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Step Up For Colleen 5K slated for September 19

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Pink yard signs are popping up around Andover to remind people to sign up for the annual Step Up For Colleen 5K, set for Sept. 19.

The run/walk race is set to resume its Andover route this year after everyone participated virtually last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Runners can sign up individually, in teams or to run the race virtually if they cannot make

the Andover event.

The annual race — which draws thousands to create a sea of pink — honors Andover native Colleen Ritzer who was murdered in 2013. Ritzer, a teacher at Danvers High School, was 24 when she died.

Proceeds from the race help Andover and Danvers students pursue teaching by funding scholarships. There are also scholarships to honor kindness and community service.

This year her family

awarded \$63,000 in scholarships to Andover and Danvers students in Ritzer's honor, as well as in honor of Brian Feeney, an Andover man who was active in the race planning until he unexpectedly died last year.

The first 3,000 runners to sign up receive a free T-shirt. Registration costs \$30 for anyone participating in the Andover race and \$25 for anyone participating virtually. More information can be found at colleenritzer.org.

Lifelong resident who feted town's 300th anniversary takes a look back



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George Walsh, left, of Andover, is among the few living residents who can remember the town's 300th-, 325th- and 350th-anniversary celebrations. Here, he stands with his wife, Martha Walsh in front of their summer beach house in Salisbury.

Through the years

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Every 25 years, Andover celebrates another quarter-century with pomp and circumstance.

The festivities have evolved over the years. This year, there was

no townwide celebration on May 6 — the date Andover was founded in 1646 — because of COVID-19 restrictions, but multiple events are planned throughout the coming year, culminating with a celebration next May 6, according to the town's anniversary committee.

George Walsh, 86, was there when the town marked its 300th anniversary in 1946.

"I remember all of the schools had floats down at the playstead," says Walsh, who was in the sixth grade at the time.

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Town to investigate Youth Services

In wake of Fahey firing, board hopes for interim director by Oct.

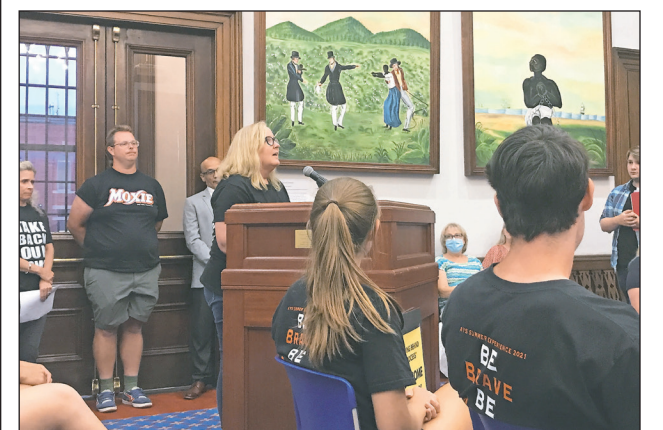
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The Select Board on Monday announced both an investigation into Andover Youth Services and plans to hire an interim director for the department by early October.

"Recently, potential improprieties have come to

light relating to Andover Youth Services — including what appear to be substantial payments to full-time AYS employees by the Andover Youth Foundation, which may be in violation of law. The board fully supports an independent investigation of these issues, as well as any information that

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MADELINE HUGHES/Staff photo

Heather Fahey speaks to the Select Board Monday night about her disappointment in the town firing her husband, former Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey.

Andover schools to require masks indoors

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Andover students and staff will have to wear masks indoors, according to the School Committee's policy put in place Monday night.

Board members voted unanimously to approve the policy as school activities begin before school officially starts on Sept. 1.

Proponents and opponents of masking spoke for about a half-hour before committee members eventually decided on solidifying the mandate.

The board made this decision in the midst of a recent uptick in COVID-19 cases. Health Director Thomas Carbone's office recently started publishing case numbers again.

With the rise of the delta variant, there were 52 cases in July in Andover, which included 11 children under the age of 12 who are not yet eligible for the vaccine, Carbone said.

Town school departments are ultimately left to make masking decisions themselves because there is no state-wide mandate at this time.

Andover officials have decided to go with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which recommends anyone in schools be masked.

At the state level, both the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Public Health "strongly recommend" masks for all students in kindergarten through grade six when indoors. When indoors, those agencies say unvaccinated staff in all grades, unvaccinated students in grades 7 and above and unvaccinated visitors

should wear masks. According to a memo from the state, vaccinated students should be allowed to go unmasked.

A federal rule states that all students and staff must be masked while on school buses and in school nurses' offices, according to the DESE memo.

The DESE memo said that it has lifted all health and safety protocols that were in place during the last school year. There are no distancing requirements, including during school meals.

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GLTS to offer apprenticeship classes for locals

BY MADELINE HUGHES
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Locals can get training and apprenticeships for in-demand trades at Greater Lawrence Technical School this fall.

The school will offer professional electrical and plumbing apprenticeship courses this fall, preparing

trainees to take journeyman trade exams. Classes are open to Greater Lawrence Technical School graduates and area apprentices.

“We highly encourage our alumni and apprentices in the area to sign up. Space is limited,” said Superintendent John Lavoie. “These classes are a great way to develop the knowledge necessary for

proficiency in these trades, and for students to grow and advance in their careers.”

Both programs offer classes over two semesters teaching the general principles of the trades to prepare students for the Massachusetts journeyman exams for the respective trades.

The electrical program consists of four classes 75

hours each for a total of 600 hours. The plumbing program is five courses that are 55 hours each, a total of 550 hours in the program.

These classes are part of the state’s Career Technical Institutes initiative to help people get trained in high-paying and in-demand trades. This year 9,000 to 13,000 additional adult learners

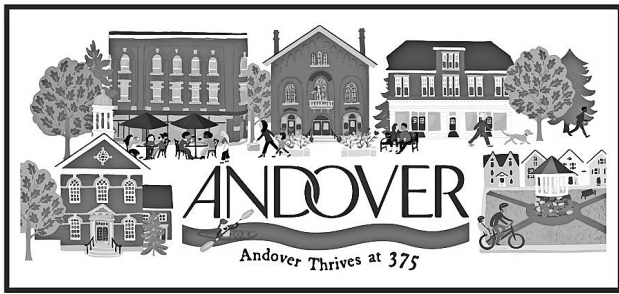
statewide are expected to earn industry credentials, opening opportunities for them to obtain jobs in these skilled industries.

Courses must be taken in the proper sequence, so students must begin in the fall to complete their training by spring. Classes are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., two days a week. Classes are scheduled

for either Mondays and Wednesdays, or Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Cost is \$1,100 for the year for each level of electrical training, \$900 for the year for each tier of plumbing training. Registration is online only. Payment should be made at time of registration.

For more information visit glts.net/Page/4607.



The town of Andover's 375th anniversary logo.

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The Andover native is among the few living residents who recall the 300th-, 325th- and 350th-anniversary celebrations. With the town now in its 375th year, he reflects on how things have changed.

The No. 1 difference: traffic.

Growing up on Essex Street, maybe five cars drove past his home, Walsh says.

The nearby fire station would send out a whistle that let him and his friends know the sun was going down and it was time to go home for supper, he says.

The downtown fire station was one of the few public places in town with a television, so Walsh and his friends would catch a Red Sox game alongside firefighters. When a call came in for a brush fire, he and his friends were sometimes given backpack sprayers to help fight the flames.

Walsh could also be found at the Andover Guild on Brooks Street. Membership to the private youth center cost about 10 cents a year, and it had courts for basketball, a cards room, pingpong and even a bowling alley in the basement, he says. It was also the place to be on Friday nights for weekly dances, he adds.

In the summer, the Cross Coal Company would have one truck doing daily runs down to Poms Pond, where it was “standing room only” for children going to cool off in the water during the hot days.

In the winter, movie theater owner Sam Resnik would give out tickets to students to see “It’s a Wonderful Life” at the Andover Playhouse.

“It was such easier living,” Walsh says.

There was a strong sense of community because many people’s lives were concentrated in the town, he says.

Now, Walsh “couldn’t find anyone I went to school with” still living in Andover, he says.

There are still a few families from his time that



A time capsule from Andover's 350th anniversary celebration makes its way down Bartlett Street in 1996 with creator Robert Henderson. The capsule will be opened in 2046.

have relatives in town. Firefighter Michael Surette is the son of Walsh’s good friend Teddy.

Walsh is proud to have raised his own children with his wife, Martha, in the same Essex Street home that he grew up in. Both his children and grandchildren attended St. Augustine’s, as he did.

George met Martha when

they were both working for Andover Public Schools at Sanborn Elementary School. George bounced around in his career, starting as the principal for the six-room Stowe School. Martha spent her whole career at South Elementary School teaching mostly second graders, but comedian Jay Leno was in one of her fourth-grade classes.

Now in their retirement, George and Martha are still active in town. George is the vice commander at Andover’s American Legion Post 8.

His father joined the post in 1919 — the same year he moved to Andover and bought the Essex Street home, according to town records.

This year, George was

surprised by the outpouring of support at both the Veterans Day and Memorial Day flag-placing events held by the post. After spending months cooped up in their homes, more than 20 students and their families showed up for the most recent event, he says.

He sees it as a continuation of the Andover community spirit he grew up with.

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comes to light regarding the operations of AYS and its ability to serve the needs of the town’s residents,” said board chair Chris Huntress.

The department has been without a leader

since former Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey was fired after an investigation into allegations against him found a consistent pattern of overstepping professional boundaries.

Huntress reiterated that the board agreed with the decision to fire Fahey after having read a private investigator’s report following the

investigation and subsequent recommendations to terminate the 27-year employee. He also reiterated the board’s commitment to the town department and partnership with the Andover Youth Foundation, which was created in 2000 to build what would become the Cormier Youth Center.

The investigation into Andover Youth Services will be conducted by an independent third party yet to be determined, Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said.

Jess Porter, human resources director for the town, gave a presentation on how the town would likely hire someone not from Andover to be the interim director and assess the department’s needs. Anyone who was hired for the interim position would not be able to apply for the full-time role, she said.

The town posted the job Tuesday after the meeting, with the hope of having people from a variety of town departments involved in the hiring process and a candidate selected to recommend by Oct. 4.



Andover Youth Services Program Coordinator Neal Callahan speaks to the Andover Select Board Monday night about the “toxic work environment” created after removing the former department director.

The person hired to be the interim director would give an “objective viewpoint for what we really need going forward,” Porter said.

Many Andover Youth Services participants-turned-staff came to the meeting to participate in public comment and question what Youth Services will do without its former leader.

Bringing in someone new who doesn’t understand the department would be “a big mistake that could change AYS for worse,” said Gio Coppola of Andover, who works for Andover Youth Services. Andover Youth Services’ Program Coordinator Neal Callahan gave the first public insight into the town department, saying it has been a “toxic work environment” since Fahey was initially removed in February while being investigated for misconduct.

Callahan said staff has been “left in the dark” by management about

what is going on with the department.

Fahey’s wife, Heather Fahey, also came to speak for the first time. She said she was disappointed by the board and town’s firing of her husband.

She urged the board to, “wake up and listen before you ruin something amazing,” she said.

The board closed the meeting around 8 p.m. after about 30 minutes of public comment. A raucous crowd expressed disappointment, including one attendee who shouted about free speech and was told to quiet down by police Chief Patrick Keefe.

The board and town employees all left promptly after the meeting ended. However, about 40 people in support of Fahey remained in the meeting room until about 8:30 p.m.

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Andover students are highly vaccinated with more than 95% of teenagers between 16 and 19 being fully vaccinated. However, school officials have decided to make one mandate for the whole district.

Andover officials have decided to reevaluate the mandate in November, or before, if needed, they said.

Allison Corneau contributed to this report.

Governor: No update to state face-covering guidance

PEABODY, Mass. (AP) — There are no plans to change the state's mask-wearing guidance even as the delta variant of the coronavirus continues its spread and schools prepare to reopen at the end of the month, Gov. Charlie Baker said Monday.

additional support for vocational and technical education programming, The Boston Globe reported. "I hope and pray that many other states move as aggressively as the people in Massachusetts have moved to get a vaccine," Baker said. "Vaccinations are the pathway out of this pandemic, period. ... We're going to run hundreds of vaccination clinics in conjunction with our colleagues

in the K-12 world between now and the start of school. We expect that will continue to boost our numbers among the kids between the ages of 12 and 19, where again we are a national leader." Despite some pressures from teachers' unions, coronavirus safety protocols are being left up to school districts, although the state recommends that unvaccinated students, faculty and staff

should wear face coverings indoors, while vaccinated students and workers do not need to. The state also has a plan to protect younger children not eligible yet to get vaccinated. "We've made a very strong recommendation to our colleagues in K-6 education, that because there is not a vaccine currently available for that population ... that

those kids we believe should be masked up until they have the opportunity to get vaccinated," Baker said.

People with certain medical conditions should also wear face coverings, he said.

Two medical groups call for statewide school mask mandate

BY KATIE LANNAN
State House News Service

Two doctors groups on Tuesday urged Gov. Charlie Baker to require that students and adults wear masks in schools regardless of their vaccination status, a move the governor has avoided in favor of letting local officials make their own calls.

Massachusetts Medical Society President Dr. Carole Allen and Massachusetts Academy of Family Pediatricians President Dr. Julie Johnston described mask-wearing as "a public health measure proven to reduce the transmission of COVID-19" and said it is crucial

to balance safety with the importance of returning "to full-time, in-person learning with as little disruption as possible."

"By introducing a statewide indoor masking policy for K-12 students consistent with guidance from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and American Academy of Pediatrics, the Commonwealth reaffirms its commitment to keeping all of our schools open and our students and staff safe," Allen and Johnston said. "It is imperative that Massachusetts teachers, staff, students, and visitors start this school year with uniform masking requirements to protect them and those with

whom they live and interact outside of the academic setting."


State officials have recommended, but not required, that students in kindergarten through sixth grade wear masks because those age groups cannot yet be vaccinated. They're also recommending older students and adults who are unvaccinated wear masks indoors at school.

Baker has stood by that approach, pointing to the state's high vaccination rates and saying local officials are best positioned to make decisions for their districts.

"Giving locals the opportunity to own the decisions they make is a big and

important issue, and if you look at what's playing out in other states right now where state government has taken away the authority for locals to make their own decisions, that's not the right way to play this game. It's just not," he said Monday.

Engagement



Chang - Wetterskog

Fongchi and Geehwa Chang of Gaithersburg, MD, formally of Andover, MA happily announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Chang, to Keith Wetterskog, son of Jerry and Alison Wetterskog of Sargentville, ME, also formally of Andover, MA. Both Vicki and Keith are Andover High School graduates. Vicki is working as an ICU nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after graduating from University of Michigan's Nursing program. Keith is working at Keolis Commuter Services in Boston, MA. A September 2022 wedding in Kapolei, Hawaii is planned.



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Utilities want to stretch payments for storm costs

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Utilities weathered a record number of storms last year that caused power outages and other disruptions, and consumers could be paying for years to cover the cost.

Under state law, utilities may recover operations and maintenance costs for a limited number of storms from a state fund supported by consumers. But utilities say an unprecedented number of storms exceeded their allowed reimbursement.

The state's largest utilities, National Grid and Eversource, want to defer reimbursement for many of the storms to future years.

National Grid said it experienced 14 storms last year that qualify for recovery of costs, far exceeding the state's cap of four storms per year.

It wants to defer recovery of nearly \$14 million for at least nine of those storms. It hasn't specified when it will seek reimbursement.

National Grid's lawyers wrote in an application to the Department of Public Utilities that rules about

how the fund is spent do "not contemplate such a significant number of major events would occur within a single, 12-month period."

A utility must add up storm-related costs of at least \$1.5 million to make its expenses eligible for recovery. Storms that cause damage in excess of \$30 million are ineligible.

In filings to regulators, Eversource said it dealt with 10 major storms in 2020 that qualify for cost recovery.

They expect to recover about \$3.6 million for costs associated with three of those storms. They've asked regulators to defer cost recovery for six other storms, totaling about \$7.2 million.

Regulators are holding virtual hearings on the requests, which are subject to approval by the Public Utilities Commission.

At least one community has voiced opposition to Eversource's request.

In a letter, the Conway Select Board called urged regulators to reject the request, citing the utility's delayed response to an October 2020 storm that caused power outages in the town and other communities.

"Eversource should have to provide timely emergency services regardless of whether the need for those services is predicted," Select Board Chairman Philip Kantor wrote.

He added that the town's governing body believes Eversource, as well as the state Department of Public Utilities, "bear some responsibility" for the climate crisis and "should not be rewarded for a lack of planning and adaptation to the world in which we live."

Consumer protection groups say utilities' ability to recover storm-related costs from energy users is keeping the companies from making investments to fortify their infrastructure.

"We are going to see the worsening impacts of global warming, which means more frequent and powerful storms" said Deirdre Cummings, legislative director for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group.

"But if the utilities can just charge everything up to the consumers, there's less incentive for them to invest in their infrastructure

to harden systems and prevent significant outages," she said.

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Stores push for more beer, wine licenses

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BOSTON — Supermarkets and convenience stores would have access to more beer and wine licenses under a proposal eyed for the ballot that aims to resolve a decades-old dispute over limits on retail alcohol sales.

The proposed referendum, one of more than two dozen filed last week, calls for gradually increasing the number of beer and wine licenses a single company can own — rising to 18 over the next decade.

But it would keep in place a cap on how many licenses can be issued, and tighten limits on the sale of liquor and spirits.

The proposal, filed by the Massachusetts Package Store Association, also calls for tightening ID requirements for sellers and increasing penalties for businesses caught selling alcohol to minors.

If the ballot question is certified by the attorney general's office, supporters still have many hurdles to clear, the first of which would be collecting more than 80,000 signatures of registered voters by Nov. 17.

The proposal is being billed as an "olive branch" to convenience stores that have been pushing for more beer and wine licenses, which are tightly controlled by the state.

Supermarkets are allowed to apply for licenses to sell beer and wine in Massachusetts, but a single company is limited to seven licenses. The cap increased to nine this year under a previous agreement between package stores, or "packies," and food stores.

Cumberland Farms has argued that the cap on liquor licenses dates to the end of Prohibition and gives

package stores an unfair advantage. The Westborough convenience store company has 200 locations in Massachusetts. Only seven can sell beer and wine.

If the packies' proposal makes it to the 2022 ballot, it won't be the first time voters have been asked to weigh in on the divisive issue.

In 2006, voters rejected a ballot question placed by supermarkets to lift liquor license caps to allow wine sales.

Several years later, the Massachusetts Food Association gathered signatures to put the issue on the ballot but agreed to drop the measure when the Legislature passed a law to gradually increase the number of liquor licenses that can be held by a single company.

In 2019, Cumberland Farms pursued a ballot question that called for eliminating the state cap on off-premise beer and wine licenses. It also sought to establish a new kind of license for "food stores" and give cities and towns authority to decide how many to issue.

That question faced opposition from package stores, which argued that flooding the market with big competitors would drive out mom-and-pop businesses.

Cumberland Farms opted not to pursue the question last year, citing the impact of the pandemic. It suggested it might take it up again later but didn't file a proposal by the deadline for the 2022 ballot.

Matt Durand, the company's head of public policy, said it is instead focused on legislation that would allow more food and convenience stores to sell beer and wine.

"Our efforts around the ballot initiative kicked off some really productive

conversations, and we want to keep those conversations going," he said. "It's clear we have overwhelming public support on this issue, and we're equally gratified by the recent outreach from legislators and other interested stakeholders."

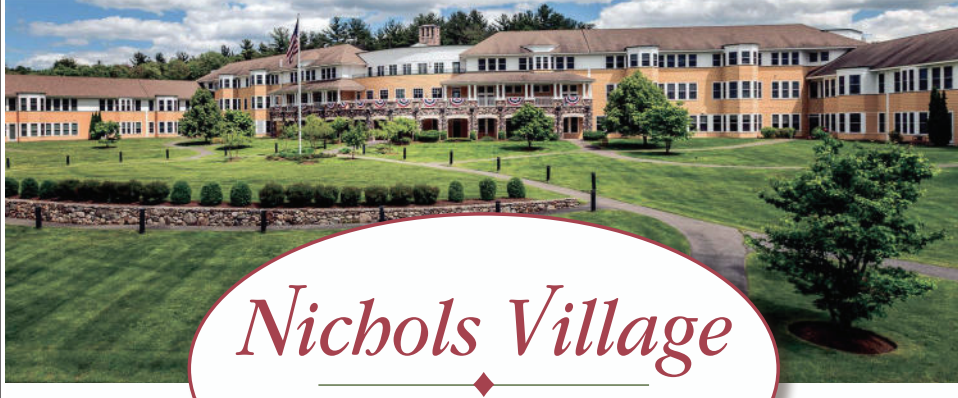
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Jobless workers to lose federal benefits

Federal unemployment programs set to expire

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BOSTON — Hundreds of thousands of jobless workers in Massachusetts face the edge of a cliff as federal unemployment programs are set to expire in a matter of weeks.

Three pandemic-related unemployment benefits established by the March 2020 CARES Act, including a \$300 weekly payment, expire on Sept. 6, and Congress hasn't indicated it will extend the programs.

Advocates are scrambling to advise jobless workers on how to stay afloat financially once those benefits expire.

"It's going to be terrible," said Monica Halas, lead staff attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services, which works with low-income workers receiving jobless benefits. "There are a lot of people out there who can't return to the workforce right now, either because they can't find child care or have health concerns."

Salas said people losing jobless benefits have options, from food stamps and cash assistance to a program that extends state unemployment for those who retrain to work in a new industry.

Gov. Charlie Baker has filed legislation that would allocate \$240 million in pandemic relief funding for job training programs to support workers losing benefits next month.

"We think it's critically important to make sure people in Massachusetts have opportunities to find their way back into the job market," Baker said Thursday. "As we approach that September deadline, we're working to connect folks who are looking for work with folks who have job opportunities."

Labor Secretary Rosalie Acosta said the state is "amping up" efforts to find jobs for an estimated 300,000 workers who will lose federal jobless benefits.

MassHire's Career Centers are planning a five-day virtual job fair beginning next Monday that will feature more than 200,000 available positions in a range of industries. State officials have said it will be the largest job fair in state history.

Massachusetts paid out nearly \$6 billion in jobless benefits last year as hundreds of thousands of workers were sidelined by government-imposed shutdowns meant to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The state's unemployment rate, which at 16.4% last spring was among the highest in the country, dropped to 4.9% in June, according to state data.

While new jobless claims went up slightly last week, overall the state has seen a steadily declining number of people seeking unemployment benefits.

There were 207,275 ongoing claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits in Massachusetts in the week that ended July 24 — a drop of 5,169 from the prior week, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

The program was created

for jobless workers who didn't qualify for a regular state unemployment benefit because they are "gig economy" workers, such as drivers for Uber and Lyft.

Another 188,381 claims were filed for another federal benefit, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, in the week that ended July 24. That was 433 less than the preceding week.

Meanwhile, a federal program that extended benefits to jobless workers who exhausted traditional state unemployment benefits saw 91 continuing claims filed in the week that ended July 24, which was 822 fewer than in the previous week.

Nationwide about 13

million people were still collecting jobless aid as of mid-July, including 9.4 million getting benefits from the federal pandemic-related programs.

Employers have complained that generous state and federal benefits give some workers more than they would typically earn, making it hard to bring people back to work.

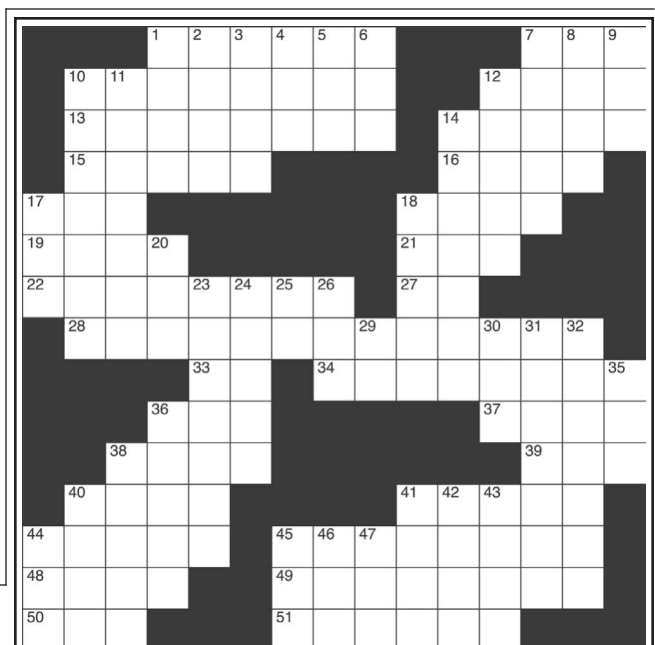
"Getting more people off unemployment and into the workforce is crucial right now, because most employers can't find enough people to fill the vacancies," said Chris Carozzi, state director of the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

For more information on

employment options, visit mass.gov/jobfair.

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15. Country singer LeAnn
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17. Unit of energy
18. Plant of the lily family
19. Tusked wild pig
21. Form of "to be"
22. Formerly
27. Letter of the Greek alphabet
28. Former First Lady

33. News organization
34. Shining brightly and intermittently
36. Brew
37. Teams' best pitchers
38. Edible fruit
39. Pitching stat
40. ___ or bust
41. Baby product manufacturer
44. Monetary unit of Finland
45. Small spherical structures in cells
48. Pouches
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50. Investment account
51. Oft-repeated slogan

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5. A way to drench
6. Journalist Tarbell
7. ___ and Venzetti
8. Alcoholic liquor
9. An athlete who plays for pay
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11. Japanese art form
12. Baseball great Satchel
14. Winged angelic beings
17. One point south of due east
18. Group of islands in Polynesia
20. A place to play: ___ center
23. Masses of gray matter in the brain
24. Belgian city (alt. sp.)

25. Millilitre
26. Beloved Will Ferrell film
29. Railway above ground
30. Satisfaction
31. Aggregate of molecules
32. Type of barometer
35. Type of college teacher (abbr.)
36. Long periods of time
38. Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota
40. Deliver
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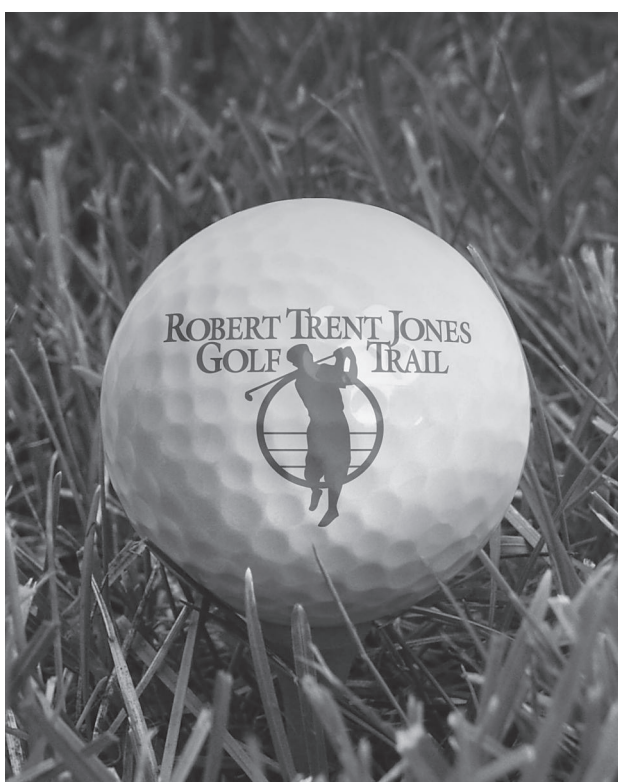
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Clapping to the beat are David Lasrado, his wife Ingrid and their granddaughter Naomi Foley, 2, as music is played by Ben Rudnick & Friends near the bandstand during Andover's Concerts in the Park.



A crowd of music lovers gather near the bandstand while music is played by Ben Rudnick & Friends during Andover's Concerts in the Park.

Summer, sun and sound

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN on August 11.

Locals gathered again for Andover Recreation's Concerts in the Park. The Ben Rudnick & Friends performed from the bandstand on August 11. Yolk Shire will perform on August 18, and 60's Invasion will play their make up show on August 25 after being rained out earlier in the summer.

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The Ben Rudnick & Friends band perform. Members from left to right are, Yury Shenkar, Ben Rudnick, Jared Steer, on drums, Chris Zevos and Scott Kempnes.

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Flying higher

Foster reaching new heights, winnings titles in pole vault

BY DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

Andover's Olivia Foster knew she was close to flying higher than she ever had as a pole vaulter.

"My coach told me to do everything the same, just press my bottom arm even more," said Foster. "So I kept my hand grips and steps the same as my previous jump, and pressed my bottom arm."

That small change worked to perfection for the Andover High incoming senior.

Foster cleared the bar for a personal record vault of 10 feet, 8 inches to win the USA Track & Field New England Pole Vault Championship on Aug. 1.

"It meant a lot to me to win the USATF title, especially with that jump because it was a PR," she said. "I've been working so hard this summer, so winning this title and PRing on the same day made me feel really proud of myself."

"Honestly, I surprised myself winning the title. I wasn't sure what to expect going into the meet because I had never been to that meet before."

The 10-8 also places Foster No. 2 in Andover High history. She now trails just school record holder Audrey Tarbox, who vaulted 10-9 in 2017. Foster topped former Andover High and Cornell University star Eve Bishop's 10-6 from 2011.

"It really means a lot to me (to be No. 2 in school history) because there have been some very talented pole vaulters who have come through Andover High School," said Foster. "Being so close to the school record definitely motivates me to work hard so that I can hopefully one day break the record."

The big summer comes after a highly successful junior high school season for Foster.

In the spring, Foster won the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet title (10-0), besting No. 2 by a foot. She also took third at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 Meet (10-0) and fourth at All-States (10-6). That after winning the pole vault in four of Andover's five dual meets.

"The past spring season was very exciting for me," she said. "It was definitely hard not having a sophomore season because of COVID, but at the same time, it made me even more motivated to have a good junior season. Winning MVCs, and placing at DIs and All-States made me really proud of myself and excited to see what my senior season will bring."

Longtime Andover High track assistant coach Mark Hathaway said Foster has excelled both on the track and off.

"Olivia was a great leader for our pole vault group this year," said Hathaway. "She was the only returning



Olivia Foster

vaulter on the team, and the eight other girls vaulters all made the Division 1 state meet and three of them were at All-States with her. She was a big part of that group being so successful."

Foster found her way to pole vaulting through another sport, and the transition wasn't easy early on.

"I used to do gymnastics until eighth grade," she said, "When I stopped, I was trying to find other sports to try. That's when I decided to do track. My coach told me that gymnasts are usually good at pole vaulting so I decided to try it out my freshman year."

And while it wasn't easy early on, she quickly fell in love.

"There were definitely struggles early on," said Foster, whose sister is also a pole vaulter. "When I first tried it, it was hard to get used to running with the pole and not being scared to fully commit to the jump. But over time, I got more comfortable and confident."

"I realized that I could have success as a pole vaulter the winter season of my sophomore year when I broke the indoor school record for my high school. I had never accomplished anything like that before, so it was definitely an exciting and eye opening moment for me."

When she isn't pole vaulting, Foster also runs and 100 and 4x100 relay in the spring, helping that relay placed fifth at EMass. Division 1s this past season.

In indoor track, Foster runs the 55 meter, 4x200 relay and long jumps. She is also a member of the Andover High volleyball team.

With some time until she can vault again for Andover High, Foster has set her sites high.

"I want to break the outdoor school record, which is 10-9," she said. "I've found that my key to success is hard work and perseverance. I have definitely gotten frustrated, but I try my best to not let my frustration get the best of me. The goal is to turn that frustration into motivation to work harder and get better."

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Andover's Olivia Foster prepares to start her approach for a vault. After a stellar spring, Foster recently took home the USATF New England title.

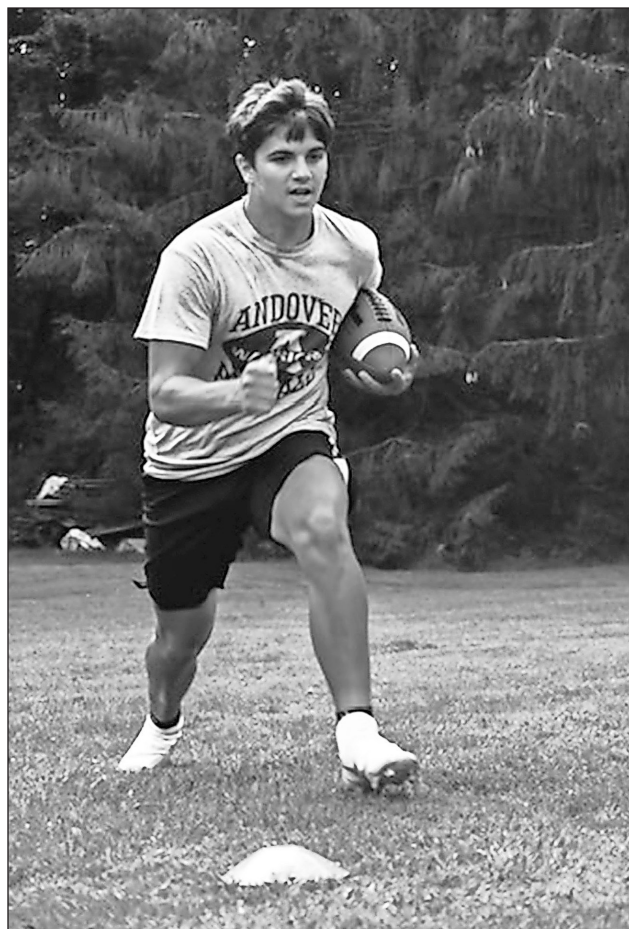


Andover's Olivia Foster clears the bar in the pole vault. She recently moved into second place in Andover High school history.

Courtesy photos

Andover's Connor Acheson enjoys working out and should be an impact player either on offense or defense.

Courtesy of Kerrpalmerphotography



Freshman Acheson should make major impact for Andover football

BY DAVE DYER
Staff Writer

Incoming Andover High freshman Connor Acheson admits that he and older brother Tyler, who will be a senior in the fall, are quite competitive with each other.

"We love to compete and we don't like losing," said Acheson. "We'll compete at anything."

That could be interesting because the Acheson brothers might be competing for the same spot on the Golden Warriors' football team.

"Tyler is vying for a starting safety spot and is a budding captain," said Andover head coach EJ Perry. "I told him (Connor) that it would be cool if Tyler Acheson and Connor Acheson started in the secondary together."

Whether that happens, or even one of the brothers starts as a safety, remains to be seen but Perry has no doubt that the younger Acheson has a bright future on the football field.

"He (Connor) possesses all the key ingredients to be a good football player," said Perry. "He has excellent speed (4.75 in the 40), good strength and agility. He has excellent hips and can cover the best high school receivers."

"He has been playing with the varsity in 7 on 7

this summer and competing at a high level."

The 5-foot-7, 160-pound Acheson, who has been working out since the seventh grade and loves to lift weights, does seem to be a driven young athlete and does not lack for confidence.

Although he is perfectly willing to play anywhere on defense and recognizes that he might not even be a steady varsity player as a freshman, he believes he can one day be a prolific running back.

Indeed, as a running back, he scored 18 touchdowns in youth football as a 7th grader.

"I think I'm versatile and I like playing both (offense and defense), but I really love offense, with the excitement that comes with it," said Acheson. "I feel I can do anything as a running back. I like hitting people but I also like going around them."

For his part, Perry lists the younger Acheson as a wide receiver and defensive back, but that could always change. What's more certain for Perry is that he will eventually help somewhere.

"He is a standout athlete, you can see that already," said Perry.

Acheson will also try out for basketball as a freshman, as a point guard, as well as baseball, where he usually plays catcher but, for now, his focus is on football.

Day to dye for

The American Training Tie Dye and Carnival returned this year and turned the nonprofit's Campelli Road headquarters into a festive carnival on July 30.

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For more information about the nonprofit visit americantraininginc.com.



The aftermath of a day full of tie dyeing at American Training's annual Tie Dye Day and Carnival in Andover sits spread across the lawn to dry. Courtesy photos



John Kilmartin, of central Middlesex County, smiles while enjoying a slushie from Richie's Slush during American Training's Tie Dye Day on July 30.



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