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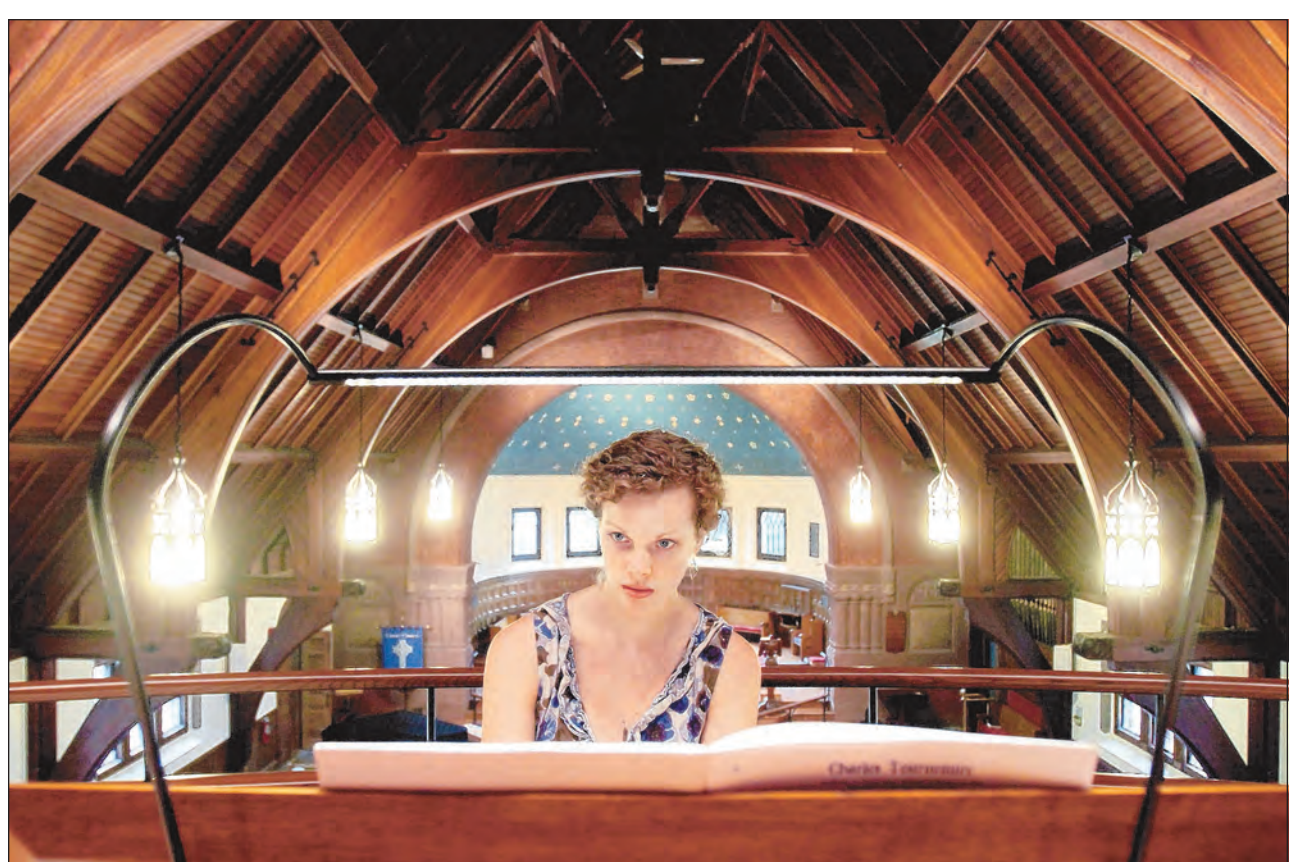
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Valleau returns to close out season



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Susanna Valleau has come home to Andover from Washington state to close out Christ Church's inaugural music series on its new C.B. Fisk organ. She's seen here rehearsing this week for Saturday's solo organ recital. See page 11 for complete story.

AHS scores official seal

With accreditation secured, now real work begins

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Andover High School has officially been reaccredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. But with a list of recommendations aimed at improving the school and its student culture, officials say they still have years of work ahead of them.

"Within five years, we should have all our recommendations under way, if not completed."

High school Steering Committee Chairman Greg Waters

In a June 7 letter to school officials, NEASC Director Janet Allison announced the continued accreditation of Andover High through 2022.

resolution by a report deadline of Feb. 1, 2014, while the remaining nine must have plans in plans by Oct. 1, 2014.

The report offers 23 commendations praising the school, and then 15 recommendations for areas that need improvement.

Though the school already spent the last few years preparing for the fall accreditation visit, high school Steering Committee Chairman Greg Waters said the real work is about to begin.

Having gone through the process before, high school Principal Chris Lord said he has "never seen 23 commendations recognized in this way."

"Now that we have our rating, the follow-up team has to sit down. Whether that be in the next couple weeks or the first week of September, (we need to) break these recommendations down," Waters said. "It's going to guide us and, within five years, we should have all our recommendations under way, if not

"That's definitely something to celebrate," he said.

While the school has to merely maintain those qualities, a two-pronged list of recommendations awaits immediate action, the report reads. Six of the recommendations must move toward

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A new shine for Old Town Hall

By BILL KIRK
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Look out below! As painting contractors started work on Old Town Hall on Main Street, they found a problem. The windows were all falling apart.

"The frames and sashes are so rotted, the glass is ready to fall out," said Ihor Raniuk, construction project manager with the town's Plant and Facilities Department.

One of the panes already did come out, he said, along with some slate roof shingles.

In an effort to protect the public from possible harm, a fence has been erected around Old Town Hall while contractors replace all the windows.

After last winter, a mesh guard was also placed on the roof to keep the slate from falling onto the heads of unsuspecting pedestrians, Raniuk said.

"We are trying to get it repaired so it's not a hindrance to the public," he said. "We don't want glass falling on the public below."

The town approved spending \$60,000 to paint the historic structure.

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BILL KIRK/Staff photo

A fence was erected around the front entrance to Old Town Hall this week so contractors could replace the windows, which painters discovered were severely rotted. Note the missing pane of glass from the top window.



COURTESY PHOTO

A group of Chinese students from Hengshui School in China's Hebei province stopped by a number of area landmarks. Here, the students — accompanied by some of their Andover hosts — pose in front of the quarterback Doug Flutie statue at Boston College's Alumni Stadium.

A global lesson plan

Chinese exchange students wrapping up visit

By DUSTIN LUCA
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A group of Andover families — and the entire Andover High School community — hosted a group of Chinese high school students for a taste of life in the U.S. for the last week.

The visiting Chinese students sat in and observed classes, went to area amusement parks and museums, toured Boston and more. The final stop on their

week-long tour brought the kids to Andover High School Principal Chris Lord's house for dinner Wednesday on their last night in America. They are leaving to return home today, Thursday.

During their visit to Andover, the exchange students found that high school in America isn't as rigorous as it is in China — where 13 periods running from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. provide a

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DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Ali Hale, an AHS junior who in April visited the Hengshui School in China's Hebei province (seen in the globe in her hands), hosted a Chinese student this week.

Alleged madam arrested in Ballardvale

Sting operation results in illicit massage parlor closure

By BILL KIRK
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An illicit massage parlor shut down in Ballardvale last week may have had ties to another location shuttered by Danvers police recently.

view through a window," according to a report filed in Lawrence District Court by Patrolman Michael Lane.

Andover police conducted a sting operation at 195 Andover St., Unit 2, on Wednesday, June 5, after receiving reports from employees in an adjacent business that men had been entering Qui's Body Work for half-hour periods and then leaving.

On Thursday, June 6, after sending in an undercover officer, police arrested Yu Yun Chen, 45, of 133 Elmwood Ave., Quincy, and charged her with sexual conduct for a fee and operating an unlicensed massage business.

Chen was supposed to have been arraigned last week, but the court was unable to find a Mandarin interpreter. She has been released with an arraignment scheduled for June 24, according to court officials.

According to the report by Lane, on June 5 he was

An employee also reported that while throwing trash out at a Dumpster in the rear of the property, "a woman was observed caressing a male's genitals in plain

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VISITORS

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tough education regimen, according to teacher Liu Hong Yan of the Hengshui School in China's Hebei province.

"They're enjoying their experience in America, and when they come back to school (in China), it will broaden their experience," she said.

The visit, by eight students and two chaperones, was part of an ongoing program between Andover High and Hengshui School. Students from Hebei visited Andover earlier this year and a group of 10 Andover students traveled to China in April.

While Andover students stayed on campus in China, the Chinese students stayed with Andover families in America.

Ali Hale, whose family was hosting one of the students, said she mentioned to her guest that American schools have Saturday and Sunday off. "He said, 'No, no, you have every day off from school,'" said Hale, who was among the Andover contingent that visited China in the spring.

AHS student Abigail Awodele said her "Chinese sister" expressed a personality trait she wasn't used to — something completely un-American.

"In America, we have so many different stereotypes in everyone. To see that they don't have those stereotypes is amazing," she said. "She has an incredible personality."

Andover student Una O'Toole said the trans-global collaboration made an impression on her as well.

"I love it," she said. "It's a great way to connect our two cultures and our two schools."

While the visiting students were essentially taking a week off from their routine in China, that isn't to say they weren't busy.

Starting with their arrival on June 5, they embarked on a packed schedule of visits and stops daily, with most days beginning at 7:30 a.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

On their tour of America, the students from Hengshui School in China's Hebei province visited Harvard's Museum of Natural History. Here, some of the visiting students and members of their Andover host families pose in front of "a formidable paleontological find" on display.

As the students returned to China today, Lord is looking ahead to improve — and expand — global high school relations in the future.

"The world for these young people is going to be a global community," he said. "I'm hoping we can continue to develop these kinds of relationships with students and the world, students spending their April or February breaks everywhere."

Though specific examples and details couldn't yet be confirmed, work is underway to partner with schools in European countries in the future, according to Lord.

"It's going to be good for us to establish formal relationships," he said. "We're definitely going to try it again."

Hale said the program opened her eyes.

"The world is a playground. You can do anything you want," she said. "In order to broaden your horizons, you have to explore their culture. These programs are so beneficial to the AHS community. It has become the kind of thing that everyone really wants to do."

For more Andover news, find Andover Townsman on Facebook or follow @AndoverTownsman on Twitter.

Say yes to Marching of the Brides gown sale

The Marching of the Brides Designer Wedding Gown Sale to benefit Brides Across America and Patriot Rovers makes its first trip down the aisle on Wednesday, June 26, from 1 to 7 p.m. at Andover Country Club.

The one-day-only event will feature a variety of designer wedding gowns from Reem Acra, Vera Wang, Nicole Miller, Maggie Sottero, Amsale, Lazaro, Jim Hjelm and more. Dresses will range in price from \$199 to \$799 and will be available in sizes 0 to 20.

All gown sales at the event will benefit Brides Across America's efforts to continue providing dresses for military brides at its nationwide wedding gown giveaways held in various cities throughout the year.

Brides Across America is built on the reality that many military brides find it difficult to plan their dream weddings due to deployment, injury or economic circumstances. The organization founded by Heidi Janson brings bridal and military together by providing free wedding gowns to military brides as a way of both honoring and thanking the troops and their loved ones for their service.

"My goal is to make sure we don't forget all the servicemen and women overseas fighting for our freedom. It is imperative at this point for Brides Across America to continue its

growth and to make a bigger difference by gaining more support from bridal salons and designers," Janson said in a release.

Admission to the Marching of the Brides Designer Wedding Gown Sale is \$10.

Shoppers can register online at <http://bit.ly/BAABRIDES> or purchase tickets at the door. All ticket proceeds will benefit Patriot Rovers, a nonprofit organization that provides professionally trained therapeutic psychiatric service dogs to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago June 13, 1913

Nine young men, residents of Abbott Village, appeared in court this week to answer to a charge of disturbance and disorderly conduct on an Andover street early one morning last week. Eight of the offenders were fined \$10 each; the ninth, who was only 15 years old, was placed on probation.

A large number of people from Andover attended the parade and performance of Ringling Bros. Circus in Lawrence this week.

75 Years Ago June 9, 1938

The Legion post is considering using Richardson School on Lowell Street for its meetings. If it does, it would save the town money by not having to rent space for the Legion elsewhere.

The tendency of having co-captains for athletic teams went into reverse last week when Douglas Howe was elected captain for two teams — the gym team and the baseball team.

50 Years Ago June 13, 1963

Town Manager Thomas E. Duff announced the burned-out Parker building on Post Office Avenue, which was gutted by fire a few weeks ago, was found fit to be condemned under building codes, according to the results of an inspection ordered by the selectmen.

25 Years Ago June 9, 1988

Families and friends filled the stands at Eugene V. Lovely field Tuesday to see 363 Andover High School seniors receive their diplomas. Andover resident Richard Santigati was

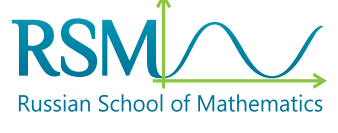
the featured speaker. The Andover League of Women Voters is not taking a formal position on the Andover-Lawrence Collaborative School project, but the organization did hold an informational meeting Monday night at Phillips Academy's Cooley House.



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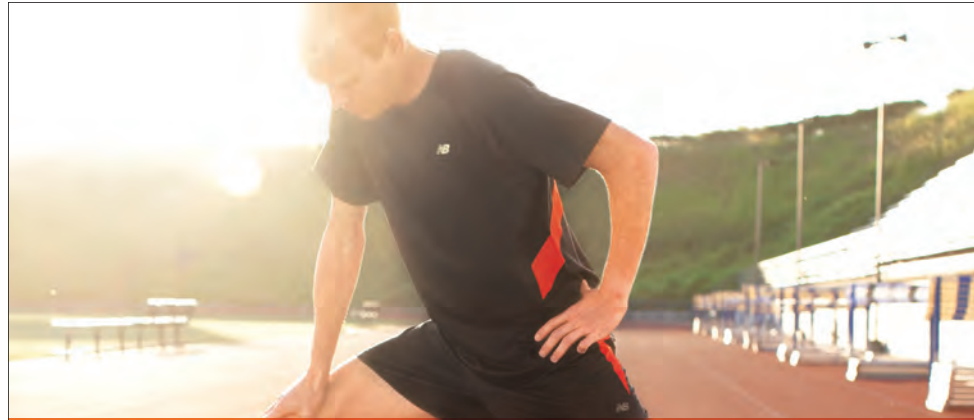
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Business



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A water-filled plastic barrier built by a former Andover company can stop boats in less than a second. Halo Maritime Defense Systems recently took its operation to Newton, N.H., because it needed more manufacturing space.

Defense start-up moves to N.H.

BY BILL KIRK AND
ALEX LIPPA
Staff Writers

A Brickstone Square company has grown up and is moving out.

Halo Maritime Defense Systems, which rented office space in the complex for about five years, needed more space for its booming business. About a month ago, it moved into a new, 8,100-square-foot building on Puzzle Lane in Newton, N.H.

"We loved Andover," said Paul Jensen, a Methuen resident who is CEO of the company. "We had offices in Brickstone Square, but we needed manufacturing space. That was the real driver. It's for research and development, a place to fit parts, build prototypes, develop things. We wanted all our engineers under one roof."

Jensen's company has turned a product invented by a New Jersey man to knock down waves into a product that stops boats intent on harm.

"It's all about controlling

traffic on the water and how to do that," he said. "Patrol boats and radar are not effective. You need physical security."

The company custom-designs barriers that don't tip over and are really good at stopping boats. They can be made in any shape or color, too. So far, Jensen said Halo has done six water tests, including one that had a 3-ton boat going 55 mph and smashing into one of the company's barriers.

"It stopped in four-tenths of a second," he said. "For over a decade, people have been trying to put barriers in the water, but they don't survive. They flip over, get corroded and become a maintenance nightmare. Our (barrier) is plastic, it's pliable, it doesn't

tip and in the event of rapid impact, transfers the energy from the boat into the water."

Jensen said one of the reasons for the move to Newton is that the southern New Hampshire site is centrally located for the company's engineers who live in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Plus, it is relatively close to the University of New Hampshire's Judd Gregg Marine Research Complex in New Castle, N.H., he said. The company works with the research center for development and testing of new products.

Jensen said the company also has recently hired employees with graduate degrees from UNH.

The move brings 10 jobs

to Newton, but the company plans to hire more by the end of the year.

"They will likely be in financial management, marine engineering or construction," Jensen said. "We now have the ability to double or even triple our capacity."

While the company's Andover location was primarily office space, the Newton location is two-thirds factory space.

"We started in Andover, which is where we got our first contract with the U.S. Navy," Jensen said. "But we've got a number of big opportunities overseas, and we needed a place to do design reviews for our customers."

He said the company recently got a contract extension with the Navy and is hoping for the stamp of approval from the U.S. military, which will open the floodgates for business from around the world.

"The market is anybody with waterside assets around the world," Jensen said. "Ports are spending hundreds of billions on maritime security."

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CEO Paul Jensen

Nonstop bus service bound for New York

C&J Bus Lines has opened a new location in Tewksbury to offer non-stop, executive-class transportation to New York City. The service aims to provide travelers a new option for convenient transportation to New York without having to go into Boston.

C&J will operate nonstop trips daily to New York City's Port Authority from a

new travel stop at the Holiday Inn Tewksbury-Andover at 4 Highwood Drive.

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video entertainment.

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trips Sunday through Friday and one round trip Saturday. Departures from New York City are Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at noon and 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$69.95, or \$34.95 for children. Reservations are required. Visit www.ridecj.com/tickets.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Keller Williams assists Salem Animal Rescue

Associates with Keller Williams Realty in Andover recently donated their time to "Give Where They Live" as part of RED Day. Short for "Renew, Energize and Donate," RED Day was created to unite Keller Williams Realty offices and associates in an international day of service to improve local communities.

As part of the 2013 RED Day effort, the Andover location of Keller Williams Realty chose to spend the day with the Salem Animal Rescue League, a nonprofit organization in Salem, N.H., established in 1992 to find permanent, loving homes for abandoned and unwanted animals in the region.

Keller Williams associates helped to paint, mulch, fill pot holes, do yard work and beautify the organization's property. Their efforts clearing the field at the center will give the organization's dogs more room to exercise, while other cosmetic improvements will allow the organization to make a better first impression with visitors, according to SARL Director of Development and Community Relations D.J. Bettencourt.

Since the first RED Day in 2009, Keller Williams associates have given almost half a million hours of community service through activities ranging from food and blood drives to cleaning up trash in public parks, revamping gardens at nursing homes, and rebuilding homes and a school for community members in need.

DiResta returns to active practice

James DiResta, DPM, MPH, of Andover, has returned to seeing patients again at DiResta and Associates Podiatry in Newburyport after an extended medical leave of absence. The practice, affiliated with Anna Jaques Hospital, also recently welcomed an

associate podiatrist, Angela M. Barnes, DPM, to the team.

DiResta, a board-certified, fellowship-trained podiatrist, has been practicing in Newburyport for the majority of his career.

Barnes, also an Andover resident, completed a three-year residency in podiatric medicine and surgery at Kent State University School of Ohio Podiatric Medicine. She served veterans the last two years of her residency at the Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Richmond, Va. To make an appointment, call DiResta and Associates Podiatry at 978-465-2122 or visit www.newburyportpodiatrist.com for more information.

Currie rejoins firm as partner

David B. Currie of Andover has rejoined Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP as a partner in the field at the center will give the organization's dogs more room to exercise, while other cosmetic improvements will allow the organization to make a better first impression with visitors, according to SARL Director of Development and Community Relations D.J. Bettencourt.

Currie has served as general counsel/chief legal officer for three companies actively involved in commercial real estate matters, most recently as general counsel at The Davis Companies. He also has extensive experience counseling real estate private equity funds in the acquisition of office, retail, industrial and multi-family properties.

Prior to The Davis Companies, Currie was chief legal officer of Whittier Health Network and also senior vice president, general counsel and secretary for CareMatrix Corporation. He was a member of Choate's Real Estate Group for five years prior to CareMatrix. Currie received his law degree cum laude from Cornell Law School in New York in 1988 and his bachelor's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York in 1985.



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The team at Keller Williams Realty in Andover pitched in to improve the surroundings at Salem Animal Rescue League in Salem, N.H., as its RED Day volunteer initiative.

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The Andover Chamber of Commerce feted five local service clubs at its annual meeting last week. Joseph Bevilacqua, president and CEO of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, left, and Robert Lavoie, chairman of the Andover Chamber of Commerce, right, presented the awards to, from left, Tish Bachmann of Quota International of Andover, Enzo Fossella of the Service Club of Andover, Sharon Birchall of the Exchange Club of Lawrence, Mark Spencer of the Rotary Club of Andover and Deedee O'Brien of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence.

In praise of service

Chamber honors service clubs at annual meeting

By **SONYA VARTABEDIAN**
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Calling it a once in a lifetime opportunity, the members of the Andover Chamber of Commerce recognized five local organizations with community service awards at its 51st annual meeting last Thursday, June 6, at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

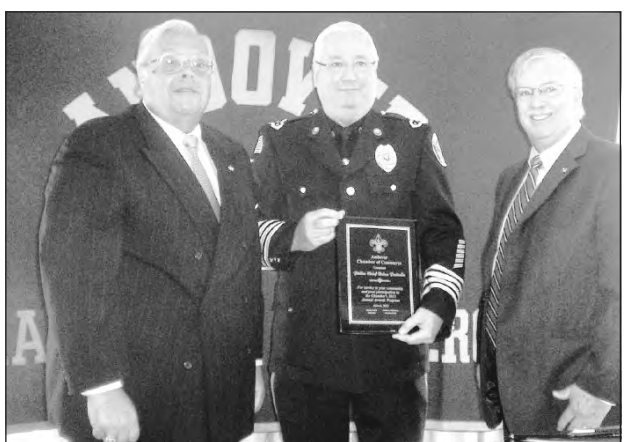
"A community doesn't function without community volunteers," Atty. Robert Lavoie, chairman of the Andover Chamber of Commerce, told the gathering. "Service is really the common theme of everyone in this room."

Receiving awards for their contributions to the "civic well-being of Andover and the surrounding communities" were the Exchange Club of Lawrence, The Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence, Quota International of Andover, The Rotary Club of Andover and The Service Club of Andover.

Andover police Chief Brian Pattullo, who is stepping down from his position on July 31 after a 32-year career with the department including 15 years at its helm, was the guest speaker.

He told the group, "The best way to find yourself is in the service to others."

The chamber presented Pattullo with a plaque for being a "beacon of steadiness" for the community.



Retiring Andover Police Chief Brian J. Pattullo was presented a plaque by Merrimack Valley Chamber President Joseph Bevilacqua, left, and Andover Chamber of Commerce Chairman Robert Lavoie at last week's Andover Chamber annual meeting. Pattullo was the event's keynote speaker.

Andover High School vocalist Emily Wivell sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America" in honor of D-Day.

Joseph Bevilacqua, president and CEO of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, opened the program. The Andover Chamber is a division of the Merrimack Valley Chamber.

Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli gave the greetings from Andover Town Hall, stepping in for Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, who was detained on town business.

In addition to Lavoie, of Johnson & Borenstein, LLC, this year's Andover Chamber of Commerce board

includes Maureen Pollard of Northmark Bank, vice chairwoman; Elaine Clements of the Andover Historical Society, secretary/clerk; Richard C. Dewhirst of Dewhirst Family Funeral Care; Chris Doherty of Prudential Howe and Doherty; Ronald Hill of Baystate Financial Services; Peter Johnston of The Savings Bank; Therese Leone of Enterprise Bank; Salvatore Lupoli of Lupoli Companies; Brian Major of the Andover Board of Selectmen; Atty. Michael W. Morris Jr. of Morris, Rossi & Hayes; Deedee O'Brien of Challenge Unlimited; and Stephen Stapinski of Merrimack Engineering.

A lasting gift in memory of Andover state trooper

By **BILL KIRK**
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When the grand opening for the new \$40 million, 69,000-square-foot Health and Social Sciences building at UMass Lowell was held in April, there was also a smaller, more intimate gathering inside that attracted the attention of just a few people.

It was the dedication of the Lt. Col. Michael B. Shanahan Conference Room for the Criminal Justice Department. There, family, friends and college staff gathered to remember the years of dedicated service offered by the longtime Andover resident and state trooper, who died in 2006 from throat cancer.

Shanahan's widow, Diane Shanahan, who still lives in the home at 47 Dascomb Road that the couple shared, said the naming of the conference room in honor of her late husband was a testament to his character.

"Mike was humble, and unassuming," she said. "But he was quite an accomplished individual."

Shanahan, whose family was originally from Lowell, grew up in Dracut. He served two tours of duty during the Vietnam War, receiving numerous awards before being honorably discharged in 1970.

He enlisted as a Massachusetts State Trooper in 1971, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel before retiring in 1996 after 25 years on the force.

In 1981, he graduated with honors from Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill. Then in 1985, he graduated magna cum laude from UMass Lowell with a bachelor's degree in law and justice.

He went on to earn a master's degree in public administration, again magna cum laude, from Harvard University in 1994. In 1998, he joined Bank of America as



Courtesy Photo

The Shanahans gathered at UMass Lowell this spring for the dedication of a conference room in the name of Lt. Col. Michael B. Shanahan, a former state trooper who died in 2006 of cancer. Pictured are Shanahan's wife, Diane, center; with their children, Christina, 27, and Michael, 30.

senior corporate security investigator/manager.

In 2006, as his second career in security was taking off, he was stricken with throat cancer. Having never smoked cigarettes or consumed alcohol, the disease was a shock to everyone, Diane Shanahan said. She said her husband's illness may have had something to do with the use of Agent Orange, a toxic defoliant sprayed on the jungles of Vietnam while he was serving there. He died that year.

As a way to honor his memory, Shanahan's family started a scholarship fund in his name at UMass Lowell in 2008 to help needy students studying criminal justice.

Diane Shanahan said the scholarship is available to sophomores, juniors and seniors who are serious about making a career in criminal justice.

"It's for deserving, needy students, with high GPAs, but who are well-rounded," she said.

She said her husband to this day remains an "inspiration to the students. He was and still is a role model."

Jim Jajuga, a former state representative and former

state trooper, was Shanahan's partner and one of his best friends.

"He was the poster boy for the state troopers," Jajuga said of Shanahan. "Handsome, fit, didn't drink, didn't smoke."

Every year, the criminal justice department at UMass-Lowell takes applications for the scholarship, which ranges from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Past winners have gone on to earn second degrees. One is in law school. Another is in graduate school.

The money must be used for tuition, board or other college expenses. It is the first, and only, endowed scholarship in the university's criminal justice department.

"Mike was an ethical, confident and hard-working individual who continuously inspired his children, friends and colleagues," Diane Shanahan said. In fact, his son, also Michael, has been a police officer in Andover for the past five years.

To donate to the scholarship fund, contact Danielle Callahan, manager of gift operations at UMass Lowell, One University Ave., Southwick Hall #250, Lowell 08854.

TOWNSPET OF THE WEEK: YEAGER



Yeager is part boxer, part mastiff and "the rest just awesome," according to his owner, Joyce Smith, of Wild Rose Drive. The 4 1/2-year-old was adopted by the Smith family from PAWS of New England when he was 3 months old. The family rescued him from a high-kill shelter in Tennessee, where they say he had no future. Now, the 70-pound Yeager (who carries his weight primarily in the muscle in his tail) has become an integral part of the family, with Smith's 12-year-old son, Andrew, his main provider. His latest trick is catching biscuits shot from a

popping toy into the air. His record is eight biscuits in a row, just a small snack for a dog his size, Smith says. He's also best pals with Oscar, a dachshund owned by Smith's sister, Joanne, who lives with the family. "They really love each other and play together all the time," Smith says. "They're kind of cousins."

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Nominate your favorite pet for Towns-Pet of the Week. The honor is open to all types of pets. Submissions with a photo can be sent to townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

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Danielle Seifer, 9, and Ava Zohn and Olivia Byers, both 10, enjoy some cotton candy at Saturday's celebration of mothers and daughters in downtown Andover hosted by local businesses SomeAmour and dresscode.

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Kate Beckel, 8, is all smiles for her Yosi Samra ballet flat decorated with the message "RoLove" in memory of her



Joely Bunting, 8, had her face decorated during the downtown fair.

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A flair for fun

It was an afternoon for young fashionistas who showed off their flair for fashion and accessories in downtown Andover last Saturday, June 8.

The rain cleared in time for two local shops — dresscode and SoleAmour — to host the celebration of mothers and daughters along Post Office Avenue and in Elm Square.

The event included a kids boutique where the area's youngest fashion entrepreneurs sold their own designs and creations as well as a fashion show featuring swimwear, shoes and more for moms and kids.

Cookbook for a cause

Project to help feed local food banks

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Rev. Lara Hoke prides herself on knowing her way around a tasty potluck supper.

Potlucks are a church staple, as common as the Lord's cross in any church, and Hoke grew up going to them.

Now, as minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Andover, Hoke said she finds herself among some very serious foodies, who have answered her prayers for tasty and creative potluck.

"By far, our potlucks are the best church potlucks and I've been around church potlucks all my life," said Hoke, a vegetarian who has been at the Locke Street church for four years.

Think you can compete with the selections at the Unitarian Universalist's potlucks? Well, the congregation is encouraging you to bring on the dishes.

The church is seeking recipes from the community for a new cookbook. The only requirement is that the dishes are simple and inexpensive, which, after all, is what one might expect to find at a church potluck.

In other words, "No white truffle pasta or fried bologna casserole," cookbook organizers wrote in their request for submissions.

"We emphasize fresh ingredients, recipes that are easy to prepare and healthy," said cookbook committee member David Grober of Andover, who bakes bread at the Unitarian church every Sunday before service.

The name of the cookbook will be "Feeding Each Other," and organizers say that's the whole purpose behind the community project.

All proceeds from cookbook sales will be donated to two local food banks — Bread & Roses in Lawrence



Betsy Black, a Rock O'Dundee Road resident, prepares Moroccan Sweet Potato Stew. She's entering a recipe for the dish in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation's "Feeding Each Other" cookbook.



Moroccan Sweet Potato Stew is church member Betsy Black's entry in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation's "Feeding Each Other" cookbook.

and the Merrimack Valley Food Bank.

"We are making an effort to help alleviate hunger in the greater community," Hoke said.

Recipes must be submitted by July 1 to andovercookbook.com. Add a short story (a couple of lines) about why you like your recipe and that will be published, too. The cookbook will be available in September and will cost about \$12 to \$15, Grober said.

"We know everyone's done a cookbook to raise money, it's a fundraising standby ... but we want to create a collection of recipes that Andover folks are proud of," Grober said. "And, everyone loves food."

EXTENDING A SPOON

The cover design for "Feeding Each Other" will feature two long-handled spoons — a reference to the often-told story about the difference between heaven and hell, Rev. Lara Hoke said. Here's the story:

"In hell, row after row of tables are loaded with platters of sumptuous food, yet the people seated at the tables are pale and emaciated, moaning in hunger ... none is able to get a long-handled spoon into their mouth.

"In heaven, also, row after row of tables are loaded with platters of sumptuous food. The people seated at the tables are equipped with the same spoons. But, the people are well nourished and happy, laughing and talking.

"They are feeding each other ... that's the whole point of the cookbook."

MVB's 40 UNDER 40

MVB, the region's business magazine, once again is in search of outstanding young people in the Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire to recognize through this high-profile awards presentation.

Each year, the magazine honors 40 people under 40 years of age for their outstanding contributions to the business and broader community. Last year's winners were chosen from hundreds of nominees, and more entries are expected this year.

Nominees for the third annual 40 Under 40 Awards now are being accepted. Winners will be recognized in our October edition, as well as at a luncheon at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, to which the public is invited to celebrate with the winners and their family, friends and colleagues.

If you know someone who is under 40 years of age and making the community a better place through business, volunteer and other efforts, please let us know by entering a ballot. Nominations are accepted via U.S. mail, email and online at www.eagletribune.com.

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GUIDELINES: Nominations close July 19, 2013. Snail mail entries must be postmarked by July 18, 2013. Electronic entries must be made by 11:59 p.m., July 19, 2013. Winners will be selected by a panel of MVB staff, community leaders and previous winners. You may nominate family members, friends, employees, colleagues and role models. One nominee per ballot please. Nominees must be younger than 40 years of age as of Oct. 1, 2013. **Submit emails to trauh@eagletribune.com. Direct U.S. mail to Editor in Chief Tracey Dee Rauh, MVB magazine, 100 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA, 01845.**

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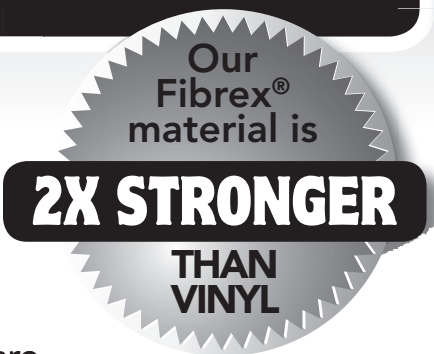
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Arts & Entertainment

Music therapist finds rewards in healing power of music

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It's the transformative moments that Nancy Skaliotis will most remember — like a smile sweeping across the face of a young autistic child as his usually repetitive body moves in concert with the notes he's hearing.

Skaliotis, of Andover, has received numerous music education awards, both nationally and locally, over her 40-year career as a music therapist.

But it's those smiles, not the awards, that make Skaliotis smile herself.

"So many children are tuned out and we as educators need to check in," said Skaliotis, who worked for 37

years in the Haverhill Public School System before retiring last year.

Skaliotis was awarded the 2013 Presidential Achievement Award this spring for her work as a music therapist. The award was announced at the New England Region American Music Therapy Conference in Newport, R.I.

She said watching so many special needs children come alive over the years when she set up instruments in classrooms across Haverhill made all that lugging worth it. Skaliotis typically visited 10 schools a week when she was teaching. She admitted that her job could wear her down. But students had a way of

snapping her out of any exhausting funk, she said.

"Honestly, I miss my students ... there were short attention spans, behavioral issues and problems with social skills, but a violin or piano or any instrument and the rhythm and melodies they would produce would calm any anxiety."

She believes music therapy helps students accomplish goals.

"Music is medicine," said Skaliotis, who lives on Haverhill Street.

Music can also help those suffering from neurological disorders, like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, she said. Skaliotis recently met with neurologists at Yale University in Connecticut who

are studying the effects of listening to music on the brain.

"The brain looks like it is on fire ... it reacts when it hears music," she said.

That musical connection has interested Skaliotis since the early 1970s when she earned a master's degree in music therapy and dance therapy from Columbia University in New York. She then worked as a consultant and clinician in schools and hospitals before coming to Haverhill in 1975.

Even in retirement, Skaliotis continues to stay connected to her musical peers. She is a board member of the New England Region Music Therapy Association, formerly serving as the

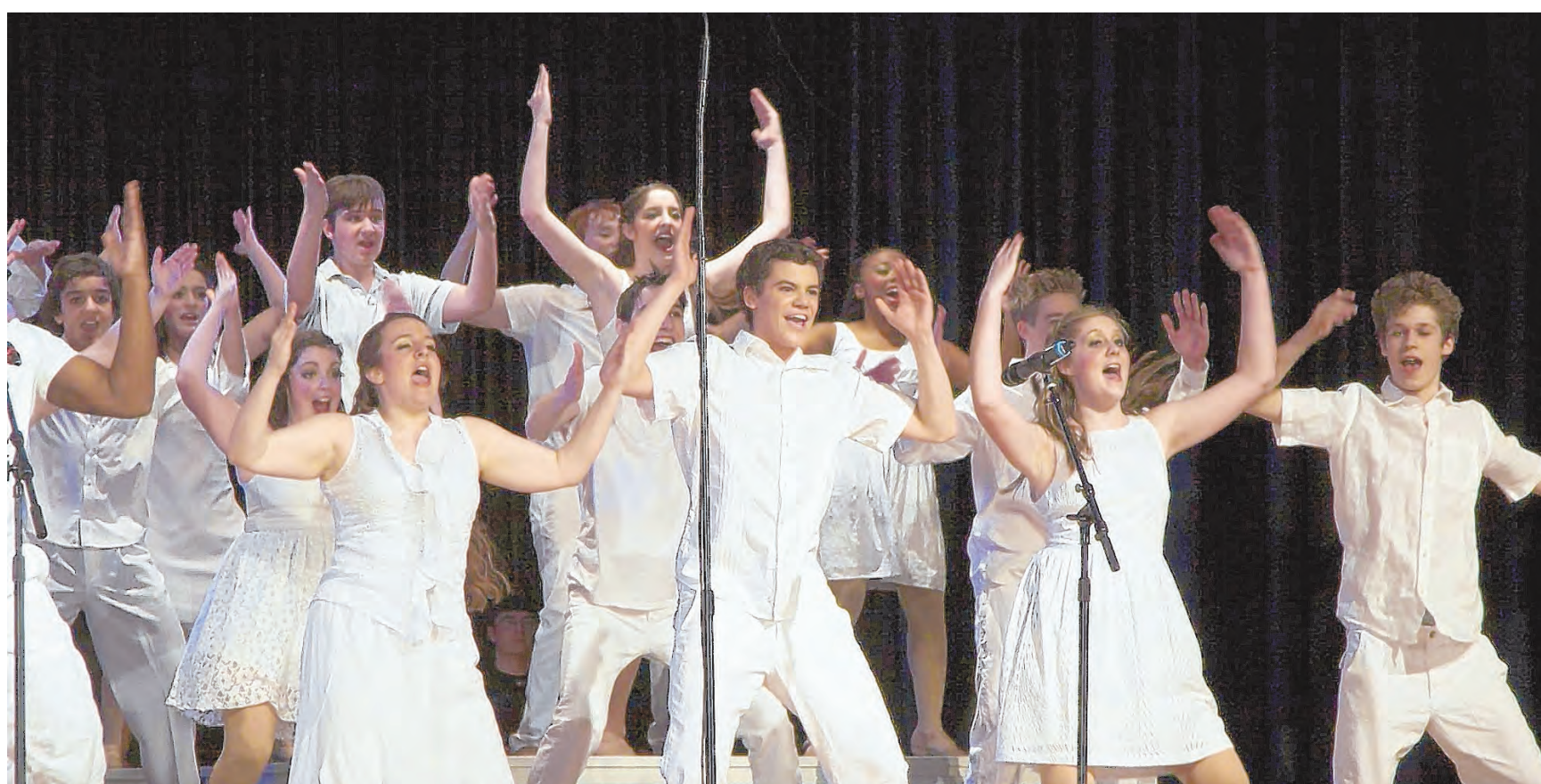


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Music therapist Nancy Skaliotis, seen at Memorial Hall Library in Andover, was recently recognized with a 2013 Presidential Achievement Award for her four decades of work as a music therapist.

group's vice president. "Music therapy makes

a difference for so many people," she said.



Courtesy photos

The Andover Vocal Music Department will recreate some popular movie soundtracks in a concert Saturday night.



The award-winning members of the show and chamber choirs will sing their thanks to the community.

A vocal thank-you that surely Pops

The Andover Vocal Music Department will do what it does best when it delivers a free Pops in the Park concert Saturday night as a thank-you to the community for its continued support.

Members of the award-winning show and chamber choirs will perform a program of popular songs from the movies from 6 to 8 p.m. in The Park at Bartlet and Chestnut streets. The vocalists assure audiences they will encounter plenty of familiar favorites in the program that will cover selections from "Once" to "The Little Mermaid" to "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

The public is invited to pack a picnic and bring along blankets and lawn chairs as well as the entire family for what is the first concert of its kind by the Vocal Music Department.

The rain date is Sunday, June 16, at 6 p.m.

A native finale

By SONYA VARTABEDIAN
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Andover's own Susanna Valleau has returned home from Washington state to cap off Christ Church's inaugural 2012-2013 organ concert series this weekend.

The series finale is especially meaningful since Christ Church is where Valleau developed her love for the organ.

She will take to the keys of the church's relatively new organ — built by C.B. Fisk, Inc. of Gloucester — for a solo recital on Saturday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at the 33 Central St. church.

Valleau, the daughter of Reed and Louise Valleau, began studying piano at age 7, not long after she moved from Newton to Andover with her family.

As a 17-year-old, she was drawn to the organ after Barbara Bruns came on as

minister of music at Christ Church and she started taking lessons.

The 2006 graduate of Andover High School went on to earn her bachelor of music in organ performance at Lawrence University in Wisconsin and completed her master's in organ performance at the University of Washington this past December.

In 2011, Valleau won both the chapter and regional levels of the American Guild of Organists Regional Competition for Young Organists (Region VIII) and performed as a "Rising Star" at the 2012 AGO National Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Since 2010, she has served as music director of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Renton, Wa. In addition to leading the congregation in hymns and providing organ and piano music for the Sunday services, she directs and

develops the musical skills of the adult choir. She also maintains an active piano studio, and collaborates regularly as an accompanist and with chamber music groups on the piano, harpsichord and organ.

Saturday's recital will be Valleau's first solo organ performance in her hometown of Andover and also her first formal outing on Christ Church's Fisk, which made its official concert debut at the church last fall.

Valleau said this week she's enjoying rehearsing on the new organ and looking forward to Saturday's performance.

"I'm having a blast," she said.

Saturday's concert program will feature preludes by Bach, Brahms and New England composer Amy Beach. The first half of the program will end with Bach's "Fugue in E-Flat Major," sometimes



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Susanna Valleau rehearses on Christ Church's Fisk organ in preparation for her solo recital Saturday night.

called the "St. Anne." The recital concludes with a portion of the best-known work of Parisian organist-composer Charles Tournemire (1870-1939). Valleau

has chosen the section "L'Épiphanie" in five movements from Tournemire's large work "L'Orgue Mystique" (his opus 55). There will be an

opportunity to meet and talk with Valleau following the recital. Admission is \$15, \$10 for students and seniors. Visit www.christchurchandover.org for more.

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Locals share unique bond amid Phillips' global graduates

By BILL KIRK

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Although they hailed from 26 countries and 33 states, many of the graduates in Phillips Academy's class of 2013 had strong ties to the school's home base of Andover.

Class president Hemang Kaul who gave the address at Sunday's 235th commencement exercises lives in Andover.

And Andover residents earned two of the top student awards. Piper Curtis received the Yale Bowl for attaining the highest proficiency in scholarship and athletics and Emily Field picked up the Faculty Prize for outstanding scholarship her senior year.

They were among the 38 Andover residents who helped the 323-member-strong class of 2013 go out in style.

Rev. Anne Gardner, the school chaplain, said in her invocation that students should strive for "something to do, something to love and something to hope for."

Kaul said all of the graduates had their own individual experiences at Andover.

"I cannot speak for everybody and of a universal Andover experience, because there isn't one. To know what it meant for you would mean to have spent my time at Andover in your shoes," he said in his remarks to graduates, friends, family and faculty. "Each one of us will have unique memories of Andover, whether positive or negative, and we will all have been impacted by Andover in different ways and to varying degrees."

John Palfrey, who took over as head of school last July, told the graduates he will always remember what is his first graduating class. "You, the class of 2013, will always have a special place in my heart," he said.

Palfrey said in addition to the departing seniors, five faculty members as well as two school leaders are also leaving Phillips. They include Temba Maqubela, who is going on to lead Groton School, and Rebecca Sykes, who is becoming president of the Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation.

After the speeches were over, the graduates marched down the center aisle of chairs assembled on the lawn outside Samuel Phillips Hall, and walked along a paved pathway to another lawn in front of the Addison Gallery of Art. There, the students assembled in an enormous circle. From under a tent, Palfrey



Piper Leigh Curtis of Andover was given the Yale Bowl for attaining the highest proficiency in scholarship and athletics at Phillips Academy during commencement on Sunday.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photos

Students cheer for their classmates as they pass their diplomas around the circle at the commencement exercises at Phillips Academy Sunday.



"The sunshine on this day is for a reason," Head of School John Palfrey said in his remarks to the 323 graduates of Phillips Academy Sunday. "It's because of the wonderful, brilliant class of 2013. You will always have a special place in my heart as the first graduating class in my time at the school."



A photo slideshow from the graduation is available at andovertownsm.com

read off their names in random order and passed out diplomas, which were handed from one student to the next until they reached their owners.

Parents, friends and family gathered behind their respective students as the diplomas made their rounds.

Andover residents Paul and Laurie Fraser watched as their son, Connor, received his diploma.

"It's gone by quickly," Paul Fraser said. "He worked hard to get himself in here. It was a perfect fit for him."

A product of West Elementary and Middle schools in Andover, Connor Fraser was looking for a challenge when he took the initiative himself to apply to the school, his parents said.

He's glad he did. "It was great," said Fraser, as he clutched his diploma after the ceremony. "When it was hard, it was hard, but

in the end, it was worth it."

Paul Fraser said the school really "encourages kids to find their passion and then supports them." His son worked as one of the news editors for the Phillipian, the student paper, and is now going to Columbia University in New York, which has a top journalism school.

After the last diploma made it around the gathering of newly minted graduates, the students rushed the middle, holding diplomas aloft and dancing together while parents, relatives and faculty trained cameras and smartphones on the spectacle.

The 38 students from Andover made up a little more than a third of the 90 graduates from Massachusetts.

Among them was Erin Johnson of Reading. Her mother, Meg Mikita, said seeing her daughter earn

her diploma was "bittersweet" because it's the last time she'll attend a graduation at Andover. Her other daughter, Emily Johnson, graduated from Phillips in 2010.

Another 30 students were from New York, 15 from New Jersey, 19 from California and 14 from Connecticut. But there were also students from many other states, including Texas.

Sixteen members of Michael Quackenbush May's extended family from east Texas made the trip to see him graduate.

"He Googled the top boarding schools in the United States, downloaded the application and did it himself," said Theresa Ramsey of May's hometown of Crockett, Texas, one of those present for the occasion.

May's aunt, Anne Walker, said her nephew "loved Andover and got an unbelievable education."

The group rented an RV and was headed to Maine and other vacation spots



Connor Fraser, of Andover, looks for his diploma as the students pass them around the circle at the end of graduation.



Emily Field of Andover, who won the Faculty Prize for outstanding scholarship her senior year, is congratulated by John Palfrey, head of school, at Phillips Academy Sunday.

along the East Coast following the graduation to celebrate.


The Peck family from New Orleans was in Andover to support Diondra Peck, who loved her experience at Andover and in New England so much she's going to stay — and attend Harvard University in Cambridge in the fall.

"She doesn't want to leave Boston," Peck's father, Warren, said, noting that his


daughter got offers from top colleges across the country, but decided to remain in the Boston area.

There was also a strong international flavor to the proceedings, as some 45 students from 25 foreign countries graduated as well.

Nine relatives of Pallavi Prakash of New Delhi, India, including five from India and four from Vancouver, Canada, flew in for Sunday's commencement.



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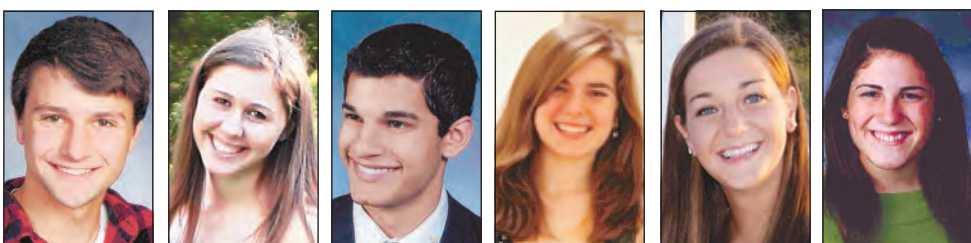



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Andrea Vargas-Guerra

MORE ANDOVER ALUMNI

These Andover residents are also among this year's Phillips Academy graduating class. They did not supply their photos to The Townsman:

- Ross R. Bendetson
- Lydia L. Godo-Solo

- Pearson W. Goodman
- Samuel Khalandovsky
- Miki C. Nagahara
- Juliette M. Randazza
- Harrison W. Roche

Grads told: Be thankful for time at Andover

Excerpts from the commencement address of student body president Hemang Kaul, an Andover resident:

"In many ways, Andover students walk a very fine line. It is a dangerous and unhealthy assumption to believe that we are all here, at this elite and selective prep school in New England, on a solely merit-based system. We must remember that for each one of us that receives a diploma today, there are many others who could have been there in our place, who were not so fortunate to have the opportunity to attend Andover.

"So remember, as we leave this all behind, to give thanks to those people who have meant something to you in your time here, and thank them over and over again.

"As we set out from high school to experience whatever lies ahead of us, college, gap years and eventually the real world, we begin what will hopefully be a long and fulfilling journey for us all. When I first heard the word commencement, I was confused. What were we commencing? Wasn't this the end? It finally came to me in a conversation with a



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Class president Hemang Kaul, of Andover, addresses the 2013 graduating class from Phillips Academy on Sunday. He was joined by 37 other Andover residents who graduated from the private school.

friend after the senior faculty dinner that what we were 'commencing' was our lives as graduates of this institution. It was a bittersweet realization though, because as alumni, although we were beginning a new chapter of our lives with Andover that would lead to new memories with old friends, and unexpected friendships with our former colleagues, we would

never again be together in the way we are now. Living, laughing, crying, dancing, enjoying, breathing and dying together in unison. Our lives will be insufferably separate, and each of us will soon call a different place home. ...

"I offer my sincerest congratulations to the class of 2013, that has given me so much, and wish us continued luck in the many, many years to come."

Engagement

Kapelson - Harrison

Rhonda and James Kapelson of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Anne, to Rane Alexander Harrison, son of Scott Harrison and Robin Heller-Harrison of Andover.

Jamie, a 2004 graduate of Andover High School, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Master of Business Administration degree from Boston University. She is a consultant with Deloitte Consulting LLP in Boston.

Rane, also a 2004 graduate of Andover High School, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from Boston University and a Master of Science degree in Chemistry from Northeastern University. He is currently a doctoral student at Northeastern University.

A September 2013 wedding is planned.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Greater Lawrence Technical School graduates celebrate after receiving their diplomas during commencement Sunday afternoon.

Promising future awaits Greater Lawrence Tech grads

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Greater Lawrence Technical High School's class of 2013 was sent off Sunday with a leg up in the job market.

The 289 graduates of the vocational school on River Road were told that while the market is tough, they have the skills to get ahead of the job hunt early.

School Superintendent and Director John Lavoie said, "Although unemployment is high, I'll tell you that every employer is still looking for skilled, young people who are willing to work hard."

In addition to a small number of Andover students, the school serves students from Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover.

State Rep. Frank Moran, a 1989 GLTS alumnus and this year's keynote speaker, told the 49th graduating

class that "it's not enough to simply get by in life. That doesn't move the world forward."

"Although it may not be easy to seek, every accomplishment you achieve is added to the world's accomplishments," he said. "Individual success benefits society as a whole, because when you succeed, it will lighten the burden on your fellow man."

Valedictorian Jesenia Interiano told her classmates not to worry if they're still undecided about their future direction.

"To this day, some of us still don't know what we want to do, but that's OK because this isn't the end," she said. "We've only stopped at a red light at the intersection of life. Confucius said it doesn't matter how slowly you go as long as you don't stop."

Birthday

Isabella De la Cruz
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Education

Groundbreaking for St. Augustine gym



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Bianca MacDonald, 14, right, helps Zoe Jacques, 6, throw dirt into a container during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new gym at St. Augustine School in Andover last week. The school's 400 students all used plastic spoons to deposit dirt from the site of the project into the jar during the ceremony.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Phillips Academy holding summer interviews

Phillips Academy will conduct interviews through Aug. 30 for local students planning to apply for admission into its 2014-2015 entering class.

In response to a significant increase in applications over the past four years, Phillips' Office of Admission strongly advises local residents to tour campus and interview with an admission counselor before the end of summer. Each applicant to Phillips Academy is required to have a personal interview as part of the admission process.

Interviews will be conducted for those applying into the ninth grade and anyone seeking to transfer in as an upperclassman as well as rising high school seniors interested in applying as post-graduates. Andover and North Andover residents must apply to PA as day students.

PA will host two open houses for local families on Oct. 6 and Jan. 11 so interested applicants can visit campus again while school is in session.

To schedule an interview and tour, call the Office of Admission at 978-749-4050. For more information about the admission process, contact Vivien Mallick, senior associate dean of admission, at 978-749-4062 or vmallick@andover.edu.

College information sessions at NECC

Northern Essex Community College is hosting an admission information session for high school seniors Thursday, June 13, at 6 p.m. at its Lawrence campus, 45 Franklin St. Representatives will be available to answer questions on financial aid, NECC programs and more. Special registration days

and walk-in advising hours for seniors will also be available at the Lawrence campus as well as the Haverhill campus at 100 Elliott St. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through June 21. For more information, contact 978-556-3700 or admissions@necc.mass.edu.

2013 GRADUATES

Katie von Braun of Andover, a 2009 graduate of Phillips Academy, has graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor with a bachelor of music degree in violin performance with honors with a minor in anthropology. She will be starting graduate studies in the fall at San Francisco Conservatory of Music to pursue a master of music in violin performance. She is the daughter of Christine von Braun and Curt von Braun of Andover.

Kristina Cappello graduated cum laude from the University of Tampa with a bachelor of arts in sociology and minor in psychology. Cappello is a 2009 graduate of Andover High School and the daughter of Doug and Gina Cappello. She was named to the dean's list in fall 2012 and spring 2013; and was honored as the outstanding sociology major for 2012-13.

Cappello was also a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, an international sociology honor society; Psi Chi, an international honor society in psychology; Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honor society;

and the National Society of Leadership and Success, and the Dean's Student Advisory Council.

Caroline Lyle was awarded a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in women's studies from Boston College. She graduated cum laude from the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program. She is a 2009 graduate of Andover High School and the daughter of Henry and Barbara Lyle.

Richard F. Crispo graduated from Oregon State University with a master of science in electrical and computer engineering.

Olivia Deary Evans and **Christopher Ryan Lippi** received their bachelor of science degrees and **Corey Wayne Frerichs** was awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Endicott College in Beverly.

Five local students received their undergraduate degrees from Salem State University. They are: **Victoria Kellman**, **Diane Ladd**, **Janet Muasya**, **Daniel O'Rourke** and **Tristian Shannon**. There were also five locals

From circus to sleep tech

Local couple doubles up at NECC graduation

STAFF REPORTS

Michael Cavallaro already had three college degrees and had traveled the world with the Ringling Bros. Circus when he and his wife enrolled in Northern Essex Community College's Sleep Technology Program.

But it was a winding road that led the Cavallaros to NECC and culminated with he and his wife, Wilma, receiving certificates at the college's graduation on May 18.

The Andover native had degrees in communications, radio and television, and marketing when he found himself unemployed. So with no job tying him down, the guitarist by avocation headed to Hollywood where he taught guitar for a while. He earned enough to survive, but wasn't making enough to pay off his college debt.

So, Cavallaro again hit the road, this time driving tractor-trailers, which earned him enough money to begin paying off his college loans. Eventually, he made his way to Orlando, Fla., where he worked in staging. That led him to a position with Ringling Bros., and he went on to hold numerous management positions with the circus company that had him traveling the world.

When he met his wife, an immigrant from the Philippines, Cavallaro decided it was time to settle down back in the Northeast and the couple soon came to Andover. While Wilma Cavallaro was becoming a U.S. citizen, her husband was dealing with sleep issues.

During a formal sleep study, he met with a sleep technologist, who talked up the NECC Sleep Technology Program as well as the industry in general. After researching the program, both Michael and Wilma Cavallaro enrolled.

The Cavallaros, who completed the sleep technology program with high honors,



COURTESY PHOTO

Husband and wife Wilma and Michael Cavallaro of Andover both graduated with high honors from the sleep studies program at Northern Essex Community College.

were two of more than 1,500 graduates to earn associate degrees and certificates at the 2013 NECC graduation.

Now, with their certificates in hand, the husband and wife are preparing to sit for the national exam. Soon, they hope to relocate to Utah or Nevada, where they expect to find positions in the sleep technology field.

In addition to the Cavallaros, Andover residents who graduated from Northern Essex last month include:

Christopher Abreu, associate in science, criminal justice with honors

Julie M. Benjamin, associate in science, business management with honors

Kimberly A. Croteau, associate in science, engineering science with high honors

Randall S. Deemie, associate in science, nursing with honors

Terry M. Dowell, associate in science, computer information sciences; information technology option with high honors; certificate in computer networking with high honors

Jareth R. Harkins, certificate in law enforcement and associate in science, criminal justice

Michelle W. Holbrook, associate in arts, liberal arts, psychology option

Matthew J. Huggins, associate

in arts, general studies with high honors

Zachary G. Jachimowicz, associate in arts, liberal arts

Robert E. Jennings, associate in science, accounting with honors

Stuart R. Ladd, associate in science, computer information sciences, information technology option

Marion E. LaMark, associate in science, early childhood education

Andrew W. Lyman, associate in science, engineering science with high honors

Aja R. Nicholson, associate in science nursing

Kevin T. O'Brien, associate in science, computer information sciences, applications option with high honors; certificate in computer applications with high honors

Haidee V. Orrall, associate in arts, general studies with honors

Thomas J. Pedulla, associate in arts, liberal arts, biology option with honors

Richard S. Pesaturo, certificate in medical assistant with high honors

Sarah M. Quinn, associate in arts, liberal arts

Katarzyna Sakiewa, certificate in medical assistant with high honors

Summer M. Steffen, certificate in dental assisting with high honors

Anatoli Tomaszczuk, associate in science, business transfer

society and Omicron Delta Epsilon international economics honor society. She was also named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

Patrick S. O'Keefe Jr. of Naples, Fla., graduated with a bachelor of arts in environmental studies and political science. He is the son of Patrick and Edwina O'Keefe of Andover and a 2009 graduate of St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers.

David D. Chen received a bachelor of science in political science and **Nicholas Sievers** received a bachelor of science in history from Fitchburg State University.

David T. Hathaway received a bachelor of science from Furman University in South Carolina. He was also named to the dean's list for the spring semester. He is the son of Janet and Stephen D. Hathaway.

Emily Karonis, **Cheryl Robbins**, **Lan Tran** and **Jie Wu** graduated from North Shore Community College in Danvers.

Leah S. Cairns graduated from

Hamilton College in New York with a degree in biochemistry/molecular biology. She is the daughter of Jane Dietzel-Cairns and Glenn Cairns of Andover.

Leah Elizabeth McKnight received her bachelor of arts degree in behavioral neuroscience with a minor in creative writing from Colgate University in New York. Her senior thesis focused on the human visual system. She was active in the sorority Tri-Delta, was a member of the Colgate sailing team and ultimate Frisbee team and co-hosted a Colgate University radio show. She is the daughter of Robert McKnight of Andover and Helen McKnight of North Andover.

Jaime Morocco graduated magna cum laude from Babson College in Wellesley with a master's in business administration. She is the daughter of Daniel Morocco and Tolby Lazerson of Andover and a graduate of Andover High School. She was offered an internship at Sephora in San Francisco, where she will be working in the marketing and customer relations divisions.

Your Dental HEALTH

by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD

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