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Two families move into Habitat for Humanity homes

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Moving to Andover Amarilys Zayas and Michelle Tejada are most excited to provide their children with a permanent home that will set them up for good futures, they said.

"We achieved the dream to give our children a better future and a

community," Zayas said.

The two, single mothers are the first to move their families into the Lupine Road duplex built in partnership between the Essex County Habitat for Humanity and Andover Community Trust. The two homes — and another duplex which will be finished by the end of the year — will be permanently affordable for people making less

than 60% of the average median income. Andover Community Trust is building another duplex on the same parcel of land for a total of six units.

Zayas and Tejada each bought their homes for \$185,000 and 350 hours of sweat equity work-

ing on the property alongside

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Homeowners, from left, Michelle Tejada and her son Shaday Betances, 15, and Amarilys Zayas and her six-year-old twin boys Dylan, left, and Izan Pineda, in front of their new homes built by Essex County Habitat for Humanity on Lupine Road in Andover.

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'Everything we hoped this day would be'



MADELINE HUGHES/Staff photo

Jared Fishbink, 7, and Harrison Gray, 6, play mini golf at the Andover Thrives Community Day at Lower Shawsheen Playground on Saturday.

Andover turns out to celebrate 375 years

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It was a gorgeous day as Andover residents gathered to celebrate their town.

Children played field games and neighbors checked in with the more than 50 local businesses and organizations set up around the track at the Lower Shawsheen Playground area on Andover Thrives Community Day, which

was the first of a series of large events to celebrate the town's 375th anniversary.

"This is everything we hoped this day would be," said Susie Pokress, the event chair of the 375th Committee. "It brought out families and senior citizens. We have lots of vendors and people playing games and performing all day."

Hundreds of people gathered throughout the day with the largest crowds coming mid-day after

many of the local soccer games, Pokress said.

"We wanted to throw a party and Andover delivered," said Ann Ormond, the town's director of business, arts and culture. "It was a very successful event, especially for the first really large 375th event."

She thanked the local residents, entertainers, organizers and

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State extends masking mandate for schools

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Students attending public schools will be required to wear masks until Nov. 1, regardless of their vaccination status.

The original mandate, approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by a 9-1 vote in August, required public schoolchildren age 5 and older, staff and educators to wear masks indoors through Oct. 1. The date has now been extended to Nov. 1, state education officials said Monday.

After that, middle and high schools will be allowed to lift the rules for vaccinated students and staff if at least 80% are vaccinated. Unvaccinated students and staff will still be required to mask-up. The state also encourages children younger than 5 to wear masks.

Education Commissioner Jeff Riley said the ongoing precaution is needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19, in light of rising case numbers attributed to

the delta variant.

"The best interests of students and staff as they return safely to full-time, in-person instruction this fall is at the forefront of my decision," Riley said in a statement. "Wearing masks is an important additional measure to keep students in school safely at this time."

It's not clear how many schools will be able to reach the 80% target by next month. School committees in several communities — including Rockport, Manchester Essex Regional and Salem — had already said they plan to continue to require masks.

Gov. Charlie Baker recommended face coverings in schools this fall but initially left decisions about mandates to local school officials.

Under the state's masking rules, the vaccination rate is calculated on a school-by-school basis, not at the district level. It must include all enrolled students in addition to staff regularly providing in-school services.

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Buses likely to be an issue for weeks

By MADELINE HUGHES
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Across social media and at School Committee meetings parents are asking why there are so many issues with buses this year.

"Our children sit in anxiety not knowing when or if the bus will show up. They've been asked to bring books and games because

it is known they will not be leaving," Courtney Betts, a mother of Bancroft Elementary School students, told the committee at its Sept. 16 meeting as she described her own children's experiences.

Andover is one of many Massachusetts towns confronting the issue of a lack of school bus drivers. Gov. Charlie Baker has even

called in National Guard members to driver buses in multiple cities. The issues surrounding a lack of drivers cannot be fixed easily, and school staff estimate it will be mid to late October when the driving schedules are more solidified.

"They are in the process of hiring new drivers, and by the time they get background checks and by the

time that gets off the ground it will be well into next month," Superintendent Magda Parvey said.

District staff have been working with the North Reading-based bus company Trombly, which the district contracts with, by increasing communication and having more meetings with the company staff, Parvey said.

However, it's not only

the lack of drivers causing issues — road construction plagues many of the town's streets, school times were changed this year and the district has mostly gotten rid of the "B runs" which were second bus runs that routinely kept students waiting after school.

"The best case is that

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Clown Town returns

Andona also sells 'Boo Bags,' collecting art for other fundraisers

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Clown Town will be held Friday Oct. 8 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information on Clown Town and other fundraisers visit andona.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Clown Town 2021 needs student volunteers! This is a great opportunity to participate in a community service activity and help Andona raise money for the youth of Andover. Sat., Oct. 9th, middle and high school student volunteers are needed for shifts in Andona's field booths. Volunteer hours are in two-hour time shifts from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Additionally, the organization is looking for high school students to help with field set up from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and field breakdown from 4 to 5 p.m. Please visit andona.org for more details or contact Beth Dunne at volunteer@andona.org. Andona's Clown Town is located at the park in downtown Andover and hours are Friday, Oct. 8 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Saturday field activities close at 4 p.m., but rides are open until 8 p.m. The Heavy Rain Date on Sun. Oct. 10, from noon to 6:00 p.m.



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Crowds gather at Andona's 63rd annual Clown Town in 2019.

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Andona's Clown Town returns Oct. 8th and 9th with carnival rides and lots of fun for families.

It's the local nonprofit's 65th annual fundraiser, as the organization approaches its 70th anniversary in 2022, said Jennifer Sloan, Andona's secretary.

The nonprofit, which was founded in 1952 to give back to the town and youth, annually gives out \$10,000 in college scholarships, \$10,000 in summer camp scholarships and another \$25,000 in small grants to schools, local teams and clubs that serve Andover's youth. Clown Town has been its largest fundraiser since 1956, Sloan said.

Because of the pandemic, the organization pushed the event from its typical May weekend. They continued funding projects and scholarships throughout

the pandemic, however, like other nonprofits Andona did face some financial setbacks.

"Not having a fundraiser put a dent into our financials, so we are hoping to make that up this year and we are planning a traditional Clown Town for the third weekend in May next year," Sloan said.

However, the organization is continuing with a fundraiser started last year called "Boo Bags" that are goodie bags of treats and trinkets people can buy to leave at a friend or neighbor's house to "Boo" them, Sloan said.

The organization is also in the process of creating a 2022 calendar as a fundraiser, Sloan said. The organization is soliciting hand-drawn art from youth impacted by Andona.

"We are really hoping to see artwork from some kids who have received scholarships or campships or from clubs or teams who we've helped

throughout the years," Sloan said. "It doesn't have to be fancy, just something meaningful about how Andona has helped them so that we can see that connection back."

Over the years the organization has grown into a specific community niche helping individual students, schools and organization fund small projects, Sloan said. and over the years the need has only continued to rise, she said.

"With our fundraising we enable so many of the sports teams and activities in town to help them with everyday expenses like uniforms and equipment," Sloan said.

Sloan also thanked the many supportive businesses donating food including Ultimate Perk and 34 Park that will be for sale. She also thanked Lillian Montalto Signature Properties International and Pfizer, which are the two largest corporate sponsors this year.

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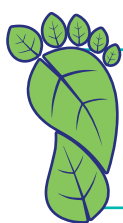
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Opinion

Put veterans services in governor's cabinet

Deepening last year's tragedy at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, where 77 veterans died after contracting COVID-19, was the facility's muddled oversight. Failures of management were obvious and have now been studied and documented to a fare thee well. Less clear was how and why someone outside the home didn't step in sooner to intervene.

It's time to act to prevent future tragedies involving this important group of people, whose service to our country earns them the best possible care and a close attention to detail when it comes to oversight. Clearer lines of authority must be drawn for the state's two retirement facilities for veterans.

Rep. Linda Dean Campbell, D-Methuen, is co-sponsoring a bill that would make the state's secretary of veterans' services a cabinet-level job reporting to the governor, rather than the secretary of health and human services. The veterans' services secretary would oversee the director of veterans' homes, whose job includes managing the superintendents of both facilities.

The bill is an important step in parting the fog of finger-pointing, blame and shifting accountability that rolled in as one of the deadliest COVID-19 outbreaks in the country fell over the Holyoke home. The legislation draws from a 181-page report issued by a special legislative committee that Campbell co-chaired with state Sen. Mike Rush, D-Boston.

The bill, which Rush is also co-sponsoring, closely follows the panel's 14 recommendations. Other suggestions include creating an ombudsman and hotline to allow residents, their families and staff to air problems at the homes; an advisory council to ensure the level of care given at the homes; and groups that would act as advocates for the homes in their communities.

The bill requires superintendents of each home be licensed nursing home administrators. Selecting the people for those roles would have to be done as part of a "consistent, transparent process" under the legislation. Each home would be required to employ an inspection control specialist, and seek a five-star rating from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that's only given to facilities with adequate staffing.

Campbell says in a press release the bill aims to fix "systems and critical governing deficiencies" that existed before the COVID-19 outbreak at the Holyoke home but created a "perfect storm for this preventable tragedy."

Clearly there's much to address. The most significant step is putting both homes under closer oversight of the Department of Veterans Services and the governor.

The Holyoke home's superintendent, Bennett Walsh, was certainly responsible for myriad failures including a decision in the initial wave of the pandemic to board veterans who'd not yet tested positive for COVID-19 in a ward with those who had. Less obvious was whose responsibility was it to oversee Walsh.

Oddly enough, it wasn't Francisco Urena, even though he was the state's secretary of veterans services at the time. Urena had influence but no direct authority over Walsh, though he was blamed for not surfacing concerns about Holyoke home quickly enough.

The committee wrote: "The lack of situational awareness and effective communication on the part of senior leadership about the situation unfolding at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home proved to be a significant, immediate cause of the tragedy."

Urena lost his job as a result, and deservedly so. Still, Secretary for Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders bore just as much responsibility.

One could make many good arguments for elevating the secretary of veterans services to a cabinet-level post. Start with the importance of taking care of those who've made such significant contributions to our country. The job is as critical as cultivating a strong labor force or ensuring the best education for our children.

Ensuring the best possible care for veterans who've reached retirement and need regular nursing support is another reason. We've witnessed the tragedy that can unfold when that responsibility is shirked. The Legislature should quickly act on Campbell and Walsh's bill to help prevent it from happening again.



Andover Stories: The Book Club celebrates 50 years!

Mel Jurgen

Andover Center for History and Culture

Note: Coming out of COVID quarantine, The Book Club was able to meet in person for their 50th Celebration – a true testament to friendship and a shared love of reading!

It was a dark and stormy night (with apologies to Bulwer-Lytton). Actually, no one remembers the weather for the first Book Club meeting, but the date was November 11, 1971. The suggestion for forming a book club had come from Carolyn Ehrman. One Fall afternoon, Mel Jurgen was helping Carolyn tack a quilt. While stitching, they discussed books that they were currently reading. Both having been English majors in college, it was a natural subject. Carolyn mentioned a book club that she had belonged to in Connecticut where she had lived prior to moving to Andover.

Mel was intrigued. They decided to form a book club in Andover, following the Connecticut model. They needed 20 members for each month's meeting. They would meet 10 months of the year, not July and August. Each month, one member would volunteer to host the group, and one would volunteer to lead the discussion. They decided to ask nine friends each, who also enjoyed reading, to join them.

The hostesses would provide a home setting and refreshments, and the discussion leaders would research information about the book and author and provide critical



reviews to use as a springboard for discussion. This was in the "old days," pre-Google and pre-Wikipedia. It meant a trip to the library.

The title of the first book read and discussed and the exact list of the original members has been lost to the annals of history. But everyone agreed to meet again. The next month being December, in lieu of reading a book in advance, it was decided to choose and read out loud a seasonal selection at the meeting so that members could come, relax and enjoy the evening. A December tradition had begun.

It wasn't until Mary Myers joined in 1981 – and insisted — that the group kept a record of members and books read. Mary volunteered to keep that record and thanks to her prescience, the group has an official list of books and members for the past 50

years. Over the ensuing years, the membership roster changed as people moved away or moved on, but the Book Club endured. The second Thursdays of the months of September through June became a fixed date on our calendars. Despite the vagaries of New England weather, very few meetings have been postponed, but none have ever been cancelled.

That is until March of 2020!

Enter Zoom, and the availability of new platforms for organizing and conducting get-togethers using virtual technology. Our first Zoom meeting was held in June, 2020, after a hiatus of three months due to the Massachusetts shut down. For the first time in its 50-year history, the Book Club met each of the Summer months via our computers, to make up for lost time and showing, again,

the Book Club's ability to adapt to the changing times.

This ability has served the Book Club well. The format for choosing books to read progressed from random proposals by individual members, to selection by committee, often grouped by themes, such as "Gilded Age" literature, to "Immigration" to "Anti-War" to "Books We Enjoy." The volunteer nature of the organization has provided us with capable corresponding secretaries to keep us informed, and rotating committees who have selected appealing book choices.

Now book clubs are a popular social convention and come in all shapes and sizes from "Moms and Kids" to Oprah's multi-million members...but will any of them still be meeting 50 years from now? Time will tell. There are still many books to read and discuss.

WEB QUESTION

How is are local bussing issues impacting you?

Andover is one of many Massachusetts towns confronting the issue of a lack of school bus drivers. Gov. Charlie Baker has even called in National Guard members to drive buses in neighboring cities. The issues surrounding a lack of drivers cannot be fixed easily, and school staff estimate it will be mid to late October when the driving schedules are more solidified. Parents gathered at a recent School Committee meeting saying bus delays are becoming a

source for anxiety — one that won't likely be resolved for weeks.

IT'S A HUGE PROBLEM: The delays are unacceptable and are causing anxiety and serious disruption in our days.

INCONVENIENT BUT TOLERABLE: We're muddling through but hope things improve soon.

WHAT DELAYS?: We've been lucky and aren't experiencing any problems.

Last week's question
How soon will you take your kids to get COVID-19 shots?

On Monday, drugmakers Pfizer and BioNTech announced the results of clinical trials showing their COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective in children ages 5 to 11. After reviewing the data, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration could issue an emergency authorization for the vaccine's use in children — a group unprotected until now, even though most have returned to in-person classrooms.

Once the COVID-19 shot is available for younger children — which could be just a

matter of weeks away — how quickly will you take your kids to get their shots?

WAIT AND SEE: Vaccinating adults for COVID-19 is one thing, but I would be more reserved about giving the shot to a younger child. I'll wait a while and see how it goes. (18 votes)

BEATING A PATH: The shots have worked extremely well for adults, and I take comfort from Pfizer's trials, especially once they are reviewed and approved by the FDA. I'll have my child vaccinated as soon as possible. (25 votes)

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Chism appeal moves forward, 2014 case remains open

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Nearly six years after his conviction for first-degree murder, rape and robbery in the 2013 killing of Andover resident and Danvers High School teacher Colleen Ritzer, Philip Chism's appeal is moving forward, with the state Supreme Judicial Court formally entering the case on its docket last month.

But another pending case, involving an attempted murder of a Department of Youth Services worker in 2014, remains open, as his longtime attorneys continue to pursue a theory that Chism suffered from a brain or mental health disorder.

During a brief hearing last week in Suffolk Juvenile Court in Dorchester, attorney John Osler said he's found an expert to evaluate an MRI of Chism's brain. The expert, whom Osler did not name during the hearing, will re-analyze the data from the MRI.

Chism was 14 and a freshman at Danvers High School when, a jury found, he raped and murdered Ritzer, a 24-year-old math teacher from Andover, on the afternoon of Oct. 22, 2013. He was tried as an adult and found guilty following a 2015 trial.

Now 22, he is currently serving a sentence of 40 years to life at the state's "Supermax" prison, Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Lancaster.

Chism was being held at the DYS facility in Dorchester while awaiting trial in Ritzer's death, when prosecutors allege he laid in wait for a female staff member, then beat and choked her and tried to stab her with a pencil in June 2014.

Osler told Judge Helen Brown-Bryant that the re-analysis is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Osler said a report will follow, which must be turned over to Suffolk County prosecutors, by mid-November.

After that, Brown-Bryant will conduct a hearing to assess whether the report would be admissible at trial. That hearing is tentatively scheduled for the beginning of March.

The issue of a potential brain disorder or abnormality came up during his 2015 trial, as Osler and co-counsel Denise Regan attempted to convince Judge David Lowy to allow testimony from two witnesses who were conducting a long-range study of brain development in children.

University of Pennsylvania neurologist and psychiatrist Dr. Ted Satterthwaite and neuropsychologist Ruben Gur would have testified to characteristics of Chism's brain, seen on an MRI taken shortly before his trial, that they say were also noted in study participants diagnosed with schizophrenia or traumatic brain injury.

Lowy, following a hearing mid-trial, did not allow those experts to testify, saying that with no actual diagnosis of Chism suffering from either condition, the testimony could be misconstrued by jurors.

Lowy now sits on the Supreme Judicial Court. Like other justices who presided over trials under appeal, Lowy will not take part in any proceedings regarding Chism's appeal.

The formal appeal was entered at the SJC on Aug. 13, but briefs — in which Chism's appellate attorneys, Benjamin Brooks and Michael Schneider, will lay out their grounds for the appeal and a prosecutor then has a chance to respond — are not due until the end of this year at the soonest, according to the case docket.

All first-degree murder convictions in

Massachusetts are granted an appeal before the SJC, however.

The length of the trial and the number of pretrial proceedings, some 65 volumes of transcripts, had to be prepared for the court before the appeal could be filed.

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Philip Chism, left, appears during his 2016 sentencing for the murder of Andover resident Colleen Ritzer.

YMCA names new executive director

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The former chief of staff for Methuen Mayor Neil Perry was recently named the new executive director of the Andover/North Andover YMCA.

Jana DiNatale is bringing a wealth of experience in community outreach, innovation and analysis, finance, strategic planning and diversity, inclusion and equity to her new role at the Andover branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA.

"Jana will be a great addition to our leadership team here at the YMCA," said President and CEO Frank Kenneally. "I look forward to working with her to expand the Andover/North Andover YMCA's impact in the community."

DiNatale replaces the former executive director, Claudia Soo Hoo, who was promoted to be the chief operating officer of the organization.

Coming out of the pandemic, it's an exciting time to work at the Y, DiNatale said. Having spent a brief amount of time at the Y already, she has seen a palpable excitement from both the staff and participants.

"I'm excited to work with a team of dedicated and passionate people and to help the community as we recover from the pandemic," she said. "Because we've all realized how important physical and emotional well-being is."

She's eager to get into the community and talk with new potential Y members and create more community partnerships, she said, adding people should feel free to reach out to her starting on Oct. 6.

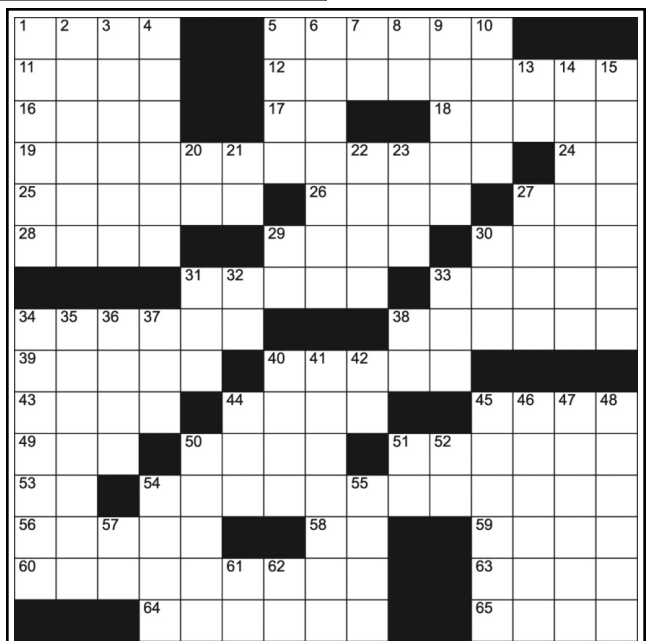
As executive director, DiNatale will lead the local branch, which pre-pandemic served more than 16,000 members, with more than 300 full and part-time staff. She will be responsible for daily operations

of the branch, recruitment and management of the volunteer Board of Managers, and annual fundraising. The more than 100,000 square foot Andover/North Andover Y features three indoor pools, 13,000 square feet of wellness space, a commercial teaching kitchen, a preschool and school age childcare wing, four group exercise studios, a gymnasium, and the Active Living Center for older adults.

A lawyer by trade, DiNatale's professional experience includes more than a decade of experience as Assistant District Attorney and Deputy Director of Training at the Essex County District Attorney's Office in Salem, Massachusetts. She also served for six years as a member of the Methuen School Committee.

"Jana will bring a unique perspective to this role," Soo Hoo said. "Her prior experiences and proven track records in the positions she has held will be invaluable in moving our Andover/North Andover YMCA forward."

DiNatale is a long time resident of Methuen, where she still lives with her husband and two daughters.



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Sports

FALL WARRIORS



Andover's Molly Kiley is off to a winning start for the Andover cross country team this fall. She won her race last week.

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Field hockey has state title dreams, girls volleyball and cross country delivering turnarounds

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is Part 3 of our previews of Andover High's fall sports teams. Boys and girls soccer and boys cross country ran last week, and football ran two weeks ago.

FIELD HOCKEY

Coach Maureen Noone: (24th year, 350-56-57)
2020 record: 6-0

Returning starters (5): Tri-captain Abby Miller, Sr., back; Tri-captain Lily Farnham, Sr., forward; Olivia Beucler, Sr., forward; Hailey Doherty, Sr., midfielder; Tri-captain Emma Reilly, Jr., back, Tribune All-Star

Returning lettermen: Tess Gobiell, Sr., forward; Ella Brockelman, Sr., back; Kate Harris, Jr., forward; Rose MacLean, Jr., midfielder; Anna Broderick, Jr., back; Adelaide Weeden, Jr., goalie

Promising newcomers: Emily Capone, Sr., back; Madeleine Harris, Sr., forward; Elise Hellmann, Sr., back; Brooke Cedorchuk, Jr., midfielder; Maddy DiGiorgio, Soph., goalie; Haley Carver, Soph., forward

Odds and ends: The Golden Warriors have opened the season 3-0-1. ... The pandemic cost another powerhouse Andover squad a shot at a state title last fall. ... Leading returning scorers are Lily Farnham (8 goals in the 6 games last season), Emma Reilly (6 goals, 10 assists), and Hailey Doherty (3 goals). ... Field hockey commits are Lily Farnham (Endicott) and Hailey Doherty (Assumption). ... Emma Reilly made MaxPrep's top 50 juniors nationally. ... Recent Assumption grad and former Andover standout Sammy Shea is new to the staff. ... Kate and Madeleine Harris are sisters. ... Assistant Laura (Dimitruk) Reid was the 2010 Tribune MVP for Andover. She played at Northeastern and just married former NU hockey player Adam Reid.

Assistants: Dan Casper, Mikayla Panneton, Bridget Morris, Laura (Dimitruk) Reid, Billy Beauchesne (JV), Sammy Shea (Frosh.)



TIM JEAN/Staff Photo

Andover's Lily Farnham has led the Golden Warriors to another stellar start fall. Farnham will next play at Endicott College.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

2020 record: 0-5

Returning players: Olivia Foster, Sr., 5-8, OH; Ava Siple, Sr., 5-7, S/OH; Ksenia Julie Kessler, Sr., 5-6, DS; Gabby Roldan Rodriguez, Sr., 5-4, L; Isabel Rodenberger, Sr., 5-7, OH; Sophia Miele, Jr., 5-8, OH; Lila Siple, Jr., 5-7, DS; Marissa Kobleski, Jr., 5-10, OH

Promising newcomers: Erin Workman Soph., 5-5 DS/L; Adrie Waldienger Soph., 5-9 OPP; Sam Daly Jr., 6-0 MB; Maddy Robertson Jr., 5-8 OH

Fast facts: After going winless last fall, Andover is off to a stellar 5-1 start this season. ... The Warriors graduated six seniors from last year's team. ... Olivia Foster is a star pole vaulter in spring track. She is second all-time for Andover High, and will go for the school record in the spring.

Coach Jane Bergin (8th year, 11-24 plus 2020): "We will look to the youth of the program to rebuild the Warrior lineup. Players are

excited and energized to play a full schedule this season."

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

2020 season: 1-4

Top returning runners: Leila Boudries, Sr.; Juliet Sellers, Sr.; Camille Storch, Sr.; Abby Redington, Sr.; Meredith Williamson, Sr.; Mary Lonergan, Jr.; Molly Kiley, Jr.; Abby Osborne, Jr.; Aayah Mazraany, Soph.; Anika Kapadia, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Rose Tarbox, Soph.; Claire DeMersseman, Frosh.; Jane Lonergan, Frosh.

Fast facts: The Warriors had a strong turnout of 40 candidates.

Coach Sue Kiley (4th year): "I'm excited to see them compete this year; they come to practice ready to work. That drive with the talent makes for a competitive season. I think missing real competition feels like a year in pandemic has made us all appreciate this season even more."

ANDOVER HIGH ROUNDUP

Napolitano, girls soccer beat rival Central

Girls Soccer

Ainsley Napolitano made three saves to help Andover clinch a win over perennial power and archrival Central Catholic 2-1 on Saturday. Samantha Jenney and Dylan Troy each scored a goal for the winners.

Hannah Jordan and Michaela Buckley each scored a goal, and the Andover defense didn't allow a shot on net in a 2-0 win over Dracut last Tuesday.

Field Hockey

Reilly, Beucler net two

Emma Reilly and Olivia Beucler each scored twice as Andover rolled past Central Catholic 6-1 last Tuesday. Casey Michael and Haley Carver each scored once and Adelaide Weeden made four saves for the winners.

Brooke Cedorchuk, Casey Michael, Hailey Carver, Tess Gobiell, Madeleine Harris and Mia Batchelder each tallied a goal as Andover rolled over Haverhill 6-0 last Wednesday.



TIM JEAN

Andover's Samantha Jenney, right during the preseason, scored a goal in the Golden Warriors' win over perennial power Central Catholic last week.

Girls Volleyball

Miele, Kobelski deliver big days

Sophia Miele tallied 16 digs, 17

service points and eight kills as Andover bested Chelmsford 3-1 last Wednesday.

Ava Siple had 29 assists and Sophia Pierce had a team-high 18 service points.

Marissa Kobelski had team-highs in kills (9) and blocks (4) and added 10 digs in a 3-0 win over Methuen last Tuesday. Ava Siple added 24 assists and Olivia Foster chipped in with 15 service points for the winners.

Boys Cross Country

Kirn, Serrano lead the way

Colin Kirn (14:36), Matt Serrano (14:39) and Pat McCarthy (14:40) took the top three spots overall as Andover topped Chelmsford (20-35) and Billerica (27-28) last Wednesday. Mike Brown was next in at sixth (15:23).

Girls Cross Country

Kiley dominates

Molly Kiley again ran to victory, in 16:10, and Andover swept Chelmsford (19-44) and Billerica (22-39) last Wednesday. Lela Boudries was in third (17:54) and Claire

DeMersseman was fifth (18:19).

Boys Soccer

Ardito scores two

Tyler Ardito tallied a pair of goals to lead Andover past Dracut 6-1 last Tuesday. Brian Gibson, Jackson Brown and Owen Chanthaboun each had a single goal.

Despite a goal by Jackson Brown, Andover fell to Chelmsford 2-1 last Thursday.

Golf

Maggio takes two wins

Nick Ventura (3 and 2), Noah Farland (3 and 2), Jack Simms (2 and 1) and Brady Maggio (3 and 2) each had a win, but Andover lost to Tewksbury 10-9 last Tuesday.

Brady Maggio had Andover's lone win (2-up) as the Golden Warriors fell to North Andover 17-3 last Wednesday.

Despite three Beal TDs, football team falls to Lawrence

DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — The Andover football team was able to rally from two deficits, but fell to Lawrence 37-26 on Saturday.

The win was the first for

the Lancers over the Golden Warriors since 1984.

"We have to make sure we get our offense settled," said Andover coach E.J. Perry. "We need to get the back end of our defense settled. They beat us twice on long pass plays, and that really hurt us."

Lawrence took the lead early on a 75-yard TD pass,

but the Golden Warriors were able to bounce back.

First, Lincoln Beal drove into the end zone for a 7-yard touchdown. Then, a possession later, Scotty Brown punched the ball out of a Lawrence player's hands for a fumble, and William Sheehan scooped it up and ran 28 yards for a touchdown that gave

Andover a 12-6 lead. Lawrence countered with two more touchdowns before halftime to make it 21-12 at halftime.

But back came the Golden Warriors, who opened the third quarter on a long drive that Beal finished with a 10-yard run that made it 21-20 after the 2-point conversion.

The Lancers, however, clinched the win with two touchdowns. Scotty Brown hit Beal for a 57-yard touchdown in the final two minutes, but it wasn't enough.

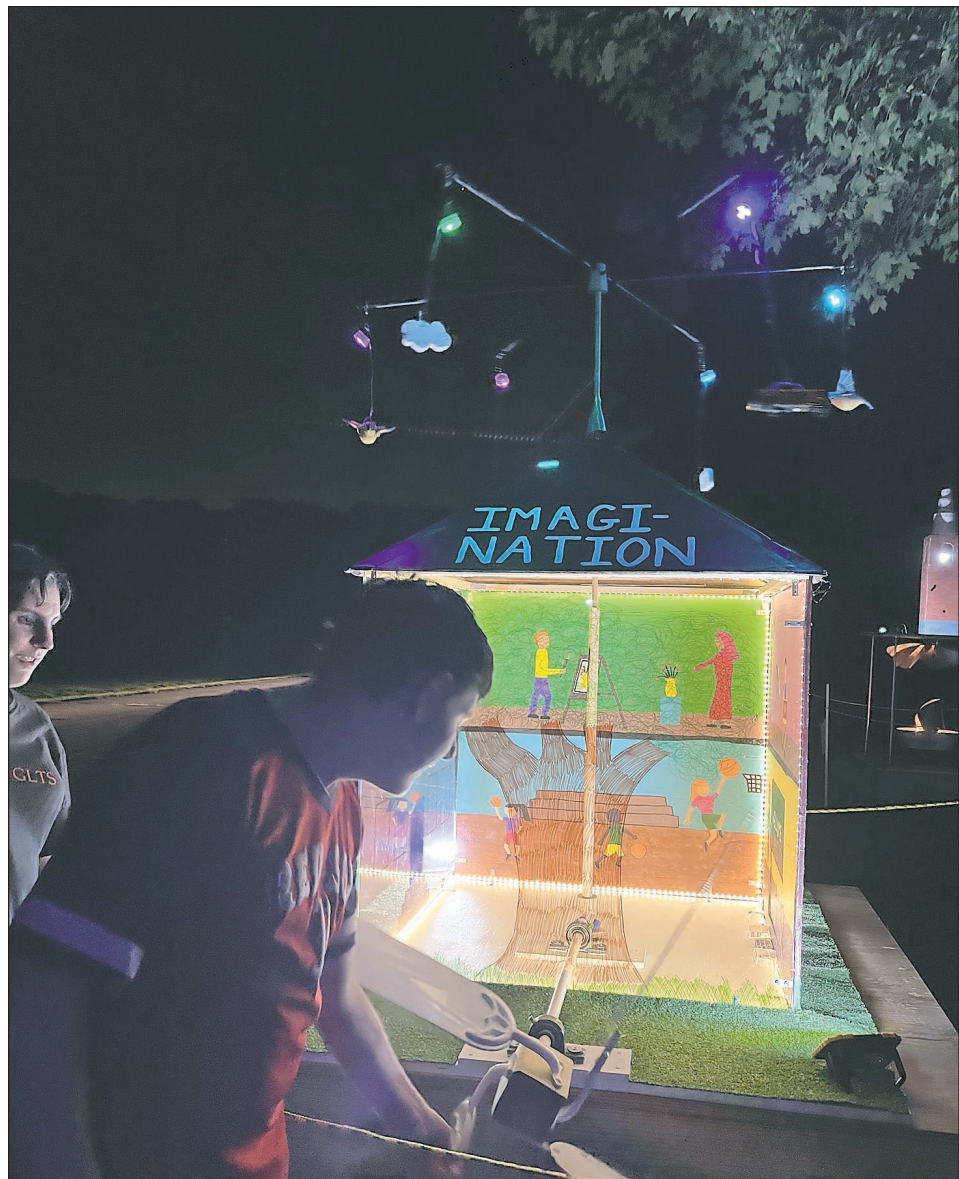
Beal finished with 57 yards rushing and 63 receiving yards and Brown finished with 165 passing yards. Andover will have to

regroup for another tough contest on Friday, when the Golden Warriors travel to Lawrence Stadium to take on archrival Central Catholic at 7 p.m.

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Students from Andover's Destination Imagination teams created illuminated floats for the Andover Thrives Community Day to celebrate the town's 375th anniversary.

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In photos above and below, children play at the playground at the Andover Thrives Community Day at Lower Shawsheen Playground on Saturday.



CELEBRATE

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businesses who came out to show community support. "From the Andover Chinese Charm Circle to the Andover Choral Society and the high school's show choir there was something for

everyone and it was all local entertainment, which was how it should be celebrating Andover," she said. "We ended the night with the Destination Imagination illuminations all around the park, you could see the units up close and beautiful. That with the movie and the laser light show to cap off the night, it was a magical event," Ormond said. The committee is planning more events throughout the year. To find out more information visit andover375.org.

A performer from Misfit Artist Company sings at the Andover Thrives Community Day.

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