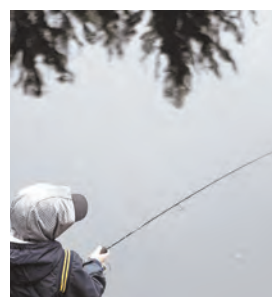




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Stage set for spending battle

Town Meeting to tackle budget, funding requests amid taxpayer concern

By **BILL KIRK**
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Town Meeting could be a contentious affair this year as cuts have left the school budget in disarray, final revenue and expense numbers are still coming



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in, and an anti-tax cadre of citizens may be planning a floor fight to take aim at line

items they feel are wasteful or misguided. With just a few days left before the start of Town Meeting on Monday, the School

Committee was still making final adjustments to its \$70 million budget on the heels of \$1.2 million in cuts forced on them by the town manager and Board of Selectmen. The committee voted Tuesday night in favor of the reduced budget, which

includes a proposal to lay off approximately 50 full- and part-time instructional assistants, or IAs, who help out with everything from monitoring recess to teaching autistic children. School Committee member Barbara L'Italien said last

week she couldn't predict what the impact of the cut would be. "It remains to be seen," she said. "These IAs, as we heard, are taking care of some of our most vulnerable students. I

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A man of character



Jim Bedford, left, Madeline Parrish, 9, and her father, Scott Parrish, all of Andover, pause to read the tribute on the newly dedicated memorial for Warren C. "Buster" Deyermund at Deyermund Park in Andover.

Deyermund's sacrifice preserved at new sports park

By **SONYA VARTABEDIAN**
Editor

Warren C. "Buster" Deyermund paid the ultimate sacrifice. He was just a month shy of his 21st birthday when he was killed while serving in the Vietnam Conflict in July 1969.

His family had expected him home in a few days. Instead, a military honor guard showed up in Andover looking for loved ones to break the news. On Saturday — amid a steady rain — about 40 to 50 of Deyermund's family, including his two brothers, gathered to witness the dedication of the

new Deyermund Park on Blanchard Street. They weren't alone. Young Little Leaguers were on hand to hear stories of Deyermund — a stellar athlete in all sports but baseball in particular, a practical joker and all-around

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Funds approved for new youth coordinator

By **BILL KIRK**
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Despite ongoing questions over exactly what an additional program coordinator will do at Andover Youth Services, the Board of Selectmen Monday night endorsed the town manager's plan to cut \$54,418 from elsewhere in the budget to support the new position. By a 4-1 vote, with Selectman Mary O'Donoghue opposed, the board approved Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski's plan to fund the AYS position by cutting \$20,000 from the accumulated benefits budget, \$15,000 from the legal department and \$19,418 from the street light account. In his original budget, Stapeczynski did not fund the position. But concern over several heroin overdose deaths last year and a rise in non-fatal overdoses this year, along with accounts of an increase in addition to painkillers and other prescription drugs among young people, led selectmen to ask Stapeczynski to add the position to next year's budget. When O'Donoghue asked Stapeczynski exactly what the

new position would do, he said it was a "mid-level position of program coordinator ... that specializes in working with groups and families, on program development and counseling. It's what the (AYS) team does already." He said the salary, at just over \$54,000, "is what you'd pay for a starting master's-level social work candidate. This is not a licensed social worker, so much as someone who is an expert working with young people and issues young people have." Stapeczynski has said in the past that the position was not intended to focus on the heroin problem, but was to be more broad-based. Bill Fahey, executive director of Andover Youth Services, said in a memo of support for the position that the responsibilities of the new employee would include "developing, implementing and coordinating diversified, youth-based programs, activities and special events while following the youth-development model." He went on to say: "Under the direction of the executive director of AYS, this

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A legacy to celebrate

Family, friends and strangers to Step Up for Colleen

By **JUDY WAKEFIELD AND SONYA VARTABEDIAN**
Staff writers

Dressed in pink visors with a Sanborn School logo, about 25 teachers from the Andover elementary school where Colleen Ritzer attended the early grades will make their way to the 5K start line at The Park on Sunday.

So will a group of parents from the same elementary school who want to show their support for the Ritzer family. A group of students — sporting their own, specially designed pink T-shirts — will travel from Stow, where the 24-year-old Ritzer landed her first teaching job out of college before going on to teach

math at Danvers High School. A preschool from Peabody will be represented as will a sizable group of Ritzer's friends and roommates from Assumption College in Worcester. An even larger contingent will come from her hometown of Andover as well as her school community in Danvers. And then there will be

those who never knew the teacher who was murdered last October, allegedly by one of her students inside Danvers High. But they have been touched by Ritzer's death and want to carry on her legacy. Such is the case with a troop of young Girl Scouts from Haverhill, who will

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Colleen Ritzer's parents, Tom and Peggie, and siblings, Dan and Laura, center, join the Assumption College community on the Worcester school's campus this past Sunday for a Remembrance Walk, Mass and tree dedication in honor of their daughter and sister who was killed last October.

Shall we dance?



Dan McDuffie, of Andover, president of the Andover Senior Community Friends, dances with Beverly Parker of Lynnfield during the Crystal Ballroom at Old Town Hall in Andover on Sunday.

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High winds down trees, cause power outages

BY BILL KIRK
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Sue Brenner had just left her house on Acropolis Circle last Thursday, April 24, and was heading north on Woburn Street. As she turned the corner, she was met with a big surprise: A tree had fallen into the street, dragging down wires, snapping a telephone pole and blocking the way.



SUE BROMBERG BRENNER/Courtesy photo
Heavy winds last week brought down this tree on Woburn Street, knocking out power and causing traffic detours for much of last Thursday.

"It happened right in front of me," she said. "It was crazy."

She said she immediately called police, but not before taking a picture to commemorate the event, which happened around 9:30 a.m.

"It was really dangerous," she said. "There were tons of wires in the road. The pole just snapped in half."

By the time she got home a short while later, the power to her home — and hundreds of others — was out.

Within a few hours, she and other area residents got their power back.

Town and utility crews made quick work of the tree, cutting it up and hauling most of it away by mid-day.

National Grid crews replaced the pole and had the utility cables hoisted back into place by early evening.

Woburn Street was blocked most of the day at two places — at Enfield Drive to the north and at Parthenon Circle

to the south. The northern detour took motorists back to Ballardvale Road. The southern detour forced motorists to turn around and go back either to Rattlesnake Hill Road or all the way to Route 125. An officer on the scene said the road was to have been reopened by 7 or 8 p.m.

While the downed tree on Woburn Street was probably the worst, it was not the only problem in town last week attributed to high winds.

A tree fell on Porter Road around 11:36 a.m., damaging a utility pole and wires. At around noon, a tree fell on Pine Street. The tree department was notified. About the same time, a tree was reported down and blocking Spring Grove Road. Utility lines were also down and National Grid responded to that situation as well.

MEETING: School Committee, selectmen debate

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do have concerns about what the impacts are going to be. I do think there's going to be pain involved."

However, she said, she doesn't expect a fight on town meeting floor to restore school funding, if it comes to that.

"It's possible, but highly unlikely," she said. "It would take an organized group of people to do that. In North Andover, there were floor fights over the school budget in the past, but it's a very divisive process. It's anyone's right to do it, but it's divisive."

Proposal fails

During a selectmen's meeting Monday night, the School Committee nearly got a reprieve when Selectman Dan Kowalski held out an olive branch in the midst of an argumentative budget process. He made a lengthy speech about how selectmen may have over-reached in their effort to cut the budget, causing severe, unexpected pain in the School Department.

He then offered to restore \$200,000 in funding to the School Department to help alleviate the impact of the original cut.

His proposal was seconded by Selectman Brian Major, at which point a heated debate ensued over the purpose of Kowalski's measure.

"So the rationale for this is frustration over the budget process?" Selectman Mary O'Donoghue asked.

Kowalski replied: "My proposal was not as a result of frustration with the budget process. My proposal was the

"It's shocking how we can spend 45 minutes on a dog park, yet... a \$160 million budget just gets rubber-stamped."

Bob Landry, townofandover.com

result of late-in-the-process policy changes that should have been part of the discussion at the time we made it. We made a late policy decision that we as a board should have communicated prior to the point we did."

He was referring to selectmen's decision to cut \$600,000 from the budget, including \$400,000 from the school budget and another \$200,000 from the town budget — a decision that he said put additional stress on the schools.

But Kowalski's amendment failed on a 2-3 vote, with O'Donoghue joined by selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli and Paul Salafia in opposition. Salafia said after the meeting he voted against giving the schools more money because he wants to send a message that the spendthrift days of yesteryear are over. "It's time we draw the line," he said. "We didn't single out the schools. We asked all town departments to cut back. It's time we started to set the tone to save as much as possible every year."

Townofandover.com takes aim at town finances

While selectmen and the School Committee continue hashing out the budget, a semi-organized group of people in Andover are also targeting spending, although not necessarily in the schools.

Bob Landry, a local resident

who runs a company that specializes in health care issues, started a website a year or so ago called "townofandover.com," with the stated mission of providing transparency in local government. Landry worked closely with the late Greg Rigby, who died in February, to post information about all sorts of internal and external town government decisions.

He is continuing that work himself and has been meeting with other groups around town to come up with a strategy on how to approach Town Meeting. An online survey went up last week to gauge voter interest on issues headed to Town Meeting.

Last year, members of his group nearly succeeded in cutting the town's health insurance budget — falling just 87 votes shy.

This year, with more members and more information on its website, the group has created a loosely organized coalition of like-minded people whose members will take turns at Town Meeting in an effort to cut the budget, Landry said.

"It's shocking how we can spend 45 minutes on a dog park, yet Article 4 — a \$160 million budget — just gets rubber-stamped," he said. "The budget gets put up and people just go along. The choice is either: 'Choose the budget or we have no police or fire department.'

"Dog parks are important, but not as important as the \$160 million we spend on the town budget."

Landry said if nothing else, he wants to promote more discussion about costly expenses.

"Our view is that there needs to be a more robust form of debate," he said. "Town Meeting should be full of debate and amendments with active discussion on Article 4 (the budget)."

He said that while selectmen did trim more than \$1 million from the budget, the question remains: "Did they go far enough? Are citizens in town satisfied? Residents are going to take matters into their own hands."

As such, he expects amendments to be proposed on the use of \$1.5 million in free cash to shore up the so-called OPEB account, which funds non-pension benefits to retired town workers.

"Taxpayers shouldn't pay a dime until the system is reformed in a major way," he said. "It's a retirement benefit; why shouldn't it work just like a pension?"

He said members of his group, which is drawing from a variety of disenfranchised, overtaxed residents, may also tackle more specific items in the budget, such as the hiring of employees, including a new person in the Police Department to handle gun permits and a program coordinator for Andover Youth Services, and an unapproved lease by the School Department for new computers.

"Nobody in our group is thinking of anything Draconian," Landry said. "It's really just a handful of targeted amendments."

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individual would focus on non-fee, support programs including outreach, one-on-one counseling, creative prevention, resource coordination, community forums and group workshops on specific issues like mental health, divorce and substance abuse."

O'Donoghue said she voted

against the proposal because she was unclear on what the position was supposed to do.

"I think people have voted for a position they think is something else," she said. "I asked Buzz what it was. It's an additional support function in the department. It's not specifically dedicated for addiction-related cases. ... We are expanding a department here."

"The police chief spoke two weeks before about the need for a dedicated person.

But we are talking about somebody quite different, I think."

Selectman Dan Kowalski said it's not the job of the Board of Selectmen to dictate a job description to a town department. He said the board's job is to set policy direction.

"One of the things we learned in this process is that if there are policy decisions that need to be made, the board needs to be part of the discussion," he said. He

noted that in Fahey's original budget request, he sought approval for a program coordinator and a clerk. Stapeczynski recommended funding for the clerk, not the program coordinator.

During a budget hearing earlier this year, Fahey told selectmen he would rather have the higher-level position, which was new information to board members, who had been relying on statements from Stapeczynski about the needs of the department.

"Bill (Fahey) said he wanted the higher-level position, so why was the town manager going with the lower-level position?" Kowalski asked. "I was taken aback we weren't allocating resources to what was a valuable position in the community. It was my intention to raise the subject again. We heard all kinds of community feedback in support of the position."

He applauded Fahey for zealously arguing his position.

"I'm sure they will be focusing on addiction-related items and the needs of young people," he said. "This is innovation, which is great."

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RITZER: Fundraiser walk will be this Sunday

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be among a few thousand or more expected to travel to Andover Sunday for the first Step Up for Colleen 5K.

Jessica McGinley, who works at the Double Tree in Danvers, said her hotel offered a corporate sponsorship. But she and her fellow leaders of Haverhill Girl Scout Troop 65340 decided to take it one step further.

Every year, the girls, who are 8 and 9 years old, do a 5K walk as a group. This year, the leaders, including Jean Savvas, Melissa Piraino as well as McGinley, proposed they register for the one in memory of Ritzer.

"A lot of our girls want to be teachers and be an inspiration to others," McGinley said. "We thought this would be a good opportunity for them."

In making their decision, the troop met to talk about the teacher adored by many and what she could represent to the girls. McGinley said Scout Rylie Watson suggested that participating in the Step Up for Colleen was important because it was part of the Girl Scout Promise and Law — which says Girl Scouts are "friendly and helpful, considerate and caring and make the world a better place."

"All these characteristics are things Colleen lived by every day. And that is why we choose to celebrate her life. She is an inspiration to not only her students, but to the students she has never met," McGinley shared on behalf of her troop.

Race organizer Nina Caron said that message is the main motivation behind Sunday's event.

Caron, whose family lived on Sioux Circle for many years in the same neighborhood as the Ritzers, said the intention is to do something positive so that Ritzer's legacy lives on in others.



Courtesy photo

A Girl Scout troop from Haverhill chose the Step Up for Colleen 5K as its charitable event this year, with the goal of modeling their lives after the young teacher and the values she embodied.



Courtesy photo

A team of students from Hale Middle School in Stow, where Ritzer had her first teaching job out of college, will be sporting this specially designed shirt for Sunday's Step Up for Colleen 5K.

"She had a gift of bringing out the best in others. We are coming together to celebrate that," Caron, a competitive runner, said.

This past Sunday, Ritzer's parents, siblings and other family members joined with the Assumption community for a Mass and special tree dedication, followed by a Remembrance Walk in honor of the 2011 graduate.

Ritzer's college roommate, Caroline Rufo, who helped to organize the day's events, said about 250 to 300 people took part. During the tree dedication, the cloudy, rain-filled skies gave way to sunshine, she said, and many couldn't

help but think Ritzer had something to do with that.

"She was just a great person. Absolutely everybody was drawn to her," Rufo said. "I've been trying to channel my energy into all the positive things that was Colleen, to emulate her because that's how I want to live my life."

Now, many of those same people at Assumption will be traveling to Andover this Sunday.

Caron expects that amid the tears, there will be a lot of pink for Ritzer in honor of her favorite color and love for her family.

"We are remembering a beautiful girl," Caron said through tears.



Colleen Ritzer

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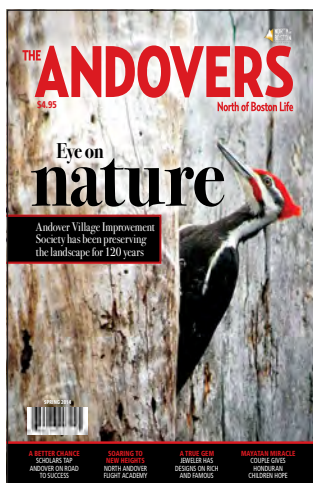
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Carolyn Smith Hazlett, 71

July 28, 1942 — March 27, 2014

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Carolyn was a proud mother of two sons and wonderful aunt to 12 nieces and nephews. In addition to being a nurse, Carolyn was always joining community groups and even started her own. In the early

90s, Carolyn started "Dinner for Eight," one of the first singles dinner service in her town of Andover, Mass. Later in her life, she joined a group called Tong Ren, which is a form of energy therapy for restoring health and vitality. Through this group, Carolyn met people who would become near and dear to her heart and give her the strength to fight her battle with cancer. If you would like to contact the family, you may call Carolyn's sister, Bonnie at 774-254-3583. **ARRANGEMENTS:** A celebration of Carolyn's life will be held on Saturday, May 17, at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter St., Norwood, Mass. Prior to that, a private interment will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Walpole. **Ginley Funeral Home - Walpole** (www.ginleyfuneralhomes.com).

Teresa Milora

April 2, 2014

ANDOVER — Teresa M. Milora, formerly of Vine Street, Hazleton, passed away Wednesday in her son's home in Andover. Born in Hazleton, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Maria (La-Rocca) Corra.

resided, and Stanley Milora Jr. and his wife, Mary Catherine, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; grandchildren, James Milora, Lynn Smith and her husband, Matt, Joseph Milora and his wife Suzanne, Lisa Giordano and her husband, Michael, and Kara Dulin and her husband Scott; great-grandchildren, Anna, Rachel, and Ryan Smith, Anthony and Isabella Milora, and Ella Dulin; and numerous nieces and nephews. **ARRANGEMENTS:** Her funeral was held on Tuesday, April 8, at 9 a.m. from the Joseph A. Moran Funeral Home, 229 W. 12th St., Hazleton, Pa. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated by her great-nephew, Father Anthony Generose at 9:30 a.m. in Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of Grace Church, Hazleton. Burial was in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, Hazleton. Teresa was loved, and will be missed by many.

She was a seamstress and a homemaker. She enjoyed reading, following the Boston Red Sox and the Penn State Nittany Lions, and, most of all, spending time with her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, were her husband, Stanley Milora in 1983; brothers, Louis, John, Charles, and Nicholas Corra; and sisters, Jenny Klatch, Elizabeth Evangelista, Dana Ledger, Catherine Diana, Viola Vacante, and Beatrice Kasulin. Surviving are her sons, Carmen Milora, with whom she

resided, and Stanley Milora Jr. and his wife, Mary Catherine, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; grandchildren, James Milora, Lynn Smith and her husband, Matt, Joseph Milora and his wife Suzanne, Lisa Giordano and her husband, Michael, and Kara Dulin and her husband Scott; great-grandchildren, Anna, Rachel, and Ryan Smith, Anthony and Isabella Milora, and Ella Dulin; and numerous nieces and nephews. **ARRANGEMENTS:** Her funeral was held on Tuesday, April 8, at 9 a.m. from the Joseph A. Moran Funeral Home, 229 W. 12th St., Hazleton, Pa. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated by her great-nephew, Father Anthony Generose at 9:30 a.m. in Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of Grace Church, Hazleton. Burial was in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, Hazleton. Teresa was loved, and will be missed by many.

James E. McConnell, 67

September 4, 1946 — April 12, 2014

Lifelong Sports Enthusiast

ANDOVER — James E. McConnell, 67, of Andover and formerly Reading, died unexpectedly on April 12.



Born in Medford on Sept. 4, 1946, he was the beloved son of the late James and Adeline (Amoroso) McConnell of Reading. For over 35 years until his retirement, he was employed at WR Grace & Co. in Cambridge and Lexington. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Jim enjoyed Celtics season tickets for many years, and was an avid fan of Boston sports teams. He is survived by his seven siblings, Thomas and wife Teri of Bellbrook Ohio, Mary O'Malley and husband James

of Boxford, Kathy Phaneuf and husband, Jerry of Andover, Deborah Perry and husband, Richard of Andover, David Wakefield, Kenneth and wife, Tricia of Pepperell, Chris of Stoneham, and sister-in-law, Jill McConnell of Andover. A proud uncle of 12 nieces and nephews, and a great-uncle of five, Jim is also survived by aunts, uncles, and many cousins. **ARRANGEMENTS:** His funeral was held on Tuesday from the McDonald Funeral Home, Wakefield. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Jim's name to AccesSport America www.accessportamerica.org.

Tom Curtin, 59

December 2, 1954 — April 23, 2014

ANDOVER — Tom Curtin, 59, of Andover, died unexpectedly, Monday April 23, 2014. He was born in Chicago, and raised in Andover. Tom was the son of Violet Curtin and Thomas H. Curtin (deceased), of Andover. He attended St. Augustine's School, Andover High, UM-ass Dartmouth, and Fort Lewis College in Colorado. He had been a longtime employee of Raytheon before moving on to other employment in the technology field.



He attended St. Augustine's School, Andover High, UM-ass Dartmouth, and Fort Lewis College in Colorado. He had been a longtime employee of Raytheon before moving on to other employment in the technology field. Tom was an avid lifelong skier, enjoyed tennis, kayaking and spending time with his extended family and friends every summer at the family cottage on Lake Winnepesaukee. He had a great sense of humor, was kind, and was always a pleasure to be around. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by his mother, Violet Curtin of Andover; his sister, Beth Bysheim and her

husband, Jim, of Anchorage, Alaska; his brother, Mike Curtin and his wife, Allyson, and their children, Lara and John of Merrimac; his sister, Judy Curtin of Andover; his brother, Mark Curtin and his wife, Barbara and their children, Nick, Noah (deceased) and Sophie, of Andover; his brother, Robert Curtin and his wife, Kris, and their daughter, Liz, of Lakeville, Minn. Numerous cousins, aunts and uncles, scattered around the country, will also miss him. **ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial followed in West Parish Cemetery, Andover. Memorial contributions can be made to a charity of your choice in Tom's name. To leave condolences for the family, or for directions, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Residents on alert in wake of break-ins

By BILL KIRK

"If you see something, say something."

That message, conveyed by police to residents during an April 15 neighborhood meeting on house breaks, has been heard — loud and clear.

Since nearly 300 people packed the auditorium of Wood Hill Middle and High Plain Elementary schools last month, there have been a dozen or more calls to police from jittery residents.

"We've gotten some calls from people," Commander Charles Heseltine, department spokesman, said. "It's worked out great. Unfortunately, nothing has panned out."

Calls from residents concerned about what is going on in their neighborhoods started coming in two days after the meeting was held.

On April 17, someone called to tell police there was a suspicious truck parked in her neighbor's driveway on Joseph Street in the middle of the day — a time when burglars like to strike because there's usually nobody home. Police checked and found it was a lawn company truck chemically treating the yard.

The following Sunday, a red motor vehicle was reported suspiciously circling the Endicott Road neighborhood at 5:52 a.m. Police checked the area, but found nothing.

That same day, a Lovejoy Road resident reported a suspicious motor vehicle parked outside her house at 1:33 p.m. Police checked and determined it was a private investigator.

Whatever it is, police want to know. "We like getting the phone calls," Heseltine said.

"We'd rather be safe than sorry. We'll check it out and make sure it's legitimate."

Last week, more calls came in.

Om April 22, police spoke to a contractor who was standing in the driveway of a Stouffer Circle home at 10:49 a.m. The contractor told police he was waiting for the homeowner so he could give him an estimate for a decking job.

Then a Lowell Street resident called at 5:47 p.m. to report that someone came to his house saying that his car had run out of gas. The caller told police he thought the man was "checking out his house."

On Thursday, April 24, someone called from Mohawk Road at 1:22 p.m. about three people, including a woman in her 20s, in a suspicious maroon or red car, possibly a Hyundai, with New Hampshire plates. Police checked the area, but nothing turned up.

The following day, they were called to check on a suspicious car, a Honda, parked on Doyle Circle at 11:45 p.m.

Police had told residents to be on the lookout for strange cars parked in cul-de-sacs because that is often where drug deals occur. Police located the car, which had no occupants, and learned it belonged to someone living on an adjacent street.

Last Saturday, four males were reported in a car on Pepperidge Circle at 10:24 a.m. Police checked the area, but couldn't find them.

Later that day, a suspicious-looking pickup truck was reportedly parked in someone's driveway on Forrest Hill Drive at 11:28 a.m. Police checked, but again found nothing.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BILL KIRK

Arrests

WEDNESDAY
Four people were arrested at the Mobil station on River Road around 2:45 p.m. and charged with possession of Class A drugs. Arrested were Heather Keating, 20, of 838 Ames Hill Drive, Tewksbury; Courtne LeBlanc, 21, of 10 Dadant Drive, Wilmington; Shawn Heseltine, 30, of 15 Third Ave., Lowell; and Alyssa Boisvert, 25, of 15 Third Ave., Lowell. Commander Charles Heseltine said detectives noticed drug activity in the car. They were all arrested at the scene.

THURSDAY

Aaron Espinosa, 35, of 33 Cottage St., Apt. 3, Lynn, was charged at 10:29 p.m. at Interstates 495 and Route 28 with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

SUNDAY

Ashley Hernandez, 22, who is reportedly homeless, was arrested at 550 Minute-man Road around 2:18 a.m. and charged on a warrant for trespassing. She said she was having abdominal pain and was taken to Lawrence General Hospital.

Jane Osinski, 52, of 6 Trumpeters Lane, Andover, was arrested around 3:15 p.m. on the ramp from I-495 to Route 114 and charged with operating under the influence of liquor, failure to stop for police, an open container violation, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating with a revoked registration. Police were alerted by someone living on Trevino Circle. Her car was towed by Elm Street Auto.

Bryan Quealy, 53, of 40 Roosevelt Ave., Danvers, was arrested around 4:30 p.m. on North Main Street and charged with operating under the influence of liquor, third offense. The Fire Department ambulance also responded. His vehicle was towed by Elm Street Auto.

Thefts

THURSDAY

At 2 p.m., a car was reported stolen from McKenney Circle sometime overnight. The vehicle was recovered in Lawrence.

Incidents

TUESDAY

A 30-year-old male was reportedly "unresponsive" at a home on Matthew Street at 8:57 a.m. The Fire Department Rescue Squad transported him to Lawrence General Hospital.

A caller reported a possible phone scam at 12:22 p.m. The North Street resident reported that someone called and said her "loan was approved" and he had all the information he needed. However, the woman hadn't applied for a loan. The caller then hung up and she called police.

A hawk was hit by a car

and flopping around at the intersection of Greenwood Road and Lowell Street at around 2 p.m. Animal control was notified that the bird expired.

WEDNESDAY

An unattended death was reported in an apartment on Washington Park Drive at 10:21 a.m. after the man's sister came to the station to request a well-being check on her brother. Police investigated and notified TIPS. Detectives responded to the scene.

A tree was reported down at 12 Marland Place around 5 p.m. The tree reportedly took out telephone and power cables. Utility companies were called.

A 911 call came in around 9:55 p.m. that alarms were going off on Shawnee Circle. Police checked and found smoke alarms had been thrown away in the garbage outside the house. The officer removed the batteries.

THURSDAY

A caller from Sevilla Road reported at 9:54 a.m. that he saw a tent and propane tanks in the woods behind his house. Police investigated and found it was a hunting blind.

An employee of Next Generation Children's Center, 516 South Main St., reported at 5 p.m. that a male picking up his child may have been intoxicated. He was reportedly driving a gray BMW. Police are investigating.

FRIDAY

Police assisted the Fire Department on a report of a brush fire on Marwood Drive at 11:35 a.m. Fire officials said it was very minor and put it out quickly.

A person walked into the police station around 2 p.m. to report that he had been bitten by a dog the previous day on Whittier Street.

A case with a hypodermic needle and a spoon, possible drug paraphernalia, was found on Shawsheen Road around 5 p.m. Police disposed of the material.

SATURDAY

An employee of CVS called around 12:52 a.m. to report that four males were in the store who appeared to be intoxicated. One of the people was yelling at a store worker. Police checked the area, but couldn't find them.

An employee of a respite program on Lowell Street called police to report a missing client who left around 11:30 p.m. The man, wearing blue clothes with white sneakers, was schizophrenic and mentally disabled, according to the police log. He was found in North Andover soon after and returned to the home by 12:40 a.m.

A livery driver reported that a male fare refused to pay after a trip to Andover Street at around 6:57 p.m. The driver told police he kept the man's computer and several other items as collateral. Police are investigating.

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Herbal supplement causes IRS mail room lockdown

By BILL KIRK

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A powder found on someone's tax return resulted in about 20 people being locked in a mail room at the IRS facility on Lowell Street for two hours last week until authorities could determine the substance was actually herbal medicine.

Local police and fire officials, state hazardous materials experts and federal agents with the U.S. Treasury Department converged on the 310 Lowell St. complex on Tuesday, April 22, after a call came in around 6

p.m. that a "brown or white powder" had caused a "lockdown" in the mail room.

Deputy Fire Chief Al Delotto said 20 IRS employees had to remain in the room where the material was found until it could be tested and agents could contact the person who sent it.

While the state's Hazardous Materials team was testing the material and a brown capsule it was contained in, agents for the U.S. inspector general of the Treasury Department contacted the sender, who was a woman from Florida.

"The sender ID'd it, saying

it was consistent with an herbal supplement they use that must have rolled into the envelope when they were mailing their taxes," said Jennifer Mieth, a spokeswoman for the state HazMat team, which is part of the Department of Public Safety. "The HazMat team found no threat. The explanation was consistent with the item."

"It was nothing harmful," she added. "It was the best possible outcome."

Mieth said she didn't expect any charges would be filed. She said the material was sent to the state

bioterrorism lab just in case, "to make sure it is what everybody thinks it is."

"You can't take chances with IRS documents," Delotto said. "Between our

(state) HazMat team and the agents who tracked down the mailer, a lot of work got done in a short amount of time."

The employees who were in the room when the

envelope was opened were ordered to stay put during the two-hour incident. The rest of the IRS facility, which employs more than 3,000 people, was not affected.

Democratic primary in store for Senate seat

By BILL KIRK

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It looks like there will be a Democratic primary in the state Senate race.

Andover School Committee member Barbara L'Italien of 5 Harper Circle has turned in the 300 signatures necessary to get on the ballot.

She is expected to face off against two Lawrence residents — Pavel Payano of 596 Haverhill St., a member of the Lawrence School Committee, and Doris Rodriguez of 121 Stearns Ave. — provided they both got the required number of signatures filed

and certified by yesterday's deadline.

On the Republican side, Andover Board of Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli of 7 Alison Way will have clear sailing to the final election in November.

The Second Essex and Middlesex Senatorial District is comprised of Tewksbury, Dracut, Lawrence and Andover.

Candidates were required to turn in the signatures of 300 registered voters from the district to the town clerks in all four towns by Tuesday afternoon.

The candidates are

running for the seat being vacated by Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, who is campaigning for state treasurer.

The primary is Tuesday, Sept. 9, and the final election will be Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The state representative candidates for this area are currently unopposed. In the 17th Essex Representative District, the candidate will be incumbent Frank Moran, D-Lawrence.

In the 18th Essex Representative District, the candidate will be Republican incumbent James Lyons Jr. of 12 High Vale Lane, Andover.

Household hazardous waste collection May 17

A household hazardous waste collection day will be held Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Elementary School, 60 Beacon St., Andover.

Items to be accepted include: oil-based paints only, varnishes, stains, solvents, mercury items, pressurized cans, waste oil, gasoline, pool chemicals, herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, mercury items, lead acid batteries, rechargeable and button batteries, photographic chemicals and household cleaning products.

People should not bring explosives, tires, seed, soaps and detergents, latex paints, alkaline batteries, appliances of any kinds including microwaves, computers, televisions, stereos and radios and any lightbulbs including fluorescents.

The fee, payable by cash or check, is \$10 per car for each 25 gallons or pounds of disposals or \$5 a car for each 10 gallons or pounds. Propane tanks will be accepted for \$10 for a 20-gallon, grill-size one, \$5 for a small-size one. Proof

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Aubrey Davis, 2, of North Andover, whose grandmother was a first cousin of Warren C. Deyermund, stands with a flag during the national anthem during a dedication ceremony for Deyermund Park. For excerpts from the featured speakers' remarks at Saturday's dedication ceremony, see andovertownsmam.com.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Members of Andover Little League look at a memorial during a dedication ceremony for Warren C. Deyermund at Deyermund Park in Andover.

DEYERMOND: Park dedicated to Andover's last wartime casualty

Continued from Page 1

good guy. Many of those stories were told by grown men who were once Little Leaguers themselves who shared the ballfields of Andover with Deyermund.

Former classmates and friends of Deyermund, including John Gaunt, Tom McCullom, Steve Trachym and Tom and Jeri Marjerison, remembered a young man they all admired and enjoyed growing up with.

"He was just terrific — a great, great kid," they recalled.

U.S. Army Major General John Deyermund, who also grew up in Andover and is among the highest-ranking members of the military to come out of town, compared his cousin to baseball great Ted Williams — a man who demonstrated unique talent and love of country, whether serving in the military or swinging the bat.

"When I think of Buster, I think of a young man who enjoyed life," John Deyermund said. "You always knew where Buster was coming from. No hidden agendas, no attempt at one-upmanship. You felt good just to be around him.

"In a word, Buster had character. In life, character counts."

John Deyermund said



Courtesy photo

Select players from each of the 12 Andover Little League Majors teams took part in a seven-inning sandlot scrimmage game on Saturday to christen the new ballfields at Deyermund Park. Mike Garofalo coached the National League team and Scott Nichols coached the American League team. The 10- to 12-year-olds had fun celebrating the long-awaited opening of the Blanchard Street fields.

service was and remains a way of life in his family. He said his cousin felt the obligation to serve even during a time when it was unpopular to do so.

"Buster showed me how to lead by example, to place the welfare of your subordinates above your own, maintain high moral standards and put being right ahead of being popular," he said.

"I tried to follow these values during my 35-year military career," he said, adding his family could think of "no

more fitting tribute to honor Buster and to keep his memory alive then to dedicate this park in his memory by recognizing his love of sports and service to his country."

Andover Townsman columnist Bill Dalton described his childhood friend as the kind of person people remembered.

"Buster has been gone for 45 years, but he positively influenced more people than any young man I ever knew," Dalton said. "People loved Buster and Buster loved

people." Dalton said Deyermund was "tough as nails," yet possessed a "quiet toughness" that people admired.

"He'd not only stand up for anybody, he'd stand up to anybody when it was the right thing to do," he said.

Director of Veteran Services Michael Burke led the official dedication that included the Color Guard of the Lawrence Army Jr. ROTC, the Andover Police Department Color Guard, American Legion Post 8



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

U.S. Army Major General John Deyermund, Retired, cousin to Warren C. Deyermund, speaks during the dedication ceremony for Deyermund Park in Andover.

Andover Honor Detail and Essex County Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

Andover High School student Peter Riley Jr. sang the national anthem and Vietnam veteran Robert Johnson of Andover, a member of the Clan MacPherson Pipes and Drums, played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

In addition to honoring Deyermund, Andover Little League president Scott Nichols announced that former league president Len

Ferris, who dedicated hundreds of hours to see the park come to fruition, was being honored by having the Field A home dugout named after him.

But Saturday was primarily about remembering the last war casualty from Andover. Burke said he hopes that does not change.

"I pray to the heavenly Father to watch over and provide us with the good graces that we never have to meet in this capacity again," he told the crowd.

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Opinion

Town Meeting could be very lively this year

Town Meeting this year could be worth the price of admission.

All year long, town residents have been complaining that property taxes are too high, that town and school payrolls are bloated with too many overpaid employees and that post-employment benefits like pensions and retiree health care are leaving a legacy of unsustainable spending for future generations.

While there have been similar complaints in the past, it seems this year people are finally taking action. The local watchdog group that runs townofandover.com — really just a couple of guys interested in civic affairs — has opened the door on town spending for many local residents. There, people can see in vivid black and white, and some color, how much money town employees earn each year. They can read about the town's pension liability, how much money is being spent on municipal projects and participate in surveys on town spending.

The website clearly tapped a nerve in town. Soon after people got their property tax bills in February, local officials were getting calls and hearing comments from town residents about how their taxes had skyrocketed from past bills. The reason is that the payments on the \$50 million Bancroft School were just starting to hit tax bills — with the average going up by about \$100 per household.

It soon became clear that the tax burden wasn't going down anytime soon, either, as more projects and additional payments on Bancroft would be continuing for many years to come.

Selectmen took notice. They began talking about fiscal restraint. They began looking at the impact of so-called "FTEs," or full-time equivalents, realizing that hiring someone at 20 hours a week or more for more than 10 years left them permanently tied to Andover's long-term viability as a municipal entity. Hiring now meant paying pensions and health care for those employees later.

When the town manager revealed his annual budget, he had proposed five new FTEs. Selectmen said they were shocked. Somehow, the message hadn't gone out that the board was in a cost-containment mode. Then the school department struck, proposing to add another nine new employees, on top of the new employees it hired last year.

Selectmen promptly cut \$600,000 from the budget, with \$400,000 from the schools and \$200,000 from the town, in an effort to send a message that new hiring would not be accepted in this year's budget.

Mary O'Donoghue was swept into office in March making promises that under her watch, new hiring would be stopped. She has been true to her word, refusing to vote in favor of any budget item that calls for new hiring. Although it may be unpopular, she even voted against funding for a new drug counselor at Andover Youth Services.

This spirit of cost-cutting is likely to spill over into Town Meeting. As townofandover.com founder Bob Landry asked in this week's Townsman, "Did they (selectmen and the Finance Committee) go far enough?" He doesn't think so. He wants to see further cuts and has been urging like-minded folks in town to attend Town Meeting and propose amendments to the budget that remove what they see as costly, unnecessary items.

If that happens, it could get "divisive" at Town Meeting, as School Committee member Barbara L'Italien said in this week's Townsman.

But is that a bad thing? We don't think so. Government isn't supposed to be neat and tidy. There are supposed to be disagreements, which is why compromise exists. In Andover, fortunately, people may disagree, but they do so mostly without rancor. Constructive dialogue leads to creative solutions. So here's to a robust, and productive, Town Meeting 2014.

WEB QUESTION

This Week's Question

What are the best ways to increase participation in Town Meeting?

- Do what North Andover does and make child care available so parents can drop off their kids while they attend the meeting.
- Provide a way to participate via the Internet or TV, also like North Andover is doing this year.
- Schedule Town Meeting for Saturday and/or Sunday.
- Allow people to vote on issues using absentee ballots.
- Provide incentives, like food, gift bags or door prizes.
- Other ideas:

Last Week's Question

For the last two weeks, we asked: Should the town fund a social worker at Andover Youth Services to help families struggling with heroin and other opiate addiction issues? A total of 146 votes were cast.

YES. It's an issue that's too important to ignore. 63 votes, or about 42 percent.

YES. AYS is underfunded and needs extra staffing anyway. 10 votes, or about 10 percent.

NO. Heroin and opiate addiction are not that big of a deal. 5 votes, or about 4 percent.

NO. The town needs to save money and stop hiring people. 68 votes, or about 44 percent.

MOVING TRIBUTE



STEPHEN PORTER/Courtesy Photo

Phillips Academy veterans, students and faculty members together with Navy SEAL colleagues of Lt. Commander Erik Kristensen came together last Friday night to honor the memory and sacrifice of the fallen PA alumnus. The 1991 graduate of Phillips was serving as a U.S. Navy SEAL when his helicopter was shot down on June 28, 2005, during an ill-fated rescue mission at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. The evening began with a memorial service and ended with a screening of "Lone Survivor," the film depicting the mission known as Operation Redwing that took the life of Kristensen and 18 other military personnel. Kristensen's parents, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Edward Kristensen, U.S. Navy (retired), were among those who attended.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teachers union leader bemoans staff cuts

Editor, Townsman:

As the president of the Andover Education Association, I am compelled to comment on the nature of the imposed \$1.4 million reduction to the superintendent's budget request. A school system is a human service endeavor that requires personnel to deliver that service to our children. That personnel costs are a significant portion of the budget should come as no surprise. However, this fact seems to have eluded some members of the Board of Selectman and Finance Committee based on the rhetoric I read in the papers and witness as an audience member at the Tri-Board hearings.

It is very true that employees expect to be paid and must be paid benefits as dictated by law at 20 hours a week. Budget reductions of this magnitude can only be attained by reducing personnel. There is no other line item that can bear that cut. Teachers were cut three years ago and most additions made since then are replacements as class sizes continue to grow. The current budget will reduce 40 full-time-equivalent assistants. This amounts to 63 people, many of whom are Andover residents, who will not be working with our children in the Andover schools.

Our instructional assistants play an invaluable role in our school community with a very modest remuneration, a role for which computer-driven instruction or surveillance cameras to monitor safety are poor substitutes for human interaction.

I ask the residents of Andover to evaluate the value of these cuts in person and urge the Board of Selectman and the Finance Committee to return to the table and engage in a transparent discussion of projected town revenues as Town Meeting approaches.

KERRY A. COSTELLO
President
Andover Education Association

Loss of instructional assistants will be felt

Editor, Townsman:

As the Board of Selectman and Finance Committee ponder the elimination of approximately 63 instructional assistants in our schools, I want to tell how that impacts my school, where I work as an instructional assistant.

This proposal will either eliminate or devastate our Great Leaps Reading support program and our before-school math support program. Both programs target children who are not special needs, but who are struggling in math or reading for whatever reasons — confidence, attention issues, English as a second language, etc. Cutbacks will also decimate the differentiated reading level program we have in grades 1 and 2 for all students who are not special needs.

In addition, we provide support to those children who struggle with the social skills, not only in the classroom but particularly the playground by helping them interact with others and express their frustrations in more positive ways. We are there on the playground not only to ensure that our children play safely, but to ensure our children's safety from strangers. We are all part of the team in our school's Crisis Plan. Whether it is a fire drill making sure all the children are out safely or God forbid a "shelter in place" or total evacuation of the building; we are there assisting over 300 students ranging in ages 3½ to 8 years.

As a member of the team of educators at my school, instructional assistants fill the gaps when and where they are needed. I have touched on only a few areas that will be impacted. However, the most impact will be to our most vulnerable, the children.

On a more personal note, I want to say that as a parent of a special-needs student who just graduated with his diploma from Andover last year, it never would have happened if not for the support and dedication of his instructional assistants. They not only helped him but provided me information regarding his studies and home assignments. They were paramount to his success.

MARY JO GUSTUS
Fern Road

Drug counselor 'more pound-wise than penny-foolish'

Editor, Townsman:

There is, in fact, a drug problem in Andover and elsewhere. There are costs to that, for the abusers, their families and their communities. Those costs can be measured in money as well as heartbreak.

Appointing a drug

counselor to Andover Youth Services acknowledges the problem and addresses it. That, alone, makes it worthwhile. It may also even be cost-effective, both for town government and families, making the expense far more pound-wise than penny-foolish.

MICHAEL KEMPSTER
132 Holt Road

Countless needs far exceed available funds

Editor, Townsman:

On the front page of the April 24th Townsman, we read the article, "School cuts target teacher aides" and were moved that the "proposed budget remedy brings staff to tears." Clearly these staff members are deeply committed to their work and the children they work with.

This article certainly highlights the difficulties many people encounter when their needs exceed resources available, and hard choices are not far behind. Who doesn't want to provide quality services for all school children ... but at what cost or personal price for citizens in the town, who also may have needs that exceed resources available, especially as real estate taxes climb higher and higher every year. How many lifelong residents now must leave "home" because escalating Andover taxes make "staying" a financial impossibility?

When I read about the autistic child Zoe Porter has a relationship with or when I hear about a 20-something vet returning home, but without her legs and not enough money for prosthetic care, or thousands of homeless, helpless animals euthanized in shelters every year, it is the same theme over and over: legitimate and important needs exceeding available resources. For many, this is just an endless reality.

Yet, somehow, it seems that this reality of needs exceeding resources traditionally has not applied to the Andover School Department (and other public-sector town departments); it's just not a reality they have to or should have to deal with. There seems to be some fantastical myth that Andover citizens have endless amounts of money that they are happy to pay out in taxes ... just forget about the 20-something vet and the thousands of euthanized animals.

The bottom line, and a hard line to swallow, is there is no endless supply of money in Andover or in

many other cities and towns across this nation. While the plight of children with important needs, the hundreds of permanently wounded veterans and the thousands of euthanized homeless animals all bring tears to my eyes, the hard truth is there is still no endless money no matter how compelling the need.

Thank God someone in Andover realizes this, and has had the courage to deal with this reality and make a very hard choice.

JANE AXELROD AND ROY DOBBELAAR

Note: Address withheld at writers' request

Youth Services counselor would offer sensible prevention

Editor, Townsman:

In referring to a proposal to spend \$60,000 for an experienced substance abuse counselor, Andover should do it. As a case worker in New York City in the mid-1960s and early 1970s, I've had my share of consoling parents because of their offspring's early demise due to an overdose.

The answer from New York State to the problem of drug abuse in those days was the Rockefeller Program shielding society by locking abusers up. We could do that here, but society would benefit by having a sensible prevention program.

The big push for a youth center should include personnel who recognize the dangers of abuse in any form. Then and only then will that money be well spent.

ROBERT STEFANI
South Main Street

Property tax increases unsustainable

Editor, Townsman:

While many support continued large tax increases, we might be facing a tipping point. According to IRS data, from tax years 2001 through 2011 (the latest year available), the average income of returns from ZIP code 01810 increased from \$115,000 to \$148,000. About a 29-percent increase.

Over the same time period, the average property tax (according to Finance Committee data) increased from \$4,720 to \$7,480. About a 58-percent increase.

Despite good intentions, we can't continue to grow property taxes at twice the rate of household incomes.

BOB FRIEDENSON
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TownsBeat

Casting season

Annual children's derby proves good fishing for all

The fish were certainly biting Saturday for the Andover Sportsmen's Club's 65th annual Children's Fishing Derby.

Avid and amateur anglers got a jump on the day, casting into Sudden Pond inside Harold Parker State Forest as early as 6



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the biggest catch of the day. The Sportsmen's Association supplied all bait and provided food as well.

The weather may have been damp and raw, with temperatures in the 40s. But it didn't stop the fish from taking the bait — hook, line and sinker.

a.m.

The event was open to youngsters ages 15 and under who competed for trophies, including one for



Shane Patrick, 12, of Andover casts his line during the 65th annual Andover Fishing Derby on Saturday at Sudden Pond in Harold Parker State Forest in Andover. The damp, overcast day proved good fishing for the young anglers who participated in the event hosted by the Andover Sportsmen's Club.

Photos by Mary Schwalm

Thirteen-year-old Gabriel Flynn of Andover proudly shows off his catch.



Young fishermen dot the shoreline, each commanding a dry section of rock, as they wait for a nibble from within the placid waters of Sudden Pond.



Dylan MacLean, 9, of Andover shows just how it's done as he carries his trout — which looks to be a keeper — over to be weighed and measured.



Twin 12-year-old sisters — Tatum, left, and Whitney Finlayson of Andover — smile as they patiently wait for something to tug at their lines.



A trout is measured for the contest, which offered trophies for the biggest catches of the day.

Out & About: Youthful voices in sacred harmony

St. Michael's Choir School of Toronto visits Andover to perform a concert of sacred music on Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 198 Haggetts Pond Road.

The internationally noted choir school has been touring for 47 years, performing last year in Vatican City, but this is the first time that the young voices will be visiting the Boston area. St. Robert's parishioners say they are thrilled their church was selected as a concert venue.

In a release, St. Michael Choir School Director Stephen Handrigan says the ensemble is "looking forward to our concert in Andover, as the warm welcome and sense of occasion in smaller cities make for a memorable experience for our young singers."

Founded in 1937 with the purpose of providing sacred music for services at St. Michael's Cathedral in downtown Toronto, St. Michael's Choir School is one of only six in the world affiliated with the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish will be requesting a free will offering at the door. For more on the choir, visit www.smcs.on.ca.

Orchestral afternoon for all ages with NMYO

Almost two dozen young musicians from Andover will join the Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras in presenting their Spring Afternoon of Concerts on Sunday, May 4, at Gordon College Chapel, 225 Grapevine Road in Wenham.

The afternoon will be split into two events — a 2:30 p.m. performance featuring Prelude String Ensemble, Overture String Ensemble, Intermezzo Orchestra, Junior Flute Choir and Flute Choir and a 5 p.m. concert featuring the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Select Flute Choir.

The Andover musicians performing are violinists Timothy Wang, Vivien Qin, Samuel Zhang, Arman Koul, Alice Fan, Gavin Batimm, Yanchen Zhan, Yazhini Ramesh, Sarah Vrontas, Stefanie Sartschev, Alexandra Zhang and Louis Galligani; violist Reverie Nedde; oboist Hannah Garth; flutists Sam Krapels, Amanda Hornick, Avery Wendell and Somin



Sam Krapels is one of four flutists representing Andover this weekend with the Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras.

Virmani; cellists Maxwell Fan and Chad Cao; and trombonist Shawn Moon.

The concerts are open free to the public and are designed to appeal to all ages. Receptions will follow both performances.

For more information, visit www.nmyo.org or contact NMYO at info@nmyo.org or 978-309-9833.

Andover accent for 'Seven Last Words'

The Andover-based New England Classical Singers joins with select soloists and

the Lawrence High School Girls Ensemble to present "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a free concert, on Sunday, May 4, at 4 p.m. at The Corpus Christi Church — Holy Rosary Parish, 35 Essex St., Lawrence.

Noted Andover soprano Barbara Kilduff will be one of the featured soloists. The concert is supported by an Andover-based trust, and directed by Andover's Terri Kelley. Her husband, George Kelley, serves as publicist. For information, call 978-683-8222.

Cookie Sale offers sweet temptation at Andover Baptist

Friendly Circle Ministry is having a Cookie Sale on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St.

All types and flavors of cookies will be available to satisfy every taste. Containers are \$5 and can be filled with as many cookies as possible.

'A Little Night Music' for local actress

Andover actress Kathleen Dalton takes the stage in a starring role this month in Arlington Friends of the Drama's production of Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music." The show opens Friday, May 2, at AFD Theatre, 22 Academy St., in Arlington and runs through May 18.

Dalton will perform the role of Charlotte, the wife of Count Carl-Magnus. The show marks a return for Dalton to AFD. She previously appeared with the group in "Side by Side by Sondheim" and "A Class Act." The local actress has performed extensively in regional theater

in both musicals and plays. For performance dates and details, visit www.afdtheatre.org or call the box office at 781-646-5922.

Poetic force of culture headed to Phillips Academy

Award-winning poet Terrance Hayes will share his works on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in Phillips Academy's Kemper Auditorium on Chapel Avenue in Andover.

Considered one of the most compelling voices in American poetry, Hayes explores themes of identity and culture in myriad voices and styles in his work. His writing is said to be simultaneously jazzy and elegant, passionate and funny, experimental and learned.

He is the author of "Lighthouse" (2010), which won the National Book Award; "Wind in a Box" (2006), winner of a Pushcart Prize;



Terrance Hayes

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"Hip Logic" (2002), winner of the National Poetry Series; and "Muscular Music" (1999), winner of the Whiting Writers Award.

Hayes was born in South Carolina and educated at Coker College. After receiving his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1997, he taught in Japan and New Orleans and at Carnegie Mellon University in Pennsylvania before returning to the University of Pittsburgh last year as a full professor.

His reading at Phillips is presented by the Department of English and sponsored by the Sandra Isham Vreeland Fund and is free to the public. Visit www.andover.edu for more.

A classic duet with twin pianists

The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra showcases sister pianists Keiko and Yukiko Sekino Sunday when it performs a North American premier of Mendelssohn's Double Piano Concerto No. 2. in A flat Major at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St. (Route 114), North Andover.

The sisters are Yale- and Harvard-trained pianists. Yukiko Sekino is an affiliate artist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and teaches piano at the New England Conservatory Preparatory School. Keiko Sekino is an associate professor of piano and director of applied piano studies at East Carolina University School of Music in North Carolina.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors and \$5 for children ages 4 to 12. They are available online at www.MKtix.com/mvpo or www.mvpo-music.org and will also be sold at the door.

Backstage tour with Colonial Players

Colonial Chorus Players of Reading, a nonprofit community theater organization that has been presenting musical theater since 1961, is holding an open house at its headquarters at 1249 Main St. on Saturday, May 3, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Sets, props and costumes being readied for the theater's

June production of "Young Frankenstein The Musical" will be on display and there will be tours of the 120-year-old headquarters. Information on its Summer Theater Education workshops for young performers and the details of its capital campaign will also be available.

The group produces musicals that include adults, teenagers and children. Membership is available to all ages. For more information, visit www.colonial-chorus.com.

Roaring '20s benefit for Boys & Girls Club

All flappers and fellas are invited to the annual auction benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence on Saturday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m. at DiBurro's in Haverhill. The Roaring '20s-themed event will feature cocktails, dinner and auctions.

Items up for bid will include golf extravaganzas in Ireland and Pebble Beach, a 2015 Boston Marathon race number, private dinner with ice hockey Olympian Kelli Stack; a trip to Germany, Red Sox, Bruins and Celtics tickets, an on-field Patriots experience and more.

The annual event is the club's largest fundraiser. More than \$400,000 was raised last year to support programs for its 3,400 youth members. Tickets are \$150. Contact Sarah Hogue at 978-683-2747, ext. 128, or shogue@lawrencebgc.com.

Beyond the container with area garden club

The North Andover Garden Club presents a Container Gardening Demonstration with Deborah Trickett on Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall on Main Street in North Andover.

A master gardener, Trickett will give a hands-on demonstration as she shows how to take container gardens from "blah" to "aaah." She will start with the basics, including appropriate containers, soil mixes and plant choices for different site conditions, and then proceed to new and unusual plant material and uncommon, even "green" container choices.

The program is free and open to all. Visit www.northandover-gardenclub.com.

To submit an item for Out & About, email townsman@andovertownsm.com.

Ironstone Farm trots out Derby fundraiser

Ironstone Farm in Andover saddles up for its new road race, the Ironstone Derby, on Saturday, May 3, as a fundraiser for its nonprofit organization that helps children with special needs, combat veterans and others.

The event will feature a 5-mile run and 2-mile walk through Lowell, beginning and ending at LeLacheur Park, the home of the Lowell Spinners. Ironstone invites participants to "Run for the Roses. Stay for the Party." Following the race, there will be a barbecue feast, children's activities and games in the outfield, a kids run and viewing of the Kentucky Derby on the giant centerfield video screen.

Ironstone has partnered with Dave McGillivray's company DMSE, which also directs the Boston Marathon and local events such as the



Courtesy Image

"Run for the Roses. Stay for the Party" is the theme for Saturday's Ironstone Farm benefit.

Feaster Five Road Race in Andover. The 5-mile run is a timed, USATF-certified event.

"Every time I visit Ironstone Farm, I continue to be touched and in awe of the work they do and the results they generate. Just to see the smiles on the faces of these

children receiving therapy on these beautiful horses is priceless. You can't help but want to be part of this special environment," McGillivray said in a release.

Ironstone Farm Executive Director Deedee O'Brien hopes the fundraiser will bring new people into the group's "family." Ironstone is home to two nonprofits that use horseback riding and a farm environment to provide therapy helping children and adults with a wide range of disabilities. Additional therapeutic programs aid veterans returning with post-traumatic stress, cancer survivors, at-risk teens and elders with memory issues.

Clients come from more than 90 communities in Greater Boston, the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire. More than 200 people volunteer their time

each week to Ironstone's programs.

Individual entry fees for the 5-mile and 2-mile events are \$35. But a \$20 reduced rate is available for members of Team Ironstone or teams of 10 or more participants representing businesses, families, schools or clubs. Admission for the all-you-can-eat barbecue is \$25 or \$45 for both the race and the barbecue. The kids fun run inside the park is \$15 and includes free food at the concession stand. Everyone receives a T-shirt and prizes will be awarded to teams showing the most spirit and raising the most money.

To sign up, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2014/2403/ironstone-derby> or click on the "Register for the Ironstone Derby" button on the ironstonefarm.org website.

'Hair of Dog' pays tribute to late, great Jake

The abandoned, undernourished mixed-breed pup who became the inspiration for the annual "Hair of the Dog" fundraiser to benefit the MSPCA of Nevins Farm will be honored when the wine and art show once again fills Essex Art Center in Lawrence on Friday night, May 2.

Michael and Sheri Helman, the owners of Shawsheen Village Liquors in Andover, launched "Hair of the Dog" in 2005 after adopting Jake, who they discovered sitting in an outdoor cage at Nevins Farm. They had taken Michael Helman's daughters there to help them overcome their fears of dogs when they immediately bonded with the young pup.

In an effort to repay the MSPCA, the Helmans staged "Hair of the Dog." What began as a wine tasting in 2005 has become a popular annual event featuring an exhibit of works by local artists and artisans, including jewelry makers, potters, sculptors, textile artists and more, who donate 10 percent of their sales from the evening to the MSPCA.

Like the event, the MSPCA at Nevins Farm has grown over the years, the Helmans say. When the couple adopted

Jake in 1998, they say the place was "just a broken-down, old house." Today it cares for nearly 7,000 animals each year — all without government funding. That's why fundraisers such as "Hair of the Dog" are so important, Sheri Helman says.

Jake, who was considered the official mascot for "Hair of the Dog," passed away last year at age 15 1/2. The Helmans say he is missed by his many fans, including those who would visit him at Shawsheen Village Liquors. But they say he will never be forgotten thanks to all the money raised for the MSPCA at Nevins Farm.

This year's event goes from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday. More than 50 wines will be offered for tasting as well as beer, courtesy of the Clown Shoes Beer. Whole Foods Market will supply the food.

Proceeds will in part support the Angels for Animals Fund, which pays for medical care of animals in need before they are adopted. Almost every animal that is surrendered to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm is in need of some type of medical care, the couple says.

Photos taken by Kaylee



FILE PHOTO

Michael and Sheri Helman, owners of Shawsheen Village Liquors in Andover, with Jake, who was the official mascot for the "Hair of the Dog" fundraiser for MSPCA at Nevins Farm in Methuen. Jake, a shelter dog, passed away last year.

Greer of Dog Breath Photography of animals who have received care through the Angels for Animals Fund will be displayed at Friday night's fundraiser. The Boston-based artist volunteers her time to take photos of the adoptable animals at Nevins.

Tickets for "Hair of the Dog" are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. They are available at Shawsheen Village Liquors, 4 Poor St., Andover, 978-475-3636; at MSPCA, Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway

(Route 28), Methuen, 978-687-7453, or online at www.mspca.org/hairofthedog.

All ticket, raffle and bar proceeds go directly to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm. Ten percent of all wine and art sales will also be donated to the shelter. For more about the MSPCA at Nevins Farm's events, programs and animals awaiting adoption, visit www.mspca.org/nevins or contact Julia Pesek at 978-687-7453, ext. 6161, or jpesek@mspca.org.

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A visit with Harriet Beecher Stowe

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She was a best-selling author in her day as her novel about slavery sold 300,000 copies in the U.S. and 1 million more in Great Britain in the first year after it was published. Her book was translated into all major languages, and it was the second best-selling book after the Bible in America.

Author Harriet Beecher Stowe, who lived in Andover for 12 years, wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in 1852 and it was called "the most popular novel" of that time. There's a story that when President Abraham Lincoln met Stowe at the start of the Civil War, Lincoln declared, "So this is the little lady who started this great war."

Fast forward to 2014, and if Stowe were alive, Oprah would join President Lincoln and probably interview the regarded author. Stowe's influence remains even today. In fact, the 2013 Academy Award-winning film, "Twelve Years a Slave," is based on a slave narrative published in 1855 by Solomon Northup, who dedicated his book to Stowe.

On Wednesday, May 7, a book discussion on "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will take place at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St. in downtown Andover.

Friends of Memorial Hall Library President Susan McKelliget, who pens The Townsman's All Those Years Ago column, and Andover Historical Society president Jane Cairns will collaborate on the talk, which starts at 7 p.m.

Anyone who wants to connect more with Stowe will get a chance the following week when Andover storyteller Susan Lenoe brings her to life in a program on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m., also at the library. Lenoe will portray Stowe as she reminisces about her role in



Courtesy photo

Susan Lenoe will re-create Harriet Beecher Stowe in a program this month at Memorial Hall Library. Her presentation is part of Andover's ongoing "Lest We Forget: Andover and the Civil War" series.

the abolitionist movement, her family joys and trials, and her life in Andover. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council.

Both events are part of the Andover Historical Society's "Lest We Forget: Andover and the Civil War" series, an ongoing collaborative effort hosted by numerous institutions in town that launched last month and is being well-received.

"It's going fantastic. The collaboration with partners throughout town is great," said Carrie Midura, programs and public relations manager at the Andover Historical Society.

Midura said some 1,000 people attended last month's appearance by Harvard University President and noted Civil War expert Drew Gilpin Faust at Phillips Academy to discuss her book, "This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War." The 2008, critically acclaimed examination of how America's understanding of death was shaped by the many casualties of the Civil War

was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award.

Documentary film maker Ric Burns, who was the co-writer of PBS' award-winning, 1990 documentary, "The Civil War," which was based on Faust's book, joined her for the program.

Memorial Hall Library caps off the month with tours of Memorial Hall, which was constructed in 1873 to honor the town's Civil War veterans. The public will be able to view the huge marble plaques inscribed with the names of those who served, as well as artifacts specific to Andover's history in the late 1800s. Tours will be offered on Thursday and Friday, May 29 and 30, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, June 4, at 1 p.m. To make a reservation, email mhl.org/eventcalendar or 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

Copies of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" are available while supplies last by calling 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or emailing straina@mhl.org. For more on the town's entire Civil War series, visit andover-lestweforget.com.



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Education

In the home stretch



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photos

A contractor walks past the soon-to-be busy front entrance of the new Bancroft Elementary School last month. The school's main office is visible to the left, and the cafeteria and gymnasium are to the right, behind the entryway.

New Bancroft Elementary School nears completion

By DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

Work is charging forward on the new Bancroft Elementary School, with construction close to wrapping up and the move from the old to the new already in progress.

The school construction project is slightly ahead of schedule of its original May 22 completion date, with the interior work set to end during the first half of this month, School Building Committee Chairman Tom Deso said last month.

Already, many of the things that will be part of the move have begun their migration.

Teaching materials that are being retired for the year are being boxed up and tucked away inside a trailer.

The massive doors leading from the current school's central media center were transferred to the new building at the end of March, Deso said. The doors won't actually be installed in the new Bancroft, but rather hung inside the media center as a memorial to the original school, he said.

Other artifacts and awards — including the cherished bell in the bell tower — are also being removed from the current Bancroft in advance of the wrecking ball's arrival.

"A lot of things in the



Dennis Forgue, who recently stepped down as chairman of the School Committee, walks up the main stairway to the second floor of the new Bancroft School last month with a representative of the developer, Skanska. In the background, contractors work in the school's main, first-floor hall, which leads to the kindergarten and first-grade wings.

building now, plaques and dedications, those will be in," Deso said. "The other major artifact is the bell in the bell tower of the old school. It's going to be removed and installed on a pedestal in the new school."

However, one aspect of the original Bancroft that will not survive is the beloved mural inside the school's front entrance. The mural was created as a memorial to Yogan Patel, a former Bancroft student who died from cancer.

Dragon's Lair 2000, a playground at the school also

dedicated to Patel, had to be destroyed early in construction given its location within the footprint of the new school.

While there was some discussion early on regarding potentially saving the mural, Deso said it can't be physically moved because it's painted on the wall.

Instead, building committee members will see that it's preserved in photographs for possible display in some form at the new Bancroft.

Once the school year ends

in June, the fence will come down and crews will prepare the site for demolition, Deso said. Public access to the site will then transition to Bancroft Road, with work crews using the newly extended West Knoll Road.

The mound of dirt in front of the Bancroft property will be used to fill in the void once the old school is torn down.

While the new school will await students and teachers in the fall, construction on the two playgrounds, soccer field and other outdoor facilities will continue through October, Deso said.

One aspect that remained undecided last month was how the traffic pattern would look once the site work was completed, Deso said. One option being considered involved directing incoming traffic onto Bancroft Road while funneling outgoing traffic onto West Knoll Road.

It's also not yet known whether a public tour will be held before school opens, Deso said.

But regardless, by the end of October, the new Bancroft should be fully operational, Deso said.

"By Halloween basically, that site should be totally an operating school, without any contractor," he said.

Hohn named Educator of the Year

Dr. Marcia Drew Hohn of Andover was named Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education at its annual NETWORK Conference last month.

The award is presented to an educator who has demonstrated leadership, met significant challenges in an effective way, supported others in the field and shown selfless dedication, service and commitment to the principles of adult and continuing education.

Hohn has worked in the adult basic education field for more than 25 years. She currently serves as the director of the Public Education Institute at The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. based in Malden. The nonprofit organization helps immigrants and refugees become successful workers, parents and community members through direct-service programs and public education that includes free, year-round English classes.

In that role over the last decade, she pioneered a multi-pronged program to raise the visibility of immigrants' economic and social contributions that included research, policy development and professional development. The work has been credited with changing the conversation about immigrants from deficits to assets.

A free, annual workshop she created for Massachusetts educators titled "Teaching Immigration Across the Curriculum" debuted in 2005. In 2012, it was expanded to a national audience in an online format and continues to be offered annually. Additional online workshops customized for other audiences such as immigrant-serving organizations and community college staff have been added.

Previously, Hohn was director of systems for adult basic education support at Northern Essex Community College in Lawrence. She is also widely recognized for her work as a researcher, advocate and practitioner in literacy and health to address health disparities that disproportionately affect populations of color.

For more on the Immigrant Learning Center, Inc., go to www.ilctr.org. For more about Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education, visit www.mcae.net.



Courtesy photo

Dr. Marcia Drew Hohn, right, director of the Public Education Institute at the Immigrant Learning Center in Malden, receives her Outstanding Educator of the Year award from Roberta Soolman, president of the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education.

Mass. School of Law excels at national mock trial finals

The trial advocacy team of Massachusetts School of Law finished in the top 10 in the country at this spring's National NBSA Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition in Wisconsin.

The Andover-based school was one of two law schools in the country to qualify two competitive squads for the national finals, and was the only one to see both of its groups advance to the third round.

Associate Dean Michael L. Coyne said in a release, "The MSLAW teams were outstanding throughout the three days of highly competitive matches that paired the top 18 teams

in the country to see which school had the preeminent trial advocacy program."

Florida State University Law School ultimately bested MSLAW in the semifinals.

MSLAW team members participating at the National Finals were Caryl M. Garcia, Hadler Charles, Poonnam Choythani, Calvin G. Carrasco, Jessica L. Edwards, Allison Britton, Jason Herron and Jonathan Etesse. Coaching the team were Coyne, professors Daniel Harayda and Darius Greene and Essex County Assistant District Attorney Kimberly Gillespie.

MSLAW has sent seven teams to the national finals

in the last four years. The last five years, MSLAW teams have been national finalists in various advocacy competitions and won numerous awards including New England Trial Advocacy champions, Northeast Region Trial Advocacy champions, National Criminal Defense Trial Advocacy semifinalist and Northeast Region Trial Advocacy first runner-up.

"Our teams' accomplishments over the last 10 years at various regional and national advocacy competitions is impressive and a tribute to their intelligence, work ethic and determination," Coyne said.



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Massachusetts School of Law's trial advocacy team advanced to the semifinals of the National NBSA Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition in Wisconsin.

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Town Meeting 2014

Ballardvale fire station expansion gaining traction

By BILL KIRK

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It's not just high property taxes and a ballooning town budget that have people up in arms leading to this year's Town Meeting.

There are a handful of warrant articles that Town Meeting will vote on that have attracted attention this year.

The debate over the Ballardvale Fire Station is sure to take center stage for at least one of the first two nights next week.

Articles 24, 25 and 26 deal with the station, although the first one is being withdrawn by its sponsor, Robert Goldsmith, who said he has thrown his support behind the other two articles, proposed by former town manager Richard Bowen.

Goldsmith's proposal called for spending \$500,000 to repair and rehabilitate the

existing Ballardvale station. He said he withdrew his proposal because he thinks Bowen's plan is more specific.

Bowen proposes the town appropriate \$200,000 to buy two parcels of land near the existing station that would be suitable for an addition. His second article seeks another \$200,000 to plan the expansion.

Bowen, using handmade campaign literature he has passed around town, said his plan would allow Andover to modernize the station so trucks could fit inside it without having to be retrofitted as they are now. The existing station was designed for horse-drawn wagons, not modern firefighting equipment.

Goldsmith said he supports Bowen's proposal because the existing station is in a good location, the building is sound and it

“The fire station needs to be relocated to better serve that area of the community. It's not just Ballardvale, it's all of South Andover.”

Fire Chief Mike Mansfield

would be cheaper than the alternative. The town wants to build a new station for \$6 million near South Elementary School.

However, the Board of Selectmen, concerned about the impact on property taxpayers due to the rising cost of major projects like the \$50 million Bancroft School, decided to hold off on plans for a new station at least until next year.

Selectmen, along with the Finance Committee, oppose

both of Bowen's proposals. Fire Chief Mike Mansfield said that spending anything on the existing Ballardvale station is a waste of money.

“That station is not conducive to doing anything with it now or in the future,” he said. “The fire station needs to be relocated to better serve that area of the community. It's not just Ballardvale, it's all of South Andover. I'm in favor of any proposal that comes forward that would address that concern.”

But Goldsmith said it's possible that the decision could be made for the town — if Bowen's proposals are passed.

“There's definitely a chance they could pass,” he said. “I've spoken to residents Andover-wide. There are a variety of reasons people want to vote 'yes.'”

He said the primary reason is money.

“The town can't spend any more money than is absolutely necessary,” he said. “Why build an expensive new station when this one can be repaired and approved?”

Dog park a 'go' — without more town funds

Another issue that has raised the hair on some peoples' backs is the debate over how to pay for a dog park.

Supporters of a new dog park, to be located off High Plain Road near the compost yard, filed two warrant articles: Article 66 would have used \$60,000 in town funds to pay for construction of a new dog park, while Article 67 would have paid for it by temporarily raising dog license fees. Both proposals had raised concerns with a number of people.

But supporters of the park, in a frenzy of fundraising, gathered about \$32,000 on their own, according to local veterinarian Tracie Fountas. They then hired a landscape designer who came up with a lower-cost option. In addition, the town has agreed to do some of the work on the dog park. Together, dog park supporters shaved nearly half the cost of the project, and have agreed to withdraw both warrant articles at Town Meeting.

“We will officially withdraw them,” said Fountas, adding that it was too late for the proponents to remove the articles from the warrant when they learned they had secured the funds.

“We changed some materials around, so it's not as expensive as we initially anticipated,” she said. “We are anticipating a Labor Day opening.”

Warrant articles get mixed reviews from town boards

By BILL KIRK

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In Andover politics, it has been said, it's OK to disagree, but not OK to be disagreeable.

Going into this year's Town Meeting, which starts on Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m. in the Collins Center at Andover High School, there have been a lot of disagreements.

While much of the angst has centered on high taxes and budget cuts, there are many other items on this year's warrant that have led to spirited discussion and outright disputes.

■ **Article 4:** A proposal to spend \$150,000 on the playgrounds at Penguin Park and Ballardvale was supported by the Finance Committee, but rejected by the Board of Selectmen.

Public Facilities Director Chris Cronin said the money is needed to augment a 2012 Town Meeting appropriation

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for \$200,000 for the Ballardvale playground. This year's request would put another \$100,000 toward the Ballardvale playground project to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and to make other improvements. The remaining \$50,000 would be spent at Penguin Park on a new play structure and other site improvements.

While the Finance Committee supported it, selectmen said they could not because they thought it was too expensive and because the town needs a comprehensive playground master

plan.

■ **Article 51:** Another proposal put forward by Cronin — to pave the parking lot at the new Deymond sports complex — also got mixed reviews. This time, the Finance Committee voted against it while the selectmen supported it. Finance Committee members say the paving should have been done as part of the original funding for the complex approved by Town Meeting several years ago.

Selectmen, however, supported spending the money to keep the dust down in the parking lot and prevent it from getting muddy when it rained.

■ **Article 56:** Selectmen and Finance Committee members agreed on one thing — to reject a proposal to repurpose \$800,000 in borrowing authority to buy conservation land. The proposal, submitted by the Conservation Commission and approved by

the Planning Board, would redirect \$800,000 in borrowing authority that was never used for the Reichold property to purchase other pieces of conservation land in town.

Selectmen and Finance Committee members agreed that the money should not be borrowed because it would just add to the growing debt service, which ultimately increases property taxes on residents and businesses.

But Susan Stott, speaking as a conservation advocate, said the money could fund the acquisition of valuable natural resources.

“It would allow the town to move quickly on land acquisition,” she said, adding that the spending authorization was OK'd at the 2001 Town Meeting to purchase the Reichold property, which was recently purchased by another buyer.

■ **Article 40:** Another article that raised the hackles of the Finance Committee was a proposal to spend \$200,000

to purchase and lease hardware and software for the schools and the town. While the Board of Selectmen and School Committee voted in favor of it, the Finance Committee voted against it.

The leasing of computers has been a controversial subject this year after the School Department leased additional computers for teachers without prior approval from either the School Committee or the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Mary O'Donoghue, who won election in March, said she is opposed to sticking taxpayers with the bill for the computer leases.

“It's not so much about the computers,” she said last week. “It's about, ‘Wait a minute, do you know how much you are spending?’ People want accountability. Obviously it's a huge budget and you need flexibility, but you also need accountability.”

IF YOU GO: TOWN MEETING PRIMER

The annual Town Meeting will be held next week — on Monday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 6 — starting at 7 p.m. at the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts Auditorium at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road.

If additional dates are needed, it will continue the following week on May 12 and 13.

A shuttle bus will be available to take voters to and from the parking lots to the auditorium on the first two nights. Shuttle service will start at 6:15 p.m. Entry is through the lobby of the auditorium.

Voters must check in at their precinct table. To avoid delays at check-in, residents may visit the town website at www.andoverma.gov and search for their precinct under the “E-Services” tab, then click “Precinct Search.”

The Finance Committee Report has been mailed to each household in town. It can also be found online at www.andoverma.gov in the “What's New” section on the home page.

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Sports

McIver scores SportsCenter's No. 2 spot

By MICHAEL MULDOON
Staff writer

To make a name for yourself in Matt McIver's family, you have to do something pretty special.



Matt McIver

Being No. 2 on SportsCenter's Plays of the Day qualifies as pretty special.

The Villanova University sophomore

lacrosse player from Andover beat out all those remarkable NBA and NHL playoff plays with a jaw-dropping, no-look,

over-the-shoulder goal against Johns Hopkins last Wednesday.

"I was pretty shocked," McIver said of being ranked so high on SportsCenter's April 23 Plays of the Day. "I didn't expect it to be that big of a thing. Then our trainer said millions of people saw that goal. I never thought of it like that."

McIver can be overlooked among all his talented cousins, including minor league baseball player Mike Yastrzemski, the grandson of the baseball immortal Carl Yastrzemski; as well as B scholarship lacrosse player Kayla O'Connor and ex-Merrimack lacrosse players Joe and Michael Lamagna.

"I definitely didn't expect myself to be the first one on SportsCenter's top 10!" said McIver, an Eagle-Tribune All-Star for Andover High.

McIver took the long road to college success. At just 5-foot-4, not many big schools came after him. He didn't decide until June of his senior year to even attend Villanova in Pennsylvania, where several family members, including his mother Mary Ellen (Wesson) McIver, have gone to school. "I decided why not give it a shot," said McIver, a powerful, 160-pound midfielder who can bench press 235 pounds. "I e-mailed the coach. The team was pretty full. I just got lucky. One kid transferred so

a spot opened up. I tried out and made the team."

He scored one goal last year. He has missed much of this year due to knee surgery.

Last Wednesday's goal was only his second of the season. But it will be long remembered.

"I do it here and there in practice," McIver said of the no-look beauty. "The pressure is off in practice. It was more of a surprise in the game. My teammates were excited. They said, 'Wow, I can't believe you did it in a game.' It just kind of happened."

Google "McIver and SportsCenter" to see the goal.



Matt McIver, shooting, was a star at Andover High School. The college sophomore made Villanova as a walk-on.

FILE PHOTO

A shocking return



FILE PHOTO

Reid Bryant throws a pitch against North Andover during an American Legion baseball game at North Andover High School last year. Thanks to successful electroshock therapy, Bryant is returning to the mound for Andover High's Warriors this season.

High-wattage therapy gets Bryant back on the hill

By HECTOR LONGO
Staff Writer

Two years, two surgeries, a half-dozen comeback tries in either of two sports and one dose of reality.

After such a promising freshman season in which he started for the shorthanded basketball team and came out of the Andover High bullpen regularly in the spring, Reid Bryant's high school career took a turn that you wish on no student-athlete.

Like the 7-6 win he closed out for the Golden Warriors over Lawrence early last week, Bryant hopes to slam the door shut on those two brutal years and salvage the next 14 months.

Behind it all has been some

medicine, a little magic and a whole lot of pain — watts and watts of it.

Bryant's unexpectedly rapid rise this spring is the product of "ARP" — an electroshock therapy that is used to stimulate the muscles around his knee and help them rejuvenate.

Hooking up to an electric current is as tough as it sounds.

"On the pain scale (one to 10), it's definitely a nine, like the most painful thing I've ever been through," Bryant said.

His father, Dan Bryant, thought his son might have been exaggerating initially. But not since he began similar therapy on his ailing foot.

"I laughed at him," his father said. "I'm not laughing now. I'm

telling you, it hurts ... a lot."

The younger Bryant, who tore his meniscus and the patellar tendon in his knee in August 2012, is hoping all that is finally behind him.

"It feels good, better and better. Coach has done a nice job of limiting my pitches and I've been able to go longer and longer," he said.

Bryant has progressed to the point that he was ready last week to make his first start.

The left-hander showed nothing but guts in locking down his first save of the year with two innings of two-hit relief last Tuesday, April 22, against the Lancers. He came in with the bases loaded in the sixth and escaped by allowing

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Kabriel leads softball victory

SOFTBALL

Trailing by five runs heading into the seventh and final inning, Andover surged back for an 11-10 victory over Haverhill last Thursday. **Brooke Kabriel** drove home the game winner, her third hit of the day, and **Tori Roche** chipped in with three RBIs. **Amy Stankiewicz** added two hits and an RBI, **Mimi Olney** had two hits and a run and **Allie Morgenstern** notched two hits and scored twice for the winners.

Tori Roche recorded a hit, but Andover lost to Tewksbury 4-0 last Tuesday, April 22. **Mimi Olney** also had a hit for the Warriors.

BASEBALL

Hernandez heats up

Gabriel Hernandez drove in four runs, including a three-run double, and scored two more to propel Andover to an 8-5 win over New Hampshire opponent Nashua North on Saturday. **Alex Brickman** had two hits and scored two runs, raising his average to .519 for the season, **Jack Cox** chipped in with two hits and an RBI and **Colin Flynn** added two hits of his own for the winners.

Alex Brickman was 2 for 4 with three RBIs and scored a run as Andover held off hard-charging Lawrence 7-6 last Tuesday. **Tim Awiszus** added two hits and one RBI, **Colin Flynn** was the winning pitcher and **Reid Bryant** earned the save.

E.J. Perry IV had two hits, drove in one run and scored another, but Andover fell to

Lowell 3-2 last Thursday. **Jack Cox** added a hit and **Tim Awiszus** drove in a run for the Warriors.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Lenes, Gross keep scoring

Charlotte Lenes scored four goals and **Courtney Grygiel** tallied a hat trick to lead Andover to a 14-11 win over Wayland last Thursday. **Weezie Gross** added two goals and two assists and **Katherine Geffken** had 12 saves for the winners.

Weezie Gross scored five goals to pace Andover in a 13-7 victory over Reading last Wednesday, April 23. **Courtney Grygiel** and **Jess Leone** each scored two goals and **Julia Manty** had one goal and one assist for the winners.

BOYS LACROSSE

Lakos stays hot

Jake Lakos tallied three goals and two assists as Andover grabbed an early lead and held tough for a 7-6 win over Winchester on Saturday. **Hunter Tyrrell**, **George Cardillo**, **Will Reardon** and **Jesse Greaves** each added a score for the winners.

John Oteri scored three goals and **Will Reardon** had three assists, but Andover fell to Concord-Carlisle 9-8 last Tuesday, April 22. **Will Eikenberry** added two scores for the Warriors.

GIRLS TENNIS

Doubles leads the way

Laurie-Maude Chenard and **Pooja Mukund** fought for a 7-5, 5-7, 6-2 win at No. 1 doubles and **Samantha Camilo** rallied for a 3-6, 6-2,

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Laurie-Maude Chenard and Pooja Mukund



Pooja Mukund, left, and Laurie-Maude Chenard

GIRLS TENNIS

Juniors Laurie-Maude Chenard and Pooja Mukund had a week, really a day, to remember last week when the AHS tennis players combined to beat the No. 1 Winchester High first doubles team, 7-5, 5-7 and 6-2. The Winchester duo were state runner-ups in tournament play last year. Laurie-Maude was an All-Conference player last year while Pooja is in her second year on the varsity squad. Both are high honor roll students.

Varun Penamatsa



Varun Penamatsa

BOYS TENNIS

Varun Penamatsa, a senior

tri-captain, continued his undefeated streak at No. 1 singles for Andover High with a big, come-from-behind win over Westford Academy recently, losing the first set 6-2 before winning 6-4 and 13-11 in the thrilling third set. Andover won, 4-1, marking the first win over mighty Westford in over a decade. Varun also had a big three-set win earlier this spring against Marblehead. Coach Mike Wartman says, "Varun is consistent and patient as a player and person. His leadership has been key in our 6-0 start."

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BRYANT: Gets back in the game after battling to recover for two years

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just one of the three inherited runners to score.

Bryant came back for the seventh and allowed the Lancers a run to make it 7-6, before inducing a soft ground-out to second for the final out, stranding the potential tying and winning runs at second and third.

A win over his father's alma mater never felt so good.

"There's been a lot of setbacks, a lot of one step forward, two back," Bryant said. "That's been the toughest part, to be so close and then see it not happen."

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Reid Bryant

just getting here seems like a success, but Bryant is flourishing.

For the spring, Bryant had pitched 6.2 innings out of the pen as of the middle of last week, with a win and a save. The run allowed

against the Lancers was his first, giving him an ERA of 1.05 with five strikeouts and a walk.

With the pain, there has been plenty of gain. Bryant feels stronger. And he's pitching well for a Warrior team that just might be the class of the MVC. There's even reasonable talk that he'll be back on the hardwood for an Andover basketball team that went to the North finals this March and will return its three best players.

One guy rooting hard for him is basketball coach David Fazio.

"He started for me as a freshman and has just been

through so much," Fazio said. "Here's a kid who's never missed a practice, never missed anything for us. Even though he was out, he helped with video, helped plan practice. He was all-in for us. And now he's doing everything in his power to salvage his high school athletic career, even seeing the 'witch doctor.'"

Bryant backers tread carefully as they root for the likable junior. Nothing for Bryant has been easy so far.

But a healthy Bryant added to this roster makes Andover High a dangerous bunch. And that should be a shock to nobody.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo
Lefty pitcher Reid Bryant, left, is congratulated by teammates after getting Andover out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth inning during Andover's 7-6 win over Lawrence last week.



Courtesy Photo
Sunday's celebration of the refurbished tennis courts at Andover High included, from left, selectmen Dan Kowalski, Alex Vispoli and Paul Salafia; Ed Ataide of the town's Plant and Facilities Department, Art Tucker of California Products, Inc., Rich Nill and Chris Webster of Friends of Andover Tennis, Andover High Athletic Director Don Doucette and Brian Frykenberg, coordinator of Friends of Andover Tennis.

New AHS tennis courts a grand slam hit

The Friends of Andover Tennis took to the new Andover High School tennis courts this past Sunday for an official grand opening ceremony.

Leaders of the initiative thanked the town for supporting last fall's renovation project as well as the many generous contributors who helped to fund the effort.

Tennis players donated \$40,000 to the town through the friends' fund at Essex County Community Foundation, while local businesses and individuals contributed substantial gifts for fundraisers. Charitable funds and corporations including The Waldo Trust, Pfizer, Inc. and Eisai, Inc. of Andover all made large monetary donations to the project as well.

The friends group especially thanked town and school officials, including the Plant and Facilities Department and architect Chris Huntress. In addition,

Art Tucker of Andover's California Products, Inc., was singled out for his company's donation of the high-quality surface materials that the friends group says has allowed Andover High's tennis courts to become among the best outdoor hard-surface courts in the Merrimack Valley.

Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli, Andover High Athletic Director Don Doucette and boys tennis coach Mike Wartman were also on hand to show their appreciation for the project that will serve the schools and the public for years to come.

The seven courts at the high school on Shawsheen Road were completed last October using \$400,000 approved by a 203 Town Meeting vote.

While the ceremony went off as expected, rain

canceled a planned youth clinic and afternoon of round-robin competition between adults and members of the high school tennis teams.

The Friends of Andover Tennis will now turn its attention to repairing the four public tennis courts at Rec Park. Tax-deductible donations are being sought for minor repairs and a paint job to extend the life of those courts for another 10 years.

Donations by check to "Friends of Andover Tennis Fund/ECCF" may be mailed to Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover St., Suite 101, Danvers 01923; or by credit card through the link on the nonprofit friends group's web page. For more information, visit www.friendsofandovertennis.org.

COMMUNITY SCOREBOARD

Two local gymnasts soared to the podium in competition last month.

Emily Rothmann won the USA Gymnastics Level 9 Regional Championships for Region VI, which includes New England and New York, at the regional competitions on April 13 in Springfield. In addition to being the All-Around champion, she placed first on both beam and vault, second on floor and fourth on bars.

A sophomore at Andover High School, her showing qualified her for this Saturday's USA Gymnastics Eastern Nationals in Tampa, Fla. Olivia Ehr Gott, meanwhile, finished second in the all-around competition and was state champion on the uneven bars at this spring's Massachusetts USA Gymnastics Level 7 State Championship meet. The 11-year-old is a sixth-grader at Pike School in Andover.

Both gymnasts train at Brestyan's American Gymnastics Club in Burlington.

Three local teens recently received winter athletic awards from Austin Preparatory School in Reading. Sophomore Meghan Bodette was selected as a Catholic Central League Swimming All-Star.

Senior Cecilia Bole received the Varsity Dance Team Award of Excellence.



Courtesy Photo
Andover High School sophomore Emily Rothmann will be competing in the USA Gymnastics Eastern Nationals in Tampa, Fla., this weekend.



Courtesy Photo
Gymnast Olivia Ehr Gott earned second place in the all-arounds at her state meet this spring.

All-Star.

Conor O'Reilly of Andover has been chosen as a recipient of a 2014 Hobey Baker High School Character Award.

Sponsored by Warrior Hockey and The Sports Museum in Boston and supported by high school coaches in Massachusetts, the award is presented to the boy or girl on each participating high school team who most exemplifies the values and traits of Hobey Baker: character, commitment, teamwork, persistence, selflessness, academic excellence and sportsmanship.

Born in 1892 in Philadelphia, Baker was considered the best athlete of his time. Each year since 2003, the Hobey Baker Memorial Foundation honors each high school's hockey player who best embodies Baker's legacy with a Character Award. O'Reilly joins about 90 high school athletes across Massachusetts in being singled out this year.

The awards ceremony includes the presentation of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award to the top college player in the country.

Submissions for the Community Scoreboard column may be emailed to townsmen@andovertownsmen.com.

ROUND UP

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6-3 victory at top singles as Andover edged Winchester 3-2 on Friday. Karena Yan added the other win, at No. 2 singles.

VOLLEYBALL

Dean brothers strike again

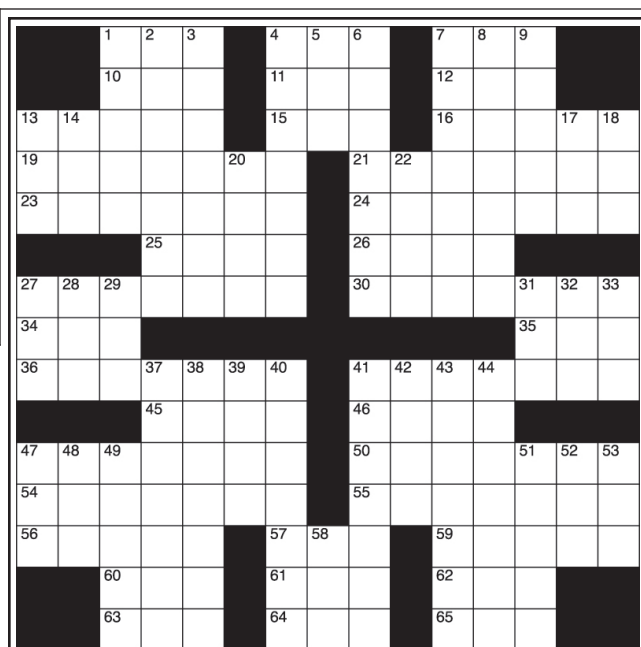
Alec Dean recorded 15 kills and brother Devin Dean had 24 digs as Andover bested rival Haverhill 25-20, 25-22, 21-25, 25-16 last Friday. Daniel Lee

had 42 assists and Saga Kaul chipped in with 18 service points for the winners.

Thursday. Devin Dean added 18 service points for the Warriors.

Despite 17 kills for Chase Webber, Andover fell just short to Lexington 14-25, 18-25, 25-18, 26-24, 15-12 last Tuesday.

Andover beat Methuen, coach E.J. Perry's former team, 25-22, 25-17, 25-22 last Tuesday.



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- Wife of Saturn
- L.A. Trojan school
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- Animal doctor
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- Abolitionist Sojourner
- Phillips Academy town
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- N.W. PA. city
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CLUES DOWN

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- Permitted
- State of bondage
- Administrate
- Common garden pod plant
- Machine-guns from the air
- L. _ : shining
- Scribbles
- An inclined trough
- More (Spanish)
- Durham, NH school
- Hill (Celtic)
- Time units (abbr.)
- Legal clerk Brockovitch
- Norse goddess of old age
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- Japanese sash

- 007's creator
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- The woman
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- Ancient Olympic Site
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Slice of Jay in Manhattan

A low-key weekend family trip to Manhattan turned Hollywood-ish for a local family who just so happened to bump into Andover's native son Jay Leno out for a pizza lunch.

The Wilson clan of Bradley Road spotted the recently retired talk show host and his wife when they stopped into Angelo's Pizza for a slice.

"As we were escorted to our seats, we saw Jay Leno having lunch with his wife, Mavis," Dave Wilson, a 20-year resident of Andover, reports of the fortuitous meeting.

Not wanting to miss the

opportunity to meet the talk show host who recently stepped away from "The Tonight Show" desk, Wilson took advantage of two things they share in common — Andover and Emerson College in Boston.

"As he was leaving, I introduced myself as an Andover resident and an Emerson grad. He said he was doing the commencement speech this year," Wilson recounted.

A 1973 graduate of Emerson with a degree in speech therapy, Leno will address the underclassmen during the May 11 graduation ceremony. He will also receive

an honorary degree from the college.

Wilson said Leno was very gracious and took a photo with his wife, Martha, and two daughters, Sarah and Emily.

It was actually Leno who suggested Wilson share the photo with the Townsman.

Leno, 64, and a member of the Andover High School class of 1968, has always been a supporter of his hometown newspaper.

"With all his success, it is refreshing to meet such a genuine person," Wilson said in an email.

— Judy Wakefield, staff writer



Courtesy photo

The Wilson family of Andover bumped into native son Jay Leno and his wife while enjoying a pizza lunch in New York City over the weekend. Here, Dan Wilson takes a photo of his wife, Martha, and two daughters, Sarah and Emily, with Leno at Angelo's Pizza in Manhattan.



Courtesy photo

Numerous children from Chinmaya Mission Boston based in Andover join their families for the annual Walk for Hunger fundraiser. Last year, 16 youngsters under age 10 from Chinmaya walked all 20 miles.

On a mission to end hunger

Members of Chinmaya Mission Boston in Andover are gearing up for their annual trek for Project Bread's Walk for Hunger fundraiser on Sunday, May 4.

Walk for Hunger is a major event at Chinmaya, which pursues service to society as its chief mission. Last year, more than 350 walkers ranging in age from 2 to 70 formed the Chinmaya team and raised \$29,028, making it the third-highest fundraising team at the event. One of the team's leaders, Akshay Vaishnav, raised \$5,740, the seventh highest total raised by an individual overall.

Volunteers at Chinmaya have been busy every Sunday registering walkers for this year's event. Team T-shirts are being sold and

children and parents are collecting contributions.

The Chinmaya team started in 2007, when Rathna and Shankar Reddy felt the need to reinforce the message of "selfless service" with a broadly participatory community activity. It launched with eight friends raising a couple hundred dollars.

Rathna Reddy, who continues as team captain, said in a release that the effort has now grown every year with the help of Chinmaya families and their friends working together to help people in need in the community.

"We believe it is the best way to live out core Hindu values of unity and service to the disadvantaged," Rathna Reddy said.

Last year, two 6-year-olds, Shuban Bala and Pranav Chivukula, joined 14 other youngsters under the age of 10 in walking all 20 miles. Seven children raised more than \$500 each, with Amolina Bhat bringing in \$1,730 herself.

Walk for Hunger, considered the oldest continual pledge walk in the country, is dedicated to alleviating local hunger. Last year, more than 30,000 participants walking along the 20-mile route raised over \$3.1 million to help 750,000 people, most of them children, the sick and the elderly. This year's fundraising goal is \$3.5 million.

One Chinmaya mother, Sujatha Thiruvengadathan, said her family wouldn't miss the Walk for Hunger

for anything.

"It combines a day of family fun, a noble cause, exercise in fresh air, a sense of community like at the marathon," she said. "Where else can you so easily have kids experience the joy of doing something truly worthwhile, as a whole family together?"

Chinmaya Mission Boston is located at 1 Union St. Andover. It is part of a global, spiritual organization that aims to teach individuals about the philosophical basis of Hinduism, and encourages them to make a positive contribution to society.

To join the Chinmaya Walkers' Walk for Hunger team or to make a donation, visit <http://support.projectbread.org/goto/ChinmayaWalkers>.

Floral design ending for Andover Garden Club's year

Andover Garden Club wraps up its year next week with its annual meeting featuring a flower design demonstration by two of its favorite designers and a members luncheon.

The program is set for Tuesday, May 6, at 10 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover.

After some social time and a brief business meeting, Elaine DiGiovanni and Linda Ladd will show off their unique style of flower arranging in an ode to spring and summer. The pair will create six different designs, which several lucky attendees will get to take home.

DiGiovanni is a nationally accredited master flower show judge with National Garden Clubs, Inc., and has won many top awards in horticulture and floral design, including being named flower arranger of the year in NGC's 2007 "Vision of Beauty" calendar. She is the co-owner of The Cutting Garden.

Ladd is past chairwoman of

Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and a Ladies Committee associate. She also is a nationally accredited master flower show judge who has won many awards and accolades. She is the proprietor of the floral-design firm Petals and Posies.

Guests are invited for a \$10 donation, which includes refreshments.

The program will be followed by a luncheon for Andover Garden Club members only.

Founded in 1927, the non-profit Andover Garden Club encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover and helps protect and conserve natural resources. For information about joining, contact membership co-chairwomen Linda Carpenter at 978-475-7430 and carpenter1@comcast.net or Ronnie Haarmann at 978-475-4414 and rchaarmann@comcast.net.



File photo

Back by popular demand, Elaine DiGiovanni and Linda Ladd will demonstrate floral design at the Andover Garden Club's annual meeting on Tuesday. Here, Ladd, left, and DiGiovanni lead a program at a past club meeting.

Open house party — Dundee style

Yang's Martial Arts & Fitness Center and The Real School of Music will be co-hosting an open house at 5 Dundee Park in Andover on Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The day will include free classes, interactive demonstrations for children and adults, face painting, body fat analysis, nutritional advice, free chair massages, live music and refreshments.

There will be a special demonstration and Lion Dance by the Kung Fu Demo Team as well.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., brave participants will be getting their heads shaved at Yang's to benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research.

Inga Larson, Yang's kung fu assistant instructor and event co-organizer, said in a release that she has known so many who have had cancer touch their lives in some form that she wanted to do something positive. She says a cancer diagnosis is upsetting at any age but particularly harrowing for youngsters. She has been thrilled at the response the fundraiser has received.

Larson herself will be joining the ranks of those getting their heads shaved. Only 10 percent of participants, she says, are women.

The fundraiser is open to the public.

Two barbers will be on hand to service those seeking to get their heads shaved for a minimum \$25 donation to support the cause.

Participants are asked to register; others are invited to simply come, donate and cheer on the brave ones going under the razor and helping St. Baldrick's Foundation exceed the \$100 million mark in funds raised for research grants since 2005.

In addition to Yang's and Real School of Music, several local merchants will be joining the Dundee Park community on Saturday with activities and other promotions planned in the parking lot of the complex.

Participants include dresscode of Andover, Lady Jayne's Popcorn, Oxygen Mind/Body Studio, Andover Massage Therapy, Closet Classics of Andover, SNAP Infusion, Bob "The Polar Guy," Body Fit Boutique, licensed acupuncturist Tai Ngo, Whirlaway Sports and nutritionist Helen Long.

The merchants have donated prizes for the event, too. For a listing of events or to learn more about the St. Baldrick's Foundation head shave fundraiser, visit www.YangsFitness.com or call 978-475-2020.

TOWN BRIEFS

Turning pages at library's Spring Book Sale

The Friends of Memorial Hall Library hosts its Friends' Spring Book Sale this weekend at the library, 2 North Main St. Sale hours are Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The spring sale will feature a large selection of bird books. Admission is free. For more, call the library at 978-623-8401.

West Parish Church serving Spring Breakfast, May Baskets

West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, will hold its Spring Breakfast on Saturday, May 3, from 7 to 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The public is invited to enjoy the all-you-can-eat breakfast while visiting with friends and neighbors. The menu will feature scrambled eggs, fried eggs, French toast, ham, bacon, sausages, muffins and donuts as well as endless coffee, milk and juice. There will also be May Baskets and dress kits for Barbie Dolls for sale.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children over 4. This event is sponsored by the Women's Evening Circle of the church.

Rotary Club celebrating Citizens, Educator of Year

Ten individuals who give of themselves for the good of the community together with one distinguished teacher will be singled out as the Rotary Club of Andover's 2014 Citizens Who Care and Educator of the Year at its annual recognition dinner on Thursday, May 8, starting at 6 p.m. at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road.

For the past 17 years, the Rotary Club has been recognizing extraordinary volunteers who contribute beyond their normal job descriptions as its annual Citizens Who Care honorees. Six years ago, the club broadened the recognition to include an Educator of the Year.

Gallery portraits of all of the honorees will be unveiled at the dinner. Following the event, the portraits will be displayed around town throughout the year.

Tickets for the dinner are \$50 and available online at www.rotaryandover.org.

'Let's Talk Antiques' fundraiser for Senior Community Friends

The Andover Senior Community Friends presents "Let's Talk Antiques" — a fundraiser for the group — on Thursday, May 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover.

Certified appraiser Ron Wackowski, who has been involved with the antique trade for more than 40 years, will offer his assessments of items. Wackowski owns and operates The Queen's Falcon, an antique shop in Lawrence, and co-hosts a radio talk show about antiques.

The event will offer up to 40 people the chance to learn the history, value and potentially the provenance of one of their favorite pieces for the price of \$15. Admission for anyone simply wanting to attend is \$5.

Registration and advance payment is required at the front desk of The Center at Punchard; checks should be made out to Andover Senior Community Friends. For more, call 978-623-8321.

American Red Cross holding May community blood drives

The American Red Cross is holding three community blood drives in town this month. The schedule is:

- Tuesday, May 6, 1:30 to 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road
- Thursday, May 8, 1:30 to 7 p.m., Atria Senior Living, 15 Stevens St.
- Wednesday, May 21, 2 to 7 p.m., Andover School of Montessori, 400 South Main St.

Those who come out to donate will also have the chance to win two Boston Red Sox tickets and be honored at

Fenway Park as the Blood Donor of the Game. To make an appointment, call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) or log onto redcrossblood.org.

FDR grandson, Tufts Health CEO talking Harvard years

Jim Roosevelt Jr., the grandson of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and chief executive officer of Tufts Health Plan, will be the featured speaker at the Harvard Club of Merrimack Valley's annual Dinner Meeting on Monday, May 5, at 6 p.m. at Palmers Restaurant, 18 Elm St., Andover.

Roosevelt joined Tufts Health Plan in 1999 as senior vice president and general counsel until June 2005, when he became CEO and president of Tufts Health Plan Foundation. He previously was the associate commissioner for the Social Security Administration in Washington, D.C. and has been a partner at Choate, Hall and Stewart in Boston, past chairman of the board of trustees for the Massachusetts Hospital Association, and past president of the American Health Lawyers.

Roosevelt received his law degree, bachelor's degree and Advanced Management Program from Harvard schools.

Guests will include local students of the Harvard class of 2018. The annual dinner is the club's signature event. Tickets are \$65 for members, \$80 for nonmembers.

Formerly the Harvard Club of Andover, the club recently changed its name to the Harvard Club of Merrimack Valley to reflect its reach. It draws from 16 communities around greater Andover and Lowell. The club is open to alumni, faculty and administrative staff of Harvard and its affiliates. For more, visit <http://clubs.harvard.edu/olc/pub/HAA/university/home.jsp?chapter=215> or contact Richard Soo Hoo, chairman, at 978-470-2293 or richsoohoo@aol.com.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

- **96 Bailey Road:** Louis P. and Shay A. Wainwright to Corey P. and Marissa E. McGrath, \$450,000
- **30 Chandler Circle:** Evelyn P. Crotch to Evelyn P. Crotch Trust and Evelyn P. Crotch, \$1
- **48 Clark Road:** Roger M. Turpening to Mark D. and Amy Berinato, \$672,500
- **60 Colonial Drive, Unit 2:** Eric J. Steenbruggen to David A. and Barbara A. Sheehan, \$139,000
- **5 Porter Road, Unit A2:** Amy E. Ferraro to Michael and Isabel Dills, \$155,000

Zero Waste Day prepares to recycle and reuse

The Andover Recycling Committee has everything in place for its 10th annual Zero Waste Day on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower Brickstone Square parking lot located at the end of York Street in Andover.

Ten charities and five recycling vendors have been lined up for the donation/reuse and recycling event, which goes off

rain or shine. The public is encouraged to donate or recycle more than 300 different items via this easy drive-through event.

The various items to be accepted include:

Reuse: Baby and kids gear, toys, clothing and shoes, home goods, furniture, building materials, decorative items, books, CDs/DVDs and bicycles.

Recycle: Electronics, yard and power equipment, major appliances, small appliances, metal items, rigid plastics, textiles, Styrofoam, batteries and tires.

Zero Waste Day is open to everyone, residents and nonresidents alike, and is entirely free except for disposal of TVs/computer monitors (\$15 each for any size or type) and tires (\$5 each with or without wheels, auto/

light truck types only). Organizers note that all types of TVs less than 32 inches and computer monitors can be recycled for free anytime at all Best Buy retail store locations.

For more information, visit www.andoverma.gov/dpw/zerowasteday.pdf for the event flyer or contact Keith Saxon of the Andover Recycling Committee at ksaxon@aol.com.

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