday Movie Matinee:** Free movies are shown Mondays at 1 p.m., with popcorn and sodas available for purchase.

Mindfulness Meditation: Fridays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. by donation. Mindfulness is a modern, evidence-based way of increasing one's mental clarity, calm, happiness and health. Facilitated by Chip Carter. Preregistration requested.

What's for Lunch: Warm meals served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50. Prior day registration is requested.

Bereavement Support Group: Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend once or monthly to learn new ways together to carry on traditional ways of doing things and how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotions. To register, call Lois Marra, Home Health VNA Hospice, at 978-552-4537.

Pain Management Support Group: This intimate and confidential group meets on the second Monday of the

month, September through June. Open to anyone dealing with chronic pain management issues, the group is facilitated by Gerry Rainville, RN, MSN. Newcomers are always welcome. Call to register.

Computer Users Group: Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, from September through June, at Memorial Hall Library.

Council on Aging board meetings: The COA meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend the meetings.

Parkinson's Support Group: Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, 1:30 to 3 p.m., September through June, and are open to all. Call Kristine Arakelian, outreach coordinator, to confirm attendance or for more information.

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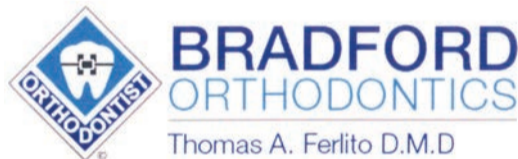
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Townspeople

Happy trails!

Local groups merge to improve trails, outdoor recreation

By JUDE WAKEFIELD
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Outdoor recreation lovers in Andover say outdoor opportunities just got even better as two local groups supporting those passions have merged.

Shawsheen Greenway, an emerging force in promoting the use and conservation of the Shawsheen River system, is combining efforts with the Andover Trails Committee, a strong promoter of Andover's outdoor trails. Andover Trails Committee is co-author of the popular Andover Trails Guide.

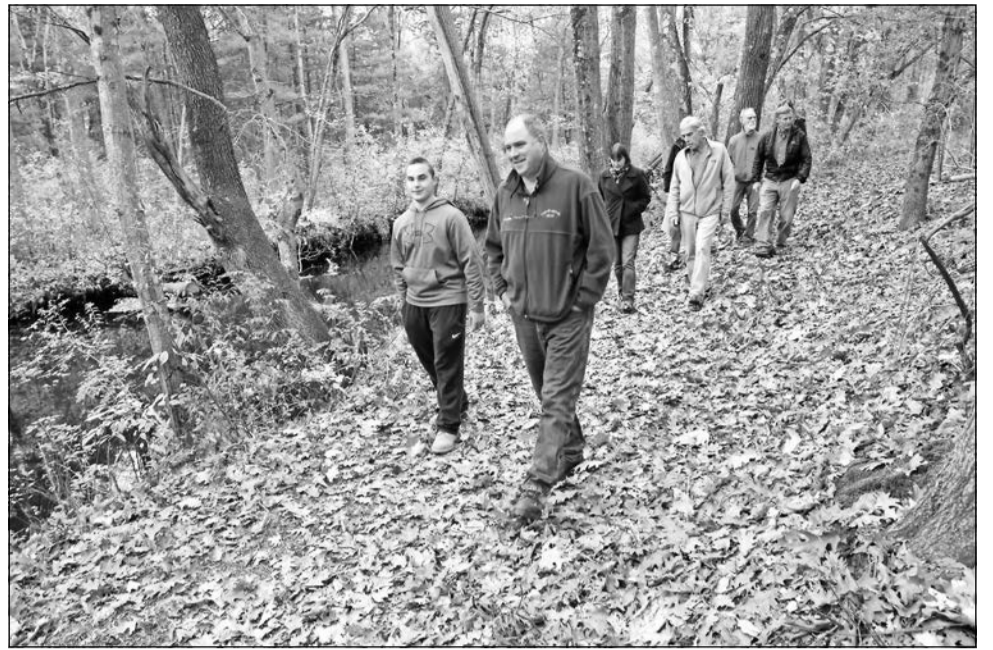
"These two organizations promote outdoor activities (and) have decided to merge in order to reach

a broader audience. The Andover Trails Committee and the Shawsheen Greenway have signed on to strengthen the connections to the outdoors for all in the community," Steve Golden, chairman of Shawsheen Greenway, wrote in an email. "I am excited about what we can accomplish together."

"We're combining into one non-profit organization under ATC's mission to promote and support non-motorized trails within Andover," added Dave Bunting, chairman of the Andover Trails Committee. "The Shawsheen Greenway team brings tremendous vitality and vision to further develop and support our town's tremendous outdoor community and network."

Since it formed in 1991, the Andover Trails Committee has completed a number of high-profile trail projects. The group is currently working on projects such as improvements to the Bay Circuit Trail. In addition to publishing a trails guide, the committee works to increase access to recreational trails, run trail events and organize volunteers to work on trails.

The Shawsheen Greenway was formed in 2017 and provides a variety of community activities and projects on the Shawsheen River, working with town departments and local organizations. Restoration of the Shawsheen River, once the historic heart of Andover, remains a priority for the



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Members of the Shawsheen River Greenway organization walk on a path near the Shawsheen River.

group. The Shawsheen River is a 27-mile-long tributary of the Merrimack River, flowing northward from Bedford through Billerica, Wilmington, Tewksbury and six miles of Andover before joining the Merrimack River in Lawrence.

"Water trails are generally accepted as trails and are consistent with the ATC

mission," Bunting said, Golden said the Shawsheen River has a lot of support in town.

"We have come a long way and now together we must provide leadership in defining what actually can be done," he said.

He said the next year will feature more public recreational events and volunteer

opportunities. A communication plan has begun to create a combined website and social media presence, likely under the "Andover Trails" moniker.

For more information, visit andovertrails.org or email dbunting@andovertrails.org or shawsheengreenway@gmail.com.



Holland Gilligan, 3, waves as she models with her doll.



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos

Smiling with their dolls during the tea party are, from left, Maeve Bohenek, 2, Samantha Chiumiento, 2, and Victoria Baldwin, 4.



Ava Shneer, 2, enjoys her tea.



Samantha Chiumiento, 2, enjoys tea with her doll Vivian.



Brianna Fotino helps Paige Gilligan, 3, decorate her tea cup.

All dolled up

Little girls rarely forget about their favorite dolls. A morning tea event last week was a good chance for them to spend special time with those "dolloed-up" friends.

The Town House on Main Street hosted the tea party, which was organized by the town's Recreation Department. Girls ages 2 to 5 sipped tea and did crafts with their dolls.

The day ended with a mini fashion show for the girls and their dolls.



Evelyn Doherty, 2, plays bingo during the party.

All Those Years Ago

By Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History and Culture

100 Years Ago – Nov. 22, 1918

At the Anderson Sanitarium on Maple Avenue, November 16, Mrs. Butterworth, wife of Edmund Butterworth of North Andover, died of apoplexy. She was seventy-eight years of age.

Christmas labels are arriving very slowly in this town. The suggestion that candy is the best thing to put in the boxes is especially emphasized by the fact that one box, perfect in weight, contained only sweet chocolate and hard candy with three khaki handkerchiefs over the top.

Tuesday afternoon, from two to five the Women's Guild of

Christ Church will hold its annual Thanksgiving Sale. There will be a children's table where little warm bonnets and other articles may be found, an apron and practical goods table, and others with cakes, candy, pies, doughnuts, hot baked beans and other cooked foods. Also jellies, home canned goods and mince-meat all ready for the Thanksgiving pies.

75 Years Ago – December 9, 1943

The most important realty transfer in Shawsheen in at least a decade was announced early this week with the disclosure that the Administration Building in Shawsheen has been sold by the Textile Realty company, an affiliate of the American Woolen company, to the Andover-Shawsheen Realty company. The purchase price of the property was not

made known.

What 86 places in town need electric light the most on a dark night? That's a problem being puzzled out this week by the board of selectmen, the board of public works and the police and fire chiefs.

The Andover Spa on Elm Street advertises: "Christmas Trees, we expect a large assortment Friday. Place your order early to be sure of having your tree. Centerpieces, wreaths, home-made ribbon and hard candies."

50 Years Ago – Nov 27, 1968

It won't exactly be Harvard vs. Yale, but it will be about equal spirit and feeling when Andover travels to Alvah G. Hayes field to meet traditional rival North Andover on Thanksgiving Day. A front page photo shows Tyler MacEvoy, Don Pattulo, Kevin

Winters, Tom Adams, Joe Johnston, Steve Bull, Greg Loosigian, Don Anderson, Steve Lanier and Geoff Crossley.

The selectmen moved Monday night to request the Supreme Court to expedite the hearing on an appeal dealing with a rezoning decision in West Andover involving Raytheon. Raytheon, the town's top taxpayer, may leave the community if a decision by the high court takes considerable time. (The appeal is for a review of the decision handed down by the Superior Court which said that the town acted properly in rezoning the over 200 acre site on Lowell Street near Route 93.

Converse Rubber is observing its 60th birthday this month, but its subsidiary, Tyer Rubber Co. of Andover, began operations back in 1856.

25 Years Ago – December 2, 1993

The Andover Center Association raised about \$3,800 for new Joy and Peace banners that have been installed downtown. Merchants decided that spending about \$1,000 for natural wreaths every year was not financially or environmentally sound.

Kaija M. Gilmore was appointed Andover's building inspector by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski Monday night. The position was made available by the retirement of long-time building inspector Sam DeSalvo.

U.S. Congressman Newt Gingrich, R-Georgia, will be the featured speaker at a fund-raising breakfast for Congressman Peter Torkildsen, R-Danvers, at the Andover Marriott December 3 at 7:45 a.m.

Caring teen baker makes 65 birthday cakes

16-year-old Andover High girl surprises kids at shelters

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Sixty-five homemade birthday cakes for kids living in shelters — and still counting.

The huge smiles from those children and their families keep this teen baker from Andover measuring flour, breaking eggs and choosing just the right frosting for each cake.

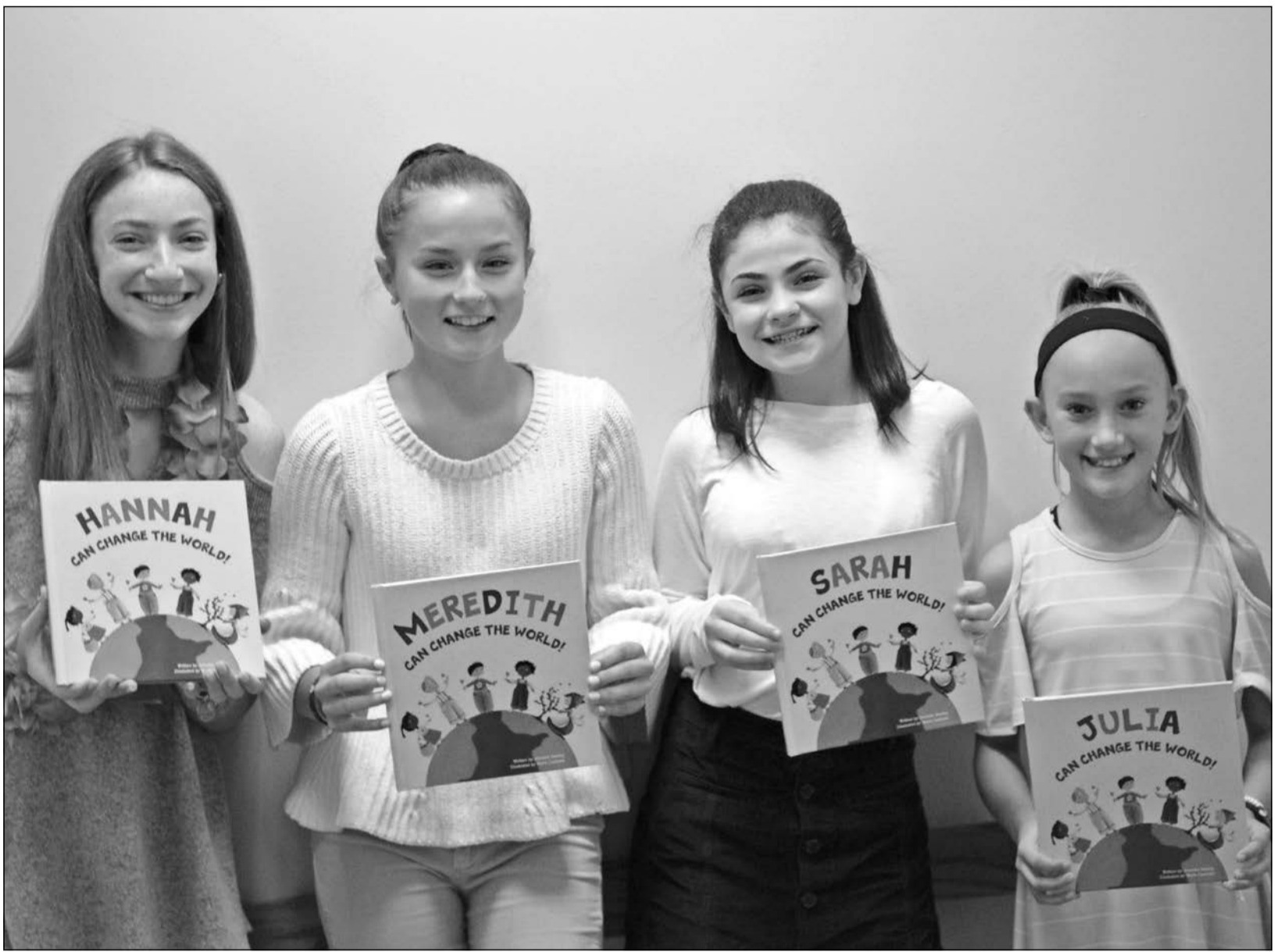
“When I surprise the kids with a birthday cake, I know they are so happy and that keeps me going,” said Hannah Finn, 16, a junior at Andover High School.

For the past two years, Hannah has been voluntarily making birthday cakes for children living in two shelters in Lawrence. Her mom, Claudia Mintz, drives her to the shelters for surprise deliveries of the cakes. Hannah plans to add a third shelter to her delivery route in January.

Hannah has received an award for her cake kindness from The Mary Jo Brown Foundation of Wilmington. Hannah was one of four teenage girls from across the state who were saluted for their community service projects. The philosophy of the foundation’s annual kindness campaign is that giving back to the community as much as possible is a great trait in teens. The late Mary Jo Brown was a selfless volunteer and her legacy lives on through the foundation.

Each finalist received a trip to Disney World, a \$250 Visa gift card, a personalized book and a framed award. The other finalists were Julia Degnan of Dracut, Sarah Podradchik of Melrose and Meredith Casey of North Reading.

“The other girls are doing great things, so to be the



Courtesy photo

Hannah Finn, left, 16, of Andover, is the winner of the Mary Jo Brown Foundation Award. Finalists for the award are, from second left to right, Meredith Casey of North Reading, Sarah Podradchik of Melrose and Julia Degnan of Dracut.

grand prize winner is very special to me,” Hannah said. “The other girls are just awesome.”

Hannah’s cake-baking project started when she became aware that the children who live at the Lazarus House shelter in Lawrence get very

little for their birthday, if anything at all — a situation Hannah believes is unfair. Having always felt special on her own birthday each year as she receives a cake and gifts, she wanted children at Lazarus House to experience the same joy.

To make children feel special on their birthdays regardless of their economic circumstances, Hannah started a non-profit organization called the One Wish Project, which earned its official non-profit license last month. Due to privacy policies at

Lazarus House, Hannah is unable to meet that shelter’s children for whom she bakes birthday cakes, so she works around the rules. She makes the cake delivery to the shelter before the children arrive back in the late afternoons. Their paths never cross.

La Casa Nueva Vida’s policies are more relaxed and Hannah is not only able to meet the children, but interact with them as well.

“I see their excitement on their faces whether it’s their birthday or not,” she said. “It’s a great feeling.”

Holiday house tour is Dec. 8

Six homes in Andover that are decorated for the holidays will be featured in an upcoming house tour hosted by The Andover Garden Club.

Tickets are available for “Evergreens, Holly & Joy: A Tour of Andover Homes in Holiday Dress” which is happening Dec. 8. The event will feature the homes, as well as a holiday boutique.

The tour will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Headquarters for the event will be the Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St. There, attendees will receive a map for the tour and find a holiday boutique featuring holiday décor, handmade arrangements, unique wreaths, coffee and light refreshments.

Advanced tickets are \$30 — a \$5 savings on the tickets sold the day of the tour — and are available from Andover Garden Club members or online at www.andovergardenclub.org. Tickets on the day of the tour may be purchased at the church for \$35.

For more information, contact tgirdwood@verizon.net.

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town, and helps protect and conserve natural resources. A member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., the club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations in the region.

The Andover Garden Club welcomes new members, and information about joining is available from membership chairs Liz Bell (belles810@gmail.com, 978-475-3021) and Kathy Hess (kmhess1@verizon.net, 978-470-0806).



Photo courtesy of Frances Y.J. Wheeler

This scene from a previous Andover Garden Club holiday boutique gives a taste of what will be offered during “Evergreens, Holly & Joy: A Tour of Andover Homes in Holiday Dress.”

Wingate hosts craft fair Nov. 24

A craft fair will be held Nov. 24 at the lobby and dining room of the Wingate nursing and rehabilitation home.

The fair will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Items for sale will include jewelry, Christmas items, baked goods, books and knitted items.

Proceeds will benefit the resident council.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEEN PROGRAMS

There’s a ton of fun in store for teens at MHL in November

Upcoming events at the library include:

Random Fandom: Riverdale

On Monday, Nov. 26 at 3 p.m., teens can celebrate the return of Archie, Betty, Jughead, and Veronica to TV with some Riverdale-themed activities. Call 978-623-8432 for more information.

Magic: the Gathering Tournament

On Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 3 p.m., teens can test their skills and their decks against their friends in a Magic: the Gathering tournament. Every teen will receive a free booster pack! Call 978-623-8432 for more information.

MHL events are for teens in grades 6-12. Unless otherwise specified, no registration is required. Check out the blog for news, events, book recommendations and more at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat @mhlteenroom.

Other events at the library include:

■ **Tuesdays, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.** - Teen Movie Nights. Watch a movie in the Teen Room. Call the Teen Room desk at 978-623-8463 for each night’s title.
Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 3 p.m. - Giant Sized Coloring - Relax by coloring our giant coloring sheet in the Teen Room.

■ **Thursday, Nov. 29 at 3 p.m.** - Craft Buffet. Missed a craft this month or just want to use our craft supplies? Sample our supplies and let your creativity run wild.

All programs for teens are sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

All programs and activities are at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. MHL events are for teens in grades six through 12, and are free to attend. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information. Check out the blog for news, events and other fun stuff at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat @mhlteenroom.



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Sports

Standing tall

At just 5-foot-4, receiver Moody leads football into Thanksgiving Day

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer



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Andover's Brendon Moody is lifted up by his teammates as he celebrates a touchdown against Methuen earlier this season. Just 5-foot-4, Moody has come up huge for the Golden Warriors this fall.

also a very strong leader." Being the smallest player on the field — he's listed as 5-foot-7 on the roster but admits that's an exaggeration — is nothing new for Moody. "I've been the smallest guy since I started playing football in the third grade," he said. "I've spent my whole football career proving that I belonged on the field." Moody first broke onto the Andover varsity team last year as a junior. And right away, he faced ridicule from a defender in his first start, the second game of the season against Billerica. "We were at their field and all game long this defender was trash talking me and telling me I was no good," said Moody. "He didn't stop. Then, I caught the game-winning touchdown right in



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Andover's Brendon Moody, left, celebrates a touchdown on Thanksgiving Day last fall. Moody is hoping for an upset this Thanksgiving.

TURKEY DAY RIVALRY

After a long Thanksgiving rivalry with Central Catholic, Andover began a holiday rivalry with North Andover in 2015. Here's how it has gone so far:

Year	Score	Highlight
2015	Andover 42, North Andover 41	Arman Koul-led Golden Warrior defense makes stop at goal line in final seconds
2016	Andover 49, North Andover 20	Now-BC QB E.J. Perry throws six touchdown passes
2017	North Andover 33, Andover 7	Brendon Moody catches lone Andover touchdown

front of that defender at the end of the game (6:24 left) and it was such a good feeling. "It feels so good to walk back to the sidelines knowing they were talking trash and I made them look bad. It's the best feeling." Moody ended up catching 19 passes for 260 yards and three touchdowns last fall, including an 11-yard TD from Nick Dellatto on Thanksgiving. He has been even better this fall. His breakout performance was when he caught three passes for 85 yards and a touchdown in the Golden Warriors' win over Lawrence — a victory that had special meaning to the team. "Lawrence this year was really special," he said. "It was the game after the gas explosion disaster,

and it was a really big deal for both communities. I had a big game and the whole team played really well." Moody followed that up a week later with 105 yards and a touchdown in a near upset of Methuen. He has caught a touchdown in all but three games. But how does he make up for his size, often taking on defenders 6-8 inches taller than him? "I have to be able to run crisp routes and use my quickness," he said, "I need to be in the right place every play and be able to beat the defender and whoever else is out there to cover me on every route. I have always been good at playing to my strengths." And it doesn't hurt to be fast. "Speed is definitely a big part

of my game," said Moody. "I like to be able to beat them off the line of scrimmage, especially if I am being jammed. That really helps make up for my lack of size." Also a standout in lacrosse as a midfielder, Moody is hoping to play college football, with Endicott a frontrunner. But first, he wants to pull off a holiday upset. "Hopefully we can pull off the win," he said. "It would be a big upset. We will have to stay balanced on offense and makes some plays. But it would be amazing to get the win, then celebrate with teammates and family on Thanksgiving." ■ ■ ■ Contact David Willis at @DWillisET or DWillis@eagletribune.com.

High five

Swimming dynasty races to fifth straight state title

By KYLE GAUDETTE
Staff Writer

BOSTON — Sixty straight meet wins for the Andover seniors, and five straight Division 1 state championships for the program. There has been no stopping the Golden Warrior swimming dynasty the past five years — the past two decades, really — and there was no way that was ending Sunday morning. Swimming at Harvard's Blodgett Pool, Andover blitzed the field yet again. The Warriors won seven of 12 events, finishing with a dominating 518 points for the program's fifth straight Division 1 state title and 16th in the last 20 years.

Acton-Boxboro finished in a distant second with 224 points, and Newton North was third with 206.5 points. "It feels as good as the first one did in 1999," said legendary Andover swim coach Marilyn Fitzgerald, who at 76-years-old is showing no signs of slowing down. "This makes 60 straight wins for this group of seniors. They won all their dual meets, they won four league championships, four North sectionals and four state championships, so that in itself is pretty awesome."

"But, all you have to do is look at the seed times and then look at the times they actually accomplished today. It was simply phenomenal." Seniors Victoria Ambrose, Julia Donahue and Mia Galat all had three event wins for the Warriors. Ambrose, who won the 100 freestyle as a junior last year, started her day winning the 200 IM in 2:04.24. She beat her seed time by over six seconds, and just barely edged out Donahue who finished in

2:04.29. Teammate Emily Clements, who won the event last year, came in fourth (2:06.77). "I can't describe it," said Ambrose. "Being able to swim it with all three of my teammates in the same heat really drove me. Julia, Emily and Lauren (Besette) have always pushed me. I couldn't have done it without them." Not satisfied with just one gold medal, Ambrose took to the 500 freestyle and, quite simply, dominated. Her winning time of 5:05.50 beat her seed time by over a remarkable 15 seconds, and was nearly nine seconds faster than junior teammate Eliza Williams, who placed second (5:14.01). "I haven't touched that (500) time since freshman year," said Ambrose. "It's crazy to even think that I just did that."

Ambrose ended her fantastic day as the opening leg of the winning 4x400 relay team along with Donahue, Galat and Clements.

GALAT REPEATS IN BUTTERFLY

After helping her Warriors get off to a fast start with a win in the first event, the 200 medley relay, Galat made sure her 100 butterfly title wasn't going anywhere. She won the event a year ago in 56.98, and blitzed the field on Sunday with a meet-record time of 56.03. She also was part of the winning 4x400 relay team (3:39.49), and finished second in the 200 freestyle (1:53.11). "It was really good," said Galat. "I was seeded second at the (North) sectionals meet and I came in second there. But it was good to come back and have a week to fix my technique. Obviously it worked really well, so I'm



Andover's Julia Donahue competes in the 200-yard medley. She won three titles Sunday.



Andover's Mia Galat receives her medal for winning the 200 freestyle at the Division 1 state meet.

pretty happy." Andover's other winners were Donahue in the 100 breaststroke (1:05.74) and senior Sydney Ho in the diving (460.65).

Division 1 State Swim Meet

Meet results (15 teams scored): 1. Andover 518; 2. Acton-Boxboro 224; 3. Newton North 206.5
Top Andover placers (top 8):
200 medley relay: 1. Emilia Ma, Julia Donahue, Mia Galat, Emily Clements 1:50.06; 200

freestyle: 2. Mia Galat 1:53.11, 5. Eliza Williams 1:59.26; 200 IM: 1. Victoria Ambrose 2:04.24, 2. Donahue 2:04.29, 4. Emily Clements 2:06.77; 6. Lauren Besette 2:15.25; 50 freestyle: 5. Palina Malinovskykaya 25.88, 6. Emily Chen 25.94; Diving: 1. Sydney Ho 460.65; 100 butterfly: 1. Galat 56.03, 3. Jordan Clements 59.88, 4. Besette 1:00.74; 100 freestyle: 2. E. Clements 53.41, 7. Chen 55.89, 8. Ma 56.30; 500 freestyle: 1. Ambrose 5:05.50, 2. Williams 5:14.01, 5. Charlotte Moulson 5:22.11; 200 freestyle relay: 3. J. Clements, Ma, Chen, Ambrose 1:42.42; 100 backstroke: 3. Ma 1:01.23, 5. Andrea Pantazi 1:01.89; 100 breaststroke: 1. Donahue 1:05.74, 4. J. Clements 1:08.80; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Ambrose, Donahue, Galat, E. Clements 3:39.49



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Andover athletes pose after a relay victory at the Division 1 state meet.



Andover swimmers celebrate on the way to winning the Division 1 state meet.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Memorial Hall Library has a lot of programs and activities in store for adults. Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

Friends' Holiday Book Sale
The annual Holiday Book Sale is Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This smaller sale features gift quality books for all ages, and many different genres, including fiction, non-fiction, oversized books, and seasonal favorites, all at bargain prices. Shop for the holidays and support the Friends and programs for all ages at the library.

The Friends' Concert Series: Terri Kelley & Bill Donelan: Songs America Loves
On Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m., Andover residents Terri Kelley and Bill Donelan, a piano/vocal duo, will perform a program that includes a collection of American songs from 1850-1970, along with seasonal favorites. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Pub Trivia at Andolini's
On Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m., bring a team and test your knowledge against our librarian facilitators at Pub Trivia night at Andolini's Restaurant. A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the winning team, courtesy of the Friends of MHL.

Other December events at MHL:
MVMTA Winter Recital on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of piano music performed by the students of the Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Adult Board Games @MHL
on Monday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Activity Room - Enjoy board games with other adults. Bring your own or play one of ours. Facilitated by Andover resident, John Totten.

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