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Fire Dept. ambulances first in region with Narcan

By BILL KIRK
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Just as Gov. Deval Patrick was declaring last week that heroin and other opium-based drugs had created a public health emergency in Massachusetts, Andover firefighters were finishing training on how to administer Narcan — a nasal spray that snaps overdose victims back to life.

Last Thursday, Patrick issued a multi-pronged plan to combat a rise in overdose incidents and deaths, including a call to issue

Narcan to anyone who may come in contact with overdose victims, from family members worried about a loved one with an addiction problem to police officers dealing with passed-out junkies on the street.

“We have an epidemic of opiate abuse in Massachusetts, so we will treat it like the public health crisis it is,” Patrick said.

Fire Chief Mike Mansfield is way ahead of him — and almost everyone else in the Merrimack Valley — as the Andover Fire Department is the only public safety agency in the region

carrying Narcan.

“We had eight overdoses in all of 2013, and in the month of January alone, we had six,” Mansfield said. “That trend is not just local, it’s national.”

He said that one night two weeks ago, paramedics working for Lawrence General Hospital responded to four overdose cases where they had to use Narcan in a two-hour period. And last weekend, he said, firefighters responded to two overdoses in Andover



Firefighter/EMT Brian Flanagan, right, receives a supply of Narcan from Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield to keep in ambulances. Andover's local ambulances are the first in the region to be equipped with the medication used to treat drug overdose victims.
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‘Eyesore’ raising ire



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Neighbors say that conditions are both cluttered and complicated at this Dufton Road property. Current resident and past owner Joe Boyer says he understands neighborhood frustration and wants to mend matters once his bank-foreclosed property is returned to him.

Neighbors frustrated by ongoing mess at Dufton Road home

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Neighbors of a Dufton Road house say the town isn’t doing enough to clean up the rubbish outside the property.

Tents are pitched and all sorts of things are piled up outside 2 Dufton Road, which

has been the focus of town action since 2008.

More recently, neighbors have complained to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski about the blighted property, but have received limited response.

“It’s an eye sore,” said neighbor Candace Martin,

who is also the chairwoman of the Board of Health. “People come by and say, ‘What’s up with the property at the bottom of the hill?’”

She added, “This is the entrance to our neighborhood. We’ve put up with this for six years.”

The property has been on

the town’s radar since 2008, when Building Inspector Chris Clemente sent owners Joseph and Nancy Boyer a notice that they were violating the state building code by having a temporary tent or garage set up in the front yard.

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New tax-cut plan in works

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Taxpayers may be in for as much as a \$1.1 million tax cut if a plan approved by the Board of Selectmen makes it all the way through the budget process and wins Town Meeting support in May.

On Monday night, selectmen voted 4-1, with Brian Major opposed, to implement \$500,000 in savings identified by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

That would be in addition to the \$600,000 selectmen cut from the town and school budgets last month, for a total cut of \$1.1 million.

“This is a sustainable proposal,” said Mary O’Donoghue, sitting in on her first, official meeting as selectman since winning election last week. “It’s a gift to the taxpayers.”

The spending cut proposal could shave as much as \$100 off residential tax bills, which have skyrocketed to more than \$8,000 on the typical \$500,000 house in town.

Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli pushed for the vote, saying that Stapczynski had recently identified \$500,000 in savings due

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DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

An MBTA passenger train rolls through the intersection of Essex, Pearson and Railroad streets in Andover. The troubled intersection will be shut down one weekend in May for a major upgrade and preparations to add a second set of tracks.

Rail project approaches pivotal stop

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Work to double-track the rail lines through town is slowly nearing the end of the line, with the biggest hurdle — rebuilding one of Andover’s most troubled intersections — set to start this spring.

The downtown intersection of Railroad, Essex and Pearson streets, which

also connects with Dundee Park and Lupine Road, will be shut down the weekend of May 17 to allow for the improvements, according to the Andover Police Department.

Richard Arnold, project manager for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, said the work will aim to increase pedestrian safety and extend the sight lines for traffic stopped on Railroad

Street, where a concrete wall now partly blocks the view of Essex Street.

The shutdown will mark the start of a pivotal point in the MBTA’s years-long project to run two continuous, parallel sets of track through Andover. The work is slated to be completed by the end of the year, Arnold said.

“Essex and Pearson is one of the larger components

of the project that remain,” Arnold said. “We’ll be putting the second track through there and upgrading the drainage systems at the location.”

The new drainage will address flooding issues at the tracks, Arnold said. There will be no permanent changes to the existing station on Railroad Street or to private property, Arnold said.

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Townsman wins top CNHI awards

STAFF REPORTS

The Andover Townsman was named Newspaper of the Year among non-dailies in the annual Best of Community Newspaper Holdings Inc.’s editorial competition, it was announced Tuesday.

Townsman reporter Bill Kirk won Reporter of the Year for the CNHI competition, also in the non-dailies category.

A judging panel of editors and journalists gave kudos to The Townsman staff for its thorough coverage of the community’s small and large news stories, including the

compassionate coverage of the murder of beloved 24-year-old teacher Colleen Ritzer, who lived in town and taught math at Danvers High School.

Editor Sonya Vartabedian said she was honored that the paper won the Newspaper of the Year award.

“In my first year as editor of The Townsman, I have learned a great deal about the community of Andover and the wonderful people who live here,” she said. “The tragedy of the Colleen Ritzer murder was a difficult story to tell, but

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Anyone not already registered to vote who wants to participate in the May Town Meeting should get to the Town Offices ASAP.

The last day to register to vote in Andover's Annual May Town Meeting is Tuesday, April 15. The town clerk's office will be open for new registrations from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. that day.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 5 and 6 and, if additional dates are needed, May 12 and 13, at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts Auditorium at Andover High School on Shawshen Road. The meetings will start at 7 each night.

A shuttle bus will be available to take voters to and from the parking lots to the auditorium on the first two nights of the Town Meeting (May 5 and 6). Shuttle service will start at 6:15 p.m.

All Town Meeting attendees

must check into the meeting at their precinct tables in the entrance lobby of the auditorium. To avoid delays at check-in, it is recommended that voters know their precincts before arriving. A precinct search option is available at www.andoverma.gov under the "E-Services" tab.

Upon request, sign language interpreters, material on tape and other auxiliary aides and services will be provided to ensure effective communications as specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act. Contact the town's ADA coordinator at 978-623-8530 at the Town Offices by Wednesday, April 16, to make arrangements.

The Finance Committee Report will be mailed to each household no later than April 25. Anyone with questions should call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

The double-tracking project that has been years in the making is moving forward this spring with plans to improve the intersection of Essex, Pearson and Railroad streets, where an MBTA passenger train is recently seen rolling through.

RAILROAD: Plans on track for street improvements

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he added.

The work will do little to improve the driving conditions at the busy intersection, given the same roads will continue to feed through there. However, the MBTA is working with town officials to remove the concrete wall at the end of Railroad Street at Essex Street.

Now, drivers stopped on Railroad to turn onto Essex have trouble seeing over the wall as they check for oncoming traffic, Arnold said.

"There's talk about taking that concrete wall out and putting up a railing system," he said. "I think that will be a big help."

The biggest improvements will be felt by pedestrians walking through the intersection. New, handicap-accessible sidewalks will make crossing the tracks much easier for everyone, Arnold said.

The work will begin on Saturday, May 17, at 1 a.m., with the intersection and



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

After several years of planning and work, the project to install a second set of tracks through Andover will be completed by year's end. The next phase will require shutting down the intersection of Essex, Pearson and Railroad streets, seen above, and ceasing rail service for one weekend in May.

That weekend will focus exclusively on adding the sidewalks, reinstalling the current set of railroad tracks and repaving the

intersection, Arnold said.

Businesses in the area, such as Depot Pizza, which is located right against the tracks, sandwiched by both Essex and Pearson streets, will feel a slight squeeze during construction, Arnold said.

Work will continue for two additional weekends with the installation of the new drainage, followed by the second set of tracks. The timing for those phases is not yet known, although parts of Essex or Pearson streets are expected to be closed during those periods.

Arnold said the state is "approaching it as though we're going to at least get the main line done that (May 17) weekend, and that will enable us to continue the project into the summer because we'll be able to divert trains around the work area."

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EYESORE: Owner says he can't do anything with property

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Since then, the Boyers have received many more violation notices, including one for having multiple unregistered vehicles and trailers that can't be towed parked on the property. Then the town filed a cease-and-desist order on the owners prohibiting them from using the property to store such items as construction materials and discarded children's play equipment, among other things.

In 2008, then-Building Inspector Kaija Gilmore took the Boyers to Land Court seeking a preliminary injunction in an effort to get them to remove the vehicles and trailers as well as the "junk, scrap, wooden railroad ties, building materials, appliances or any other material or tents prohibited by the zoning bylaw."

In August 2009, the Boyers signed an agreement with the town to remove all of the material around the house.

Later that same year, Gilmore took the Boyers back to court for failing to comply with the earlier agreement.

The Boyers then said that U.S. Bank had foreclosed on the property, at which point

a Land Court judge ruled that since it was unclear who actually owned the property, he couldn't force the Boyers — or the bank — to clean it up.

Standing at the front of the property last week, Joe Boyer said he sympathized with neighborhood frustration over the property's condition, but said there isn't much he can do about it.

He said that because the bank took the property from him and his wife, Nancy, in 2009, he can't touch anything on it.

"We currently can't do anything because of it," he said. "As soon as we get the

property back, we'll clean it up."

Town Counsel Tom Urbelis said local officials can't do much, either.

He said that since the bank is "in litigation with the property owners over the mortgage foreclosure," the town is in a holding pattern as well.

Boyer said he continues to live in the home, while Urbelis and Health Director Tom Carbone both said they don't know who lives there.

Regardless of who lives there or who currently controls the property, Martin said she wants action to be taken by town leaders.

Meanwhile, Ted Teichert, a former selectman who lives across the street from 2 Duffton Road, is getting more exasperated by the day.

"There has got to be an end game," he said. "How far can you go? It goes on and on and on. Unfortunately, the law process will let it go out. But something has to be done."

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Swearing-in ceremony a 'Mary' event

Kowalski elected chairman of the Board of Selectmen

By BILL KIRK
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Three newly elected officials were sworn into office and the Board of Selectmen chose its leaders for the coming year during a reception, ceremony and brief meeting last week in Town Hall.

Town Clerk Larry Murphy administered the oath of office last Wednesday to new members of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Housing Authority.

The only race in town during the March 25 election was for an open selectman's seat. That race was won by Mary O'Donoghue, a local Realtor who beat Jodi Oberto for the position.

Before O'Donoghue took the oath, however, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski brought up an interesting historical tidbit: The last three women to serve on the Board of Selectmen were all named Mary.

He started the ceremony off by going to the back of the room and pulling a plaque off the wall that memorialized the service of Mary French, who had served as selectman for a couple years before she died while in office in 2001. He lauded French for her long and meritorious service to the town, including her work in the School Department.

Her unexpired term was filled by Mary Lyman, who then continued running for office before stepping down this year after a similar career with the town, including her service as Andover's director of human resources, among other posts.

O'Donoghue, who volunteered to serve on the Finance Committee for 12 years while also holding several other town posts, was then elected, making it three Marys in a row on the board.

"I hope you cultivate another Mary to take your place in 30



Newly elected Selectman Mary O'Donoghue shakes hands with Town Clerk Larry Murphy after taking the oath of office last Wednesday.



Jack O'Donohue, right, makes his election to the Housing Authority official with the help of Town Clerk Larry Murphy.



Longtime Town Moderator Sheila Doherty is sworn in last week at Town Hall. She was re-elected after running unopposed for the position.



Joel Blumstein takes the oath of office from Town Clerk Larry Murphy to begin his first term on the School Committee. He ran unopposed for the seat.

Stapczynski also daughters. Blumstein ran unopposed. Murphy also swore in Housing Authority member

years," Stapczynski told O'Donoghue, to laughter and applause.

He went on to congratulate O'Donoghue, adding that he hoped she was prepared for spending lots of late nights combing over the minutiae of town governance.

"The joke is that it's only two meetings a month," he said. "The truth is, it's a real commitment."

"Family has to be behind you or it doesn't work," he said. "Let's give the families a round of applause."

O'Donoghue was there with her husband, Geoff, while newly elected School Committee member Joel Blumstein attended with his wife and two teenage

Jack O'Donohue and long-time Town Moderator Sheila Doherty, who were also unopposed.

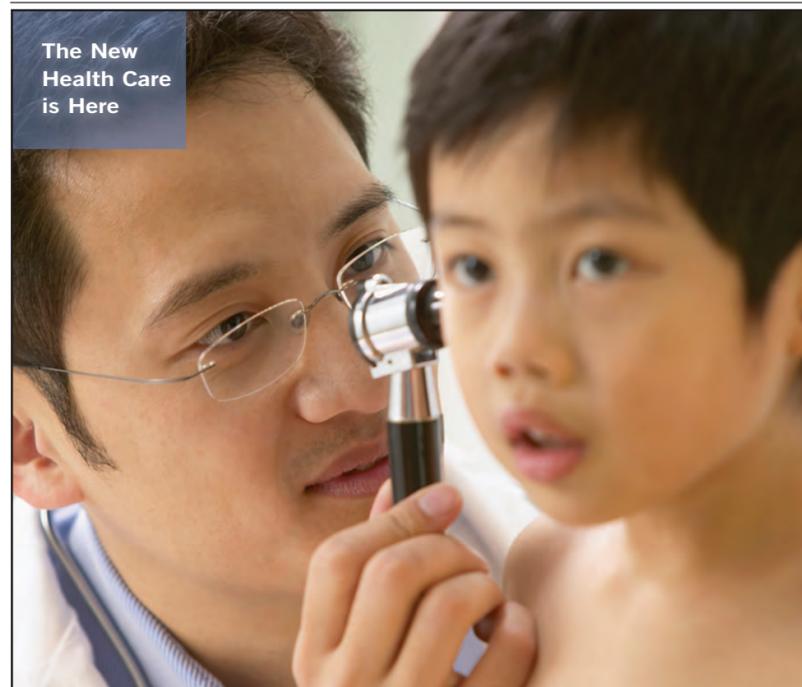
Following the swearing in, the Board of Selectmen convened a short meeting to vote in their leaders going into the next year. Dan Kowalski was elected chairman, Brian Major vice chairman and Paul Salafia secretary.

The new leadership won't take over until after the May Town Meeting to provide continuity during the budget process. Alex Vispoli will remain as chairman, Kowalski will continue to be vice chairman and Major will remain as secretary.

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January 5, 1916 — March 26, 2014

LAWRENCE, MA — Luigia "Louise" Fusco, 98, a lifelong native of Lawrence, Mass., who retired after 20 years of service at Lawrence General Hospital, died on Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

Ms. Fusco, a woman of exceptional health, who walked to work and to the stores of Lawrence most of her life, tread lightly through life. She good-naturedly appreciated what she had and always shared generously. Nothing would make her happier than a gathering of family and friends.

Ms. Fusco, daughter of Carmen and Carmella (Parillo) Fusco, was the eldest of eight children. She leaves her beloved brother, John Fusco; and sisters, Anna Vallante, Gilda Connors and Antonetta Sirois. She was the loving



aunt of Shelia Fusco, Joanne Klier, Diane Bonanno, Andrew Sirois, Gerard Sirois, Cynthia Sirois-Roberge, John Sirois, Lynne Butterworth, and Gina Ardagna. She will be missed by her many great and great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Frank Fusco; and sisters, Viola and Concetta Fusco.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends were invited to a service celebrating the life of Louise Fusco, which was held at 11 a.m., on Monday, March 31, at Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lawrence General Hospital, or a charity of one's choice.

To leave condolences, please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

■ POLICE LOG MARCH 17-30

Noise complaint turns up stolen gun at hotel

A noise complaint from a hotel room on River Road led police to a stolen .22-caliber rifle and one person under arrest for firearm and stolen property charges.

Police were called to La Quinta Hotel at 4:52 a.m. Sunday, March 23, on a report of a "loud party going on with at least 15 people," according to dispatcher notes.

A night manager from the hotel called police after receiving several complaints about the party and said he wanted the people removed, according to Police Commander Charles Heseltine.

Police arrived and "they told everybody, 'the party is over and the manager wants you all out of here,'" Heseltine said.

As one of the officers was moving through the room, however, he saw what Heseltine described as a .22-caliber long rifle sitting on a bed.

Police then stopped everybody in the hallway, read them all their Miranda rights and asked who owned the gun, Heseltine said.

Shamel Nelson, 21, of 67 Dorchester St., first floor, Lawrence, confessed to owning the gun, he said. Nelson was arrested and charged with carrying a firearm without an FID card.

When police ran the serial number on the gun, they learned the firearm had been reported stolen last November out of Newton, N.H.,

landing Nelson an added charge of receiving stolen property over \$250, Heseltine said.

The following items were listed in Andover police logs from Monday, March 17 to Sunday, March 30:

ARRESTS

Monday, March 17 — At 2:20 p.m., Patrick Nompoggi, 36, of 70 Cross St., Quincy, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with possession of a class A drug and possession of a class B drug.

Wednesday, March 19 — At 12:17 p.m., James Preadable, 46, of 22 Fiske St., Revere, was arrested on Andover Street and charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 4:15 p.m., Wills Joseph, 44, of 445 South Broadway, Lawrence, was arrested on Main Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed, failing to stop for police and a tinted glass violation.

At 10:10 p.m., Meng Ngov, 42, of 17 Farley St., Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor, second offense.

Friday, March 21 — At 8:57 p.m., Cosme De La Fuente, 29, of 5 Thorndike Road, North Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed and on charges stemming from a single warrant.

Friday, March 28 — John

Shaw IV, 27, of 18 Duncan St., Billerica, was charged with receiving stolen property over \$250 at 3:50 p.m. after an employee at 10 Campanelli Drive reported illegal dumping.

Saturday, March 29 — Three students at Merrimack College were arrested after a report of "multiple fights breaking out in front of the Monican Center," according to police. College security officers had three young men under arrest, who were taken into custody by Andover police around 1 a.m. at 50 Foxhill Road. Stephen Carbone, 19, of 4 Thyme Drive, Cranston, R.I., was charged with assault and battery, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct; Shane Normand, 19, of 45 Witham St., Gloucester, was charged with being a person under 21 with liquor, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct; Stephan Phillips Cameron, 21, of 15 Sharon Ave., North Chelmsford, was charged with assault and battery, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Sunday, March 30 — Michael Lynch, 36, of 2203 Harvest Drive, North Andover, was arrested at 12:38 p.m. at 80 Andover St. and charged with operating under the influence of liquor and a stop sign violation after an accident at Dascomb Road and Andover Street.

Tuesday, March 18 — At 4:35 p.m., police were called to Harold Parker Road on

a report of "a llama on the side of the road eating from the trees in the area." By the time the lone responding officer arrived, records indicate "the alpacas have been corralled into their pen and the owner (was) spoken to."

Friday, March 21 — At 10:43 p.m., police were called to speak to "a male party who was sitting on a bench outside of Stop & Shop" on North Main Street, after the caller "was concerned that the male party was homeless." Police spoke with the man, who "is an employee at Stop & Shop and is on break."

Saturday, March 29 — At 11:28 a.m., a caller reported to police that a 15-year-old male may have been injured in the leg after someone threw a basketball at him.

A caller reported at 1:52 a.m. that a woodchuck was stuck in the fence near the Phillips Academy boat-house. A police officer assisted and reported that "the animal is now free."

ACCIDENTS

Friday, March 28 — A delivery van hit a utility pole on Osgood Street at 3:51 p.m., severely damaging the pole and injuring the driver. Police said power was out in the area and the driver was transferred to Lawrence General Hospital.

Saturday, March 29 — A car crashed into a house on Washington Ave. at 9:52 p.m. Building Inspector Chris Clemente was called and the car was towed. There were no injuries.

David Scott Klarman, 66

February 1, 1948 — March 31, 2014

ANDOVER, MA — David Klarman, 66, of Andover, MA, passed away on March 31, at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill from early onset Alzheimer's Disease.

David was the husband of Andra Brewer, also of Andover, MA.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, David was the only son of the late Lillian and Martin Klarman.

David graduated with Honors from the State University of New York at Buffalo with a BA in Psychology. He later received an M.Ed in Counseling from Antioch New England Graduate School and an MSW from Simmons College School of Social Work.

In 2010 he retired from the Lawrence Public School system where he worked as a Counselor and School Psychologist for the South Lawrence East School and he also led after school sports and chess programs. Previously he worked for Saints Memorial Medical Center (formerly Saint John's Hospital) in Lowell where he was a Clinical Social Worker for the Pediatric Counseling and Teen Health Services. In addition he spent many years in private practice, most recently with Willows Associates in North Andover, MA.

David was a big fan of all professional Boston sports teams as well as of his children's not so professional sports teams. He enjoyed sharing his hobbies of photography and chess, often times teaching courses at local schools. David loved music and attended concerts and festivals whenever he got the chance. He also loved traveling and took family trips all over the United States, Central America, and Europe. David was always looking for an excuse to show off his ability to stand on his head well into his fifties from years of practicing



yoga.

Along with his wife, Andra, of 34 years, he is survived by his children, Lee Klarman of Portland, ME and Molly Klarman of Fond des Blancs, Haiti; his sister, Trudi Klarman Krasner and her husband, Paul Krasner, of Raleigh, NC; his stepmother, Bella Klarman of Coconut Creek, FL; his step-sister, Lois Lenett and her husband, Steve, and their son, Jarret of Lee, MA; and his nieces and nephews, Lori Krasner Thorne and her husband, Bryan Thorne, Ami Krasner, Michelle Krasner, John Brewer and his wife, Stacy, Robert Brewer and his wife, Yuka, William Greczyn and his wife, Kate, and Matthew Greczyn.

Memorial donations in David's name may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472.

ARRANGEMENTS: A service will be held on Monday, April 7, at 6 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Family and friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. For directions or to offer condolences, please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

Hadassah launches heart health series

The Merrimack Valley chapter of Hadassah kicks off a new series of restorative workshops titled "Ignite Your Heart" this weekend.

The series is being presented in conjunction with the national Hadassah initiative, "Every Beat Counts."

According to organizers, programs were designed to help individuals focus on heart health and well-being, including both the spiritual and physical aspects. Each Sunday program will be a

self-contained event.

The first program, "Jewish Spiritual Meditation and Mindfulness," will be held Sunday, April 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Rabbi Miriam Phillips, lifelong learning director at the temple, will lead the workshop. Registration is required, but there is no cost to attend.

The series will continue Sunday, May 18, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. with "Restorative Relaxation" at HOME Yoga,

28 Chestnut St., Andover. Owner Kristin Olson will lead the class that will focus on increasing relaxation and decreasing stress to improve one's health, including their heart. No prior yoga experience or physical strength is needed. There is a small fee for the program, and registration is required. Space is limited, and preference will be given to Hadassah members.

The third and final program will be held in the fall and will continue the

theme of heart health and well-being.

Hadassah was founded 102 years ago by Henrietta Szold and is now the largest women's organization in the U.S., as well as being the largest Jewish membership organization. It raises money for programs in both the U.S. and in Israel, including the world-renowned Hadassah Medical Organization.

For more information or to register for the programs, email the chapter at hadasahmv@gmail.com.

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING: CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

The community is invited to a spirited and uplifting "Shabbat Chai at CBI" service on Friday, April 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel, 501 South Main St. (Route 28), Andover. The family-friendly service will feature music to accompany congregational singing. A buffet dinner will follow. The cost for the dinner is \$10 per person, with a maximum charge of \$25 per family. Children 12 and under are welcome for free. Reservations are requested.

To introduce young children to the story of Passover, the staff of Congregation Beth Israel's Religious School is hosting a Passover Story Hour on Tuesday, April 8, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Whole Foods Market, 40 Railroad

St., Andover. Children ages 2.9 to 6 and their parents are invited to this free event, which will also feature songs, crafts and holiday foods. This program is made possible by a grant from the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation. Reservations are requested by emailing Eddirector@BethIsraelMV.org or calling 978-474-0540.

Author and Brandeis alumnus David Ostrowsky will be the guest speaker on Sunday, April 13, at Congregation Beth Israel. Ostrowsky will be discussing and signing copies of his latest book, "Game Over or Game On?: How Pro Athletes Leave Sports and Enjoy the Game of Life."

Men and women in the

community are invited to participate in the morning's activities, which will begin with services at 9:30, followed by breakfast and the program at 10:30. There is no charge for the breakfast, but reservations should be made before Wednesday, April 9.

In observance of the Passover tradition, a family-friendly community seder will take place on Tuesday, April 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel. Rabbi Howard Mandell invites the public to attend the seder, which will be geared toward people of all faiths and ages. A fully catered kosher meal will be served. The cost is \$35 for adults, \$20 for students and \$10 for children 12 and under. Reservations can be made by

calling the synagogue office at 978-474-0540 or emailing office@BethIsraelMV.org by April 8.

The community is invited to a spirited and uplifting "Shabbat Chai at CBI" service on Friday, April 18, beginning at 7 p.m. Talented musicians from the congregation will provide music to accompany congregational singing during the service. The service to welcome Shabbat will be followed by refreshments.

Congregation Beth Israel is the only conservative synagogue in the Merrimack Valley. For information or to make reservations for any of the upcoming programs or events, call the synagogue office at 978-474-0540.

Town of Andover gets \$5,000 safety grant to fund work zone trailer

As part of a commitment to safety and controlling costs, the Town of Andover was awarded a \$5,000 loss-control grant from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association to buy a traffic flow/work zone trailer for use

by the Department of Public Works.

The trailer will provide employees with one portable location for all needed traffic and work zone safety equipment, enabling fast response to infrastructure

repairs and emergencies, according to a press release from the MIIA.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said he is pleased to receive the grant.

"It will ensure the safety of our employees when they are

working in dangerous traffic environments," he said in the release.

The MIIA, the nonprofit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, provides property and casualty insurance to the

town. The member-based organization awards loss-control grants to member communities to fund equipment purchases and implement training programs that address safety and loss-prevention issues. The

proactive efforts are aimed at protecting the town, its employees and citizens by avoiding accidents and potentially costly claims, the release says. For more information, visit www.emia.org and www.mma.org.

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AWARDS: Top honors

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showed the resilience and support of a strong community and the people who live in it."

Publisher Karen Andreas, who oversees The Townsman's parent North of Boston Media Group, congratulated the staff on the award.

"I could not be more happy for Sonya and her staff, who are so deserving of this prestigious award," Andreas said. "They have immersed themselves in the town of Andover, and work very hard to write stories that are reflective of the community."

Vartabedian praised the work of reporters Kirk, Dustin Luca, Judy Wakefield and sports writer Dave Willis for their tireless and comprehensive reporting that helped the Townsman win Newspaper of the Year honors in its division.

Veteran journalist Kirk, also in his first year covering Andover, said that working at The Townsman has been a great experience.

"After 25 years in the community newspaper industry, I find it amazing that a relatively small and sleepy town like Andover can have so many great and interesting stories," he said. "It is a dynamic and fascinating place to work."

Andreas congratulated Kirk on

being singled out for his work.

"We are blessed to have a journalist with Bill's talent and experience on the Townsman staff," she said. "The award is a testament to his dedication, hard work and love of community reporting."

Other North of Boston Media Group publications were also honored with awards in their respective categories.

In the magazine categories, judges named Merrimack Valley Business, edited by Tracey Rauh, and Newburyport Magazine, edited by Ann Reily, as Magazines of the Year. Both were cited for their sharp design as well as strong local photos and stories.

Photographer Jim Vaiknoras of The Daily News of Newburyport and NOBMG photographer Mary Schwalm won awards in the small dailies and non-dailies categories respectively, with Schwalm specifically singled out for her work at The Derry News in New Hampshire. Schwalm is also a frequent contributor to The Townsman and its sister publication, The Andovers Magazine.

Designer of the Year awards went to NOBMG staffers Joe Myers of the central design team and Fran Landry for The Derry News. Myers and Landry are both based at The Townsman's sister paper, The Eagle-Tribune.

NARCAN: Town first to stock drug in ambulances

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alone, although in neither case was Narcan needed.

Recognizing the wave of overdoses isn't likely to abate anytime soon, Mansfield started in December to pave the way for the training of all 70 firefighters in his department to administer Narcan. After two weeks of training, their final class was last Thursday.

By last Friday night, every ambulance in Andover was equipped with a Narcan kit. Eventually, he said, he'd like all the fire engines in the department to carry Narcan as well.

Narcan is the brand name for the drug naloxone, which has been used for years by paramedics responding to victims overdosing on drugs like heroin, morphine, codeine, oxycodone, methadone and Vicodin. Traditionally, it has been administered by a shot, meaning it could only be given by paramedics with Advanced Life Support training, such as those with Lawrence General Hospital or local ambulance companies like Patriot or Trinity.

Now that it is available in a nasal spray, police departments as well as medical clinics and even some social service agencies have been able to administer Narcan, with the proper training. A pilot program administered by the state gave Narcan to a half-dozen police departments across the state three years ago.

In the Merrimack Valley, Lawrence General Hospital for years has been



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Firefighter/EMT Brian Flanagan demonstrates on fellow firefighter/EMT Chris Laverde the use of a syringe topped with an atomizer used to provide Narcan to overdose victims.

administering Narcan, usually intravenously, through its Advanced Life Support paramedics, according to Neil Meehan, chief medical officer at LGH.

He said it's an effective tool for first responders, but there are some problems that can be encountered.

"This is a fairly new concept the governor has brought up," he said. "I haven't had time to ponder all the different circumstances, intended or unintended consequences of it. In the right hands, with the right patient, delivered correctly, it could be a very effective drug in the hands of those people."

"But operationalizing something this big is quite a demanding task," he continued. "How do you package it? What is the cost? What about training?"

What is the expiration date? What about allergies or drug interactions? There are also times when a patient may wake up violent from that drug. There are considerations that need to be taken into account."

In Andover, two weeks of training by the Lawrence General Hospital paramedic staff should enable local firefighters to deliver the drug safely and effectively. In addition, controls have been put in place so that Narcan doses are delivered through LGH to Andover in a way that it is closely tracked.

While the Andover Fire Department is already implementing a Narcan program, other area public safety officials are just now starting to look at their options.

In Methuen, Deputy Fire Chief Charles Ripley said he's seen the drug used effectively by paramedics from Lawrence General Hospital. He estimated it's used "at least weekly."

"We see it used all the time," Ripley said. "We don't carry it on our trucks, but we cooperate on serious medical calls. When units from LGH join us on the scene, they have a full drug kit, including Narcan. It gets used in Methuen very effectively."

Ripley estimated it's used "at least weekly."

Andover Police Chief Patrick Keefe said one of his officers sat in on the training at the Fire Department. He anticipates implementing a Narcan program for his officers some time in the next four months.

TAX: Selectmen push to reduce burden on homeowners

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to the lower-than-expected cost of health insurance premiums combined with savings resulting from a switch by retired teachers into the town health insurance plan.

A bump in local aid, along with the \$600,000 spending-reduction plan approved by selectmen last month, would lower the tax levy by \$1.1 million.

"If you take the savings, and don't spend it, you are achieving what we want to achieve," Vispoli said. "The only way to have a sustainable impact on the budget is to reduce spending. This year, we start next year at a lower level. We have the ability to dial down the levy limit. It's a policy decision, and you've got a good news story."

The plan hinges on one, important detail, however.

The School Department has to go along with it.

Under the plan selectmen approved last month, spending would be cut \$200,000 on the town side of the ledger and \$400,000 on the school side. The intent of the vote was to keep town and school departments from hiring any new employees. The School Department has proposed increasing staff by a total of nine full-time equivalent positions, while town departments are looking to add what amounts to five full-time positions.

Selectmen, however, have reiterated time and again that the bulk of costs in the annual town budget rest with personnel, including salaries, health benefits and retirement payouts.

O'Donoghue, a former Finance Committee member who ran her race on a theme of "reining in spending," said

Monday night, "Unless you stop the personnel spending, you'll never stop runaway budgets."

While Finance Committee members and selectmen have agreed to the cuts, the School Department has not.

A meeting is planned for next week between selectmen, the Finance Committee and the School Committee to discuss the \$400,000 cut along with an additional \$881,000 reduction that is needed by the schools to meet the town manager's budget request.

School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert said School Department staff have been working on closing the \$881,000 gap between their budget and the town manager's.

"The \$881,000 was snapshot in early March," she said. "We knew that would come down. We have a number of moving pieces in the budget.

We were always going to work to reduce that number. The \$400,000 is an additional challenge, but it's the selectmen's prerogative to set the levy limit."

Major said another concern is that while the town side of the budget may be cut, another department, such as the schools, could make a proposal at Town Meeting to use part of the \$1.1 million for its own budget.

For that reason, he proposed setting aside the savings in a stabilization fund to pay for future projects, such as the Town Yard or a new Ballardvale fire station.

"If we were able to take that \$500,000 and put it in a

stabilization fund, an OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) trust fund or a stabilization fund for a large project, it puts that money aside and doesn't allow it to be spent on the operating budget," he said.

Other selectmen, however, said they should at least try to create a situation where taxpayers could save and hope that the money isn't poached by another department.

"We need to communicate our strategy to the schools to help the taxpayers," Selectman Dan Kowalski said. "You've got to try to give people a break and respect Town Meeting. If somebody comes

up and says they are going to take the money, they've got to get the votes."

Gilbert said the School Committee is still working with staff to present a balanced budget.

"That's our goal at this time," she said. "We will look at the budget that comes before us from our staff that reflects the reduction that meets the allocation and talk whether that's an adequate number to meet the needs of our students. That's up to the School Committee."

"Our goal is to live up to that number, but we also have to advocate for our students."



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Business

A bittersweet good-bye Fisichelli's Pastry Shop closes Andover storefront

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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The owner of a longtime area bakery will always remember Andover as a ricotta cheese-filled, cannoli-loving town. Sadly, the cannoli sales just weren't sweet enough to keep a satellite of Fisichelli's Pastry Shop prosperous.

Owner Nina Fisichelli Gaffney said business was not strong enough to keep her small downtown Andover shop in afloat. She closed the 46 Main St. location on Saturday, 18 months after it opened.

Her flagship Lawrence location, at 55 Union St. near Lawrence General Hospital, remains open, and the business will celebrate its 100th anniversary as a bakery next year.

But in Andover, where the shop operated out of an 800-square-foot spot, Fisichelli Gaffney said she did not get the foot traffic she hoped for.

"I'm very sad about this as my customers, landlord, town officials, neighbors ... everyone was great," she said. "I cried on Saturday. ... I am

going to miss Andover."

While parking in downtown Andover can sometimes be difficult for shoppers, Fisichelli Gaffney she didn't consider it a major deterrent to business, saying much of her sales came from walk-ins and orders rather than people making a specific trip for some sweets.

Mother Nature, however, proved a different story.

"I mean, it was a terrible winter ... nobody was out and nobody walked by. It was just a terrible winter," she said.

Quietly, she made the decision to close. She packed up her Andover shop on Sunday and by Monday afternoon, all traces of it were gone. She took her red and white-themed shop decor, including the store sign, with her to the Lawrence shop, which is being redecorated for the upcoming 100th anniversary celebration.

DoveTail, a beauty-supply distributor currently located in a small, second-floor retail space at 52 Main St., will move into Fisichelli's former home.

"I've been doing this for 24

years. I'm third generation running the Lawrence shop ... Andover was a chapter and I have no regrets," she said.

Fisichelli Gaffney encourages her Andover regulars to travel to Lawrence to continue to enjoy their Italian pastries, including tiramisu, macaroons and the bakery's popular cannolis. She'll have plenty of the town's top-selling item — the traditional ricotta cheese cannolis — waiting.

"Andover just loves cheese cannolis. I won't forget," she said.

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Sebasky takes helm as CEO of Ascend Learning

By BILL KIRK
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Andover resident and former Philips Medical executive Greg Sebasky has been named chief executive officer of Ascend Learning, a provider of technology-based learning solutions.

Sebasky, who is chairman of the town's Green Advisory Board, was most recently chairman of Philips Medical's North American operations.

He left his position at Philips to take the job with Ascend, which provides content, software and even students to healthcare and other high-growth career industries.

Sebasky succeeds Steve Alesio, operating partner at

Providence Equity Partners, who had been CEO of Ascend Learning on an interim basis.



Greg Sebasky

Sebasky's "extensive experience in healthcare and technology, and his proven success leading companies to higher levels of growth in a consistent and sustainable manner."

Sebasky began his career in 1982 at Hewlett Packard,

where he assumed roles of increasing responsibility for 15 years. He then joined Agilent Technologies as senior vice president of Healthcare Services during its spin-off from Hewlett Packard in 1999. At the time, the spin-off was the largest initial public offering in Silicon Valley history.

In 2005, he joined Philips Electronics as senior vice president and CEO of global services, where he served for five years before becoming chairman of Philips North America and executive vice president, business transformation for Philips Healthcare.

Sebasky, who assumed his duties at Ascend in February, earned his Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School and graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.

Ascend's family of companies consists of ATI Nursing Education, Jones & Bartlett Learning, ATI Allied Health, Advanced Informatics, National Academy of Sports Medicine, National Healthcareer Association, ClickSafety and ExamFX. With approximately 900 employees, the company shares dual headquarters in the Boston and Kansas City metropolitan areas.

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- 40 Colonial Drive, Unit 2: Peter F. Hart to Meghan M. Barrett, \$156,000
- 12 Florence St.: William C. Daly and Nancy E. Grice to Paul W. Eichelroth, \$690,000
- 18 Park St.: Dagger RT and Dagmar A. Schnelinger to Jackson Berberian Realty, \$800,000
- 100 Sunset Rock Road: Thomas R. and Inga M. Fuerst to Douglas A. and Kim E. Costa, \$785,000

Salvatore's COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Andover Rotary Celebrates Citizen's Who Care Event

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Andover's Annual Town Meeting May 5th Collins Center

The town of Andover will conduct their Annual Town Meeting with over 60 Warrant Articles to be considered and over \$150 Million Dollars in budget requests. Other notable articles include a zoning article to allow a Medical Marijuana overlay district., water maintenance, school site improvements and a number of IT requests. The meeting will begin promptly at 7pm at the Collins Center.

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Water/sewer rate hikes on tap

By BILL KIRK

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Depending on the outcome of a meeting Wednesday night, Andover water and sewer customers may have to pay more for what comes out of the tap as well as what goes down the drain.

Public Facilities Director Chris Cronin has proposed increasing water and sewer rates by 2.5 percent, which would add about \$18 to the bill of the average water/sewer user in town.

Cronin said the increase is needed to take on important infrastructure challenges, including maintaining and replacing 100 miles of unlined water pipes and caring for a 30-year-old water plant.

"Everything is in good condition, but things need to be maintained," he said, adding that even with the increase,

Andover would still have one of the lowest water rates in the region.

"We are not the lowest, but we are well below average," he said.

Selectman Dan Kowalski, a big proponent of water system maintenance, said there are a number of water system projects in town that need to be funded.

Town Meeting voters will be asked to approve a \$100,000 water rate study, which Kowalski said is actually a study of the town's water system infrastructure. That study will be used to map out future, short- and long-term water system projects that are needed.

In addition, in recent years, Town Meeting has approved upwards of \$4 million in water projects, including hydrant replacement and flushing programs, which will continue.

He noted that part of the increase will be used to help fund post-employment benefits for retired water and sewer department employees.

Under Cronin's proposal, water rates would go up \$7.70 for the average user while sewer rates would go up \$9.99. The number of people who get town water is much higher than the number who are on town sewer, which is serviced by the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District.

The selectmen, acting as water and sewer commissioners, were scheduled to meet to discuss the rate increase at a meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the third-floor conference room at the Town Offices.

Look for more complete coverage on water and sewer rates in upcoming editions of *The Eagle-Tribune*.

Debate lingers over laptop payment

By BILL KIRK

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Town and school officials appear to have reached a settlement on who's going to pay nearly \$200,000 for an extra 160 computers purchased last summer by the School Department without approval from any boards or commissions.

The only problem is, nobody seems to understand the details of the deal. And those who do, don't agree with it.

"I didn't understand it," said former Selectman Mary Lyman, who sat in on a joint meeting of selectmen, School and Finance committee members on March 20, during which a deal brokered by her colleague, Brian Major, was presented. "I found it to be another frustrating meeting."

Finance Committee member Greg Serrao agreed.

"To be honest, I'm not sure I do understand it," he said, adding that his main concern is that whoever purchased the computers should have to pay for them. "The schools decided to do this, so the schools should pay for this."

The four-year lease of 160 computers by the School Department was first revealed last fall when Finance Committee Chairman Jon Stumpf was reviewing the 2015 Capital Improvements Plan proposed by Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

Stumpf noticed an additional 160 computers were proposed to be leased, in addition to the 400 computers that had already been approved by Town Meeting.

The lease of the 400 MacBook Pro 13s was part of \$2.5 million in spending authorized by Town Meeting to upgrade the IT systems in school and town offices. They were paid for out of the Cable TV fund, which is made up of payments from Verizon and Comcast. The lease of the additional 160 computers was not approved by Town Meeting, or any other board for that matter.

The lease deal, requested

by Superintendent of Schools Marinel McGrath and approved by the town's Chief Information Officer Paul Puzanghera and other town officials, was for \$177,760. The first payment, made by the School Department at the end of last fiscal year, was for \$46,456.

Stapeczynski, in his Capital Improvements Plan, proposed that the remaining three years of the lease be paid for out of town funds rather than school funds.

But Stumpf and others, including Major, said the lease was a violation of the trust of Town Meeting and the funding should all come out of the school budget. Other town officials said the School Committee or Board of Selectmen should have been consulted and that a vote should have been taken on the purchase.

Further, state procurement law requires that any lease beyond three years needs approval from a city or town board. Town Counsel Tom Urbelis, however, said that no such requirement exists because the computers were leased from the so-called state bid list, which communities use to buy or rent equipment without having to go through procurement procedures.

In an effort to find a palatable solution and to make sure such a situation never happens again, Major brokered a deal between McGrath, Stapeczynski and Puzanghera in which they all agreed to share the cost of the computers and divvy up the payment from town and school coffers.

In a memo to selectmen, Major said the \$115,000 of additional expense should be split, with the schools paying \$87,000 and the town responsible for \$28,000. An additional \$103,000 for software costs, which was also not budgeted, should be taken out of the overall budget "prior to the allotment of funding between the schools and the town."

Also, Major said in his memo, in the future, a written policy would be

developed to ensure that "significant changes of previous Town Meeting presentations" be communicated "back to the boards if it is deemed necessary."

McGrath apologized several times during last week's meeting, saying such an occurrence would most likely never happen again.

"The 160 (teachers needing computers) had been identified all along," she said. "Those were always the known knowledge workers that needed laptops — special education teachers, art teachers, music teachers that are integral to the educational process. I take responsibility for what is mine. We will have a process going forward. I don't think you'll see that happen again. That's my intent and my expectation."

She added, "I can't tell you how much I regret this happened. We are trying to clean it up, but we are also trying to set policies so it doesn't happen going forward."

The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee have not yet voted on Major's proposal.

Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said he thinks there is "more work to do" on it.

"I am concerned," he said. "We need transparency. If there is any type of request ... I think it needs to go directly to the boards. We need to make sure it's more deliberative. In my mind, there's still some work to do to make sure there's clarity on that."

Stumpf said the agreement continues to obfuscate the real issue.

"It's all about transparency," he said. "We don't have a real good track record with transparency. We need more money to pave the (Deyermond Field) lot. We need more money for the leasing of computers. We need more FTE's (employees) than we told Town Meeting. This is about more than the 160 units. It's about transparency as a whole. That's a big issue for me."



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Citizens Who Care

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Jean Cookson - Volunteer at Bread and Roses Soup Kitchen in Lawrence since the 1980s. Brought her medical training as a nurse to the soup kitchen and help create meal plans for guests. Jean also volunteers for the Andover Historical Society.

Joan and Paul Dollard - Joan is the volunteer St. Augustine Parish Nurse, educating parishioners about health, medical issues, Medicare and Medicaid, health care proxies, and more. Paul is one of the lead Cantors for St. Augustine's choir. He has also been active with the Knights of Columbus for the past 20 years.

Timothy Felter - Served as Yankee Clipper Council President, Boy Scouts of America, executive board and Eagle Scout Association. He serves on the Town of Andover's Finance Committee, Northern Essex Community College Foundation, and Greater Lawrence Kiwanis Club.

Nancy Gump - A clinical social worker until retirement, Nancy joined the Board of Directors of Elder Services of Merrimack Valley. She served two terms on Andover Council on Aging, is on the Board of the Friends of Memorial Hall Library where she co-chairs the quarterly book sale. Nancy is also a volunteer and past Board member of the Andover Historical Society.

Esther Kim - Esther immigrated from South Korea and learned English at an ESL program in Lowell. She then started an ESL program in Andover which is now in its 6th year with approximately 30 students in the program. She is also a member of the NE Bible Church.

Charlotte Lyons - Charlotte is a South Church historian, caring for the South Church Burial Ground. She volunteers as Sunday school teacher, chaperone at the Summer of Service teen community-service program, and South Church Historical Committee.

John and Tara McCormick - They take occupational therapists to some of the world's poorest countries: Rwanda, Mexico, parts of China, Hungary and Haiti. They established Gotorphans (Global Occupational Therapy for Orphans). Tara and John are active members of St. Augustine Parish serving as Hospitality and Eucharistic ministers and, with their family, serving at Lazarus House monthly.

Educator of the Year

Eric Pellerin - Is an Andover High School English teacher.-Eric is a remarkable, behind the scenes advisor and catalyst for the high school Community Service Program. He and his team of students get requests for community support from parents and students. They rise to the occasion, whatever it seems to be, to help out. They take on a variety of community service activities each year.

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Flying high with local Eagle Scouts

Troop 75 fetes its 5 newest honorees

Five local Eagle Scouts deservedly were honored last month at a special reception held for them at South Church in Andover.

The young men belong to Boy Scout Troop 75 of the Andover Sportsmen's Club.

The newly named Eagle Scouts and their service projects are:

Braden Nieburger, son of Ed and Gayle Nieburger of Andover. Braden's Eagle Service Project consisted of organizing the Essex County Scouting records that are currently on display at Lawrence History Center in its Immigrant City Archives and Museum.

John Ozirsky, son of Tim and Cindy Ozirsky of Andover. John's Eagle Service Project consisted of dismantling and reconstructing a 100-foot boardwalk across the conservation trail off Rachel Road in Andover.

Alec Schaefer, son of Brooke Schaefer of North Reading. Alec's Eagle Service Project consisted of designing and constructing a manual scoreboard for North Reading Baseball at Hood Elementary School in North Reading.

Matthew Stickney, son of Stephen and Karen Stickney of Andover. Matthew's Eagle Service Project consisted of creating an organizational system for the storage and retrieval of costumes and props for South Elementary Co-operative Theater in Andover.

Ryan Trismen, son of Hilary and Richard Trismen of Andover. Ryan's Eagle Service Project consisted of constructing a 78-foot boardwalk across Gudrun Drive Reservation in Andover.

The troop meets every Friday night at the Andover Sportsmen's Club at 655 Middleton Road in North Andover. Visit www.troop75andover.com for more.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Eagle Scout and Selectman Brian Major, left, and Scoutmaster Stephen Stickney renew the Eagle Scout oath as new Eagle Scouts, from left, Braden Nieburger, John Ozirsky, Alex Schaefer, Matthew Stickney and Ryan Trismen take the oath for the first time during the Eagle Scout Court of Honor at South Church.



Eagle Scout Matthew Stickney, left, shakes hands with fellow Eagle Scout Braden Nieburger as Stickney's father, Scoutmaster Stephen Stickney, looks on. Matthew Stickney presented Nieburger a pin as his mentor during their Eagle Scout Court of Honor.



Alec Schaefer shakes hand with Senate Minority Leader Bruce E. Tarr, R-Gloucester, after receiving a citation during the Eagle Scout Court of Honor.



Ryan Trismen looks down as his mother, Hilary Trismen, affixes the Eagle Scout pin to his uniform while his father, Richard, proudly watches.

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Opinion

Narcan a win for the town — and the fire chief

Fire Chief Mike Mansfield needed this one. Late last Friday afternoon, after a process that took months of hard work, Mansfield went to Lawrence General Hospital and picked up 10 Narcan kits, which he then drove back to the Central Station and placed in the town ambulances. Over the weekend, EMTs responded to two heroin overdoses in town — one on Interstate 93 and another at Merrimack College. While Narcan — a nasal spray used to bring opiate overdose victims back to life — was not used in either case, it seems likely that it could be used soon. Last year, town ambulances responded to eight overdoses. This year, they have already responded to six, Mansfield said. Clearly, the problem of heroin addiction is not going away anytime soon, if ever. To have a tool in the town's first responders' first-aid kit that can save lives quickly and easily is a no-brainer.

The chief is to be congratulated for spearheading the effort to bring this life-saving treatment to Andover. He is the first public safety official in the Merrimack Valley to get Narcan on the streets where it is needed. There is no reason Andover should lose another one of its residents, young or old, due to an overdose when they can be treated by local EMTs who are usually first on the scene of such medical calls.

But Mansfield has had a tough go of it on other fronts recently.

He was thwarted, for the second year in a row, in his effort to bring Advanced Life Support to Andover. Last year, Town Meeting voters rejected his proposal to purchase about \$150,000 worth of equipment needed to bring the town's two ambulance squads from Basic Life Saving to ALS. Mansfield said it's his top public safety priority. Plus, he says, the revenue from insurance is actually double or triple the cost of implementing ALS. He says he already has five, trained paramedics on staff who can use the equipment. He said when they get to a scene where advanced life saving could be used, they have to sit by until paramedics from Lawrence General Hospital arrive to administer the care.

But selectmen and other officials say that the cost of training personnel and maintaining such a service is too costly. Some say there would be no appreciable increase in revenue. Others say that there is no reason for local paramedics to take on ALS when Lawrence General Hospital staff can handle the work.

The problem is, however, waiting for LGH crews to arrive increases valuable time needed to save lives. Further, there are times when LGH crews are too busy on other calls and can't even make it to Andover. Now that the hospital has taken over as the city of Lawrence's ambulance service, a contract they won from Patriot Ambulance, they are going to be even busier.

During a recent budget hearing, just as Mansfield was making his pitch to selectmen again this year for ALS, Denise Palumbo, executive vice president of Lawrence General Hospital, announced that the hospital had purchased a new ambulance that will "ensure enhanced coverage for the town and redundancy when there are competing calls for service."

Mansfield's request to retrofit two ambulances with ALS was killed once again.

Mansfield faces another issue — with the Ballardvale fire station. For years, fire officials have been trying to get the town to build a new station in Ballardvale, saying the old station is outdated and in some instances unsafe. This week, during a Monday night budget session, selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli asked if it might be better just to spend a half-million dollars to patch up the old station as a way to delay building a costly new one.

The idea did not sit well with Mansfield. "What I'm hearing is that we'll throw in \$500,000 and in five years this project will be no closer," he said. "There will be other projects that will slide ahead of it and there will always be reasons why this station never gets the attention it deserves from these government bodies."

It remains to be seen what will happen with the Ballardvale station or Advanced Life Support in the future, but at least Mansfield has one win in his pocket this week with Narcan — and the residents and taxpayers of Andover are better off for it.

THE LEGACIES OF MARYS



Outgoing Selectman Mary Lyman, left, laughs as Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski comments on the legacies of Marys on the board at last week's swearing-in ceremony. Mary O'Donoghue was elected to replace Lyman, who succeeded the late Mary French into office.

MARY SCHWALM/
Staff photo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town needs balanced approach to fiscal woes

Editor, Townsman:

The debate over town spending and property taxes is negatively affecting the thinking of some of our town leaders. While some selectmen are trying to assuage citizens with quick fixes such as returns of free cash or "under-rides," they are distracted from dealing with the long-term causes of fiscal strain. A leader's first responsibility is to educate, so residents have the right information for good dialogue and informed voting.

Andover, like many other towns in Massachusetts, has severe fiscal constraints resulting from promises made for pensions and retiree health care. These constraints will become more severe, as outlined in recent testimony to the Legislature by the non-partisan think tank, Mass. Taxpayers Foundation.

Getting control of retiree health costs and making changes to the rules for future retirees are necessary, but costs that have already been "committed" are going to keep diverting revenue increases to OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) costs for the next generation. The Massachusetts Municipal Association has proposed options to reduce the exposure, which can be viewed on its website, masstaxpayers.org.

The town manager recommends putting \$800,000 of free cash per year toward the OPEB liability, plus another \$500,000 in 2014, growing at \$100,000 per year for 27 years, in order to make substantial progress against this greater than \$200 million liability.

A healthy town has a sustainable balance of town services, great schools and a variety of affordable housing for people of all income levels. Andover does well, but has allowed its schools to fall behind other towns. The Boston Business Journal's new ranking of school performance shows that Andover has moved down to a No. 21 ranking in the state.

While not perfectly correlated, Andover's real estate prices, up only 4 percent since 2008, lag the increases in many towns with higher school performance. In many cases, real estate prices are up more than 10 percent since 2008, which implies more

than a \$30,000 penalty for an Andover homeowner with an average-priced home. This loss of value needs to be put into perspective relative to the annual increases in property taxes projected from taxing at the proposition 2-1/2 limit and increases for debt overrides that pay for enhancing the town's infrastructure.

It's critical that the town work much harder to attract commercial taxpayers to Andover. Businesses large and small want faster permitting, good highway access and amenity-rich development zones. The Andover Economic Development Council has done a good job in developing a set of priorities for the town. These priorities will make the community more competitive in the competition for employers, where Andover has fallen behind, as evidenced by Barry Bluestone's presentation to the community last November.

Lastly, progress for Andover needs to encompass all citizens: seniors, parents, children, singles, town employees and large and small businesses. For example, the town should offer solutions for seniors who are struggling with increasing property tax bills. The town of Lexington is just one example of a town that has made the process extremely transparent, even highlighting the ability for seniors, under Clause 41A, to defer part or all of their property tax liability until they sell their homes later in life or when their estate is settled. See the Lexington town website at lexingtonma.gov.

Many ideas get raised in public forums that try to solve the town's fiscal problems with quick fixes, or by attacking teachers, town employees, retirees, seniors, businesses or some other group. It's time to stop the blame game and move forward with solutions where all parties recognize that prudent spending, improving our schools, addressing retiree and OPEB costs, and getting more commercial tax growth all must be addressed to sustain Andover as a great place to live and work.

GREG SEBASKY
15 Muirfield Circle

Recent teacher contract talks a vast improvement

Editor, Townsman:

As a past School Committee member and former member of the

bargaining subcommittee, I would like to provide an additional perspective regarding recent and previous teacher contract negotiations.

During the last contract negotiation with the Andover Education Association, the School Committee embarked on a two-year, extremely contentious negotiation process that included numerous negotiation sessions, a lengthy mediation process, a second mediation process prior to fact-finding, fact-finding, and following the issuing of the fact-finding report, a final negotiation process. During these tumultuous two years, we experienced "work to rule," when the teachers performed their responsibilities strictly to the limits of the contract and set up picket lines in front of all the schools.

Teachers refused to write letters of recommendation for college applications, disrupted meetings and picketed the place of employment of one School Committee member.

Through the process the School Committee earned the right to implement a teacher's contract unilaterally, which would have been the first time in Massachusetts history. As a result of this effort, the School Committee gained back critical management rights that had been previously negotiated away. Teacher productivity at Andover High School was increased by changing the schedule from a 3-and-2 to a 3-and-3 block schedule, increasing the teaching load from five to six courses per academic year.

Additionally, critical changes in the teachers' professional development program were negotiated resulting in a more rigorous professional development system and an increase in the time it takes teachers to move through the track system, thus reducing the rate of salary increases. Finally, there was a 5-percent COLA increase over the course of three years, a lower rate of increase than had been negotiated over the previous 25 years.

During the following 18 months prior to the beginning of the most recent contract negotiations, an agreement that reflected a change in statute and guidelines regarding teacher evaluations was negotiated and implemented. The new evaluation process improves the accountability of the teacher evaluation and enhances

the school district's ability to adequately address the situation of an under-performing teacher.

In addition to the above, there has been a vastly improving atmosphere of cooperation between the AEA and school administration. Not a single grievance has been filed by the AEA during this period. Disagreements as they occur are being worked out without unnecessary legal expenses and use of valuable management time. An improved working environment does contribute to an improved learning environment.

During the most recent round of negotiations, the School Committee successfully negotiated a return of important management rights in regards to the middle school schedule that allows the school administration to make future changes in the schedule that can improve the educational experience and student achievement. In addition, the School Committee negotiated a 5.5-percent cost of living increase over the course of three years, well within the recommendation of the town manager and the contracts currently being negotiated in other communities.

The ability to reach an agreement in a limited time simply reflects the improvement in the relationship between the School Committee and the AEA and the positive problem-solving approach taken by both negotiating subcommittees. An in-depth study of the financial impact of the agreement was fully taken into consideration.

I realize that there are different opinions about the outcome of this contract. However, it is important that you know that all School Committee members participated in the process, while the School Committee consulted with the town manager, Finance Committee and Board of Selectman. The school's leadership team was closely involved in the process and the School Committee made use of the legal and negotiation services provided by the same team that assisted us in the previous negotiation. As one former member of the Andover School Committee, I do believe that the entire community is well served by this agreement. A contentious, combative and tumultuous union relationship is not in the best interest of student achievement.

DENNIS FORGUE
18 Reservation Road

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good luck wishes for O'Donoghue, board

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to congratulate Mary O'Donoghue on her win last Tuesday. I wish her and the entire board well, with all the issues that are ahead of them. I believe everything happens for a reason and she is meant to be there at this particular time and that I am meant for something else.

While she may feel I chose to attack her with some of my comments, I can assure her that was not my intention. I merely repeated some

sentiments and concerns expressed by some of the people I spoke to.

Also, I would encourage others to get involved in running for office; it is a great experience. As I stated at the League of Women Voters debate, people should be involved with decision making at every level of government. At the very least, we need to vote; it's our duty as citizens and it's a power we sometimes forget we have.

So, again, I say congratulations Mary and good luck.

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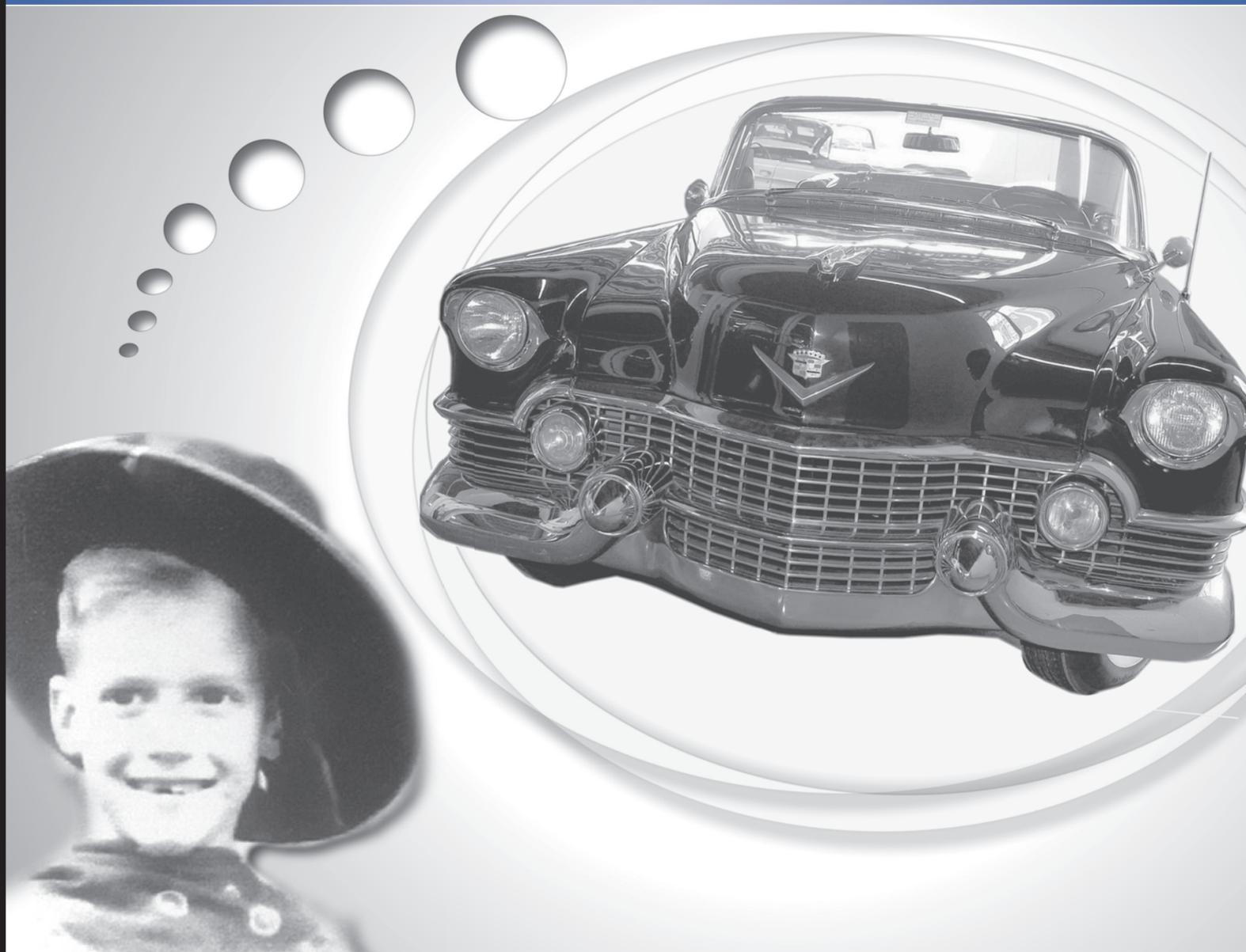
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Supporters of the Andover/North Andover YMCA capture the moment Friday as Merrimack Valley YMCA officials and state and local dignitaries conduct the ceremonial ground-breaking for the facility's \$21 million expansion project.

YMCA breaks ground on \$21M Andover facility expansion

STAFF REPORTS

The Andover/North Andover YMCA broke ground last Friday on a \$21 million expansion of its Haverhill Street facility.

The project will double the existing facility space, meeting both the current and the anticipated future needs of the community. The new YMCA will feature a number of enhancements, including a new childcare development center, an expanded aquatics facility, active living center for older adults, expanded wellness center, an active learning center and a rehabilitation center operated by Lawrence General Hospital.

There are currently 8,000 members who attend the Andover/North Andover facility, with more expected. Existing programs will remain open during construction. The project also calls for the creation of a new access road and additional parking. It is expected to be completed in approximately 16 months.

Among those present at the groundbreaking were Sens. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, and Kathleen O'Connor



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NECN-TV chief meteorologist Matt Noyes, left, who served as master of ceremonies for Friday's ground-breaking program, looks on as Stephen Ives, president and CEO of the Merrimack Valley YMCA, addresses the crowd.

Ives, D-Newburyport; Reps. Bradley Jones Jr., R-North Reading, and Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester; Andover Town Manager Reginald Stapczynski, Andover selectmen, North Andover Town Manager Andrew Maylor, Merrimack Valley YMCA President and CEO Stephen Ives, and leadership donor Rosalyn Wood. NECN-TV chief meteorologist, Matt Noyes served as master of ceremonies. Some of the topics

discussed during the program included the details of the expansion, construction plans, philanthropic efforts and community engagement.

The \$21 million cost of the expansion is being paid for through fundraising efforts and tax-exempt bond financing provided by Enterprise Bank. The nonprofit YMCA will continue its fundraising efforts, which stand at about \$5.7 million. The Y has a goal of \$7 million to complement



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Friday's ceremonial ground-breaking for the Andover/North Andover YMCA expansion project included, front row from left, Michael Mancuso, chairman of the Merrimack Valley YMCA board of trustees; Stephen Ives, president and CEO of Merrimack Valley YMCA; Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives, D-Newburyport; and Capital Campaign Chairman William McCartney.

its \$14 million in financing. With its headquarters located in Lawrence, the Merrimack Valley YMCA is

represented by the Andover/North Andover YMCA, the Lawrence YMCA, the Methuen YMCA, Camp Lawrence and Camp Nokomis on New Hampshire's Lake Winnepesaukee and Day Camp Otter in Salem, N.H.

On the mark for record-setting Run for the Troops

The annual Run For The Troops 5K is set to take its mark on Sunday at 9 a.m. in front of the Center at Punchard, formerly the Senior Center, on Whittier Court.

Upwards of 2,500 runners are expected at the event, which has grown in size every year following its first iteration in 2010.

This year's race will highlight the story of Army Staff Sgt. Matt Dewitt, of Concord, N.H. Dewitt lost both his hands in a firefight in Khalidiyah, Iraq in July 2003, when his weapon was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade during the battle.

Race-day registration starts at 7:30 a.m. in the Doherty Middle School cafeteria, 33 Bartlet St. The cost is \$30.

Those who have already registered may pick up their bib numbers and shirts on Friday, April 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 5, from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. at Century Bank, 15 Elm St., Andover. Runners may also wait until Saturday morning to collect their numbers.

While the road race has traditionally been the visible show of support for the Taunton-based nonprofit Homes For Our Troops, a dinner on Friday night at the Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old River Road, will serve as the primary fundraising vehicle for the two-pronged weekend event.

The dinner begins with a 6 p.m. reception, followed by the meal at 7. Tickets are \$25. Those planning to attend are encouraged to register in advance, as walk-ins are discouraged.

For more information on both events, visit www.runforthetroops5k.com. Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible donation to support the cause may also do so on the local website or via Homes for Our Troops at www.hfotusa.org.



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Local youths hold signs and posters last weekend advertising the annual Andover Youth Services Telethon, scheduled to be broadcast live this Thursday and Friday on Andover Access TV.

RISE up and donate to build the youth center

Submitted by Andover Youth Council

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- Online Streaming: AndoverTV.org
- Hotline: 978-470-3257
- Social Media Accounts: Facebook: Andover Youth Services; Twitter: @AndoverYouth; Instagram: @AndoverYouth

It's that time of year again, Andover. The people from Andover Youth Services will be back on your living room TVs and computer screens Thursday and Friday, April 3 and 4, as they present the RISE Telethon — an annual fundraiser dedicated to the funding of the Cormier Youth Center.

This year marks the final push by Andover Youth Services and the Andover Youth Foundation to raise the needed money for the building and we are asking for the community's help to

finally have the youth center completed.

Just like every event with the Andover Youth Services, the telethon will be chock-full of surprises. This year, the Andover Youth Council is planning

to make the show entertaining from start to finish by gathering talent from all over to perform. Some of the major talent highlights include Andover's own "American Idol" hopeful Casey McQuillen, Emily Wivell, the cast of Mr. AHS, members of various Andover High School varsity sports teams, and more to be revealed throughout the event.

The Andover Youth Council also became more creative with ways to donate this year. Instead of just calling in and placing a donation, people can make "challenge donations." This unique opportunity allows you to call the Youth Services during the telethon

and challenge someone in order to fulfill your donation. For example, from your living room, you can pledge to donate \$100 if Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey does jumping jacks for an hour straight. For the next hour, Bill will do those jumping jacks for your support of the youth center. It is that easy.

The annual event will be explosively entertaining, with the opportunity to be interactive just as much as the talent is, all in the name of supporting the center in its final leg. Be sure to start watching on Thursday night at 7, when all the excitement is scheduled will begin.



FILE PHOTO

Runners fill the streets of downtown Andover as they take off at the start of the 2011 Run for the Troops road race. The annual fundraiser for the Homes for Our Troops initiative is Sunday.

Arts & Entertainment

Addison Gallery taps Philadelphia art curator as new director

Judith F. Dolkart not only has art in her blood, but in her name. And now she is readying bring both to Addison Gallery of American Art on the campus of Phillips Academy in Andover.



Courtesy photo
Judith F. Dolkart will assume the director's role at Addison Gallery of American Art on the campus of Phillips Academy in July.

Dolkart — the deputy director of art and archival collections for a Philadelphia foundation and alumnae of Phillips' Academy's sister institution — will succeed Brian Allen as Addison's new director.

Phillips Academy Head of School John Palfrey announced Dolkart's appointment last week. She will begin her new role in July.

"Judith is an accomplished curator and educator who believes deeply in visual literacy, cross-media learning and the power of art to engage, persuade

and provide transformative experiences," Palfrey said in a release.

"Her knowledge of art and art history combined with a commitment to making art accessible to audiences

across all ages, experiences and backgrounds make her a superb choice for the Addison, a teaching museum committed to excellence in scholarship."

Addison's collection of American art, which numbers more than 17,000 objects, is considered one the most important in the country. Its exhibitions and related events are always open free to the public, and its educational programming extends beyond campus to public schools in the region.

Dolkart comes to Andover from The Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, which she joined in 2010 as chief curator before being promoted to deputy director and Gund Family chief curator in 2012. Established in 1922, The Barnes Foundation has

a notable collection of post-Impressionist and early modern paintings, as well as extensive holdings of old master paintings, African sculpture, Native American ceramics, jewelry and textiles, American paintings and decorative arts, and antiquities.

She said she is excited to begin work in Andover.

"The Addison — with its important collections and exhibitions, talented staff and the wonderful Museum Learning Center — offers tremendous opportunities for creative curricular collaboration at Phillips Academy," Dolkart said in the release. "To have this vital and rich resource at the heart of a secondary school offers an incredible opportunity to think innovatively about what and how we learn."

Sidney R. Knafel, chairman of the Addison Board of Governors who led the search panel, said Dolkart "stood out among an exceptional group of candidates from across the country."

"She will bring a global perspective to the Addison's renowned collection of American art and will lead the Addison to an enhanced international position both as an art museum and as an educational site for Phillips Academy," said Knafel, a 1948 graduate of Phillips.

An expert on the art and culture of 19th century France, Dolkart previously served as associate curator of European art at the Brooklyn Museum in New York, which she joined in 2000 as assistant curator. She is a published scholar and has worked as

a lecturer at the college and university level.

The Phillips Exeter graduate received her Bachelor of Arts degree in fine arts in 1993 from Harvard-Radcliffe College in Cambridge. In 1997, she earned her Master of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the history of art at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dolkart replaces Allen, who left Addison late last year to become museum director and vice president of the New York Historical Society. Allen is credited with leading the implementation of the Addison's most recent strategic plan, which included a multi-million-dollar building renovation and expansion featuring a new Museum Learning Center.

'Make Way for (new) Ducklings'

Dance Prism will offer a nostalgic reincarnation of Boston in the early 1940s through "Variations on Make Way for Ducklings," a tribute to Robert McCloskey's beloved tale, on Saturday, April 5, at 2:30 p.m. the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road.

Originally an award-winning children's story, McCloskey's work has become a New England favorite. Dance Prism's adaptation of the story for children and sentimental adults traces the now-familiar journey of Mr. and Mrs. Mallard and their family of ducklings through Boston's traffic to the Public Garden.

Set to the music of the 1940s,

Dance Prism's ballet recreates the city in the era of soldiers and sailors, young lovers and playful children.

Following the performance, the company will host an "UnCommon Afternoon" reception honoring the 1940s Public Garden, with treats of the era, including balloons, cotton candy and other attractions for children, as well as an opportunity to meet the Mallards and other characters from the ballet.

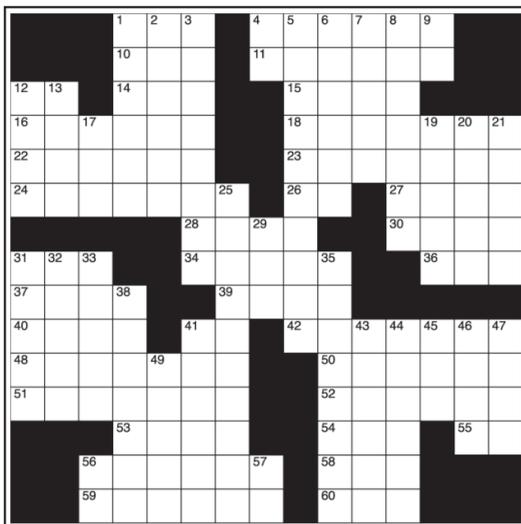
Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$18 for children and seniors, and include the reception. Seating is reserved. For tickets or more information, visit www.danceprism.com or call 978-371-1038.

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- Short composition for solo instrument

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- 40th state
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- A protected community
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'Rhythms of Hope' for South Africa



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Sophia Landay of Andover, right, and Emily Ewing of Reading rehearse their piece for this weekend's "Rhythms of Hope" homage to South Africa at Phillips Academy. The seniors are part of a group of students from the private secondary school who will be touring the production to South Africa this summer.

Phillips arts students debuting show in advance of summer tour abroad

The Phillips Academy Departments of Dance, Music and Art showcase "Rhythms of Hope" — a multi-disciplinary work drawing on South African influences — for two shows this weekend before taking the production to South Africa in June.

A group of 26 students, including several from Andover, have been collaborating for several months to craft a performance that allows them to tell their own stories through a fusion of various art forms.

Musicians have drawn on the jazz sounds of Hugh Masekela, Abdullah Ibrahim, Charles Mingus and Moses Khumalo, all of whom were jazz composers inspired by social justice movements. Visual artists have created digital projections, painted fabrics and vibrant costumes influenced and inspired

by American and South African culture. The overarching dance piece has been choreographed in a contemporary style, moving from lyric, soulful sections to athletic and playful interludes.

Participants say "Rhythms of Hope" aims to take viewers on a journey that explores the themes of relationships, power struggles and the quest for personal freedom. They hope the end result honors the unity and connection all individuals have to one another, ultimately leaving viewers with a final message of hope for humanity.

The performance will travel abroad to be part of a large South Africa Arts Project that will occur this summer. Students will have the opportunity to visit Johannesburg, Cape Town and Grahamstown, staging the show at various locations throughout

the country, most notably at Oprah Winfrey's Leadership Academy for Girls and the National Arts Festival Grahamstown.

Students will also have the chance to observe how South Africa's social and political story is unfolding and how it is being communicated through the arts. Over the past few months, they have begun examining the various social themes they will encounter and have explored how the ideas of oppression and the quest for personal freedom manifest in individual's lives.

The participating day students include:

Andover Dance Group: Adam Brody, Rebecca Cheng, Sarah Cronin, Katherine Graber, Sophia Landay, Vivian Liu and Erica Nork, all of Andover; Abriana Mayer and Elizabeth McGonagle, both of North Andover; and Emily Ewing of Reading

Jazz Musicians: Jacob Puffer of Andover, saxophone; and Jack Elliot Higgins of Boxford, guitar

Visual Art: Isabella Flynn and John McGovern, both of Andover

Technical Crew: Kieto Mahanah of Andover

The students are led by Phillips faculty members Erin Strong, chairman of the Theater and Dance Department; Peter Cirelli, chairman of the Music Department; and Therese Zemlin, chairman of the Visual Art Department, with assistance from theater and dance instructor Judith Wombwell.

"Rhythms of Hope" will be performed Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Tang Theatre on the Phillips Academy campus. Tickets are \$5 and the public is invited. Reservations may be made through the box office at 978-749-4433.

'Hot-blooded' season finale for Mistral Music

Julie Scolnik — music director of Mistral, the former Andover Chamber Music — is promising a "hot-blooded" concert spotlighting European composers to close out the group's 17th season this weekend. "The Orient Express," the last stop in the group's "Wanderlust: Postcards from Around the World" series, will be performed Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m. at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover.

The program will feature pieces by Czech, Romanian and Hungarian composers

that draw their inspiration from folk melodies and dances from Bavaria.

"The program ranges from solo, intimate works — Suk's melancholy "Ballade" for cello, Bartok's "Romanian Folk Dances" for violin — to larger ensemble works — Dvorak's formidable piano quartet in E flat and Enesco's jubilant foot stomper, his "Rhapsodie No. 1" in a chamber arrangement," Scolnik said in an email. "These pieces are a great way to bring the season to a close."

The line-up

showcases Adrian Daurov, cello; Sharon Roffman, violin; Amadi Azikiwe, viola; Max Levinson, piano; Julie Scolnik, flute; and Donald Palma, bass.

The artists have won various international competitions, including the Dublin International Piano Competition, and have led chamber orchestras across Europe.

"...the music lovers who fill our seats welcome us with smiling faces and make it so rewarding to play music for them," said Scolnik, who lived in Andover for many years before relocating to

Brookline last year.

The concert will first be performed Friday night at 7 in Brookline at St. Paul's Episcopal Church before coming to Andover on Sunday. Tickets are \$30, \$25 for seniors.

Mistral returns to Andover on Saturday, April 12, for its annual gala and auction from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$65 to \$75. Email sales@mistralmusic.org or call 978-474-6222 for reservations. For more on Mistral, visit www.mistralmusic.org.

Out & About: Dig in for spring vegetable gardening primer

Whether you're a novice gardener or an old hand, there's nothing like hearing from an enthusiastic expert to get prepared for the spring planting season. And next week, gardeners will have the opportunity to get advice from an especially knowledgeable authority on the subject.

Lifetime master gardener Betty Sanders will present "How to Have Your Best Ever Vegetable Garden" on Monday, April 7, at 10 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover.

Sanders will cover such topics as designing a garden, choosing what to plant and caring for crops. She has appeared on "This Old House" and taught gardening techniques to the staff of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as at Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. She designed Mass Horticultural's innovative, 6,000-square-foot vegetable teaching garden at Elm Bank in Wellesley and was its "keeper" for the first three years of operation.

Her visit to Andover is sponsored by the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. It is open to the public; a \$5 donation is requested. For more information, call Neal Sanders at 508-359-9453.

Sister Towns group touring Addison's Whistler exhibit

Andover Sister Towns Association members, friends and interested residents of Andover and North Andover are invited to attend a guided tour of the "An American in London: Whistler and The Thames" exhibit at Addison Gallery of American Art on the campus of Phillips Academy in Andover on Thursday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m.

The group will enjoy a tour of the exhibit featuring the drawings, paintings and prints of James Abbott McNeill Whistler, who spent a decade visually exploring the wharves, barges and pubs of the Battersea Reach in Victorian London from 1860 to 1870. The program will shed light on Whistler's approach to composition, subject matter



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Andover Sister Towns Association of Andover/North Andover board plan this week's Whistler tour at the Addison Gallery of American Art as well as the upcoming exchange visit of sightseeing tours, events and cultural activities with the group's "twin" organization from Andover, England in September. Board members are, from left, Diane Huster, Marjorie Snell, Don Robb, Fred Snell, Belva Hopkins, Elaine Meisinger and Kathy Stevens.

and technique as he focused on the people and their activities in the neighborhoods by the Thames.

Previously, the program committee of the Andover Sister Towns Association of Andover/North Andover organized a members' tour of the Whistler House Museum in Lowell as part of the group's ongoing activities. For more information, call Fred Snell, president, at 978-686-3647, or email fredsnell@gmail.com

Focus on 'Gardeners and Climate Change'

The Andover Department of Municipal Services and Greenscapes North Shore present "Gardeners and Climate Change: Saving the Planet One Garden at a Time" on Monday, April 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover

Led by Gardens by Demetra of Reading, the conversation will explore how gardeners can adapt to and fight climate change in their own back (and front) yards and make the most of their outdoors. For more information, visit www.greenscapes.org.

'Art in Bloom' inspiration for clubs

The Spade & Trowel Garden Club of Andover, in conjunction with the Village Garden Club, will be featuring an "Art in Bloom Road Show" at its next general meeting on Tuesday, April

8, at 7 p.m. at West Parish Church Hall, 129 Reservation Road, Andover.

The featured speaker will discuss a work of art and the flower arranger will demonstrate the creation of a floral arrangement to complement the piece. Both the speaker and the floral arranger are longtime members of the Flower Committee for the Museum of Fine Arts' annual "Art in Bloom" event.

The public is invited. Call 978-681-1890 for more information.

A model open house for railroad club

The Boston Metro Hi-Railers, an O-gauge model railroad club based at 5 Waltham St. in Wilmington, is hosting an open house on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will showcase a large operating setup for children and their families, including parents and grandparents, to operate. The main layout will feature a display of trains used for presidential travel, including trains from the Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy eras as well as the model inaugural train that carried President Obama to Washington for his swearing-in ceremony.

Admission is \$10 for families, \$5 for individual adults; children 5 and under are free. Call Robert Hilliard 781-944-1794 or email robth@comcast.net for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

A busy month is in store for Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St. Here are some of the events and activities that are planned:

Genealogy Lock-In

Register for an evening of after-hours genealogy research on Friday, April 4, starting at 5:30 p.m. Participants will enjoy exclusive access to databases, computers, microfilm and local history materials. Reference librarians will be on hand to help with the research. A light dinner will be served. The fee is \$10 and registration is requested either online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or by calling 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

Book Group Night

Are you a member of a book group, or trying to start a book group and not quite sure where to begin? Or do you just like books and want to talk about your

favorites? Staff librarians will lead a Book Group Night on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. where they will share reviews, library and online resources, and information about book club kits. Questions and suggestions on how the library can help local book groups will be encouraged. Reading journals will be awarded as door prizes. Reservations are requested.

Community Shredding Day

The library sponsors its annual community shredding event on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, (or until the truck is full) in the library parking lot. The event takes place rain or shine. Residents are welcome to bring a bag or a whole car filled with old papers to shred. The shredding truck is provided by ProShred of Springfield.

Monster & Me' Visit

Paul Czajak, author of the "Monster & Me series," will share his latest book — "Monster Needs His Sleep" — on Saturday, April 19, at 11 a.m. Czajak is a member of the library's monthly Critique Group. His books will be available for purchase and signing. All ages are welcome.

National Library Week

Members of the Friends of Memorial Hall Library board will celebrate National Library Week April 13 to 19. They will have a table set up in the library to answer questions and sign up new "friends."

All events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. For more information, visit www.mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: BOOMERVENTURE

BoomerVenture based at the Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has lined up its spring programs. They include:

BoomerVenture Screening Room: Weekly screenings of foreign and independent award-winning movies, Thursdays; seating and snacks at 6:45 p.m., followed by film at 7; limited to first 30 people. April 3, "A Royal Affair" (special 6:30 p.m. start time); April 10, "Dirty Wars;" April 17, "Museum Hours" (German subtitles); April 24, "Captain Phillips" (special 6:30 p.m. start); May 1, "20 Feet From Stardom;" May 8, "In A World;" May 15, "The Spectacular Now."

Coping With Caregiving: Four-week series April 3 through 24, 7 to 8:30 p.m., for those caring for loved ones at home; free, registration requested.

■ April 3: Kelley MacDonald, MSN, of Home Health Foundation, presents "A daughter's tips for the Caregiver," offering personal and professional insight on the caregiver's journey.

■ April 10: Longtime Andover geriatric general practitioner Dr. Suetta

Tenney explores the pitfalls and rewards of caring for one's aging relatives and friends. She has initiated a "visiting doctor" service and employs a hands-on approach to medicine that encourages many approaches to wellness.

Tenney is offering a free, eight-week session on the principles of mind-body medicine starting in June. The program will include instruction in meditation as well as a chance to interact confidentially with others who are undergoing the

same challenging situation. BoomerVenture Screening Room coincides with the series to allow caregivers to attend while loved ones enjoy a film.

■ April 17: Heather Carroll, who leads programs and advocacy for the Alzheimer's Association, presents "Changes in Memory: Normal Signs of Aging vs. Alzheimer's."

For more information on BoomerVenture programs or to sign up, call 978-623-8321 or visit www.boomerventure.com.



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Eight teams from Andover competed at the Destination Imagination State Tournament on Saturday at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Competing alongside 140 other teams from around Massachusetts, Andover's creative problem-solvers worked hard to succeed at every level.

The Andover High School team, made up of Joseph Vetere, Andrew Matteucci, Dean Smith and Katherine O'Kelly, ran a Spirit Event for the younger children in order to entertain them in the late afternoon before closing ceremonies. They painted the younger children's faces with Andover Blue and Gold and worked with them to create blue-and-gold Duct tape crowns, hats and large A's to show their town pride.

High school team managers John Vetere, Ken Matteucci and Stephanie Maze-Hsu all agreed that their work showed the true Spirit of DI — the desire of the older students to mentor the younger ones.

The high school team competed in the problem called Going to Extremes, as did a combined fourth- and fifth-grade team from West and South elementary schools. That team was made up of Brendan Gruenberg, Sam Dougherty, Reed Cahill, Claire Cahill, Aparna Shanmugam and Kate Zdunczyk, with team manager Kerrie Fraser.

The elementary team's story, according to Fraser, "was just so creative" and took on a science-fiction theme.

A Doherty Middle School team, coached by Melanie Auclair-Fortier and Joe Sylvester and made up of Darya Lee, Katy Clancy, Florence Grenon and Sami Sylvester, also competed in the Hong to Extreme problem.

Although they did not place, the Doherty Tension Builds team, made up of Joshua Krinsky, Jade Martinez, Ryan Giggey, Kyla Sullivan, Shawn Calabro and Maddy Fugere, along with team manager Margaret Sullivan, built a structure that held over 200 pounds.

The two Dig In teams



Fourth- and fifth-graders on the combined West-South elementary team that competed in Going to Extreme include, left to right, Kerrie Fraser, manager; Claire Cahill, Kate Zdunczyk, Aparna Shanmugam, Sam Dougherty, Reed Cahill and Brendan Gruenberg.

Courtesy photos



Local students Kathryn O'Kelly paints Emily Wagner's face during the Destination Imagination State Tournament Saturday at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

wowed the audience with their clever solutions to this year's problem of hiding objects in a box. The Doherty team was managed by Ken Matteucci and included eighth-graders Calvin Fumicello, Nathan Goldthwaite, Ian Hurley and William Hamilton.

The High Plain-Bancroft team was made up of Andrew Beckwith, Oscar Bunting, Griffin Hout, Cameron Kirn, Cameron Riley and Tamer Srouji with team managers Nancy Lee and David Bunting. They constructed a homemade metal detector to locate their hidden objects with clicks and noises. This elementary team placed second in their age group, and qualified for

Global Finals in Tennessee in May.

A first-year High Plain team of fifth-graders Emme Pitts, Lizzie Jones, Katie Budinger and Abby Chou, with team managers Jackie Cirello Pitts and Katie Budinger, competed in the Improv Challenge where they had to prepare by researching occupations from multiple historical time periods. The team placed first in its age group, also scoring a trip to globals.

The eighth Andover team competing at states was a combined West-Wood Hill middle school team of veteran seventh and eighth-graders who solved the Laugh Art Loud challenge. The team included



Members of the combined High Plain-Bancroft team, from left, Tamer Srouji, Andrew Beckwith, Griffin Hout, Oscar Bunting, Cameron Kirn and Cameron Riley constructed a homemade metal detector to locate hidden objects with clicks and noises. This elementary team managed by Nancy Lee placed first in its age group and qualified for the Global Destination Imagination Finals in Tennessee in May.

Ananda Kao, Emily Wagner, Josh Combs, Daniella Tagliaferri, Maria Tagliaferri and Dario Tagliaferri along with team managers Kate Wagner and Stephanie Maze-Hsu. They placed second in their challenge, and also qualified to participate in global finals for the third time.

Joining the three teams in earning a trip to globals is the Andover DI Alums grouping of Rachel Christ,

Rebecca Doolan, Michaela Olson, Dan Murray and Robert Hsu, who will be competing as a University Level Team representing their colleges: Clark University in Worcester, Lesley University in Cambridge, Cornell University in New York, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Washington University in St. Louis respectively.

Deciding whether to actually go to globals, an

expensive proposition, will be the next step for the top teams. A Dracut-based nonprofit group, Actors, Inc., is working to help defray the costs by donating all of its proceeds from an upcoming production of "Les Misérables" later this month to the DI teams in the Merrimack Valley and surrounding communities. Visit www.actorsincorporated.com for more.

Spelling Bee ready to deliver F-U-N

The Andover Fund for Education is gearing for its 16th annual Andover Community Spelling Bee set for Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street, a new location for the community event this year.

The fun-filled fundraiser aimed at supporting educational innovation in Andover schools while promoting local businesses, organizations and individual schools always draws an enthusiastic crowd of students, parents, teachers, school administrators, town officials and community groups.

Though some very good spelling does take place,

organizers say the fundraiser is not your average bee. They say the event emphasizes entertainment in a casual and family-friendly atmosphere. To keep it that way, the bee is designed to be a team sport rather than an individual competition. There is no solo spelling, so team spellers "sink or swim" together.

Most of the teams arrive in costume, as do many of the audience members who attend to cheer on their favorite competitors. Team supporters are invited to strut their stuff in the free-wheeling Spirit Parade just before the final round, and a

Spirit Award is presented to the school team supported by the most enthusiastic fans. Judges also award a trophy for Most Creative Team Costume. At the end of the night, prizes are given to the winning team of spellers.

New groups and sponsors are encouraged to become part of the spring tradition. AFE welcomes teams of four adults from all area schools and community groups, as well as donations from sponsors, who can support a round of the bee, place an ad in the program or become an AFE Friend of the Bee.

Admission to the bee itself

is free. But all money raised through team fees and sponsorships support AFE's mini-grants to Andover teachers who propose new and creative classroom projects designed to reinforce and supplement the core curriculum.

Founded in 1991, AFE is a nonprofit organization of local volunteers dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the Andover schools. New members are always welcome.

For more information about the bee and to download a registration form, visit www.andoverfundforeducation.org.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

College financial aid workshop April 17

The Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority is holding a seminar to help high school seniors and their parents decide which college acceptance offer to select based on the financials on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at Phillips Academy on El Street in Andover.

As part of its "After the Acceptance" program, the state's nonprofit authority on planning, saving and paying for college is assembling college financing experts to lead the free seminar.

The goal of the program, which runs through the end of April, is to ensure families have timely guidance before making enrollment decisions by the May 1 deadline, and have a clear understanding of the next steps in the college enrollment process. MEFA is poised to help families in a variety of ways: Call MEFA at 800-449-MEFA (6332) to speak to a college financing expert. Visit mefa.org for more information and a complete listing of available services.

Boys & Girls State recruits candidates

American Legion Post 8 Andover is looking for candidates from town to attend Boys and Girls State this year at Stonehill College. The program runs from Saturday, June 14, to Friday, June 20, and is open to students who are completing their junior year in high school.

Participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state government.

America Legion Post 8 Andover pays the cost of attendance. Preference is given to Andover residents. The application deadline is April 12. A face-to-face interview will be conducted as part of the selection process. For more information, contact Kevin Bibeau of American Legion Post 8 Andover at coach_bibeau@hotmail.com.

To submit an item for the Education Notebook, email townsman@andovertownsmam.com.

ON CAMPUS

Alexandra Gaspar and Lauren Grams were named to the dean's list at Westfield State University for the fall semester. Gaspar is the daughter of Heather and Joe Gaspar. Grams is the daughter of Daniel and Annette Grams and president of her class of 2017 at Westfield State. Both are

2013 graduates of Andover High School.

Six local students were named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Cornell University College of Arts and Sciences in New York: Casey Zhang, Demetrios Papageorgiou, Julia Quinn, Jamison Poland, Eve Bishop and Tina Tianjiao Su.

BROOKS SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following local students were named to the honor roll at Brooks School in North Andover for the fall semester:

Highest Honors
Emma Crockett,

Maxwell Currie, Duncan Davies, Katherine Davies, Zoe Gates, Caroline Hartel, Alexandra Iamomaco, Kyle Lawrence

High Honors
William Adie,

Suzanne Egertson, Matthew Ericson, Alexander Hajdukiewicz, Lukas Hajdukiewicz, Carter Howe, Jack Hughes, Darin Hunt, Megan Neal, Maxwell Pawdzik,

Andrew Swapp, Megan Quinn, Davis Rogers
Honors
Andrew Ginsberg, Natalie Hartel, Cassandra Hunt, Jackson Quinn, Matthew Vieira

Doherty setting sail for 'Anything Goes'

Jump on board the S.S. American this weekend for Doherty Middle School's production of "Anything Goes."

Filled with whimsical characters, energetic tap dancing and Cole Porter's timeless score, the show docks for three performances.

The ship's cast and crew feature more than 80 Doherty Middle School students. At the helm are eighth-grade student directors John Moreland and Ellie Kravetz, seasoned performers who embraced the challenge of leading their peers on this cross-Atlantic adventure.

Once on deck, audiences will meet the famous evangelist turned nightclub singer, Reno Sweeney, and her musical group of fallen angels. Reno has teamed up with Moonface Martin (Public Enemy No. 13) and his sassy sidekick, Bonnie. They mischievously conspire to help New York's most-eligible



COURTESY PHOTO

Plenty of hijinks is sure to ensue on the high seas for Doherty Middle School's rendition of "Anything Goes."

bachelor, Billy Crocker, steal the love of his life, American aristocrat Hope Harcourt, from her wealthy English fiancé, Sir Evelyn Oakleigh.

The plot thickens as Sir Evelyn is scheduled to marry Hope when the ship docks in England. Billy and his friends must think fast to



COURTESY PHOTO

A cast and crew of more than 80 Doherty Middle School students will bring the Cole Porter musical to the stage.

sink the marriage. Anchoring this ship are Andover teachers Cheryl Todisco, Doherty health educator in the role of producer; Beth Kennedy, grade 5 teacher at South Elementary School in the role of choreographer; Katie Simko, district choral teacher who is taking

on music director duties; and Ali Murphey, English language arts teacher at Doherty who pitches in as drama director.

Performances take place Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, at 1 p.m. in Doherty's Memorial Hall Auditorium

on Bartlet Street. Tickets are \$10 and available in the main office at Doherty Middle School, at The Learning Express on Park Street downtown and at the door. Children 5 and under are free.

— Judy Wakefield, staff writer

AHS Show Choir Showdown a hit

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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High school show choir directors from around New England are singing the praises of Andover High School's show choirs, which hosted their first festival last month.

Mark R. Mercer, director of choral studies at Andover High School, said in an email that the New England Show Choir Showdown held on March 22 at AHS surely was worth remembering for those involved as the turnout was terrific and so were the compliments.

"Everyone already wants to know the date for next year's festival," Mercer wrote. "Both of our groups, From Start to Finish and Nothin' But Treble, performed and did an amazing job."

Nearly 20 show choirs from across Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Canada attended the event, Mercer said.

"Throughout the day, over 1,800 people were in attendance ... we had an overwhelming positive response from directors and spectators claiming this was the best show choir competition they have ever been to," Mercer said.

One emotional moment happened on stage when Andover High's Nothin' But Treble group performed a piece reflecting on women who have made a difference in their lives. For this festival, the troupe added Colleen Ritzer's memory to the show. The Danvers



COURTESY PHOTO

Director Mark Mercer, center, prepares to hand out awards at last month's New England Show Choir Showdown at Andover High School. The debut event for the high school was a rousing success.

High School math teacher from Andover was allegedly murdered by a student last October. The 24-year-old was a 2007 graduate of Andover High.

"We dedicated a moment to voice her quote, 'No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind,'" Mercer said.

The scene was emotional, but the festival never lost a

step as dance performances continued and spectators cheered.

Here are some comments from directors that were sent to Mercer:

Amy Hubbard from Joseph Case High School, Swansea: "Congratulations on having a very successful and very smooth-running festival. I can not tell you how much I appreciate a show running on time. The directors'

green room was very appreciated by myself and my choreographer. Sometimes you just need two minutes of

quiet to grab a drink of water and collect your thoughts. Thank you so much for all the hard work you, your parents organization and your students put in!"

Ron Soja from Daniel Hand High School, Madison, Conn.: "I can't imagine how much work must have went into that! ... From the extremely friendly people who greeted us at each corner to the people who smiled and thanked us for coming as we left, we felt welcome. Other things I loved that I don't see from other festivals were the amazing music, lighting and announcement of each group as they prepared to perform, the slide show of the groups, and the amazing awards ceremony. Every detail made this a top-notch festival. We look forward to coming every year!"

Nadia Monti from Everett High School: "We thought you, the

staff, the parents and the students did a wonderful job and we all look forward to next year! Very tastefully done!"

Jereme Martineau, South Windsor, Conn.: "Really nice job. ... It's very obvious you run a tight ship, and as someone who tries to do the same, I noticed and REALLY appreciated the attention to detail on all levels."

The feedback is especially welcome given Andover High's show choir program is just a few years old. Mercer also runs three choir programs at each of the town's middle schools and teaches music classes at the high school.

But he is humble about his award-winning show choirs and clearly enjoys his very busy music schedule in town. He would only say the festival was "a great success."



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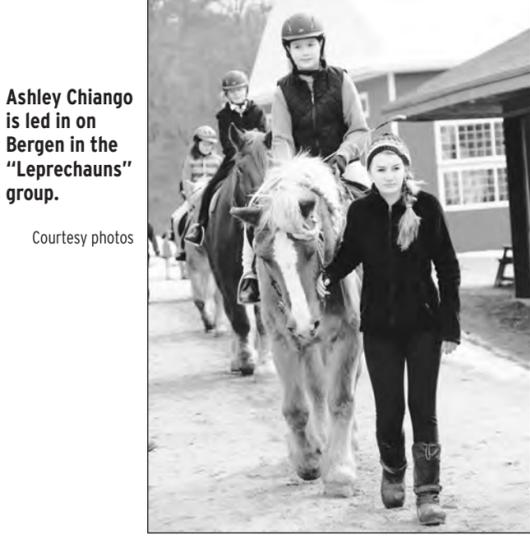
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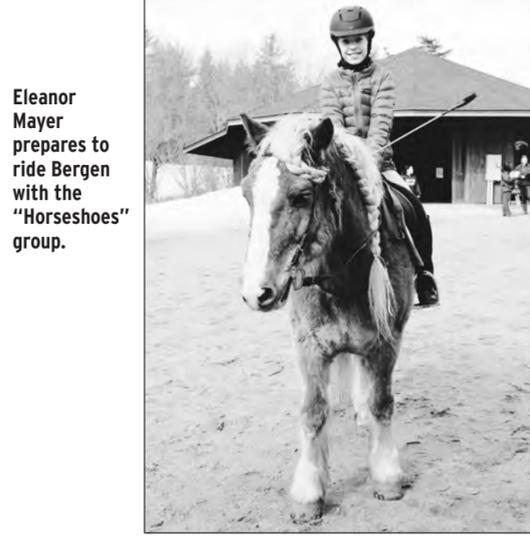
Townspeople

A lucky day for young equestrians Six local girls claim ribbons at Ironstone Farm show



Ashley Chiango is led in on Bergen in the "Leprechauns" group.

Courtesy photos



Eleanor Mayer prepares to ride Bergen with the "Horseshoes" group.



Lillian McNulty was paired with Kurt for the competition.

Six Andover girls went home with ribbons after competing in Ironstone Farm in Andover's second annual St. Patrick's Day-themed Horse Show on Sunday, March 23. The show attracted 21 riders who started the event by trying their luck selecting — out of a leprechaun's pot — the name of the horse they would ride for the day. Riders then competed in three events apiece against others of similar ability. Some of the participants had only been riding at Ironstone for a few months, while others are veterans of the Route

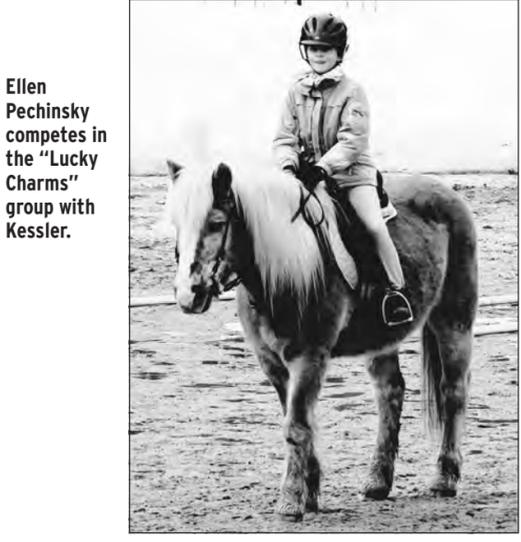
133 horse farm. The local competitors were:
 ■ **Ashley Chiango**, who took top honors in two events as she competed in her first horse show at Ironstone. Ashley, who rode Bergen in the "Leprechauns" group, earned a first-place ribbon in equitation on the flat, another first in equitation over poles and a second place in trail course. The 9-year-old who began riding at Ironstone just five months ago, is in the fourth grade at West Elementary School.
 ■ **Eleanor Mayer** earned two

first-place ribbons and a third place while riding Bergen with the "Horseshoes" group. She took top honors in equitation on the flat and in equitation over poles, and a third in trail course.
 ■ **Lillian McNulty**, riding Kurt, took fourth place in trail course and fifth place in both equitation on the flat and equitation over poles. She is in the fourth grade at High Plain Elementary School and has been riding at Ironstone for three years.
 ■ **Ellen Pechinsky**, who rode Kessler in the "Lucky Charms" group, took home

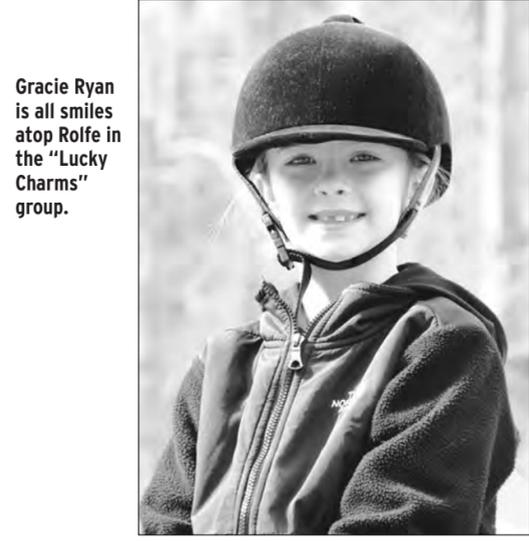
a second place in equitation over poles and fences and fourth place ribbons for trail course and equitation on the flat. The third-grader at High Plain Elementary will be attending her third summer camp at Ironstone.
 ■ **Gracie Ryan** took home first-, second- and third-place ribbons riding Rolfe in the "Lucky Charms" group. She finished first in equitation over poles and fences, second in trail course and third in equitation on the flat. Gracie, who has been riding for more than a year, is a second-grader at Sanborn

Elementary School.
 ■ **Maya Schwinn-Clanton**, who rode Wenzel in the "Shamrocks" group, placed second in trail course and third in equitation over poles and fences and in equitation on the flat. A fifth-grader at West Elementary School, she has been riding at Ironstone for five years. The show was coordinated by Ironstone riding instructor Emily Hutson, an Andover High School graduate who learned to ride at Ironstone as a girl and volunteered at the farm as a teenager.

Ironstone offers recreational riding for people of all abilities. It is also home to two nonprofit organizations, Challenge Unlimited and Ironstone Therapy, which use horses to provide effective therapy helping children and adults with a wide range of disabilities. Registration is now taking place for a nine-week, spring recreational riding block at Ironstone that runs from April 21 to June 21. Learn more about recreational and therapy programs at Ironstone at www.ironstonefarm.org.



Ellen Pechinsky competes in the "Lucky Charms" group with Kessler.



Gracie Ryan is all smiles atop Rolfe in the "Lucky Charms" group.



Maya Schwinn-Clanton was paired with Wenzel in the "Shamrocks" group.

All Those Years Ago

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

100 Years Ago April 3, 1914

Parlors for manicuring and facial massage have been opened by Miss Annie S. Lindsay in the Carter block in Elm Square. David Connell of North Main Street is able to be out again after his scalding accident at the Tyer Rubber Co. a few weeks ago. John Fiske Abbott, for about 15 years an inmate of the Town Farm, died Wednesday at that institution. George W. Chandler and Scott Shattuck went to Lowell Monday to attend the spring auction sale of horses at Hanson's stable.

75 Years Ago March 30, 1939

The Honorable Christian Herter, speaker of the Massachusetts House of

Representatives, comes here next Thursday night to address the annual banquet of the Young Men's Republican Club, to be held at the November Club rooms. The school board, wanting \$4,000 that it doesn't have and the majority not wanting the \$500 that it does have, meets on Tuesday night to decide definitely just what shall be cut in order to live within the slashed budget passed by Town Meeting. The problem of the North School, which the board has been asked by Town Meeting to keep open, will also come up, the \$4,500 appropriated for this purpose not being transferable to any other school.

50 Years Ago April 2, 1964

The granddaddy of local political crises exploded in recreation circles last weekend, and gives no sign of dissipating at

mid-week. Resigning in terse, one-sentence letters were Chairman James D. Doherty and members Walter Pearson and Durwood W. Moody. Stephen S. Sorota had indicated he would resign at the end of his term, and did so. Political charges immediately filled the air, when news of the resignations became known. Doherty said his resignation came because he believes appointments are being made to the committee on a political basis, or strictly political reasons, without particular reference to contributions made toward recreational activities in town. A photo of 4 1/2-year-old Steven Efinger shows the youngster taking a careful check of the amount of candy his little sister, Susan, found after the annual Easter-time candy hunt at The Park. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Efinger, 73 Lowell St.

Share your memories of Colleen Ritzer

The Andover Townsman is planning a special section to commemorate the inaugural Step Up For Colleen Ritzer 5K walk and run through Andover on Sunday, May 4. The event, which takes place nine days before what would have been Ritzer's 25th birthday, will benefit the Step Up for Colleen Fund at Essex County Community Foundation in honor of the slain Danvers High School teacher who spent much of her life in Andover. As part of the special section, The Townsman is collecting special memories and anecdotes about Ritzer from her friends, colleagues, former teachers and anyone touched in some way by her life in hopes of honoring her legacy. Memories and thoughts about Ritzer and what she meant to those who knew her may be submitted by email to editor Sonya Vartabedian at townsman@andovertownsmen.com or by mail to The Townsman,



33 Chestnut St., Andover 01810. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, April 10. A sizable turnout is expected for the May 4 \$25 in advance, \$30 on race day, which gets underway at 9 a.m. and will start and end at the Park, located downtown at Chestnut and Bartlet streets. The course primarily travels through the southern part of Andover, with a portion winding through parts of the bird sanctuary at

Phillips Academy. Participants are urged to wear pink, Ritzer's favorite color. The registration fee for both the run and walk is \$25 in advance, \$30 on race day. T-shirts are guaranteed to all runners who register by April 21. Race-day registration will take place at the nearby Doherty Middle School gym on Bartlet Street. To register or for more information, visit <http://colleenritzer5k.com>.

'Book of Golden Deeds' nominees sought

The Exchange Club of Lawrence is seeking nominations for the next recipient of its Book of Golden Deeds Award. The recipient will join a group of outstanding community members who have received the award over the years. The Book of Golden Deeds was first awarded in 1919 by the Exchange Club of Huntington, Ind. The award is presented to an individual who has given of himself or herself for the benefit of the community and its people, and whose efforts often go

unrecognized. Recipients tend to see service to others as an opportunity, a responsibility and a gift and go above and beyond in carrying out their unsung efforts. Nominees must live, work or be serving the communities of Andover, North Andover or Lawrence, the three communities the Exchange Club of Lawrence serves. The club is an all-volunteer service organization for men and women who want to serve the Greater Lawrence community, develop leadership skills

and enjoy new friendships. To nominate an individual for the Book of Golden Deeds Award, send a description of the individual and why he or she is worthy of recognition to the Exchange Club of Lawrence, in care of Lori Howe, Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, 430 North Canal St., Lawrence, or by email to lhowe@FSMV.org. Recommendations should be about 500 words or less. The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 2.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Locals win bridge tournaments

Two local bridge players took first place in separate tournaments recently. Norman Humer won the Open Pairs and Swiss

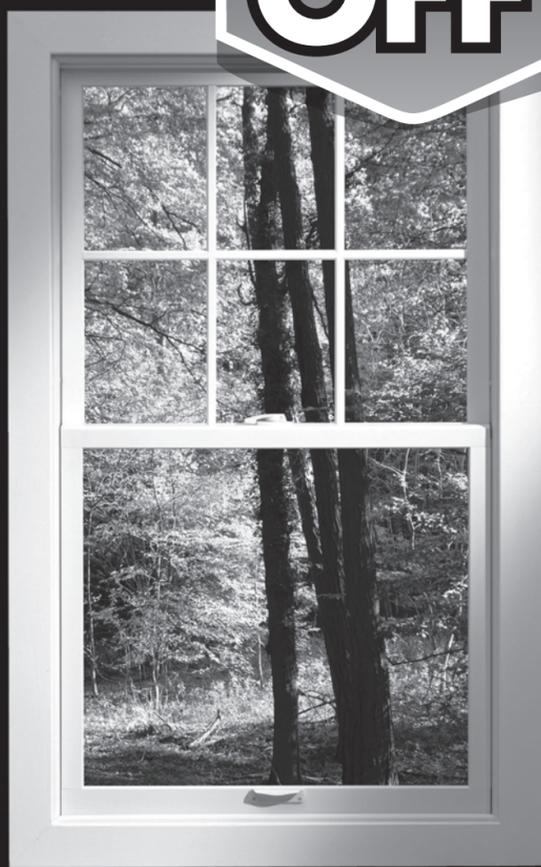
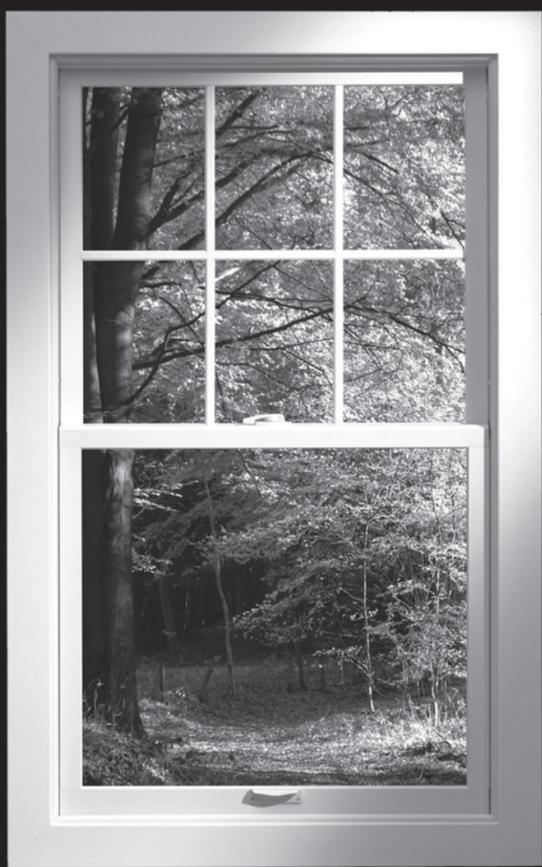
Teams events at the Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association winter sectional tournament. Joyce Leary won the Swiss Teams event at the association's March Silver Stampede tournament.

The association's next tournament is this weekend at the Armenian Cultural Center, 47 Nichols Ave., Watertown. Players compete for trophies and other prizes. Visit www.acblemba.org for more.

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■ TOWN BRIEFS

Rabies clinic set for dogs and cats

Andover Animal Hospital is holding a rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 12 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at its office at 233 Lowell St.

The cost of the vaccination is \$10 per animal. All animals should be leashed or restrained.

State law requires that all dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies between 3 and 6 months of age. Rabies vaccinations are good for three years with proof — a current rabies certificate — that the pet has been immunized within the past year. Otherwise, the vaccination is good for one year only.

Residents who have not yet licensed their dogs for 2014 should contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255 for more information.

Music Together open house Saturday

Music Together, a music and movement program for children up to age 5 and their caregivers, invites families to try a free class on Saturday

at 9:15 or 10:15 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Parents can learn more about making music happen in the home, sing some silly songs and get an understanding of why play is so important in early childhood music.

For more information and to register, visit www.musictogetheraroundthetowns.com.

Electronic, Appliance Recycle Day

First Calvary Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, is holding an Electronic and Appliance Recycle Day on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The drive will accept all electronic items, including computers, scanners, flat-panel monitors, copiers and more, for \$5 each; all appliances, including dishwashers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, lawn mowers, small engine items and more, for \$10 each; televisions for \$10 to \$25 and monitors for \$10. There is no fee to dispose of cables, keyboards, cell-phones and car batteries. Used bicycles and sewing machines are also being requested for

no fee with the goal of putting them back to use.

For more information, contact Dennis Wood 508-277-7513 or denwaynewood@yahoo.com.

Autism Eats plans second dinner date

After a successful first dinner event last month at Andolini's restaurant in Andover, Autism Eats, a dining group for parents with autistic children, is planning its next outing.

The Recreational Education Center at 83 Pine St. in Peabody has come forward to sponsor the next get-together in recognition of April as Autism Awareness Month. The family dinner and play time is set for Thursday, April 10, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Families with autistic children are invited.

The staff of the Recreation Education Center will be available to assist children and young adults as they explore and play. Adults will be able to mingle with other parents and siblings with other siblings while the whole family enjoys a dinner buffet and a night out. There is no charge for children.

Launched by the Zohn

family of Andover, Autism Eats provides autism-friendly, non-judgmental environments for family dining, socializing and connecting with others who share similar joys and challenges. Visit www.AutismEats.org for more information.

Spring Egg Hunt gets rolling April 12

The annual Spring Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Andover High School cafeteria on Shawsheen Road.

Kids will enjoy games, prizes, pictures with the Spring Bunny and egg decorating. The event is for ages 2 to 10. Registration is required; the cost is \$10 per child.

To sign up or for more information, call the Andover Department of Community Services at 978-623-8274.

Tour time at NECC's allied health center

The El-Hefni Allied Health & Technology Center, Northern Essex Community College's newest facility located at 414 Common St. in Lawrence, is holding an open

house on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The \$27.4 million El Hefni Health and Technology Center houses the majority of the college's more than 20 health care associate degree and certificate programs, including respiratory care, sleep technology, emergency medical technology and nursing.

The 44,000-square-foot facility features a Health Education Simulation Center, where students receive hands-on experience in simulated environments such as a hospital intensive care unit, a trauma room, an acute care hospital room, an apartment, an ambulance and a doctor's office.

Visitors are invited to tour the building and learn about academic programs and financial aid options. For more information, visit www.necc.mass.edu or contact NECC's enrollment services office at 978-556-3700 or admissions@necc.mass.edu.

Priceless Prom Gown Boutique dates

This year's Priceless Prom Gown Boutique has opened for the season. The

boutique, located behind the Everett Mill in the historic Stone Mill at 15 Union St. in Lawrence, welcomes young women seeking their prom dresses on April 12 and May 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The nonprofit program that originally started in Andover in 2007 gives financially challenged teenagers from the region the opportunity to select the perfect prom gown and accessories for a nominal donation of \$10. The organization also has a few tuxedos or dark formal suits available for boys.

The program is supported through donations from businesses and individuals from Andover and the surrounding communities, with the assistance of volunteers. Organizations such as John Anton Cleaners of Andover have pitched in to clean 200 prom gowns between mid-February and late May for the last six years.

For more information about the Priceless Prom Gown Program or to make a donation, visit www.pricelesspromgownprogram.com or contact carol@pricelesspromgownprogram.com.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 05/05/14.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code, without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition, the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 21, 2014 Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate AT - 4/3/14

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