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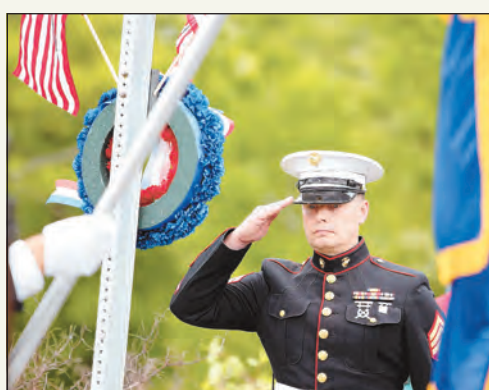
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Salute to service



Scott Parrish, a U.S. Marine Corps Iraqi veteran, salutes during the dedication ceremony for the High Plain Road bridge over Interstate 93 in Andover on Monday.



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Iain Hamilton, a member of the New Hampshire Army National Guard, shakes hands with his grandfather, veteran Bob Hamilton, before receiving a Global War on Terrorism medal during Monday's Memorial Day ceremony in The Park. Looking on are Hamilton's wife, Darcy, and their 1-year-old daughter, Raegan. More photos, Page 6.

Senior living complex proposed

Strawberry Hill Farm eyed for assisted living, congregate care housing

By BILL KIRK
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Strawberry Hill Farm, one of the last two farms left in town, may soon become a development for senior citizens.

National Development, a company based in Newton, Mass., has signed a purchase-and-sales agreement for the 9.3-acre Lowell Street property. The final sale is subject to permit approval, said Ted Tye, managing partner of the firm.

Tye seemed optimistic last week that the permits — primarily site plan approval from the Planning Board — would go through.

"We've done 23 different senior housing projects and in all 23 cases, we've been welcomed into the community," he said. "These are very low-impact projects that fit well into the residential area and provide a community need."

He said the company is proposing erecting two buildings — an assisted living facility with a focus on residents requiring memory care assistance and a congregate care, or independent living, community for seniors

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Health insurance back on table

Unions revisit decision at urging of selectmen

By BILL KIRK
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A group of unionized town employees met behind closed doors this week to decide whether to go along with a request from the Board of Selectmen to reopen health insurance negotiations.

If they do, the result could be a huge savings to taxpayers.

The Public Employees Committee, or PEC, is made up of the leaders of the town's 14 municipal unions and retired employees. Just before Town Meeting earlier this month, they decided to reject a health plan that could have saved what was reported at the time to be close to \$1 million.

The group decided to stick with a Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan offered through the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association rather than go with a less-expensive but comparable plan offered by Tufts, outraging Town Meeting

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Memorial Day a fitting tribute to the troops

By BILL KIRK
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Andover commemorated Memorial Day Monday with a series of events honoring those who serve and sacrifice for the country's freedom.

Early in the day, services were held at the town's cemeteries, as prayers were read, music was played and wreaths were laid in honor of fallen veterans.

The first such ceremony was at West Parish, followed by similar ceremonies at St. Augustine's and then Spring Grove.

The annual Memorial Day Parade stepped off at 10 a.m., as marchers commenced at the intersection of Elm and Florence streets, making their way down Main Street, over to Punchard Avenue and Bartlet Street before ending at The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets.

During the ceremony at the Park, three veterans received Global War on Terror medals — Tim Huntley and Iain Hamilton, both with the New Hampshire National Guard, and John Deyermond of the Massachusetts Army National

To see a video of Memorial Day sights and sounds, go to andovertownsman.com

Guard. Douglas Dunbar was the parade grand marshal and Michael Burke, director of veterans' services for the town, served as master of ceremonies.

The Andover High School band provided a patriotic medley, Clan Hamilton performed "Ashokan Farewell" and Clan MacPherson Pipes and Drums of Andover also lent its talents to the observance.

James Batchelder of the Andover Historical Society was the guest speaker. Doherty Middle School students delivered the "Gettysburg Address" and West Middle School students recited the war poem "In Flanders Field." Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Stephen Wallingford offered the opening and closing prayers.

A collation for all parade participants followed at 11:30 a.m. in Doherty Middle School

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Scott Parrish, a U.S. Marine Corps Iraqi veteran, right, and Andover Director of Veterans' Services Michael Burke affix a wreath to the sign on the High Plain Road bridge that was dedicated Monday in honor of the town's veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Challenger Division brings everyone to the plate

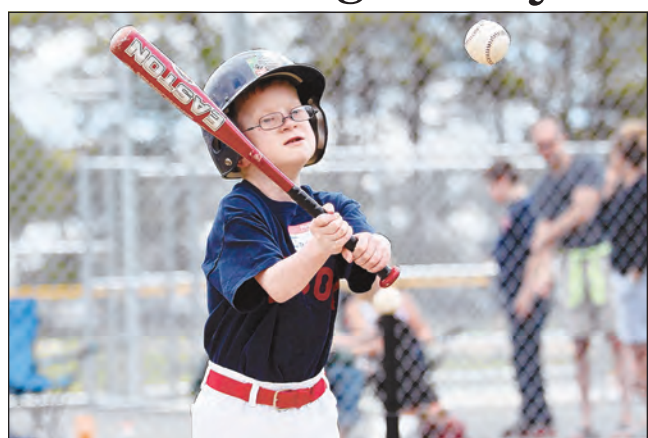
By BILL BURT
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Linsey Goldman didn't want her 9-year-old son, Benji, who has autism and other medical issues, to deal with the pressure of having to hit the ball in Little League.

So she signed him up for the Andover Little League Challenger Division that allows boys and girls with disabilities a chance to play ball.

But Benji took his mother by surprise.

"He had a different idea. He was so excited about playing that he put his uniform on first thing in the morning," Goldman said. "He wanted to make sure the pants fit. He put on his hat. He ended up hitting the ball twice, which made him



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos

Andover Little League Challenger player Jared Clark, 10, takes a swing during his at-bat in a game against the North Andover Challenge team this month at Deyermond Park in town.

very happy. He was a little disappointed he never had a ball hit to him in the field." Benji is one of about 30 boys

and girls with disabilities who are part of the town's Challenger Division. Earlier this month, the

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division hosted its first-ever Andover vs. North Andover Challenger Little League Baseball game at the new Deyermond Park complex in town.

About 50 players, including some in wheelchairs, took part in the May 18 event, which featured about 100 fans, including family and friends, rooting them on.

"It was even better than we expected," Ron Luber, Andover coach and vice president of Andover's Challenger Division, said. "We've been playing every Sunday, playing among ourselves. But this was special

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CHALLENGER: Baseball division puts children of all abilities on the field

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because it was Andover versus North Andover."

Every player hit at least once. Although it took a while to go through the lineup, the wait was worth it, Luber said.

"There are no outs," he said. "We wait until the kids hit the ball. And there were some kids who can really hit the ball."

While Andover has had a Challenger Division for several years, North Andover just launched its own this season. Sharon Randall of North Andover, who had been bringing her 10-year-old son, Davis, to Andover to play ball, immediately signed him up for her town's program.

He traveled back to Andover on his new team this month.

"Davis was excited because it was an away game," Randall said. "We walked away from (the game) very inspired. It was a special day for all of us, especially our children."

An added element to the Andover Challenger Division is that players from the Phillips



Andover Little League Challenger player Logan Debrocke, 7, of Methuen, looks to the plate from first to time his route to second.

Academy baseball and softball teams act as "buddies" to each of the players, helping them hit, run and field.

There are plans in the works to make the Andover-North Andover game an annual event. And the Andover team

is trying to set up a game under the lights against a Challenger team from Chelmsford.

Until then, the Andover Challenger players will continue honing their skills every Sunday at noon through June

at Deyermund Park.

Coach Luber summed it up nicely.

"These kids are like all kids," he said. "And at the end of the day, they are just baseball players. They deserve to be on the field."



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Andover Little League Challenger player Justin Valentino, 20, gets a hit with the assist of his buddy, Phillips Academy baseball player Sam Zager, during the team's game against North Andover this month at Deyermund Field in Andover.

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INSURANCE: Selectmen ask unions to reconsider

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members and prompting the Board of Selectmen last week to order negotiations reopened.

The union group was scheduled to meet Wednesday, after The Townsman went to press, in the school administration building on Bartlett Street.

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski scheduled a selectmen's meeting for the same night in case the board needs to take a vote on the health insurance budget.

Teachers union president Kerry Costello said Tuesday she was unsure what the outcome of the vote would be.

"I have no idea which way it will go," she said. "I haven't spoken to anyone outside the AEA (Andover Education Association)." The AEA represents roughly 800 teachers who work in the Andover school system.

However, it appears unlikely that the PEC will change its vote. Under the rules of the Public Employees Committee, votes of the members are weighted depending on how many employees they

represent.

Costello, who earlier this month stated that she opposed the switch to Tufts for a variety of reasons, represents the largest union, meaning her vote carries 39.6 percent of the total.

Meanwhile, the Andover Assistants Organization has 16.6 percent of the total and the Andover Educational Secretaries Association carries 2 percent. According to town officials, those unions fall under the umbrella of the teachers' union, meaning that three, school-based unions account for nearly 60 percent of any vote on changing health insurance.

The employees who represent those other, two school bargaining groups could not be reached for comment.

But officials from other unions, who were polled by the Andover Townsman, had mixed views of the health insurance debate, with some favoring a switch, some against it and others who had no opinion.

Eric Teichert, president of the firefighters union, and Fire Chief Mike Mansfield, who represents the department heads' bargaining group, both say they would rather go with Tufts because of savings to the town and its 1,400 employees.

Barbara Morache, who works in the Information Technology Department and represents the Andover Independent Employees Association, said she was "ambivalent" about the change and might have supported a switch to Tufts prior to Town Meeting had she been given more time to sell it to the 140 members of her bargaining group.

"Everything came down to such tight timing," she said. "We didn't have time to inform our members, so I couldn't get a true read from them on how acceptable it was."

Several other union representatives said they don't attend the meetings and either couldn't, or wouldn't, comment on the matter.

Terri Feole, who oversees the school cafeteria employees group, said nobody from her bargaining unit could make any of the PEC meetings.

"None of us went," she said. "I don't pay that much attention to it, unfortunately."

Bonnie Fields, a licensed practical nurse who represents the two-person LPN group at the schools, refused to comment.

"I'm not getting into the middle of it," she said. "I'm not going to comment on that whole thing."
John Peterson, representing

the dispatchers union, which works out of the public safety headquarters, said he could never attend any of the meetings and didn't have an opinion.

Lt. Edward Guy of the superior officers union in the Police Department said he hadn't attended any meetings either, and had no opinion on the subject.

Other union leaders, however, felt strongly that the town should stick with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan.

Colin Radford of the police patrolman's union said, "everyone was comfortable with Blue Cross/Blue Shield."

"We had a very short time to look at it, digest it and accept it. That was the biggest drawback," Radford said.

Costello said that while Tufts would have saved money for the town, "it wouldn't have saved individual subscribers. A 2-percent increase is relatively small ... and people like the Blue Cross plans and what they offer."

She added, "It isn't just about saving money today, it's about the long term. MIIA is a trusted carrier, and there were safeguards in place that Tufts did not offer."

In particular, she said, MIIA promised a rate cap for next year that would be the equivalent of the average of the increases it offered to all its members. Tufts offered no such guarantee, she said.

Ryan Hinchcliffe, vice president of the custodians union, said he also wanted to stick with the Blue Cross plan, because the timing wasn't right for some of his members who are facing major health issues and didn't want to switch plans in the middle of treatment.

"What it came down to, for my union, is that it wasn't the right time," he said. "We have one year left on the three-year (PEC) agreement. Maybe Tufts can come back next year and save the town even more money."

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FARM: Strawberry Hill eyed for senior development

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who are able to live a little more on their own.

The assisted living building would be one story and include 64 units while the congregate housing would have 70 units in a three-story structure.

The grounds would include waking paths throughout the site with significant landscaping around the perimeter to create a buffer to adjacent properties. There are churches on either side of the property and single-family homes behind it.

"The scale of development is meant to feel like a residential home that would fit into the area," Tye said. "It would be all wood-frame construction with architecture that fits the neighborhood and the community."

He acknowledged that the farm, run for generations by the Loosigian family, holds a special place in the hearts of many in town.

"The site has a lot of history as the farm," he said, noting that since Peter Loosigian passed away in the fall of 2012 at the age of 91, the farm has been idle.

Loosigian's son, also Peter, lives in New Hampshire and has no interest in continuing to run it as a farm.

"There is no further interest on his part or anyone else to do a farm," Tye said. "Pete and the family know it's time to move on."

Loosigian, who lives in Pelham, N.H., said he spoke with town officials who said that a senior living complex would be a more benign use for the property than single-family homes or a subdivision.

"I didn't want a development of houses," he said. "I talked to the town planner and he and a lot of others said it's better not to bring in more kids that need an education. It's better for the tax base."

Tye agreed. "It's a net gain for the



The late Peter Loosigian tends to the pumpkin patch at Strawberry Hill Farm in Andover in 2006. After being in the family for more than 100 years, the farm is poised to be turned into a senior living community.

community," he said. "We don't put kids in the schools, we pay real estate taxes, we create some jobs and we're very low impact."

Tye said the access to the property would be a central driveway, essentially where the driveway to the home in the center of the property now exists.

"People are always concerned about traffic and we are about the lowest traffic use you could find," he said, noting that most residents of assisted living facilities don't even have cars, while the number of trips for those in congregate housing is very low.

National Development, he said, did a lot of research into the Andover market, finding that there is demand for housing of this kind.

"Our population is aging quickly," he said. "We need more places for our senior population to live. We've looked very closely at the Andover market and see a real need for housing for seniors."

He said there is just one other assisted living community in Andover

and several others in the Merrimack Valley.

"Andover has shown to be a location with a strong demand and a growing senior population," he said.

"It's not just the seniors ... there are a lot of adult children who have parents of that age and those parents want to be closer to family and children, but not necessarily live in the house with them."

He said the congregate housing apartments would have small, full kitchens, and would be adequate for couples or single residents.

"They are typically one-bedroom," he said. "We are trying to provide a high level of affordability for people on fixed incomes, like retired teachers, town employees and others. There will be a large affordable component. Andover has a requirement that a certain percent of a project be affordable. Our goal is to exceed that."

All the units would be rentals, with the assisted living complex staffed 24 hours a day, with a peak of 12 to 15 employees on site at

any given time. He expects a total of about 30 jobs to be created at the complex.

"With memory care, there is a high service component," he said.

The assisted living complex will be called Bridges at Andover, and is a venture between National Development and Epoch Senior Living. They have collaborated on similar projects in Hingham and Westford.

The congregate housing, meanwhile, is being built by B'nai B'rith Housing, a developer based in Boston that is doing a similar project in Sudbury — the Coolidge at Sudbury, and another in Newton.

The permitting process should start this summer with a ground-breaking in late 2014 or early 2015, Tye said.

With the closing of Strawberry Hill Farm, Dargoonian Farms on Blanchard Street is the only working farm left in town. It is the last in a tradition of farming in Andover that stretches back hundreds of years. About 50 years ago, there were more than 200 farms in Andover.

MEMORIAL: Town honors those who served

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cafeteria.

At 2 p.m., folks made their way over to the bridge on High Plain Road over Interstate 93, which was dedicated as a memorial honoring the veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

State legislation was approved last month to rename the Andover bridge in tribute to those in town who served in the U.S. armed forces in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The act, which was signed by Gov. Deval Patrick, was sponsored by state Sen. Barry R. Finegold, D-Andover, and Reps. James L. Lyons, R-Andover, and Frank A. Moran, D-Lawrence, all of whom represent Andover.

Post 8 Commander Ted Witman said the bridge was just one way of thanking veterans.

"Members of Andover Post 8 have been working diligently with our legislators to make this happen," he said. "This will be a lasting memorial to those veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and the sacrifices they have made for our country."

Andover is not new to dedicating bridges. This is the seventh bridge in town dedicated to veterans and the wars they have fought.

"It gives me great pleasure that we were able to dedicate this bridge after the Andover veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan War," Moran said in a release announcing the designation. "I hope this will serve as a gesture of gratitude for all the sacrifices our servicemen and women make every day."

"Thank you to the men and women who sacrificed for our freedom," Lyons said. "Hopefully, this bridge will serve as a



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Kristina Parrish, along with children Maddie, 8, and Charles, 6, listen as her husband, Scott Parrish, a U.S. Marine Corps Iraqi veteran speaks during the dedication ceremony of the High Plain Road bridge over Interstate 93.

reminder to all of what each of them has done to protect us."

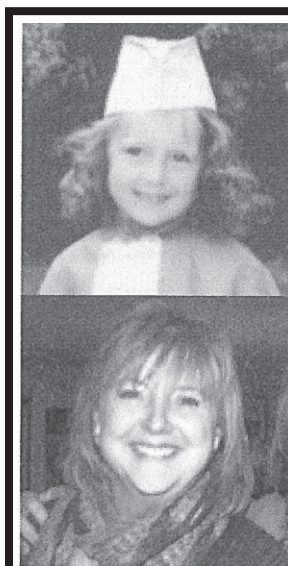
"Veterans put their lives on the line to defend this nation and our freedom every day, both at home and abroad," Finegold said at the bills passage. "The dedication of this bridge serves as a reminder of how much our servicemen and women have done for us and how thankful we are for their service."

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Tim Huntley, a member of the New Hampshire Army National Guard, receives a Global War on Terrorism medal from Board of Selectmen Chairman Daniel Kowalski during Monday's Memorial Day observance in The Park. MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos



Members of American Legion Post 8 fire their rifles during a salute for at the dedication ceremony for the High Plain Road Bridge over Interstate 93.



Memorial Day Parade grand marshal Douglas Dunbar acknowledges the crowd after being introduced at a ceremony at The Park following Monday's procession.


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Education

Sanborn teacher wins Mary French Award

SPECIAL TO THE TOWNSMAN

Susan Hunter-Jones, an adjustment counselor at Sanborn Elementary School, has been named the 2014 recipient of the Andover Special Education Parent Advisory Council's 13th annual Mary French Yellow Rose Award.

The Mary French Yellow Rose Award was created by SEPAC in memory of the town selectman and longtime director of pupil personnel, who was considered an innovator in the delivery of special education.

French, who focused on inclusion and recognizing the whole child, was known to acknowledge the work of teachers and staff members by leaving a yellow rose on their desks. SEPAC continued French's gesture last week, acknowledging those who go above and beyond for students by leaving a yellow rose on the desks of every nominee the morning of May 22 when this year's award was announced.

Nominees can be any employee of the Andover Public School system dedicated to helping students access regular education programs in a meaningful way, is a true collaborator with parents and teachers, and embraces change with a vision for students and the school. This year's nominations came from parents and school staff who recognized 31 individuals as encompassing these values.

Hunter-Jones was selected as best exemplifying the spirit of French's vision. Her nominators highlighted her interaction with students through individual work, as well as through different groups to help children develop socially and emotionally.

One parent commented, "Susan sees the potential beyond the obstacles in the children she works with."

In addition to Hunter-Jones, the other nominees were Cherilyn Barry, Deb Buchanan, Jim

Costello, Suzanne Crowley, Linda Davis, Ellen Dowliby, Joan Friedman, Inga Fuerst, Jennifer Galvin, Carol Green, Adam Hirschfeld, Rick Irving, Linda Lawrence, Karen Leland, Patricia Longo, Annyssa Matatall, Donna McManus, Virginia Morrison, Kailee Murphy, Lisa Nowicki, Darlene Ohlenbusch, Beth Puleo, John Rex, Elizabeth Roos, Erin Throwe, Kristina Votto, Sandra Woodburn-Blocker, Maria Hamilton, Lynn Heintzelman and Chris Gross.

Anyone interested in learning more about SEPAC and who wants to be involved in setting the goals for the 2014-2015 school year and beyond is invited to the group's next meeting on Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. in the School Department offices at 36 Bartlet St., third floor conference room. All parents and guardians of Andover students on IEPs or 504 plans or being evaluated are welcome.



A number of teachers and parents gathered last Thursday for the Mary French Yellow Rose Award ceremony at Sanborn Elementary School. Susan Hunter-Jones, front row, third from left, was selected by the Special Education Parent Advisory Council as this year's award winner. Joining Hunter-Jones are, front row from left, Kailee Murphy, Joan Friedman, Suzanne Crowley, Karen Leland and Patty Longo and, back row from left, Joyce Laundre, Kelly Burns, Sheena Stack, Laura Luff and Patricia Barrett.



A menagerie spills from a zoo-themed float in last Friday's parade, a popular South Elementary tradition.

Duffy named Virginia Tech Man of the Year

Timothy Duffy of Andover, a senior double major in finance and accounting in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech, has been selected 2014 Man of the Year.



Pamplin Rising Junior Merit Scholarship, Presidential Alumni Scholarship, Willis P.

The Virginia Tech Undergraduate Man of the Year award recognizes a graduating senior who has achieved overall excellence during his career at the university. Considered the most prestigious non-academic undergraduate award given at Virginia Tech, it honors exceptional and balanced achievement in academics, leadership and service. The recipients exemplify the motto of the Virginia Tech education, Ut Prosim (That I May Serve).

Duffy, who will graduate in December, is a university honors student who has made the dean's list every semester. He currently boasts a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. He is a member of academic societies Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Business Society and Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, his fraternity which named him scholar of the year.

"Tim has taken advantage of every opportunity," Robert P. Stephens, associate dean for undergraduate affairs, said in a release. "He has proven himself an exceptional undergraduate scholar, a dedicated and widely admired leader, and a man who truly embodies Ut Prosim as a way of life."

As credit division head for BASIS (Bond and Security Investing by Students), Duffy worked with other students to successfully manage a \$5 million fund for the university. He gained further practical experience in internships with PricewaterhouseCoopers and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Duffy traveled to Riva San Vitale, Switzerland, as a Presidential Global Scholar.

Duffy has earned numerous competitive scholarships, including the Joseph R. Jenkins Scholarship in Accounting, John W. Fox Memorial Scholarship, Cooke Honors Scholarship,

Blackwood Scholarship and Pamplin College of Business Freshman Scholarship. As director of service and president of the Honors Residential College, Duffy led efforts to build a network of vital community relationships. He organized Habitat for Humanity builds and toy and food drives and forged an award-winning partnership with the Virginia Head Start Association, through which the college's students volunteer at local preschools on a weekly basis.

He spent a winter break on a service trip to Dangriga, Belize, with other Hokies, where they taught computer literacy skills to teachers and helped rebuild a community playground. "It was enormously moving to receive such immense gratitude for teaching skills we often take for granted," Duffy said in the release.

Duffy, the son of Michael and Virginia Duffy, is a 2010 graduate of Andover High School. He was selected for the honor by a committee of students, faculty and administrators from across the academic colleges and the Division of Student Affairs, which sponsors and administers the annual awards, now in their 62nd year.

Derek D. Klock, assistant professor of practice in finance, said he is most impressed by Duffy's willingness and ability to enable those around him to achieve the same excellence as himself.

"He always cares about the impact his decisions have on others — a true mark of a servant-leader," Klock said in the release. "His innate leadership, service and outreach ability are likely to make us proud to have awarded this honor to him years from now."

PARADE OF CREATIVITY

South Elementary rolls out school tradition

South Elementary School students scored an "A" for creativity as they paraded out an annual tradition last Friday.

The school's Float Parade drew more than 100 entries handmade by the students, who joined the procession through the halls of South and into the cafeteria to a sea of awaiting classmates, parents and staff.

This year's entries covered a colorful array of themes from the zany to the adorable.

The parade dates back almost three decades and emphasizes creative thinking and teamwork as students in kindergarten through fifth grade work together to build their homemade floats.



The cafeteria at South Elementary was packed with parents and families for the annual Float Parade. More than 100 floats created by students in kindergarten through fifth grade were expected to join the procession.



LEFT: A young boy dresses as a dog for his float calling attention to the value of pet adoption. RIGHT: A trio of girls use noise-makers to announce their dessert-themed party float.



Gianna Coppola, who made a float called *Craziness*, gets into character before parading into South School.



Two wizards lead their float entry in the annual parade.



TownsBeat

Phillips tackles race, privilege in one-act play festival

The Phillips Academy Department of Theater and Dance in association with The New Black Fest is bringing a series of one-act plays focusing on Trayvon Martin, race and privilege to the stage at the Steinbach Theatre this weekend.

Phillips Academy is the first academic institution in the country to undertake the production of 10-minute shorts titled "Facing Our Truth." The New Black Fest, which supports black playwrights and their work, commissioned playwrights from different

ethnicities to pen the six pieces in hopes of inciting serious discussion in communities around the issues of race and privilege.

Theater instructor Allen Grimm, who has read and taught theme-based short play cycles on Iraq and

Afghanistan, 9/11 and the NYC subway, said in a release that the format has become popular in recent years.

The shorts in "Facing Our Truth," which include one musical, vary in style and structure, creating a challenge and an opportunity for

everyone involved in the project, he said.

More than 50 students are participating in directing, acting and producing the show. Performances are Thursday, May 29, at 7 p.m.; Friday, May 30, at 6 p.m.; and Saturday, May 31, at 6 and 8 p.m. in Steinbach

Theatre on campus, 180 Main St. Keith Adkins, artistic director of The New Black Fest, will answer questions between the two Saturday performances.

Tickets are \$5 and may be reserved through the Phillips Academy box office at 978-749-4433.

Addison unveiling a study of studies

Student-curated exhibit explores artists' creative process

Addison Gallery of American Art turns over a portion of its gallery to a group of Phillips Academy students this weekend to present the annual exhibit curated by the school's Visual Culture: Discovering the Addison Collection course.

With artists' studies as its focus, the Art 300 students have assembled a collection of works ranging from the suggestively minimal to the precisely figurative, many being shown for the first time. The exhibit, titled "Toward Resolution: Artists' Studies from the Collection," opens Saturday, May 31, and runs through July 31.

Now in its 10th year, the Visual Culture course, co-taught by Art Department instructor Elaine Crivelli and Addison's curator of education Rebecca Hayes and its Charles H. Sawyer curatorial assistant, librarian and archivist Kelley Tialiou, focuses on different aspects of the Addison collection.

This year, students had the opportunity to learn

"Mining the collection for a broad range of studies by painters, illustrators, sculptors and installation artists actually unveiled a number of works on paper that have rarely, if ever, been on view at the Addison."

Kelley Tialiou, Charles H. Sawyer curatorial assistant, librarian and archivist

about artists' studies as documents of the creative process.

"Mining the collection for a broad range of studies by painters, illustrators, sculptors and installation artists actually unveiled a number of works on paper that have rarely, if ever, been on view at the Addison," Tialiou said in a release. "And there is something intriguing about the idea of students learning about the process of



Courtesy Image

Isabel Bishop's "Study for Card Game," 1937, watercolor, ink, and pencil on paper, a gift of Stanley and Elsa Sidel from the estate of Isabel Bishop, is one of the studies featured in the student-curated "Toward Resolution," opening this weekend at Addison Gallery of American Art.

developing an exhibition while looking at studies that artists' used to develop their visual vocabularies."

Through the spring term, the students explored how artists turned to studies as a way to master techniques and develop figures easily identifiable in their final works or as an opportunity to delve into bold styles or revolutionary techniques rarely seen in their standard body of work.

The students found some studies rendered no polished final work, as exemplified by Donald Greason's gestural ink wash drawings, while others explored the boundaries of the medium itself, as is the case with Konrad Cramer's Light Study.

In one of the pieces, sophomore Lindsay Tausch says George Fuller took a literal image, the landscape around his childhood home, and altered it to depict the emotion the scene evoked in him in his "Sketch of Deerfield Valley."

"Through it, we see his most expressive period,

when he was not concerned about preciseness, completeness or anything that interferes with the mood of the piece," Tausch said in the release.

The students researched the artists represented in the show to contribute the accompanying text, assisted with the final layout and developed a gallery talk as well.

They said their goal was to assemble a "cohesive exhibition with pieces that speak both to each other and to the theme of the study as a whole," according to senior Graham Johns. Sophomore Sharan Gill added that the course offered a unique experience for students, who received a behind-the-scenes view of a working museum.

"Toward Resolution: Artists' Studies from the Collection" opens Saturday, May 31, with a celebration featuring food, drinks and music from 3 to 5 p.m. at Addison, 180 Main St. The gallery talk is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Admission to Addison Gallery is always free. For more, call 978-749-4015, or visit www.addisongallery.org.

Out & About: West Parish set to float Lantern Festival

West Parish Garden Cemetery is readying for its second annual Family Lantern Festival on Saturday, June 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chapel at West Parish Garden Cemetery in Andover.

The public is invited to join the event based on an ancient Asian ritual by decorating a lantern to send messages of faith, hope, light and praise to the world.

The lanterns will be launched together in the pond at the cemetery at sunset. The event will also feature entertainment and refreshments. People are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs and a flashlight to enjoy the activities.

The cost is \$10 per lantern; proceeds support a roof renovation project for the chapel at West Parish Garden Cemetery. The pond is located behind the chapel at 129 Reservation Road. For more information, visit www.west-parishgardencemetery.org.

Youth Council serving up annual Java Jam

Andover Youth Council hosts its annual Java Jam on Friday, May 30, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. The talent showcase featuring local youths will include musical performances, poetry, comedy and an exposition of diverse local artwork. Andover's own Harrison Cobb and Jesse Mattinson are returning as featured performers.

Ultimate Perk coffee, waffles plus free milkshakes round out the offerings. Admission is \$10.

Walk-a-thon for special-needs orphans

Global Occupational Therapy for Orphans is hosting a walk-a-thon on Sunday, June 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Lower Shawsheen track, 15 York St.

G.O.T. Orphans provides pediatric occupational therapy services to children with special needs in orphanages. The nonprofit organization's mission is to create an environment of love, acceptance and support that enables orphaned children to function and learn at their best. The group will be traveling back to Haiti next month to provide services and therapy equipment to two orphanages.

Registration is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 18 and free for ages 6 and under. Sponsorships are also available. Go to www.gotorphans.org to register or contact Stephanie at Stephanie@gotorphans.org for additional information.

3K walk for Andover Baptist building fund

Andover Baptist Church will hold a 3K walk-a-thon on Sunday, June 1, to raise money for its building fund. The event, which is open to the community, will start at 11:15 a.m. from the church at 7 Central St.

The registration fee is \$10 and includes a T-shirt. People are urged to sign up before the event at Russell's Postal, 77 Main St.; Ballardvale Cafe, 195 Andover St.; or online at www.andover-baptist-church.org.

Local author launching 'Judgment Throne'

The Andover Christian Fellowship presents The Judgment Throne of Christ, a live reading of a new book by local author Michael McPherson of Andover on Saturday, May 31, at 9:15 a.m. in the second-floor meeting room at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

Topics from the book to be presented include the secret of answered prayer and the blessed life and why many will miss heaven by 18 inches. Everyone who attends will receive a free copy of "The Judgment Throne of Christ." The public is invited. Admission is free.

For more information, contact McPherson at 978-886-6235 or email mcpheerson.m@verizon.net.

Interact Club benefit car wash 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 31, 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.

The fundraiser was originally planned for earlier this month, but was postponed due to the weather.

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 Interactors have participated in many community service projects in Lawrence.

Congregation Beth Israel plans Sunday yard sale

The Social Action Committee of Congregation Beth Israel, Andover, is sponsoring a yard sale on Sunday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to noon at the synagogue, 501 South Main St. (Route 28). A large assortment of household items will be featured.

Proceeds will support a variety of community outreach projects involving the Social Action Committee, which works with food pantries, shelters and other groups to provide food, clothing and necessities to area residents in need. The committee also aids congregation members who require assistance with meals, transportation and more.

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Townspeople

Santagati feted as LGH's Visionary Leader

A sold-out crowd of close to 400 guests gathered at the Wyndham Hotel earlier this month to celebrate Lawrence General Hospital's inaugural Legacy of Caring Gala.

The May 10 event honored outgoing board chairman Richard Santagati of Andover and his 25 years of service to the hospital and the community.

The evening, together with additional lead gifts, raised more than \$1.1 million in support of future hospital expansion and facilities enhancements.

"Great organizations do not just happen — they are shaped by great leaders with a vision. Under Dick's amazing leadership, Lawrence General has begun to transform into its full potential — a regional medical center for the entire Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire," Dianne J. Anderson, president and CEO of Lawrence General Hospital, said in a release.

"We're extremely grateful for his 25 years of outstanding dedication, commitment and leadership to Lawrence

General Hospital and our community."

The audience enjoyed a video tribute to Santagati as a number of colleagues and community members attested to his commitment to those around him, his vision as a community leader and his compassion for his friends and family.

In his acceptance speech, Santiago thanked his wife, Marilyn, and his family for their support over the years.

"While I am truly honored by the outstanding response, it clearly reflects a growing awareness in our region of the quality and value of health care being delivered by Lawrence General Hospital every day," Santagati, who will continue as chairman emeritus, said in the release. "It is a privilege to be part of the expansion in both services and facilities that has taken place, and I look forward to their continued success and growth."

In recognition of Santagati's vision, volunteer spirit and dedication to the community, the hospital announced the



Courtesy Photo

Richard J. Santagati of Andover, left, chairman emeritus of Lawrence General Hospital, receives an award for his visionary leadership of Lawrence General Hospital from LGH President and CEO Dianne J. Anderson and Matthew Caffrey, Esq., also of Andover, chairman of the LGH board of trustees.

creation of the Santagati Award for Visionary Leadership and honored him as its first recipient. The award will be given annually to a recipient who is leading constructive, sustainable positive change, and has a demonstrated long-standing

dedication to the people of the Merrimack Valley.

Many local residents attended the event, which had nearly 50 major sponsors. The Lupoli Companies and the Soviero and MacDonal families were presenting

sponsors. Platinum sponsors included Fred C. Church Insurance, L&M Radiology and the LGH Medical Staff. Gold sponsors included Alliance Imaging, Dianne and Scott Anderson, Anonymous Company, Bank of America

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Lawrence General serves nearly 300,000 patients annually. In August, the regional hospital is scheduled to open Andover Medical Center, a 30,000-square-foot facility for primary care, urgent care, OB/GYN and Women's Imaging services. For more information, visit www.lawrencegeneral.org.



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Lukas Dolansky, 13, and his twin sisters, Miska, left, and Marketa, 11, of Andover, donned their favorite Red Sox apparel for their visit with the 2013 World Series Trophy.

TROPHY MOMENT

Fans turn out to view World Series hardware

Baseball fans of all ages scored a championship moment Saturday as the 2013 World Series Trophy paid a visit to town.

The crowd of close to 300 included mothers and fathers with their children, longtime devotees of the Red Sox, Little Leaguers and even casual followers of the hometown tribe, many of whom donned their favorite Red Sox shirts and hats for their visit with the coveted trophy.

The event at Old Town Hall on Main Street was a benefit for Creative Living of Andover, a private, non-profit organization providing programs and support to the developmentally disabled and their families.

It raised about \$1,300 for the organization, which was aided in putting on the fundraiser by about 25 volunteers. For more on Creative Living, visit www.creativelivingandover.org.



Peter and Shauna Barry, of Andover, and their children, Ashley, 6, and Matty, 7, pose for a family photo with the Red Sox 2013 World Series Trophy.



ABOVE: Jacob Brundage, 9, gives a thumbs up while having his photograph taken with the World Series showpiece. LEFT: Peter Garofoli of Andover shares the World Series moment with his daughter, Katie, 20, at Old Town Hall in Andover.

Zero Waste Day hailed as success

By BILL KIRK
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Reduce, reuse and recycle was the mantra of more than 60 volunteers who came out for the 10th annual Zero Waste Day earlier this month in the Brickstone Square parking lot.

As a line of vehicles queued up to get into the site, workers unloaded everything — to the tune of almost 200,000 pounds of goods and materials.

On the plus side, said Keith Saxon, chairman of the town's recycling committee, the event drew 816 vehicles, exceeding the goal of 750 participants.

On the down side, some people waited up to 45 minutes to have their cars unloaded.

"We had some growing pains," he said. "All in all, people were so happy to get rid of stuff. I didn't get any negative emails or comments."

The event succeeded in recycling 184,000 pounds of items — 120,000 pounds of material that otherwise would have been thrown in the trash and another 64,000 pounds of items that would have been recycled anyway.

There was an additional 10,000 pounds of material that did have to get tossed, because it couldn't get recycled or reused.

"We knew that would happen ... we had a 90 percent diversion rate, although zero waste is your goal," he said.

Also on the plus side was that the event drew more than 60 volunteers, three times the typical turnout of about 20 for such collections. However, that created its own set of problems, since there wasn't enough

time to train them all.

Saxon also said workers could have used a dozen dollies instead of the four available to transport items from one part of the site to another so motorists wouldn't have to make multiple stops. And in the end, three 30-yard Dumpsters were needed instead of the one that was donated.

"I had a model in mind, but couldn't execute," Saxon said, adding, "It was the first one like this. We were taking the MBTA model and merging that with our charity donations. The two animals are slightly different."

Charities, meanwhile, made out well from the unexpected turnout, with their representatives filling all their trucks with items they will re-purpose and, in some cases, making multiple trips to drop donations off and then return for more.

For taxpayers, the event was also a positive because it saved in disposal fees since Zero Waste Day costs nothing to run.

"It was \$17,500 positive," Saxon said, explaining that the town saved \$13,500 based on the \$70-a-ton disposal rate it pays its trash hauler and another \$4,000 in savings in operating costs.

In addition to collecting items, the group distributed rain barrels and composting bins that people pre-ordered, further contributing to Andover's reputation as a "Green Community."

Plus, volunteers handed out 750, 12-page packets on recycling that covers everything from what to do with an old tire to how to get rid of an old light bulb — which organizers hope will only encourage more recycling in the future.

Sirois completes Navy deployment

Jeffrey Sirois, 3rd class petty officer for the U.S. Navy, recently returned home to Andover after a nine-month deployment in the Persian Gulf.

Sirois, a 2009 graduate of Andover High School and captain for the boys gymnastics team, was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Harry S. Truman (CV N 75). The Navy's largest ship in its fleet, the U.S.S.

Harry S. Truman provided air support for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

After his well-deserved leave, Sirois has returned to his home base in Norfolk, Va.



Jeffrey Sirois

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Lest We Forget

Andover and the Civil War

Andover's role woven into the fabric of the 34-star flag



Andover Stories

Jane Cairns
Andover Historical Society

When the men of Andover's Civil War company left town in June of 1861, they carried with them a symbolic flag featuring 34 stars. They certainly carried in their hearts an allegiance to the two causes — freedom for the slaves and the preservation of the Union — that the 34-star flag represented.

The large star in the middle of the concentric design signifies the state of Kansas, which was admitted to the Union as its 34th state on Jan. 29, 1861. President Lincoln did not allow any stars to be removed even after the Southern states seceded from the Union.

While the 34th star would not be added, by tradition, to the official flag until the Fourth of July, few of the women who stitched flags for their town's volunteer soldiers stood on such ceremony as to wait for the official date of usage, or to confine their design to the usual grid-like pattern. The admission of Kansas as a free state was an occasion for celebration across the North, even by those who had not previously considered themselves to be committed abolitionists.

"Bleeding Kansas" had been a hotbed of violence and chaos since the

territory had been officially opened for settlement by the U.S. government in 1854. Congress had decided that the question of whether the area would become a free state or a slave state would be determined by a popular vote of its residents. Thus, both abolitionist free-staters from the Northern states and pro-slavery settlers from neighboring Missouri rushed to settle the territory.

Andover Theological professor Calvin Stowe, the husband of Harriet Beecher Stowe, was one of the founding shareholders of the New England Emigrant Aid Company. Its initial goal was to send settlers to Kansas to purchase land and build houses, shops and mills. As the settlers were increasingly threatened by "border ruffians," their supporters in Boston expanded their mission to arming the emigrants with Sharps rifles and even cannons.

Andover residents followed the news from Kansas closely, via passionate letters from a number of area men who were members of the company's earliest parties of emigrants. Andover native Joshua Abbott, a farmer who had spent time in Maine and California, died of cholera in June 1855 just a few weeks after his arrival in Topeka, but Jonas W. Coburn, machinist

and gunsmith Daniel W. Palmer, and Palmer's son, Charles, took an active part in the defense of the settlement. They also testified to the harsh conditions and privations suffered by the settlers.

The response in Andover to these pleas for help was swift. Well-attended meetings were held at the Free Christian Church and in Ballardvale in the early months of 1856 to collect money for the emigrants and also to recruit additional settlers. As the reports of violence and misery worsened, the Andover ladies joined the effort, meeting at South Church and in private homes to collect "flannel undergarments, gentlemen's socks and overcoats besides liberal donations of money." Everyone knew what was at stake.

As the editor of the Andover Advertiser wrote, "Over the western horizon of our land hangs a dark cloud charged with the lurid flames of civil war. ... Shall we look on coldly and unconcerned and see our own friends, those who have for the sake of freedom, yielded up the comforts and privileges of their former homes?"

In 1856, secession of the Southern states, the firing on Fort Sumter and President Lincoln's call for volunteers were five years in the future, but the effort on the home front had already begun.

Revisiting the Civil War — in a hall that honors the memory

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Upon entering Memorial Hall Library through the main door, visitors are greeted by these words: "Lest We Forget."

It's an appropriate welcome as the circa 1873 building was constructed to honor the town's Civil War veterans.

The goal was to make sure townspeople always remembered the 46 soldiers from Andover who died in that war and the countless others who served.

Even more appropriate is how those words were selected as the title of the town's "Lest We Forget" series now under way.

Several groups in town have partnered to offer various lectures, exhibits and other events as Andover joins the nation in marking the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The series has been focused on exploring how the Civil War changed the community to become what it is today.

Carrie Midura, programs and public relations manager for the Andover Historical Society, said the library is a key partner in the series as its Civil War history is very important to Andover.

"Just the building itself is notable as its name helps visitors remember war veterans," she said.

Starting this week, the library is leading Civil War Artifacts Tours of Memorial Hall to allow people to learn a little bit more about the structure and what's housed there.

Tour guide Kimberly Lynn, who is a librarian of local history, said she will highlight the huge marble plaques inscribed with the names of the locals who served in the Civil War, as well as artifacts specific to Andover's history in the late 1800s.

While the town had voted in 1866 to raise \$4,500 for a soldiers' monument for Civil War veterans, the idea for the library came about four years later.

John Smith, head of Smith



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Kimberly Lynn, tour guide and librarian of local history, stands in front of the portrait of John Smith, one of the founders of Memorial Hall Library who donated the initial funds to build the structure in honor of the town's Civil War soldiers.

"Just the building itself is notable as its name helps visitors remember war veterans."

Carrie Midura, programs and public relations manager for the Andover Historical Society, talks about the library

and Dove, a linen thread company in Andover, offered to donate \$25,000 — provided the town would match it — to establish a library and reading room. He proposed the location to be a corner lot downtown where a furniture store had burned to the ground months before.

Funding proved somewhat challenging initially. But on Sept. 19, 1871, the

cornerstone — a list of all the Andover men enrolled in the Army and Navy during the "War of the Rebellion" and of the 46 who gave their lives — was laid.

The tours of Memorial Hall take place this Thursday and Friday, May 29 and 30, at 10 a.m.; Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, June 4, at 1 p.m. Each tour lasts about 25 minutes, and while they involve walking, chairs will be available for those not able to stand for the duration.

Lynn said she expects adults will enjoy the tour as much as the local Scout and school groups that often take part in the local history lesson.

To register for a tour or for more information, visit www.mhl.org or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31. For more on the town's "Lest We Forget" series, go to www.andoverlestweforget.com.

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Sports

Girls track wins MVC Meet crown



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Andover junior Hannah Ameen, seen here running the preliminaries, placed second in the girls 100 meter dash with a time of 12.87 at the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet over the weekend. She was also the anchor leg that secured the win for the girls 4x100 relay.

By DAVID WILLIS
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It had already been a big day for the Andover girls track team this past Saturday, but the 4x100 relay saved the best performance for last.

Hannah Ameen took the baton in second place for the anchor leg of the relay, overtook her opponent and surged to victory, helping the Golden Warrior girls take the team title at the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet with 110 points.

"I knew once I got the baton from Audrey (Adam) that she had kept us in a good place in second," Ameen said. "And I was confident that I could beat the girl in first place." Ameen teamed with

Michelle Gencorelli and Miranda Lawrence to take gold in 50.61.

Gencorelli added a second-place finish in the 200 (50.61), while Ameen was runner-up in the 100 (12.87).

Erin Logee earned Andover's other victory, taking the javelin with a 98-10. Courtney Comeau was second in the 100 hurdles, Micaela Soucy was second in the triple jump and Brianna Deloury was third in the high jump. The 4x800 also took silver.

Boys place third

Just a few months into his career in the hurdles, Andover's Sebastian Silveira's confidence was growing. But he had no idea a record was in his future.

"I never imagined I would set a record," he said. "The MVC is such a huge meet. Looking at the seed times, I knew I had a good chance to win, but I didn't think I would break a record."

Silveira won the 400 hurdles in 55.37, setting a new personal best and breaking the meet record set by Central Catholic's Alex Dehullu a year ago.

Joe Vetere added a victory in the pole vault and Hamza Naveed ran to victory in the 400. Sean Caveney added a third in the 110 hurdles and Kevin Chen was third in the 100.

The Golden Warriors seemed to tie it up by winning the final relay, but the team was disqualified for crossing into an opponent's lane.

Potts, baseball team catch fire

BASEBALL

singles for the winners.

Trailing by a run heading into the seventh inning, Frank Potts stroked an RBI single, then Colin Flynn delivered the game-winning base hit to left as Andover earned a 6-5 walk-off victory over archrival Central Catholic last Tuesday, May 20. Potts led the way with three hits and three RBIs.

E.J. Perry IV went 3 for 4 with a pair of RBIs and scored two runs to help Andover to its second straight win over New Hampshire foe Salem, 7-5, last Thursday, May 22. Jack Cox scored twice for the winners.

Frank Potts continued to shine with three hits, two RBIs and two runs to lead Andover past New Hampshire rival Bishop Guertin 5-0 last Wednesday, May 21. Tim Awiszus added two hits and E.J. Perry IV had two hits of his own and an RBI.

Frank Potts notched two hits, but Andover lost to Everett 6-1 this past Sunday.

GIRLS TENNIS

Doubles shines

The doubles team of Paige Webster and Pooja Mukund advanced to the North Final individual championship before falling to Concord-Carlisle this past Saturday.

With the Andover-Lexington match deadlocked at 2-2, Golden Warrior Courtney Nash earned a 6-4, 6-2 win at No. 3 singles to clinch the team win and keep the Golden Warriors undefeated last Friday, May 23. The doubles teams of Paige Webster and Pooja Mukund and Laurie-Maude Chenard and Sydney Ferry added victories.

Samantha Camilo, Karena Yan and Courtney Nash swept No. 1 through 3 singles with 6-0, 6-0 wins as Andover blanked Central Catholic 5-0 last Wednesday, May 21. Paige Webster and Pooja Mukund took No. 1 doubles and Michaela Comerford and Jackie Drew won No. 2 doubles.

BOYS TENNIS

Warriors bounce back

Andrew Emrie won No. 1 singles to help Andover top Reading 5-0 last Thursday, May 22. Aaron Edelman and Kellen McAuliffe won No. 1 doubles and Arman Padykula and Arman Rafiee took No. 2 doubles.

Owen Meech took a tough 6-3, 7-5 win at No. 1 singles as Andover rebounded from its first loss of the year by downing Central Catholic 5-0 last Wednesday, May 21. Jake Rosenfeld won No. 2 singles and John Ozirsky and Jason Spencer took top doubles.

Sam Mack won first singles 6-1, 6-0 as Andover bested Central Catholic 5-0 last Monday, May 19. Sam Rowe added a win at No. 2 singles and John Ozirsky took No. 3

Varun Penamatsa battled for a 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 10-2 victory at No. 2 singles, but Lexington delivered the season's first loss, 3-2, last Tuesday, May 20. Andrew Emrie added a victory at top singles.

GIRLS TRACK

Relay earns win

The team of Courtney Comeau, Olivia Soutter, Jillian Gamache and Lizzie Kobelski combined to win the 4x100 shuttle hurdles as Andover tied for second at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 relays last Monday, May 19. The Golden Warriors added seconds in the pole vault and high jump relays.

BOYS TRACK

Silveira takes two

Sebastian Silveira ran on the winning 4x400 and 4x100 shuttle hurdles relay as Andover placed fifth as a team at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 relays last Monday, May 19.

Raymond Gorzela, Dylan Epstein and Hamza Naveed joined Silveira to win the 4x400 in 3:24.71 while Andrew Matteucci, Sean Caveney, Silveira and Justin Mantrana took the shuttle hurdles.

VOLLEYBALL

Dean stars in tourney opener

Alec Dean scored 16 kills and 15 service points to lead Andover to a 25-18, 25-19, 25-20 win over Lexington in the first round of the North tournament this past Saturday. Devin Dean added 18 digs, Kenny Doherty had eight blocks and Chase Webber had 16 kills for the winners.

Andover fell to Haverhill 25-19, 20-25, 26-24, 25-18 last Monday, May 19.

BOYS LACROSSE

Oteri's effort for naught

John Oteri scored two goals and assisted on two more, but Andover fell to Cape Ann League power Masconomet 14-11 last Monday, May 19. Will Eikenberry and Jake Lakos each added two goals for the Warriors.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Gross scores six

Weezie Gross netted six goals as Andover played Norwell to an 11-11 tie last Monday, May 19. Courtney Grygiel and Charlotte Lenes each added two goals and two assists and Veronica Alois scored once for the Warriors.

SOFTBALL

McNaughton takes tough loss

Laura McNaughton was outstanding on the hill, but turned out to be the tough-luck loser as Andover lost to Lexington 1-0 last Wednesday, May 21. Mimi Olney and Brooke Kabriel each had a hit for the Warriors.

FACE-OFF FORCE

Greaves key factor for title-driven boys lacrosse

By DAVID WILLIS
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Jesse Greaves loves to hear the trash talk when opponents believe they have found a mismatch against the 5-foot-8, 155-pound Andover High senior.

When Greaves hears that, it's when he strikes. "I find quite often that when I'm on defense I will hear opponents calling for the ball," he said. "I know I am by no means a huge guy, so they think they can take me. But that's when I lay my hands on them, get them in the hips and make them lose the ball. They never see it coming."

After three seasons as a standout for the Golden Warriors, opposing players should know better than to mess with Greaves.

The midfielder has become a varsity stalwart as face-off ace for the Andover High lacrosse team, which was set to open post-season play by hosting Salem on Wednesday.

"Jessie is just terrific on face-offs," Warriors coach Wayne Puglisi said. "But he's done a lot for us over the last three years. He's also a very smart guy."

Greaves — who is ranked in the top 5 percent of his senior class — has scored 11 goals for the season, but his greatest skill is on face-offs, where his strategy and toughness can often allow him to change the momentum of a game.

"Lacrosse is a game that's all about ball possession," Greaves said. "After your team scores a goal, if you can get the ball back by winning the face-off, it can kill the other team. Nothing is more debilitating than if you can score a few goals in a row."

Early devotion

For Greaves, his journey to lacrosse stardom actually began on the soccer field.

"I grew up loving soccer," he said. "My father played



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Jesse Greaves fires a shot on goal against Central Catholic earlier this season. The midfielder has become the face-off ace for the Golden Warriors over the past three seasons.

lacrosse in high school, and he said that lacrosse was a lot like soccer. The minute I picked up a lacrosse stick, I loved it."

Greaves began playing lacrosse in the third grade, and even while playing sports from baseball to football to basketball and track, he knew what had become his first love.

After playing on the JV team as a freshman, Greaves got the call to the varsity team as a sophomore thanks to his unique skill.

"The team has an injury so coach Pugs called me up as a face-off specialist," he said. "That's a job I love, but ever since then, I have been trying to expand my role on this team."

Greaves notched his first career point not long after with an assist in a victory over Central Catholic.

He followed that season with his third year of

football as a junior, but his fall was cut short when he suffered a torn tendon in his ankle. He would be fine for lacrosse, but football was done.

"I liked football," he said. "But after the ankle injury, I didn't think it would be worth playing football and risking injury again. I decided to just focus on lacrosse with two huge seasons coming up."

As a junior, he notched four goals, his first in a win over Lowell. Then, in a state tournament victory over Cambridge, he delivered a huge day with a goal and four assists.

Greaves kicked off this season in style, scoring two goals in a season-opening victory over Central Catholic. But his primary role remains at face-off, with big days including his 18-for-22 showing against Concord-Carlisle.

"Scoring a goal is great, but that isn't the big thing for me," he said. "I just want to help the team however I can. Goals are secondary. If there is an opening I will put one in, but my major goal is to have a strong face-off percentage."

The top student will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York in the fall, where he hopes to walk on for the lacrosse team. But there is more work to be done this spring.

"I don't think I have ever seen a group of guys that want to win big more than this team does," he said. "This is a unique team. We are so dedicated and we are excited to go after a state title."

"I think if we play our game, there are very few teams that can beat us. We have wanted a title since Day 1."

Little League AAA All-Star Day

The Andover Little League the contest for the Fastest AAA player with the home-town races being run at 2 p.m. The national anthem will be sung at 2:30 to signal the start of two all-star games being simultaneously played beginning at 2:45.

A DJ, raffles and more round out the day of family fun. The snack shack will be open at 12:30 p.m.

The Home Run Derby leads off the event at 1, followed by

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