





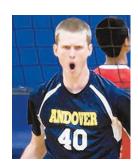
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### **Indover**Townsman **Issue No. 28** MAY 15, 2014 75 CENTS

## **Debate-fueled** Town Meeting draws to end

BY BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

## Voters take aim on spending, rising costs

Meeting members sharp- pinch every, possible penny. ened their pencils this year, going through the Town took four nights to finish. Meeting warrant with a finetooth comb, leaving no stone night of Town Meeting 2014,

Tuesday night was the final

Open space

Break out the cliches: Town unturned in their quest to and, like the previous three discussion Tuesday was even some controversy.

The big item up for space.

evenings, it was filled with whether to give the town's for transferring borrowing mission already has for land Which is probably why it questions, commentary and Conservation Commission authority to the commission purchases. the authority to borrow up so that it could enter into to \$800,000 to purchase open negotiations with the owners of some 20 pieces of land

around town and make purchase offers if the opportunity arose. The \$800,000 would be Technically, Article 56 called added to \$400,000 the com-

The proposal went onto the

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## Gas line break probe ongoing

BY BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

Complications continue at the site of last week's natural gas pipeline break on River Road, as a contractor excavating the street for a sewer line extension claimed on Monday that the gas company still hadn't given him a clear idea of where the gas main is located.

Mike Saccone, president of MDR Construction Co. Inc. of Tewksbury, said he was at the site on Monday and noticed that a Dig Safe contractor had painted new lines on the street to indicate where they thought the pipe was, but that the markings were inaccurate.

"They marked it wrong

## You raise me up



## **Ballardvale** station wins a reprieve

Voters approve land purchase, design plans

### BY BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

The devil, as the saying goes, is in the details.

So it is with the approval by Town Meeting voters of two warrant articles calling and it's now incumbent for the expansion and renovation of the historic Ballardvale Fire Station at Clark Road and Andover Street.

The first article calls for spending \$200,000 to purchase 8,000 square feet from two properties adjacent to the

**4** There were honest differences of opinion, but ... Town Meeting has made the decision. upon whoever to see to it that that decision is carried out." **Richard Bowen, former** town manager

again," he said. "I told them I will not proceed until we know exactly where the pipe is located."

He said he had seen the gas line in the trench so he knew exactly where it was and that the lines on the street were clearly in the wrong place. He called the Dig Safe contractor about the apparent discrepancy, which appears to have been resolved.

Meanwhile, Saccone said, the sewer line has to be reengineered so that its placement doesn't conflict with the location of the gas main.

"We have to reroute it," he said. "I made some proposals to reroute it farther away from the gas main, now that we know where it is.'

Columbia Gas spokeswoman Andrea Luppi said she wasn't aware that the lines had been redrawn, and did not want to get into an argument in the media with the contractor.

"Because this is still under investigation, I'm not going to get into a 'he-said, shesaid,' since it will probably become part of the investigation," Luppi said.

She added, however, that

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### CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Paul Pisecco lifts up his daughter, Ava, a second-grader, while dancing at "The Last Tango at Bancroft" event this past Friday at Bancroft School. The dance took on added significance this year because it was the last one before the school is torn down this summer. Story, more photos, page 14.

station.

The second article earmarks - on that purchased property. there is much work to be done.

"We are going to move forward and do our due dili- field that both properties need gence and support the wishes to be appraised to determine of those who voted at Town their purchase value. Meeting on both warrant steps in the process."

market value for the two properties versus what Town

Meeting appropriated, he said. Even former town manager another \$200,000 for design Richard Bowen, the Ballardplans for an expansion and vale resident who proposed modernization of the station the fire station articles, admits

Bowen agreed with Mans-

"The footprint of the addiarticles," said fire Chief Mike tion has to be laid out," he Mansfield, who was one of said. "After that's done, we can many town officials opposed survey the abutting properties to both articles. "But the town and determine just how much has to go through several we really need. If that can be done quickly, that means a First is to determine fair greater possibility of getting

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## Clown Town troupe issues SOS

By Judy Wakefield jwakefield@andovertownsman.com

It's one of the abiding dwindled to an all-time low. scenes of spring in Andover when Clown Town takes over as the organization shrinks, the Latin verb "to give." The Park in mid-May, turn- its ability to put on fundraising it into a magical world of ers like Clown Town, which stayed at home and the group. rides, candy and the painted benefits a variety of youth organization allowed them faces of smiling clowns.

not everyone is smiling, as

puts on Clown Town, has Andover housewives formed high housing prices and the this year.

But behind the scenes, could disappear all together. other women.

"Andona,: which they named skyrocketing cost of living

half of what the group had The Andona Society has In 2014, it's a whole a decade ago, said Megan

membership in the once-pop- sponsored Clown Town every different scene for the young Fairfield, an Andona member ular Andona Society, which year since 1952, when five mothers of Andover, where who is leading Clown Town

"Of great concern to our Some are now saying that by blending Andover with has forced many women to members is the small numwork outside the home, leav- ber of women who are joining Back then, most women ing them no time to join the Andona to take on key roles,' she said. "If Andona cannot Currently, Andona has only increase our active memberprograms around Andover, a chance to socialize with 30 active members, about ship numbers ... Clown Town

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## A fitting tribute Baker's Meadow trail, river property to bear Retelle name

### STAFF REPORTS

honor Evelyn and the late Al Retelles were in attendance. Retelle.

of the two long-term wardens of the property.

her husband, a dedicated con- Merrimack Valley Bird Club. servationist who passed away this winter.

vation Road, was cosponsored identifying the Al & Evelyn

morning this past Saturday to as family and friends of the guests to view.

Improvement Society dedi- time chairman of the Andover tion on behalf of her club for Meadow Reservation in honor town committee that was cre- but excellent, leadership.

AVIS president Mike Timko Retelle family house on Reser-special brown and yellow signs

by the Merrimack Valley Bird Retelle Trail have been made Club, of which Al Retelle was and will be installed at key More than 80 people, young a charter member. Represen- points on the trail. Examples and old, braved the misty tatives of both groups as well of the signs were available for

Donna Cooper, secretary A past president of AVIS, of the Merrimack Valley Bird The Andover Village Al Retelle also served as one- Club, expressed appreciacated the trail around Baker's Conservation Commission, a Retelle's many years of quiet, ated after he obtained Town She announced that the club Meeting approval in the late voted to hold an annual walk Evelyn Retelle accepted the 1950s. He also spent more than at Baker's Meadow, which will honor on behalf of herself and 45 years as president of the beknown as the Al and Evelyn Retelle Walk.

Merrimack Valley Bird dedicated the trail on behalf of Club treasurer Diane Light-The event, held at the his group's trustees. He said burn presented Timko with

See **RETELLE**, Page 3 at Saturday's trail dedication.



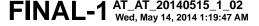
LOUIS KELLER/Courtesy photo Mike Timko of Andover Village Improvement Society congratulates Evelyn Retelle

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floor of Town Meeting with the Planning Board.

\$800,000 so that it would never hit taxpayers' pocketbooks.

But Town Meeting had a its commitment to fields, flora duct rescues from the shore and fauna.

took to the floor of Town Meet- the boathouse for river access. ing, arguing that he was in give the town the opportu- property, but when that was nity to buy the old Phillips sold to a private developer,

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and the Finance Committee house that could have added authorize the borrowing of the the location of the school's old nity to vet it." boathouse on the Merrimack River.

of the river, as well as recre-Even Selectman Brian Major ational groups that could use nature of Andover," he said.

Selectman Alex Vispoli favor of shifting the spending countered that originally the nearly unanimous, with only authority to the Conservation \$800,000 authorization was Commission because it would for the old Reichold Chemical

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Academy boathouse on the the borrowing authority popular vote much less getting property taxes tied to the cost-filed a motion this Monday "This allows us to make ing the Conservation Commis- approval. real-time decisions about sion authority to spend the properties as they come on money would not protect taxthe market." he said, not-pavers. He suggested that all from a banner bylaw approved lege Circle said he didn't actu-Monday night, said that the mixed reviews, having been ing that the town recently land purchases should go back by Town Meeting several ally write it, but it was penned reading of a legal opinion by rejected by both the selectmen lost the opportunity to buy a to Town Meeting for approval. years ago was approved after by Greg Rigby, who died in town counsel gave people the while being supported by the to parking behind the Center agreed, saying that giving purcer of 13 Sunset Rock Road. Conservation Commission and at Punchard. He said perhaps chasing authority to the com- Spencer was instrumental in ent this," Roli said. He told ment because it would have the best piece of property that mission, as well as selectmen, In a year marked by cost- would be eligible for purchase means that town officials can bylaw approved at Town Meet- posal would drop a typical cutting, selectmen felt it would would be 7.8 acres owned by "spend money on projects and have been better to simply de- Phillips Academy, which is townspeople have no opportu-

But Conservation Commission Chairman Don Cooper of the banner has been hung, it a year. But, he and others reading of the legal opinion The property could come 4 Eagle Way said that giving different idea, as many open- up for sale later this year and the commission the author- and caused damage to a buildspace minded people filled the would be an important asset ity to enter into purchase ing and a car. audience and argued that one to the town's public safety agreements would ensure of the town's strengths was departments, which could con- that Andover remains a "desirable."

> "This will keep the essential We urge your support."

a few scattered Town Meeting voters opposed to it.

#### **Devermond Park**

didn't feel it was necessary.

needed because the dusty lot fall down." was temporary. But resident John Pasquale said there was no dust.

"Everybody wants everysaid.

the town already spent a lot of to senior homeowners, both of 140. The town must now peti- towns have the same policy. money on the field.

Landry said he had just dropped his son off at the field the property tax relief for and the parking lot seemed seniors faces a difficult road fine.

The article failed by a wide margin, not being approved on senior citizens to have their last week was treated unfairly, motion to reconsider."

## STATION

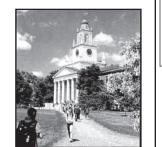
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the summer of next year."

The 8,000 square feet of property is owned by two different have to be conducted with Requests for Proposals, then ments," he said. "There are a now incumbent upon whoever both. But Bowen noted, "We see what the bids for the proj- lot of things we don't know, to see to it that that decision is have talked to both of them."

One of the abutters stood up at Town Meeting and said she other projects in town, the cost it's being used." would let the town have her of design schematics and engiproperty.

If it turns out Town Meeting did set aside enough money for



#### **Banner** bylaw

A proposal to delete wording Resident Bob Landry a presentation by Mark Spen-February. getting the original banner Town Meeting that his pro- been illegal. ing several years ago so that a \$8,000 tax bill by about \$244 a for reconsideration, saying banner could be hung across Main Street.

has broken free of its anchors

Town Meeting voters were children to the schools. asked to drop wording that with the building inspector to and young families moved in the meeting. He got it. The vote was come up with a better banner with 21 children. At \$13,000 code.

two wardrobe malfunctions," to pave the new Deyermond This will make it stronger. in the long-run. Park lot was shot down Tues- This enables us to change the

unanimously.

### Senior property discount

vale fire station (see related increase in property taxes. Mary Carbone added that story) and offering tax relief which passed.

However, while approved, adopt the article. ahead.

remained. He said that grant- the two-thirds it needed for of-living adjustment of Social night for reconsideration. Security. It has a number of other restrictions as well.

year. For the 3,197 homeown- that the reading of the "legal However, the last two times the town would be \$334,000 fused voters." He also said the pointed out, it's still cheaper shouldn't have been allowed than the cost of having young because the attorney behind

per child per year in education tion to the rule, allowing We've had two banners and costs, that's \$273,000 a year, he Town Counsel Tom Urbelis said. If those seniors had been to read a legal opinion by Bill he said. "But we need a banner able to stay in their homes, the Collins, who was not present, A proposal to spend \$125,000 that can go across Main Street. town would have saved money people in the audience yelled

day night as Town Meeting code so it stays put. I used to Railroad St. said more and the ruling and it should be dream of world peace, now I more people are aging in place allowed, further inflaming Selectman Major said it was dream of a banner than won't rather than moving to retire- Town Meeting members. ment homes or to Florida. The measure passed If just 10 percent of seniors Doherty ruled against Landry, were forced to move out, she saying that Town Meeting said there would be a huge rarely, if ever, allows motions Last Tuesday night, discus- increase in the school popu- to reconsider. thing new around here," he sion focused on the Ballard- lation and no corresponding

tion the state Legislature to ... I found nothing illegal or

### Motion to reconsider

who felt one of his amend- gious error. Your motion is out The measure would enable ments on the town budget vote of order. We will not allow a

the fire station completed by not a lot and may be too low to have a firm figure on internal go their way. improvements to the building and then have a special Town ferences of opinion," Bowen He said as with any proj- Meeting this fall to obtain said. "But ... Town Meeting people, so negotiations would ect, the town would develop funding for building improve- has made the decision, and it's such as what improvements carried out." "If you look at some of the can we do to the building while

neering, it gets pretty expen- sidering the changes at all is chief in the coming weeks to music to the ears of Ballardvale hash out the next step in the Bowen said there is an alter-station supporters, who fought process. the purchase of the properties, native that also needs to be unsuccessfully at Town Meeting last year for improvements tion of everybody," Bowen said.

sioned an engineering study of This year, Bowen's proposals this project is now in the town

Bob Landry, who had sought to cut the health insur-Sponsor Mike Roli of 2 Col- ance budget by \$680,000 last wrong impression that they "I wish he was here to pres- couldn't vote for his amend-

Stuart McNeil of 37 Saga- Doherty had earlier set down exactly spelled out how the more Drive said in his neigh- a rule that nobody could banners should be made so borhood, eight senior citizens be quoted by someone else that selectmen could work had recently sold their homes unless they were present at

When she made an excepfoul. But Urbelis said the town Margaret O'Connor of 22 had spent a lot of money for

wrong in the vote. The fact that an opinion was read by One Town Meeting member, town counsel was not an egre-

the next step would be to com- about \$350,000 in improve- chief. But with a more stream-'money we don't have," Bowen base of support in his favor, the proponents succeeded in "My hope was that we could convincing Town Meeting to

"There were honest dif-

Bowen said he would be meeting with Town Manager The fact that the town is con- Buzz Stapczynski and the fire

"I expect the full coopera-"But the fact of the matter is,

plete designs and specifica- ments to the building, which is lined approach and a wider tions for the addition. Mansfield said the \$200,000 said. OK'd by Town Meeting "was

get all the work the proponents want to get done."

ect bring.

sive," Mansfield said.

considered. The town recently commis- to the old station.

the building, which determined were opposed by every town manager's hands. By charter,

This past Monday, he asked ers over age 70, the impact on opinion prior to the vote confamilies move in who send it was not present to defend it.

Town Moderator Sheila

This week, however,

"We don't reconsider unless it's to correct a significant The measure passed 178 to oversight," she said. "Many

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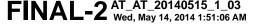
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the structure to be "adequate." board and commission as well he is responsible for all pub-The study recommended as the town manager and fire lic building construction –



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Al Retelle's family gathers at Baker's Meadow for Saturday's dedication ceremony for the trail around the Andover Village Improvement Society property.

### RETELLE

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a donation to AVIS from the club in honor of Retelle and encouraged the community to hike AVIS trails and support the nonprofit organization.

Donald Cooper, current chairman of the Andover Conservation Commission, closed the program with one final honor for Retelle delivering the news that the Conservation Commission would be renaming a section of town-owned land along the Merrimack River in memory of Retelle.

Following refreshments, most of those gathered took an inaugural walk around Baker's Meadow on the newly named Al & Evelyn Retelle Trail.



Hikers enjoy the newly named trail in honor of Al and Evelyn Retelle following Saturday's dedication.

### **ANDONA**

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will shrink to a carnival only and potentially not exist."

As it is, Andona has cut back on its fundraising 8 p.m. (Heavy rain postponement activities and now only hosts two benefit events per year. p.m.) Clown Town raises about \$50,000 a year to support programs in the schools and all trough town. The proceeds also pay for camperships and scholarships.

"This, at a time when we are receiving more requests for funding of anti-bullying and mentoring programs in the middle and high schools, include: and larger fund requests from music and enrichment programs, like the high school marching band and the vocal music groups," Fairfield said Senior Safari in an email.

Clown Town has already School scholarships been forced to cut back due bership numbers.

tos," she said. "We attempt to to do."

### **IF YOU GO**

■ What: Clown Town

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### **ANDONA BY THE NUMBERS**

**Recent Andona contributions** 

- \$7,500 to elementary schools
- \$2,800 to cultural programs ■ \$4,500 to middle schools
- \$1,500 to Andover High School

■ \$5,500 to Andover High

to Andona's shrinking mem- offset these losses by inviting businesses to sponsor the "We are unable to provide event and promote their serall of the experiences at vices. Additionally, we hosted Clown Town that people have a Spring Fling for middle come to love, including the school students, which we no dunk tank, balloons and pho- longer have enough members

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South Church in Andover is Light, who have been offering hosting a Green Workshop for SHOW — Sustainable House all faith groups on Saturday, of Worship — workshops for

The event is co-sponsored by the American Baptist The workshop will focus on Churches of Massachuways local houses of worship setts and the Massachusetts

### TOWN BRIEF

### **Networking Group** marks 5th year

anniversary on Tuesday, May people have participated in 20. from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the the monthly workshops and temple, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, support sessions since they Andover.

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is free.

Mitchell Schneir, group The Professional Networking founder and president of temple office at 978-470-1356 Group of Temple Emanuel of the Brotherhood of Temple or visit www.templeemanuel. Andover will celebrate its fifth Emanuel, said more than 9,000 net for more information. started in 2009.

Consultant Chris

or seeking a new career path is the anniversary meeting. The welcome to attend. Admission featured topic is "Your Brand Matters."

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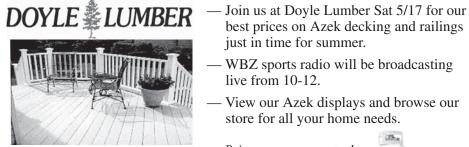
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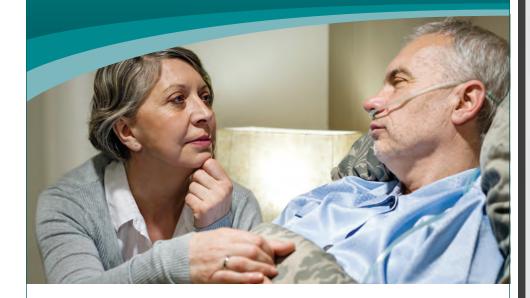
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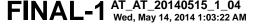
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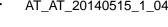
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## Local

### **OBITUARIES**

### Mrs. Irene L. (Hamel) Durant Gamache, 97

August 30, 1916 - May 6, 2014

ANDOVER — Mrs. Irene L. (Hamel) Durant Gamache, a longtime resident of Andover and beloved wife of Gracien "Jack" Gamache of Andover and the late George C. Durant, passed away at Wingate at Andover Nursing Center on Tuesday morning, May 6, 2014. She was 97-years-old.

Born in Canada on Aug. 30, 1916, she was the beloved daughter of the late Hormidas and Mary (Bernard) Hamel. Irene was employed beside her husband at Town Printing in Andover for many years. She was a communicant of St. Augustine Church in Andover and was a very devoted wife, gustine Church, 43 Essex St., Anmother and grandmother.

loving daughter-in-law, Mary are most welcome to attend. Visi-T. Durant of Seabrook, N.H.; tation will be held in the Burkesister, Pauline Bissonette of Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Salisbury and Fort Myers, Fla.; Main St., Andover, on Friday, prior grandchildren, Keith Durant, to the Mass, from 9 to 10 a.m. Eric Durant, Todd Durant, Ni- Interment will be held in Sacred cole Smith, Paul J. Durant, Jr., Heart Cemetery in Andover. In lieu Christine Lutters, many great- of flowers, memorial contributions grandchildren and many niec- in Irene's memory may be made es and nephews. She was also out to Wingate at Andover, 80 Anthe loving mother of the late dover St., Andover, MA 01810, or George K. Durant and Paul to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 J. Durant and sister of the North Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830. late Aurora Isabelle, Annette Irene's family wishes to thank the Bilodeau, Rita Bilodeau, and staff of Wingate at Andover and Nora Blanchette, Pete Hamel, the Hospice Team of Merrimack Lucien Hamel, Freddy Hamel, Valley for the care and kindness Nellie Hamel, Johnny Hamel, shown to Mom and Nana. For adand Chanel Hamel.

Mass will be celebrated in St. Au-

dover, on Friday, May 9, 2014, at She will be missed by her 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends ditional information, please visit, ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral www.burkemagliozzi.com.

### William R. Wholey, 78

Richard Wholey, Jr. 78, a resi- niece, Hilary W. Munroe; his dent of Andover for more than nephew, E. Lincoln Field; his 40 years, died Sunday May 11, brother-in-law, Attorney Mar-2014 at Wingate of Andover.

Born Dec. 8, 1935 in Meth- including Thomas McNulty, uen, he was the son of the late Judy Murphy, and Joyce Mc-William R. Sr. and Agnes (Mc- Nulty. Nulty) Wholey. He was a grad-High School in Methuen, Class died on March 14, 2014. of 1953.

plished pianist for many years May 21, 2014, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Boston. He retired from the at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral First National Bank of Boston Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. in 1990 after 25 years in their Funeral services followed at 6:15 International Division. Follow- p.m. ing his retirement, William resumed his musical career place the following day in St. Maryentertaining locally and in Immaculate Conception Mausomany nursing homes.

ANDOVER, MA — William William is survived by his shall L. Field; and cousins,

William was predeceased by uate of the Edward F. Searles his sister, Susan W. Field, who

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Friends were Mr. Wholey was an accom- warmly received on Wednesday,

Private Entombment will take

## Police Dept. offering free Narcan training

BY BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

The Andover Police Department, in conjunction with the Lowell House and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, will be hosting overdose protection training on Tuesday, May 20, at 6 p.m. at the Police Department.

The training, which morphine. of opioids include heroin, administered properly, it ments and other nonprofit verps.net.

**66** We sought (Lowell House) out. We felt it was necessary the community gets the training. **?** Sqt. Christopher Moore

can reverse an opioid over- agencies in the area. dose. When sprayed into the nose of someone who Moore said. "We felt it was has overdosed, Narcan necessary the community blocks the effects of opi- gets the training." oids and restores normal Moore said the sesbreathing. It is safe, easy sion would last about to administer and has no two hours. Lowell House potential for abuse.

said the department through the training promethadone, fentanyl and approached Lowell House cess. Seating is limited and to offer the training. Based only available via prior is being offered for free In order to save lives, in Lowell, the nonprofit registration. to Andover residents, is DPH is conducting a pilot agency specializes in out- For more information or focused on opioid over- project statewide to deliver patient and residential to register for the training, dose. Officials say opioid training and distribute a addiction services. It has contact Moore at the Police overdose is one of the lead-medication called nasal partnered with the state to Department at 978-475ing causes of death in Mas- naloxone, which goes by offer the Narcan workshops 0411, ext. 3015 or by email sachusetts. Some examples the brand name Narcan. If through local police depart- at PublicTraining@ando-

"We sought them out,"

personnel will be issuing Sgt. Christopher Moore Narcan to people who go

## **Robitaille arraigned on OUI, other charges**

### By Bill Kirk

bkirk@andovertownsman.com

patrolman Evan Robitaille charged with reckless oper-

Former Andover police 32, of Groveland, has been conference.

In addition to a charge of on his own recognizance. He was later determined operating under the influ- His next court date is to be intoxicated, based on ence of liquor, Robitaille, May 29 for a pre-trial several eyewitness reports.

During the morning of paid administrative leave. was arraigned this week in ation of a motor vehicle, March 11, 2013, Robitaille Last October, after an inter-Middlesex Superior Court leaving the scene of a prop- allegedly rear-ended a box nal affairs investigation, he in Woburn on drunken erty damage accident and truck on Interstate 495 was placed on paid leave driving and other charges misleading a police officer. south in Tewksbury and from the Andover Police based on an incident that On Monday, he pleaded then took off, exiting the Department. He resigned happened over a year ago. not guilty and was released highway at Woburn Street. about a month later.

Initially, he was put on

### POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

#### **MONDAY, MAY 5**

### INCIDENTS

at 4:58 p.m.

A woman in her 50s arrested. reportedly ran away from a group home on Lovejoy Road at 5:47 p.m. She was reported on Hampton Lane sent back by police.

A caller from Haskell that someone was on the was standing near the bank were no injuries. phone saying her husband of the Shawsheen River would be arrested unless near the Central Street never do that. The caller ing with her father. then declined a call back **ACCIDENT** then declined a call back from an officer.

a road rage incident at 5 An overdose was Dascomb Road. He was reported of a 16-year-old names were not listed on charged with assault and female on Chapel Avenue the police log, were to be battery with a deadly at 12:10 p.m. Fire officials summonsed for sexual conreportedly left a group and operating to endanger.

INCIDENTS

at 10:30 a.m.

at the police station after by the time police arrived. p.m.

A raccoon under the deck Campanelli Drive at 4:19 staff members. He was another car pulled into the according to the police picked up by an ambulance police station to report the log. Animal control took incident, where Poulo was the critter to the animal hospital.

**THURSDAY, MAY 8** 

### ACCIDENT

A car reportedly struck to move along. A caller reported that a a bicyclist at 1:41 p.m. on Road reported at 8 p.m. young girl in a pink T-shirt North Main Street. There sitting in a parked, green INCIDENTS

she wired money to a spe- bridge by herself at around by the Free Christian caller said. He was told to cific account. Police told 5:40 p.m. Police checked Church on Elm Street call back if the car returned. the caller that they would and found the girl was fish- at 7:38 a.m. The caller reported that a window was broken some time during able, of 8 Knollcrest Drive,

Two females, whose

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

#### INCIDENTS

Several groups of people were reportedly making a disturbance at La Quinta Hotel, 131 River Road, at 12:27 a.m. Police told people

Two males were reported Lincoln Town Car at 7:25 p.m. on Berkeley Lane. Vandalism was reported They then drove off, the ARRESTS

> Jack Wilkie, age not avail-Andover, was arrested at 1

A suspicious car was

A hit-and-run crash was the night. reported on Railroad Street WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

weapon, malicious destruc- said it was not an overdose duct for a fee, prostitution, A 35-year-old male tion of property over \$250 of opiates such as heroin. following an incident on home on River Road after According to the police of a house on Dean Circle p.m. attempting to assault two log, he and the operator of was "causing a ruckus,"

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#### IHEFI

A caller reported at 6:22 at 2:43 p.m. p.m. that her cellphone had been stolen while she was at Powder Mill Square.

**TUESDAY, MAY 6** 

### ARRESTS

with possession of a Class A drug.

was arrested at 6:21 p.m. police log. They were gone assault and battery at 7:53 she refused.

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### INCIDENTS

A suspicious car was reported circling the neighborhood of Aspen Circle Mark Loiselle, 28, of 9 and Forest Hill Road at

A 911 caller reported four Avenue. males sitting in a vehicle

A car followed a girl Forrest Drive and charged walking her dog on Dev- with operating under the onshire Place at 3:27 p.m. influence of liquor. Police said it was a blue Courtney Wilcox, 25, of

### Acura. FRIDAY, MAY 9

### ARRESTS

Essex Road, Bedford, was 11:38 a.m. The area was as homeless, was arrested vanus Wood Lane, Woburn, arrested at 12:28 p.m. at 139 checked but the car was not on outstanding warrants was charged with assault River Road and charged found, according to police. at 4:36 p.m. on Post Office and battery on a household

David Poulo, 37, of 701 on Judson Road "smoking 24 Kathleen Drive, Andover, police he had requested his Pouliot Place, Wilmington, weed," according to the was charged with domestic girlfriend to leave, but that

142 Verbal St. Everett, was arrested on an outstanding warrant at 257 North Main St.

Andrew Ferrier, 31, listed Roshni Patel, 27, of 16 Sylmember at 4:40 a.m. at 345 Stephen Prochniak, 73, of River Road. The caller told



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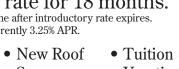
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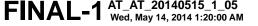
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## GAS

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after a contractor calls Dig Safe, there is a 72-hour waiting period before they can start work at the site.

"We want him to get back to work as soon as possible," she said. "It doesn't sound like it's a problem now."

The incident is being investigated by the state Department of Public Utilities, which could issue fines or other sanctions to whomever it finds responsible for causing the break.

A DPU spokeswoman said the investigation into the leak has just started and that documentation detailing the location of underground utilities and the marking of the streets would be sought by investigators.

"We have not determined who is at fault," Amy Mahler of the DPU said.

She said if the contractor is determined to be at fault, the agency would issue a Notice of Probable Violation, conduct a hearing and, based on the evidence, decide whether to issue a civil penalty.

If Columbia Gas is deter- Thursday afternoon. mined to be at fault, the DPU would go through the same process and decide what be levied against the utility company.

She said customers who Gas or the DPU's customer service division.

gation into the break.

Columbia Gas blames the gravity fed. contractor for digging in the wrong place.

about 99-pounds-per-square inch of gas that is distributed to area homes.

The accident caused a gas geyser to spray 20 to 30 feet into the air for nearly four hours while Columbia Gas worked to repair the line. Delays were caused when a valve that could have shut off the gas flow was found to be covered with asphalt. Saccone said the valve was



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo A construction crew stands back after a gas main was

ruptured on River Road near Cross Street in Andover last

gas company worker.

day

Chris Cronin, the director line extension from Cross said that in addition to the of Plant and Facilities for Street about 900 feet down people who lost electricity Andover, said his department River Road to a new, four-lot and gas service, there were is also conducting an investi- subdivision that is under con- other costs associated with struction. The trench is 17 the break, such as over-Saccone blames inaccurate feet deep because the sewer time and other expenses labeling on the street, while line in that part of town is incurred by the town.

while repairs were being valuable natural gas to Last Thursday at about made, the road was shut from spill into the atmosphere, 12:30 p.m., MDR was digging Thursday afternoon until at a cost that is still being at the site when one of the after lunchtime on Friday, determined. company's workers struck making things difficult for the gas line — a 6-inch, high- area commuters as well as Stapczynski said his staff pressure line that carries people living on neighboring is working to compile an streets that had to deal with accounting of all the costs the detoured traffic.

Saccone said he may not the break.

start digging again until The break also caused Monday. On the plus side, kinds of penalties should headaches for area commut- he said, the road won't be ers. As part of the contract detoured while his company approved by the town, River is not working. Once he gets Road near Cross Street is started again, the detours were affected by the break permitted to be shut down will be in place for another should contact Columbia from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each four weeks, if all goes according to plan.

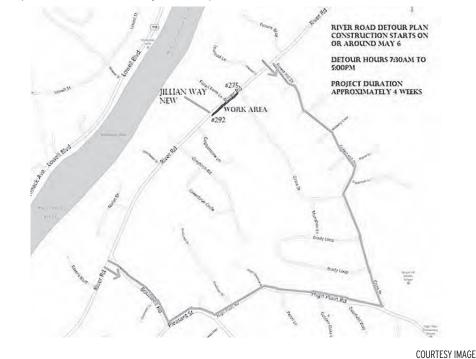
MDR is installing a sewer Fire Chief Mike Mansfield

In addition, he noted, the During the gas break and leak allowed a lot of very

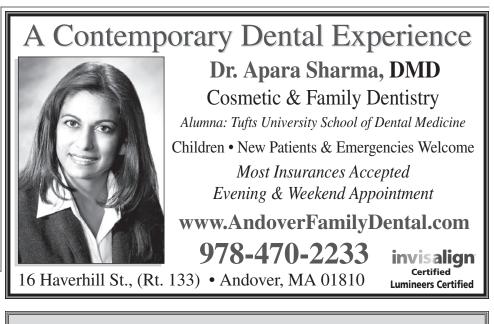
Town Manager Buzz to the town as a result of



A gas leak on River Road near the intersection with Cross Street created a geyser that rose into the air about 20 feet from a trench in the road. The geyser is faintly visible near the Caterpillar excavator, on the right, in this photo.



This map distributed by the town of Andover shows the work area and detour for sewer line work.



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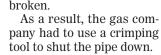




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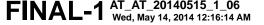
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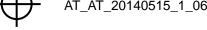
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## Forum to unveil 'Healthy Forests Project'

LOCAL

BY BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

town's forests.

Forests Project" is an effort land-management practices, ecosystems that attract a consulting forester hired Forest Management Plan. to evaluate 600 acres of con- according to a press release variety of bird life, like the using a grant from the Mas- Both Gouldrup and Laura servation land encompass- issued by the group.

The Andover Conserva- ing Fish Brook North, Wood The private group Trustees tion Commission is holding a Hill — Bald Hill, and the of Reservations has under-1 to 3 p.m. on the third floor Kevin Porter of the Conserva- Forestry, which will oversee special meeting on Saturday, Virginia Hammond reserva- taken similar measures in of Memorial Hall Library, 2 tion Commission. May 17, to explain a tree- tions. The goal of the project North Andover and at the North Main St.

bobolink.

The forum will run from ship Program and secured by with the state Bureau of

Gary Gouldrup, a for- attend to answer questions. clearing program it wants to is to increase the health and Ward Hill Reservation in The commission will ester from New England For more information, implement in several of the biodiversity of the properties Andover/North Andover. unveil proposed land man- Forestry Consultants, Inc., email kjporter725@comcast. through specifically tailored There, 15 acres of trees were agement plans that have studied the properties net or call the town conser-The so-called "Healthy sustainable forestry and cut down to create meadow been prepared by a licensed involved and prepared the vation office at 978-623-8311.

sachusetts Forest Steward- Dooley, a managing forester the project for the state, will

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Conservation Director Bob Douglas gathers with his team of Earth Day volunteers in front of the old Phillips Andover Boat House during last month's Earth Day cleanup.

## River cleanup holds promise for future

Andover High School students joined with town conservationists to mark Earth Day last month by cleaning the Merrimack River bank with an eye toward putting the boat ramp and property surrounding it to better use.

Despite heavy rain, 20 people from seven local organizations responded to Andover Conservation Director Robert Douglas' call for help. Douglas was prompted to organize the April 26 effort by Greater Lawrence Rowing Master Frank Maldari.

The team of volunteers pitched in, gathering dozens of bags of trash while sharing the town resource, including Fink said. the 6 miles of footpaths runof the river.



Conservation Commission member Alix Driscoll and Carolyn Dann of Andover, who works for the state Department of Environmental Protection, pose with about half of the trash collected from the property and paths along the Merrimack River.

ideas on how to reinvigorate others share for the property, Department of Environmen-

ning along the Andover section Douglas and Fink were Dave Andover; Alix Driscoll and Dargie of Andover Village Kevin Porter of the Conserva-Calling it a fun project, Steve Improvement Society; Caroly tion Commission; conserva-Fink of Sustainable Andover Shumway, executive director tionists Al French, Bob Decelle said it brought together people of Merrimack River Watershed and Jack Driscoll; Andover working to "make a difference, Council, with board members police Lt. James Landry and all while highlighting why Maureen Sakakeeny and Kim his team of Ian Timmons, Phil Andover is so special." It also Nguyen-Lara; Carolyn Dann of Boulanger and John McMulserved as an introduction to a Andover, municipal assistance len; and rowing masters Capt. long-range vision Douglas and coordinator with the state Maldari and his wife, Michelle.

tal Protection; Fran Fink and Among those assisting Norm Scarpulla of Sustainable



Peyton McGovern pulls roots while helping to clear a trail on town conservation land. Non Sibi Day a win for town land

Three town conservation properties enjoyed some sprucing up last month thanks to the efforts of some Phillips Academy students as part of their non sibi service projects.

Non Sibi Day was created by the academy in 2007 as a time for the PA students to honor their school motto — "Non Sibi" meaning "Not For Self." Students take the day off from classes to perform work service in their local community.

Two dozen students, accompanied by six staff members, were assigned to three conservation properties in town for this year's Non Sibi Day on April 25. The group cleared the land of all sorts of trash and remnants from previous owners, chopped down trees and created trails so that residents can enjoy clean, easily accessible open space.

'So many residents think of PA as a separate part of town, but it turns out they were so happy to be active members in our com- com for more photos. munity, and we were very lucky for the man-Townson said in sharing the news.

Look for the Conservation Commission in one, according to Townson.

Phillps Academy student Sayer Devlin, left, works to cut down a tree as classmate Darren Ty steadies the trunk. See andovertownsman.

power and labor to change these properties the months ahead to continue putting more for the better," conservation volunteer Ellen effort into earmarking open space and creating easier access to public land for every-

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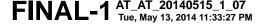
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**OPINION** 

THE TOWNSMAN Thursday, May 15, 2014 7

### Study will shed more when the street is populated light on town's seniors

### Editor, Townsman:

Good things were said and good questions were raised during the discussion of Article 29 at Andover Town Meeting last Tuesday evening, May 6. Since Town Meeting had just passed Article 27, Senior Citizens Service Needs Study, Margaret O'Connor's suggestion that the town wait to draft a home rule bill until it has the results of that "comprehensive assessment of the service needs of Andover residents 50 years of age and over" is a good one. I hope questions will be asked that get at the question of what needs are not being met by the tax exemption/abatement/deferral programs that Andover already has in place. How well do Andover seniors understand the benefits available, since utilization of programs based on need has been declining?

The data referred to in Article 27 seems to imply the town is not losing as many senior citizens as advocates for Article 29 would imply. "Andover's population age 60-plus has grown by 78 percent since 1980, while the population in general has grown by 26 percent." If the "population in general" includes those 60-plus, then the under-60 population has grown even more slowly. My own experience on Robandy Road (about 20 homes) was a modest number of children growing up on the street in the early 1970s when I moved there, a time in the late 1980s when there were no children under college age, and now,

with children again. The older residents on the street aged in place. Ed, at the end of the street, and Florence, at the beginning of the street. both died at age 99, while the "Dekes," also at the bottom of the road, died in their early 90s. Three other homes are

now occupied by the second generation, children who grew up in those homes and whose surviving parent chose to downsize.

I moved five years ago and my daughter and her family is among the second-generation owners. I now have a home, still in Andover, that I jokingly say is half the size and has half the grass and half the heating bill of my home on Robandy Road. Senior citizens of the 1970s and 1980s subsidized the education of my daughters and I feel it is my responsibility to do the same for the current generation of students. However, I am fortunate to have my health and a pension, Social Security and some savings that are sufficient. Now is a good time to gather the relevant information on seniors (and what questions are asked in the survey will be very important) so the town can address the needs of its senior citizens based on good information, not just good intentions.

Town Meeting 'attack' tactics disrespectful Editor, Townsman: A handful of people hijacked the first night of

**Second Andover Tomorrow** 

system. For each line item in the budget, they brought up "amendments" that were either illegal or unlikely to be accepted. One person wanted to hold the School Department budget hostage in order to revisit the School Department contract with the teachers. Evidently, this individual had not attended any of the public meetings on the subject, where objections might have been raised. A different "amendment" wanted to take out money allocated for school administrators, which would be illegal under state law. Yet another group wanted to reduce the entire School Department budget as

a "protest." The real target of the attacks, the real agenda of this obstructive group was the financial connection to this retired town employees, like me, who get health insurance through the town. I won't mention the name of the individual who stopped the meeting at the line item for sewer and water. He wanted to put forth an amendment, and came with a prepared slide show. In it, he showed a hypothetical town worker who works a 20-hour week, works for 10 years and at age 55 retires and collects health insurance. This is a phony straw man that is used in debates. You set up a  $\ensuremath{\text{SUSAN GARTH STOTT}}\xspace$  false figure and then knock **30 Pasho St.** it down. That worker doesn't exist.

> I am a real retiree who worked a 20-hour week. We are the people who are on the circulation desk at the library or provide support in Town Hall and other departments. We didn't make much money to start with. We had

Town Meeting by gaming the money for the pension system and Medicare taken out of our paychecks over the years. Looking at my own retirement payment, I calculated that a person who retired after 10 years would get about \$7,200 per year, which is well below the national poverty standard. Workers at this level frequently have to continue working beyond age 65. I pay to Medicare \$1,200 annually, with an additional \$700 for supplemental health insurance.

This same individual went on to explain how he tried to get the town manager to change the employees to a different health insurance company, but some of the bargaining units for the workers didn't agree. He assured us that he didn't have any proposal, although he said he was in the field.

In Massachusetts, municipal employees do not pay into Social Security. Your only income is your town pension, unless you also worked in the private sector and even then, Social Security will be reduced substantially by the Windfall Elimination Provision.

There were 300 people still at the meeting Tuesday evening when Article 32 came up. It would have raised the town retirees' cost of living increase by \$5 a month. Instead of \$360 more next year, we would get \$420. I spoke in favor of the article. Even though we lost by about 20 votes, I would like to thank the people who, literally, stood up for the retirees.

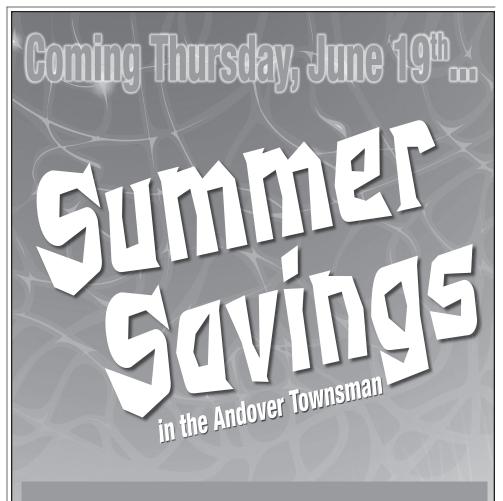
What did Ms. Mary Robb's high school students learn from observing our example of direct democracy? That

if a person with a loud and angry voice says something about the police, he is told that he has to be respectful, while a person with a slick slide presentation is allowed to attack youth services, the School Department and teachers, town employees and especially the town retirees. That a handful of people apparently have no respect or appreciation for what the town workers do now or have done in the past to make this the successful and well-managed town we live in.

So fellow retirees and current town workers, be there at the annual Town Meeting in 2015 and be prepared to defend yourselves.

**FLORENCE FELDMAN-WOOD Rocky Hill Road** 

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■ Why is growth in the community's business base essential to its long-term success?

■ How does Andover leaders and residents make the town the best place to work

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People interested in learning more about installing solar panels on their roofs should check out this weekend's open house at 5 Newman Hill Drive.

On Sunday, May 18, from 2 to 5 p.m., the public will be able to view a "solar installation in progress," according to Anil Navkal, Andover's designated "solar coach" under an initiative to expand the number of solar electric harvesters in town.

A representative of Astrum Solar, which is installing the panels, will be on-site to explain details of the project and answer any questions. Anyone is welcome to attend the free event.

The installation was made under the Solarize Andover program, which offers discounted rates to people in town who want solar panels to reduce their electricity bills.

According to Navkal, the program has reached the Tier 5 threshold, meaning that everyone enrolled now gets the lowest price available through the Solarize program, backed by the state. Currently, there are 25 residents enrolled with a combined capacity of 202 kWs of renewable clean energy.

The sign-up period ends June 30. Visit SolarizeAndover.com for additional details.

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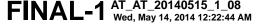
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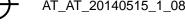
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## Memorial trees honor 2 town employees

The contributions of two longtime town employees who passed away in the last year were remembered during Arbor Day observances this month in The Park across from the Town Offices building.

Town officials and staff members gathered to honor the memory of Maria Maggio, the town's acting plant and facilities director who died last July after a battle with cancer, and Meg Batcheller, who passed away in January after working for the Department of Community Services for 17 years.

Dogwood trees were planted as a lasting tribute to Maggio and Batcheller and their service to the town. Their family members were on hand for the ceremony.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Members of Maria Maggio's family, from left, Peter Maggio, sister-in-law Patricia Kelley, daughter Marysa Maggio, sister Susan Pesella and daughter Christina Maggio pose near the dogwood tree planted in her honor. The acting director of the Plant and Facilities Department passed away last July.



Meg Batcheller's husband, Burt, joins members of the Andover Department of Community Services staff, from left, recently retired director Mary Montbleau, new director Kim Stamas; Janice Coppolino, technical production administrator; and Jessica Miele, program assistant, at the Arbor Day dedication.

## **BoomerVenture gets active for new season**

through Aug. 11 at The Center dancing; \$50. at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court,

5:15 p.m. Upper- and lower-body bring two yoga mats; \$45. workout using special poles while ment Society trails; \$27.50.

without going to the gym; \$60. ■ Boomer Zumba Intervals:

BoomerVenture Campus' Thursdays, June 5 through Aug. Caregivers: Thursdays, June 5 meditation techniques are nec-

the mind.

■ Mind-Body Medicine for No prior experience with for complete listings.

"Spring Into Summer" series 14, 3:30 p.m. Combine weight through July 31, 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. essary. Respite care will be availkicks off May 27 and runs training and cardio fitness while Learn simple mind-body tech- able for loved ones, which will niques to assist in caring for include family friendly movies Bender Barre: Thursdays, June oneself while caring for others. each night at 7, Meals also avail-Andover. Here is what's planned: 5 through Aug. 7, 6 p.m. Combine Participants in this experiential, able by reservation. Cost is \$25 for Nordic Walking: Wednesdays, elements of Pilates, yoga and bal- confidential group will have the series with light refreshments. May 28 through June 25, 3:50 to let to strengthen, sculpt and tone; opportunity to share their experiences as caretakers. The course ning, independent films featured **Serenity Yoga:** Thursdays, was designed by The Center on Thursday evenings. Check the hiking Andover Village Improve- June 5 through June 26, 7:15 for Mind-Body Medicine (www. website for titles and times. p.m., \$24; Also, Thursdays, July cmbm.org) and is being led by

■ Screening Room: Award-win-

All events are open to the **Boomer Energize with Exercise:** 10 through Aug. 7, \$30. Beginner Dr. Suetta Tenney as part of her entire community. However, Mondays, June 2 through Aug. yoga class with gentle postures certification process. Tenney is space is limited and registration 11, 3:30 p.m. Aerobic workout that open the body while quieting waiving all fees as a gift to the is required. Call 978-623-8321 or caregivers in this community. visit www.boomerventure.com



Compiled by Susan McKelliget

### 100 Years Ago May 15, 1914

All the bungalows on the Shawsheen are leased for the summer and a number of applicants have had to be refused, all of which shows the growing popularity of the picturesque Shawsheen for a summer resort.

Thirty-three automobiles containing members of the state Highway Commission passed through Andover yesterday afternoon. Each car was decorated with an American flag.

James W. Daley has purchased another horse for his candy business. **75 Years Ago** 



Horses apparently don't depreciate much, but sleighs and pungs (box-shaped sleighs) — you can get them for about the price of a second-hand paper napkin. Five years ago, the town bought a team of horses for \$350; last Saturday, they were sold for \$202. Try getting that price for your automobile. Not so the sleighs and pungs — there was a sleigh that went for 50 cents, a pung that went for \$2.10, another for \$1.50 and one for 10 cents honest, just a dime.

World's Fairing has already become popular with local vacationists and since its opening has attracted Mrs. Percy Nutton and her daughter, Edna, of Carisbrooke Street; Mary A. Collins of Chestnut Street; Joseph and Jimmy Doherty of Harding Street: Mrs. Walter Pike and her sons, Walter and John, of Lowell Street; Mrs. Allison Morse of Summer Street; and the recently married Mr. and Mrs. James McLaughlin. Miss Irma Bean left yesterday to enjoy a several days' visit. **50 Years Ago May 14, 1964** It's official — the 1964 tax rate is \$33

per thousand. Of the \$33, school expenses account for 52 percent, or \$17.47. General government expenditures call for \$15.53 of the total, or the remaining 48 percent. Personal property is this year worth \$4,681,900 and real estate values are at an all-time high of \$97,432,300.

The Playstead will be the scene Saturday of annual spring merriment as the Andona Society sponsors its Clown Town. Apart from games, rides and refreshments, the daylong event offers many items for sale, including a white elephant table. Mrs. Robert Sullivan, Mrs. Jason Wright, Mrs. William Thomas and Mrs. Philip K. Ryder met recently to gather materials for the table.

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## Opinion

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## Town Meeting message loud and clear: Taxpayers want a break

Call it raucous, contentious or boisterous. Whatever the adjective you choose to use, Town Meeting this year was certainly entertaining.

Selectman Brian Major led Town Meeting in singing Happy Birthday, as it was the 150th anniversary of this classic, New England tradition. The late Al Retelle was honored with the Virginia Cole Community Service Award. Former Selectman Mary Lyman and former School Committee member Dennis Forgue, who both stepped down this year, were thanked for their service.

Turnout, while not the highest ever, was consistently strong. The first night — May 5 — was attended by more than 600 registered voters. The next night saw fewer attendees, but was still well-attended. Even this week's two meetings on Monday and Tuesday nights saw turnouts of several hundred each evening.

Most important, however, is that every night was filled with substantive dialogue during which the important business of the town was conducted in a mostly civil tone.

There were some disagreements, as well as some questionable actions by town officials, that may continue to haunt Town Meeting 2014. But for the most part, the stars of the show were Town Meeting voters themselves.

On Night One, they took apart the \$152 million budget, piece by piece, before ultimately putting it back together again and approving most of what had been sought by the town manager, the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Town Meeting members spent more than three hours the first night voting on the budget. Some said it was unprecedented, that Town Meeting is usually just a rubber stamp for the budget, going along with what town officials propose. Not this year. From the very outset, it was clear Town Meeting wanted to know more about the budget, demanding answers and, in numerous cases, proposing changes.

Many residents had done their homework, asking questions, for example, about the OPEB liability, or how much the town owes retired employees for health insurance.

Other amendments were proposed that also failed, including cutting the school budget. One amendment that nearly passed would have cut the health insurance budget by \$680,000.

Questions were raised about the recently settled teachers contract and why that wasn't being presented at Town Meeting.

At the end of the first night, town officials on the stage noted that Town Meeting was sending a message: Voters weren't satisfied with the status quo.

Night Two continued in the same vein, with more questions about the budget, more questions about OPEB, but also a proposal to repair the old Ballardvale Fire Station. Amazingly, that initiative, proposed by a Ballardvale resident, was approved. So, too, was a resident's

### DELIBERATION WOES



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

The annual Town Meeting wrapped up Tuesday night after four nights of deliberation by voters. Several articles drew considerable debate and discussion.

### **Open Town Meeting** proves frustrating, ineffective

### Editor, Townsman:

As the legislative body of Andover, Town Meeting's most important responsibility is to appropriate funds to run the town. Like Congress and the state Legislature, it should maintain effective "checks and balances" on the executive branch (the selectmen and School Committee). But our open Town Meeting falls woefully short of meeting that standard, and the result is increasing frustration felt by the decreasing number of residents still willing to participate.

Part of our frustration is that too often, there is too little information provided on key budget components. For example, the Finance Committee report noted that "collective bargaining agreements are the largest single driver of the annual increases in town and school operating budgets. ... The town's compensation costs are growing at an unsustainable rate. Yet the Finance Committee report included no meaningful summary of the recently concluded teachers contract, and none was provided at Town Meeting. By law, Town Meeting can vote to approve or disapprove the funding for this contract only in the first year after it is signed. In subsequent years, it is required to approve funding for the contract. Unlike many town meetings (and town and city councils) in other communities. Andover has never had a presentation and discussion of collective bargaining at Town Meeting — at least not in recent memory. That's the reason I requested such a presentation prior to the vote on the school budget, and I was disappointed that a majority of those present were not interested. Or perhaps they were too interested. Presumably, the 200 school employees and supporters who left the meeting immediately after the vote on the school budget would rather keep this information under wraps. I supported the school budget, but it would have been nice to have more information to cast a more informed vote. By contrast, the OPEB information presented in the **Finance Committee report** and by Selectman Brian Major and Finance Committee member Peggy Kruse

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was clear, complete and well presented. The teachers contract is a much larger and far more significant part of the town budget and deserved at least as much information, questions and answers, and discussion.

If the School Committee and selectmen can't trust Town Meeting to understand something this important and if an unrepresentative Town Meeting doesn't care to hear about collective

the towns they raised their children in.

Andover is no exception. The town's operating costs are increasing at an unsustainable rate. In addition to our daily operating costs, the town has unfunded pension obligations well in excess of \$200 million. Every town resident should be concerned about this and every town employee should be as well because if the town is not in good financial health, town employees will lose jobs. I find the comments by

Kerry Costello quite disconcerting. To say it is the "town Hard questions were asked against the schools" shows a lack of knowledge and common sense. The schools are not an independent entity separate from the town, but rather an integral part of the town. Teachers and teachers unions don't own the schools, the town does. Ms. Costello wants to blame the Board of Selectman and the Finance Committee, of which I am a member, for the teachers union vote, but that is nonsense. It is inexplicable for Ms. Costello to think the Board of Selectman with other union represenand the Finance Committee made the decision to reduce instructional assistants that is far from accurate. The School Committee and the superintendent made that **RICHARD HOWE** decision. It is important to point out the fact that over the past two years, while total school enrollment has been flat to down, the schools added 118 full-timeequivalent employees, more than 50 of which were added subsequent to the Town Meeting vote to approve the annual budgets. It is unconscionable for town employees in an apparent state of vindictiveness to put their own interests ahead of the town's. Andover the Tufts proposal was a school system. Every town employee should appreciate the fact that if it were not for the town, they would not have their current jobs. A financially healthy town will provide jobs and incomes for generations. Our united goal as town residents should be to preserve the town for the next generation. Those who came before us did that for us. We owe it forward.

assertion that the deliberations of the Andover Public Employee Committee comprised of 14 unions were "led by the teachers union." The Public Employee Committee engaged in hours of deliberations over two months as we considered the proposals to change from our current insurance carrier. Contrary to the assertion of the firefighters union president, my experience was that each union that participated did their due diligence and fact-finding. and processed.

At no time did the Andover Education Association seek to pressure other PEC members. Bearing in mind that under proportional voting, the teachers union has 40 percent of the vote, I was always cognizant of my responsibility. I did not indicate the teachers' position until after other unions spoke. I urge the reporter who did not do his due diligence to fact find

petition to reduce property taxes for elderly citizens.

On the third night, there were more questions about warrant articles, this time about a proposed medical marijuana district. Many people didn't like it, and it nearly got shelved, only being approved partially.

Cost-conscious voters questioned spending on a varietv of items, until Jane Axelrod asked: "Where does it end? When do taxpayers stop carrying the burden?"

And that is what town officials should remember between now and next Town Meeting a year from now.

### **WEB QUESTION**

### **This Week's Question**

The 62-year-old Andona Society is struggling for members. What should be the organization's next step?

Launch a membership campaign. The organization serves as an important funding tool for youth activities and must continue.

Encourage more men to get involved. The group would be stronger if the membership base was broadened.

Initiate new fundraisers. Clown Town is fun, but perhaps it's time to introduce some new events.

Keep the status quo. There's an ebb and flow with every organization. Andona is no different. Ride the wave and maintain tradition, especially when it comes to Clown Town.

### Last Week's Question

What are the best ways to increase participation in Town Meeting? With 236 votes, the answers were:

Provide a way to participate via the Internet or TV, like North Andover is doing this year. — 77 votes, 33 percent

■ Allow people to vote on issues using absentee ballots. - 68 votes, 29 percent

Do what North Andover does and make child care available so parents can drop off their kids while they attend the meeting. - 31 votes, 13 percent

Schedule Town Meeting for Saturday and/or Sunday. -29 votes, 12 percent

■ Provide incentives, like food, gift bags or door prizes. – 5 votes, 2 percent

■ Other ideas (cancel all other town events, abolish Town Meeting, all of the above) — 26 votes, 11 percent

bargaining impacts on the budget, perhaps it is time for Andover to consider whether this form of government truly serves our best interests.

3 Robandy Road

### Teachers' rejection of new insurance 'unconscionable' Editor, Townsman:

The article in the May 3 edition of The Eagle-Tribune and coverage in the May 8 Andover Townsman regarding the teachers union vote to reject the town's proposal to save nearly \$1 million by switching to Tufts Health Plan incensed me and should is one town, not a town and every town taxpayer.

All across the nation. cities and towns are struggling with unsustainable increases in operating costs primarily related to benefits and pension obligations for municipal workers. Historically, these increases have been paid for by annually increasing property taxes on town residents. This is what makes it unsustainable. In the current economic times, taxpayers are struggling to meet their financial obligations. Costs for daily living - groceries, utilities, gas, education — are all rising faster than personal incomes. Senior citizens on fixed incomes are finding it harder and harder to live in

40 Morton St.

### Teachers union did not sway insurance vote

#### Editor, Townsman:

I write to present the facts with regard to the

tatives who attended that meeting to confirm this fact.

No vote was taken at the April 29 meeting. Rather, each union at the table spoke to their members' concerns both short and long term. Every voice was heard and considered without acrimony or pressure tactics. The firefighters were in the distinct minority in terms of an unequivocal position in favor of Tufts. Others did express some ambivalence.

This was a complicated, complex decision. The allure of saving money this year was enticing and sound. However, as with many things in life, there were many salient factors to consider. MIIA is a health care trust that provides guarantees and safeguards that a health care insurance provider can't under the law. The PEC has to negotiate next year as we are re-entering year three of the current agreement.

As the president of the GREG SERRAO town's largest union, I pledge to be an active, collaborative and thoughtful participant in those deliberations. I have confidence in the competence of my

colleagues on the PEC. **KERRY A. COSTELLO** Andover Education Association president

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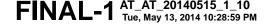
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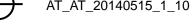


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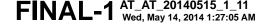




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Charlotte Stella, left, and Sarah Long, both 9 and from Andover, admire the American Girl doll clothing and accessories from creator Gretchen Joy. Her business, All Dolled Up, is located in Newburyport.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos The crowds grew as the sun broke through the clouds during Saturday's 39th annual Crafts in the Park. Proceeds from the fair support host Christ Church Andover's mission and outreach work in the local communities.

Katie Tebbe of North Reading buys a bud-filled geranium plant from Rosalyn Wood of **Christ Church** Andover. The church, which hosts Crafts in the Park, had its own booth for the day as well.





Sunshine-made Crafts in Park

Clouds gave way to sun, which gave way to shoppers, who filled the downtown green on Saturday for the 39th annual Crafts in the Park.

Organizers said as soon as the skies cleared in the early afternoon, people started streaming in to The Park at

Chestnut and Bartlet streets to browse the booths and enjoy the day.

The event boasted a record 165 participants this year selling everything from plants to paintings to handwoven baskets and carefully sewn doll clothes. The juried fair accepts only crafters offering items handmade in America, which organizers say is what makes it unique in the region.

After running the popular Mother's Day weekend event for many years, the local chapter of American Field Service handed off the reins last year to Christ Church Andover, which has continued to grow the fair. Proceeds are used to support the church's mission and outreach to the local communities, with funds ben- Park for a second year. Oliver efiting such greater Andover organizations as Habitat for Humanity, Esperanza Academy, Bread and Roses, Neighbors in Need, Lazarus House and the Merrimack Valley Project.



Regina Oliver of Maine, who has family in Andover, works on one of her hand-woven baskets, which she offered at the town's Crafts in the was among 165 amateur and professional craftspeople invited to display and sell their original work at the popular event.

The Mill City Jazz Band supplied some musical entertainment for shoppers to enjoy while browsing the offerings at the annual Crafts in the Park.



Fourteen-year-old photographer Alexandra "Alex" Martin of Andover participates in her first Crafts in the Park.

The church also sponsors a preschool program and Andover Thrift Shop and provides a music program open to the public.

On Saturday, the church saw plenty of support for those programs, as people turned out in droves for the fair. "It's a proud tradition," Jan Burkholder said.

## 'Petals & Palettes' for Andover Garden Club fundraiser

The Andover Garden Club sprouts its own version of "Art in Bloom" with its presentation of "Petals & Palettes on a Sunday Afternoon" on Sunday, May 18, from noon to 5 p.m. at Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., lower level, Lawrence.

Two score — or about 40 — of the area's top artists will showcase more than 70 pieces, including sculpture, watercolor, oil painting, drawing, photography, mixed media and fiber arts.

A selection of those pieces will be interpreted in fresh floral arrangements à la the Museum of Fine Arts Boston's "Art in Bloom." Much of the artwork will be offered for sale, with a percentage of the proceeds going to support the work of the Andover Garden Club.

The event will also include live jazz music, plus appetizers and wine, beer and other beverages.

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a nonprofit, charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture and landscape and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover, and helps protect and conserve natural resources.

A member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and National Garden Clubs, Inc., the local club provides both financial and hands-on support to a





"Morning Coffee in Biddeford," an oil on canvas by Susan Paradis, will be among the featured works at Andover Garden Club's "Petals & Palettes" fundraiser.

variety of municipal, educational and environmental organizations throughout the region.

Tickets are \$40 and available from Andover Garden **Club president Anne Feeney** at 978-475-7119 or pianopasta@comcast.net and online at www.andovergardenclub.org/events/. A limited number of tickets will be org.

available at the door. For more on joining the Andover Garden Club, contact membership chairwomen Linda Carpenter at 978-475-7430 or lcarpenter1@comcast.net or Ronnie Haarmann at 978-475-4414 or rchaarmann@comcast.net. Information is also available at www.andovergardenclub.

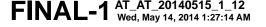


Susan Paradis is sharing her paintings, including the acrylic on canvas "Birches," on Sunday.



Carolyn Bonier's clay sculptures will be among the pieces on exhibit and for sale at the Andover Garden Club's "Petals & Palettes" fundraiser on Sunday at Essex Art Center in Lawrence.







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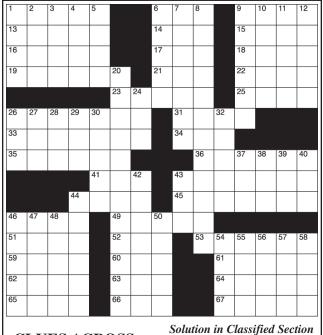
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## Out & About: An ode to 16th century Spanish music

TOWNSBEAT

Boston-based chamber choir Convivium Musicum spotlights the Spanish music of the Renaissance to close out this season's Music at Christ Church concert series on Sunday, May 18, at 4 p.m. at the church, 33 Central St., Andover.

The concert will feature works by Tomas Luis de Victoria, Francisco Guerrero and Cristobal de Morales — 16th century organists, singers and composers whose music became choir conducting from known both in Europe and Latin America.



### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Italian cheese city 6. Fed 9. Rights activist Parks 13. Bitter aloe compounds 14. Octagonal motif in oriental rugs 15. Maple genus 16. Shabby (slang) 17. Chopping tool 18. Shakespeare's epithet
- 19. Regain
- 21. Mega-electron volts
- 22. Unhappy mood
- 23. NY pharmacy Duane
- 25. Metrical foot
- 26. 1950's Nash automobile 31. Digits
- 33. Affectional
- 34. Engine additive
- 35. Any small tubular structure

### **CLUES DOWN** 1. Henry's last wife Catherine

2. Wings 3. College army 4. Myth (Spanish) 5. Hungarian word for mum 6. Old World lizard genus 7. Dinner jackets 8. Last possible moment 9. Jewish spiritual leaders 10. Central Florida city 11. Any watery animal fluid 12. 198 L Egyptian dry measure unit 20. Prophylactic 24. Before 26. Drench 27. River 28. Disorderly crowd

36. Lifted something heavy 41. Liquefied natural gas 43. \_\_ of Avila, Saint 44. 2nd Greek letter 45. Assumed the existence of 46. Actress Rooney 49. Claudio , Chilean pianist 51. Turkish leader titles 52. Don't know when yet 53. Rectangular groove joint 59. Mythological birds 60. Type or kind 61. White bear 62. Native American group 63. V 64. Author Walker 65. Back talk 66. Doctor of Education 67. Jazz trumpeter Malik 30. Medieval capital of Flanders 32. Fencing swords 37. Weekday (abbr.) 38. Vietnamese offensive 39. Point midway between E and SE 40. Father

- 42. Disjointed 43. Yearly tonnage (abbr.) 44. Lowest male singing voices 46. Jacobs, Ribot & Gasol 47. Athens' marketplace 48. Contests 50. Gathered fall leaves 54. Three banded armadillo 55. A cord necktie 56. Spot on a radar screen
- 57. Components considered individually

The ensemble is directed by Michael Barrett, who earned his bachelor's in music from Harvard University, master's in music with a concentration in Indiana University and a First Phase Diploma in singing from Koninklijk Conservatorium in The Hague, The Netherlands. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree at Boston University, where he has also taught.

The concert is part of the Music at Christ Church series. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. For more information, visit www.christchurchandover.org/music or http:// convivium.org/About/Convivium.aspx.

### Drop in for family fun at Addison Gallery

Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy invites area families to take in its new spring exhibitions Sunday as it celebrates the Association of Art Museum Directors' fifth annual Art Museum Day with interactive programs and more.

The free Drop-in Family Dav welcomes visitors of all ages to tour the gallery and make their own unique works of art. Activities go from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Addison, 180 Main St.

Art Museum Day emphasizes the essential role that art museums play in their communities, highlights the value of the visual arts in society and provides new opportunities for audiences to participate in the wide-ranging programs offered by AAMD member museums.

Susan Faxon, interim director of the Addison, said in a release that families will have an opportunity to explore the gallery's current exhibitions, including "Street Talk: Chris Daze Ellis in Dialogue" and "Pop! Selections from the Collection,"

artists' inspiration. They will also be encouraged to experiment with art materials themselves to create their own masterpieces.

Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council. For more information, call 978-749-4015, or visit www.addisongallery.org.

### Goods times rolling for American Training

The sounds of John Lennon and Paul McCartney will fill Andover Country Club this weekend as the Beatles tribute band 4EverFab entertains guests at American Training's annual Good Times Gala.

This year's Londonthemed event is set for Friday, May 16, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the country club, Copland and Sousa plus 60 Canterbury St. It will feature dancing, live music, planned. awards, food and a custombuilt cupcake tower from Rudy's Catering and Confection in Haverhill. Visits from the Spice Girls, James from the RSO after 15 Bond, Harry Potter and even Adele, or their lookalikes, will add to the fun and NRG Entertainment will keep guests on the dance floor.

Based on Campanelli Drive in Andover, American Training, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that Weekend of music has been providing workforce development, day habilitation, and work and residential programs since 1979. It serves hundreds of residents in the greater Merrimack Valley, including people with disabilities, youths, youths at risk, the unemployed, underemployed, lifelong adult learn- of Vincent Monaco and ers, and those looking to get the most out of life. To learn more, visit www. AmericanTrainingInc.com.

### **Piano Showcase**, with honors, by local students

The Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association presents an honors

students on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St. For more, contact the library at 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32, or visit http:// mvmta.org.

### Season-ending 'Pops' for Reading Symphony

"An All Star Pops" is the theme of the Reading Symphony Orchestra's final concert of the season on Sunday, May 18, at 3:30 p.m. at Parker Middle School Auditorium, 45 Temple St., Reading.

The program was compiled based on the recommendations of the symphony orchestra's regular patrons and audience members and will feature hits from the classical to the contemporary, with pieces by Strauss, Debussy, Tchaikovsky, Gershwin, several Broadway favorites

The show will represent a farewell for Music Director and conductor Roland Vazquez, who is retiring years at the helm.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Children 12 and under are invited for free. Visit www.readingsymphonyorchestra.org for more.

## at Phillips Academy

Phillips Academy is hosting two free concerts as well as a piano master class this weekend.

On Friday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m., the Academy Concert Bands and ensembles, under the direction Derek Jacoby, will feature the music of Winsor McCoy, Johann Strauss Jr., Michael Sweeney, Karl L. King and graduating senior Maita Eyzaguirre.

On Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m., The Fidelio Society, a select a cappella choir of 18 voices that represents the ddest musical organization on Andover Hill, will pres-

Both concerts take place in Cochran Chapel at Phillips, 180 Main St.

Also on Friday, the Music Department presents a master class with Victor Rosenbaum, the former chairman of the New England Conservatory Piano Department for more than 10 years. The free class goes from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Timken Room at Graves Hall and is open to the public

For more information on anv of the events, contact the Music Department at 978-749-4260 or email music@andover.edu.

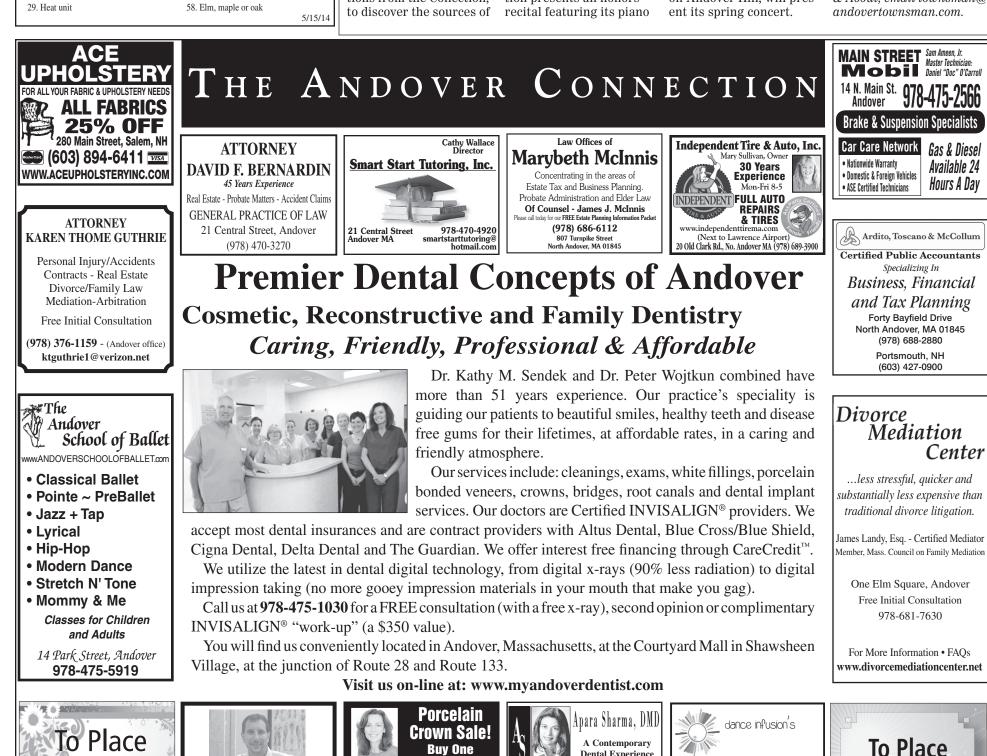
### **Psychic medium** sharing inspiration in new book

Andover's Kelle Sutliff will be reading from her latest book, "Listen UP! The Other Side IS Talking," an inspirational book that explores the importance for people to listen to their intuitive direction from deceased loved ones, next Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m. at Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.

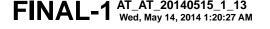
In her latest work, Sutliff shows readers how to trust their intuition and learn how to make it part of their daily lives. She reflects on her 14-year career as a psychic medium and psychic investigator, sharing her journey of how all of this "psychic stuff" really does work. Sutliff says anyone who has mourned the loss of a loved one or been curious about how deceased loved ones can guide people can gain from her perspective. She is also the co-author of "Pearls of Wisdom: 30 Inspirational Ideas to Live Your Best Life Now!" with Jack Canfield in 2012.

Admission to the reading is free. For more, call the bookstore at 978-475-0143 or visit www.hugobookstores.com/andover. To learn more about Sutliff, visit www.psychicmediumkelle.com.

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LOCAL

## Healthy strides Get Up and Go running program off to fast start

A new healthy kids running series has gotten area youngsters to Get Up and Go this spring and the community coordinator behind it is eager to bring it back for another round come fall.

Andover mother and runner Amy Smith said almost 200 children in pre-kindergarten through middle school signed up for the five-week series, with about 130 to 140 participating each week.

Some of the youngsters have come from Maine and New Hampshire to run the races, which have been held at Andover Village Improvement Society's West Par-Road.

The course length varies by age, from a 50-yard dash for pre-kindergartners to a 1-mile run for fourth- and fifth-graders and middle-schoolers.

"It's been really successful, really enjoyable, and the kids are having a good time," said Smith, who has two children, ages 7 and 11. "The parents enjoy it, too. There's no pressure and the kids are seeing improvement each week."

The series is part of a national, nonprofit youth running program designed to combat childhood obesity while providing children with a positive, educational sport. Smith said if children aren't intimidated about running, they will be more inclined to continue doing or more races will also get West Parish Meadow for the it for exercise when they T-shirts and race bags con- program. She said AVIS, has become adults.

has met late Sundays from this Sunday as well. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., represents per race.

up this weekend. All of the pital and Russell's Postal and Smith said. "It really is a youngsters who participate Office Supplies. in the last day of races will receive medals. In addition, new series in September series, visit www.healthykidthose who signed up for three and hopes to continue using srunningseries.org.



ish Meadow off Reservation Henry Prussman, 9, of Andover, has his eyes focused on the finish line in the 1-mile run for fourth- and fifth-graders.



Five-year-olds Luis Nunez, left, of Lawrence and Brady Kirns and fun introduction to the of Andover set up for a photo finish in the 50-yard dash for the pre-kindergarten boys during Sunday's Get Up and Go Healthy Kids Running Series at West Parish Meadow.

taining giveaways. A bonus been wonderful to work with The Andover series, which parent fun run is planned for and, in return, the series has

the program's introduction series include Andover Many are now making plans to New England. The cost Pediatrics; Dr. Kevin Bag- to walk the meadow as a famwas \$30 for the series or \$10 nall, D.D.S.; Greater Boston ily in the future. Running Company, Little The local series wraps Sprouts, Lowell General Hos- more people on AVIS land,"

Smith will be starting a

introduced area families to The local sponsors of the the property for the first time.

"Something like this gets lovely place."

For more information on the



**RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos** 

A set of jumping jacks got the kindergartners and first-graders ready to compete in their quarter-mile race. Andover's Amy Smith brought the series to the area to introduce youngsters to running.



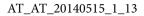
Alani Rodriguez, 5, of Lawrence strides into the lead as the pre-kindergarten girls compete in the 50-yard dash at Sunday's running series.



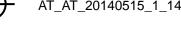
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## Education

## Andover native named state's top teacher

Andover native Jeffrey Shea, a social studies teacher at Belmont High School, has added a new title to his name — that of Massachusetts Teacher of the Year.

He received the state's top education award through the annual program that recognizes the dedication, commitment and positive contributions of the commonwealth's educators.

Shea, who now lives in Arlington, is the state's 53rd recipient studies teacher at Belmont of the award and automatically becomes a candidate for the National Teacher of the Year award.

The Andover High School who started a substance abuse world expanded. library in Lawrence, with being



COURTESY PHOTO

Jeffrev Shea, who grew up in Andover, has been named the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year for his work as a social High School.

After graduating, he worked interesting. the first person to teach him in international travel and then In 2012, Shea was girls' education in parts of the material.

as a golf professional before instrumental in developing the developing world. joining Belmont Public Schools school's one-to-one iPad initiaas a sixth-grade language arts tive through a pilot program troubled students who owe dent review panel of experts, and social studies teacher in supported by the Foundation their high school diploma including past Massachusetts 2004.

ter of education degree from expanded in the current school accountable for their work finalist to be named Massa-Endicott College in Beverly year. and the College for International Studies in Madrid and ies, he teaches global leader- Richards wrote in his letter of ary Education Commissioner a doctor of education degree ship, a course he designed. He recommendation. from Northeastern University in Boston.

also worked with his colleagues

for Belmont Education. The to his willingness to stand Teachers of the Year. That He went on to earn a mas- pilot, based partly on his work, behind them, yet hold them panel then recommended one and achievement," Belmont chusetts Teacher of the Year In addition to American Stud- High School Principal Daniel by Elementary and Second-

The selection process for to create an interdisciplinary the 2014-15 Massachusetts ing educators, including the In 2009, Shea joined the staff global certificate program at Teacher of the Year began last Massachusetts History Teacher at Belmont High School, where Belmont High. His students fall with a call for nominations of the Year, the Milken Family he is known as a meticulous have done video conferences from administrators, teach-Foundation Award winner for about social justice. However, planner who varies his les- with classrooms in Jordan, ers, students, parents and oth- Massachusetts, the finalists he says it wasn't until he went sons with different approaches visited the Boston office of ers. An initial review of each for the Presidential Award for to Tulane University in New and technology. He also asks the global nonprofit Partners nominated teacher's written Excellence in Mathematics and graduate credits his mother, Orleans that his view of the students each year for advice in Health, and run and publi- application led to the selection. Science Teaching, and Teacher on how to make his classes cized a screening of "Girl Ris- of semifinalists, who then sub- of the Year finalists and semifiing," a film about obstacles to mitted additional supporting nalists, for an awards ceremony

Five finalists were selected "(Shea) has mentored many and interviewed by an indepen-Mitchell Chester.

Shea will join other outstandat the Statehouse next month.



Fifth-grader Kelley Ross shows off her dance moves as her classmates look on.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

## Interact Club charity car wash on Saturday

The Lawrence Rotary Club and its Interact Club, comprised of students from Greater Lawrence Technical School, will hold a car wash on Saturday. May 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the technical school at 57 River Road, Andover.

Cars will be washed and dried for a \$5 donation. All proceeds will go to Cor Unum Meal Center of Lawrence.

Interact is the high school version of Rotary, a worldwide service organization with more than one million members. In recent years, Greater Lawrence Technical School Interacters have participated in many community service projects in Lawrence.

### PIKE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following local students were named to the second-term honor roll at Pike School in North Andover. HIGH HONORS

### Grade 8

Colby Beré, Tate Blazonis, Allison Bolton, Emma Chatson, Emelie Eldracher, Nell Fitts, Michaela Jones, Melisa Kreismanis, Amanda Li, Leslie Mateo, Alexa Matses, Hannah Maver, Michael McCullom, Kate Packard, Danielle Page, Tarun Rastogi, Michael Ren, Helen Salvatore, Matthew Schelzi, Dan Teplow, Jessica Wang, Jake Zanazzi, Maddie Zerbey, Mae Zhao

Grade 7

Amolina Bhat, Zenia Bhathena, Bella Borek, Amanda Brooks, Emma Brown Max Chaban, Cathy Cheng, Jack Curtin, Samantha Davidson, Lauren Fanning, Sabrina Gribbel, Ava Harrington, Ben Heinze, Abigail Johnson, Anna Lang, Tristan Latham, Brianna Lawlor, Kaleigh Lyons, Tyler McGoldrick, Emily Michaels, Mari Nakamura, Reverie Nedde, Meredith Newton, Joshua Quirk, Rolando Rabines, Clay Rabold, Sarika Rao, Lily Rauh, Alice Ren, Nicholas Rice, Nick Tilson, Katie Tsai Grade 6

## Sharing the last dance at Bancroft

The girls of Bancroft Elementary School grabbed the favorite men in their lives and filled the cafeteria last Friday night for the "The Last Tango at Bancroft."

The dance marked the last for the old Bancroft before the school is torn down at the end of this summer and the students move on to their newly built school in the fall.

The dance was hosted by the Bancroft PTO and included pizza, raffle prizes and plenty of fun.



Third-grader Adelaide Weeden gets a better view of the dance floor from atop the shoulders of her father, Brad Weeden.



Mike Hellmann and his daughter, Lauren, a kindergarten student, enjoy a slice of pizza while at the dance.



The dance floor was hopping as the older students at Bancroft showed the younger girls how to do the limbo.

### LOCAL SCHOLARS

named to the honor roll for the The Loomis Chaffee School term. second term at Fenn School in in Windsor, Conn.: John Miller, Concord. They are Maxwell M. a freshman, and Mia Edelson, a earned academic honors; and roll. Duncan MacKenzie, who earned academic high honors and Sua Sponte High Honors.

Four students achieved at Pomfret School in Pomfret,

Three local students were honors for the winter term at Conn., for the 2013-2014 winter

Elizabeth Kaufman, a senior, and at Belmont Hill School in Bel- of School Eric F. Peterson to Melanie Murphy, a junior, were mont, achieved honors for the students who earn no grades named to the high honor roll third marking period. 

eted Head of School's Commen-Michael D. Calabro, a sophomore dation for Academic Excellence Byron, who earned academic sophomore, high honor roll; at St. Sebastian's School in at St. George's School in Midhonors and Sua Sponte Hon- and Benzi Edelson, a junior, and Needham, earned high honors dletown, R.I., following the ors; Nicholas M. Landman, who Michael Miller, a senior, honor on the third quarter honor roll. first semester of her junior year. The commendations are Peter O'Connell, a freshman awarded twice a year by Head lower than an A- in all courses.

Elizabeth Millar earned a cov-

Kaela Aalto, Ian Aulbach, Katie Brooks, Taylor Charpentier, David Chatson, Olivia Ehrgott, Vincent Fan, Sophie Green, Ronit Gupta, Nikki Iamonaco, Nakul Iver. Dallion Johnson. Olivia Lai. Jacob Lapp, Samantha Lee, Emily Ma, Cassidy McGoldrick, Ishaan Mundra, Brooke Murphy, Charlie Murphy, Liam Nestor, Aidan O'Brien, Katelyn O'Brien, Jack Palfrey, Therese Pelletier, Sophia Ranalli, Cameron Riley, William Rinaldi, Lindi Schroeder, Maddy Silveira, Carly Tilson, Rachel Tucker, Emma Willard, Charles Yang, Estelle Zhu HONORS

### Grade 8

Eva Altvater, Andrew Brown, Cooper Bulens, Frank Cai, Riley Cardono, Rohan Chaturvedi, Noah Colby, Caileigh Cormier, Noelle Dana, Izzy DiAdamo, Zach Fitzgerald, Domingo Gonzalez, Oniel Gonzalez, Zoe Hsieh, Lauren Kramer, Kyle Lattanzio, Ian McCabe, Nalia Medina, Bobby Meehan, Chris Mellen, Akshay Mundra, Jeffrey Ng, Sophie O'Brien, Jack O'Connell, Connor Peters, Isaac Poritzky, Alana Rafiee, Tyler Ricchiuto, Will Riley, Matthew Sciascia, Claudia Solano, Alec Tucker, Suning Wang

### Grade 7

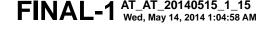
Max Alibrandi, Jack Anthony, Mia Borek, Clayton Britt, Aki Charland, Peter Colletta, Nicholas Coutracos, Daniel DeLaus, Jonathan Gonzalez, Barrett Hodgson, Nikhil Khot, Margaret Lee, Amy Liu, Renae Lorden, Carissa Mastrangelo, Naimah McDonald, Kaitlyn McKinnon, Vinay Metlapalli, Julianne Meyers, Kailey O'Neill, Hannah Onofrio, Zach Papapetros, Kenyon Pelletier, Elena Ranalli, Jordan Richard, Cade Rose, Ria Vieira, Kiefer Washburn, Abby Zerbey

### Grade 6

Madison Abraham, Charlie Addesa, Tommy Aitken, Brian Barker-Morrill, Eric Bishop, Cameron Bulens, Rachel Burba, Chloe Colby, Thano Danas, Elisa DiGiammo, Chloe Ginsberg, Douglas Hazel, Grace Hennessy, Olivia Hodge, Zoe Katz, Myles McIntyre, Jonathan Mei, Isabela Miller, Jennifer Mills, Claire Nagahiro, Casey O'Neill, Matthew Onofrio, Catherine Payne, Katy Riley, James Rogus, Abigail Vieira, Taylor Willis

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## Preservation Awards ceremony next week

tion Awards will be handed out at a celebration next which includes members of lent examples of preserva-Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. the Andover Preservation tion work being carried out at Memorial Hall Library, 2 Commission, Ballardvale across town. Together, they North Main St.

Preservation Awards cel- Society, selected eight nota- design of Andover that they ebrates 24 years of recog- ble preservation projects to believe helps make the comnizing individuals who have highlight. toric and scenic character of and architects of the eight public.

Historic District Commis- say the projects add to the This year, the Andover sion and Andover Historical overall architecture and

The 24th annual Preserva-on Awards will be handed the community. properties being singled out The Awards Committee, this year represent excelmunity so unique.

made significant contribu- Committee members Next week's awards pretions to preserving the his- say the owners, builders sentation is open to the



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Inga Larson with her sons, Nick and Alex Gamble, all got their heads shaved May 3 to benefit St. Baldrick's Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research. The fundraiser was part of a daylong open house at Dundee Park.

## A bald statement for cancer research

unit.

That was the case earlier Music. this month when Inga Larson and her sons, Nick and Alex instructor at Yang's, helped which included about a dozen Gamble, offered their scalps organize the event to do local merchants, two outdoor to the razor to benefit the St. something positive for young spinning classes, live perfor-Baldrick's Foundation for people facing an upsetting mances and demonstrations Childhood Cancer Research. diagnosis of cancer. The ben- and a raffle with more than

was part of a day-long open \$4,000 to support the efforts

ter and The Real School of 2005.

The May 3 fundraiser efit shaving raised more than \$1,500 in prizes.

When members of the Lar-house for the businesses of 5 of the foundation, which has son/Gamble family accept Dundee Park — led by Yang's collected over \$100 million a challenge, they do so as a Martial Arts & Fitness Cen- for research grants since

More than 200 people Larson, a kung fu assistant attended the open house,

## A salute to volunteers



LEAH SPENCER/Courtesy photos

The Rotary Club of Andover's 2014 honorees are, from left, Tim Felter, Paul Dollard, Joan Dollard, Jean Cookson, Esther Kim, Educator of the Year Eric Pellerin, Abigail Cohen, Nancy Gump, Charlotte Lyons, Tara McCormick and John McCormick.

## Rotary fetes top Citizens, Educator of the Year

A full house was on hand last week to honor the Rotary Club of Andover's latest class of Citizens Who Care and its Educator of the Year.

Ten individuals who give of themselves for the good of the community together with one distinguished teacher were applauded for their work at the annual recognition dinner on Thursday, May 8, at the Wyndham Andover Hotel.

The 2014 honorees are Citizens of the Year Tim Felter, Paul Dollard, Joan Dollard, Jean Cookson, Esther the Year Eric Pellerin.

For the last 17 years, the Educator of the Year. Rotary Club has been recog-



Elaine Clements, executive director of the Andover Historical Society, introduces one of this year's honorees to the crowd at last week's recognition dinner.

nizing extraordinary volun- the honorees were unveiled they will be archived at the teers who contribute beyond at the dinner. Those Andover Historical Society.

Kim, Abigail Cohen, Nancy their normal job descriptions portraits will now be dis-Gump, Charlotte Lyons, as its annual Citizens Who played at various business, Tara McCormick and John Care honorees. Six years banks and public offices McCormick and Educator of ago, the club broadened the throughout town for the recognition to include an remainder of the year as a visible reminder of the spirit Gallery portraits of all of of volunteerism, after which

## A sweet re-opening treat for Mom

Orange Leaf Frozen and more seating. There's Yogurt in downtown also a five iPad station for Andover officially marked the kids to play unlimited its expansion and grand re- games, 60-inch TV, a fireopening this past Sunday, place for winter enjoyment Mothers Day, by treating and potential for live music area moms to a free yogurt to come. treat. The day also included Owner Dave Pierre says face painting, balloon twist- he came up with the idea ing, live entertainment and to combine the grand renumerous giveaways. opening with Mothers Day After six months of plan- and it turned into a success. ning and four months of Pierre owns three additional major construction, the Orange Leaf businesses in local Orange Leaf on Park Newburyport, Salem and Street has almost doubled Somerville and oversees its size. It now features another 18 stores in the eight machines, 16 flavors, region. He is currently 34 plus toppings avail- expanding to Hilton Head, able at two topping bars S.C.



### Local man cycling to stop diabetes

Richard Fink of Andover His involvement began eight will be hopping on his bicy- years ago when he was diagcle Sunday for the annual nosed with type 1 diabetes at Tour de Cure to benefit the age 55. Soon after, he attended American Diabetes Associa- a diabetes expo in Boston, tion's movement to stop dia- where he learned about the betes. The fundraiser based Tour de Cure and signed up. "I like the Red Rider proin Topsfield aims to raise gram," he says in a release. funds to change the future of "It is a way of feeling special, diabetes. a good special, and my inspi-A type 1 diabetic, Fink is ration is knowing that by ridknown as a Red Rider — ing and raising money, I help people with diabetes who are everyone with diabetes.' To learn more or make a disease and raising money donation on Fink's behalf, to stop it by participating in visit http://main.diabetes.org/ American Diabetes Associa- goto/rfink. More information tion-sponsored cycling events is also available at www.diabetes.org/nsmedia.

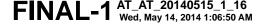
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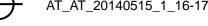
Andover Orange Leaf owner Dave Pierre, second from right, poses with, from left, musician Sean Le Braun, the Orange Leaf mascot, 92.5 The River sales executive Adrienne Montezinos and DJ Carolyn Morrell at Sunday's re-opening event.

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## Sports

## **PMC Kids Ride gears** up for Sunday

The ninth annual Pan-Mass Challenge Wilmington-Andover Kids Ride pedals off on Sunday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Boutwell Early Childhood Center at 17 Boutwell St. in Wilmington.

Children in pre-kinder-– including a team from

The ride was started by Sue Hendee, a physical education teacher in Wilmington and 24-year PMC cyclist, and Carolyn Priem, whose son is a cancer survivor who was treated at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston when he was a toddler. For the fifth year, the ride will be dedicated to Lyndsey Pettengill, a local pediatric cancer patient and four-time participant who is the ride's official Pedal Partner.

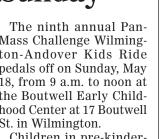
The event, which is one of 37 PMC Kids Rides across New England and beyond, will also feature a free raffle, face painting, a DJ and refreshments for all riders and their families. A \$17,000 fundraising goal has been set.

Registration is \$10, with a \$25 fundraising minimum, and children can register to participate up until Sunday.

PMC Kids Rides are sponsored by the Yawkey Foundation. Contributions can be made payable to the Pan-Mass Challenge. To register, visit http://kids.



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garten through sixth grade Andover's Shawsheen  ${\small Elementary \ School-will}$ be riding 1-mile loops around Boutwell, West and Wilmington middle schools on Carter Lane in Wilmington to raise money for help fight cancer. Carter Lane will be closed to all traffic during the event.

When Andover volleyball captain Kenny Doherty talks, teammates listen. Following four years as a three-sport throwback, there is next to nothing the 6-foot-3 leaper has not experienced.

In the fall, Doherty carved out a role as special teams ace and situational pass rusher in football, helping the squad to the Merrimack Valley Conference title in 2012. In the winter, he was a key to

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morale as a backup for the basketball team that advanced to the Division 1 North title game this season.

But Doherty is never more dominant than he is on the volleyball court, where he is an all-conference middle hitter for the Golden Warriors, which entered the week with an impressive 10-6 record. "I love volleyball," Doherty said. "I admit, it is nice to have a sport I can really get out on the court with and score a few points. But even though being a three-sport athlete can be tough, I have had an amazing time playing football

and I have to be sure to get all of my homework done as soon as I get home. Sure, I would love some time to relax, but I love all three sports. ??

Kenny Doherty, center, reacts after a big block earlier this season. Doherty is not only an all-conference volleyball player, but a three-sport player

Volleyball star Doherty an old-school, three-sport athlete

and basketball. Once every season approaches, I am excited to play."

for the Golden Warriors as a member of the football and basketball teams as well.

Doherty's dedication to three sports is a rare accomplishment as athletes specialize more and more on one sport, according to his football and volleyball coach, E.J. Perry.

"You have to respect the passion of a three-sport athlete," Perry said. "He is an excellent volleyball player, an enthusiastic football player who made some big plays for us and my son (E.J. Perry IV) always talks about how much he brought the basketball team together and made sure they were focused."

than two years ago.

"I had played baseball for the freshman team, but didn't have a great season," Doherty said. "So, as a sophomore, I decided to give volleyball a try because people had mentioned it could help my vertical leap for basketball. I had never tried it before I tried out for the team as a sophomore."

But it did not take Doherty long to show he had a knack for the game, and catch the attention of the easier if he took a season off. But Golden Warriors' coaching staff. When I tried out, the coach at the time (Dave Kuykendall) was excited to have a tall kid," he said. "He put me into our first (exhibition match) against Lawrence. They had this big kid and I got a block against him. Coach K pulled me aside and said, 'That is an allconference player and you just

blocked him.' That's when I realized this could be my sport."

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Doherty finished that season as the team leader in solo and total blocks, was third in kills and fifth in aces. He continued to grow and learn the sport last season, earning All-Merrimack Valley Conference honors.

"He has been a rock for this team," assistant coach Ally Navarro said. "He has a very enthusiastic energy about him. Sometimes he can become frustrated, but I have worked with him on redirecting that energy in a positive way. He is passionate and there isn't anyone like him in the league.'

### **Three-sport specialist**

Doherty admits his life could be he never considered the simpler

**44** It can be hard, because I don't have an offseason **Kenny Doherty** 

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### Volleyball star

While volleyball has become Doherty's top sport, he did not start playing until a little more way

"It can be hard, because I don't have an offseason and I have to be sure to get all of my homework done as soon as I get home," he said. "Sure, I would love some time to relax, but I love all three sports."

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## **Relay leads girls to Andover Boosters title**

### **GIRLS TRACK**

### **WEEKLY ROUNDUP**

The Andover girls 4x800 Gwyneth Minor, Sarah Rothmann wrong.

ready to prove the doubters the girls team title and overall team crown on Saturday.

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The team of Cate Donovan,

to late track coach **Dick Collins**. was up there helping us. We

we knew Coach Collins was relay entered the Andover and Sophie Draper teamed to looking down on us," said Boosters Meet as the No. 9 earn a dominant victory, lead- coach Peter Comeau, who spoke tancing No. 2 Newton South seed. But the foursome was ing the Golden Warriors to during a ceremony for Collins (10:00.40). before the meet. "We were not the favorites to win this meet, get where you are seeded

"Before the meet, we said wanted to win this for him."

The 4x800 was a runaway winner in 9:53.97, far outdis-

"You just have to for-The victory was dedicated so to do it, I really feel like he because it doesn't matter," Draper said. "We showed what we could do it. We worked together and give it our all."

Hannah Chapman added another gold for the Golden Warriors, winning the triple jump and scoring a second in the 110 hurdles. Also adding runner-ups were Hannah Ameen (100) and Erin Longee (javelin).

### **BOYS TRACK**

### Boys take second

Following the 400 at the Andover Boosters, a talented competitor in the race looked at a bystander and said it all.

'Wow," said the athlete, "(Hamza) Naveed from Andover was amazing.'

Andover's Naveed delivered his best outing of the season, flying to the 400 title in 50.14 to help the Golden Warrior boys to a secondplace finish as a team.

'I was seeded second but I just knew I could win," Naveed said. "I haven't been running terribly well this season, so to show myself and everyone that I can still run a winning time means a lot. I really wanted this win."

Scoring seconds for the Warriors were Joe Vetere in

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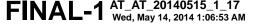
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**DOHERTY:** 3-sport athlete

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In football. Doherty was a mem-

ber of all of the Golden Warriors'

special teams, while also catching

down, as tight end against Peabody

seven passes, including a touch-

"That touchdown catch was

amazing," Perry said. "And he filled

in a lot of key roles because of inju-

In basketball, Doherty knew his

"Coach (David) Fazio came to me

role would be as a bench player.

and told me, 'I can't promise you

much playing time. Are you OK

with that?" Doherty said. "I told

him that I was. I had been going

to Andover sporting events since

third grade, so I wanted to be a part of it. I would have loved to be out

there, but I did my best to help out

and making 11 tackles.

ries. He did a lot for us."

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### SPORTS

### Pirates pride

After a one-week rain delay, Andover Little League held its annual opening day parade and ceremony on May 3 from the Doherty Middle School parking lot on Bartlet Street into the town center. After the parade, the teams returned to the fields at Doherty for the traditional Pitch, Hit and Run Contest. Here, members of the 7-year-old Pirates team celebrate the start of the new season in The Park at **Bartlet and Chestnut streets** following the parade.

Courtesy photo

## ROUNDUP

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the pole vault, Sean Caveney in the 110 hurdles, Sebastian Silveira in the 400 hurdles and the 800 sprint medley relay.

Joe Vetere scored a 13-0 in the pole vault and Sean Caveney added a winning 51.23 time in the 110 hurdles, but Andover lost to the 400 meter race during  $Central\ Catholic\ 80\text{-}65\ last\$  a Track and Field meet at Wednesday, May 7. Oliver Andover High School. Eberth added wins in the 100 and 200 and Hamza Nav-Warriors.

### SOFTBALL

### Warriors win thriller

and scored on a single for 18-0 last Tuesday, May 6. Abby Day in the 11th inning to give the Golden Warriors a 7-6 walk-off victory over Lawrence last Friday, May Goalies stand tall 9.

trailed by four runs heading combined on a nearly perinto the seventh, but rallied fect night in net to pace son and Tori Roche.

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## Andover's Hamza Naveed wins

eed took the 400 for the scored a run, but Andover an assist for the winners. lost to Haverhill 6-4 last Wednesday, May 7. Paige Hartnett added a hit and a run for the Warriors.

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JoJo Olson had one of Paige Hartnett doubled, Andover's two hits as the

### **BOYS LACROSSE**

Walter Pappas (5 saves) The Golden Warriors and Steve Herman (6 saves)

Hunter Tyrrell had a goal and Rebecca Alois, Carissa Remming the Golden Warriors. three assists. once.

George Cardillo scored three goals as Andover continued to surge, topping Cheshire times as Andover bounced Warriors 10-7 last Friday. Will Rear- back from a rare setback don and Hunter Tyrrell each to roll past Reading 15-5 added a pair of goals and last Monday. Brenna Keefe 27 blocks as Andover out- McAuliffe combined to win Andy Soucy had two assists added two goals, Courtney lasted Lincoln-Sudbury No. 1 doubles and Drew Rooks for the winners.

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and two assists and George winners. Cardillo and Jake Lakos each chipped in two goals to help Andover best Dracut 12-7 last Wednesday, May 7. Will Nicole Ericson had a hit and Eikenberry added a goal and

### **GIRLS LACROSSE**

### Led by Lenes, Warriors roll

took third on a wild pitch Warriors lost to Reading lotte Lenes and three more IV drove in two runs for the for Courtney Grygiel, Andover winners. downed Chelmsford 17-10 last Friday. Brenna Keefe and Jacqueline Leone added two two hits, but Andover lost May 7. Kenny Doherty added North Andover last Wednesgoals each and Mora Cun- to Methuen 7-5 last Friday. 11 blocks for the Warriors. ningham had a goal and two Tim Awiszus added a hit and assists for the winners.

Weezie Gross tallied four into the seventh, but rallied fect night in net to pace Weezie Gross tallied four back with the help of a JoJo Andover in a 15-1 drubbing goals to pace Andover in E.J. Perry IV and Alex Brick-Olson double and key singles of Chelmsford last Monday, an 11-4 win over Central man each collected two hits, a 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 win at No. 2 and Michaela Comerford each for Amy Bordogna, Nicole Eric- May 5. George Cardillo scored Catholic last Wednesday, but Andover fell to Tewks- singles to help Andover swept to singles victories as a team-best five goals while May 7. Charlotte Lenes added bury 4-2 last Monday, May stay undefeated by beating Andover beat Lawrence 5-0 Jake Lakos scored twice and two goals and Caroline Curtin, 5. Tim Awiszus added a hit for Wellesley 3-2 last Friday. on Monday.

and Jess Leone each scored

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### BASEBALL

Nicholas, Flynn excel New leadoff hitter Chris-

Behind five goals for Char- scored two runs and E.J. Perry

two RBIs for the Golden Warriors.

#### **BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

### Charlotte Lenes scored five **Doherty leads hot**

Grygiel added a goal and five 19-25, 28-26, 26-24, 15-25, and Dillon Clancy each added assists and Carissa Remming 15-10 last Tuesday, May 6. singles victories. Will Reardon scored a goal had three helpers for the Alec Dean scored 22 service points, Chase Webber had 22 assists for the winners.

topher Nicholas collected two and Kyle Surehan added 15 as Andover beat Lawrence hits and scored twice and service points and three 5-0 last Monday. Arun Pady-Colin Flynn continued to star aces to lead Andover to a kula added a victory at No. 2 on the hill with a complete- 25-13, 25-13, 25-20 win over singles for the winners. game effort to lead Andover Billerica last Monday, May to a 5-1 win over Chelms- 5. Chase Webber added 20 kills ford last Wednesday. Alex and Terrence Norton added Brickman added two hits and nine blocks for the winners. Doubles domination . . .

Patrick Pengeroth notched 25-23, 25-21 last Wednesday, 13-0 with a 5-0 win over

### **BOYS TENNIS**

### Varun fights back

Varun Penamatsa battled for

in practice and keep the players' spirits high."

His spirit and contributions did earn him the role as the favorite player of the Andover fan section 'The Jungle," which went crazy anytime he entered a game.

"That was really amazing," he said with a laugh. "The Jungle did a great job. and to be the guy that got cheered at the end of games was really awesome. There was nothing like that."

Doherty, who will attend Auburn University in the fall, now has high hopes for how his high school sports career will end as vollevball season begins to wind down.

"It will be a shame if we don't at least make the state title game," Doherty said. "I really feel like we have a group that can accomplish great things.'

### Andrew Imrie and Drew Rooks each added Warrior wins.

Andrew Imrie won top singles 6-1, 6-1 to help Andover to a 5-0 win over North Andover last Wednesday. Kenny Doherty notched Aaron Edelman and Kellen

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Varun Penamatsa continued kills and Daniel Lee added 21 to stand out at No. 1 singles, winning 6-1, 6-1 and the team of Joe Hallal and Jeff Hunt recorded 10 digs Sam Mack won top doubles

### **GIRLS TENNIS**

Paige Webster and Pooja Despite 18 service points Mukund rallied for a 7-6 (8-6), and 13 digs for Alec Dean, 6-1 win at No. 1 doubles to Andover fell to Lowell 26-24, help Andover improve to day. Laurie-Maude Chenard and Sydney Ferry added a win at No. 2 doubles and Samantha Camilo won top singles.

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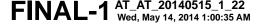
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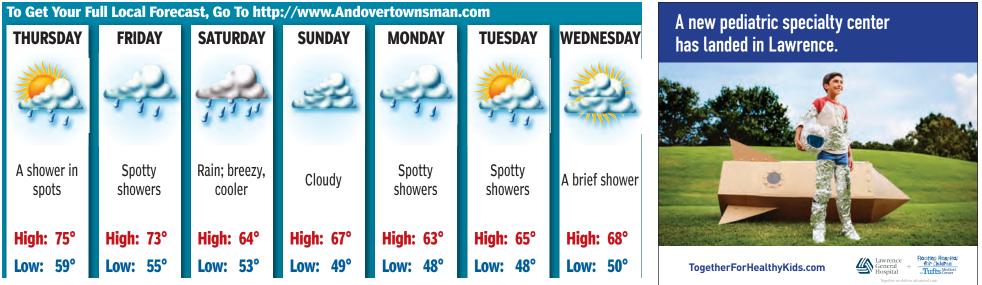
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