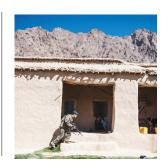


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Step Up For Colleen 5K slated for September 19

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leen 5K, set for Sept. 19.

the annual Step Up For Col- in teams or to run the race a teacher at Danvers High munity service. virtually if they cannot make School, was 24 when she died. This year her family pectedly died last year.

Proceeds from the race awarded \$63,000 in scholresume its Andover route this The annual race — which help Andover and Danvers arships to Andover and sign up receive a free T-shirt. year after everyone partici- draws thousands to create a students pursue teaching Danvers students in Ritzer's Registration costs \$30 for Pink yard signs are poppated virtually last year due to sea of pink — honors Andover by funding scholarships. honor, as well as in honor of anyone participating in the ping up around Andover to the CVOID-19 pandemic. Run- native Colleen Ritzer who There are also scholarships Brian Feeney, an Andover Andover race and \$25 for anyremind people to sign up for ners can sign up individually, was murdered in 2013. Ritzer, to honor kindness and com- man who was active in the one participating virtually. More information can be race planning until he unex-

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

Through the years

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

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 had floats down at the playstead," 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 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.

By Madeline Hughes mhughes@andovertownsman.com

October.

improprieties have come to

light relating to Andover Youth Services – including what appear to be substan-The Select Board on Mon-tial payments to full-time day announced both an AYS employees by the investigation into Andover Andover Youth Foundation, Youth Services and plans which may be in violation to hire an interim director of law. The board fully supfor the department by early ports an independent investigation of these issues, as "Recently, potential well as any information that See YOUTH, Page 2



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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ing to the School Committee's policy again. put in place Monday night.

officially starts on Sept. 1.

Andover students and staff will Thomas Carbone's office recently tion, which recommends anyone in unmasked. have to wear masks indoors, accord- started publishing case numbers schools be masked.

Board members voted unani- ant, there were 52 cases in July in Education and the Department of offices, according to the DESE memo. mously to approve the policy as Andover, which included 11 children Public Health "strongly recommend" school activities begin before school under the age of 12 who are not yet masks for all students in kindergar- lifted all health and safety protocols

Proponents and opponents of Town school departments are ulti- When indoors, those agencies say school year. There are no distancmasking spoke for about a half-hour mately left to make masking deci- unvaccinated staff in all grades, ing requirements, including during before committee members eventually sions themselves because there is unvaccinated students in grades 7 school meals. decided on solidifying the mandate. no state-wide mandate at this time. and above and unvaccinated visitors

The board made this decision Andover officials have decided to go should wear masks. According to in the midst of a recent uptick in with recommendations from the Cen- a memo from the state, vaccinated COVID-19 cases. Health Director ters for Disease Control and Preven-students should be allowed to go

A federal rule states that all stu-At the state level, both the Depart- dents and staff must be masked while

The DESE memo said that it has eligible for the vaccine, Carbone said. ten through grade six when indoors. that were in place during the last



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GLTS to offer apprenticeship classes for locals

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and apprenticeships for in- and area apprentices. demand trades at Greater this fall.

trainees to take journeyman proficiency in these trades, hours each for a total of 600 statewide are expected to for either Mondays and open to Greater Lawrence advance in their careers." Locals can get training Technical School graduates

Lawrence Technical School alumni and apprentices in ples of the trades to prepare the state's Career Technical the proper sequence, so stu- each tier of plumbing trainthe area to sign up. Space is students for the Massachu- Institutes initiative to help dents must begin in the fall ing. Registration is online The school will offer pro-limited," said Superintendent setts journeyman exams for people get trained in high-to complete their training by only. Payment should be fessional electrical and John Lavoie. "These classes the respective trades. plumbing apprenticeship are a great way to develop The electrical program This year 9,000 to 13,000 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., two days a For more information courses this fall, preparing the knowledge necessary for consists of four classes 75 additional adult learners week. Classes are scheduled visit glts.net/Page/4607.

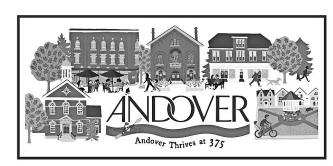
trade exams. Classes are and for students to grow and hours. The plumbing pro- earn industry credentials, Wednesdays, or Tuesdays

classes over two semesters hours in the program. "We highly encourage our teaching the general princi-

paying and in-demand trades. spring. Classes are held from made at time of registration.

gram is five courses that are opening opportunities for and Thursdays. Both programs offer 55 hours each, a total of 550 them to obtain jobs in these skilled industries.

Cost is \$1,100 for the year for each level of electrical These classes are part of Courses must be taken in training, \$900 for the year for



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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

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 he says. 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 Pomps Pond, where it was "standing room only" for children going to cool off in the water during the hot

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,

There are still a few families from his time that



A time capsule from Andover's 350th anniversary celebration makes its way down Bartlet 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

George met Martha when classes.

town department and part-

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

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

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 tern of overstepping profesoperations of AYS and its sional boundaries.

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since former Andover Youth investigation and subsequent Services Director Bill Fahey recommendations to termiwas fired after an investiga- nate the 27-year employee. tion into allegations against He also reiterated the him found a consistent pat- board's commitment to the

ability to serve the needs of Huntress reiterated that Youth Foundation, which was the town's residents," said the board agreed with the created in 2000 to build what board chair Chris Huntress. decision to fire Fahey after The department has having read a private inves-

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would become the Cormier Youth Center. The investigation into Andover Youth Services will be conducted by an indepen-**Andover Townsman** dent 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 interim director would give who doesn't understand the department.

she said. The town posted the job forward," Porter said. Tuesday after the meeting, with the hope of having vices participants-turnedpeople from a variety of town staff came to the meeting departments involved in the to participate in public com- gram Coordinator Neal Callahiring process and a candi- ment and question what hangave the first public insight you ruin something amazdate selected to recommend Youth Services will do withby 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 what we really need going

Many Andover Youth Serout its former leader.

apply for the full-time role, an "objective viewpoint for department would be "a big mistake that could change also came to speak for the first pola of Andover, who works appointed by the board and for Andover Youth Services. Andover Youth Services' Pro-

into the town department, say- ing," she said. ing it has been a "toxic work for misconduct.

been "left in the dark" by management about

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Bringing in someone new what is going on with the

Fahey's wife, Heather Fahev. AYS for worse," said Gio Cop- time. She said she was distown's firing of her husband.

> She urged the board to, "wake up and listen before

The board closed the environment" since Fahey meeting around 8 p.m. after was initially removed in Feb- about 30 minutes of public ruary while being investigated comment. A raucous crowd expressed disappointment, Callahan said staff has 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 promptly after the meeting ended. However, about 40 people in support of Fahey remained in the meeting room until about 8:30 p.m.

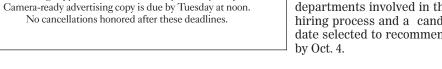
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Andover students are highly vaccinated with more than 95% of teenagers between 16 and 19 being fully vaccinated. However, school officials have decided to make one mandate for the whole district

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

Allison Corneau contributed to this report.





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Governor: No update to state face-covering guidance

guidance even as the delta Boston Globe reported.

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visit to Peabody to announce junction with our colleagues students, faculty and staff for that population ... that

continues its spread and other states move as aggres- 12 and 19, where again we to protect younger chilschools prepare to reopen sively as the people in Mas- are a national leader."

to boost our numbers among need to. variant of the coronavirus "I hope and pray that many the kids between the ages of

at the end of the month, Gov. sachusetts have moved to get Despite some pressures vaccinated. Charlie Baker said Monday. a vaccine," Baker said. "Vac- from teachers' unions, coro-The state's vaccination cinations are the pathway out navirus safety protocols are recommendation to our colrate is high and hospitaliza- of this pandemic, period. ... being left up to school dis- leagues in K-6 education, tions are relatively low, the We're going to run hundreds tricts, although the state rec- that because there is not a Republican said during a of vaccination clinics in con- ommends that unvaccinated vaccine currently available

The state also has a plan dren not eligible yet to get

"We've made a very strong

PEABODY, Mass. (AP) — additional support for voca- in the K-12 world between should wear face coverings those kids we believe should People with certain medi-There are no plans to change tional and technical edu- now and the start of school. indoors, while vaccinated be masked up until they have cal conditions should also the state's mask-wearing cation programming, The We expect that will continue students and workers do not the opportunity to get vacci- wear face coverings, he said. nated," Baker said.

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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other states right now where

Two medical groups call for statewide school mask mandate

By Katie Lannan

State House News Service

Tuesday urged Gov. Char- possible." lie Baker to require that own calls.

19" and said it is crucial protect them and those with they make is a big and

full-time, in-person learning setting." Two doctors groups on with as little disruption as

Massachusetts Medical its commitment to keeping at school. Society President Dr. Carole all of our schools open and Allen and Massachusetts our students and staff safe," wearing as "a public health dents, and visitors start this sions for their districts. measure proven to reduce school year with uniform

to balance safety with the whom they live and inter- important issue, and if you importance of returning "to act outside of the academic look at what's playing out in

State officials have recom- state government has taken mended, but not required, away the authority for locals "By introducing a state- that students in kindergar- to make their own decisions, students and adults wear wide indoor masking policy tenthrough sixth grade wear that's not the right way to masks in schools regardless for K-12 students consistent masks because those age play this game. It's just not," of their vaccination status, with guidance from Centers groups cannot yet be vacci- he said Monday. a move the governor has for Disease Control and nated. They're also recomavoided in favor of letting Prevention and American mending older students local officials make their Academy of Pediatrics, the and adults who are unvac-Commonwealth reaffirms cinated wear masks indoors

Baker has stood by that approach, pointing to the Academy of Family Pedia- Allen and Johnston said. "It state's high vaccination rates tricians President Dr. Julie is imperative that Massa- and saying local officials are Johnston described mask- chusetts teachers, staff, stu- best positioned to make deci-

"Giving locals the opporthe transmission of COVID- masking requirements to tunity to own the decisions



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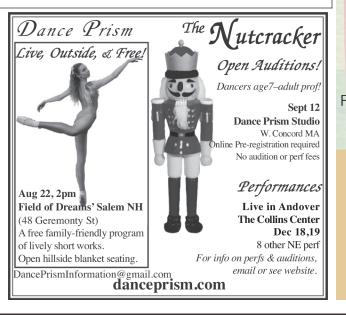
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)pinion

More signs of economic recovery

A hiring crunch for businesses trying to find workers in this post-pandemic recovery is causing plenty of headaches, but it's not the whole story of our economy. A key measure of how business leaders in Massachusetts feel about their prospects has returned to pre-COVID-19 levels and is nudging higher.

Associated Industries of Massachusetts reported its business confidence index was 65.6 in July — 2.2 points higher than a month earlier and nearly 20 points higher than it was in July 2020.

"Employers see the recovery gaining momentum despite the presence of the delta variant of COVID-19," Sara L. Johnson, chair of the AIM Board of Economic Advisers, said in a release posted by the nonprofit group. Johnson, who is executive director of global economics for the business research company IHS Markit, cited the resiliency of consumer spending as one reason for optimism.

Other factors noted by the announcement include growth in gross domestic product, the availability of COVID-19 vaccines, a \$5.3 billion infusion for Massachusetts from the federal government's American Rescue Plan Act, as well as actions by the Federal Reserve to

The 30-year-old AIM survey gets feedback from more than 140 employers and is based on a 100-point scale, with 50 reflecting a neutral outlook. Its highestever mark is 68.5, reached twice in the late '90s, and it scraped bottom at 33.3 amid the recession in early 2009.

And it's not the only hopeful measure for the Massachusetts economy. The state's unemployment rate fell below 5% in June, adjusting for seasonal ebbs and flows, and New Hampshire's was under 3%. The Massachusetts mark is still somewhat higher than pre-pandemic levels -- the seasonally adjusted jobless rate in June 2019 was 3% -- but it's far removed from the 14.8% mark recorded in June a year ago.

The recovery is not evenly distributed, to be sure, and there are layers to the AIM index. Leaders of large companies are more positive than those of mid-sized companies, who are even more optimistic than owners of smaller shops. Also, the index registers 7.5 points higher in the eastern part of the state than it does in western Massachusetts.

But as the number draws within 3 points of its highest-ever mark, it signals real reason for optimism and hope in this recovering economy.

Blood banks in dire condition

The COVID-19 pandemic has triggered a seemingly unending series of crises in other aspects of American life, the most recent a blood shortage that threatens to cripple hospitals across the country.

Coronavirus-related shutdowns led to a severe shortage last year. As restrictions eased, donations began to pick up again, but they are nowhere close to meeting the needs of hospitals, which are seeing a spike in trauma cases as well as elective surgeries that were put off at the height of the pandemic. The Red Cross reports sending out 12% more blood than it was at this time last year.

Meanwhile, donations have not kept pace. Wildfires have slowed collections in the west, heat waves in the east. Blood drives draw fewer people in the summer as families enjoy vacation. There are few office blood drives because most offices aren't at full capacity.

Blood can't be stockpiled -- it lasts about 40 days. Platelets, which are used in cancer treatments, are good for five. As a result, the Red Cross estimates it needs to gather another 1,000 donations a day to catch up with demand.

It's not uncommon for the nation to experience temporary shortages. The events of the last two years, however, have been anything but common. To put it succinctly, blood is going out faster than it is coming in.

'This is no ordinary decline in supply," said Teresa Paiva Weed, president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island. "It is unlike any shortage we have seen in years."

Weed joined her counterparts in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont and Connecticut in a video pleading for the public to step up and donate.

'We are uniting with a simple ask," said Steve Walsh of the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association. "Please make an appointment to donate blood today."

You can still donate blood if you have contracted COVID-19 (but do not have an active infection) or have received a COVID-19 vaccine. If you have been vaccinated, the Red Cross requires you to know the manufacturer of your COVID vaccine, or wait until two weeks after you've been vaccinated to donate. Masks are required at all drives.

Those interested can find and register for a blood drive by visiting redcrossblood.org.

Like Walsh said, it's a simple ask.

Andover Story

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Recreation, reforestation at Harold Parker State Forest

Tom Adams

Andover Center for History and Culture

Can you imagine a working prison camp in the Harold Parker State Forest? Well, it darn near happened!

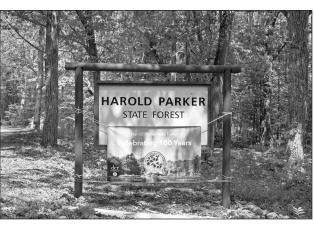
The Harold Parker State Forest was established in 1914 by the Massachusetts State Forest Commission. Its purpose was to foster reforestation and overall forest improvement.

The forest is publicly owned with recreational features now encompassing more than 3,300 acres touching the towns of Andover, North Andover, North Reading and Middleton. The forest was among the state's earliest acquisitions of loggedover land for purposes of reforestation.

The commission's first chairman was Harold Parker, a notable name as a member of the Massachusetts Legislature representing his Lancaster district, for his 30 years of government service and for his lifelong love of nature.

Parker died suddenly in 1916, and the forest was named in his honor.

It was the Civilian Conservation Corps that helped realize his vision. The CCC was created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt who remarked, "I propose to create a Civilian Conservation Corps to be used in simple



The entrance to Harold Parker State Forest, which lies in

Andover, North Andover, North Reading and Middleton. The forest comprises just over 3,000 acres.

work. ... More important, however, than the material gains will be the moral and spiritual value of such work.

It is considered among historians as one of the most successful of his New Deal programs. Over its nine year existence, the CCC planted more than three billion trees and constructed trails and shelters in more than 800 parks nationwide. The CCC helped to shape the modern national and state park systems that we enjoy today.

The CCC played a fundamental role in the development of Harold Parker State Forest as we know it today. Relatively few improvements had been made prior to the CCC's arrival in 1933.

Two companies worked on opposing sides of the forest. Company 110 worked the western portion, focused on general forestry, dered, "What in the world

trail construction, damming four ponds and building the initial recreational structures. Company 167 worked on conservation and general forestry projects.

With the U.S. entry into World War II, the CCC disbanded formally in 1942.

Ah, now the prison camp part of the story.

It's Dec. 6, 1951, and blazing across the front page of the Townsman is the headline, "Object to proposal for prison camp in Harold Parker Forest.'

Andover fell immediately into a tither. Residents, civic groups and organizations were incredulous.

"My first impression is adverse," noted Roy E. Hardy, Andover Board of Selectmen chairman. He

On every town street corner but one question thunare they thinking?"

Andover, along with the other communities impacted, would find out soon enough.

The meeting was set in the North Andover Town Hall one week later. The state brought out their top gun, Arthur T. Lyman, commissioner of conservation. The room was packed.

Facing a clearly uphill battle, Lyman said, "I think many of you are confounded with the fear and apprehension that a prison camp, socalled, will be in your midst. ... I wish you would look at

the overall picture as being a good one." He went on to point out

that a prison colony in Norfolk, Virginia created in 1927 housing over 100 men had never experienced a single incident of anyone being abused or affected by any inmate.

While it was certainly a good conversation starter, it did little to ease anyone's

By the end of 1951, the state relented. The planned prison camp penciled in for the Harold Parker State Forest would land elsewhere, most likely in heavily forested, lightly populated western Massachusetts.

Today, inside the Myles Standish State Forest, one former prison camp remains open in a bucolic setting among a rundown complex of buildings. The old prison camp is now a home for individuals recovering from substance abuse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town manager doesn't understand champion for Andover's youth

Editor, Townsman:

School, the administration know, I call him.) mattered.

In 1996, my friends of kids. thought we should build a didn't participate exclusively fishing some time, or simply natives employed in the licensed? in team sports. Fahey cham- sit in the back of the van on town's human services pioned our message, got us an AYS excursion. in front of town meeting, seriously. Fahey is one of the most

open-minded and equitable

people I've ever had the good Impartial committee intentionally false narrawith. His moral compass always points true north.

In 1994, at Andover High Fahey do?" (And if I don't Flanagan's comments that I am not a taxpayer in this

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Because, I can assure Fla-

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Hood River, Oregon

fortune of crossing paths should hire next AYS tive out there that AYS prodirector When faced with tough Editor, Townsman:

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bility reasons it wouldn't be says Andover's town man-people doing this work who as well. sanctioned by the school. In ager, Andrew Flanagan, don't hold the right creden-

> this role. Wilson is from does clinical work? Flanagan should spend Andover and along with division.

well since her hiring in town. MIKE PARZIALE 2015.

I think there is an

vides clinical mental health work — it doesn't AYS builds relationships with young decisions in my own life, I I was sad to read in your people through structured

Andover Youth Services town, but it seems like this told my friends and I that Finally, in 2021, my best needs to be led by a licensed administration continues to they wished we could form a friend's mom sends me a mental health professional. grow top heavy, as a clinical He said: "There can't be director is being considered

Instead of a clinical directhe first few days of Andover thinks Fahey's values don't tials, and they also can't be tor, why not hire someone to direct human services who It is clear in stating this is a social worker and can taught us that, even though after 27 years of enriching that Flanagan is looking supervise across departwe were just kids, our voice lives and creating invaluable to cut the extremely quali-ments, including Sobhan experiences for generations fied Glenn Wilson out of Namvar as well, who actually

What licenses do we skate park to serve those more time around Fahey — two other AYS employees require of elder services and of us in the community who maybe see if he'll take him represents the last Andover recreation if AYS needs to be

I think the AYS director should be hired by a com-AYS has its own indepen- mittee made up of Andover and taught us that even dar- nagan, he doesn't under- dent clinical social worker Youth Foundation and ing ideas should be taken stand Bill Fahey, or his who has worked extremely impartial employees of the

WILL ENGLISH Beverly

WEB QUESTION

The state remains the only holdout in the U.S. where skyrockets, sparklers towns are allowed to hire professionals for pyrotechnics demonstrations.

Now, a group of fireworks advocates is pushing for a ballot question to repeal the state's decades-old fire- COVID-19 vaccines? works ban? Should it be reversed?

Should Massachusetts allow indi- with every other state in the U.S. It's —rules that have withstood legal chalvidual consumers to buy and sell high time this state allowed commer- lenges so far. Do you think vaccine cial fireworks sales.

DANGEROUS NUISANCE: People so des-

Last week's question Should people be required to get

ROCKETS' RED GLARE: Yes, the over-pro- colleges and even the U.S. military are shouldn't try doing what the government tective laws of Massachusetts should now requiring employees, students and cannot legally do, which is require citizens be relaxed to bring the state into line soldiers to be vaccinated for COVID-19 to line up and get their shots. (22 votes)

requirements are reasonable and fair?

GET VACCINATED: Not only are vaccine perate to shoot off fireworks can easily requirements fair, they make complete and spinners cannot be legally sold to drive elsewhere to find them. Nothing sense for people who work in public consumers — even though cities and has changed to make fireworks less spaces or are enrolled in colleges and dangerous, or less of a nuisance for universities. There's only one way to neighbors forced to put up with them. stop the spread of COVID-19, and that's if more people are vaccinated. (45 votes)

INDIVIDUAL CHOICE: People should still have a choice not to get the vaccine. A growing number of workplaces, Colleges, workplaces and the military

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Utilities want to stretch payments for storm costs

By Christian M. Wade Statehouse Reporter

ered a record number of 12-month period." storms last year that caused power outages and other storm-related costs of at tor wrote. disruptions, and consumers least \$1.5 million to make its could be paying for years to expenses eligible for recov- governing body believes cover the cost.

may recover operations and are ineligible. maintenance costs for a limconsumers. But utilities say qualify for cost recovery. an unprecedented number allowed reimbursement.

reimbursement for many of totaling about \$7.2 million. the storms to future years.

of costs, far exceeding the Utilities Commission. state's cap of four storms per

It wants to defer recovery Eversource's request. seek reimbursement.

Utilities that rules about and other communities.

how the fund is spent do "not" "Eversource should have to harden systems and precant number of major events gency services regardless of said. BOSTON — Utilities weath- would occur within a single, whether the need for those

ery. Storms that cause dam- Eversource, as well as the Under state law, utilities age in excess of \$30 million state Department of Public

ited number of storms from Eversource said it dealt with and "should not be rewarded a state fund supported by 10 major storms in 2020 that for a lack of planning and

They expect to recover which we live." of storms exceeded their about \$3.6 million for costs associated with three of groups say utilities' ability The state's largest utili- those storms. They've asked to recover storm-related ties, National Grid and regulators to defer cost costs from energy users Eversource, want to defer recovery for six other storms, is keeping the compa-

National Grid said it expe-virtual hearings on the infrastructure. rienced 14 storms last year requests, which are subject that qualify for recovery to approval by the Public worsening impacts of global

least nine of those storms. It Select Board called urged Public Interest Research hasn't specified when it will regulators to reject the Group. request, citing the utility's National Grid's lawyers delayed response to an Octo- just charge everything up wrote in an application to ber 2020 storm that caused to the consumers, there's the Department of Public power outages in the town less incentive for them to

services is predicted," Select A utility must add up Board Chairman Philip Kan-

He added that the town's Utilities, "bear some respon-In filings to regulators, sibility" for the climate crisis adaptation to the world in

Consumer protection nies from making invest-Regulators are holding ments to fortify their

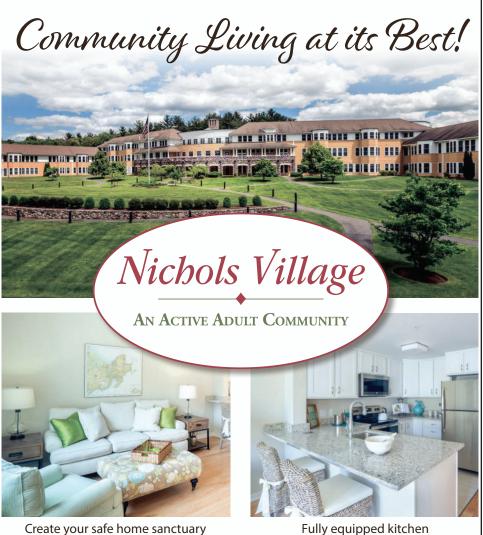
"We are going to see the warming, which means At least one community more frequent and powerhas voiced opposition to ful storms" said Deirdre Cummings, legislative direcof nearly \$14 million for at In a letter, the Conway tor for the Massachusetts

> "But if the utilities can invest in their infrastructure

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contemplate such a signifi- to provide timely emer- vent significant outages," she the Massachusetts State- and websites. Email him at



Stores push for more beer, wine licenses

By Christian M. Wade cwade@cnhinews.com

kets and convenience stores in Massachusetts. Only public support on this issue, would have access to more seven can sell beer and and we're equally gratified beer and wine licenses wine. alcohol sales.

The proposed referen- issue. dum, one of more than two dozen filed last week, calls a ballot question placed by for gradually increasing the supermarkets to lift liquor number of beer and wine license caps to allow wine licenses a single company sales. can own — rising to 18 over the next decade.

a cap on how many licenses to put the issue on the balcan be issued, and tighten lot but agreed to drop the limits on the sale of liquor measure when the Legislaand spirits.

age Store Association, held by a single company. and increasing penalties question that called for ing alcohol to minors.

certified by the attorney establish a new kind of general's office, support- license for "food stores" ers still have many hurdles and give cities and towns to clear, the first of which authority to decide how would be collecting more many to issue. than 80,000 signatures of That question faced oppo-

have been pushing for more and-pop businesses. beer and wine licenses, which are tightly controlled not to pursue the question by the state.

to apply for licenses to sell gested it might take it up beer and wine in Massachu- again later but didn't file a setts, but a single company proposal by the deadline for is limited to seven licenses. the 2022 ballot. The cap increased to nine this year under a previous ny's head of public policy, agreement between pack- said it is instead focused on age stores, or "packies," legislation that would allow and food stores.

Cumberland Farms has stores to sell beer and wine. argued that the cap on "Our efforts around the liquor licenses dates to the ballot initiative kicked off end of Prohibition and gives some really productive

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package stores an unfair conversations, and we want ough convenience store going," he said. "It's clear

for the ballot that aims to makes it to the 2022 ballot, ested stakeholders.' resolve a decades-old dis- it won't be the first time pute over limits on retail voters have been asked to ers the Massachusetts weigh in on the divisive Statehouse for North of

Several years later, the Massachusetts Food Asso-But it would keep in place ciation gathered signatures ture passed a law to gradu-The proposal, filed by ally increase the number of the Massachusetts Pack- liquor licenses that can be

also calls for tightening ID In 2019, Cumberland requirements for sellers Farms pursued a ballot for businesses caught sell- eliminating the state cap on off-premise beer and wine If the ballot question is licenses. It also sought to

registered voters by Nov. 17. sition from package stores, The proposal is being which argued that flooding billed as an "olive branch" the market with big competto convenience stores that itors would drive out mom-

Cumberland Farms opted last year, citing the impact Supermarkets are allowed of the pandemic. It sug-

> Matt Durand, the compamore food and convenience

Wendy J. Ring,

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advantage. The Westbor- to keep those conversations BOSTON — Supermar- company has 200 locations we have overwhelming by the recent outreach from

> Christian M. Wade cov-Boston Media Group's In 2006, voters rejected newspapers and websites.





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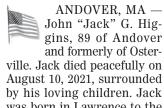
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John "Jack" G. Higgins, 89

September 11, 1931 - August 10, 2021



by his loving children. Jack was born in Lawrence to the late John and Madeleine Higgins. He was married to Nancy L. Higgins (MacMillan) for almost 52 years, who predeceased him in 2011.

Jack graduated from Cranwell Prep in 1949 and the College of the Holy Cross in 1953, and then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. He proudly served as a 2nd Lieutenant and spent several years in Ko-O'Connor, and her husband, rea, Japan, and Okinawa as a John, of Andover, and Maurifle company platoon leader. reen O'Connell of San Jose, After the service, Jack accept- CA. Jack will be missed by his ed a two year-training class children and grandchildren.

on Wall Street with Merrill Lynch which was the start of a 40-year career in the investment business. After seven years with Merrill Lynch.

Jack joined Kidder Peabody, Higgins and his wife, Elke, of Inc as a salesman and even- Vero Beach, FL; Anne Waketually became New England lin and her husband, Jeff, of as chairman of the Boston Andover; Margaret Higgins of Stock Exchange and a mem- Lexington; Kathryn Higgins of ber of the Board of Governors Andover; and Nancy Dankert of the NASD.

in Andover, St. Theresa's in gins; John Lechner, Elisabeth of the Assumption in Oster- Lechner, Matthew Higgins, ville. He was a member of Petty Officer Christian Higthe Board of Trustees of Holy gins, Andrew and Bridget Hig-Cross and served on the Investment Committee for 23 Peter, Katherine, Elizabeth, America and the Schephen's Hutchins. Eye Research Institute. He Dame football.

ality and a mischievous sense will be held Saturday, August 14, at of humor. He was a strong 1 p.m., at St. Augustine's Church, leader who inspired hard 43 Essex Street, Andover, followed work and loyal friendships. by burial at Spring Grove Cem-He engendered an "esprit de etery, Andover. corps" in others.

by his brother, James L. Hig- Scholarship Fund or Notre Dame gins and his wife, Janet, and Cristo Rey High School, 203 Lawcousin, Ann H. Bride, all of rence Street, Methuen, MA. To Andover, as well as his broth- send an online condolence, please ers-in-law, Donald J. MacMil- visit www.pollardfuneralhome. lan, formerly of Cotuit, and com. The Kenneth H. Pollard Fu-William O'Connell formerly neral Home is honored to serve the of Saratoga, CA. He is sur- Higgins family. vived by his sister, Carole



Father to John G. Higgins and his wife, Betsy, of Dover, MA; Mary Higgins and her husband, John Lechner, of Manchester, MA; James

Regional Manager. Along the Andover; Elizabeth Higgins of route, he was also appointed Lexington; Caroline Higgins of and her husband, Peter, of An-Jack was a lifelong mem- dover. He was grandfather to ber of St. Augustine's Parish John, Peter, and Teddy Hig-North Reading, and Our Lady Hutchins, Julia and Duncan gins, Henry and Sam Wakelin; years. He was a board member Thomas Dankert of Andover, for the Thyroid Foundation of and great-grandson, Alastair

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and was also a competitive golfer friends are respectfully invited and member of Salem Country to attend visiting hours on Friday, Club and Oyster Harbors. Jack August 13, from 4 to 8 p.m., at loved Boston sports and Notre Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA Jack had a magnetic person- 01844. A Mass of Christian Burial

In lieu of flowers, donations Jack was also predeceased can be made to The Marine Corps

Anne L. Ross

July 20, 2021

CONCORD, NH — Anne She is survived and missed Louise Ross (Ward), 83, by her son, Mark D. Laspesa passed away peacefully in her of Concord, NH; her daughhome in Concord, NH, on July ter Elizabeth A. Ruel of War-

Cecelia J. Ward, of Andover, NH; her grandsons Bruce W.

dent of Andover (Ballardvale), Bradford, NH, Joseph Castro MA, and attended Punchard of Methuen, MA, Jonathan C. High School. She spent many Ruel of Warner, NH, Christoyears driving school buses, pher M. Ruel of Warner, NH; and then managed Parent Bus her granddaughter, Marina Co. in Andover, as well. She Desmaris of California; her loved her family and was a great grandchildren Benjamin dedicated mother and grand- and Michael Laspesa of Hopmother. She enjoyed cooking, kinton, NH, Shania and Josiah and was well known for her Castro of Methuen, MA, and PI spaghetti dinners and deli- Desmaris of California; as well cious apple pie. She truly loved as many friends near and far. camping and spent 30 years of summers at her camp in War- will be held at Bennett Funeral ner, NH. She will be sorely Home, 209 N Main St, Concord, missed by many.

sons, Bruce W. Laspesa of a Celebration of Life at 1522 Maple Warner, NH, and Michael A. Street, Hopkinton, NH. Laspesa of Bradford, NH.

ner, NH; her brothers Dean She was born on September W. Ward of No. Andover, MA, 24, 1937, to Winthrop D. and and Dale Ward of Hampstead, Laspesa Jr. of Hopkinton, NH, Anne was a longtime resi- Robert Anthony Laspesa of

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours NH, on Saturday August 21, 2021 Anne is predeceased by her from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m, followed by

ANDOVER POLICE REPORTS

MONDAY, AUG. 9

wall, Heatherstone Drive, violation, Osgood Street,

TUESDAY, AUG. 10

Animal complaint: Chickens, Castle Heights Road, 2:01 McDuffee-Willett, 23, of

arrested on a warrant, Clark a.m. Road, 2:15 p.m.

River Road, 4:30 p.m. **WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11**

22, of Tewkesbury arrested for operating under the influ-Property damage: Damaged ence and an open container

THURSDAY, AUG. 12

Arrest: Anna Kathleen Massachusetts arrested for Arrest: Andy J. Rosario- possession of a class A sub-Alejo, 22, of Winchester, N.H. stance, Shattuck Road, 9:35

Arrest: Sabrina Williams, Harassment: Workplace: 36, of Andover arrested for trespassing, Shattuck Road, 3:44 p.m.

Theft: Flag hanging outside Arrest: Michael J. Quigley, house, Holt Road, 5:28 p.m.

ANDOVER IN BRIEF

FOR THE RECORD

375 Committee gets first donor

 $MKS\ Instruments,\ an\ selling$ food, beer and wine. Andover-based manufacturing company, became a Andona calendar recent sponsor of the town's 375th festivities. The committee is working to get sponsors and partners for 18 years old are eligible to activities planned through- submit a piece of artwork out the year.

"Traditionally, past anni- Andona calendar. versary celebrations have 375th a bright spot for years day, September 10. to come," said Buzz Stapc-

sary Committee is hosting an of September 13, 2021. End of Summer Music event

music. Off the Ground Circus with all the typical games the Memorial Hall Library Local restaurants will be treats.

artwork contest

All Andover artists under to be featured in the 2022

Twenty-four winners will partners, guests and our committee. A thumbnail enthusiastic fellow resi- version of runners-up will through, as they always calendar. Artwork will be have, and help make the accepted until 5 p.m. on Fri-

Drop off completed art- FOR? zynski, the committee chair. work in the bin located at the For information on the Memorial Hall Library Chil-375th events, comments, dren's Room or mail comquestions or interest in help- pleted artwork to Andona, PO ing as a donor, sponsor or vol- Box 256, Andover, MA 01810. unteer, visit andover375.org. All entries must be accompanied by the submission form Final summer concert located at Andona.org. Win-Andover's 375th Anniver- ners will be selected the week

from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, for purchase at Andona's Aug. 19, behind Old Town Clown Town at the Park on Hall in the public parking lot. Bartlet and Chestnut Streets INFORMATION The Ben Knight Band, on Oct. 8 and 9. Andona's first a local favorite, will play fall Clown Town will be filled work in the bin located at Practice.

Arts will perform as well. and rides, plus some new fall Children's Room along with

of the children's artwork Andover, MA 01810 submission form.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Andover and are up to age opening Aug. 26 18 years are invited to participate. The purpose of the

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING

Colorful, original hand drawn artwork (no photo- council graphs or digital artwork, following themes:

Andona's Clown Town?

Calendars will be available or organization?

ENTRY SUBMISSION

this completed entry form, Please visit andona.org/ or mail completed artwork artwork-contest for full con- with this completed entry test rules and to print a copy form to Andona, PO Box 256,

Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, September 10, 2021.

Children that reside in Robb Center grand

Anyone is invited to step been paid for by sponsors, be selected by an anonymous artwork event is to provide into the newly renovated children the opportunity to Robb Center from 1 to 4 p.m. express their thoughts, mem- on Aug. 26. There will be live dents, the 375th is no differ- be published in the group ories and experiences with performances, complimenent. We know they will come section of the 2022 Andona Andona or Andona's Clown tary refreshments and lots of good cheer at 36 Bartlet St.

Andover resident named to nonprofit

Andover resident Dhara please) fulfilling one of the Satija has been appointed to the Boston Chamber of What is your favorite Commerce Health Care & game, ride or memory from Life Sciences Leadership Council, where she will sup-How has Andona sup- port the nonprofit's work ported you, your club, team to unify leaders and aid in the development of the Chamber's policy positions. Satija currently serves as senior manager of Deloitte's Drop off completed art- Risk & Financial Advisory

All those years ago

Susan McKelliget

100 years Ago – August 19, 1921

The severe electric storm yesterday afternoon played havoc with the fire alarm system, the most serious difficulty being at the Ballardvale station. The firemen worked far into the night repairing the damages and are continuing the work on wire troubles today. Lightning struck the chimney of the house occupied by Arthur H. Gray at the rear of 125 Main street, knocking bricks from the chimney and dishes from the shelves. Mr. and Mrs. Gray were in the store when the house was struck. At the house of R.N.C. Barnes at Twin Cedar farm, the lightning entered on the electric wires, blowing out fuses and starting a small fire which was easily extinguished. A bolt of lightning struck the weathervane of the barn near the residence of Thomas F. Hall at 43 High Street, ripping off shingles and tearing a hole in the roof as large as the body of a man.

Several streets in Andover have reached the condition where the town runs the risk of being held liable for damages unless something is done pretty soon. Three of

this kind are Phillips Street, Summer Street and Pearson Street. It is understood that the public works department contemplates taking care of these streets this season, if there is money enough to do the job. Unfortunately, that is a tremendous "if" in in the Commonwealth, for few towns in the Commonwealth are paying wages on a scale maintained in Andover for highway work.

As a result of many complaints, Chief Frank M. Smith visited three places in West Parish on the River Road and Greenwood Road last Monday, his search being rewarded at the camp of Charles Sullivan of Newton Street Lawrence, by the discovery of mash and several dozen bottles of home brew packed in boxes and suitcases.

75 Years Ago - August 22, 1946

Sixteen members of the Lafalot Club enjoyed an outing to Salem Willows on Thursday evening, which happened to be a lovely moonlit night, just the kind of an evening to spend at the shore. A sea-food dinner at one of the leading restaurants added to the evening's fun.

The photo cover of the the most notable examples of Townsman showed the three or new students entering

winners of the best-decorated doll carriage contest, a feature of the annual doll show held at Indian Ridge last Friday afternoon. They are, Jackie Milne, Elinor Finnerty, Barbara Smith and Janet Valentine. The annual carnival will be

Andover than in many towns held at the Central Andover Guild next Wednesday evening in conjunction with the weekly dance. Handwork will be on display and an interesting program has been planned.

50 Years Ago — August 26, 1971

The size of a quorum necessary to conduct business at town meeting would be increased if a proposal by is presented and accepted at in the Crossroads Plaza at the October town meeting. Greenberg, long an advocate of better attendance at town meetings has asked that the quorum regulations be changed to require five percent of the registered voters liquor and cigars. Jonathan to be present to conduct the town's business.

A photo caption reads: "Workmen apply a finish coat of hot top to the parking specialty store. lot to the rear of the town hall. The finished coat completes the parking area following demolition of the old Central fire station last fall." Each seventh-grade girl,

junior high school should have the following equipment ready for class during the first full week of classes. Gym suit. Style 2016 Moore, available at any local or Lawrence sporting goods store. This suit is navy blue and white stripes on top and has short sleeves. Pair of navy blue or black gym sneakers. 2 pair of white heavy cotton or wool socks. Two bath size towels. Sweater. Students full first and last name should be sewn with white thread on all equipment.

25 Years Ago – August 22,1996

The owners of Andover Liquors and The Butler's Pantry have combined Selectman Milton Greenberg forces to open The Vineyard the junction of routes 114 and 125 in North Andover. Joseph Hoffman, John Grange and Rich Daly, owners of Andover Liquors brought their expertise on and Toni Weber, owners of Butler's added knowledge of gourmet foods and a dash of pastry to create the new

> A photo caption reads: " Lucy Bernardin of Victorian Treats at 68 Park Street assists while Shawn Noonan of Andover picks the winners of the Leukemia Society summer raffle."

A diagnosis is not a destiny

Family Matters

Dr. Larry Larsen



Doctor, Our 13-yearold middle school son has been diagnosed with a learning

disability. The trouble with this is his reaction. He thinks it means he

he "has" this thing wrong with him. I am sure you have from "knowing through." seen this.

How do we help him? – Asking

Dear Asking, Let me begin by saying how much I have grown to

loath diagnostic terminology in the behavioral sciences. Terms such as "syndrome" or "disorder" or, in your son's case, "disability" are negative. The term "diagnosis" comes from two Greek words meaning literally to "know through."

Our precision in the

behavioral sciences is far Your son has some aspect

of learning which does not fit the curriculum. So, we give it a name placing him outside the norm

This is unfortunate and places a descriptive onus on a child. Rather, why not create and adequately staff an inclusive learning environment which meets the needs of the child.

You may have to find port for his specific needs. Meanwhile, be advised

the terminologies used are created by committees of psychiatrists and psychologists — a scary thought indeed.

Make certain your son

understands he is in dis-

tinguished company such

as Winston Churchill and Albert Einstein. Most important is under-

standing a diagnosis is not a destiny! Dr. Larry Larsen is an

Andover psychologist. If you external instruction and sup- would like to ask a question, or respond to one, email him at lrryllrsn@CS.com.

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Lauren D. Whitley to Juan R.

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and Gabrielle E. Obrien to R. Funderburk and Sheila K. Merrimack College, \$552,500 **56 Chandler Cir:** Deanna and

and Jie Hu, \$1,750,000

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> **7 North St:** John J. Farrell to Then, \$575,000 **43 River Rd:** Doyle Lumber RE LLC to 3P Properties LLC, \$3,290,000

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98 Main St Unit F: Rocco RT to Yanyan Hu and Zixi Yue,

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Jobless workers to lose federal benefits

Federal programs set to expire

By Christian M. Wade Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Hundreds of of weeks.

extend the programs.

Advocates are scrambling history. to advise jobless workers expire.

ton Legal Services, which spread of COVID-19. works with low-income right now, either because according to state data. they can't find child care or have health concerns."

jobless benefits have options, steadily declining number from food stamps and cash of people seeking unemassistance to a program that ployment benefits. extends state unemployment for those who retrain to work ing claims for Pandemic in a new industry.

filed legislation that would chusetts in the week that allocate \$240 million in pan- ended July 24 — a drop of demic relief funding for job 5,169 from the prior week, training programs to sup-according to the U.S. Labor port workers losing benefits Department. next month.

market," Baker said Thurs- drivers for Uber and Lyft. programs. day. "As we approach that opportunities."

thousands of jobless work- lie Acosta said the state week. ers in Massachusetts face is "amping up" efforts to

2020 CARES Act, includ-ture more than 200,000 the previous week. ing a \$300 weekly payment, available positions in a expire on Sept. 6, and Con-range of industries. State gress hasn't indicated it will officials have said it will be the largest job fair in state

Massachusetts paid out on how to stay afloat finan- nearly \$6 billion in jobcially once those benefits less benefits last year as hundreds of thousands of "It's going to be terrible," workers were sidelined by said Monica Halas, lead staff government-imposed shutattorney with Greater Bos-downs meant to stop the

The state's unemployworkers receiving jobless ment rate, which at 16.4% benefits. "There are a lot of last spring was among the people out there who can't highest in the country, return to the workforce dropped to 4.9% in June,

While new jobless claims went up slightly last week, Salas said people losing overall the state has seen a

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important to make sure didn't qualify for a regular lecting jobless aid as of mid-mass.gov/jobfair. their way back into the job economy" workers, such as federal pandemic-related

Another 188,381 claims September deadline, we're were filed for another fed- plained that generous state working to connect folks eral benefit, Pandemic and federal benefits give who are looking for work Emergency Unemployment some workers more than with folks who have job Compensation, in the week they would typically earn, Labor Secretary Rosa- 433 less than the preceding people back to work.

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"Getting more people off Meanwhile, a federal pro- unemployment and into the the edge of a cliff as federal find jobs for an estimated gram that extended bene- workforce is crucial right unemployment programs 300,000 workers who will fits to jobless workers who now, because most employare set to expire in a matter lose federal jobless benefits. exhausted traditional state ers can't find enough peo-MassHire's Career Cen- unemployment benefits saw ple to fill the vacancies," Three pandemic-related ters are planning a five-day 91 continuing claims filed in said Chris Carlozzi, state unemployment benefits virtual job fair beginning the week that ended July 24, director of the National established by the March next Monday that will fea- which was 822 fewer than in Federation of Independent

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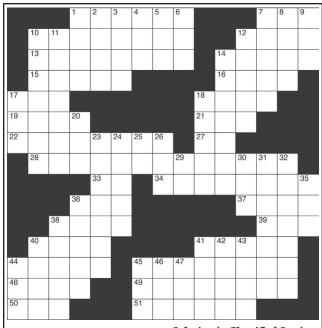
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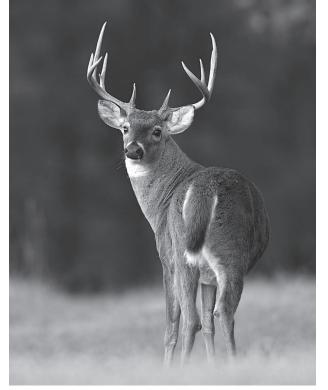
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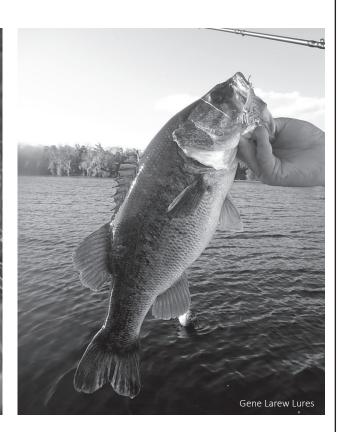




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Clapping to the beat are David Lasrado, his wife Ingrid and their granddaughter Naomi Foley, 2, as music is played by Ben Rudnick & Friends near the bandstand during Andover's Concerts in the Park.

Summer, sun and sound

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Ben Rudnick & Friends perbeing rained out earlier in formed from the bandstand the summer.

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





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LOCAL THE TOWNSMAN Thursday, August 19, 2021 9 Methuen veteran, area photojournalist react to chaos in Afghanistan

By WILL BROADDUS Staff Writer

Photojournalist Ben Brody spent six years covering America's war in Afghanistan. But all he could think about as he watched the country's U.S.-backed government collapse were the Afghan colleagues who were still trapped there, and how to get

them out. "That's what I've been working on the last three or four weeks, and the situation is becoming increasingly dire," he said. "The airport is running military flights, but there is also a Taliban cordon around the airport, so unless you're at the airport, which is a dangerous place to be right now, you're not able to reach the flights."

As photography director of The GroundTruth Project, a nonprofit news organization based in Boston, Brody has been working to put pressure on the Biden administration and the U.S. State Department to take care of Afghans who partnered with American reporters.

"I have gotten the impression that the state department wants to help journalists, but right now it seems like

the solution to getting our colleagues out is either the Taliban opens the cordon or the U.S. military opens it for them, and I don't think either possibility is likely," Brody said.

He was reacting to the aftermath of Sunday's chaotic scene at Kabul's airport, when panicked Afghan citizens tried to storm their way onto commercial airliners, and clung to the wheels of American military aircraft that

were taxiing down a runway. They were fleeing Taliban forces, which had rolled over the Afghan Army and the rest of the country in a matter of weeks, and were about to enter the capital city.

The Taliban's encroachment followed the final pullout of American forces after two decades of American military presence in Afghanistan, which had been prompted by the terrorist attacks on New York's World Trade Center

That final scene provoked strong reactions in all who watched it, but especially in those who had served in Afghanistan.

These included Alberto Gonzalez of Methuen, who served in the Army and feels

that America did more than its duty in Afghanistan, and that our involvement there had run its course.

"The way I see things is that we accomplished our mission, because we protected that country for so long," he said. "I believe we've given them all the keys for success for them to protect themselves and their families. It was millions of dollars of infrastructure and advanced equipment, but I don't believe we can help a country that doesn't want to

For Brody, who was always skeptical about America's presence in both Afghanistan and Iraq, this final scene and what it suggested about the fate of his friends was extremely difficult to watch.

help themselves.'

But he hasn't given up, and said "we are chasing every hope we have," which includes trying to secure seats on four different flights. He is also working to get all the paperwork squared away with the State Department, so that if an Afghan colleague can get on a plane, "we'll have our ducks in a row when it comes time to process their visas.'

Brody spent 15 years photographing America's wars

in Iraq and Afghanistan, after he said. enlisting in the U.S. Army in Brody. 2002. He served as a combat photographer with the Third Infantry Division in Iraq, and was awarded a Bronze Star in 2008, before working as a member of the press in Afghanistan from 2010 to

"At that point, the war in Afghanistan had been going on for more than a decade and it was clear that we wanted to get out," Brody said. "It was clear to me, based on my experience in Iraq, that the end game was to surge troops in, to push the Taliban back until the U.S. could leave in more or less orderly fashion, which is what they did in Iraq. The decision had nothing to do with the country's prospects for long term stability, but rather was a way of saving face for a hopeless engagement."

By 2014, American forces in Afghanistan had dwindled from 160,000 to well below 10,000, and the personnel who remained were there only to provide air support to Afghan forces, Brody said.

"Once that went away, a long-scheduled departure of that airpower, then you saw the Afghan military collapse,"

Brody, who grew up on the North Shore, exhibited some of his photos of Afghanistan at the Fruitlands Museum in Harvard in 2015, and later published a catalog to accompany them called "Endgame: Afghanistan."

Many of these were later combined with his photos from Iraq in a book called "Attention Servicemember," which was published in 2019 and was shortlisted for the Aperture - Paris Photo First Book Award.

Brody's personal work is much different from the official photos that he shot for the Army, which he once described as propaganda that "justified" the war's "existence and exaggerated its accomplishments."

A viewer of his books and exhibits can quickly see that he is less interested in documenting the incidents of war than evoking its unsettling

But as Brody now worries about the fate of Afghan colleagues, he also sees his work in a different, more pressing

"I'm reflective on, not just the consequences of military intervention in Afghanistan

and Iraq, but also what is the role of journalism in those countries," he said. "I think I tried to explore a lot of those questions in 'Attention Servicemember,' but those questions ring hollow when the people who allowed you to make that work and invited

you into their homes and lives are in dire peril." Gonzalez, who served one tour in Afghanistan with the Army's 101st Engineer Battalion, feels Americans did their job in helping to stabilize the

"I interacted with locals, with the Afghan Army and the police," he said. "They were really happy we were there.'

country.

Gonzalez was involved in operations in several cities and was wounded in Charq, in Logan Province, which he said was considered "the most dangerous place in the

"That's why we were trying to eradicate the Taliban," he

Gonzalez participated in convoys that carried supplies between American posts, and were subject to attack from IEDs, or improvised explosive devices, once they got outside the cities.

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NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 2, 2021 in The Hall, 2nd Floor, Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover, MA on the petition of Peter & Danette Morris, 112 Pine St., Andover, MA as a Party Aggrieved for review of a decision made by the Inspec of a decision made by the Inspec-tor of Buildings &/or for a variance from Art. VIII, §4.1.1 to construct a single-family dwelling on a lot with a

2-family dwelling that will remain.
Premises affected are located at
78-80 Summer St. & 112 Pine St.,
Andover, MA in an SRA & SRB District as shown on Assessor Map 21 as Lots 178 & 185. To view the application contact zoning@andoverma. gov, 978-623-8627 or 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA.

ELIZABETH OLTMAN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 8/19, 8/26/21

ANDOVER ZONING BOARD NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021, in The Hall, 2nd floor, Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover, MA, on the petition of Salim & Jean Tabit, 12 Brook St., Andover, MA, for a Special Permit under Art. VIII, §3.3.5(3) &/or for a variance from Art. VIII, §4.1.2 to construct a rear addition that will not meet the minimum side yard

depth requirement.

Premises affected are located at 12 Brook St., Andover, MA, in an SRA District as shown on Assessor Map 55 as Lot 40. To view the applimap 55 as Lot 40. To view the appli-cation, contact zoning@andoverma. gov, 978-623-8627 or 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA. ELIZABETH OLTMAN, CHAIR

BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 8/19, 8/26/21

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF

PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405 Docket No. ES21P1337PM

In the matter of: Jean Thelemaque Of: Andover, MA RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor) To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Academy Manor of Andover, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jean Thelemaque is in need of a Consei vator or other protective order and Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Corporate Surety

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **09/05/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may

be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Jennifer M R Ulwick, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 09, 2021

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate

AT - 8/19.8/26, 9/2/21

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ANDOVER ZONING BOARD

6:30 pm on Thursday, September 2, 2021 in The Hall, 2nd Floor, Memorial Hall Library, 2 2 N. Main St, Andover, MA on the petition of William & Alexa Stewart, 26 Pasho St., Andover, MA for a Special Permit under Art. VIII, §3.3.5 &/or for a variance from Art. VIII, §4.1.2 to construct an dition that will not meet the min

Premises affected are located at 26 Pasho St., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor Map 39 as Lot 141. To view the application contact zoning@andoverma.gov, 978-623-8627 or 36 Bartlet St., An-

ELIZABETH OLTMAN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS

AT - 8/19/21

AT - 8/19, 8/26/21

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Bridget E. Fletcher and Jon Fletcher to First Hori**zon Home Loan Corporation dated February 24, 2006, recorded at the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10062, Page 2; said mortgage was then assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by virtue of an assignment dated July 9, 2007, and recorded in Book 10841, Page 135; and further assigned to U.S. Bank, National Association as Trustee for WAMU Mortgage Pass Through Certificate For WMALT Series 2007-OA1 Trust by virtue of an assignment dated October 20, 2012, and recorded in Book 13195, Page 132; said mortgage is affected by a Consent Judgment dated February 9, 2021 and recorded in Book 16990, Page 221 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 10:00 AM on September 13, 2021, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 83 Chestnut Street, Andover, MA 01810. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgaged.

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and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and ap-plicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

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NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be held at A public hearing will be neid at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 2, 2021 in The Hall, 2nd floor, Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover, MA on the petition of Carlos Arzeno, 18 William St., Andover, MA for an extension of Decisions Z-20-10, Z-20-25, Z-20-83. Premises affected are located at 18 William St., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor Map

contact <u>zoning@andoverma.gov,</u> 978-623-8627 or 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA. FLIZABETH OLTMAN CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS

52 as Lot 98. To view the application

AT - 8/19, 8/26/21

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF HEARING public hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 2, 2021 in The Hall, 2nd floor, Memorial Hall Library, 2 Elm Sq should be 2 N. Main St., Andover, MA for a Special Permit under Art. VIII, §3.1.3.F.4 to create a Family Dwelling Unit within

an existing single-family dwelling.
Premises affected are located at 69 Phillips St., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor Map 74 as Lot 5A.

To view the application contact

zoning@andoverma.gov, 978-623-8627 or 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA. ELIZABETH OLTMAN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS

AT - 8/19, 8/26/21

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that public nearings will be convened on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:45 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlet Street, on applications submitted Carlos and Diana Arzeno for a -lot Definitive Subdivision Plan and Special Permit for Earth Movement under Section 6.3 of the Andover Zoning Bylaw. Said applications are for property located at 18 William Street, Andover, MA, owned by Carlos and Diana Arzeno and more spe cifically identified as Assessors' Map 52. Lot 98.

The applications may be examined in the Planning Department Monday through Friday during nornal business hours. While this meeting is being sched-

uled as an in-person meeting, please note that the format may be changed at the direction of the Chair from n-person only to a combination of in-person and remote attendance/ participation, or to remote attendance/participation only. Accordingly, prior to the meeting, please check the Town and Planning Board web-sites for updated information on the meeting format and how the public may attend/participate. Persons may also call the Planning Board at 978-623-8650. THE ANDOVER

PLANNING BOARD Zachary Bergeron, Chair AT - 8/19, 8/26/21

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82 as Lot ID. To view the application, contact zoning@andoverma.gov, 978-623-8627 or 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA.
ELIZABETH OLTMAN, CHAIR
BOARD OF APPEALS

District as shown on Assessor Man

AT - 8/19, 8/26/21

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, that Andover Country Club, Inc d/b/a Andover Country Club, Andover, MA has applied for a Change of Manager to an Innholder - All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages Li cense, located at 60 Canterbury St. Andover. Geoffrey Piva, 19 Balmoral St., Andover, MA will be the new manager. The public hearing will be held

on Monday, September 13, 2021 in Memorial Hall Library 2nd floor in Memorial Hall Library 2nd floor, 2 North Main Street, Andover, MA at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with the General Laws relating thereto. By Order of the

Select Board Austin Simko Town Clerk Wednesday Date of Issue: August 11, 2021

AT - 8/19/21

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, that Liquor Bros LLC d/b/a Elm Sq Liquor Co, 2 Elm Square, Andover, MA has applied for a change of Officers and Directors and Chapter of Stock Interest to tors and Change of Stock Interest to an All Alcoholic Package Store Beverage License, located at 2 Elm Sq. Andover. Krupal Soni, 161 Flower Lane, Dracut, MA, remains the designated manager. The public hearing slated for Au-

ust 16th has been postponed to September 13th. The public hearing will now be

held on Monday, September 13, 2021, in Memorial Hall Library 2nd floor. 2 North Main Street. Andover MA at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with the General Laws relating thereto.

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CHANGE NAME Docket No. ES21C0299CA In the matter of: Jeri Ridge A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jeri Ridge

of Andover MA requesting that the

court enter a Decree changing their

name to: Jeri Arden Field
IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Essex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/09/2021. This is NOT a hearing date but a deadline by which you

date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Jennifer M R Ulwick, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 06, 2021

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AT - 8/19/21

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Flying higher

SPORTS

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

Foster cleared the bar for a personal record vault of 10 vaulter on the team, and the feet, 8 inches to win the USA Track & Field New England Pole Vault Championship on meet and three of them 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 except 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 D1s 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

eight other girls vaulters all made the Division 1 state 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

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."

Twitter: @DWillisET Email: DWillis@eagletribune.com.



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.

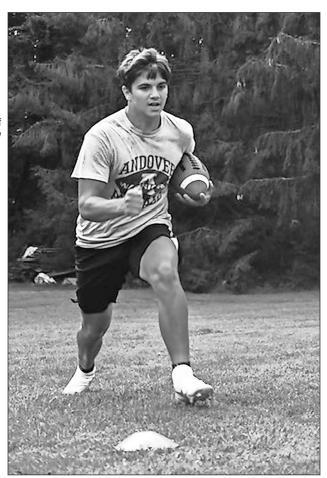


Andover's Olivia Foster clears the bar in the pole vault. She recently moved into second place in Andover High school history.

Courtesy photos

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

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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.

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