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John Palfrey, Phillips head of school, reflects on 7 years

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Seven years of challenges, successes and relationships have come to a close for John Palfrey, now the former head of school at Phillips Academy.

After clearing out his office and beginning his long list of goodbyes to staff, faculty and students, Palfrey sat down at the Andover Inn to reflect on his time at the school.



John Palfrey

What will he miss the most? Having a

front-row seat to the development of a diverse group of students navigating through the most important time of their lives, he said. From their first day of high school to their graduation, Palfrey has watched thousands of students grow over the years.

Biggest challenges

With every job comes challenges that require important decisions, some more

large-scale than others. Palfrey recalled the three biggest challenges he faced during his tenure, which he said he never expected to handle while in his role.

In September 2017, Daniel Nakajima, a 17-year old senior day student at Phillips Academy, was struck by an MBTA Commuter Train in what was called a suicide by school officials.

“Certainly the hardest thing

was we had a suicide during my time here, and certainly to lose a student is the worst thing that can happen to an educational community,” Palfrey said.

Also during his seven years leading the elite boarding school, nine staff members had been implicated in inappropriate sexual activity. In September 2016, an investigation found five cases of sexual misconduct involving faculty

members and students in the 1970s and 80s. Another report identified three more cases, also stemming from those years.

In May 2018, a Russian instructor at the school, and former boys junior varsity volleyball coach, was also accused of past sexual misconduct with a student in the 1980s.

“In any challenge, when See **PALFREY**, Page 2

Fourth of July Horribles Parade Ride



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

Children and their families packed the center of town for Andover's annual Fourth of July festivities. Here, kids gather on Bartlett Street for the Horribles Parade Ride. See more photos from the Fourth, Page 9.

New \$1M ladder truck just too tall

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A brand-new \$1 million ladder firetruck is too tall to fit under the Horn bridge, the small railroad bridge over Central Street at the intersection of Andover Street and Red Spring Road, said Fire Chief Mike Mansfield.

The truck, which Mansfield said was supposed to emulate the current 11 foot, 4 inch ladder one truck, appeared taller than that truck when it was delivered. Mansfield said that caused fire officials to immediately begin taking measurements of the new vehicle.

“It looked higher, so as a proactive move we went down there, blocked off traffic on either side of the Horn Bridge with our mechanic, and discovered that it was a bit too high,” Mansfield said. “We didn't take any chances with it. We felt by doing that we were being proactive.”

The height of the bridge

is 11 feet, 6 inches. The new truck stands at a height of 11 feet, 11 inches — exceeding the bridge height by 5 inches.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said fitting under the bridge was part of the specifications that were developed and submitted to the manufacturer prior to the truck being built. He said the manufacturer — Pierce Manufacturing — has acknowledged the truck isn't in compliance and is cooperating in making adjustments.

“It will fit,” Flanagan said. “The truck was actually built so it could fit under the Horn Bridge. ... It will fit after some adjustments which are part of getting the truck ready to put in service.”

Mansfield and town officials are working with the manufacturer to make adjustments in suspension as part of the post-delivery process. They are also looking at alternative solutions

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Movable mural to display town's history, icons

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A new, movable mural is in the works, and will display panels of various historic places in Andover once it's done and put up at various locations around town.

The design for the 5-by-20 foot mural, which will switch in-and-out from black and white to colored panels, is inspired by a series of images taken from the Andover Center for History and Culture.

The first of the four panels will display a black and white image of a boy fishing at the Shawsheen River alongside his dog. It will transform into a color panel of Old Town Hall, accompanied by the historic Lovejoy Farm wagon stationed out front.

From there, the third panel will again display black and white images of mill buildings with participants from the annual Feaster Five Thanksgiving Day Road Race running down the road. It will tie together with a colorful fourth panel of people kayaking down the Shawsheen River.

“It feels great to work on this,” said Marisa McCarthy, 18, a recent graduate of Andover High School who is tasked with painting the mural.

McCarthy said her talents were recognized two years ago by an art teacher, and since then she has been involved in several art projects over the years. In conjunction with Elyse Cote, also a recent AHS graduate, McCarthy pitched the idea for a mural — one of the biggest projects she has taken on.

McCarthy will work on the mural at the Old Town Yard throughout the summer. She hopes to complete it in August before she heads to Tufts University to embark on her college career.

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TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Ann Ormond, Andover's director of business, arts and cultural development, talks about artist Marisa McCarthy, left, and Rian Walsh, both 18 and of Andover, as they explain the new mural at the former town yard. Town officials unveiled the outline of the mural on Tuesday.



Select Board member Annie Gilbert paints a small section of a new mural at the former town yard.

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Townsman gets a new editor

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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The Andover Townsman this week welcomes Bill Cantwell, a veteran journalist, as its new editor.



Bill Cantwell

Cantwell replaces Bill Kirk, who has been the editor of the Townsman since 2015 and was the assistant editor

prior to that. Kirk is moving to a new role with The Townsman's sister newspaper, The Eagle-Tribune.

A lifelong resident of Haverhill, Cantwell has worked at The Eagle-Tribune for 38 years and has been editor of the Haverhill Gazette for the last 15 years. He said he is dedicated to the readership and coverage of Andover.

“In my work, my passion has always been delivering local news to our readers, the stories that impact them and their families,” he said.

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Horn Bridge on Central Street.

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to bring the truck down several inches, with ideas such as changing the tires.

"One of the things we've looked at and discovered already is that if we change the tires on the ladder we will be able to drop the height of the ladder truck down by almost 2 inches," Mansfield said. "So there's things like that that we can do that will allow us to hopefully drop it down to the height requirement that we need it to be."

He said it is premature to make assumptions with regards to the manufacturing of the truck, and where things might have gone awry.

"I am not going to pass judgement on this until such time we have all the answers from the engineers and we have all the answers to the questions that we have," he said.

With training on the new truck not scheduled until



The Andover Fire Department's new Ladder 1 truck.

late July, Mansfield said there were no plans from the department to put the truck in service until later in the summer.

The Horn Bridge hovers over a major intersection in town, located just 1.4 miles from the central fire station at 32 North Main St., where the truck will be housed.

Flanagan said this is not the initial time town vehicles have not fit under the bridge.

He said the height has not presented any other issues, and the truck comfortably fits in the station with plenty of surrounding room.

Representatives from Pierce could not be reached for comment.



The Andover Fire Department's new Ladder 1 truck is just too big to fit under the Horn Bridge on Central Street. The new truck sits at 11 feet, 11 inches while the bridge's height is 11 feet, 6 inches.



PALFREY

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you're running a school, the right question is 'What's in the best interest of the students in our care?'" Palfrey said. "When it came to investigating the sexual misconduct of past faculty, the question was: 'How do we understand this as well as we can? How do we reach out to those who are survivors of this misconduct, and how do we improve the school for the students who

are in our care now, and in the future?'"

On Sept. 13, Palfrey was again faced with a challenge that would rise to the top of his list of difficulties as head of school.

When the gas disasters caused by over-pressurized gas lines struck the communities of Lawrence, Andover and North Andover, he was tasked with keeping 1,100 kids safe.

Palfrey said everyone was evacuated to the great lawn and brought back into their dorms several hours later,

after ensuring the buildings were safe for return.

Adding to the already heaping stress was the fact that Phillips Academy has a large population of foreign students. Palfrey said parents were witnessing what was happening at their children's school on the news, from thousands of miles away.

"It's important to keep one's composure and act with ice water in your veins," he said. "It was in a moment like that, when you need to keep 1,100 kids safe and nobody knows what is going on."

Biggest accomplishments

Though Palfrey endured his share of challenges, he also reflected on his proudest aspects of the academy, many of which he is largely credited for.

Phillips Academy remains the only need-blind school of its kind, while also maintaining the highest level of academic excellence of any high school in the world.

By operating on a need-blind basis, Palfrey said the school meets the needs of students when it comes to paying tuition, and is "blind to the needs of the family." Wealthy students pay full tuition, some come entirely free if they don't have the means, and others pay partial tuition.

"We tell people to apply, and they can come regardless of whether or not they can pay," he said. "We are able to operate in this way that I think is very morally important."

Operating this way, however, means the school has had to raise a lot of money, and gain significant financial strength.

Under Palfrey's leadership, the school's endowment has gone from \$785 million to \$1.1 billion.

Leaving Andover behind

Palfrey said he has high hopes for whomever his successor is that they will continue to lead Phillips Academy "from strength to strength."

He said teaching will be one of the most difficult things to leave behind. Palfrey taught U.S. history at the academy, and prior to that taught a class on computer hacking.

"And being close to a group of students that I felt very connected to, and a group of faculty and staff colleagues that are devoted to excellence in education in a way I really admire," he added.

Palfrey said he is leaving the school with few regrets, but wishes he had more time and ability to be more involved in the smaller things.

"In some ways one of the challenges of this job is at any given moment there is a wonderful play going on, the volleyball team is playing, and there's an amazing speaker in the chapel from out of town," he said. "You just can't be in all those places, being as connected as you want to every one of the students. I would have loved to have had more ability to be more involved in



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

John Palfrey, head of school at Phillips Academy for the last seven years, is leaving the position for a job in Chicago.

things."

For incoming students, and those who have since graduated, Palfrey shared one piece of valuable advice.

"Please know that your teachers believe in you, and that the experience you have at a school like this will serve you your whole life, especially in so far as you realize that you can accomplish anything," he said.

Though Palfrey, 46, will depart from Andover in September, his two children will still remain students at Phillips Academy. His son, Jack, 17, is a rising junior, and his daughter, Emeline, 13, will be a freshman.

Palfrey and his wife will move to Chicago where he will take on the role of president of the MacArthur Foundation. The foundation makes grants and investments to

support non-profit organizations in Chicago, across the country, and in approximately 50 others.

Palfrey said the foundation is one of the leading, large foundations in the world, and plays a very important role in supporting creative and innovative approaches to solving social problems on a larger scale.

Jim Ventre, who is currently the assistant head of school for admission and financial aid, will take over as head of school for one year. He has declared he is not a candidate for the permanent 16th head of school, said Palfrey, who expects a new head of school will be selected and announced this school year.

"I hope to have left the school in good shape for the person that follows," he said.

EDITOR

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"That's been at the heart of my personal mission my entire career, and I am committed to doing the same for the people of Andover."

Cantwell encourages readers in Andover to contact him to offer story ideas, and also give opinions on coverage.

"Their input gives us our best chance to do the job well," he said.

Karen Andreas, publisher of the Townsman, said Cantwell is the perfect leader for the community weekly.

"I very much appreciate Bill Kirk's stewardship of The Townsman, especially the thoughtfulness and care he used in covering Andover and editing its community newspaper," Joyner said. "His work is truly award winning. At the same time, I am eager to see him bring a fresh look to a critical assignment for The Eagle-Tribune."

journalism that enhances the lives of the Andover community."

Executive Editor David Joyner, an Andover resident, said the Townsman is being passed on to steady leadership.

"The Townsman and its readers are in great hands with Bill," he said. "He's a veteran journalist with an innate sense of the Merrimack Valley, and he's well attuned to the issues and intricacies of our town."

Last week closed out Kirk's time at the paper, as he moved on to cover Lawrence, a major area of emphasis for The Eagle-Tribune.

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Artist Marisa McCarthy, 18, of Andover talks about each section of a new mural.

MURAL

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"I get to paint here for four hours a day, everyday, which is just my dream," she said.

What makes the mural unique is that it is movable. The panels are hinged together, allowing the entire piece to be carefully folded up and easily transported to new locations.

The mural was originally set to cover the wall running along North Main Street by Perfecto's Caffe, but structural concerns partnered with the old age of the wall prompted a different plan.

The idea of making the mural movable was developed by Ann Ormond, director of business, arts and cultural development, who has taken the reins on the project.

Aware of a movable art program in Memphis that utilizes art in pop-up locations throughout the city, Ormond decided to bring the idea to Andover. She believed it was a great alternative to having the mural hang in a sole location.

"That's the beauty of it, that it can be moved," she said. "This is one of the first visual things the town can do to show there is a consensus and favor for public art in town."

Ormond said the mural will make appearances at major town events, and brighten buildings like Memorial Hall Library and Town Hall with its colorful images. She said the hope is to debut it at Andover



Andover's South Church senior pastor, Dana Allen-Walsh, and her husband, Sean, paint a small section of a new mural with their children, Emerson, 2, and Leighton, 6, at the former town yard.

Day on Sept. 7.

"The addition of the mural to Andover is meant to reinforce the need and appreciation of public art," Ormond said. "This student and community-driven project fits into the long-range plan for a robust public art program throughout Andover. The mural is the first step in creating an amazing public art program."

On Tuesday, town officials and the individuals credited with spearheading the mural came together at the Old Town Yard for a "First Paint." People had the opportunity to make their mark on the mural by painting small sections of the larger piece. Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Deputy Town Manager Mike Lindstrom, and Select Board Member Annie Gilbert were among those to

contribute.

The paint for the mural was donated by Sherwin Williams Paint Store, 209 No. Main St., Andover.

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Officials probe massive fire that destroyed house

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By PAUL TENNANT
Staff Writer

Investigators are trying to determine the cause of a massive fire that destroyed a large single-family house at 8 Brundrett Ave. late Monday night. All residents of the home got out safely, according to police at the scene. The house was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived, according to scanner reports.

Denia Taylor of 30 Shattuck Road, who lives within a quarter-mile of the fire, said she heard an explosion around 10:30 p.m. The air was filled with smoke and ashes, she said.

"I thought it was fireworks," she said. The blaze brought a full response from the Fire Department, including at least one ambulance. A Lawrence General Hospital ambulance also responded.

A long driveway leads to the house. The building was made mostly of wood with a partial brick facade on the



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Firefighters late Monday night battled this blaze in a home at 8 Brundrett Ave. in Andover. All occupants of the home were accounted for.

front. Police restricted access to the property while firefighters attacked the flames.

Engine 2 drew water from a hydrant on Brundrett Avenue and fed engines that were close to the fire. A nearby hydrant on Chandler Road also supplied water.

Investigators from the state fire marshal's office were at

the scene. The neighborhood on Brundrett Avenue, which runs between River and Chandler roads, consists of large homes that are spread far apart from each other.

Andover was assisted with station coverage from Tewksbury, Lawrence and Wilmington.

Art installation

Andover metal sculptor Eric Harty installs dozens of fish, starfish, lobsters, crabs and seaweed - some of them embedded with LEDs that are triggered by a motion sensor - inside the Clipper City Rail Trail tunnel under High Street in Newburyport. Harty was working on a recent Sunday afternoon but has put in several days to install these latest sculptures.

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RYAN DINAPOLI PHOTOS

South Church VBS 2019 celebrate a fantastic week and are looking forward to VBS 2020, which will be called BUILD.

South Church holds vacation bible school

STAFF REPORT

South Church held a vacation bible school from June 24-28 at its 41 Central St. location.

Each day, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., during Beantown, were involved in drama, games, stories, crafts, food, and other activities.

Anyone in the community was eligible to participate. Children from pre-schoolers through Grade 5 were eligible to participate with older children and students serving as counselors or assistants.



In sports, a game incorporates the Parable of Separating Sheep from Goats while celebrating the Boston Bruins.

Leadership transition



PHOTO BY FRANCES WHEELER

At this year's Andover Garden Club annual meeting, outgoing president Tina Girdwood, right, passed the reins to Heather Moody Holman. The incoming president, a well-known local realtor who grew up in Andover and has been active in a number of civic and business organizations, is a second-generation club member. Her late mother, Barbara Moody, was a member for many years.

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ONGOING EVENTS:
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open until Aug. 29. ACHC is continuing to seek AVIS memorabilia for the exhibit. To send photos to ACHC, email breathingplaces2019@gmail.com

Men's Hiking Group at The Center at Punchard is offering hikes on the second and fourth

Wednesdays. Many are on AVIS Reservations.
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Opinion

Spike in teen suicides tied to opiates

There has been an alarming recent spike in the number of teenagers committing suicide.

Researchers and mental health professionals have pointed to several possible causes for the increase, such as bullying, the corrosive effect of social media and the Netflix show "13 Reasons Why," which critics say oversimplifies and in some ways glamorizes teen suicide.

Increasingly, however, it is becoming clear the opioid crisis is having a secondary effect, either with young people losing hope in the face of addiction, or seeing families and loved ones lost to the disease.

"Researchers estimate that about a third of all opioid deaths are actually suicides," Kimberly O'Brien, a research scientist who studies adolescent suicide at Boston Children's Hospital, told the Boston Globe earlier this month. "We could have more suicides by opioids than we know. If you're addicted to opioids you can feel helpless and hopeless."

The overall numbers are staggering.

According a recent study from Harvard Medical School, the suicide rate among teens aged 15 to 19 rose 47 percent between 2000 and 2017. For those between the ages of 20 and 24, the rate grew by 36 percent.

The study culled years of data from the Centers for Disease Control, and while it was not designed to identify underlying factors in suicide, lead author Oren Miron noted that opioid use has been shown to drive suicidal behavior among addicts and their loved ones.

"The entire community is bleeding," he said. "Kids see less of a future, they see more of their friends dying."

It's a phenomenon not always noted when public officials talk about addressing the opioid crisis. But the Harvard analysis, the latest in a long line of reports noting the correlation, should spur a new conversation about how best to identify drug use, depression and anxiety in teenagers, and how to help them, as individuals and as a group.

A study released in May, for example, noted the increased risk of suicide by adolescents whose parents are grappling with opioid addiction. The risk factor for suicide by children of parents who hold an opioid prescription is twice that of others.

The study detailed a tragic chain: Adults who suffer from opioid addiction are more likely to attempt suicide than those who do not. And children whose parents attempt to commit suicide are more likely to make an attempt themselves.

"The epidemics of adult opiate abuse and child suicidal behavior appear to be linked, and the disturbing upward trends in mortality due to opiates and due to child suicide may have common roots," said the study's author, David A. Brent, a psychiatrist and chair of suicide studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

There is, however, cause for hope. Whatever the underlying cause, adolescent depression and anxiety can be treated successfully, and a greater awareness of the special mental health challenges related to the opioid epidemic can help ensure those who need help are getting it.

The authors of the second study, for example, urged regular mental health screenings of children dealing with opioid-related family situations. Those screenings can lead to effective treatment, either through primary care providers, schools, group visits or same-day psychiatrist appointments.

"It's really a matter of having the will to do it," Brent told the Globe. "We have the methods. There are interventions out there that work, but people aren't getting them."

That has to change.

In the event of emergency, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline offers free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The lifeline can be reached at (800) 273-TALK (8255).

Ex-NFL star ignores American achievements

Jay Ambrose

Ah, July 4th, what a day — a day celebrating our forefathers standing up and telling Britain that we were independent of them, that we had unalienable rights, and that those included life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. On this holiday we always say thank you, dear founders, we look at what we have achieved since the Revolutionary War, and we pursue happiness with fireworks, hot dogs and family fun.

But not Colin Kaepernick. This activist doesn't see America as exceptional or even particularly good. He doesn't get it that our precious ideals have been conquering our deepest faults, as in Martin Luther King Jr. preaching that the United States had to live up to its precious, beloved standards by ending discrimination. Perfection did not then occur, but many hearts were open and there were advances beyond imagining.

Instead of seeing any good anywhere, this former NFL quarterback

would kneel at football games during the playing of the national anthem, not just an insult to the military, as some say, but to a brilliantly formed republic, the country's remarkable history, its amazing people, its energy and unity. Kaepernick did more divide than step forward and more to insult than to enlarge understandings as he pointed symbolically to inequities and tragedies.

And he just struck again. He works with Nike and said that he found small colorful Betsy Ross flags on the back of special July 4th shoes offensive. While this was an early American flag, waved high in encounters with redcoats, Kaepernick saw it as vile because it was created during the end of a colonial era with large numbers of slaves. It shouldn't be shown. Unbelievable.

Are we now going to ban any representation of the Colonies? Are there thousands of people honorably wounded by Betsy Ross's depiction of these remarkable entities with 13 stars?

It's said that some extreme racist groups have toted these flags, but no one seems to know why that alone would mean much of anything. The fact is, this country saw 600,000 people killed in a war that ended slavery and we have moved effectively on so, so many fronts, even if so many people today act as if Jim Crow is still with us. Do not take my words for achievements despite hate still hanging in there, but read the following parts of a speech to graduating seniors by President Barack Obama back in May of 2016 at Howard University, in vivid contrast to today's rampant incitement of tensions.

Since he himself graduated in 1983, Obama said, "the poverty rate is down. Americans with college degrees, that rate is up. Crime rates are down. America's cities have undergone a renaissance. There are more women in the workforce. They're earning more money. We've cut teen pregnancy in half. We've slashed the African American dropout rate by almost 60 percent,

and all of you have a computer in your pocket that gives you the world at the touch of a button. In 1983, I was part of fewer than 10% of African Americans who graduated with a bachelor's degree. Today, you're part of the more than 20% who will."

He listed ways in which race relations were improved, including his election and all the black CEOs, judges, great athletes and entertainers along with business owners, mayors and representatives. He said right now was the best time for a black person to be born in America and that it was important to take note of such things because "to deny how far we've come would do a disservice to the cause of justice" and those who have fought for it, and because one could otherwise lose sight of the possibilities of further efforts.

Thank you, President Obama, and happy Fourth of July.

Jay Ambrose is a Tribune News Service columnist. Readers may email him at speaktojay@aol.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shawsheen Luncheonette an icon of Andover

Editor, Townsman:

As Amy and Bryan Guay close the Shawsheen Luncheonette doors and move on to their next adventure, I want to thank them for three decades of feeding the greater Andover community. Like many others who grew up in the area, the diner has been a constant in my life. I remember having breakfast with one of my coaches, Tom Kenney, when I was in high school. Fast-forward years to this past Sunday, when I was having breakfast with my eldest daughter, Ava, who is now the age I was when I was eating breakfast with Coach Kenney. Though in those days, I used to plow through the three eggs, hash and white toast, and I now prefer the super food omelet with fruit and whole grain toast. I guess some things have changed.

As our town transforms, Ford's, Lantern Brunch and Shawsheen Luncheonette have new owners and new names, and as people trade in flapjacks and a cup of joe for smoothies and lattes, we cannot forget about what truly makes a community strong — the bonds between individuals. Shawsheen is special because of the people it brings together, be it family weekend brunches, friends catching up over coffee, and neighbors bumping into each other in line. I hope that this spirit continues when Shawsheen

reopens its doors.

Amy and Bryan, good luck with your well-deserved retirement and upcoming adventures around the country. As you pass the torch to the new owners of Shawsheen Luncheonette, we truly appreciate not only how you made our bellies feel, but how you gave our community a place to come together.

BARRY FINEGOLD
Andover

Local pols seek to expand abortion law

Editor, Townsman:

I'm writing to let people know about the proposed legislation being promoted by our Massachusetts legislators. Two co-sponsors are our own State Rep. Tram Nguyen and State Sen. Barry Finegold. The bills are House Bill 3320 (the ROE Act) and Senate Bill 1209. These bills expand the breadth of abortion to include late-term abortions right up to birth itself.

In addition to many other appalling changes to current law, these bills if passed:

-- Will let vulnerable underage girls as young as 12 get abortions without any parental consent or even a judicial bypass.

-- Will legalize abortions up to birth for virtually any reason.

-- Will eliminate the current requirement that abortions performed after 24 weeks be done in a hospital

— this puts women at great risk.

-- Will eliminate current law that requires physicians to provide life-saving medical aid to infants born alive during a late-term abortion. Note: According to the New England Journal of Medicine, at 25 weeks an unborn child, provided with medical treatment, has a 72 percent survival rate.

The current Massachusetts law on abortion is disgraceful enough, but the proposed bills broaden the right to kill an unborn child at any stage — and in fact, will allow a baby born alive to be left to die with no consequences. This is infanticide!

I've visited Rep. Nguyen's office and called numerous times; she is never available. I've asked that Rep. Nguyen call me back to discuss House Bill 3320, but she has never called. I've attempted to schedule an appointment to meet with Rep. Nguyen, but her aide told me I could not. Last September, I was privileged to be on local TV with Rep.

Nguyen where she stated on camera that she would not support abortion past viability. Was this just to get elected? She is now co-sponsoring House Bill 3320, which expands abortion right up to the moment of birth. Disgusting.

THERESA GOREY
Andover

Tree planting should be a priority

Editor, Townsman,

Given the peril of climate change and the loss of trees worldwide, I would like to suggest that the town do its part by making the planting of trees a priority. I also suggest that homeowners do the same. If each of us plants just one tree, we could make the town even more beautiful and take carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere. Banning plastic bags is not enough, and Andover can do more without breaking the bank.

KATHLEEN DOLAN
Andover

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

The Andover Fire Department's new \$1 million ladder truck is too tall to fit under the Horn Bridge. The structure of the bridge allows vehicles up to 11 feet, 6 inches tall to pass under it. The new ladder truck has a height of 11 feet,

11 inches. **Do you want to know who is responsible for the mistake, and do you think they should be reprimanded?**

Yes - We have a right to know who made the mistake, and there should be consequences.

No - As long as it gets fixed, it doesn't matter.

Last week's question:

State transportation officials opened the high-occupancy vehicle lane on Interstate 93 south to all commuters to alleviate

traffic that has increased due to work on the Tobin Bridge. Now, the state is mulling whether to keep the lane open for the duration of the two-year project, or restore the restrictions to carpools and buses. **What do you think should happen?**

Yes. Keep the lane open to all traffic. Otherwise, I-93 will be a nightmare. **14 votes**

No. Bring back the HOV lane. It rewards those who carpool or park and ride, and the restriction should be restored. **8 votes**

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TownsBeat



Jacob Moss, 3, waves his flag.



Cooking pancakes during Andover's Fourth of July festivities are, from left, firefighters Richie Capano, Jimmy Bancroft and Ryan Beirne.

AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo



Guests line up for pancakes during Andover's Fourth of July festivities.

Fourth of July fun

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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Hundreds of people braved the heat to partake in the annual Fourth of July celebrations in town.

The parade drew in children eager to ride their festive scooters and bikes along the parade route downtown. There was also a pancake breakfast served by the town's firefighters, a concert, games in the park, and of course — the annual road race.

The parade featured a patriotic flavor of floats, children in costumes, and even dogs dressed up in the country's representative red, white and blue colors.

According to the town's website, the horribles parade dates back to the early 1800s. Participation in the tradition — which was originally an adult political satirical event — dwindled and it was resurrected in 1970 by the Andover Service Club.

In 1982, there was another revival of local Fourth of July celebrations by the non-profit Committee for Patriotic Observances.

More photos from the celebrations. Page 10.



Saide Mae Duca, 2, and Logan Bendiks, 3, walk hand in hand as the Horribles Parade arrives at The Park.



Firefighter Richie Capano cooks pancakes with his son Charlie.



Tyler Hickey, 10, is decked out for the Horribles Parade.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 15, SEPT. 29, NOV. 16

Lazarus House Ministries 2019 Fundraising Events: Drive for Dignity Golf Tournament, Monday, July 15, at Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. Golf, dinner, raffles, auctions to benefit those struggling with poverty and homelessness. Registration: lazarushouse.org/golf-tournament, #drivefordignity19.

Hike for Hope, Sunday, Sept. 29. Families, faith groups, sports teams, and business sponsors take to the streets of Andover and hike for hope. Information: events@lazarushouse.org, #hikeforhope19.

Sharing Our Bounty Gala, Saturday, Nov. 16. Celebrating the life-changing achievements supporters

have made possible in the lives of the gala's guests. Information: events@lazarushouse.org, #sharingourbounty19. Lawrence-based Lazarus House Ministries works to break the cycle of poverty by providing food, clothing, work preparation and housing to those in need.

JULY 29

The 2019 Merrimack Valley YMCA Golf Tournament, noon, Haverhill Country Club, \$250 per golfer, includes golf, carts, lunch, dinner and thank you gifts.

THROUGH JULY 31

Spring Opening Reception, 7 to 9 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 180 Main

St., Andover; free and open to the public. Exhibitions include: Harlem: In Situ, examines nearly 100 years of art created in Harlem, exploring the neighborhood's enduring influence on American culture from the Great Migration and Harlem Renaissance to the present day. Also, Goodman: not recent color, made up of large-scale color photographs, the majority of which have never before been exhibited, this show will examine changes to the American cultural landscape through the coming of age of a young artist from the 1970s through the late 1980s. John Goodman, a Boston native and noted photographer of urban American life, recently rediscovered a

series of Kodachrome and Ektachrome color slides from this period depicting Boston and beyond. Rescued from deep storage, the slides have been scanned and printed by the photographer, and the resulting series will make its museum debut at the Addison. Remaining on view this spring are two exhibitions of works from the Addison's collection: 4 x 4, in which four curators in four first-floor galleries have explored a theme, style, or artistic idiom represented in depth across many media; and In and Out of Place, a presentation that investigates the nuanced and varied physical and human characteristics that set place apart from mere location. Both exhibitions

will be open through July 31.

ONGOING

BEACON HOSPICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT for grief and healing. Two unique bereavement programs are being offered in Andover this spring, summer and fall 2019. Walking Bereavement Support Program available at local trails and Create Your Own Mini Memorial Garden with Konjoian's Greenhouses off Chandler Road in Andover. All services are free to support our community. Contact Jacquie Marchand at 978-837-3333, ext. 106, or email jacquie.marchand@amedisys.com for more information and to register.

MERRIMACK VALLEY CAMERA CLUB, based in North Andover and in

its 82nd year, has about 150 members from the Merrimack Valley, North Shore, and Southeastern and Seacoast areas of New Hampshire, ranging from beginners to professionals. The club and its members have been garnering recognition and awards throughout New England and beyond for decades. The club, which meets almost every Wednesday evening, holds frequent workshops, field trips, photo-related activities, presentations and competitions, most of which are open to the public. The club meets at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Socializing starts at 7 p.m., and programs run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Find See **CALENDAR**, Page 10

Fourth of July festivities

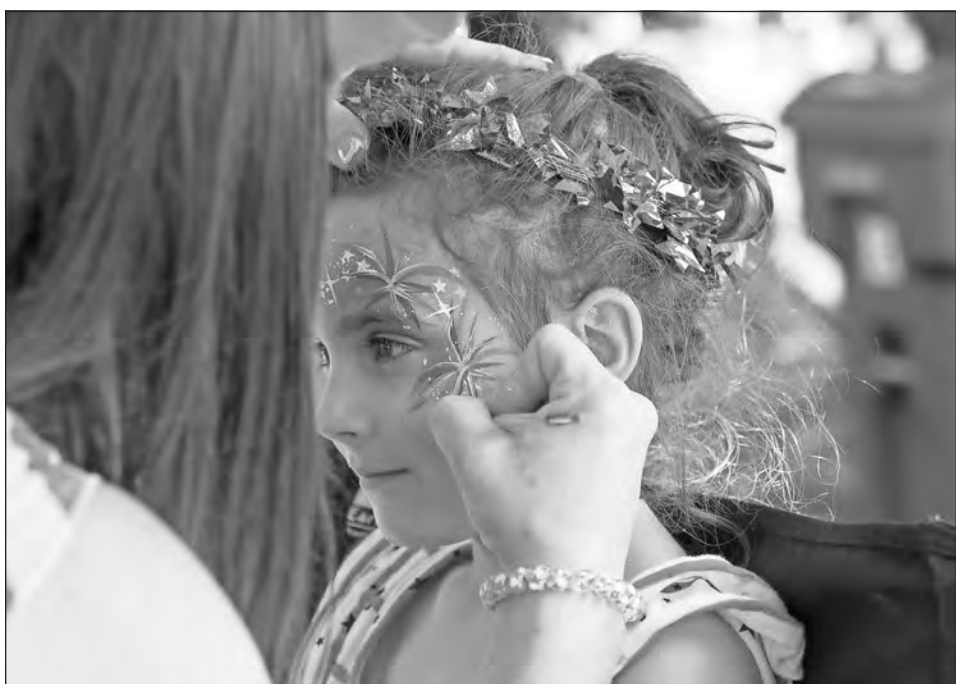


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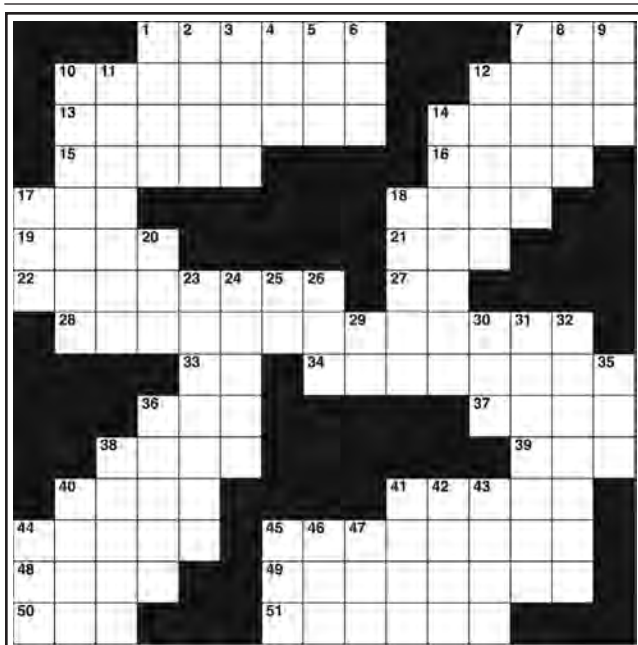
Firefighter Jimmy Bancroft serves pancakes.



Jordi Blagojevich, 3, looks on as he waits for his dinosaur balloon animal to be made.



Josephine Dubanowitz, 6, has her face painted with image of fireworks.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

1. Used to serve wine
7. System to code a number
10. Meddled
12. A type of discount
13. Dependent on
14. Type of wrap
15. Nigerian people
16. Nuclear missile
17. Scientists' tool (abbr.)
18. ___ and feathers
19. It cleans you
21. Doctors' group
22. Silvery marine fish
27. Atomic #58
28. Popular March holiday

33. Pa's partner
34. Sickiness
36. ___ death do us part
37. Scottish settlement
38. Innumerable
39. Small constellation
40. Wings
41. Supernatural creatures
44. Some are hallowed
45. The front door
48. Greek war god
49. Lamented
50. Foot (Latin)
51. Sprucely

CLUES DOWN

1. Military leader (abbr.)
2. Celery (Spanish)
3. Pay heed
4. The products of human creativity
5. Surcharge
6. Doctor of Education
7. Hurtful remarks
8. Marine mollusk
9. The habitat of wild animals
10. Pieces of body art
11. Refusing to budge
12. Triangular back bones
14. Type of cat
17. Type of web browser (abbr.)
18. Small, broad-headed nails
20. Man City coach Guardiola
23. Periods of food shortages
24. European nation

25. Jr.'s father
26. Concealed
29. One who works with the police (abbr.)
30. Lawyers
31. Look of disapproval
32. Longed
35. Type of power cable (abbr.)
36. Hindu cymbals
38. Young women (French)
40. Swiss river
41. Expression of annoyance
42. Where criminals go
43. Inwardly
44. Luck
45. One point north of due east
46. Originally called
47. Defunct airline

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CALENDAR

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more at www.mvcameraclub.org.

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS (FA), Saturdays, 8 a.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St. Having trouble controlling the way you eat? FA is a program that addresses binge eating disorder, overeating, obesity, bulimia, undereating, and obsession with body size and exercise; the free meetings are held in the classroom building of the church; www.foodaddicts.org.

MERRIMACK TOASTMASTERS CLUB, second and fourth Thursday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Membership is open to individuals looking to improve their speaking, presentation and leadership skills, and to overcome their fear of public speaking; guests are always welcome; www.merrimack-toastmasters.org, email contact@merrimack-toastmasters.org.

MEMORY CAFÉ, fourth Monday of the month, Center at Pynchard, 30 Whittier Court. Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar challenges, provide a much-needed break from routines, and offer ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; snacks will be provided; the free program is offered through grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; advance registration is requested; 978-623-8320.

BALLROOM DANCING, Sundays, 7:30 to 11 p.m., Relief's In Function Hall,



FILE PHOTO

Ashley Sticht, of Westbrooke, Conn., looks in the mirror while picking out her dress during the annual Brides Across America gown give away event at Tulle Bridal in Andover in November 2017.

Brides Across America annual giveaway July 12

STAFF REPORT

Brides Across America is hosting its Operation Wedding Gown giveaway event on July 12 at its Andover outlet.

The BAA Outlet is located at 342 N. Main St. and the event is from 10:30 to 11:30

a.m. for military and first responder brides. Brides Across America's Andover outlet store features designer wedding gowns, formals, and accessories in the 2,500-square-foot location. Military and first responder brides will be able

to get a wedding dress for free. Heidi Janson founded Brides Across America in 2008 and believes that every bride deserves to have that fairytale wedding, especially first-responders and military brides that are heroes sacrificing their lives.

Town Rec department hosts goat yoga in outdoor setting

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Goats — no, not the football-playing GOAT — are coming to The Park next week to join a town-run yoga class as Andover yogis join the national goat yoga craze.

The town's Recreation Department is offering Goat Yoga for the first time on Friday, July 19 and again on Thursday, Aug. 15. Both goat yoga classes will be held at The Park from 6 to 7 p.m. Each class costs \$30, is limited to 25 participants who have to be at least 13.

"Goat Yoga is a growing trend across the country and is a fun, unique event that combines wellness and relaxation with a love of animals and the outdoors," said Recreation Director Jessica Downing. Chip-In Farm of Bedford will supply the flock of baby goats who are naturally curious and playful. Baby goats love to climb on anyone and anything so this yoga class will not be one for relaxing and meditation. It aims to be fun and memorable and a sure way to mow the grass as goats



FILE PHOTO

Christine Olesen-Weigand, of Wakefield, smiles as a baby goat balances on her during a session of goat yoga at Great Rock Farm in Georgetown in this photo taken in August 2017.

are known to eat anything and everything."

After the class is complete, there is also the chance to pet, hold, and take pictures with the animals. The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets is a local outdoor space where people can appreciate the beauty of nature in Andover; Downing said, adding it was the "perfect spot to host Andover Recreation's first ever Goat Yoga

classes."

There will be 10 goats at the classes in Andover. Their names are Taz, Butterscotch, Spruce, Blossom, Poppy, Peppa, Marge, Parmesan, Cosmo and Sneaky Pete.

"Although new, the classes are proving to be very popular and are filling quickly," Downing said.

Registration is at AndoverRec.com.

www.foodaddicts.org. FELLOWSHIP/WORSHIP MEETING, Sundays, 5 p.m., North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 244 Lowell St. Hosted by the Mosaic Christian Movement, everyone is welcome to enjoy food, fellowship and a relaxed worship service; registration is requested; email aaronkrue@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE'S VAN, will be in the Penguin Park parking lot on Burnham Road from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month. Donations of gently used baby gear and in season children's clothing will be collected. All donations will go to children in the Merrimack Valley and North Shore. At this time, there is an urgent need for clothing for infants (up to 3 months old) and infant car seats under 5 years old. For a complete list of acceptable donations, visit www.communitygivingtree.org.

TREBLE CHORUS OF NEW ENGLAND, now welcoming singers ages 6 to 18; the informal auditions are quick and simple; prepared pieces are not required; www.treblechorusne.org, tnemanager@treblechorusne.org.

SPECTRUM CHILDREN'S CHORUS, rehearses on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Andover North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, 244 Lowell St. The mission of the church's multicultural chorus is to reflect on the diversity of the world, widen students' perspectives, and instill cross cultural understandings and harmonizing through music and dancing; all children are welcome; registration, auditioning and rehearsal dates are available at www.spectrumchildrenschorus.org, email

spectrumchildrenschorus@gmail.com, 978-269-4198.

ADDISON GALLERY OF AMERICAN ART, free admission to the gallery and all programs; located on the Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave.; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

GELB GALLERY, located in George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy campus, 7 Chapel Ave.; open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; parking is available on Chapel Avenue and in the lot next to the Andover Inn; www.andover.edu.

ALPERS FINE ART, located at 96 Main St.; 978-760-1829, www.alpers-fineartonline.com.

THE NEW ENGLAND CLASSICAL SINGERS, holding auditions for all parts, South Church, 41 Central St. The 30-voice SATB choral group, based in Andover, performs three concerts during the season, in December, March and May; rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, 7:15 to 9:45 p.m.; auditions consist of voice quality and placement, vocal range placement, sight reading ability, and aural recognition; a solo piece is not required; singers should have choral experience and sight reading ability; www.newenglandclassical.org.

ANDOVER RECREATION, 36 Bartlet St., offers a number of different programs for adults, youth and children; www.andoverrec.com, 978-623-8340.

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

To submit an item for the entertainment calendar, email townsmen@andovertownsm.com.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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

Annual vehicle night at MHL

On Tuesday, July 16 from 6-7:30 p.m., families are invited to stop by the library parking lot with cameras and kids to explore vehicles from the town's public works, police and fire departments. Come enjoy some big rigs and get to know the operators who drive them for the police, fire and DPW. Thanks to all departments and the Friends of Memorial Hall Library for sponsoring this event. Enter to win a door prize in the Children's Room. The library's parking lot will close at 5 p.m. to make room for Vehicle Night.

Summer Movie at the MHL Drive-in

On Monday, July 22 from 10 a.m.-noon, kids age 3 & up are invited to the MHL Drive-in movie. Bring popcorn and a drink and watch Space Buddies in one of the cardboard cars. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar> starting July 8 at 9 a.m.

ISS: Living and Working in Space

On Thursday, July 25, children in grades 1-6 are invited to join the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center to explore

what it is like living and working in space. Using exclusive NASA videos and a variety of visual and hands-on demonstrations, students will learn how astronauts live and work in space while answering questions like: What is it like to live in space? How do astronauts adjust to microgravity? What are the astronauts doing in space? Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar> the name of the child who will be attending the program. There are two, hour-long sessions, one at 2:30 p.m. and one at 3:45 p.m. Registration begins July 11 at 9 a.m.

A NASA Ambassador Visits MHL

Fifty years ago, humanity first set foot on another heavenly body — the Moon. On Saturday, July 20 from 2:30-3:30 p.m., kids ages 7-11 are invited to join NASA Solar System Ambassador Shelley Rosenbaum Lipman to learn about the mission of Apollo 11, and build their own lunar lander. This program is for children ages 7-11. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar> beginning July 6 at 9 a.m.

Blast-Off with Blades

On Monday, July 29 from 11 a.m.-noon, Blades (the Boston Bruins mascot) is coming to celebrate the summer reading partnership with the Boston Bruins. There will be stories, trivia, games, activities, and of course photos

with Blades. Register online the name of each child that will be attending the program. Registration begins Monday, July 15 at 9 a.m.

Rockets there and back again

On Tuesday, July 30, become a rocket scientist with the Museum of Science. This hands-on workshop explores the science behind rockets and space exploration. Use your imagination to plan, build, and test your own design to create an air rocket that launches across the room, and engineer a way for a payload to return safely to Earth. Space is limited. Please register online the family name and how many adults and children will be attending the program. The sessions are at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, July 16 at 9 a.m.

July events in the Children's Room:
In-Be-Tweens Programs are for Grades 4 & 5. Space is limited. Registration

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Create the Summer Drive-in Movie Cars on Monday, July 15 from 3:45-4:15 p.m. For Grades 4 & 5. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Make It Take It Tuesdays for ages 3 & up and an adult, on Tuesdays, July 23 & 30 from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Join us for a drop-in craft program. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Reading with Annie on Tuesdays, July 9 & 23 from 2:30-3:30 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 at <https://mhl.org/calendar>.

Spacey Science on Wednesday, July 10 from 3:30-4:15 p.m. for ages 5-8. We will share a story, do some simple experiments, and make a craft to take home. Register at <https://mhl.org/calendar> starting

June 26 at 9 a.m.

Around the World in 30 minutes for birth-5 & an adult, on Friday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. Explore different languages through songs, rhymes, stories and games. For native speakers and those who want to expose their child to different languages and cultures at an early age. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Book Bingo on Thursday, July 18, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for ages 8-11. Play 4-5 rounds of bingo and the prizes you can win are books. Sign up at <https://mhl.org/calendar> starting July 3rd.

Musical Mornings with Peter Sheridan on Friday, July 19 at 10 a.m. A children's musician for twenty years, Peter

performs at many libraries, day care centers and schools. He plays guitar, accordion, harmonica and other instruments and uses puppets and books in his program. No registration needed.

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Author Andre Dubus III speaks in a panel discussion on domestic violence with his sister Suzanne Dubus, left, CEO of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, and writer Rachel Louise Snyder.

Author speaks on domestic violence

STAFF REPORT

Drs. Karine and Elias Nababout hosted a gathering in Andover to help the community get to know the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center. During the event, Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center CEO Suzanne Dubus moderated a conversation with New York Times best-selling author Andre Dubus and “No Visible Bruises” author Rachel Louise Snyder around the topic of domestic violence.

A number of people from Andover and surrounding communities came out to learn about the center and support its mission to end domestic violence. Since 1982, the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center has been helping individuals and families at risk because of domestic violence. What began as the compassionate mission of several volunteer parishioners of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Newburyport in 1982 has

grown into a nationally recognized nonprofit organization serving adult and child victims/survivors of domestic violence from Newbury to Lawrence. The mission of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center is to empower individuals and engage communities to end domestic violence. For more information, call 978-465-0999, visit www.jeannegeigercrisiscenter.org or call the 24-hour confidential crisis hotline at 978-388-1888.



Author Andre Dubus III



Karine Nababout, left, visits with author Andre Dubus III and his sister Suzanne Dubus, CEO of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center.

Dr. Karine Nababout, right, and guests listen during a panel discussion on domestic violence at her home.

Andover American loses close game to North Andover

STAFF REPORT

Andover American Little League lost a tough battle to North Andover the night of Friday, June 28, dropping the game 9-8 after North Andover’s Nick Ottaviani’s second double of the game, a two-run

shot in the bottom of the sixth, giving North Andover the walkoff win. The win capped a perfect run through three pool-play games for North Andover, which earned the top seed in the upcoming District 14 playoffs.



Andover American Hayden Waugh swings hard for a base hit.



Andover American pitcher Ryan Jaillet goes down to make the stop and the throw to first base for the out.



Andover American Simon Green slides hard into home plate to score the team’s first run of the game.



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Andover American Chris Jaillet leaps into the air and lands on home plate before celebrating his home run with his teammates.



Paul and Regina DeBenedictis (top) cheer for their son Ryan and his Andover American team.

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Golf tourney raises \$201K for Boys & Girls Club

By JESSICA VALERIANI
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The 40th annual Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence golf tournament brought in more than 250 golfers to raise a record \$201,000.

The tournament, held last month at the Indian Ridge Country Club, is one of the club's largest fundraisers. It sold out two months in advance.

Golfers were treated to meals, as well as refreshments along the course, contests, raffles, golf balls and gift bags. The evening program included cocktails, dinner and both live and silent auctions.

Markus Fischer, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, said he was "humbled" by the generosity of community members whose sponsorship and donations of auction items "literally help keep our doors open."

Auction items included golf for four at the International

Golf Club in Bolton, premier tickets to the Boston Red Sox, tickets to Jimmy Buffett & the Coral Reefer Band, a barbecue for 20 sponsored by Party Connection, a Wachusett Mountain sky box package, and more.

Several people also donated to In With Kids, which provides children in low-income families a one-year club membership including lunch during the summer and dinner year-round.

The keynote speaker at the event was Marielis Rodriguez, an alumna of the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence. She spoke about the many ways staff members helped her become a first-generation college student. Rodriguez will embark on her college career at UMass Amherst this fall, where she will study aeronautical engineering.

"On behalf of my brothers and sisters at the club," Rodriguez said. "I want to thank each and every one of you, for not just changing, but saving our lives."



From left to right: Nico Nardone; Chad Desautels; Joe Faro, founder and owner of Tuscan Brands; and his son, Max Faro, represent key sponsor Tuscan Brands at the 40th annual Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence golf tournament held recently at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

COURTESY PHOTO

33 Andover residents to pedal Pan-Mass Challenge

STAFF REPORT

As Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston aims to raise \$60 million for life-saving cancer research and patient care, thousands of bike riders are taking part in the hospital's Pan-Mass Challenge to raise money. Thirty-three riders are from Andover.

On Aug. 3 and 4, more than 6,700 bicyclists will pedal up to 192 miles in the PMC. Cyclists from 43 states and 12 countries are expected to convene in Massachusetts to participate, taking on one of 12 routes. Those routes will pass through 47 towns and range from 25 to 192 miles, designed to cater to all levels of cycling and fundraising ability.

Riders range in age from 13 to 88 and include everyone from seasoned triathletes to weekend warriors. Many ride to honor a family member or friend who has battled cancer. More than 950 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients themselves - considered living proof of the progress made in cancer research and treatment.



COURTESY PHOTO

Thirty-three Andover residents will be among more than 6,700 riders cycling up to 192 miles in the 40th Pan-Mass Challenge on Aug. 3 and 4, with the goal of raising \$60 million for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Participants are required to raise between \$600 and \$8,500, depending on their chosen route, though the average cyclist raises more than \$8,825. Volunteers, spectators, donors and sponsors are also part of the camaraderie on ride weekend, all working together to make a difference in the fight against

cancer.

"As we prepare for our 40th PMC, we are humbled by the continued support from our growing community," said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. "It is thanks to the unwavering passion and commitment of our riders, volunteers, donors and sponsors that the PMC

has been able to make such a tangible impact on advancements in cancer research and treatment since 1980."

If the PMC reaches its 2019 fundraising goal of \$60 million, Overstock.com CEO Patrick Byrne, a cancer survivor and PMC rider, has committed to donate an additional \$1 million to the cause.

One hundred percent of every rider-raised dollar is donated directly to Dana-Farber through its fundraising arm, the Jimmy Fund. The PMC is Dana Farber's largest, single contributor, accounting for more than 55 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. In 2018, the PMC donated an

unprecedented \$56 million to Dana-Farber, bringing its 39-year contribution to more than \$654 million.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation and New Balance. To make a financial contribution to a rider from your hometown or become a virtual rider, visit www.pmc.org, or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PMC2019 #PMC40 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

The PMC riders from Andover are:

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REC. DEPARTMENT SUPERSTARS OF THE WEEK

SPECIAL TO THE TOWNSMAN

Andover Recreation's Superstars of the Week, for the week starting Monday, June 24, were recently announced by the town Rec. Department.

They are: Anthony DeLuca, Joey Aronson, and Paige Calderwood.

These were all participants of our Rec Park Playground summer program and were excellent examples of the Recreation community. They brought big smiles and great attitudes to the program every day, and the Rec Department was happy to select them as Superstars of the Week.



Joey Aronson



Paige Calderwood



Anthony DeLuca

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEEN ACTIVITIES

July Events for Teens at Memorial Hall Library

Learn to Draw Comics

On Monday, July 22 at 3 p.m., teens can learn to draw comics from professional comic artists Andy Fish and Veronica Fish. Registration is required at www.mhl.org/calendar. Call 978-623-8432 or email ya@mhl.org for more information.

Paint Your Own Galaxy

On Wednesday, July 24 at 2 p.m., teens can create their own stunning galaxy painting. Registration is required at www.mhl.org/calendar. Call 978-623-8432 or email ya@mhl.org

mhl.org for more information.

Humans vs. Zombies After Hours Lock-In

On Friday, July 26 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., teens can stay in the library after hours to play a game of "Humans vs. Zombies" throughout the building. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Registration and a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian are required. Call 978-623-8432 or email ya@mhl.org for more information.

Mosaic Suncatcher

On Tuesday, July 30 at 3 p.m., teens can make their own mosaic suncatcher with

Leslie from Ways of Color. Registration is required at www.mhl.org/calendar. Call 978-623-8432 or email ya@mhl.org for more information.

Escape from Hogwarts

On Wednesday, July 31 at 3 p.m., teens can test their knowledge of the Wizarding World and break out of our Harry Potter-themed escape room. Registration is required at www.mhl.org/calendar. Call 978-623-8432 or email ya@mhl.org 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 July Events for Teens:

Tuesdays, July 16, 23, and 30 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.

Fridays, July 12, 19, and 26 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. - Super Smash Bros. Ultimate: Join us in the Activity Room to play Super Smash Brothers on our Nintendo Switch.

Thursday, July 11 at 3

p.m. - Shrinky Dinks: Make a design...and then make it smaller!

Monday, July 15 at 4 p.m. - Volunteer Advisory Board Council Meeting: Talk about teen programming, help the librarians with crafts and other projects, and get volunteer hours. VAB Council Meeting is a drop-in program.

Tuesday, July 16 at 3 p.m. - Homemade Ice Cream on the Roof Deck: Beat the heat with some homemade ice cream on the roof deck! Non-dairy option will be available.

Thursday, July 17 at 3 p.m. - DIY Photo Bookmarks: Make your own photobooth style bookmarks

Thursday, 18 from 2:30 pm to 4 p.m. - Dungeons & Dragons for Teens: Create a character and learn about tabletop RPGs at 2:30 pm or come for the campaign's start at 3:00 pm. All in grades 6 through 12 are welcome; no RPG experience or registration necessary.

Tuesday, July 23 at 3 p.m. - Snow Cones the Roof Deck: Cool off with our snow cone maker on the Roof Deck!

Thursday, July 25 at 3 p.m. - Nail Art: Unleash your creativity and make some cool nail art.

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Sports

Finding his groove

Christopulos building on sophomore surge at Bentley with strong summer in Future's League

By KYLE GAUDETTE
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The puzzle pieces are finally starting to fit into place, and Evan Christopulos couldn't be happier with the results.

Oh, what a difference a year can make.

As a freshman at Bentley University last spring, the former Andover High hurler didn't have his best stuff. In 10 appearances, he had an 0-2 record and an 8.03 ERA, struggling to make the adjustment to the next level.

But Christopulos isn't one to doubt his talent — and with good reason.

He didn't complain when success didn't come easy. He didn't quit.

No, he kept his confidence high, and dedicated himself to getting better — and get better he did.

"I've been figuring out a lot of stuff recently," said Christopulos, hours before taking the hill with the Nashua Silver Knights in the Future's Collegiate Baseball League. "Everyone is always talking about mechanics, but I think a lot of (success) comes from you being your own pitching coach out there. You just have to find the most efficient route for yourself as a pitcher."

This spring, as a sophomore at Bentley, Christopulos tossed 50.1 total innings (nearly double his total as a freshman) and finished with a 4-1 record with a save.

His win total and innings pitched were both good for third on the team, and his 3.22 ERA was second among pitchers who threw more than 20.0 innings.

"In the beginning (of the season) I was anxious just to get out there," said the 6-foot-2, 185-pound right-hander. "Everyone competes against each other, but we all compete as a team. And knowing that my coach and my teammates all believed in me enough to have me throw that amount of innings gave me a ton of confidence."

Christopulos transformed into a new man on the mound ... and that hasn't stopped this summer.



Evan Christopulos

The Silver Knights are getting their turn to check out Christopulos' stuff, and they've liked what they've seen. Heading into the week, he was third on the team in innings pitched (27.1) while adding a 3.29 ERA, a 3-3 record and 28 strikeouts.

Could a spot in the league's upcoming All-Star game be next? "Maybe," he laughed. "That would be fun."

There's the "infamous radar gun" that flashes a pitcher's velocity on the scoreboard at Nashua's Holman Stadium. This summer, it's clocked Christopulos at touching 94 miles per hour with his fastball twice, but "people say it's a bit juiced," he laughed.

"I'd say I'm consistently between 88-91 (mph)," said Christopulos, who also throws a two-seam fastball, a curveball and a changeup.

But spend just two minutes talking with him, and it's easy to see how cerebral Christopulos is when on the mound. When describing each pitch type, he spoke at length about what situations and to what type of batter he throws each one.

So what comes next for the resurgent hurler?

Well, same as it has been for the past year: just keep getting better.

"Going into my junior season, I want to get more innings pitched," said Christopulos. "Everybody has the dream of playing baseball as long as they can. That's kind of my mindset, to keep playing and to keep improving every day. Just



ALEXIS LYNN/Nashua Silver Knights Photos

Andover's Evan Christopulos has found his groove on the mound. After a strong spring at Bentley, the right-hander is building on it with an even strong summer with the Nashua Silver Knights in the Future's League.



ALEXIS LYNN/Nashua Silver Knights Photos

Andover's Evan Christopulos is having a strong summer with the Nashua Silver Knights in the Future's League.

believing in yourself goes a long way."

SMARTS TO BURN, TOO

Christopulos isn't just a tactician on the mound for Bentley. He's also a top scholar.

The economics and finance major earned a one-third

academic scholarship to the school after he scored an impressive 1,510 out of 1,600 on his SAT in high school.

"I'm doing my best to uphold that scholarship," said Christopulos. "I'm doing my best to be a better student first. Keeping my grades up is the main goal, then

athletics.

"It's funny, when I was younger my mindset was always to get a scholarship off of sports. That's what I worked hard for, to get one for baseball. My world sort of got turned upside-down when I found out I got a third off for academics!"

Witt shines on big stage for Phillips Academy

By MICHAEL MULDOON
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Andover's Mark Witt has earned strong reviews for his play the last three seasons at Phillips Andover and at some major invitational tourneys like the recent Under Armour All-American Tourney in Baltimore.

Never afraid of the bright lights, Witt gave theater a try for the first time his junior year and impressed as an Arabian Dancer in "The Nutcracker." At 6-foot-4, 195 pounds, he didn't exactly blend in, but he loved it.

Is he a good dancer? "No, no, no," he said with a laugh. "It took a fair amount of guts. I had never performed on stage before. I looked back and thought, 'Man, I wish I got more stage time.'"

Earning a starring role was never a problem in his lacrosse career. Witt, an Andover resident who is entering his senior year, has started the last two seasons and lettered as a freshman for the Big Blue. He was elected a



COURTESY PHOTOS

Mark Witt of Andover is a standout lacrosse player and a top scholar for Phillips Andover.

tri-captain for next spring and was one of three Big Blue players named All-Region.

PHILLIPS FAMILY

There was little doubt Witt would end up at Phillips. His dad, Jerry Witt (PA '83), was the youngest of four brothers who all attended their hometown prep school. He followed Mike (PA '77), Chris (PA '80) and Tom (PA '82). Mark's older brother, John, was a golf captain at Phillips and now plays for the club golf team at Georgetown University. Their sister,

Annika, is headed to Phillips in the fall and she, too, plays lacrosse.

Another Witt cousin just graduated from the prestigious prep school and another is a rising senior there.

SETS BAR HIGH

Mark, who plays defense and longstick midfield, has heard from a lot of colleges for lacrosse and is keeping his options open.

He has a passion for science and sets the bar high in the classroom.

You could hear a bit of



At 6-foot-4, 195 pounds, Mark Witt (13) is quite a security blanket for any goalie.

disappointment in his voice about his SATs.

He scored "just" 1,460, a score most would consider superb.

Witt also plays football for Phillips. Growing up, he showed talent in lacrosse and on the baseball diamond but eventually had

to choose between the two spring sports. He said, "Lacrosse I find much more fun. It's much faster, much less waiting around, much more exciting."

The pressure of the big offseason tourneys can be more nerve-racking than dancing in front of

a packed crowd at your school play.

"It's in the back of my mind: who's watching?" said Witt, who scored three goals this spring. "You're thinking about every small detail. But I just try to go out there and have fun."

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Rocker rolls, but hoops falls short

BOYS HOOPS FOR HOPE

Returning superstar Kyle Rocker scored a game-high 27 points, but Andover fell to Lynn English 73-67 last Monday in Hoops for Hope summer league action.

The Golden Warriors fell to Lynn English in the Division 1 North semifinals during the high school season. The Bulldogs went

on to win the Division 1 state title.

LEGION BASEBALL

Gruenberg's effort for naught

Josh Gruenberg threw 5.1 innings of shut-out baseball, but Andover lost to Haverhill 4-2 in American Legion play last Tuesday.

Gruenberg helped his own cause with a pair of doubles and an RBI.

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Andover's Casey McQuillen back for Boston show

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Casey McQuillen is back. The Andover native who was a powerhouse on Season 13 of "American Idol" will be at Boston's City Winery in the Haymarket Lounge on July 10, for one night only, as part of her ongoing tour. Doors open at 6 p.m. McQuillen is promoting

her two latest singles — "Beautiful" and "Dying." A hometown favorite, she has performed over the past five years at numerous local events including Andover Day, Andover Cares and concerts sponsored by Andover Youth Services. She has also visited local middle schools and promotes the power of positiveness to teenage girls. McQuillen graduated



Casey McQuillen

summa cum laude from Berklee College of Music with a double major in songwriting and music business. At the age of 21, while studying at Berklee, she auditioned for "American Idol" and made it to Hollywood before she was ultimately eliminated in the early rounds of the show. "The judges were incredibly supportive and complimentary, and I left Hollywood feeling better about my career than ever before," she told the Townsman after her "American Idol" experience. Encouraged and energized

by her experience on the show, McQuillen created and launched her You Matter tour — a tour which combines her two passions: music and social activism. The tour, which has been recognized by the United Nations Foundation, is an interactive school assembly/concert which uses original songs and stories of her journey on "American Idol" as metaphors to speak to students about bullying, self-confidence and the benefit of taking risks. She has performed at more than 100 schools for more than 35,000 children. McQuillen lives in Brooklyn, New York, and is touring for the remainder of 2019. For more information, visit her official website: <https://listentocasey.com>.



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