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Run on gun licenses

Police seek help with applications

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Andover residents are going gun-crazy. That's the word from the Police Department, which this week won approval from the Board of Selectmen to create a full-time position to handle the rise in gun permit applications. "In 2009, we processed 82 firearm licenses," police Commander Charles Heseltine said. "That includes renewals and requests for new ones. In 2013, we had 456."

The town now has about 1,600 residents who are officially licensed to carry guns, Heseltine said.

The rising interest is not just a local trend. In fact, while gun permit ownership increased about 9 percent last year in Andover, it went up by 29 percent in Everett and 17 percent in Winthrop, according to figures from the Mass. Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

The statewide rise in gun ownership mirrors a nationwide trend of people getting permits out of fear that firearms laws are about to change.

"What we get is many people saying they're coming in from the recent gun regulations," Heseltine said. "There has been a huge uptick in that, and people are worried the laws will change and they'll be unable to purchase firearms."

Police chiefs have more power than ever in assessing prospective gun owners.

One question that often comes up when police departments sit down with permit applicants is why they're getting a license.

"They would say they want it for home safety — primarily they won't keep the weapon on the person, but they want it for their home," Heseltine said.

More women are seeking applications than in the past as well.

Terrel Harris, spokesman for the state's Office of Public Safety and Security, says the recent surge being

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Strength in numbers



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Catrina Peck, second left, the fiancée of this year's Homes For Our Troops recipient, Army Staff Sgt. Matt DeWitt, joins previous recipients, Army Sgt. Joseph Smith, front left, and Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois, right, with his wife, Kayla, behind him during the national anthem before the start of Sunday's Run for the Troops 5K.

Record turnout for Run for the Troops 5K

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As 2,313 runners lined up for the Run for the Troops 5K on Sunday morning, Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois sat in The Center at Puncard and reflected on the year since he was named the 2013 race honoree.

It was his first return to Andover after last year's Run for the Troops helped raise funds to build his Burrillville, R.I., home.

The house was finished in December, just weeks before Dubois and his wife, Kayla, welcomed their first son to the family.

"The people brought us back (to Andover)," Dubois said. "The town is huge, and 2,000 for a 5K? That's pretty awesome. I came back because this needs a lot of



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

A record-setting number of runners take off through the starting line on Whittier Court for Sunday's 2014 Run For The Troops 5K.

support."

Sunday's turnout represented a more than 30 percent increase in race participants over last year — all coming out to support the Taunton-based Homes For Our Troops, which builds specially designed houses for handicapped soldiers in need.

Also rising sharply was the number of teams joining the cause, with five times as many groups signing onto the event, according to Steve Moland, who oversaw race registrations.

Matching the powerful

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Town spending under scrutiny

Manager's budget plan squeaks through

By BILL KIRK
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As the old saying goes, it's best not to watch laws and sausages being made.

That was the case Monday night when the Board of Selectmen, joined by the Finance Committee, approved the \$160 million town budget that is being prepped and readied for Town Meeting voters next month.

They went through the budget, department by department — cutting, trimming, nipping and tucking, sometimes quickly, other times with great consternation.

Some votes put entire departments in flux. When a vote on the \$7.5 million general government budget failed because selectmen couldn't agree on how to pay for a \$37,500 technology worker, Chairman Alex Vispoli said: "We have nothing now."

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski added, "We are trying to put together a budget. How do we put together a budget with a hole in it?"

Eventually, selectmen voted to hire someone in the IT department and pay the individual out of the salary account, which is what Stapczynski originally proposed.

A discussion on hiring an electrician for the \$10 million Municipal Services Department led to another lengthy debate, with Vispoli arguing that the person should be brought on temporarily or as a contract worker.

The position was pushed by Information Technology Director Paul Puzanghera, who said it wasn't really an electrician he wanted, but a "low-voltage expert" with a working knowledge of digital platforms.

Vispoli countered that such a position didn't need to be permanent.

"For this type of operation, don't add full-time equivalents," Vispoli said. "There are

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Pint-size powerhouse proves ninjas come in all sizes



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Becca Tacy runs one of the challenges that's part of her backyard obstacle course. The 4-foot-11, 98-pound, mother of two has scored a spot in the regionals for the reality TV show "American Ninja Warrior."

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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A 4-foot-11, 98-pound, stay-at-home mother of two from Andover may seem like an unlikely contestant for the reality TV show "American Ninja Warrior."

But Becca Tacy has this message for any naysayers — bring it on.

The 39-year-old Tacy is training six days a week, following a workout regimen that includes 400 push-ups a day, hundreds of sit-ups, rock wall climbing and a holistic

training program developed from military obstacle course work.

"I am no super human, just a mom who wanted to challenge myself and my body to its physical extremes," said Tacy, a former web designer whose two sons, Asher, 9 and Ari, 6, attend West Elementary School.

Tacy's husband, Ryan, lovingly turned their backyard on Juliette Street into a ready-to-compete obstacle course. Many of the features are specifically designed to boost upper-body strength, a

key component to succeeding in the "American Ninja Warrior" obstacle course.

There's an unstable bridge that Tacy uses to swing and jump from. There's a homemade salmon ladder, one of the most feared courses in ninja training that requires her to grasp a ladder bar and, using her upper body, raise it from rung to rung as she climbs. Her training has also included a trip to a Ninja warrior gym in Connecticut.

Last February, Tacy

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Taxpayers see 5% water rate hike

By BILL KIRK
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A 5 percent rate hike is in store for water users, but sewer rates will hold steady for another year.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously last week to increase the water rate to pay for the costly benefits of retired department employees and to maintain an aging water system.

It should mean an increase of less than \$20 a year for the average water user in town, according to estimates presented to selectmen, who by town charter are also water

and sewer commissioners. Plant and Facilities Director Chris Cronin had been seeking a 2.5 percent increase in both water and sewer rates. He said the vote on the sewer rate was disappointing, but he was happy with the vote on the water rate.

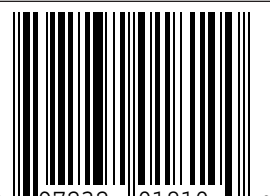
"Five percent on the water rate means more revenue coming into town coffers," he said, adding that there are some immediate projects that need to be tackled. There are no corresponding needs in the sewer system.

"We have miles of unlined

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GUN: Police can't keep up with applications

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felt in Massachusetts has been caused by a bubble of expiring licenses that pops up every six years since licenses are no longer issued for life.

"There is no backlog at the state level," Harris said. "And we don't expect to see the type of spike we saw last summer again for another six years. That's when all the licenses will be up for renewal again."

The demand has put pressure on the Andover Police Department since there is a lot of work that goes on before a license is issued.

The process starts with a background check. Once the applicant passes that review, the department then gets the person's fingerprints, takes photographs and more, according to Heseltine.

The background work is done by Andover detectives, while the paperwork has been managed by a part-time employee.

Processing an application "takes roughly 30 days on our part of it," Heseltine said. "Start to finish could take a couple months."

That's because an application, once given a green

LICENSE REQUESTS, BY THE NUMBERS

YEAR	APPLICATIONS
2009	82
2010	124
2011	223
2012	364
2013	456

Note: Figures include applications rejected as part of background check process.

light locally, is then sent to the state's Firearms Records Bureau for final review. If that agency signs off, it prints and sends the license back to the local department to present to the applicant.

The result is a lot of paperwork that has become backlogged, hence the need for a full-time clerk to handle gun permit applications, local police say.

"For us, the demand is there," Heseltine said.

Because of the demand, getting to yes has taken too long lately. With around 60 to 65 applications recently "in the pipeline to be processed," Heseltine said more help is needed.

"We're overwhelmed with it," he said.

BUDGET: Manager's plan OK'd despite scrutiny

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other ways to get things done. We need to see how we can come to this without adding full-time people to the town's head count."

He added, "We tend to default to hiring a full-time person. We always have. We need this person, so hire this person."

It took the board three votes before Selectman Dan Kowalski broke the deadlock by adding wording that the position be for "one year only, to be re-evaluated" later in the year. That proposal passed narrowly, with Vispoli and newly elected Selectman Mary O'Donoghue voting against it.

Kowalski said he was confused by the entire IT Department plan.

"We appropriated \$2 million from Town Meeting last year for IT," he said. "We allocated \$2.5 million and we've only spent \$800,000. I'm reluctant to vote any increase. To me, I don't understand it. I don't understand how we're doing it."

Finance Committee Chairman Jon Stumpf told selectmen they should just approve the budget as presented by the town manager and take a more in-depth look at the

BUDGET WATCH

In addition to careful consideration of the Information Technology Department, selectmen Monday night also took the following action:

■ Approved a reorganization of the Police Department that combined two, part-time positions into one to handle gun permits and other duties, and added a new, 19-hour parking clerk at a salary of \$27,282.

■ Approved \$35,000 for a senior citizens study to determine the future needs of the town's elderly population.

■ Added a part-time intake transportation position to the Elderly Services Department.

■ Rejected spending \$150,000 on replacing playground equipment, noting that it would lead to even more costly changes to playgrounds.

■ Approved borrowing \$125,000 to pave the new Deyermond Field parking lot. Originally, the project was going to cost \$250,000.

■ Approved spending \$2.7 million on capital improvement projects, including \$25,000 on a town yard study. Selectman Dan Kowalski voted against the CIP budget. "We are funding projects we don't have the resources to complete," he said.

■ Approved a trimmed-down school budget, going with the town manager's plan, which is \$881,000 less than the School Committee's proposal, while also reducing it another \$400,000 per the selectmen.

■ Approved a sewer master plan study for \$100,000 to be paid for out of sewer reserves. It passed on a 3-2 vote, with Kowalski and Chairman Alex Vispoli against it. Kowalski said there are so many water infrastructure projects needed that it was unnecessary to spend money on a sewer study.

IT Department after the May Town Meeting.

"We should take a step back, sit down in May or June, let's talk about information technology," Stumpf said. "I need a full organizational chart. I can't remember from one meeting to the next. My recommendation, move on with the town manager's recommendation; we need to talk about more than half-time here or full-time

there."

Kowalski countered that the problem started when the town manager originally presented his budget that called for the hiring of five, full-time employees, with benefits that drag down the budget over the long term due to health insurance and pension benefits.

"We lost control of the train," he said. "We were taken aback by adding five people."

O'Donoghue said that several weeks ago, when selectmen cut \$200,000 from the town side of the budget, she expected Stapczynski to come back with a plan that cut those five positions.

Instead, he came back with a mix of cuts and additions.

Selectman Brian Major replied that "the motion we passed was to take \$200,000 out of his request. I specifically didn't make it zero head count. I wanted the town manager to tell us the best way to spend these dollars."

Despite the fractured nature of Monday night's meeting, O'Donoghue said it showed the board is taking its fiduciary responsibilities seriously.

"It was frustrating to me on many levels," she said. "But people are thinking very carefully about what they are approving. There were a lot of split votes. Last year, it was 5-0 across the board on every budget request. This year, people are questioning."

"It's our job to question the experts and find out where they are coming from with their proposals."

Kowalski agreed. "They aren't all 5-0 votes," he said. "But we could have dealt with some of these issues a long time ago."

TROOPS: Record turnout for annual fundraiser

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turnout Sunday was equally gorgeous weather, with not a cloud seen in the sky for a fourth year in a row.

"Something we get really excited about is the weather," Moland said. "We've had this kind of weather every year."

While organizers are still tallying how much was raised through the race as well as a companion Run for the Troops dinner held last Friday night, an uptick in the final total was also expected.

Randstad Technologies, based in Woburn, fielded the largest race team. Numbering about 150 runners, the team also raised well over \$5,000 in donations. Randstad's vice president, Peter Clark of Andover, has been a Run for the Troops regular.

Another well-represented team was the Merrimack Valley Striders, which had 91 runners donning red shirts for the

race. Many also attended the fundraising dinner in a show of support.

Team member Chuck McAllister said the reason for the involvement "is obvious."

"You meet the people who come back, have given much more than I've ever had to, and you get a little teary-eyed thinking about it," he said. "They've done so much for us. We really need to give back."

Janie Ritchie of North Andover said her years as a Patriot Minuteman — one of the musket-firing New England Patriots fans who salute every scoring drive at Gillette Stadium — has exposed her to several soldiers being honored in pre-game ceremonies.

Many of them are injured, a few even working to cover wounds in the tunnel prior to hitting the field, she said.

"We meet a lot of the guys who come to the game, and every now and then you meet one who has a prosthetic leg

on, or an arm," Ritchie said. "We're always seeing it up front, and you hear about it on TV, but when you see it, it's different."

Ritchie was one of the loudest participants at the race — her musket fire sent the runners off from the starting line just after 9 a.m.

"I didn't do much. I went to the dinner and shot a gun," she said. "But it's nice to do a small thing, because if everybody does a small thing, look at this, it's a big thing."

That was also the show of support from the American Warrior Riding Platoon, whose motorcycles escorted runners along the race course from start to finish.

"Everybody who belongs to the group is either military or has family members who are military," member Dan "Undertaker" Cotnoir said. "When you think about these guys that get injured in war — and we were lucky enough not to be — to do something to help them out is what we're here for."

This year's event supported

Army Staff Sgt. Matthew DeWitt, whose home will be built in Concord, N.H., later this year through Homes For Our Troops. DeWitt lost both hands during his first deployment in Khalidiyah, Iraq in 2003.

While DeWitt was away at training over the weekend and unable to attend the race, his fiancée, Catrina Peck, and young son, Reed, were on hand and even ran the race together.

They joined a field of runners that featured many return participants, including the six members of the Sullivan family from Hollis, N.H. They came with their own uniforms — white T-shirts bearing the words "THANK YOU MATT DEWITT" written on the back. "This is the fourth year," father Dave Sullivan said. "Homes For Our Troops is an awesome organization. They put so much into the homes. We've met the other soldiers who were here as well, and what they've sacrificed, we can't give back enough."

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ABOVE: Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey, left, and program coordinator Kyle Lightner, center, take a selfie with Andover High School basketball coach David Fazio during last week's Together We Rise telethon at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts.

AT LEFT: Andover High School basketball coach David Fazio leads a cheer with members of Andover Youth Services to open the Together We Rise telethon last Thursday, April 3.

Rising together for the cause

Andover Youth Foundation telethon tallies nearly \$100K for center

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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The pledges have been tallied and \$94,000 was raised at last week's Andover Youth Foundation Together We Rise telethon to benefit construction of the town's new youth center.

Bill Fahey, director of Andover Youth Services, said town support was strong for the community's young people, who showcased their

talent and planned much of the programming over the course of the two-day fundraiser. It was broadcast live on Andover local access TV from the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School.

"The kids did everything at the Collins Center and they did a fantastic job," Fahey said.

Andover Youth Services program coordinator Kyle Lightner said the telethon

offered "an incredible display of what happens when the community of Andover comes out in support of something they care about."

The money raised doesn't stop at the \$94,000 either, Fahey said. Andover Youth Foundation is still auctioning off an electric car, which was donated for the cause. About \$7,000 is expected from its sale.

Plus, the Andover Rotary Club has yet to officially

vote on a \$20,000 donation it is expected to make. And the contributions continue to come in, with, for example, a \$500 check delivered anonymously post-telethon.

"This is about building a second home for everybody — about building community, young and old," Fahey told the telethon viewers last week.

The long-awaited construction of the 21,000-square-foot Cormier Youth Center, behind Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street, is expected to begin this spring. Fahey believes the community can now envision it becoming a reality.

"I think now that people can see that the youth center is really happening because

our equipment is at the site, they showed support," Fahey said. "Everyone is excited about this."



Students from Master Shin Martial Arts in Andover show off their skills during the Together We Rise telethon at the Collins Center. The two-day fundraiser last week was packed with a variety of entertainment and demonstrations.

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Good Friday Walk to offer prayers for peace

Clergy from many of Andover's churches will unite for their annual Good Friday Walk on Friday, April 18, starting at 8:30 a.m. from St. Augustine Church on Essex Street.

Coffee, orange juice and hot cross buns will be served at 8:15 a.m. before the group heads out on the approximately two-hour walk. The walk will pause at eight prayer points, with

clergy from Andover Baptist, New England Bible, Christ Church, Faith Lutheran, Free Christian, St. Augustine, South Church and Grace Point Community leading prayers at each

stop for peace in the world, schools, veterans, government, elderly, fire and police departments and the town's churches. Townspeople of all ages are invited to join the walk.

Gas station stakeout leads to four cocaine arrests

By BILL KIRK
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Four Manchester, N.H., residents were arrested at the Mobil station on River Road last Tuesday evening, April 1, and charged with possession of cocaine.

Detectives who were on a stakeout called for a marked cruiser at 6:56 p.m. to come to the 138 River Road station to assist in the arrests. Charged with possession

of cocaine were: Grady Cook Jr., 29, of 502 Chestnut St., Apt. 15; Marie Poissant, 26, of 628 Green St.; Frederick Dorestant, 32, of 463 Beech St., Apt. 12; and Kristy Race, 33, of 463 Beach St., Apt. 3.

Lt. Edward Guy said detectives were watching the gas station and noticed that the four suspects drove in their car to the gas pumps, but that nobody got out. He said the officers noticed movements inside the car

consistent with drug activity, so they approached the vehicle. "They viewed cocaine in plain view with the suspects," Guy said. "Some of them had cocaine dust on them."

He said investigators recovered "a quantity of cocaine" from inside the car. Another officer arrived in a van and took the four suspects to the police station.

Guy said drug activity has grown worse in the last

several months because Lawrence has been doing such a good job cracking down on drug activity within its borders.

"They don't solve the problem, they displace it, which is what you see in Andover, North Andover and Methuen," Guy said. "We'll get an uptick on our end as Lawrence suppresses the drug activity in their city. That's fantastic, but now we are dealing with that issue ourselves."

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Monday, March 31

John Clark, 30, of 418 Province Road, Strafford, N.H., was arrested at 12:49 p.m. at 349 North Main St. and charged with possession of heroin.

Amanda Rodriguez, 28, of 5 Berkeley St., Lawrence, was arrested at 3:48 p.m. at 30 River Road and charged with driving with a suspended license. She was transported to Holy Family Hospital in Methuen by the Andover Fire Department ambulance.

Ivan Carrasco, 44, of 13 Thayer Court, Apt. 2, was arrested at 4:30 p.m. at 30 River Road on warrants.

Tuesday, April 1

Randy William Booth, 28, of 74 School St., North Wood, N.H., was arrested at 2:56 p.m. at 1 Campanelli Drive and charged with driving without a license, speeding and on warrants.

Friday, April 4

Joseph Keenan, 23, of 105 Princeton Blvd., Lowell, was arrested on Dascomb Road and charged with violating a restraining order.

Saturday, April 5

Richard Brennan, 32, of 271 Sutton St., third floor, North Andover, was arrested at 3:28 a.m. at 59 Andover St. and charged with a stop sign violation, operating without a license, operating without a license in possession and speeding.

Sunday, April 6

Samantha Gray, 20, of 33 Edgehill Road, Swampscott, was arrested at 12:46 a.m. at 200 Main St. and charged with operating under the influence of drugs, operating with a suspended license, failure to stop for police, a

red light violation and speeding. According to police, she was pulled over on Route 28 south and arrested after pulling into a parking lot at Phillips Academy.

INCIDENTS

Monday, March 31

Police were called to have seven cars towed from the West Middle School parking lot on Shawsheen Road starting at 10 a.m. The vehicles, which were taken away by Elm Street Auto, were towed at the request of the assistant principal.

At 11:45 p.m., a 911 call came in from Phillips Academy security that a pizza delivery vehicle was on the campus after the 9:30 p.m. curfew on deliveries. Police searched the area, but didn't find the car. School officials called the pizza shop and were told that the driver was confused.

Tuesday, April 1

A 911 caller reported an assault at 1:38 a.m. on Lowell Street. An ambulance transported a 21-year-old male to the hospital.

At 8:40 a.m., a woman walked into the station to report that her shoes were stolen from her house.

At 11:03 a.m., a caller from a home on High Plain Road said a duck was stuck in the fireplace. Police responded and the duck was extricated.

At 10:36 p.m., a Stevens Street caller reported there was a sick-looking woodchuck climbing the stairs at Marland Place. The officer responding reported that it was actually a beaver and that it was "all set."

Wednesday, April 2

A caller reported that

she bumped her car into another car on North Main Street around 8 a.m. and that the driver of the other car got out and tried to pull the bumper off his car to make the accident look worse than it was. Police were investigating.

The assistant principal of Doherty Middle School called police around 9 a.m. Wednesday to report that a student was being harassed via text message. Police were told that the parents and student may come into the station to discuss the problem.

Firefighters responded to a dryer fire on Wild Rose Drive at 10:32 a.m. Police reported that the fire was out and the scene cleared by 11:25 a.m. The fire was not serious and was "contained to the room of origin," according to fire officials.

At 1:04 p.m., a Lincoln Circle resident called to report a van circled the neighborhood and then parked in the driveway of a neighbor who was away. Police investigated and found that the van was actually from a maid service and that they were there for the first time.

Thursday, April 3

At 3 p.m., a Joyce Terrace resident called to complain that a duck was stuck in the chimney of his house. He then told police he was able to remove the soot-covered fowl from the chimney.

A 911 caller reported at 8 p.m. that a 22-year-old resident of a respite home on Lowell Street was in his room alone with a knife threatening to harm himself. Police arrived, but

couldn't find the man. Essex Regional 911 reported it had received a call from a man walking down Lowell Street with a knife, but that the man hung up. Police found the man in the woods near Canterbury Street where they disarmed him. He was transported to Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Friday, April 4

A caller reported at 4:33 p.m. that people are living in a condemned residence on 57 Elm St. and that they have nowhere to go. Police checked the residence, but didn't find anyone living there. The residence has been condemned per the Health Department.

Saturday, April 5

Police checked an abandoned house at 115 Corbett St. at 1:26 p.m. and will request that the Fire Department put an "X" on the property denoting that it is empty and that nobody is inside in case a fire breaks out. The house was clear, police said.

Sunday, April 6

A man who was sweating and screaming was reported in the hallway of the La Quinta Hotel on River Road at 1:04 a.m. Police said the man was taken to Lawrence General Hospital and that the mother of his children was called to take them.

THEFTS

Friday, April 4

A shoplifter was reported at 1:31 a.m. at CVS on Main Street when a woman reportedly left the store with flowers without paying for them. She got into an unidentified car and fled in an unknown direction.

Mrs. Gloria L. (Fisher) Gilleran, 86 Years

July 11, 1927 — April 3, 2014

ANDOVER — Gloria L. Gilleran, 86, a resident of Andover, Massachusetts, for 45 years was called up to heaven on Thursday morning, April 3, 2014, after a long courageous battle with Lymphoma.

She was the beloved husband of Robert E. Gilleran with whom she shared 52 loving years.

She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was one of two children of the late Joseph and Louise (Fisher) Izzzi. The family moved shortly thereafter to East Greenwich, Rhode Island, where she was raised. She was employed as a secretary at Quonset Point Naval Air Station where she met her future husband. They moved to Orlando, Florida, in 1961 and were residents there until moving to Andover, Massachusetts, in 1969.

She and Bob enjoyed playing bridge and belonged to several couple's bridge groups. She also enjoyed vacationing in Puerto Rico and Las Vegas.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Timothy Hagerty and his wife, Kathryn, of Pepperell, MA; a daughter, Glenda L. Gilleran of Haverhill, MA; sisters-in-law, Madeline Campbell of Es-



mond, R.I., Loretta Hughes of Cranston, R.I. and Rita Dragon of Stillwater, R.I.; brother-in-law, Joseph Gilleran of Esmond, R.I.; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Per Gloria's request, a Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at 11 a.m. in Saint Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, in Andover, MA. Interment will be private. Donations in Gloria's memory may be made to the Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemaglozzi.com.

Cathy C. Habeeb-Sheehan

September 15, 1969 — April 1, 2014

BOXFORD, MA — Cathy Christine Habeeb-Sheehan, 44, of Boxford, formerly of Merrimac, died Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Cambridge with her husband, Timothy P. Sheehan, and family by her side. She suffered bravely a long battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and was a patient at Dana Farber, Boston, MA.

Born in Methuen on September 15, 1969, she was the daughter of Maria "Tina" C. (Romanat) Habeeb of Andover, Robert "Bob" G. Habeeb and stepmother, Judi Habeeb of Salem, NH. She was a graduate of Presentation of Mary Academy, Class of 1987 in Methuen and Northeastern University, Class of 1992. She was a Sales Executive for Hewlett Packard and a fitness instructor at Lattitudes Sport Club in Salisbury for many years.

She treasured her time with her children, family and friends. She had a passion for living a full and healthful lifestyle.

In addition to her husband and her parents, she is sur-

vived by her children, Ethan, Nicole and Audrey Sheehan of Boxford; two brothers, Christopher Habeeb and wife, Lisa, of Concord and David Habeeb and wife, Christine, of Haverhill; her nephew, Nick and her niece, Jenna; great-aunt, Mabel Beshara; step-siblings, Kim Verstraete, Chuck Smith and Vinnie Gallucci; in-laws, Kay and Tom Sheehan, and Mike and Bonnie Sheehan, along with many extended family members and friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial Mass was held Wednesday, April 9, at Immaculate Conception Church, Green Street, Newburyport. By request of the family there will be no calling hours and burial services will be private. The family is requesting that flowers be omitted and donations in Cathy's memory be made to Friends of Cathy Sheehan, One West Main St., Merrimac, MA 01860. All proceeds will assist local area children in their pursuit of joining sport and fitness programs. Arrangements are by Elliott, Woodworth & Rogers Family Funeral Home, 35 Green St., Newburyport (www.paulcrogers.com).

Ted (Edward) Wallis, 79

ORANGE, CALIFORNIA — Edward M. Wallis, age 79, of Orange, California, formerly of Andover, MA and Toronto, Ontario, passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2014, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. His devoted partner and children were at his side. "Ted" is survived by his partner of 15 years, Genevieve Geddes; his five children, Lorrie Korba of Stoneham, MA, Ian Wallis of

Newburyport, MA, Ron Wallis of N. Andover, MA, Barbara Wallis-Weaver of Anaheim, CA, and John Wallis of Athol, MA. He will be lovingly remembered as "Grampi" by his 13 grandchildren, and all for his affectionate nature, robust sense of humor, quick wit and passion for piano music, encyclopedic knowledge of baseball and love of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING: THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has several upcoming programs. Here are a couple highlights:

Spring Scams and Personal Safety: Friday, April 11, 9:30 a.m. Andover Police Department will discuss personal safety, including the latest home improvement scams by pavers, roofers and landscapers.

The Kennedys and Ireland: Monday, April 14, 1:30 p.m. Dr. Richard Padova,

Andover resident and professor of history and geography at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, discusses President Kennedy and his family's relationship with their home country; \$3. All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required.

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WATER: Rates increase first time in 12 years

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water mains, there are immediate needs in the water treatment plant that are extremely important now," he said. "They (selectmen) understand that. They voted for higher than what I suggested. It's a good thing, not just for the water and sewer department, but it's good for the taxpayer. They are going to have a healthier water system."

The town's water system has taken a public relations beating over the last year or so, starting with numerous reports of brown water coming out of the tap last summer followed by an ongoing legal battle with a resident over the cleaning of a water storage tank.

James Berberian of 2-4 Bancroft Road sued the town after Water Department employees cleaning out the Bancroft Street underground water storage tank in 2010 dumped sludge laced with arsenic and other heavy metals on his property. The lawsuit was settled late last year, with the town paying Berberian \$500,000 while spending \$600,000 on legal fees.

That settlement is being paid for at least partly out of the water enterprise account, which is funded by water rates.

At last week's hearing, however, the emphasis was on how much money employees at the water plant are earning.

Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli read off a list of salaries and overtime costs, noting that in some cases, Water Department employees were making as much money as department heads in town.

One employee, he said, makes a \$64,000 salary, with \$53,500 in overtime, for a total of about \$121,000. He went down a list, without naming names, of a half-dozen employees whose overtime is exorbitant.

"To me, that's a red flag," he said. "In the private sector, you'd say that's not sustainable."

Cronin countered, however, that four years ago he went before the Board of Selectmen, which included Vispoli, and asked for approval to hire

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two more employees to keep overtime costs down.

"You voted against that," Cronin said.

He added that the real costs of running the Water Department are in the pipes and equipment needed to distribute water throughout the community.

Selectman Dan Kowalski said the increase in the water rate was essentially the town paying for the sins of the past. "We are paying now for 12 years of no water rate increases," he said. "How much infrastructure work did we do? North Andover has zero miles of unlined, cast-iron pipe. We have 170 miles of unlined, cast-iron pipe. The only way to do it is to raise the rates."

But selectmen weren't so keen on raising sewer rates.

Selectman Brian Major proposed two sewer rate increases — one for 2.75 percent and another for 2.5 percent — but both failed for lack of a second. The board then voted 3-2 in favor of a zero-percent increase in sewer rates, with Major and Kowalski opposed.

"That was a bad vote," Cronin said after the vote. "We have a lot of debt out there."

The town is still paying off a municipal sewer expansion project from 10 or 12 years ago. While betterment fees were supposed to keep pace with the debt payments, many people paid off their betterments in a lump sum while refinancing their homes, Cronin said.

Instead of putting those lump-sum betterment payments into a dedicated fund, officials said the town spent it on operating costs. Now, sewer debt payments are higher than the revenues coming in from the betterment fees.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

Becca Tacy climbs a rope in her backyard while her husband, Ryan, looks on. She says upper-body strength is a key component to conquering the "American Ninja Warrior" obstacle course.

NINJA: Mom out to prove she can do anything

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submitted the 20-page application and a video to NBC hoping to be on the reality show. After weeks of sleeping with her cellphone, she got a call on March 22 that she was chosen to compete in the northeast regionals set for this Sunday, April 13, in St. Louis, Mo. .

The show follows competitors across the country as they tackle a series of challenging obstacle courses in both qualifying and final rounds. Contestants who successfully complete a course in their designated region will move on to the nationals in Las Vegas, where they face a stunning, four-stage course modeled after the famed Mt. Midoriyama in Japan.

This season, the show is traveling to five cities in search of the ultimate athlete — Los Angeles, Dallas, Miami, Denver and St. Louis — before heading to Las Vegas this summer, with men and women from all walks of life vying for the title. Beyond the bragging rights, there's also a \$500,000 grand prize up for grabs.

Tacy, whose luggage bound for St. Louis will include specially made red T-shirts that boast "Girls Make Better Ninjas" and "Team Tacy," said she is ready. She said she is not intimidated by the



Becca Tacy, center, with her husband, Ryan, and sons, Asher, 9, and Ari, 6, says she wants to prove to her children that their mother does not quit.

fierce-sounding competitors, who include current and former members of the military, amateur sports enthusiasts and even a few Olympic gold medalists, according to the show's website.

"My friends think I'm crazy, but I am working so hard to do this .. I want this," said Tacy, who will travel with an entourage of supportive family and friends. "My goal is to be on the show."

The road to warrior

Training for "American Ninja Warrior" is by no means easy. Tacy changed her diet and said her body is sore every day. She's learned to live with and overcome pain

using focusing techniques that have her remembering one important message to her sons — that their mother won't quit.

She's dropped 15 pounds in 10 months of grueling training as she presses on. Her American Ninja submission video includes her bleeding, bruised forehead, which happened when she was doing a two-clap push-up at Planet Fitness in Andover. She clapped in front of her body and behind it near her back, but hit her forehead on a metal bar on the floor as she did the push-up.

"My head was split open. I had to call my husband after that happened. ... I didn't know

if I should drive," she said.

Tacy said her husband, a manager at Hewlett-Packard, is very supportive of her Ninja dreams. Woodworking is his hobby, so he happily designed and built the obstacle course in the backyard, which also includes an awesome tree house for their children.

While she has competed in two triathlons, surprising herself with a third-place finish in one of them, that's been the extent of her competitive athletic endeavors.

"I'm competitive, but I'm really just a regular mom. I volunteer at West El, cook dinner, take care of my family ... that's what's most important to me," she said one recent morning as she headed out to walk her dog, Bark Vader, a rescued Labrador mix. The family also has a snake and two cats.

Tacy plans to give her best effort this weekend. She may be small, but she's convinced that adapting that small frame to the "American Ninja Warrior" obstacle course is doable.

"I just want my kids to remember this," she said. "They can see that anyone can do anything if they really try. That's what their Mom did."

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Opinion

Pride and patriotism reign Andover Strong

Andover has much to be proud of as a community. Its schools are often celebrated for their quality. Its early history paved the way for much of the country's future. Its preservation of open space is an example for other communities.

But for a few hours on one Sunday morning every April, the town seems to shine most bright.

Such was the case this past Sunday, when more than 2,300 runners — and hundreds more spectators — gathered by the Town Offices to embrace a cause with near universal support.

The annual Run for the Troops 5K is more than about building houses for military men and women injured while serving their country. It's about giving back and thanking those who have paid a dear sacrifice for our freedom.

This year's honoree, Army Staff Sgt. Matthew DeWitt, lost both hands while serving in Iraq in 2003. His Humvee was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade when his regiment came under enemy attack. It was his first deployment.

Past recipients have suffered similar fates. Last year's honoree, Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois, lost both legs in 2011 when he stepped on an IED while in Afghanistan. He returned to Andover on Sunday the grateful recipient of a new house in Rhode Island, which he and his wife moved into in December. They brought along their newborn son, too.

Dubois was joined by 2011 honoree Army Sgt. Joseph Smith, who was paralyzed from the waist down in 2004 when two Afghans pushed a 450-pound storage container on top of him, nearly killing him. He now calls North Carolina home, thanks to the support of Andover's Run for the Troops.

Sunday's race was accented by shows of patriotism at every turn, from the oversized flag hanging from the crane at the finish line to scores of runners wearing red, white and blue and carrying the stars and stripes along the course.

Much praise was extended to the race organizers for bringing the community together behind such a worthy cause.

Leading the way with her admiration was Catrina Peck, DeWitt's fiancée. Her family will be the 200th Homes For Our Troops recipients later this year when they move into their new, specially equipped house in Concord, N.H. — thanks in part to the support of the runners on Sunday.

While DeWitt was away on training over the weekend and could not attend the race, Peck ran the course with her young son, Reed. And she couldn't have been more grateful for the show of warmth and support she and her son felt along the way.

"The camaraderie here today is just wonderful," she said after crossing the finish line.

Merrimack Valley Striders team member Chuck McAllister, who ran the race with about 90 other participants from his group, perhaps spoke for many when he said the reason for his involvement "is obvious."

"You meet the people who ... have given much more than I've ever had to, and you get a little teary-eyed thinking about it," he said. "They've done so much for us. We really need to give back."

In just about 10 days, the Boston Marathon will return to the streets of a city that suffered the unthinkable one year ago. Boston Strong will ring out from all along the 26-mile route.

But this past Sunday, this community displayed its very own version of what could be called Andover Strong. And for that, the town should be immensely proud.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Boston Marathon is scheduled for April 21. After the events of last year, do you plan on attending or staying away?

NO, NOT AFTER LAST YEAR: The bombings last year were too scary and it is still too emotional for me.

NO, I JUST DON'T ENJOY IT: I think the crowds are too big and rowdy and the race is boring.

YES, I LOOK FORWARD TO IT: The marathon is a fun, family event that celebrates the best in human athletic achievement.

YES, ESPECIALLY AFTER LAST YEAR: I won't let a couple punks with homemade bombs ruin what has always been an enjoyable event for me. Boston Strong!

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

New town rules seek to ban hookah lounges and limit e-cigarette and some cigar sales, as Methuen seems to welcome a hookah lounge. Your thoughts? With 125 votes, the answers were:

NOT RESTRICTIVE ENOUGH: The new rules are a good start, but more should be done to prohibit or discourage tobacco use even further given the long-documented health implications tied to tobacco — 40 votes, 40 percent.

TOO RESTRICTIVE: Businesses like convenience stores depend on these kinds of sales, and the Board of Health shouldn't impose new rules on them for catering to demand — 37 votes, 30 percent.

JUST RIGHT: There are a number of gaps in what should and shouldn't be sold in town, and these new rules do exactly what is needed to protect the public — 20 votes, 16 percent.

NO OPINION: Smoking is a lifestyle choice that doesn't have an impact on me, so I don't have any thoughts on the new rules — 18 votes, 14 percent.

TRIBUTE TO THE TROOPS



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Nicholas Cravaack, 13, and his brother, Grant, 10, read the names of soldiers on the town's World War II Memorial in The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets, near the finish line for Sunday's Run for the Troops 5K.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

100 Years Ago April 10, 1914

The last of the Barnstormers' plays titled "You Never Can Tell" by Bernard Shaw will be given in the Town Hall Tuesday evening, April 14.

Probably the boldest in the series of bold house-breaking escapades occurred Monday afternoon when the house of Fred H. Smith of Alderbrook Farm on Reading Road was entered while the family was away. Entry to the house was gained by breaking a pane of glass in the pantry and opening the window. Evidently, the thieves were experienced, for nothing but solid silver and gold were taken; several articles that were plated were cast on the floor and left.

75 Years Ago April 6, 1939

The Board of Public Works concluded a long period of truck investigation on Friday night when it decided to purchase four Diamond T trucks and one

Dodge, the former from J.W. McCarthy of Lawrence and the latter from J.W. Robinson Co. The bid on the Diamond T's was \$5,905 and on the Dodge \$1,595, which totals the exact amount of the appropriation.

Beginning on Saturday and continuing until May 10, the Addison Gallery at Phillips Academy is showing "The Art of Walt Disney," a survey of the technical processes and design problems in the making of an animated cartoon.

50 Years Ago April 9, 1964

West Andover Community Association has set its sights on having a police cruiser in the area 24 hours daily. Other demands were also agreed on at a meeting last Sunday night at North District School.

Town Manager Thomas E. Duff officiated at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at William's Jewelry store in Olde Andover Village on April 2. Board of Trade president Robert Phinney joined the festivities.

All book-lovers will want to reserve time for at least one visit to

the library this coming week, April 13 to 18, observed throughout the country by libraries, schools and booksellers as National Library Week.

25 Years Ago April 13, 1989

An Andover man suspected of several local burglaries was plucked from the Shawsheen River by police after a chase through the woods in South Andover last week. Detectives David Grant and Donald Pattullo had been staking out the area and closed in quickly, spotting the suspect running among the trees along the banks of the Shawsheen, heading toward Essex Street.

An Andover developer fired off another round last week in his battle with town officials to build a shooting range downtown. In their latest attempt to convert the old Andover Lanes bowling alley at 32-34 Park St., owners Benjamin Osgood and G. Bradley Richards asked the Zoning Board of Appeals to overturn a recent Building Department decision to reject a firing range.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Goodwill, gratitude surround Run for the Troops

Editor, Townsman:

It is a sunny and glorious morning in Andover as I am writing this letter. My two teenage daughters, one of their friends, my wife and I ran the Run for the Troops race this morning. We were joined by approximately 2,000 other runners, countless babies in carriages and numerous dogs in an effort to support injured veterans by raising money to build accessible homes for them.

The start of the race featured the Color Guard, followed by an Irish bagpipe band, followed by former and current recipients (several in wheelchairs) of homes built as a result of this effort.

The whole scene brought tears to my eyes and I suspect I was not alone. The race featured American flags draped throughout the course, numerous residents cheering on the runners and a collection of musicians playing to maintain the runners' high spirits. It felt like the entire Andover community had come out and the feeling was one of

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goodwill and gratefulness. It is the same feeling that one gets each Thanksgiving morning as thousands come together to run the Feaster Five.

I simply write this letter to celebrate the Andover community and one of its good deeds. Each year, I observe that there are issues that divide this community, but the reality is that our commonality is far greater than our differences and when we work together, this community can achieve great things.

AL ULUATAM
18 Canterbury St.

Fischelli's time downtown was 'perfect'

Editor, Townsman:

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

As most of you know, Saturday, March 29, Fischelli's Pastry Shop on Main Street in Andover closed its doors. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank my landlord, town officials and the neighboring merchants for being so supportive. But most of all, I'd like to thank my customers, both old and new, for your patronage.

Despite what might be said of our experience in Andover, it was "perfect" for the year and a half we were there. Realizing that it was impossible for me to be in two places at the same time, it was with great sadness I decided to concentrate my energy and efforts into my original location at 55 Union St. in Lawrence.

I appreciate your business and because of all of you Fischelli's will be celebrating 100 years in business next year. I hope to see you in our Lawrence location. And for those companies and schools that we became

friendly with, we will continue to deliver to you anytime.

NINA FISICHELLI GAFFNY
FISICHELLI'S PASTRY SHOP
Lawrence

Attorney's alleged bribe should have been reported

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to thank outgoing Selectman Mary Lyman for her many years of selfless and dedicated work on behalf of the people of Andover as outlined in the March 27 issue of The Townsman.

While I was pleased and nodding in agreement with her call for more respect in civic dialogue, I was shocked and disappointed with her casual claim that "a local attorney once attempted to bribe her."

If this happened, she should have reported it. As a local attorney who often represents clients before town boards, it is unfortunate that she has cavalierly put so many of us under such a cloud and to cause further disrespect of attorneys.

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Run for the Troops 2014



Patriot Minuteman and North Andover resident Janie Ritchie, who started the race by firing a musket commonly heard at New England Patriots games, cheers on runners as they pass through the starting line.



Catrina Peck and her son, Reed DeWitt, pose near a photo of her fiance, Matt DeWitt, at Friday night's Run for the Troops fundraiser at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover. The family is in line to be the next recipient of a Homes For Our Troops residence. Construction of their house will begin later this year in Concord, N.H.



Graham Rowe leads the Campbell Highlanders Bagpipe Band from Andover during a pre-race ceremony at Sunday's Run for the Troops 5K.



Catrina Peck, center, the fiancee of Army Staff Sgt. Matt DeWitt, this year's Homes For Our Troops recipient, poses for a photo at the finish line with previous Homes For Our Troops recipients, Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois, left, and Army Sgt. Joseph Smith, after they participated in Sunday's Run for the Troops 5K.



Several members of the American Warrior Riding Platoon were present to escort runners through the race course from beginning to end.



Brothers Patrick, 4, and John O'Donohue, 2, of Andover, wait to cheer on their parents along on the race course Sunday.



A patriotic Peter Clark of Andover encourages runners from the sidelines after completing the race.



Run for the Troops co-organizer Bill Pennington and Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois, who lost both legs in 2011 while serving in Afghanistan, at Friday's fundraising dinner. Dubois and his family benefited from last year's fundraising race in Andover. They received their specially designed home in Rhode Island right before Christmas.

TOP FINISHERS

TOP 15 OVERALL

1. Jefferson Welch, Haverhill, 16:09; 2. John O'Shea, Dracut 16:25; 3. Matt Valli, Newbury, 16:38; 4. Steve Kimball, Andover, 17:07; 5. Dan Verrington, Haverhill, 17:41; 6. Michael Masse, North Andover, 17:49; 7. Michael Smith, Salem, 17:53; 8. Patrick Finocchio, Salem, N.H., 17:58; 9. Matt Fischetti, Groton, 18:00; 10. Owen Glover, Andover, 18:05; 11. Nick Enright, Andover, 18:07; 12. Nina Caron, North Andover, 18:22; 13. Matt Garceau, Atkinson, N.H., 18:22; 14. Brian O'Neil, Andover, 18:32; 15. Sam Capobianco, North Reading, 18:48.

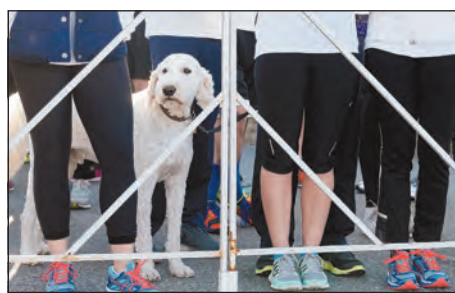
TOP 3 WOMEN

1. Nina Caron, North Andover, 18:22; 2. Jennifer O'Donohue, Andover, 19:02; 3. Michaela Jones, North Andover, 19:06.

AGE DIVISION WINNERS

MALE

Ages 14-and-under, Owen Glover, Andover, 18:05; ages 15-19, Steven Kimball, Andover, 17:07; ages 20-29, Jefferson Welch, Haverhill, 16:09; ages 30-39, Michael Smith, Salem, 17:53; ages 40-49, Matt Garceau, Atkinson, N.H., 18:22; ages 50-59, Dan Verrington, Haverhill, 17:41; ages 60-69, Mark Costello, Quincy, 21:53; ages 70-79, John Boness, Andover, 24:14; ages 80-plus, Kevin McCarthy, Haverhill, 22:25.



A dog takes in the pre-race festivities before the start of the Run for the Troops 5K.

FEMALE

14-and-under, Michaela Jones, North Andover, 19:06; ages 15-19, Renee LaMarche, Lynnfield, 22:38; ages 20-29, Karra Cheever, Salem, 20:21; ages 30-39, Jennifer O'Donohue, Andover, 19:02; ages 40-49, Kate Jagger, Andover, 21:12; ages 50-59, Nina Caron, Andover, 18:22; ages 60-69, Ann Marie Costa, Revere, 24:32; ages 70-79, Judith Nowinski, Andover, 39:57.

For complete results, visit www.coolrunning.com/results/14/ma/Apr6_Runfor_1_set1.shtml.



A race volunteer hands a medal to Lisa Ritchie of North Andover after crossing the finish line of Sunday's Run for the Troops. Every participant in the race was awarded a medal.

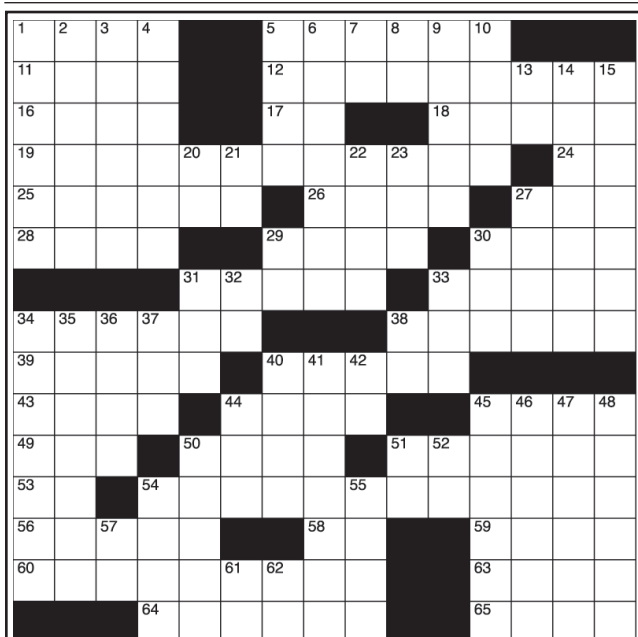
Arts & Entertainment

OUT AND ABOUT: SPRING EGG HUNT

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 Spring Bunny and egg decorating. The event is for ages 2 to 10. The cost is \$10 per child; registration is

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



CLUES ACROSS

1. A braid
5. Print errors
11. Any of 3 avatars of Vishnu
12. Odor masking toiletry
16. Abba __, Israeli politician
17. An enlisted person
18. Any speed competitor
19. Manitoba hockey team
24. The Bay state
25. Trees with conelike catkins
26. Central area of a church
27. 2 year old sheep
28. Interpret written words
29. Greek goddess of youth
30. Bullfighting maneuver
31. Shapes
33. Decreased
34. Fly

Solution in Classified Section

38. Unbelief
39. Traditional Hindu rhythms
40. Yemen capital
43. Prayer leader in a mosque
44. A sheep up to the age of one year
45. Soldier in an airborne unit
49. What a cow chews
50. K particle
51. 50 cent pieces
53. Trauma center
54. 2011 Stanley Cup winners
56. Inner bract of a grass spikelet
58. The Show-Me State
59. Self-immolation by fire ritual
60. Offshoot interests
63. Amounts of time
64. Salty
65. Guinea currency 1971-85

CLUES DOWN

1. Existing before a war
2. Open to change
3. Gunsake actress Blake
4. Converted into leather
5. Boundary
6. Predominated
7. Royal Observatory
8. Promotion
9. Rich multilayered cake
10. River between Iran and Armenia
13. Carrier's invention
14. Banes
15. Catastrophe
20. Atomic #77
21. A note appended to a letter
22. Licks
23. Adam's wife
27. Counterbalance
29. Brokeback star's initials
30. Golf score
31. Manuscripts (abbr.)
32. Old English

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'Floating' back to readers

Local author puts story to paper during journey to China

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Courtesy photo

Kristin Bair O'Keeffe

When avid traveler and author Kristin Bair O'Keeffe returned to this area after five years in Shanghai, she had a completed book manuscript and also an adorable toddler in tow.

Three years have passed since that return flight and a lot has happened in that time. The manuscript is now a just-released book and that toddler is now 6 years old.

Today, O'Keeffe is settled in Andover with her husband, Andrew O'Keeffe, formerly of Newburyport, and their daughter, Tulliver, who attends Andover's South School. She spends her work day as publications director at Phillips Academy.

"The Art of Floating" (Penguin Publishing, \$15, paperback) may have been written in China, but it recalls her time in Newburyport, with the action set on Plum Island.

It centers on Sia, "who stuffed her heart into a cage, and started floating" when her beloved husband disappeared without a trace. Sia then discovers a mute, unresponsive man on the beach, and, over the concerns

of family and friends, she becomes determined to help him.

O'Keeffe said the story, inspired by a New York Times article, delves into sorrow and healing. There's also a losing and finding connection that O'Keeffe hopes isn't lost on readers.

"Losing one thing, finding another ... it's a mysterious connection, but I hope they (readers) make it," she said.

A huge fan of Homer's "The Odyssey," O'Keeffe said she drew on the writing style found in that classic. Like "The Odyssey," "The Art of Floating" opens in the middle of the overall story, with flashbacks playing an integral part in the telling of the tale.

O'Keeffe spent her five years in Shanghai writing

LISTEN IN

Kristin Bair O'Keeffe will read from her new book, "The Art of Floating," on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St. Admission is free.

For more on the book, visit O'Keeffe's blog at www.kristinbairo-keeffe.com.

the book while her husband, an engineer, was transferred there for work. It is her second book. She released her debut novel, "Thirsty," in 2009. She has also written numerous essays about China and other subjects that have appeared in The Christian Science Monitor, Gettysburg Review and elsewhere.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., she has a Master of Fine Arts from Columbia College Chicago and has been teaching writing for the past 20 years.

While motherhood has meant her writing sessions are limited to the wee hours of the morning when her daughter is asleep, O'Keeffe said she still makes sure to carve out time to pursue her creative passion every day.

"I'm disciplined. ... I write from 4 to 6 a.m. every day," she said. "I'm always writing."

Demos, discussions for 8th annual Animal Rights Day

Massachusetts School of Law presents its eighth annual Animal Rights Day on Saturday, April 19, at 9 a.m. at the 500 Federal St. campus in Andover. Legal experts in the field of animal rights law will lead discussions on issues related to animal cruelty, estate planning and more.

Presenters will include Vicki Croke, lead reporter for WBUR's "The Animalist," and Dr. Nick Trout, staff surgeon at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston and author of nonfiction and fiction works, including

"Dog Gone, Back Soon." Veterinarian Dr. Hedley Marx of Norwood, who specializes in acupuncture and other new veterinary techniques, will also be featured.

Individuals who made significant contributions to animal rights in the past year will be honored with Humane-itarian awards.

Activities will also include a police dog demonstration by the Essex County Sheriff's Department, a visit by the Andover Fire Department with a working fire truck, a presentation on bats

by expert Nate Fuller and a look at dog training by Andover-based BlueDog. Representatives of the Salisbury-based Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society and Angels Among Us Pet Rescue will also be on hand. Kids activities will include an Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny.

A complimentary breakfast will kick off the event at 8:30 a.m.

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Main Street Mobil has been providing customers with dependable, efficient service for years. Owners Sam and Lori Ameen suggest people bring their cars down to the Mobil station for a free 10-point safety check to prepare them for the harsh winter months.

Main Street Mobil has ASE-certified technicians who provide full service to all vehicles. They also can perform no-wait drive-in state inspections in their large, six-bay garage. Customers can schedule appointments to reduce waiting time. Customers may wait while their car is being serviced in the comfortable waiting room.

Main Street Mobil provides 24-hour gas and diesel pumping. It also sells Mobil products at affordable prices. Employees are happy to pump gas at self-service prices for handicapped customers and senior citizens can receive discounts on car repairs.

The Main Street Mobil station has now been in business for over a decade. They have a reputation for being honest, responsible, and for customer satisfaction. Sam and Lori are raising two sons in Andover and the two are strong supporters and sponsors of Andover Youth activities.

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Business

Andover's Nest boutique spreading its wings

By JIM SULLIVAN
Staff Writer

Nest — the downtown Andover boutique and gift shop — is about to expand its reach with a second location in Amesbury.

The shop's owners, Taylor Simpson and Stacia Glancy, were finalizing their Amesbury lease last week in anticipation of a mid-May grand opening.

"We are aware that Amesbury is trying to have a resurgence of growth," Simpson said. "And that is

something that we are excited to be a part of."

Simpson and Glancy will be the first new tenants in a landmark downtown Amesbury building at the corner of Main and Friend streets. The 2,500-square-foot building was home to the menswear business W.E. Fuller Co. for 112 years until fourth-generation owner Ron Fuller sold the building last June.

Nest offers an eclectic variety of jewelry, accessories, gifts, re-purposed furniture and antiques, among other

specialty items.

It was Amesbury's culinary scene that prompted Simpson's interest in the building in early March.

"My son went down to Amesbury to go to Flatbread (pizza) with his girlfriend who had wanted to go there," Simpson said. "That was on a Saturday and he called me and asked if I had gone to Amesbury. I told him I had not in a long time, and he told me I had to come down there, because it could be a great place for me to open a second store."

Simpson took a trip to Amesbury the next day, got a look at the property and called the broker.

"I fell in love with it when I walked into it and it felt right," Simpson said. "I am the kind of person who runs on her instincts. I just go with what I sense is right and it felt like the right place for us."

Simpson and Glancy were also attracted to the history of the Amesbury location, which dates to the turn of the 20th century, and intend to retain its authenticity.

"When we arrived, there was already a lot opened up and removed, but the landlord was agreeable to exposing the hardwood floor. We have kept the tin ceiling and have repainted it silver like it was meant to be. We kept all the built-in bookcases that were original and the big mirror and the woodwork," Simpson said. "All of the structural integrity will remain in place."

Business will continue as usual in Nest's Andover shop, which is known for its live window displays. Baby chicks

are currently roaming in the store window in celebration of Easter.

Simpson hopes to create that same excitement in Amesbury, but also has some ideas in mind that will be unique to that town.

"I think we are a good fit. I think the store will work well there. I think our vibe that we have will carry well there," she said. "... I've lived in Andover my whole life and I love communities that are trying to work at being better. I hope to bring a little something to that table."

Introducing North of Boston Business magazine

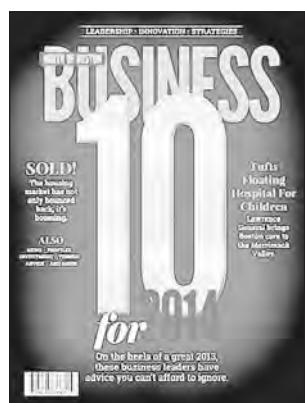
By KELLY BURCH
Staff Writer

North of Boston Media Group, parent company of The Andover Townsman, has launched a new magazine for and about businesses, business owners and their employees from Cape Ann to southern New Hampshire.

North of Boston Business magazine, which debuted this month, features business profiles, advice columns, trend and technology stories, and an array of useful information for people who do business in the North of Boston area.

"The feedback has been tremendous," publisher Karen Andreas said. "Our business community deserves a publication like this, one that highlights achievements, innovation, problem solving, leadership. I have already heard from several CEOs who have agreed to contribute columns, and the feature story ideas are endless."

In the first issue of the magazine, the publication profiled 10 businesses to watch during 2014. These ranged from Abiomed, a cardiac implant manufacturer based in Danvers that has over 400 employees globally, to M.K. Benatti, a family-owned jeweler



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business in this thriving corner of the country."

The magazine is distributed to chambers of commerce members and business leaders across the North of Boston area. It will be published quarterly and the staff already is working on stories for the June edition.

"I'm really proud of this magazine," Andreas said. "We have a tremendous staff of editors, writers, photographers and designers who live here and understand the region."

in Newburyport.

The premiere edition of the magazine also featured a story about the new partnership between Tufts Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center and Lawrence General Hospital. Advice columns tackled choosing an IRA and making peace with failure.

"Our region of the United States is on the cutting edge of education, health care and technology," editor in chief Tracey Dee Rauh said. "It's also rich with incredibly successful small businesses, not to mention family enterprises whose staying power boggles the mind. And that's just a tiny layer of the tales to be told about how we do

BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Covino on YMCA conference committee

Elizabeth Covino of Andover recently served on the Association of Y M C A Professionals Northeast Regional Conference committee held in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The 40th

annual, three-day conference brought together more than 200 YMCA professionals from New England and New York to focus on career and professional development for those serving in the nonprofit arena.

Covino previously worked as president of AYP Chapter 4, serving eastern Massachusetts. She is director of community relations, overseeing the marketing and development initiatives of the YMCA of Greater Nashua, N.H., an organization celebrating 127 years of service and serving nearly 30,000 people.

Home Health leadership awards

The 2014 Legacy of Leading annual dinner ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 10,

at 5:30 p.m. at Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury Drive. Thomas Mortimer, president and CEO of Haverhill Bank, and Naomi Prendergast, president and CEO of D'Youville Life and Wellness Community, will be honored with the 2014 Legacy of Leading awards by the agencies of Home Health Foundation.

Tickets are \$125 and may be purchased by calling 978-552-4927 or by emailing lgalimi@homehealthfoundation.org. All tickets will be held at the door. For more information, visit homehealthfoundation.org.

Fred C. Church employee earns title

Rebecca Medeiros, an employee of the Andover-based Fred C. Church Insurance, has earned the associate in claims designation upon completion of a nationally recognized educational program for claim representatives and claim management personnel. Achieving the designation indicates an in-depth understanding of claims principles and practices as demonstrated by passing the AIC national examinations.

Medeiros, a personal lines claims supervisor, has been with the agency since 1996. She is a licensed insurance

producer and holds the designations of accredited adviser in insurance and certified insurance service representative.

Stop & Shop campaign benefits Dana-Farber

Stop & Shop customers will have the chance to help support pediatric brain tumor care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute when they fill their grocery carts starting April 11 through July 10.

As part of the store's annual Triple Winner Game, customers who make a \$1 contribution to the Jimmy Fund will receive a scratch ticket and could be an instant winner of either a free product or cash prize up to \$10,000 or could receive a product coupon. The promotion continues while ticket supplies last. No purchase is necessary.

Stop & Shop, in partnership with the Boston Red Sox, has raised \$54 million through the Triple Winner Game, which was established in 1991. This year, the company aims to raise another \$2.5 million through the in-store campaign, "Donate Hope." For more, visit www.stopandshop.com or www.facebook.com/stopandshop.



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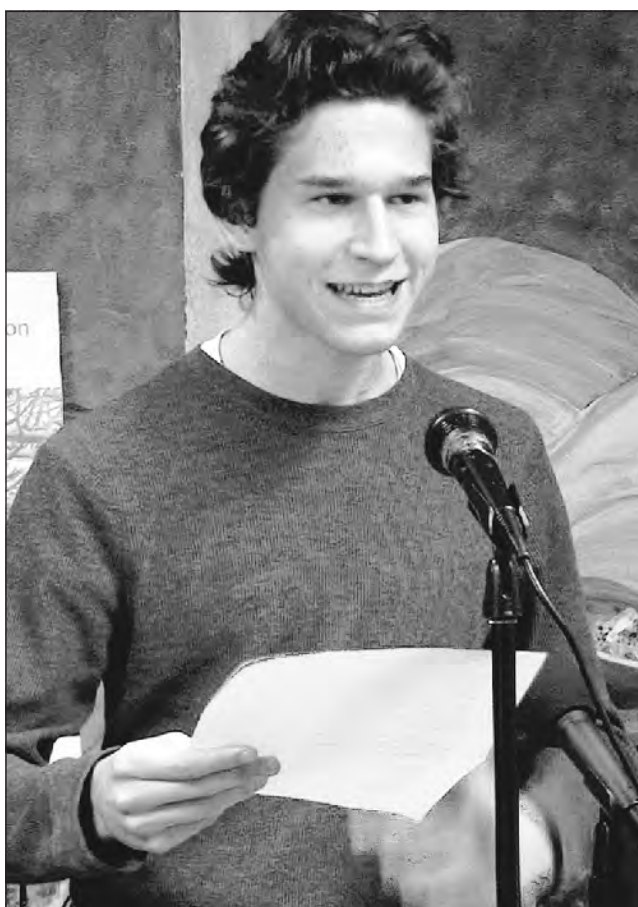


Education

Trading verses



Andover High sophomore CJ Morse shares his poetry with the crowd during the annual event.



Andover High junior Nicholas Wackowski takes his poetic turn at the reading presented by The Robert Frost Foundation.

New board of directors, focus for SEPAC

By BILL KIRK

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The Special Education Parent Advisory Council has a new board of directors, which was elected during an emergency meeting last week to fill vacant positions following a mass-resignation of previous board members in March.

The group, known as SEPAC, is made up of parents who have special needs children attending Andover Public Schools. The committee is basically an advocacy group established by state law to give parents a voice in the way special education is handled in local school districts.

Recently, a rift had formed between longtime members and new participants in the group over the contents of a survey focusing on the district's special needs program as well as over the process for advertising meetings and keeping records of the board's actions.

School Committee Chairwoman and SEPAC liaison Annie Gilbert said the rift that led to the mass-resignations was due to a "philosophical disagreement over the future direction of SEPAC."

The new co-presidents are Cindy Cromer and Jeanne Teichert, who both pushed for the creation and distribution of the survey. Sheena Stack is vice president. Other positions include treasurer Nigel Kenen, newsletter Jen Warren, newsletter distribution Lisa Dawson and liaison coordinator Kelle Sutliff.

The vote last Wednesday night fills the posts temporarily until the organization's official annual election next month.

The new group didn't waste any time getting right to work, brainstorming a number of ideas that members would like to see implemented in the year ahead. Those ideas include expanding outreach to new families, creating a public relations plan for SEPAC, reviewing the content on the organization's website, enhancing transparency and collaboration, and a number of other measures, both concrete and philosophical.

The new group was scheduled to meet again Tuesday night as The Townsman was going to press to review provisions of the state's Open Meeting Law and the SEPAC bylaws, among other agenda items.

The survey of Andover special education parents is available on the group's website at www.andoversepac.org.

Students, teachers featured in fifth annual 'Evening of Poetry'

The fifth annual Robert Frost Foundation's "An Evening of Poetry" featuring the teachers and students of Andover High School took place on March 11 at Café Azteca in Lawrence.

Presented by the Robert Frost Foundation's executive director emeritus Mark Schorr, the event was hosted by former Andover High teacher Harry J. Durso. Don's Auto Care of Lawrence sponsored the event and Joe Spanos Productions provided the video production. Bethany Spanos created the night's poster and was the video editor.

The evening was held as part of the Frost Foundation's monthly Poetry Hoot Series. Durso dedicated the performance to all teachers, pointing



Andover High sophomore Hannah Muhlfelder presents her work at the annual Robert Frost Foundation "Evening of Poetry" last month.

out that the educators in attendance represented over 500 years of service in the teaching profession.

Sharing their poetry were Andover High seniors Isabel Bree, Emily Byrne and James

AHS teachers participating were Greg Waters and Eric Pellerin, who also served as co-producers of the event, as well as Bill Hecht.

Special Merrimack Valley guest poets included Frank Farnham and Muriel Soule, both of North Andover; and James Lambert of Methuen. Several members of The Robert Frost Foundation also presented their poetry at the event.

The Robert Frost Poetry Night is being shown this month on Andover Cable Access, Comcast Channel 8 and Verizon Channel 47. It will also be broadcast on the local cable access channels in Lawrence, Methuen, North Andover and Wilmington. The performance will be available on YouTube at a later date.

Waging a Cake War

Sweets for Andover High senior class at stake

There's a lot riding on Andover High School senior Sara Adam's baking skills.

Adam is one of six finalists in Cakes for Occasions in Danvers' second annual High School Cake War competition. At stake is a dessert buffet for her graduating class' prom or after-prom party.

On Sunday, the finalists gathered at the Danvers bakery to put their best cake-decorating skills and school spirit to the test on a three-tier cake. Adam's frosted, blue-and-gold creation features the Andover High logo and some of the things the school is known for, including its sports teams.

Now it is up to the public to pick their favorite cake. Voting continues through Monday, April 14, at noon on the Cakes for Occasions Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cakesforoccasions>). The baker with the highest score combining Facebook likes and shares plus bonus points

awarded to the first- and second-place winners as judged by a team of pastry professionals will be crowned Cake War champion. The winning baker's school will earn not only bragging rights, but also desserts for her class' upcoming special night.

Adam, who has some baking experience, stands a good chance. In addition to being an office assistant for the Andover Department of Community Services, she teaches cupcake classes for the program.

Joining Adam as finalists are Alison Barker of Danvers High School, Rachele Bassett of Peabody Memorial High School, Carolina Maldonado of Salem High School, Cait Ofiesh of Beverly High School and Kera Warren of Lynn Vocational Technical High School.

For more on the event, visit www.cakes4occasions.com.



Andover High School senior Sara Adam with her High School Cake War entry. Voting continues through Monday, with a dessert buffet for her class' prom or after-prom party up for grabs.

Swimming laps for typhoon victims

Elizabeth Millar of Andover, a student at St. George's boarding school in Middletown, R.I., had an idea over the winter for a fundraising effort at her school that eventually helped raise more than \$10,000 for the Red Cross Typhoon Relief Fund.

After last fall's Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, St. George's school chaplain Jeff Lewis told students during a service, "We need to do something."

Millar took the chaplain's message to heart. She brought her idea for a swim-athon to the school's community service director Margaret Connor and a plan was put in motion.

On the scheduled day, Millar and fellow volunteer swimmers, many of whom were members of St. George's varsity swim team, took to the pool. They swam laps for funds pledged by sponsors, who offered either a flat fee or a sum based on the number of laps completed. At the end of their swim, they had raised \$10,123 for the Red Cross Fund.

Millar also recently earned a head of school's commendation for academic excellence at St. George's following her first semester her fifth-form (junior) year.



Elizabeth Millar turned a call to action for typhoon victims in the Philippines into a swim benefit at St. George's boarding school in Rhode Island.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Spelling Bee gets down to fun

The Andover Fund for Education hosts its 16th annual Andover Community Spelling Bee on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at Doherty Middle School. The fun-filled, family event is aimed at supporting educational innovation in Andover schools while promoting local schools, businesses and groups.

Four-person teams of adults will don costumes to compete for the title of the best group of spellers. Supporters of the teams will play a role in the Spirit Parade just before the final round, with an award going to the most enthusiastic fans. Judges will also award a trophy for Most Creative Team Costume in addition to crowning the top spellers. 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. For more, visit www.andoverfundforeducation.org.

Preschool screenings set for May

The Andover Public Preschool Program located at Shawsheen School is currently accepting appointments for tours and screenings for children seeking enrollment in September. Openings are available in the full- and half-day sessions for children ages 3 to 5.

Tours are being arranged for Fridays, May 2 and 16. Call Mary Kay Poe at 978-623-8850 to schedule a time.

More information is also available online at www.aps1.net.

MERRIMACK COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

The following local students were named to the dean's list at Merrimack College in North Andover for the fall 2013 term:

Jessica Braer, Laura Cahill, Joshua Canner, Patrick Dinan, Javaria Hasseeb, James Hoar, David Johnian, Priscilla

Khaknejad, Joseph Lamagna, Breanna Lucci, Molly Lynch, Michaela McIver, Shakee Mesina, Michelle Norton, Kathleen Renzi, Joel Rozen, Katherine Taylor, George Thorlin II, Benjamin Van Doren, Daniel Yaghmooria, Andrew Zucco

BROOKS SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following local students were named to the fall 2013 honor roll at Brooks School in North Andover. A partial list of students published last week was inadvertently supplied by the school:

HIGHEST HONORS
Emma Crockett, Maxwell Currie, Duncan Davies, Katherine Davies, Analiese Fernandes, Zoe Gates, Blaise Harmange, Caroline Hartel, Alexandra Iamonaco, Kyle Lawrence, Nate Reddi, John Rullo, Samuel Wakelin

HIGH HONORS
William Adie, Charles Bramhall, Thomas Caron, Suzanne Egerton, Matthew Ericson, Emma Gordon, Alexander Hajdukiewicz, Lukas

Hajdukiewicz, Arnaud Harmange, Guillaume Harman, Carter Howe, Jack Hughes, Darin Hunt, Nolan LeBlanc, Megan Neal, Maxwell Prawdzik, Megan Quinn, Naveen Rajur, Neil Reddi, Molly Reilly, Davis Rogers, Carolina Rosas, Matthew Serrao, Sathvik Sudiredy, Andrew Swapp, Jacqueline Vieira, Alexander Wagner, Isabelle Washkurak

HONORS
Hannah Bordogna, Alexander Chaban, Sebastian Elkin, Andrew Ginsberg, David Gordon, Natalie Hartel, Cassandra Hunt, Jackson Quinn, Matthew Vieira

AUSTIN PREPARATORY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Several Andover students have been named to the honor roll at Austin Preparatory School in Reading for the first and second quarters. They are:

FIRST QUARTER
Distinction
Logan Bravo, Olga Gorman, Sofia Saltamartini
Honors
Aleksey Gorman, Niamh Green, Alexis Horan, Andrew Kazmer, Joshua Kazmer, Yu Jeong Lee, Christopher McCarthy, Mercedes Pare, Nicole Poirier, Talia Shuman,

Poppy Simmonds, Mary Margaret Sullivan, Meagan Wolfe
SECOND QUARTER
Distinction
Logan Bravo
Honors
Matthew Belluche, Cecilia Bole, Matthew Dona, Aleksey Gorman, Niamh Green, Alexis Horan, Andrew Kazmer, Aileen Kim, Christopher McCarthy, Ryan McDonough, Mercedes Pare, Nicole Poirier, Sofia Saltamartini, Talia Shuman, Grant Smith, Mary Margaret Sullivan, Casey Williams

A century of learning

St. Augustine School begins 100th celebration

By YADIRA BETANCES
Staff Writer

From the very beginning, St. Augustine Church wanted its own Catholic school.

Almost 50 years after the church was founded in 1866, that dream became a reality. St. Augustine School opened its doors on Central Street on Sept. 8, 1914.

Last Friday, April 5, St. A.'s, as the school is often called, launched its centennial celebration with a special 10:30 a.m. Mass, followed by a reception honoring the school's current and former leaders.

Principal Paula O'Dea welcomed back former school leaders Mary Moran, Ann Kendall, Marie Galinski and Sister Madeline Carrabino as well as alumni for the occasion.

For the last century, St. Augustine School has prided itself in shaping young lives academically and spiritually. Enrollment today stands at 457 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

Many students have even gone on to follow in their teachers' footsteps by becoming educators themselves at their alma mater and other schools.

"I've grown here and you have been part of my family and made me the person who I am today," said O'Dea, herself a teacher at St. Augustine for 27 years before becoming principal eight years ago.

During his homily, the Rev. Peter G. Gori, pastor at St. Augustine Parish, gave a history of the church and school. He noted the date the school opened is significant because it's when the church also celebrates the birth of Mother Mary.

"Our primary goal is to help you grow academically, in your



Cynthia Arsenault, music teacher at St. Augustine School, directs the choir at a special Mass last week at St. Augustine Church to begin the Catholic school's centennial celebration.



Janet Fluet, right, cafeteria manager at St. Augustine School, shows Sister Madeline Carrabino a photograph of her daughter and grandson. Sister Carrabino was Fluet's art, music and religion teacher.

YADIRA BETANCES/Staff photos



Sarah Sullivan, left, of Methuen and Jade Martinez of Andover lead former principals Sister Madeline Carrabino and Mary Moran on a tour of St. Augustine School.



Mary Ann Rex, eighth-grade teacher at St. Augustine School, poses with former teacher, Sister Madeline Carrabino, whom Rex says inspired her to pursue a career in education.

minds and souls as a beautiful and loving child of God that you are," Gori said. "May we be blessed for another 100 years of success."

The parish will continue to celebrate the school's centennial with monthly events throughout the year, culminating in December with the blessing of the its new \$1.9 million gymnasium by Cardinal Sean O'Malley. The school has already raised

\$1.4 million for the project that will break ground in May, Gori said.

Many of the teachers and staff members on Friday were thrilled to see Sister Carrabino, who taught art, music and religion and led the youth guitar group that played in church.

Mary Ann Rex said Carrabino, a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame, influenced her to become a teacher.

"I was so excited to see her because she was my most inspiring teacher," Rex said.

Janet Fluet, who graduated from St. Augustine in 1976, said her parents still exchange Christmas cards with Sister Carrabino.

"It was great to catch up with her because it's been forever since I've seen her," said Fluet, cafeteria manager at St. Augustine, who learned how to play the

guitar from the sister.

Parents of students enrolled understand why St. Augustine has been around for a century.

"This is not just a school; it's family. They know you, your children and for the kids, it's an extension of their home," said Fran Miles, whose children, David and Chiara, are in fifth and second grade respectively.

Eugenie "Janie" Moffitt's seven children all attended St. Augustine School.

"St. Augustine is a vital part of my family and their faith," said Moffitt, former chairwoman of the school board. "It's been a blessing for us because my children have made wonderful friendships that have lasted after leaving the school."

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Sports

Triple (jump) threat

Finally healthy, Haut looks to dominate again on the track

BY DAVID WILLIS
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Catherine Haut had long ago sent her childhood ballet shoes to the back of her closet. So, she certainly never imagined that experience would play a key role in leading her to the sport and event that would soon become an intense pursuit. "I went out for track for the first time in the spring of my freshman year," Haut said. "I tried everything, and when I tried the triple jump, I was really, really excited about it and really liked it. I used to be a ballet dancer, and the correlation between the jumping and leaping and coordination of ballet and the triple jump just made sense."

Haut emerged as a star in the triple jump as a sophomore for Andover High, before multiple injuries ruined her junior campaign.

Finally healthy, the Andover senior now has her eyes set on a huge senior season for the Golden Warriors outdoor track team before she graduates and heads off to compete for Colby College in Maine.

"I have been looking forward to this season for a long time," said Haut, who is also a varsity football cheerleader. "The winter is good, but in the spring, I can compete in the triple jump, which is so exciting. I didn't have the best junior season, so hopefully I can make up for it this season."

No one has more confidence in her than her coach, Peter Comeau.

"After all of her injuries, I never imagined she would come back as strong as she has this season," Comeau said. "She can just do it all. She is a terrific triple jumper, she is our best sprinter from the 100 to the 400 (meter), she does the long jump and is even our second best shot putter after Courtney (Comeau)."

"She is a very special athlete and person. I am honored to have had the chance to coach her."

Getting started

After trying a variety of sports growing up, and playing basketball in her first winter at Andover High, Haut went out for track for the first time the spring of her freshman year.

"I tried out a lot of different events," she said. "I tried running the mile, and knew that wasn't for me. Then I tried the triple jump and liked it. Coach Comeau took me aside one day and we worked on the footwork, and that's when I really got started."

After spending her first season studying record-setting Emily Belluche, Haut broke out as a sophomore.

She scored a victory at the Haverhill



COURTESY PHOTO
Catherine Haut flies through the air at Andover High. The star triple jumper lost most of her junior season to injuries, but is looking to finish with a bang this spring.

Invitational (34-0) and was third at Andover Boosters (34-6.5). But her biggest accomplishment was at the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet, when she won with a personal record (35-10 3/4).

"I honestly never imagined I could jump like I did that season," Haut said. "It was a very unexpected season for me."

The season was even more poignant because, at the time, Haut believed her Andover High career was at an end since she was transferring to Phillips Academy.

As an eighth-grader, Haut had been accepted to Phillips, but declined, because she said she felt more at home at Andover High. But she always wondered if she had missed out on an opportunity.

"I reapplied and got in. I felt like it was my second opportunity, and I had to take it," she said.

But at Phillips, she actually missed being at Andover High. So she transferred back over the winter of her junior year, and quickly rejoined the track

team. Her return to the Golden Warriors, however, turned out to be plagued by injuries, including stress fractures and a hurt hamstring.

Haut missed nearly the entire season, returning briefly to compete in the long jump at the MVC Meet. But that only strengthened her determination to come back even stronger as a senior, dedicating herself to fitness and weight lifting.

After a fall spent cheerleading, she began to return to her old ways on the track by winning the long jump at the MVC indoor meet with a 17-7.

"Once I jumped over 16 feet, I felt like I was a jumper again and my confidence grew," she said.

She now looks to carry that confidence over to the spring season, the only season the triple jump is an event. She will also jump at Colby College, following in the footsteps of her mother, Andover High graduate Mary Beth (Boland) Haut. But not before she takes care of some unfinished business at Andover.

"I want to have one more great season," she said. "Not just for me, but the entire team."

Get Up and Go kicks into action

Get Up and Go, a Healthy Kids Running Series, strides into action starting this Sunday, April 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Andover Village Improvement Society's West Parish Meadow off Reservation Road in Andover.

Pre-kindergarten through middle school students are invited to take to the course and get moving this spring. The five-week series continues Sundays, April 27 and May 4, 11 and 18, all from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The age divisions and distances are: pre-kindergarten, 50-yard dash; kindergarten and first grade, one-quarter mile; second and third grades, half-mile; fourth and fifth grades, 1 mile; and middle-schoolers, 1 mile.

The top finishers in each race will receive points based on where they placed. The boys and girl with the most points in each division at the end of the series will win a trophy and prize. Medals will be awarded to every runner after

the last race in the series. Gift bags will also be distributed to all participants.

The national, nonprofit youth running program is designed to combat childhood obesity while providing children with a positive, educational and fun introduction to the world of running.

Amy Smith, community coordinator for the local running series, said it is drawing a lot of interest from families in the Andover and Lawrence areas as well as from people in New Hampshire who have already signed up their children. Andover represents the program's first series in New England.

The cost is \$30 for the entire series or \$10 per race. The local sponsors include New Balance, Greater Boston Running Co., Andover Pediatrics and Kevin T. Bagnall Family Dentistry.

For more information on the running program or to register, visit www.HealthyKids-RunningSeries.org.

Roche, Stankiewicz boost softball to big win

SOFTBALL

Amy Stankiewicz singled, went to second on a walk and scored on a single by **Tori Roche** in the seventh for the winning run in Andover's 12-11 victory over North Andover on Monday.

Roche and Stankiewicz each had four hits, Roche drove in four runs and **Brooke Kabrie** had two sacrifice flies for the winners.

BOYS LACROSSE

Lakos starts strong

Newcomer **Jake Lakos** scored three goals to pace Andover in a 10-5 win over perennial power North Andover last Thursday, April 3. Football teammates **Will Eikenberry** and **John Oteri** each added two goals and **Walter Pappas** made eight saves for the winners.

Hunter Tyrrell scored four goals to help lead Andover to a season-opening 13-5 drubbing of archrival Central Catholic last Tuesday, April 1. **Will Reardon** and **John Oteri** each added two goals and **Jake Lakos**, **George Cardillo** and **Andy Soucy** scored once each for the winners.

Despite two goals for **Jake Lakos**, Andover lost to Westford Academy 9-5 on Saturday. **Jack Wilkie**, **Andy Soucy** and **John Oteri** each added single goals.

BOYS TENNIS

Penamatsa keeps dominating

Varun Penamatsa had to fight for a 6-4, 6-1 win at top singles to help Andover beat North Andover 5-0 on Monday. **Andrew Imrie** (No. 2) and **Drew Rooks** (No. 3) added singles wins for the Warriors.

Varun Penamatsa rallied back after losing the first set 0-6 to take the next 6-0 and the super tiebreaker 10-8 to help Andover beat Marblehead 4-1 on Friday, April 4. **Aaron Edelman** and **Owen Plourde** added a

hard-fought 7-6 (7-5), 6-0 win at top doubles.

Arun Padykula fought for a 6-2, 6-4 victory at No. 2 singles to help Andover open the season by beating Billerica 5-0 last Tuesday, April 1. **Varun Penamatsa** took No. 1 singles 6-0, 6-0, one of four sweeps.

GIRLS TENNIS

Warriors open in style

Samantha Camilo swept top singles 6-0, 6-0 as Andover opened its new court in style with a 5-0 win over Billerica last Tuesday, April 1. **Karena Yan** and **Courtney Nash** added wins at Nos. 2 and 3 singles to lead the winners.

Samantha Camilo (6-1, 6-1), **Karena Yan** (6-1, 6-0) and **Courtney Nash** (6-0, 6-0) swept the singles spots to lead Andover past North Andover 5-0 on Monday.

Michaela Comerford and **Jackie Drew** earned a 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 2 doubles to help Andover best Notre Dame 5-0 last Friday. **Erica Mazzarelli** won No. 3 singles 6-1, 6-2 and **Paige Webster** and **Pooja Mukund** swept No. 1 doubles.

Karen Yan won No. 1 singles and **Laurie-Maude Chenard** and **Sydney Ferr** took top doubles to help Andover beat Tewksbury 5-0 last Wednesday, April 2. **Erica Mazzarelli** and **Kayla Yee** made it a doubles sweep by winning the No. 2 spot.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Gross nets five

Weezie Gross picked up right where she left off with five goals as Andover beat Central Catholic 15-9 last Tuesday, April 1. **Charlotte Lenex** chipped in with five goals of her own, **Courtney Grygiel** scored twice and three other girls scored one goal each for the winners.

Despite three goals for **Courtney Grygiel**, Andover fell to North Andover 6-4 on Friday. **Charlotte Lenex** scored the other Warrior goal.

Medal day for Optima Synchro

Optima Synchro swam away with numerous awards in the recent East Zone Invitational Meet at the YMCA Andover/North Andover.

Under the direction of head coach Svetlana Malinovskaya, the team took home six Gold, two Silver and two Bronze medals. Nineteen members of Optima Synchro competed in the meet.

10-UNDER SOLO

Bronze: Julia Paradis
10-Under Trio

Gold: Jessica Guo, Bonnie Li and Alice Fan

10-UNDER TEAM

Gold: Jessica Guo, Bonnie Li, Alice Fan, Julia Paradis, Carol Yu

12-UNDER SOLO

Silver: Helen Zhou
12-UNDER DUET

Silver: Krystal Qiao and Olivia Yang

Bronze: Katie MacDonald and Aleah Davidsen

12-UNDER TRIO



COURTESY PHOTO
The gold medal-winning 13- to 15-year-old team includes, from left, Emily Ma of Andover, Alicia Yang of Acton, Rebecca Page of Andover, coach Svetlana Malinovskaya of Andover, Kathleen Qiao of Chelmsford, Riley Spring of Andover and Sidney Ho of Andover.

Gold: Chen-Chen Song, Malinovskaya, Krystal Qiao, Emily Huang and Polina Olivia Yang, Helen Zhou

13 TO 15 TRIO

Gold: Sydney Ho, Emily Ma and Riley Spring

Silver: Rebecca Page, Kathleen Qiao, and Alicia Yang

13 TO 15 TEAM

Gold: Sydney Ho, Emily Ma, Riley Spring, Rebecca Page, Kathleen Qiao, Alicia Yang

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When archaeologists recently examined the upper teeth of skeletons of humans who lived 15,000 years ago in North Africa, they found widespread incidence of rotten teeth. It seems that the hunter-gatherers of this era were quite fond of eating pine nuts, acorns, and other carbohydrate-rich foods. Then, as now, if left to accumulate on tooth surfaces, these foods break down into sugars, which oral bacteria feed on, producing acid by-products that dissolve tooth enamel. High levels of tooth decay seem to have been a problem for other hunter-gatherer groups located in northern Mexico, who ate a corn-based diet. Fortunately, we now have the education and means to stave off tooth decay. Our ancestors were not so fortunate.

Our belief is enhanced in today's column, which is that the best way to reduce your chances of getting any dental disease is to develop good oral hygiene habits. We utilize the latest in dental technology and treatment in a warm and comfortable environment. All of our patients have a pleasant, positive visit with us at **DENTISTRY BY DESIGN**. Our office is located at **19 Barnard St.**, where we stress preventive health care for the entire family, and utilize state of the art dental procedures. We're currently accepting new patients and welcome you to call **978.475.5333** to schedule an appointment.

P.S. The research mentioned above helps underscore the importance of flossing and brushing at least twice daily. If brushing and flossing are not possible at lunchtime, try to use a tooth pick, and rinse your mouth with water.

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Townspeople

Kiwanis Club readies annual charitable Feast

What could be better than sampling a smorgasbord of dishes from 20 local eateries? Doing it for a good cause.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence is holding its 16th annual Fabulous Feast on Wednesday, April 30, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the

Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road. Andover Restaurants, caterers and other food establishments from the Merrimack Valley will be offering up a generous sampling of their cuisine for the event, which also will feature silent and live auctions.

This year, the Kiwanis Club will honor two men at the Fabulous Feast:

■ **Enzo S. Fossella**, the founder of the Service Club of Andover and owner of Enzo of Andover.
■ **Brother Rene Roy**, the campus minister of Central Catholic High School in Lawrence,

who was a missionary in Rwanda and at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

The evening will open with cocktails, a raffle and silent auction starting at 5:30 p.m. The food sampling as well as live auction and celebration of the two honorees will get

started at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 each if purchased before April 17 or \$400 for a table of 10 and can be ordered online at www.lawrencekiwanisclub.com.

The local Kiwanis Club is a nonprofit organization that supports charitable

endeavors for children in the Greater Lawrence area. Members meet for lunch every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the Lanam Club in Andover. Anyone interested in learning more about or joining the club is always welcome to attend.

The children of the Greek Language School of Andover celebrate Greek Independence Day with a cultural program March 23 at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church.

Courtesy photo



Celebration of Greek independence School commemorates 1821 war

The Greek Language School of Andover commemorated the 193rd anniversary of the Greek War of Independence in 1821 with a cultural program of poetry and dance on Sunday, March 23, in the Family Life Center at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church on Chandler Road in Andover.

Greece's independence from the Ottoman Empire is remembered every year on March 25 together with the Annunciation of the Theotokos.

Suzan Kritzas, a teacher at the Greek Language School, said the students spent considerable time working on the

program, which featured ethnic costumes and Greek dancing and poetry.

"The Greek nation and Greeks all over the world owe gratitude to the thousands of brave men and women who gave their lives for freedom," Kritzas said in a release. "Their faith, their sacrifice and bravery paved the road to independence and the acquisition of human rights by the Greek people after being oppressed for 400 years by the Ottoman Empire."

The annual Greek Independence Day commemoration was held in Boston this past Sunday, April 6.

Missionary movement took root in Andover



Gail Ralston

Andover Historical Society

Over 200 years ago, six students from the Theological Seminary, who called themselves "the Brethren," together with a handful of dedicated ministers and professors set in motion a missionary movement that, to date, has sent more than 5,000 missionaries abroad and established more than 1,000 schools, colleges and theological seminaries worldwide.

Meeting in the home of seminary professor Moses Stuart on Tuesday, June 10, 1810 were Adoniram Judson, Samuel Newell, Samuel Nott, Gordon Hall, Luther Rice, Samuel J. Mills and James Richards, all students dedicated to the missionary field. Attempting to form a Foreign Mission Board, support was not unanimous. But impassioned pleas carried the day and a group soon set out for Bradford to discuss details of such an organization.

Four of the students had joined the group when the conference voted to approve the establishment of an American Board of Foreign Missions. The "whys" of such an action were clear; the "hows" would take two more years to work out.

Judson, one of the original students, went to London in 1811 to seek funds. After his ship was captured by a French privateer and Judson found himself a prisoner, he finally arrived, only to be rebuffed by the London Missionary Society after six full weeks of negotiations.

He returned in September to the American Board in Worcester, where he found that members' pride was hurt by the reply from England, records show. Undaunted, the board finally voted to become sponsors of the missionaries, with or without money.

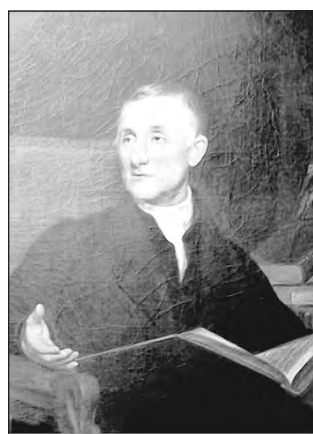
Surprisingly, following the show of support, money began to steadily come in. By February 1812, \$6,000 was in hand and a legacy of \$30,000 had been received.



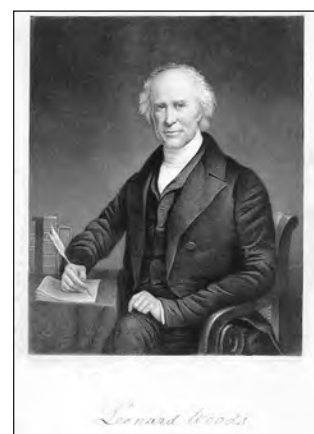
Rev. Adoniram Judson



Mrs. Adoniram Judson



Moses Stuart



Rev. Leonard Woods

This insured that the first missionary group could be outfitted, along with a full year's salary.

Thus on Feb. 6, 1812 at the Salem, Mass., Tabernacle, five young men were ordained as missionaries. They included Judson, Hall, Newell, Nott and Rice of the first student group. Rev. Leonard Woods of the Andover Seminary was one of the ordaining council members.

Transportation in the early 1800s was slow and arduous. Now Revs. Judson and Newell, with their wives, set sail from Boston aboard the Caravan Feb. 19, 1812; the Notts and Revs. Hall and Rice followed soon out of Philadelphia aboard the Harmony. Both ships were headed for Calcutta. Meeting with hostility from the East India Company, the group dispersed to other areas.

The Judsons arguably met with the most success. Along their four-month journey to India, Rev. Judson and his wife, Ann Haseltine, were drawn to the Baptist point of view. Upon arrival, they resigned as Congregational missionaries and officially converted to the Baptist faith. After their forced exile, the Judsons landed in Burma (Myanmar) — an overwhelming Buddhist country — and remained there for

nearly 40 years.

Some 248 missionaries followed from the seminary, spreading the Gospel to such places as Greece, Bulgaria, Palestine, Turkey, India, China, Japan, Africa and Latin America. Knowing that religious conversion was only possible through effective communication, missionaries had to first master each native language. Then they compiled local lexicons, dictionaries and grammars for Bible translations. Finally, religious tracts were printed in each of those languages. Where natives were illiterate, missionaries established schools; where there was no written language; they invented alphabets.

The need for a printed text prompted the seminary, under the direction of founder (and first principal of the academy) Eliphalet Pearson, to establish a printing press. The Town of Andover now boasted the first fonts of Greek and Hebrew type in America and, by 1829, types for 11 Oriental languages to serve the needs of the missionaries.

Coming up: Missionary Mary Louise Graffam will be the focus of the next Andover Stories.

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Andover Stories is submitted by the Andover Historical Society.



The Boy Scouts of Troop 76 enjoy some time on the slopes of Mr. Cranmore in North Conway, N.H., last month.

Courtesy photo

Ski trip for Troop 76 Boy Scouts

SUBMITTED BY DYLAN KNEPPER
Troop Scribe

The Boy Scouts of Ballard Vale's Troop 76 ventured off to Mt. Cranmore in North Conway, N.H., for their annual Ski Trip the weekend of March 7 through 9.

The group included Scouts Liam Fahey, Dylan Knepper, Yen Wu, Marshal Su, Ross Barton, Stephen Bambury, Robert Pineault, Devin Witt and Jason Spence, plus adults Don Milligan, Scoutmaster; Tom Witt, Rich Barton, Gary Hall,

Andy Bambury and Dennis Pineault.

They arrived on Friday night and spent the entire next day skiing and snowboarding.

The skiing conditions were OK, with the warm weather making the snow quite sticky, the Scouts reported. But the lift lines were short and the troop was able to get many runs in.

After skiing, troop members were treated to a surprise fireworks display at Cranmore, which illuminated the sky for a long time. When the fireworks were finished,

the Scouts watched a movie, utilizing the DVD player that the Cranmore staff was kind enough to lend them.

Since they couldn't cook anything in the ski lodge where they stayed, they ordered pizza from a local pizzeria for dinner and ate cold cuts for lunch. For both breakfasts, they had a simple meal of cereal, Pop Tarts and bagels. After breakfast on Sunday, March 9, they packed up and drove back to Ballard Vale Church, where the troop is based, to end what they said was an exhilarating trip.



Congregation Beth Israel musicians rehearsing for "Shabbat Chai at CBI" include, from left, Jeremy Finkle, Mike Roesler, Merle Roesler, Jon Brody and Bob Moverman. Elaine Winic is missing from the photo.

TANYA GOULD/
Courtesy photo

Shabbat Chai at Congregation Beth Israel

Borrowing from a tradition that dates back centuries, six members of Congregation Beth Israel in Andover have banded together to provide musical accompaniment to special Shabbat services, lyrically dubbed Shabbat Chai at CBI, at the synagogue at 501 South Main St. (Route 28).

The idea was proposed by Rabbi Howard Mandell, the new spiritual leader of the congregation, who noted the impact that similar services have had at other synagogues.

It was quickly embraced by the musicians, who include Jon Brody, percussionist; Jeremy Finkle, vocalist; Bob Moverman, keyboardist; Merle Roesler, guitarist and vocalist; Mike Roesler, clarinetist; and Elaine Winic, flutist and vocalist.

In addition to playing Rabbi Mandell's suggestions for melodies, the ensemble is searching for music that will provide variety to the services. Since written sheet music is not readily available, the musicians say some of the music has to be transcribed from videos or audio tracks. Moverman has also written an original melody that he hopes will be incorporated into a service soon.

The response to the musical programming has been gratifying, the rabbi says in a release, with more people attending and participating in the services. Young children enjoy the fun aspect of the music, and there is a heightened sense of community, especially when the congregation sings along with the band, he says. Many of the family-friendly services

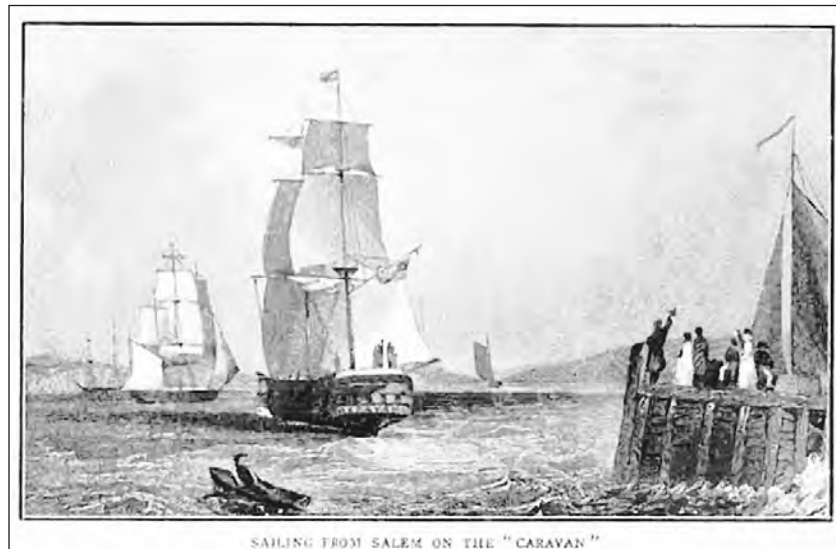
are preceded or followed by a dinner, providing a complete Shabbat experience, he adds.

The next Shabbat Chai at CBI service will be on Friday, April 18, followed by a Koshers for Passover Oreg Shabbat. Next month's services are scheduled for May 2, 16 and 30. The community is invited.

For more information, call the Congregation Beth Israel office at 978-474-0540.

Sailing of the ship Caravan in-bound for Calcutta in 1812.

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Mostly sunny; warmer	A shower in the a.m.	Rain possible	Sunshine and nice	Breezy with some sun	Cloudy and cooler	Cloudy
High: 62° Low: 40°	High: 65° Low: 41°	High: 59° Low: 40°	High: 64° Low: 45°	High: 68° Low: 45°	High: 53° Low: 38°	High: 46° Low: 27°

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

- **104 Abbot St.:** Richard G. and Margaret A. Asoian to Joseph F. and Cailleen L. Bernardi, \$1,044,000
- **4 Colonial Drive, Unit 11A:** Deborah Lucci to Charles H. Destefano, \$159,900
- **507 South Main St.:** Robert J. and Denise M. Huntley to Carlos S. Ruperti and Sharyn R. Devaney, \$323,000
- **10 Washington Park Drive, Unit 10:** Gary L. Munroe to Stephen P. and Regina S. Brighton, \$135,000

TOWN BRIEFS

Town Meeting registration deadline

The deadline to register to vote in order to participate in next month's Annual Andover Town Meeting is Tuesday, April 15. The town clerk's office in Town Hall will be open extended hours from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on April 15 to accommodate any last-minute registrations. 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 Shawsheen Road. The meetings will start at 7 each night. A shuttle bus will be available the first two nights of Town Meeting starting at 6:15 to take voters to and from the parking lots to the auditorium. 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.

Sen. Finegold office hours April 25

Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, and his staff will hold their monthly open office hours on Friday, April 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the first-floor activities room at Memorial

Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. Constituents are invited to meet with Finegold and his staff in the library's first-floor activities room. Finegold will also be having office hours that day at Lawrence Public Library, 51 Lawrence St., from 10 to 11 a.m.; Parker Memorial Library in Dracut, 28 Arlington St., from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; and Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St., from 3 to 4 p.m.

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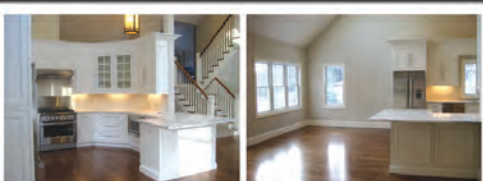
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