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Getting back in shape

YMCA reopens with 50% fewer members, hopes to rebuild

By GENEVIEVE DiNATALE
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Francis Kenneally, CEO and president, said the Y began reopening July 6 at its child-care centers and day camp, Camp Otter in Salem, N.H. During that week, the Y also held limited group exercise classes outside.

Members of the Merrimack Valley YMCA are free to return to its swimming pools and gyms now that the facility reopened last week, months after closing down due to the coronavirus crisis.

"Over the course of the rest of the month we will be

bringing some of our other youth programming online," Kenneally said. "We'll be doing some sports skills; our swim teams will begin to practice. There won't be any competitions for any of those sports programs, but they'll start to do skill development

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Ed Owens of Andover, a member of the Merrimack Valley YMCA since 1997, works out with help from Cara Green, health and wellness director. The facility reopened last week, after a week of just doing limited group exercise classes outside.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

FRESH FOR THE PANTRY



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Elizabeth Zhang, 16, of Andover, packs vegetables into boxes that she and her sister are selling to area food pantries through their nonprofit, Andover Fresh, in order to provide fresh produce to those in need.

Sisters create farm-to-table nonprofit

By GENEVIEVE DiNATALE
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Two Andover sisters have teamed up to make it a mission to improve the quality of food available at area food pantries.

Cathy Zhang, 23, and her sister Elizabeth, 16, recently started a nonprofit farm-to-table organization called Andover Fresh, which provides boxes of local produce to food pantries at a discounted price.

"When I visited a food pantry for the

first time around three years ago there was mostly canned food," said Elizabeth, a rising junior at Phillips Academy. "And so at that time I remember first thinking, 'How do these people get fresh produce?'"

The sisters are selling boxes of seasonal produce valued at about \$30 to pantries for \$5. The pantries are then giving the boxes away for free.

"Right now, due to COVID, we really need proper nourishment," said Cathy, an aspiring doctor who is attending

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COURTESY PHOTO

Here's a produce box that Andover Fresh sells to food pantries at discount rates. The goal: to provide more produce to those in need.

School project tax impact detailed

Building committee holds community forum

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People participating in the West Elementary School Building Committee community forum Monday learned that if the project goes through, taxpayers can expect to pay an average of \$538 more on their property tax bill in 2023.

The goal of the project is to entirely rebuild West Elementary and Shawsheen

schools, with a total price tag of about \$158 million dollars.

The tentative schematic design includes both schools in one building. It would include two three-story classroom wings. Kindergarten would be on the first floor, grades 1 and 2 on the second, and grades 3, 4, and 5 on the third.

The committee has been working with the

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Baker extends foreclosure and eviction ban

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

Gov. Charlie Baker has extended a statewide ban on housing evictions and foreclosures by another 60 days, throwing a lifeline to renters and homeowners who are struggling with the economic fallout of the coronavirus outbreak.

Baker said the moratorium, originally set to expire Aug. 17, has helped people affected by the pandemic to remain in their homes during the state of emergency.

"I am confident that this action, coupled with federal assistance, helped to

slow the spread of COVID-19 while minimizing the impact to date on vulnerable families and on our housing market," Baker wrote in a letter extending the protections.

He said the measure is still needed "as businesses cautiously reopen, more people return to work, and we collectively move toward a new normal."

Baker faced a growing chorus of calls to extend the moratorium from housing advocates and state leaders, including Attorney General Maura Healey.

Lew Finfer, co-director of

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Students sending 2,000 face shields one of Puerto Rico's biggest hospitals

By GENEVIEVE DiNATALE
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ANDOVER — A team of students who've been making 3D printed face shields for medical workers since April is now fulfilling a 2,000-unit order for a hospital in Puerto Rico.

The group, which goes by the name PPE for Healthcare Workers, is led by Pratheek Kuimanda, a rising senior at Andover High School.

Kuimanda said his teammate Inhye Kang reached out to Federico Trilla, MD, at Hospital UPR in Carolina, Puerto Rico, because it's one of the largest hospitals in Puerto Rico and the area had been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic.

"When I was reading articles about the PPE shortage in our country, I came across an article about how the FEMA Act excluded Puerto Rico from buying PPE in other

countries and that made their PPE shortage even worse," said Kang, 18, also a rising senior at Andover High School. "And I also read that they still haven't recovered from the hurricanes and earthquakes that happened a few years ago."

On June 24, Jose Lopez, a purchasing supervisor for Hospital UPR, responded. "They stated that they needed 2,000 units or face shields," Kuimanda said.

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the Massachusetts Communities Action Network, an advocacy group, welcomed the move. He said so many people are still out of work and struggling financially that the state needs to keep the protections on the books.

The move comes as lawmakers consider a bill to extend the ban by another year. A proposal backed by nearly 90 Democrats — roughly half of the Legislature — would keep the temporary ban on evictions in place for at least 12 months after the current state of emergency is lifted.

Lawmakers are running out of time to approve the legislation, which if it passed now could be subject to a “pocket veto” by the governor, wherein Baker allows it to die without his signature.

Doug Quattrochi, executive director of the trade group Mass Landlords, said Baker’s decision to extend the moratorium places a “hardship” on many property owners. His group has asked lawmakers to authorize lease surety bonds, which landlords could use to cover their costs.

Baker signed legislation in late-April putting the brakes on evictions and home foreclosures until after the pandemic subsides.

The moratorium doesn’t exempt tenants or homeowners from paying rents or mortgages, nor does it forgive what they owe. It does prevent them from being evicted or paying

Gov. Baker said Tuesday he knows extending the moratorium will affect small-scale landlords who depend on rental income.

late penalties, for those who can demonstrate their inability to pay is due to a hardship caused by the pandemic.

Baker said Tuesday he knows extending the moratorium will affect small-scale landlords who depend on rental income. He said the state is “strongly” encouraging renters and homeowners to continue making payments “to the extent they are able while the moratoria remain in place.”

The Baker administration has also created a new \$20 million rental and mortgage assistance program.

Data from the Housing Court shows more than 20,000 eviction cases would have been filed by landlords after the moratorium expired next month.

Baker said Tuesday that his administration will work with the courts “to ensure that when evictions proceedings resume, there are programs in place to help tenants pay their rent and avoid eviction.”

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“At first we were, I guess, flabbergasted. At the current moment we had been producing batches of up to 250, so 2,000 was quite a shock. But we figured the demand was justified.”

Kuimanda and his team, who began working from home after schools went online, now have an office in the Cormier Youth Center. That’s where they are preparing to fill the 2,000-unit order. They’ve made about 1,067 face shields so far.

He said his organization has been “donating shields at no cost to the facilities that have needed them.”

“Recently we shipped out (a package) to the public health building of UNC Chapel Hill, which is pretty cool,” said Kuimanda, who added that there’s a tracking feature on his organization’s website which indicates where all the orders have been fulfilled.

As for funding, Kuimanda says his team only has \$500 to work with right now to produce the order. They are selling T-shirts and collecting donations, after having



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

From left, Brody Junge of Boxford, Pratheek Kuimanda of Andover and Shashwat Ghevde, also of Andover, appear with the face shields they are making with 3-D printers.

received initial funding through a \$500 grant from the Service Club of Andover.

“Funding has definitely slowed down since the beginning,” he said. “That’s something we are struggling with right now in terms of brainstorming different

ideas ... reaching out to different social groups, we were thinking of trying to apply for some grants as well.”

Other students working for PPE for Healthcare Workers are Shashwat Ghevde, Steven Zhang,

Davis Blanch, Rishi Gujjar, Duncan McBrien, and Brody Junge.

If you would like to donate to the team visit <https://ppe-healthcare.weebly.com/> and click on the “donate” button on the left side of the home page.

YMCA

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and practicing and things like that.”

If you plan to return to the Y there are some post-pandemic changes. For one, members are required to wear masks as they enter the building and head through the common areas, but masks are not required on workout equipment.

In addition, all workout equipment is spaced 14 feet apart.

According to Kenneally, the Massachusetts guidelines that came out before July 6 during the Phase 3 reopening state that the Y can only operate at 40% capacity.

“We just opened yesterday and are not at 40% right now,” Kenneally added.

And for those who like to frequent the Y’s swimming pools, members have to reserve a lane in advance online. Only six swimmers are allowed in the pool at a time.

While capacity has decreased, so have members. Kenneally said they lost about 50% of the membership base during the pandemic.

“That was a huge



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Akesh Shah of Andover gets ready to have his temperature taken by staff member Linda Comeau before clearing the check point. The Merrimack Valley YMCA re-opened last week, after a week of just doing limited group exercise classes outside.

challenge,” said Kenneally. “But again, we are like any other business that had to shut down. We are experiencing the same kind of challenges. And we have been very happy, many of our members have supported us.”

One of the ways the Merrimack Valley Y responded to the pandemic was to increase its food security work. The Y, which normally has a food pantry in Lawrence that operates every Thursday serving

about 60 families, began feeding 200 families when the pandemic hit. The pantry also started offering grab-and-go dinners every night. “Since March 17, we have served 40,000 grab-and-go dinners and most recently, we added a mobile food market at our Methuen branch,” Kenneally said.

Kenneally said these programs, combined with online course offerings, have helped retain many members.

“So we talk to our members about, ‘Hey if you stay

with us your membership will help us support this work that we are doing in the community. And it will also provide these virtual classes for you.”

During its closure, the Y furloughed about 300 part-time staff members — a major portion of its workforce — because the programs they worked for were no longer operating. Thirty full-time employees were either furloughed or laid off as well, Kenneally said.

Y employees were furloughed or laid off from the School Enrichment Program, which partners with the Lawrence Public Schools. Employees were also let go from the Active Science program, which Kenneally doesn’t know will ever come back.

“Obviously schools didn’t reopen and as they come back online, we don’t know what that’s going to look like,” Kenneally said.

Some employees in administrative positions were let go, as well.

“We had to make some decisions to survive,” said Kenneally. “But now that we are reopening, we have been bringing people back, especially a lot of our front-line staff that deliver the programs.”

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Massachusetts School Building Authority to get partial funding for the project. If approved, the MSBA pays for slightly more than 40% of what it calls the building’s “eligible costs.” Eligible costs include the costs of the buildings, but not of furnishings or an auditorium. The town has to foot the rest of the bill.

Monday night Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said he calculated the \$538 annual tax hike based on the fiscal year 2020 average single-family home

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value of \$681,094. The property tax increase is expected to decrease gradually every year until 2052, when, according to Flanagan’s estimation, the average homeowner will pay an additional \$279 on their property taxes to cover the cost of the school rebuilding project.

The project would need to be financed by debt service, Flanagan said. That means that during 2021’s

Town Meeting, the town would request that residents approve a bond authorization requiring a “debt exclusion” vote to put the project on the ballot. Then voters would decide at the ballot box whether to move forward with funding.

“The way debt exclusions work is that there is a portion of your annual tax bill dedicated to service the debt just with this project,” Flanagan said. “And this is very similar to previous projects that voters in Andover have approved, most recently the Bancroft School.”

The meeting, which was livestreamed on Andover TV and aired on Comcast 99 and Verizon 43, also allowed for resident participation via email.

Brian DeFilippis, the town’s project manager, presented the timeline for the completion of the “scheduled milestones.”

He said that the schematic design is expected to be complete by Aug. 26. The MSBA would give the final go-ahead on the budget in spring of 2021.

On March 31, 2022, the project would go out to bid. Students would likely to move into the new building in December of 2024.

“Construction is thought to be four years right now, with five phases,” DeFilippis said.

“Once the spring of 2022 hits, we want to get into construction and that involves where we have to demolish the building after we are all built out,” he said.

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Comfort kits created for children in transitional housing

By JILL HARMACINSKI
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Children living in a transitional shelter will receive a warm welcome, courtesy of Merrimack Valley residents and businesses.

Dozens of baskets and bags filled with handmade blankets, stuffed animals, crafts and toys are ready for the children when they move into transitional housing overseen by the Lazarus House of Lawrence later this summer.

A community call for donations for "comfort packages" was widely and enthusiastically received, said Darcie Nuttall of North Andover, who helped collect and arrange the baskets and bags.

"There were so many people that said, 'I want to shop for a family,'" said Nuttall, a married mother of two teenaged boys and a licensed mental health counselor for the past 22 years.



Courtesy photo

Volunteers drop off comfort care packages at Lazarus House in Lawrence. From left are Missy Alaimo, Zack Clement, Alex Bromberg, Darcie Nuttall and Carmen Frias-Interrante.

Methuen teacher Katy Matarazzo, who handmade about bringing people blankets for the children, together. ... Kindness breeds kindness," Nuttall said.

The children's comfort package project was just another outcrop of the Andover Islamic Center, Wellness Hot Yoga, Ivy's Nail Spa, were also involved. COVID-19 Preparedness & Support Facebook page.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Paul Parthum, 87

April 12, 1933 - April 22, 2020

ANDOVER — Robert Parthum, 87, of Chestnut Hill, formerly of Andover, April 22, 2020. Beloved husband of Marjorie (Hopkins) Parthum of 59 years.

in Windham, NH, where he liked to swim, sail, and spend time outdoors. In the winter, he and Marjorie spent many vacations cross country skiing.

Bob grew up in Salem and graduated from Northeastern University in 1955. He spent his career at AT&T and lived in Andover for over twenty years, where he and Marjorie raised their three children.

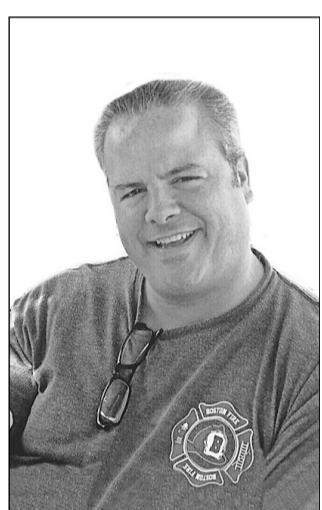
Donations in Bob's memory may be made to Greater Boston Food Bank, PO Box 55860, Boston, MA 02205-5860.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral and interment Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Christ Church, Andover.

Michael J. Sacco, 50

November 5, 1969 - July 14, 2020

NORTH ANDOVER, MA — A light from our lives has dimmed. We are deeply heartbroken by the loss of our brother, son, uncle, love, and friend, Michael Joseph Sacco, who died peacefully at home of natural causes on July 14, 2020.



Michael was born to James and Doreen (McNamee) Sacco on November 5, 1969, in Worcester, Mass. Mike grew up loving sports like his parents, especially the Red Sox, Bruins, and Pats.

he loved the most: his father James; his sisters Michelle and Melinda; his brothers Philip, Tony, and Jim; his four nephews Christopher, Devin, Josh, and god-son Ryan; his brother-in-law Joe Barbour; his sisters-in-law Jackie and Julie; his love Debbie Fredette; cousins, and his many cherished friends.

We all love Mikey dearly and will miss him achingly and with all our hearts. "There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains."

After college, Mike went on to work for Fidelity, and Oracle, and later as a self-employed Human Resource Information Systems Analyst.

Relatives and friends are invited to calling hours, Tuesday, July 21, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Mercadante Funeral Home & Chapel, 370 Plantation St., Worcester, MA.

Mike (or Mikey to those close to him) loved life. He was so charming with a beautiful smile that lit up a room, so funny with a quick wit and contagious sense of humor.

Enel North America donates cash, masks to fight COVID-19

By JILL HARMACINSKI Staff Writer

ANDOVER - Enel North America, with a division in Andover, recently donated \$35,000 and 500 respirators to Lawrence General Hospital.

approach" to help support local organizations in communities where they operate, according to the statement.

Enel Green Power, the company's renewables division, is located in Brickstone Square in Andover.

The clean energy company also donated 240 gallons of bleach, 3,700 masks and other personal protective equipment to local fire departments and community healthcare partners.

"We deeply appreciate Enel North America's support for our healthcare workers who are on the front lines of this crisis," said Kelly MacLean Clark, LGH chief development officer.

"As our neighbor in Andover, Enel has demonstrated the kind of partnerships our Commonwealth needs to meet the ongoing public health emergency posed by COVID-19," Clark said.

Enel North America committed to donating \$1.3 million across the United States, Canada and Mexico where it currently operates.

The donations are part of Enel's "multi-phase

The company headquarters is based in Massachusetts with its renewables line operating out of Andover and its digital innovation line in Boston's Seaport District.

Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History & Culture

100 Years Ago: July 30, 1920

Sixty-five gallons of moonshine, three stills and 750 gallons of mash, besides sundry and other materials and paraphernalia, were seized and five men arrested in a sensational raid made Friday night by Federal officers and the Andover police.

The stills were operated by Jake Goodman and Isadore Brown of Lawrence and Avides Azoonian of Andover, and the plant was in full swing when the officers arrived.

Azoonian reached for his revolver but Chief Smith succeeded in wresting it away from him. The prisoners were brought into the Andover police station and placed under the custody of Officer Napier.

Officer Frye.

A load of hay which slid onto the truck in front of the one o'clock car just opposite the town house gave the motorman and conductor a 15 minutes' rest while they waited for it to be time to make the return trip to Lawrence.

A new granite curbing has been set this week on the northerly side of Park Street from the Howell block to the end of the new block of Buchan and McNally.

75 Years Ago: July 26, 1945 William J. Crowley, Jr., 5 years of age, of 43 Elm St., was treated at the Lawrence General Hospital on Tuesday afternoon for injuries received in an accident near his home.

According to the police report, James Farnsworth of 147 Elm St. had just passed a gasoline truck when he thought he heard

something fall off the truck. Stopping his machine, he got out, but the driver of the truck was picking up the boy who was removed to the Central Fire Station and then in the hospital.

Upon examination at the hospital, he was found to have sustained abrasions of his shoulder, back, chest, knees, and elbow, but was released after treatment.

Stanley Smith, who conducts the What-Not Shop at 6 Central St. reported to the local police that his place of business had been broken into sometime between 7:30 Monday night and 7 Tuesday night.

It now appears virtually certain that the 24-room addition to the West

school will be ready for the opening day of school. The budget for the project is \$2,342,500.

A photo caption reads, "Construction is moving along rapidly on the new wings of the Internal Revenue Center Building on Lowell Street."

In spite of soaring temperatures, a track meet, sponsored by Central Catholic, was held at the Andover High school track July 29. In the under 11 age group, Ricky Collins from Recreation Park won the long jump and the 90-yard dash.

POLICE LOG

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Car Accident: Two-car crash without any personal injuries. Elm Street towed both of the vehicles, River Road, 12:55 p.m.

Suspicious Activity: A real estate agent said someone is trying to pose as a seller and asking for a payment for a residence, Apache Avenue, 1:48 p.m.

Noise Complaint: Caller reports a group of people being loud either in the pool or the parking lot. An officer reports that it was a group of youths who were sent on their way, Woodview Way, 12:13 a.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Annoying Phone Calls/Texts: A caller reports someone keeps calling him and not saying anything on the phone, River Road, 6:49 p.m.

Dog Complaint: Dog bite; Animal Control Office will file, Pine Street, 11:25 a.m.

Animal Complaint: Raccoon in a dumpster, negative results, Dundee Park, 9:36 a.m.

Needle Pickup: Staff reported a needle in the back parking lot, an officer

disposed of it, Main Street, 7:27 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Crash-MV vs. Bicycle: Several 911 calls for a man that was hit by a vehicle, vehicle involved is MA VETERAN Y283, Dascomb Road, 5:24 p.m.

Request Officer: A walk-in reports his son was struck by a vehicle while he was riding his bike, Lupine Road, 3:38 p.m.

Disabled Motor Vehicle: A caller reported a disabled vehicle in the roadway, Elm Street was dispatched at the owner's request, Harold Parker Road, 3:32 p.m.

Assault: Front desk reporting a possible fight on the second floor, a male had a laceration on his hand. Two ambulances were requested and the state police were also requested for help with a group of 20 people, River Road, 12:56 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Request Officer: A caller reported that she sees her son's white Honda Accord that was stolen earlier in the day by someone they know running in a parking lot,

Railroad Street, 8:32 p.m.

Domestic: A caller reported that her daughter's ex-fiancé is verbally threatening them because they won't give him back the key to the house. An officer reports that a no trespass was given and restraining order information was provided, Jenkins Road, 3:00 p.m.

Service Request: A caller reported a low hanging wire. An officer found a dead tree hanging on the wire and removed the tree, Forrest Hill Drive, 11:18 a.m.

MONDAY, JULY 13

Crash: A caller reported a motorcycle down in the roadway, Main Street, 6:13 p.m.

Erratic Operator/Road Rage: A caller reported about six dirt bikes driving down the road, operating erratically. An officer checked the area and found nothing, River Road, 8:01 p.m.

Trespassing: Trespassing issue at the DPW. They have video of the incident, Campanelli Road, 10:36 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Suspicious Activity: A caller said he heard a motorcycle go by then heard several

gunshots, police checked the area and found nothing, Salem Street, 10:53 p.m.

Service Request: A caller reports the road is buckling possibly due to a water main break or the heavy rain. Officer reports a water main break and the Water Department is on scene. The road was closed and the Fire Department was notified, Chandler Road, 5:17 p.m.

Warrant Arrest: Shawn R. Cochrane, 49, of 28 Starling Road in Keene, New Hampshire, was arrested on seven foreign warrants, North Main Street, 10:43 a.m.

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Car Accident: A caller reported a crash with injuries, Lowell Street, 5:50 p.m.

Shoplifting: A caller reported a white man had filled his backpack with items and took off from the store. He was seen wearing a red sweatshirt and his hair was also red, Main Street, 1:17 p.m.

Crash: Report of a stop sign hit, Lowell Street, 11:18 a.m.

Identity Fraud: A walk-in reported unemployment fraud, Tewksbury Street, 9:01 a.m.

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Albany Medical College in the fall. "They need fresh vitamin C and other nutrients."

Andover Fresh is partnered with the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council pantry, which will have boxes available from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at its 305 Essex Street location in Lawrence.

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On their website — www.andoverfresh.org — the sisters list specifically what produce will be included in the boxes. This week it's summer squash, zucchini, a variety of hot peppers, eggplants, bell peppers, tomatoes, kale, romaine hearts and lettuce.

"At the food pantry we distribute fresh produce, as well as give out free flowers," Elizabeth said. "I think it's just something extra we can do for each other at this very moment."

If you would like to donate to Andover Fresh, you can do so on the website listed above.



Cathy Zhang, right, and her sister Elizabeth put together the produce packages they sell to food pantries at discount rates through their recently created nonprofit, Andover Fresh.



Elizabeth Zhang, 16, of Andover, loads boxes of freshly picked vegetables into her vehicle at Pleasant Valley Gardens in Methuen.



Elizabeth Zhang sorts and hand packs freshly picked vegetables into smaller boxers at Pleasant Valley Gardens in Methuen.

Senior Center hires new program coordinator

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Courtesy photo

Kelly MacKay is the new director of the Andover Senior Center.

The Senior Center has a new program coordinator.

Kelly MacKay, 26, joined the center as Andover's Elder Services Program coordinator in June, according to a press release. Prior to taking on this position, MacKay worked for several years designing and implementing daily programming for residents of Benchmark Senior Living in Norwood.

MacKay has a bachelor of science degree in health policy and management from Providence College. She is currently working toward a master's degree in health administration from Southern New Hampshire University.

MacKay said her love for her grandmother inspired her to pursue a career working in elder services.

"My grandmother has always been a part of my life," said MacKay. "Loving her, I've always had a passion for being with and working with older adults."

According to the release, MacKay has been reaching

out to group leaders, staff and members of the community to generate ideas that will enhance the programming at the Senior Center.

"I want to build upon the wonderful things that are currently happening," MacKay said. "I have a lot of fun, exciting ideas. And I want to focus on making programming more well rounded and bringing it into the 21st century."

Although she's impressed with the amount of programs the center has been able to

maintain during the pandemic, MacKay says she'd like to add more inter-generational and multicultural programs to its offerings, as well as lectures, classes and other programs for seniors.

"In our community, we have so many intelligent, bright people. And I want to bring them into the center," she said. "A senior center encompasses a wide range of people."

Director of Elder Services Jane Burns said, "We are delighted to have Kelly as part of the Elder Services Team. She has made an immediate impact on the center and our ability

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to deliver programming term."

MacKay, who is originally from New Hampshire, currently lives in Medford.

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Townspeople

Habitat for Humanity gets back to work

By BILL KIRK
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It's one thing keeping things sanitized indoors during the coronavirus pandemic. Imagine trying to do the same at a construction site with dozens of volunteer workers coming and going from week to week.

That's just what Habitat for Humanity is managing to do at its construction site on Lupine Road in Andover and another site in Salisbury, where the COVID-19 pandemic has kept large volunteer groups away for about four months.

Recently, corporate groups started coming back to work at the Lupine Road construction site, but not without a lot of preparation, said Habitat's volunteer coordinator Alexandra "Howie" Howard.

"Everyone is wearing masks, which gets a little hot in this weather," she said. "We are disinfecting all the tools with bleach solutions. We've got hand sanitizers everywhere and require regular hand washing. It took us a couple weeks to get it all in there. It's been a slow process to make sure everybody is safe."

The result of the shutdown caused by the pandemic is that the homes are about four months behind schedule. They had been originally scheduled to be ready by early fall, but the first of two duplexes probably won't be done until late fall. The other probably won't be ready until early next year, she said.

Fortunately, a crew of five or six of the most experienced workers were able to get a lot done at the site during the pandemic, working more or less on their own and keeping socially distant.

They put the roof on one of the houses to keep it from being exposed to the weather.

"That was our goal, to get the roof on," she said.

Starting last week, the number of volunteers allowed on site has risen from five or six to 16.

"We are limiting the number of people on site, keeping corporate groups to around eight or 10 people, and matching them with six or seven of the regulars," she said.

Making things easier, in terms of social distancing, is that a lot of the work is being done outside on exterior portions of the homes, with just a one or two specialists working inside at a time — with the windows open.

"We are trying to get our families into their homes," she said.

At Lupine Road there are actually three duplexes: two being built by Habitat for Humanity and a third being built by Andover Community Trust.

The south house, Howard said, should be done later this year or early next year. It has two units, top and bottom.

The north house, she said, is two months behind, but should be done in early fall. It is a front-back duplex.

The units have all been sold to families, all of whom have had a role in building the homes, part of the organization's "sweat equity" policy of having homeowners work on their own properties.

She said the homes, which are three-bedroom and two baths, are selling around \$185,000 each. Under the terms of the agreement, the properties must remain permanently affordable.

"We're picking up the pace and going full-steam ahead," Howard said.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Volunteer Pete Martin of Danvers works on the framing for a room. For the first time since the pandemic shut everything down, volunteer workers are back at the Lupine Road Habitat for Humanity site in Andover working on the homes.



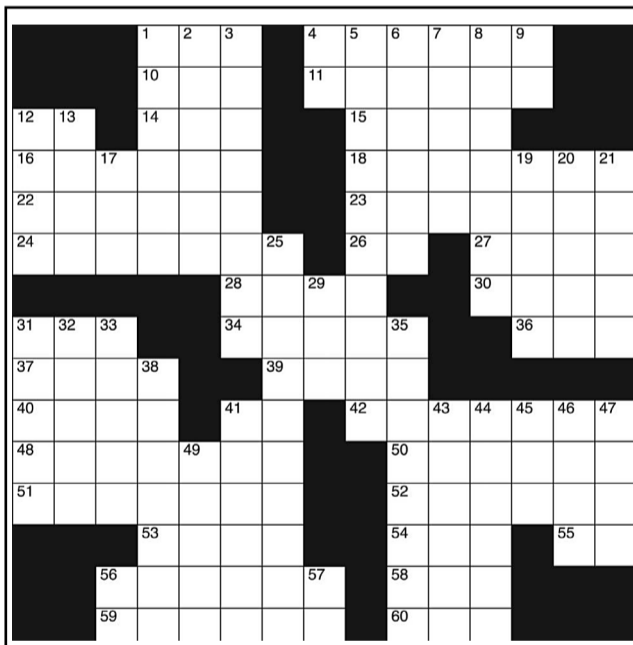
Volunteers John Bartlett, left, of North Andover, and Gerry Reynolds of Andover work on a door frame.



The view from one of two houses being built by Habitat for Humanity. The second house is to the right. The house on the left is being built by the Greater Lawrence Technical high school students.



Volunteers Jerry Rybicki, left, of Andover, and Ted Lewis of North Andover work together building the frames.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Central processing unit
- 4. Military action
- 10. How electricity gets to train carriages (abbr.)
- 11. Unsafe
- 12. Of (French)
- 14. Autonomic nervous system
- 15. Type of bean
- 16. Accuse formally of a crime
- 18. Promote
- 22. Type of lava
- 23. Meat from a deer
- 24. Herbaceous plants
- 26. Potato state
- 27. Helsinki neighborhood
- 28. Sports officials
- 30. Shout wildly
- 31. Reptile genus
- 34. Frocks

CLUES DOWN

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- 2. Artist's tool
- 3. On a higher floor
- 4. Commercial
- 5. Something to watch
- 6. Chased
- 7. Commercial producers
- 8. Keyboard instrument
- 9. Blue grass state
- 12. Phonograph recording
- 13. Unusual
- 17. Popular average
- 19. A native or inhabitant of Asia
- 20. N. Sweden river
- 21. Related on the mother's side
- 25. Mediator

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- 41. Of I
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- 48. Item
- 50. Produce
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Bond in a third party's control
- 53. Legendary character __ Finn
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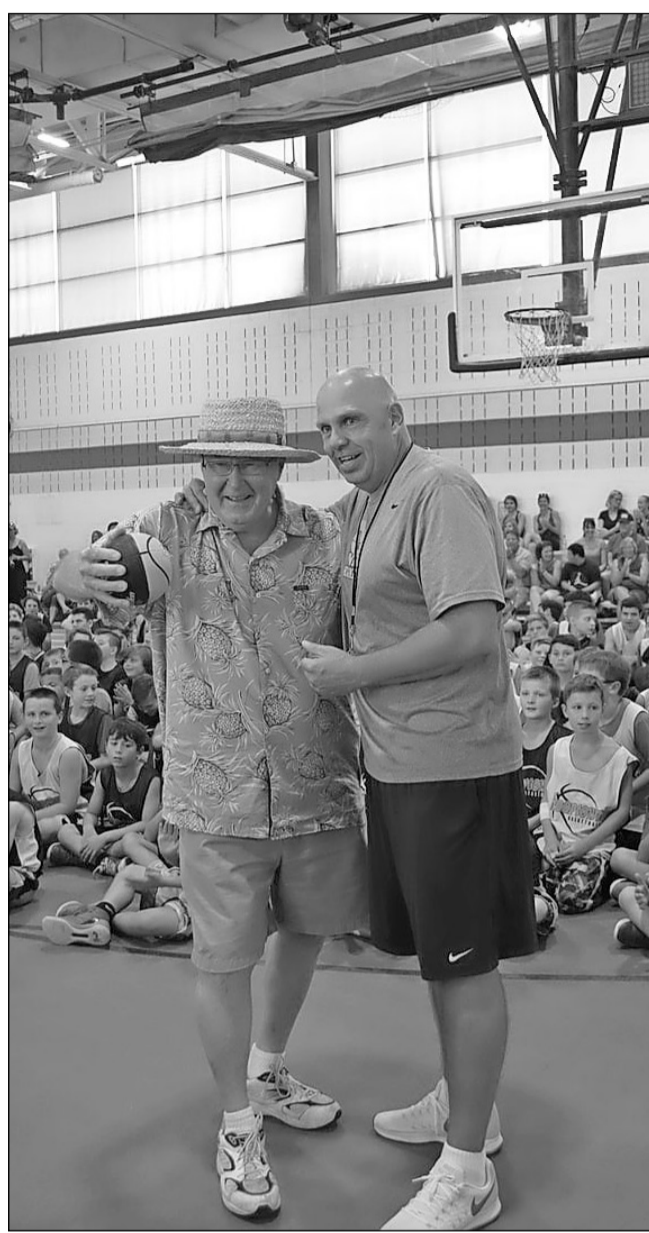
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Sports

VIRUS DEFEATS HOOPTOWN

Fazio's 31-year run with popular Andover summer hoop camp takes hit



One of the yearly highlights at Hooptown Camp in Andover is when "Grandpa John" shows up. Here Dave Fazio awards "Granda John" as Camper of the Day two summers ago. The Andover grandfather showed up several years ago to watch his grandchildren and later continued even after they graduated from high school.

BY BILL BURT
Staff Writer

The Dave Fazio we are used to is the one with his necktie turned sideways, whipping his jacket on some bench, and yelling at a referee like the official stole his first born son. We are also used to the laughing Dave Fazio, playfully pushing a buddy after a bad joke, or taking over a room with some half-true story from his 31 years in Andover.

Basically the Energizer Bunny.

The Dave Fazio we are not used to is the current one, the somber guy who looks like he lost two close friends, which he did, and lost his summer baby, Hooptown Camp, due to governor Charlie Baker's restrictions.

"The worst summer of my life?" repeated Fazio. "It's not even close. One week, one of my all-time favorite guys, Joe Iarrobino (Jr.) passes away. His dad (Joe Sr.) has coached our eighth grade team since 1985. Then, a few days later, Jim Arnold, who is like family to me ... he passes away. I'm sick to my stomach, over losing both of them."

Then, two weeks ago, governor Baker noted basketball was among several sports that were too risky to be played.

For the first time since 1989, Fazio's baby, Hooptown, will not happen.

Hooptown Camp is as



The Hooptown Camp basketballs will remain locked up for the summer, the first time in 31 years that Dave Fazio's camp has not taken place.

much a part of Fazio's life and persona as his coaching the Andover High boys basketball team. It's a family affair, including his wife, son (D.J.) and two daughters Ally and Livy).

D.J., who excelled as a point guard for his son at Andover High, works as a coach and instructor. Ally, who helped lead the Andover girls basketball team to three straight Division 1 state titles and played Division 1 college lacrosse at UConn, is the nurse practitioner. Livy, a former Golden Warrior cheerleader, oversees the food and beverage administration.

"My wife begins working on it, full-bore, on January 2," said Fazio, of his wife Colleen. "She's probably returned five million

emails. And my kids have been there the entire time, first as campers, now helping us run it."

While it is a place for future basketball stars, both boys and girls — and it has produced many of the top basketball players from Andover High and around the Merrimack Valley Conference, the vast majority are there for six hours — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. — to have a good time.

Like most family businesses, Fazio had figured out some semblance of social distancing, when to wear masks, smaller groups, etc.

But the governor's plan ruled the only basketball that can be played is when one kid uses one ball.

Defense, passing, picks, etc., all essential parts in

basketball instruction, were not allowed.

Hooptown really is an institution in Andover with about 1,000 campers over the five or six week schedule.

It's a way to get kids away from their phones and video games.

"The parents have been incredible," said Fazio. "For the most part, they've been understanding, saying 'Save us a spot for next year.' We are lucky in Andover."

Fazio said the town had given Hooptown its full support, pending the governor Baker's Phase 3 reopening on Monday. Unfortunately, it didn't go Hooptown's way.

"The virus is really taking a toll on all of us in a lot of ways," said Fazio. "We're not alone by any stretch. It's tough to stay positive, but we have to for the kids."

Hooptown's M.O., according to Fazio, is having fun. It's not going to be the same in summer of 2020.

"Most teachers and coaches love going on vacation in the summer," said Fazio. "Don't get me wrong, working the camp for four or five weeks takes a lot of energy."

But for me, it's a perfect way to spend my summer, with kids having fun and playing some basketball."

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ANDOVER ARCHIVES: GOLDEN WARRIORS GIRLS TRACK

BY DAVID WILLIS
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Editor's Note: Throughout the summer, The Andover Townsman will take a look back at Andover High stars from the past 20 years through pictures. This week, we look at girls track.

Andover High girls track is, without question, a powerhouse.

Over the past 20 years, under the watchful eye of a pair of Hall of Famers — head coach Peter Comeau and his predecessor, then longtime assistant coach, the late Art Iworsley — the Golden Warriors long ago established themselves as perhaps the top girls track program in the state, and among the best in New England and even nationally.

Perhaps the most dominant individual was Moira Cronin, who set a school record by high jumping at stunning 5-foot-10, and went on to star at track power University of Virginia.

Felicia Thompson set a school record in the discus (132-11) in 2005 that still

stands. Two years later, Colleen Shannon set the school mark in the 800 (2:13.79) that has not been broken. Shannon also teamed with Melissa Knapp, Kayley Pettoruto and Vanessa Singleton to set a record in 4x400 in 2008 (3:54.05).

Delia Barbanti, a 2019 graduate, owns Andover records in the 100 dash (12.36) and 200 (24.85). The latter is just ahead of Eve Bishop (25.14 in 2010), who broke the record of another star sprinter, Christina Muccio (12.53 in 2008).

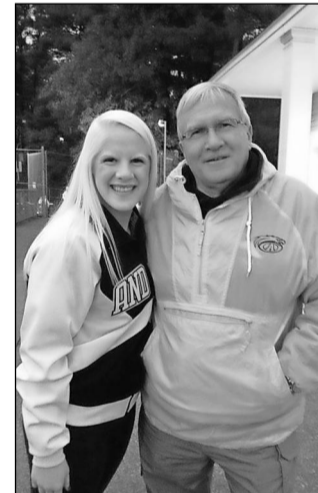
Local distance legend Maggie Mullin set Andover records in the 2-mile (10:51.04) and mile (5:05.89), both in 2012.

Track fans are thrilled to see what Jodi Parrott can do whenever track resumes. As a freshman in 2019, she set school records in the long jump (20-3), triple jump (38-10.5) and is second in school history in the 100 hurdles (14.80).

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From right, Bizzy DiTroia, Melissa Knapp, Vanessa Singleton and Christina Muccio set records in the 4x100 relay.



Courtesy photo
Art Iworsley, right, touched countless lives as both a head coach and longtime assistant coach for Andover High track. Here, he poses with one of his athletes, Katie Rex.



STAFF FILE PHOTO
Moira Cronin, here winning the New England title in 2010, was a record-setter at Andover High and track power University of Virginia.



STAFF FILE PHOTO
Andover is best known for running and jumping events, but Felicia Thompson set records in the discus.



STAFF FILE PHOTO
Maggie Mullins shattered Andover High records in the mile and 2-mile, and ran at Boston College.



STAFF FILE PHOTO
Andover's Jodi Parrott set school records in the long jump and triple jump as a freshman in 2019.



CARL RUSSO/Staff file photo
From left, Kayla Baldwin (flipping), Emily Belluche and Eve Bishop went from gymnasts to track stars.



STAFF FILE PHOTO
Colleen Shannon set a school record in the 800 meter. Now she coaches at Methuen High.

