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Sign holders wave to voters at the entrance to Andover High School early Tuesday morning.

Kowalski, Landry win selectmen's race

McCready, Teichert, Gilbert take school seats

By BILL KIRK AND TIM LIMA
Staff Writers

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Voters Tuesday ousted an 18-year veteran of the Board of Selectmen and put in his place a candidate who for the last two years has run a watchdog website calling for increased government transparency, reduced property taxes and fiscal austerity.

Bob Landry, 53, of 4 Seminole Circle came in second place with 1,840 votes — just 17 votes shy of incumbent Chairman Dan Kowalski, who topped the ticket in a four-way race for two selectmen seats in the annual town election.

Incumbent Brian Major, who was running for his seventh, three-year term, placed third with 1,623 votes, with first-time challenger Neil Senior in fourth with just 600 votes.

For School Committee, another incumbent was bounced from the ticket, as David Birnbach came in last in the field of four candidates running for two, three-year seats. Topping the ticket was Susan



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Poll workers were busy Tuesday morning at Andover High School field house despite a light early turnout. Voting picked up as the day went on.

ANDOVER ELECTION RESULTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (TWO, THREE-YEAR SEATS)

* DAN KOWALSKI (I):	1,857
* BOB LANDRY:	1,840
BRIAN MAJOR (I):	1,623
NEIL SENIOR:	600

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (TWO, THREE-YEAR SEATS)

* SUSAN MCCREADY	1,795
* TED TEICHERT	1,574
KIM SOUSA	1,322
DAVID BIRNBACH (I)	1,198

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ONE-YEAR SEAT)

* ANNIE GILBERT (I)	2,408
PAUL PROPERZIO	706

(Unofficial tallies)
* Elected; I Incumbent

Teen center on track for late August opening

By BILL KIRK
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With the Cormier Community Center now three months past its scheduled opening date, the Andover Youth Foundation is putting on a final push for funds to get the building open and fully operational by late August.

During a tour of the partially completed structure behind Doherty Middle School Monday, members of the center's building committee discussed the need to transfer \$140,000 out of the construction contingency fund to help complete the nearly \$7 million project.

Chris Huntress, chairman of the building committee, said the building was now 75 percent complete, meaning that there was no longer a need to keep \$238,000 in that fund.

He went before the Board of Selectmen later Monday night seeking its approval to leave \$100,000 in the contingency fund and use the balance to help finish off the project. Selectmen approved his request 5-0 with little discussion except for a question from Mary O'Donoghue on what the money would be used for.

Huntress said the money would be used to augment

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McGrath to step down from school district

Resigning as of July 17 to focus on her family

By TIM LIMA
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In a surprise announcement last Thursday night, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marinel McGrath said she will be stepping down effective July 17 to make her family a priority following a recent diagnosis involving her husband.

Reading from a prepared statement, McGrath fought through tears as she shared the news with a crowd at Thursday night's School Committee meeting, one day after notifying board

members of her decision. "My work with the Andover schools has been extremely rewarding, and I had hoped to lead the district for many years to come. However, a recent diagnosis has changed my family's circumstances, and specifically my husband's. It is with great sadness that I have decided to retire in July of 2015, knowing this decision is what is right for my family and the right track for Andover," she said, asking for privacy for her family.

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FILE PHOTO

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marinel McGrath announced last week plans to leave her post in mid-July.

'Pause' button hit on Ballardvale fire station

Cost, lack of consensus put renovations on hold

By BILL KIRK
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The Town Meeting-approved plan to renovate and expand the old Ballardvale Fire Station has been knocked down and appears to be out.

At least for now. Following a lengthy presentation and lively discussion last week, the Board of Selectmen decided to table any further action on two warrant articles approved during the 2014 Town Meeting to purchase land adjacent to the station and prepare plans for an addition to the existing structure.

Now, it appears, nothing is going to happen with the Ballardvale station — at least for the foreseeable future.

As residents and officials on both sides of the issue filed out of the selectmen's meeting room last Wednesday, selectmen Vice Chairman Brian Major said the matter would be put on a future selectmen's agenda, although no date has been set.

It was an uncertain ending to the latest chapter in the ongoing saga of what, if anything, to do with the 125-year-old building at the

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File photo

Built in 1890, Ballardvale Fire Station at the intersection of Clark Road and Andover Street is Andover's oldest fire station. Plans to purchase adjacent land and renovate the building have been put on hold.

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corner of Andover Street and Clark Road.

A 'conundrum'

When asked what the board's inaction might mean for the future of public safety in Ballardvale, Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said, "I don't know. They (selectmen) put it on hold. They tabled any further discussion until

they have time to figure out what they want to do."

Mansfield has long opposed renovating the town's oldest fire station and instead wants to build a new station elsewhere in that part of town.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski called it a "conundrum." He said the committee tasked with implementing Town Meeting's edict to buy land and prep plans for a new station was unable to continue without

further guidance.

Last year, warrant Article 26 called for spending up to \$200,000 for plans, specifications, drawings and bid documents for a "modest, 2,500-square-foot addition to increase building space for a standard fire engine and an ambulance and renovation of the station as living and administration quarters."

The warrant article, proposed and written by Ballardvale resident and former town manager Richard Bowen and others, went on to say that funding for the addition and renovation would be postponed to a subsequent Town Meeting, but that "it is anticipated" renovation would come to about \$2 million versus \$6 million for replacement of the entire building. Town Meeting approved the warrant article.

However, Stapczynski said, "The problem we have is that the architect said that to prepare plans, specs, drawings and bid documents would cost over \$700,000."

That, said some at the meeting, would put the price tag of renovations at \$7 million rather than the \$2 million estimated by Bowen's group.

'Raze the building'

Mansfield said the figures Bowen came up with in the warrant article "are not even close to the actual figures we are getting."

He said the fire station committee, formed after Town Meeting adopted the

two warrant articles, went through a lengthy process to obtain credible estimates, which included sending out requests for proposals and bringing in 14 architectural firms for a site visit.

Five of those firms submitted proposals, and a subcommittee narrowed down the field of architects to three. Those firms came in and did presentations to the entire committee, which unanimously chose Dore and Whittier of Newburyport, a company that specializes in renovating and designing fire stations.

Mansfield said that Dore and Whittier told the committee that it would cost \$700,000 to come up with plans, specifications and bid documents.

"We have the ability to start negotiating with them," he said. "We were at the selectmen's meeting last week to inform them that the fees and associated costs were far more than what Town Meeting had voted on last year for that portion of the project."

He went on to say that the architects are "of the opinion that it would cost as much or almost as much to renovate and add on to the existing station as it would cost to build a new building. It may not be as much, but their estimates are close enough. It's not feasible for the town to spend almost as much money to renovate and add on. Their recommendation is to raze the existing building and build new."

'Gold-plated' Andover

Not everyone agrees. Bowen, who resigned from the fire station committee at the end of last year, said during Wednesday night's meeting that he was "confused and overwhelmed" by the presentation.

He argued that the architect chosen by the committee "from the very beginning has not favored the project as proposed" and has instead proposed demolition of the existing structure.

"Who asked you?" a combative Bowen said. "We said, 'Build a 2,500-square-foot wooden structure. It's not really a fire station.' ... Almost every time we start talking about this, we talk about a bigger building, and demolition of the building. No. Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly in support of these articles."

He went on to say, "In my judgment, we need to talk to an architect who doesn't believe the town of Andover is gold-plated and looking to spend a lot of money we don't need to spend. It doesn't have to be a fire station architect. More than half the project is standing there now. We are looking at an improvement project."

"Making Ballardvale station more capable in the future than it is capable now for providing rescue services for Andover. To suggest this won't meet the future needs of town, I don't believe is accurate. A bare-bones project? Absolutely. It is consistent with my belief that we ought to be

grateful with what we have."

Stop or pause?

Bowen's speech prompted a lively debate among members of the Finance Committee and selectmen. Finance Committee Chairman Jon Stumpf said the town should "pause" for a while until after this May's Town Meeting and put something on next year's warrant.

"Let's come back after fiscal 2016, there's so much uncertainty here," he said. "We don't have enough time between now and Town Meeting. Instead of saying 'Stop,' just pause — go back — and bring it back next year."

Finance Committee member Greg Serrao, however, said it was time to listen to the experts, like the fire chief.

"Ask the fire chief what he thinks is in the best interests of public safety," Serrao said. "They have more expertise than Mr. Bowen has. I don't know why you'd pause. You can either stop this or go to Town Meeting for more money."

Selectman Paul Salafia added, "Stop or pause, it's the same thing. Put it off until after Town Meeting and address unanswered questions."

And Finance Committee member Max Arai suggested rescinding the warrant articles.

In the end, selectmen chose to "pause" rather than "stop" the discussion, prompting one Finance Committee member to comment, "A pause could be viewed as dragging your feet. Isn't it better to go forward?"

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additional funds being raised by the Andover Youth Foundation to finish the job. In addition to a \$500,000 donation made by Phillips Academy last year, the Youth Foundation recently received an additional \$150,000 in anonymous donations, according to Youth Services Director Bill Fahey.

Plant and Facilities Director Ed Ataide said he concurred with the findings of the building committee. Although the building, from the inside, doesn't appear to be 75 percent complete, Ataide said that the contractor has met 75 percent of the targets needed to judge the job 75 percent done. That includes having material shipped to the site that may be sitting in construction trailers but which hasn't been installed yet, such as the hardwood floor for the gymnasium.

A tour of the building revealed that while sheetrock has been put up and the heat has been turned on in several rooms along one side of the building, much of the rest of the structure consists of exposed steel and cement floors. The heating systems have been partially hooked up although the water has not

been connected, according to the contractor.

Offices near the front of the building have not been finished, nor has the multi-purpose room, which will be called the Phillips Room. Also remaining to be finished is the workshop, a conference room and a media center. Scattered puddles of water — still mostly frozen due to the cold temperatures — had formed on the concrete floor near gaps in the wall covered by plastic sheeting, which flapped in the wind on Monday.

Huntress said that by the start of the summer, the building's gymnasium will be done, as will the entryway and adjacent offices. The kitchen will be done although it won't have any appliances, he said. The Youth Foundation will be fund-raising for those items, he added.

An activity room for workouts and yoga will be finished, as will all of the utility systems. The restrooms will be ready, as will some additional office space. The only part of the

building that will remain unfinished will be the Phillips Room, the media center, the workshop and a conference room, Fahey said. Construction is expected to continue on those rooms while the rest of the facility is being used, Huntress said.

Fahey said he hopes to start moving in at the end of the school year, adding that throughout the summer he expects to have a "soft opening" during which the town's youth will be able to hold programs in the gym and other spaces within the structure. A grand opening is scheduled for some time in August.

Fahey noted that when Phillips gave the \$500,000 gift, it was with the promise that the Youth Foundation would come up with \$500,000 in matching donations. With Monday night's approval of \$140,000 from the contingency fund along with the \$150,000 in anonymous donations, the foundation has approximately \$290,000, meaning it will continue working to raise another \$210,000 to meet that match.

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Two dozen streetlights to be turned back on

By BILL KIRK
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After months, and sometimes years, of complaints, about two dozen streetlights — darkened as a money-saving measure since 2009 — are due to be re-lit sometime in the next month, according to the town manager and the power company.

Town Manager Reginald “Buzz” Stapeczynski has sent a list of lights that should be re-illuminated to National Grid. “This letter authorizes National Grid to turn on the streetlights indicated on the attached list,” he said in a Feb. 25 letter. “We request this be done as promptly as possible. The town of Andover will assume any costs associated with turning on and upgrading these streetlights.”

The streets that will be lit are Forest Hill and Timothy drives, Carmel and Lovejoy roads, Flint Circle, and Osgood, Pinecrest, Elm, Salem and North streets. Some streets have as many as five lights on them, but most have just one.

National Grid spokesman Jake Navarro said last week the company has “created a work request for all the lights” and is “working to schedule those jobs as soon as the weather allows. It is a high priority and we plan to begin that work over the next month.”

The request for the lights to be re-lit follows a series of contentious selectmen’s meetings during which a resident of Timothy Drive complained that her pleas for light were being ignored.

Robyn Grant has said that soon after moving into her house with her husband and disabled son last fall, she began asking to have the lights in the neighborhood restored as a safety precaution for her son, who often walks to and from work at Stop & Shop on North Main Street.

She was told there was a process. When a resident wants a light back on, according to town officials, they must make a request to the town manager, who then has the request reviewed by public safety and public works and eventually the Board of Selectmen. In many cases, as in Grant’s case, the requests are denied. A few over the years have been granted.

However, Grant’s request was never forwarded to the Board of Selectmen. So she took it upon herself to appeal the decision to selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski, who put her request on an agenda last fall. Despite coming to numerous selectmen’s meetings throughout the fall and part of the winter, Grant saw her lights remain off as a decision was delayed.

Finally, in early February, selectmen ordered Stapeczynski to honor the requests of anyone who wanted their lights turned back on — including the Grants on Timothy Drive. Based on the town manager’s request, five lights on Timothy Drive as well as Porter Road running off of it will be re-lit.

Satisfied customer?

While Grant could not be reached for comment for this



Robyn Grant, seen with her son, Ryan Dowling, walking along the darkened Timothy Drive in February, will see the streetlights there turned back on this spring.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff FILE photo

story, others have encountered similar challenges in their efforts to light their streets.

Betty Cunningham, who is in her 60s and has lived in town for 24 years, wanted a light on Carmel Road restored. Her request was denied, and instead she was told she could “sponsor” the light.

When she asked town officials what that meant, they told her she would have to pay National Grid herself.

“I would have to pay over and above my taxes to get the lights back on?” she asked. “I was incredulous. A number of neighbors contacted the town, we went to Town Hall, we wrote to Buzz and we never got a response. Our real estate taxes are going up \$250 to \$300 a year and when you contact someone in the town you get an inadequate response.”

She added that things only got worse.

“Then we had some car break-ins in the last six months,” she said in an interview last week. “We talked to the public safety officer (Chuck Edgerly) and he said, ‘No, that’s not a danger over

there.’ But then I saw the article about the family that wanted their lights on.”

She immediately contacted Selectman Mary O’Donoghue, who had proposed turning all the darkened streetlights in town back on. O’Donoghue’s proposal failed to gain any support from her fellow selectmen.

“I contacted her directly,” Cunningham said. “She sent me the names of all the selectmen, an email address for Buzz, and told me to have neighbors write to them. Lo and behold, the next Monday before the selectmen’s meeting, I got an email from Buzz saying, ‘Your light’s going back on.’”

Indeed, one of the lights Stapeczynski has requested for restoration is on Carmel Road, at pole number 1958.

“It’s sad when you don’t have a lot of dealings with the town, you pay your real estate taxes and get an inadequate response,” she said. “You wouldn’t get away with that in a normal business environment. You couldn’t get away with that where I work. You have to respond to people. It takes a long time to turn a

light on. Unbelievable.”

Still in the dark

Another resident of town who lives on Pine Street hasn’t been as successful.

Mimi Ropiak said she has been calling town officials for the past few years trying to get one or two of the lights on her street turned back on. She said Pine Street, which runs between Elm and Summer streets, has no lights at all. In the summer, it gets very dark because there is no ambient light from the homes in the neighborhood, which is heavily wooded.

During the summer, there are many children out during the day and early evening, riding bikes and walking their dogs. But at sunset, it gets dark real fast, she said.

“When it’s black, it’s black,” she said. “It would be nice to have the lights on.”

In 2009, after the lights were initially turned off, “I emailed and asked if they could put solar-powered lights on the poles,” she said. “They said no, ‘We can’t do that.’”

Then she asked if the lights could be put on timers, so

that they would stay on only until midnight or so and then go off as a cost-saving measure. That suggestion failed to draw a response.

“I thought, ‘Well, I guess we have to live with it,’” she said. “Then, when I saw the article in the Townsman about the (Grants). I emailed the town again and said, ‘Please turn them back on.’”

She was told that eventually the lights in her neighborhood would get turned back on, and that it was going to be done “piecemeal,” she said.

Pine Street is not on the initial list submitted by Stapeczynski to National Grid. When asked whether the lights there were up for consideration, Stapeczynski said they would be reviewed and then possibly submitted to National Grid.

Philips Electronics nets \$1.8M in tax incentives for new life sciences jobs

STAFF REPORTS

Philips Electronics North America of Andover is one of 11 companies statewide benefiting from \$19 million in tax incentives awarded by the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center.

Companies receiving the tax incentives have committed to creating 1,075 jobs, including 100 by Philips Electronics. The Life Sciences Center’s board of directors announced the awards last week.

“I’m really happy a company in the Merrimack Valley is benefiting from this program and especially pleased the tax incentives are going to allow Philips Electronics to add another 100 workers,” Sen. Barbara L’Italien, D-Andover, who serves as chairman of the Senate Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, said in a release.

The Life Sciences Center’s tax-incentive program was established in 2008 as part of Massachusetts’ 10-year, \$1 billion Life Sciences Initiative. It provides tax incentives each year for companies engaged in life sciences research and development, commercialization and manufacturing. The program’s primary goal is to spur life sciences companies to create new, sustained jobs in Massachusetts.

The Life Sciences Act provides 10 different incentives that address the significant capital expenditures associated with life sciences research and development cycle, and the high costs of translating research into commercially viable products. This is the sixth year that incentives have been provided under the program.

Fifty-five companies have active tax-incentive awards from prior years totaling more than \$90 million. The prior recipients have created more than 5,000 new jobs after receiving their tax incentives.

“Massachusetts’ life sciences sectors are the fastest-growing sectors of our economy,” Gov. Charlie Baker said in the release. “We will continue to build on that success and maintain our competitive edge as the global leader in life

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A spokesman for Philips could not be reached for comment.

“This program has played an important role in attracting the world’s leading

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Marion Dennison Moore, 94

May 14, 1920 — March 10, 2015

RACINE, WI — Marion Joyce Moore, 94, of Racine, passed away on March 10, 2015 at Lincoln Village in Racine, Wis.

Marion was born May 14, 1920, in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, the daughter of the late Harry L. and Florence A. (Donnelly) Dennison. The family arrived in Boston and settled in Andover, in July of 1923.

Marion was a 1938 graduate of Punchard High School in Andover, MacIntosh Business School in Lawrence, and the Baptist Institute (BI) in Philadelphia.

Marion worked as a bookkeeper for various businesses in New England, including Pacific Printworks and the Bolta Co., both in Lawrence, Smart & Flagg in Andover, James H. Matthews in Boston, Aloha Camps in Fairlee, Vt., and Wolf Plumbing in Haverhill.

Marion later moved to Rowley, Mass., and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rowley, before moving to Racine to be near her daughter in 2005.

Survivors include her brother, Kenneth Dennison, of Maine; her daughter, Joyce, of Wisconsin; two nieces, Cindy Cromer, of Georgia, and Susan Cameron, of Tennessee; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Marion was predeceased by her sisters, F. Beulah Dennison in 2009 at age 94, and Ruth E. Cvetan in 2011 at age 94, and her brother, Richard B. Dennison in 2003.

Marion enjoyed singing and playing the organ in church. She was proud of her heritage and her family. She enjoyed traveling to California, Alaska, and Nova Scotia.

Though she outlived many of her peers, she will be greatly missed by her family. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt.

ARRANGEMENTS: There are no calling hours.

Sheila J. Polgreen, 69

07/13/45 — 03/10/15

ST. PETERSBURG, FL — Sheila J. Polgreen (formerly of Methuen and Haverhill), 69 passed away at her home, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. Sheila was the beloved wife of Fred Polgreen with whom she shared over 41 years of marriage. She was born in Schenectady, N.Y. to Martin J. and Rosamond (Harris) Clapper. Sheila moved to the Merrimack Valley with her family in the early 1970's where she enjoyed skiing with her group of friends and going to the beach.



Sheila retired to St. Petersburg, Fla. in 2000 where she enjoyed the sunny South with her many friends including Nancy and Bobby and Wanda and Smitty. Above all, family was the heart of Sheila's life and spending time with them was her greatest joy. Her unforgettable personality and hearty laugh will live on in our hearts and minds forever. Her memory will be honored through recollections of happy times and family celebrations.

their children: daughter, Shannon Sessoms and her husband, Daniel of Spartansburg, S.C. as well as her son, Peter Cardini and his wife, Heather and son, Niko of Derry, N.H.

Until we are reunited in our heavenly father's kingdom, we leave in his hands the love and memory of our beautiful Sheila.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sheila's name to the American Cancer Society or your local hospice.

Donald M. Cronin, 66

Retired Lawrence Police Sergeant

ANDOVER — Retired Lawrence Police Sergeant, Donald M. Cronin, 66, of Andover, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday March 17, 2015, at his home in Andover, Mass.



Born and educated in Lawrence, Mass., Don was the son of the late, John J. and Adelaide (Metcalfe) Cronin Sr. He was a graduate of Lawrence High School, Class of 1967, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Don served in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged as an Airman Basic. For 38 years, Don was a Police Officer with the Lawrence Police Department, retiring as Sergeant. After his retirement, he was a Sergeant for two years with Merrimack College Police Department in North Andover, and was also an important part of the staff at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home in Methuen. Donald was a communicant of St. Monica's Church where he volunteered with organizing the church fair. He was a member of the Lawrence Elks BPOE #65, and the Rocky Club, also in Lawrence. Don enjoyed traveling, fishing, was an avid sports fan, and spending time with his family.

brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Belisario and Leslie Rosas of Andover; Gary and Deborah Anderson of Windham, N.H.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Don also leaves his cherished dog, Bailey; and beloved cats, Tedy and Curt.

Donald was predeceased by his brother John J. Cronin Jr. and his wife, Jacqueline Cronin; his sister, Sheila DiStefano; stepbrother, John Dixon; and father-in-law, Clayton Crotch. Donald will be sadly missed by all who knew and worked with him.

ARRANGEMENTS: Memorials can be made in Donald's name to the M.S.P.C.A. 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. Visiting hours for family and friends were Monday, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA 01844. His funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, at 11 a.m., in St. Monica's Church in Methuen, with burial and military honors to follow in West Parish Cemetery, Andover.

For directions or to send condolences, please visit www.pollardfuneralhome.com. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is honored to assist the Cronin Family with this difficult time.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY TIM LIMA tima@andovertownsmam.com

Monday, March 16 Arrests

Robert Sharkey, 40, and Jennifer Ready, 41, both of 132 Whitmore St., Tewksbury, were arrested on River Road at 8:08 p.m. and charged with possession of a Class B substance.

Incidents A 911 caller from South Main Street reported that a car and a plow truck were involved in an accident at 8:31 a.m. and an elderly woman appeared bleeding. Andover police reported that the accident was in North Reading, and that community's emergency teams responded.

An employee of Raytheon walked into the police station at 6:25 p.m. to report that he was given a brownie that he was on Friday, and he thinks it was contaminated with a foreign substance that showed up in his blood work.

Tuesday, March 17 Arrests

Brigitte Mancuso, 46, of 9 Bowers St., Lowell, was arrested at 2:13 a.m. on River Road and charged with operating under the influence of drugs and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

Matthew Hurchik, 20, of 107 Main St., Andover, was arrested on Railroad Street at 1:19 p.m. and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and possessing liquor under the age of 21.

Incident A 911 caller from Lowell Street reported at 1:30 p.m. that her two sons, ages 8 and 11, are "out of control and she needs assistance."

Then, someone hung up the phone. On call back, the resident reported that her son hung the phone up, and they "have no weapons." Police responded, and peace was restored.

Wednesday, March 18 Arrest

Michael Boutwell, 42, of 18A Jewett Ave., South Berwick, Maine, was arrested at 10:35 a.m. on Ballardvale Street and charged with possession of a Class A substance.

Thursday, March 19 Incident

The Trombly Bus Company reported that school bus number A-3 occupied with children was involved in a crash on Central Street at 3:14 p.m. No injuries were reported and no physical damage to the bus was observed. The bus was able to drive from the scene after paperwork was exchanged.

Friday, March 20 Incident

Longwood Drive residents called police at 11:42 p.m. to report that their 15-year-old daughter was missing, but was probably

at a friend's house in town. Officers checked the address, but the girl was not there. Later, police found the girl walking on Memorial Circle.

Saturday, March 21 Arrest

Pedro Melendez, 42, of 77 Weare St., Lawrence, was arrested on McKenney Circle at 12:51 p.m. and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a subsequent offense, and a warrant charge.

Sunday, March 22 Incident

An employee of La Quinta Hotel on River Road reported at 6:48 p.m. that there was a male and female walking in the lobby that are so intoxicated, they are having trouble walking. Andover Police requested an ambulance for a 60-year-old intoxicated woman.

Charred cloth found in town van gas tank

Police detectives and fire investigators responded to Whittier Court Saturday morning after a burned cloth was found stuck inside a town-owned van.

Before 7 a.m., a town custodian noticed that a "town vehicle has the gas cap off

and something inside that appears to have been lit on fire," according to police records.

Police Commander Charles Heseltine said that the vehicle is a Chevy Van, used as a mail delivery vehicle by the Andover

School Department.

The cloth was not lit when emergency units responded, Heseltine said, noting that it "appears the cloth just burned itself out."

When asked for a possible motive or the potential

damage that could have been caused, Heseltine said he could not speculate on what those responsible wanted to do.

The vehicle had minor charring damage to its exterior, he said.

— Tim Lima, staff writer

SUV at convenience store reported stolen

Area police departments are on the lookout for a gray 2006 GMC Denali stolen from in front of Richdale Convenience Store on Railroad Street last Friday night, according to police records.

While 56-year-old Jerome Holley of Lawrence was inside Richdale shortly after 5 p.m. Friday, March 20, police say a male suspect

around 21 years old and wearing blue jeans and a blue Nike sweatshirt jumped into his car and took off. The car was last seen headed toward North Main Street (Route 28). It has not been found by press time on Tuesday.

According to police records, a "be on the lookout," or BOLO, message

was sent out to area police departments, asking them to keep an eye out for the stolen car.

Police Commander Charles Heseltine said that the vehicle was logged as stolen in the National Crime Information Center, the national database, as is every car presumed stolen.

— Tim Lima, staff writer

Churches ready for annual Good Friday Walk

The annual Good Friday Walk, an Easter time tradition for more than 25 years, will be held on Friday, April 3, at 8:30 a.m. beginning at St. Augustine's Church on Essex Street.

The approximately two-hour walk will stop at eight prayer points.

At the various stops,

clergy from Andover Baptist, New England Bible Church, Christ Church, Faith Lutheran, Free Christian, St. Augustine's, South Church and Grace Point Community will lead prayers for peace in the world, for the schools, veterans, government, elderly, fire and police departments, and for the

churches in town.

All ages, from babies in buggies to senior citizens, are welcome and encouraged to participate. There will be coffee, orange juice and hot cross buns for everyone to enjoy right before the walk starting at 8:15 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church.

Veterans gravesite flags to be replaced April 26

Andover Department of Veterans Services will conduct its spring replacement of flags marking veterans' graves in town on Sunday, April 26, starting at 11 a.m. from Spring Grove Cemetery on Abbot Street.

Given that the severe winter has been rough on the flags, the department this spring intends to swap

out all 3,600-plus flags at Andover veterans' graves located in 20 cemeteries in town. Typically, half the flags are replaced in the fall and the other half in the spring.

Once again, the department will be seeking the support of local Boy, Girl and Cub scouts; cadets and any interested citizens.

"We could not do this without everyone's support. ... I'm personally very appreciative," Director of Veterans Services Michael Burke said in a release.

The severe rain date for the flag replacement is Sunday, May 3.

For more information, call the Veterans Office at 978-623-8218.

Ward Thursday Morning Outings on tap

The Friends of Ward Reservation are inviting the public to join them in enjoying weekly Ward Thursday Morning Outings to learn about Ward Reservation's butterflies, bog ecology, wildflowers and animal behavior.

Led by local experts on the Property Committee, the events are intended to provide a fun and educational experience.

Each Thursday beginning April 9, attendees will meet at the Ward Reservation parking lot at the end of Prospect Road in Andover at 9 a.m., unless otherwise indicated. No rain dates will

be offered. Yoga and tai chi classes will also be held on Holt Hill on select dates.

The schedule is:

April 9: Glenn Aspeslagh, "North Andover Trails"

April 16: Adam Rolff, "Meet Ward's Caretaker"

April 16, 2:30 p.m.: Howard Hoople, "Butterfly Walk"

April 23: John Kimball, "Bog Ecology"

April 30: Al French/Steve Golden, "Hiking the Bay Circuit Trail"

May 7: Jenn Mosher or guest, "Yoga or Tai Chi"

May 14: Phil Starks, "Animal Behavior"

May 21: Sue Stott, "Wildflower Walk"

May 21, 2:30 p.m.: Howard Hoople "Butterfly Walk"

May 28: John Kimball, "Bog Ecology"

June 4: Jenn Mosher or guest, "Yoga or Tai Chi"

June 11: Al French/Steve Golden, "Hiking the Bay Circuit Trail"

June 18: Adam Rolff, "Meet Ward's Caretaker"

June 25: John Kimball, "Bog Ecology"

The outings are free to all members, and \$5 for non-members. No reservations are needed, and all are welcome.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Congregational Beth Israel Community Seder April 4

A Community Passover Seder will be held at Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley, 501 South Main St., Andover, on the second night of the holiday, Saturday, April 4, beginning at 4 p.m.

Rabbi Howard Mandell will lead the family-friendly seder, which will be geared toward people of all faiths and ages. Guests will enjoy a fully catered kosher meal and participate in the singing of traditional songs. The suggested donation

is \$40 for adults, \$20 for students and \$10 for children 12 and under. To make a reservation for the seder, call the synagogue at 978-474-0540 or email office@BethIsraelMV.org by March 27.

Easter services at Andover's South Church

South Church in Andover, 41 Central St., has announced its Easter schedule.

A Communion & Tenebrae Service will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

Three services are planned for Easter Sunday, April 5. The morning begins at 6:30 with an outdoor worship service at Missionary Rock on the campus of Phillips Academy on Main Street.

Worship services in the church sanctuary will take place at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Rev. Dana Allen Walsh will be preaching.

Call 978-475-0321 or visit www.southchurch.com for more information.

To submit an item for the Religion Briefs, email townsmam@andovertownsmam.com.

Andover High class of 1970 planning 45th reunion

The Andover High School class of 1970 is gearing up for its 45th reunion this fall.

Classmates who are interested in helping to plan the reunion are asked to contact Chris Doherty at Chris.doherty@raveis.com.

To submit an item for the Town Briefs column, email townsmam@andovertownsmam.com.

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN OBITUARIES Obituaries in the Andover Townsman are paid notices. To place an obituary, please visit andovertownsmam.com/submitobit. Call 1-800-681-6248 if you have any questions.



Dianne J. Anderson, center, president and CEO of Lawrence General Hospital, and developer Sal Lupoli, third from right, are joined by, from left, Dr. Sarah Finch of Andover OB/GYN; Dr. Elizabeth "Betty" Rafferty, breast imaging specialist at Lawrence General Hospital and a resident of Andover; Lawrence General Chief of Radiology Dr. Brian Murphy and Pentucket Medical Associates President Dr. Thomas L. Fazio for the ribbon cutting at the newly opened Andover Medical Center on Lowell Street.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos



President and CEO of Lawrence General Hospital Dianne J. Anderson gives the opening remarks at the official opening of the new Andover Medical Center on Lowell Street in Andover last week. Looking on are Dr. Sarah Finch of Andover OB/GYN, left, and Dr. Elizabeth "Betty" Rafferty, breast imaging specialist at Lawrence General Hospital.



Dr. Elizabeth Rafferty listens as Dr. Brian Murphy, Lawrence General Hospital's chief of radiology, talks during the opening.

QUALITY AND CONVENIENCE

BY ROSEMARY FORD
Staff Writer

Andover Medical Center brings Boston-level care to region

When you're sick, living within 30 miles of Boston — home to some of the best hospitals and physicians in the world — can be a blessing.

However, fighting the traffic gridlock and solving the parking conundrum of the city can seem like a curse, one that's especially unwelcome during the stress of an illness.

Healthcare professionals like Lawrence General Hospital President and CEO Dianne J. Anderson and Pentucket Medical Associates President Dr. Tom Fazio understand the conflict and wanted to create a place that delivered

Boston-level care locally, and they believe they've done it with the newly opened Andover Medical Center on Lowell Street (Route 133).

The two were among those on hand last Wednesday to christen the 30,000-square-foot facility just off Interstate 93. It has been open to patients since December.

On the three floors, patients will find pediatric and adult primary care and urgent care provided by Pentucket Medical Associates, Women's Health Imaging and laboratory services through Lawrence General and obstetrics and gynecologic care through Andover

"This concept of 'care for a lifetime' is really about providing easily accessible, high-quality care close to home, in a day and age when time is more precious than ever."

Dianne J. Anderson,
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OB/GYN.

"This concept of 'care for a lifetime' is really about providing easily accessible, high-quality care close to home, in a day and age

when time is more precious than ever," Anderson said in a statement.

"We understand that our patients have busy lives, and we believe this new facility will make it easier for them to manage their routine care."

Anderson described the facility as offering "one-stop shopping."

"It's local, it's easy to get here, you can't get any better," she said. "We have the best that Boston had."

She was referring to Dr. Elizabeth "Betty" Rafferty, who has left Massachusetts General Hospital's Avon Foundation Comprehensive Breast Evaluation Center to serve as director of breast imaging at the Andover center as well as

Lawrence General's South Pavilion.

Rafferty is a pioneer in 3-D breast cancer mammography who helped win the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the technology.

"I can deliver the exact same care here that I did in Boston, and that says a lot," said Rafferty, who lives in Andover. "Now I get to do it four minutes from my house."

Andover Medical Center is one of two sites offering Lawrence General's new 3-D mammography technology, which allows physicians to spot potential problems on a mammogram earlier than ever before, increasing early detection of cancers and reducing "false positives"

that require additional tests. So far, the center, built by the Lupoli Companies, has received rave reviews.

"We actually opened for patients in mid-December, and have been very gratified with the comments we've received," Fazio said in a statement. "Patients know us already. These providers have been in the community for a long time, so there is confidence in our capabilities."

A second, 40-square-foot tower, called Phase II, is now being eyed for the site. It's still in the planning stage, and no details have been released yet.

"Only through a shared vision can you have something this incredible," developer Sal Lupoli said.

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Parents: Raise our taxes, don't cut our teachers

By TIM LIMA
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Parents last week decried a proposed budget that would cut the equivalent of 21.5 full-time teaching jobs next year, saying they would rather see their taxes increase or administrative reductions than lose those jobs.

Coming on the heels of the loss of instructional assistants across the district this past year, the teaching cuts would be damaging, parents told the School Committee last Thursday night during its public hearing on the tentatively proposed schools budget for fiscal 2016.

"There are parents, and a lot of other people, who if you ask them directly, 'Would you rather your taxes go up by \$100 or \$50 in a year, or see 21.5 FTEs cut?' my sample size is overwhelming with people who'd prefer to see their taxes go up," said Shannon Scully of School Street, the mother of a Bancroft Elementary School student.

Superintendent Marinel McGrath, who outlined the tentative budget to open the meeting, said while the \$72.8 million spending plan represents a 2.78 increase over the current fiscal year, it falls shy of what is needed to maintain "level services" next year.

As a result, teacher reductions are being proposed in fourth through 12th grades, where class sizes could rise to as many as 29 students.

Some parents said they moved to Andover expressly for what they called its highly regarded public schools and were concerned at the impact the cuts would have on class sizes and their children's education.

Nancy Buckley of High Plain Road is one of those parents who chose to live in Andover because of its educational programs.

"I would be really disappointed if this went through," she said. "A class of 29 students is way, way too many."

Vanessa Weisman of Coventry Lane said the potential for ballooning class sizes concerned her enough to attend her first School Committee meeting and speak out against the proposal.

"My first-grader entered

Bancroft last year and had 23 kids in her class," she said. "This year, she had 16. Last year, she had anxiety issues — a child that never had anxiety, and this year she's thriving. She's reading; she's doing wonderful. I worry about next year for her."

The night before the school budget hearing, Scully addressed the Board of Selectmen, asking the officials to consider increasing the tax levy so the cuts would not be necessary. She said the suggestion was not received well.

She said while her preference would be to see increased funding for the School Department, she asked school officials to look at administrative costs if cuts need to be made. She wondered if a command structure of a superintendent and two assistant superintendents was comparable to other communities.

Kerry Costello, president of the Andover Educators Association, the union representing teachers and other school staff, said that several Andover High School staff members are concerned that the cuts could affect the expected September 2017 rollout of the new high school schedule, approved by the School Committee this past December. She said the new "7+H Schedule" would require an additional five to nine teaching positions, leaving some wondering if its implementation is feasible if teaching jobs are cut.

Andover High School senior Jason Grosz, the student liaison to the School Committee, said the Student Government group that he is on gathered to review the budget and was also worried about the possible cuts.

"Our criticism is that we are concerned with the decrease of FTEs, causing class sizes to increase to between 25 and 29 students" he said. "We don't believe this to be conducive for a personalized learning environment."

"We believe that these decreases in FTEs are counter-productive to the broad-based goal of personalizing the high school."

The School Committee is scheduled to continue its budget deliberations at its April 2 meeting.

Town budget trimmed to meet spending limit

By BILL KIRK
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Aided by what could be a \$500,000 drop in health insurance costs next year, the Board of Selectmen voted last week to trim \$563,000 out of the annual budget.

The result is that the average tax bill will go up to \$8,959 next year, an increase of about \$311, which is less than the original town manager's budget proposal, which would have seen taxes rise to an average of \$9,006 over the current fiscal year.

Earlier this month, Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski was prodded by selectmen to rework his budget so that it increased 3.6 percent over last year. His original budget came in 4.9 percent higher than last year.

Selectman Alex Vispoli said current and future town managers, joined by selectmen and other town officials, needed to craft their budgets around an increase that was affordable to taxpayers

rather than simply adding revenues to meet rising expenses.

Last week, he said, that's just what Stapeczynski did.

"I'd like to thank him for this," Vispoli said. "We have put ourselves in a different place starting budgets."

The change in the budget as proposed is still a "work in progress," Stapeczynski said. The \$563,000 change is a combination of reduced spending and increased revenues.

In particular, Stapeczynski said building permit revenues will go up this year over last year. In addition, he and Selectman Paul Salafia are negotiating with Merrimack College, part of the campus for which extends into Andover, and Phillips Andover Academy on so-called Payments in Lieu of Taxes, or PILOTs. That revenue will also increase over last year, he said, although he was not at liberty to disclose the amount since the matter is still in negotiation.

There were also some changes in expenditures — the largest being the cost

of employee health insurance. Stapeczynski said the town's current health insurer — Blue Cross/Blue Shield offered by the Mass. Interlocal Insurance Association — came in at too high of a price. The BX/BS plan offered by MIIA would have increased 10.9 percent.

The town had expected to pay roughly \$17 million in health insurance next year — about 10 percent of the town's \$170 million budget.

Stapeczynski said the savings are being realized because employee health insurance will be "self-funded," meaning the town negotiates terms directly with Blue Cross/Blue Shield rather than going through a third party, in this case MIIA. The result of that decision, which is still in negotiation with the town's unions, could lead to as low as a zero percent increase in health insurance bills next year to as high as a 9 percent increase.

He said the town is offering unions two options: a status quo plan, which would cost an additional 9 percent next year, or a

"higher-deductible plan," which would result in a 0 percent increase.

If half the unions agree to the higher-deductible plan, the town could save \$500,000 in health insurance costs.

"Not everyone will migrate over," Stapeczynski said. "We'd like them to, but we are taking a conservative approach."

Stapeczynski said the town has self-funded insurance before, as recently as 2006, but switched to the BX/BS plan in 2007. When asked why the town switched to MIIA, Stapeczynski said he was unsure.

"It must have been a good, bottom-line reason," he said.

Stapeczynski serves on the board of directors of MIIA and until last year, served on the organization's Insurance Committee. He stepped down from that role on the committee after questions arose about whether he had a conflict of interest. Last week, he mentioned that while he is still on the MIIA board of directors, he no longer serves on the Insurance Committee.

On the right track Andover center makes case for early intervention funds

By TIM LIMA
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Area state legislators got a lesson in early intervention services on a visit to Andover's Professional Center for Child Development last week.

The center's administrative team invited Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover; Reps. Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen, and Jim Lyons, R-Andover, among others, to tour the Osgood Street facility in hopes of stressing the importance of adequate funding for one of its major programs.

Early intervention funding is of primal importance right now, several center leaders led by co-founder and executive director Veryl Anderson said.

Serving children up to 3 years old, the program works with youngsters who exhibit a delay in one or more areas of development, are diagnosed with a condition that may result in a delay, or are at risk for delay based on several factors.

By stepping in early, it's easier to help children make substantial progress and get them on the right track than it would be later in life, center staff said.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos

State Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, right, talks with teacher Aimee Fotino about the services at The Professional Center for Child Development as Everett Chase, 10, looks on. Last Friday was "Invite Your Legislator to School Day" and the center's staff lobbied for more state funds to be earmarked for early intervention, which is experiencing a growth in youngsters needing services.

It's something L'Italien is personally aware of. Her son was diagnosed with autism at age 5, too late to qualify for the program. As a result, she said, he was unable to enroll in the Andover Public Schools until he was 8 years old, at what she said was of "great cost to my hometown of Andover."

"I always believed that early intervention was one

of the best things that we do as a government," she said.

Today, the increased need for early intervention funding coincides with a rising heroin epidemic, officials said. Massachusetts has the third highest rate of opiate use during pregnancy in the country, leading to the birth of children who need immediate special care, they said.

While the governor's budget for next year allocates \$27.6 million for early intervention statewide, another \$800,000 is needed to serve an increased number of children enrolled in programs, said Mary Anne Mulligan of Governmental Strategies, Inc., representing early intervention.



Leigh Ferrantino holds her daughter, Kaitlyn, as she talks to visitors at last Friday's "Invite Your Legislator to School Day" at The Professional Center for Child Development in Andover.

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McCready with 1,795 votes. At second was former selectman Ted Teichert with 1,574 votes.

Challenger Kim Sousa's bid came up short, with 1,322 votes.

Incumbent Chairman Annie Gilbert gained one more year on the School Committee, topping challenger Paul Properzio to finish out the term left by newly elected state Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover.

Town Clerk Larry Murphy said about 15 percent of the town's registered voters came out, which he called "respectable" for a local election.

Selectmen's race

Candidates and their supporters said the election showed that residents want change.

"From what I'm hearing, the residents want transparency and fiscal responsibility," said Landry, celebrating at Casa Blanca restaurant in downtown Andover with friends and family. "This was a very important election. It's clear what the issues were. The selection of the next town manager, the budgeting process and controlling the rate of growth of taxes. The voters sent that message."

Kowalski, celebrating with 20 to 25 friends at his home on Enfield Drive, said he was "flattered" that he topped the ticket.

"We ran a campaign based on my accomplishments and successes," he said. "We tried to keep it positive."

He said he wasn't sure what to think of the fact that his colleague, Major, wasn't re-elected.

"This was a tough one to call," he said. "I wasn't sure which way it would go. I'm more surprised that I came in first."

Neither Major nor Senior

could be reached for comment.

Landry supporters said they think the election was historic.

"This was a momentous election," said local activist Bob Pokress, who worked with Landry on their watchdog website townofandover.com, which became Landry's campaign website. "It reflects the voice of the voters expressing their desire to see material change in how the School Committee and selectmen face the big issues."

Selectmen Alex Vispoli, on hand at Casa Blanca along with Selectman Mary O'Donoghue to congratulate Landry, said voters sent an important message to town leadership.

"The town wants the Board of Selectmen to watch out for the taxpayer," he said. "That's the message of today."

School races

Political newcomer McCready said she was thrilled to top the ticket for the School Committee race.

"I didn't expect that I'd beat out everybody, but I have a lot of people I've touched and who have been supporting me, so at this point, I'm not surprised," she said.

"This is the first campaign I've ever been in. It was definitely more intense than I expected it to be, but I thought it was a well-run campaign by everybody. I just wish the camaraderie we felt outside holding signs today can carry over, because it's really important and everyone was great to everyone today. I hope that continues, because it will help the community move forward."

Teichert, a former member of the Board of Selectmen, said his goal is to work closely with the other School Committee members and do what's best for the town.



Newly elected Selectman Bob Landry celebrates his victory with his daughter, Emma.

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"As a selectman, I listened," he said. "You've got to listen to people. We can do better. It's not what you can't do, it's what you can do."

First-time candidate Sousa, who came in third, said she had a "great experience," despite losing.

"I have met some really amazing people, and I feel like it was a great experience to get my name out there," she said. "I'm extremely disappointed, but I hope that some good came from this. I think I ran a good campaign."

Incumbent Birnbach was traveling in India with some of his students from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and could not be reached for comment.

Gilbert, the incumbent who won election for the one-year seat vacated by L'Italien, said she was "delighted and humbled. Also, I appreciate the support and the vote of confidence."

She said the three-year race was "too close to call" in the days leading up to the

election.

"I talked to so many people over the course of the last few days, and everyone had a different take about how it'd shake out," she said. "I felt I'd be surprised no matter what, but I think new, fresh perspectives are good for any board and I'm really excited and looking forward to working with Ted and Susan."

Her opponent, Paul Properzio, said it was the first time he had run a campaign for political office, but that he learned from it.

"I feel like I've grown from it," he said. "It was a great experience and I'll try again next year."

Voters speak

For many people voting at Andover High School Tuesday, the election was about high taxes and fresh ideas.

Sue Stamas, 49, of 5 Thresher Road, said it was time to upset the status quo.

"Our taxes keep going up," she said. "It shouldn't be a given that the budget goes up every year."

While she wouldn't reveal who she voted for, she said it was "time to put our hats on and think about different options."

Bill Suglia, 57, of 26 Tilton Lane, agreed.

"We need new blood in there," said Suglia, who voted for Landry and Kowalski for selectmen and Teichert and McCready for School Committee.

Kevin Reid, 70, of 2 Cattle Crossing, concurred.

"I want good people who are willing to work hard for the town and the schools," he said. "I think new blood is good. I don't want things to get stale."

Some voters have been keeping a close eye on pending.

Peter Gori of 43 Essex St. said he thought that while the Board of Selectmen was doing a "good job" keeping an eye on high property taxes, he was disappointed during last year's Town Meeting when voters narrowly defeated an amendment to the budget proposed

by Landry that would have cut \$1 million from the health insurance line item. The amount proposed to be cut was roughly the same amount that would have been saved if the town's unions had agreed to switch to a new health insurance plan.

"That was a big disappointment," he said. "It looked like \$1 million went away that could have been used elsewhere. That upset a lot of people."

Amy Ferraro, 42, of Avon St., said she came out to vote for Properzio, who ran against Gilbert, because he was a neighbor and a friend of her parents.

"I don't usually vote, but ... I think it would be good to get some fresh blood on the School Committee," she said. "And I think he'd be a good advocate for our schools."

While some voters wanted to see cutbacks in the schools, others wanted to see the opposite.

"I had to vote for School Committee," said Sonia Vermani, 40, of Sunset Rock Road. "I have three kids. There's a lot at stake. I don't want any more teachers fired."

She said she voted for Sousa and McCready because "I think they'll do the job."

Steady turnout

The town clerk said turnout was steady throughout the day.

As of 3 p.m. 1,862 ballots had been cast, representing about 8.3 percent of the 22,422 registered voters.

"It's not overwhelming," Murphy said.

He said there was a bump in turnout after the evening commute and during the dinner hour, which pushed turnout to just over 15 percent.

Last year, just 5 percent of voters turned out, but there were no contested races. In the past, contested races have brought out as many as 20 to 25 percent of the voters for a local election.

MCGRATH

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Her announcement was met by a standing ovation from everyone in attendance, including Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, who himself is also retiring this year, effective June 30, after 25 years at the helm.

School Committee member Paula Colby-Clements grew emotional while thanking McGrath for her work over her five-year tenure as superintendent.

"I think that people need to understand that this was such a hard decision," she said. "I completely respect your need to take care of your family, and I commend you for doing that."

She continued to say that "If you know anything about Marinel, it's that her heart is in the right place."

Member Joel Blumstein said that he was "profoundly sad for you and your husband."

"I knew how much this job meant to you, and what you'll be facing," he said. "We appreciate you very much."

Kerry Costello, president of the Andover Education Association, the union representing Andover's teachers and other staff, acknowledged what has developed into a strong working

relationship with the superintendent that she said has been forged on mutual trust.

"We all know we have had some tumultuous times over the past five years. But the last two years there have been no grievances and no arbitration," she said. "That kind of labor relation comes based on the basis of trust and real collaboration, working together and understanding we are not always going to agree on all issues but that we can solve problems by working outside of the box. That is the spirit Marinel McGrath has promoted as superintendent."

"At the end of the day, relationships are built on trust. And I appreciate Marinel's efforts to do that."

In thanking McGrath, Costello said that it is her "sincere hope" that the foundation that now exists remains solid with what will be the new configuration of the School Committee following next week's town election "and sadly with a new superintendent at some point in time."

McGrath first joined the leadership team of the Andover Public Schools in 1995, serving as assistant superintendent until 2002. From there, she became the superintendent of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District until 2010, at which point she returned to Andover as

its superintendent.

"I will remember with great fondness my Andover experiences, my colleagues, and the many school committee members, such as you, who provided me with support, guidance, insight, and friendship," she said. "I thank you and the members of the School Committee (both past and present) for your tremendous professional and personal support during my five years in the district. I also thank our teachers, staff, and administrators for their unwavering dedication to our students and their families, and our parents, community, and the town for their support of our schools."

A district-wide, Connect-5 message was sent out district-wide notifying the school community following the meeting.

School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert, who with member David Birnbach was on the committee that hired McGrath in 2010, also commended the superintendent for her work in the district, including with the AEA.

"We're in a great place now," she said.

While Gilbert said she wants the focus to be on McGrath, she briefly outlined upcoming steps for finding her successor. She said the committee would be discussing its next steps

for hiring a new superintendent or interim superintendent at its first meeting following the town election, at which three School Committee seats will be filled.

She said that Glenn Koocher, executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees,

will attend the meeting, noting that the association is instrumental in providing guidance to districts during superintendent searches.

Until her resignation date, McGrath — who earned more than \$200,000 a year in 2012 — said she intends to "continue to serve Andover

Public Schools as I always have, my first love outside of my family, to my utmost."

"I will make every effort to provide the new superintendent with support during the transition, and I am not going anywhere fast," she said. "I'll be here for a while."



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The thank-you gift presented to each firefighter during their visit to The Professional Center for Child Development.

Lt. John Ronan and firefighter Bruce Belbin spent some time with the youngsters in the center's developmental day school, pre-school and 2x2 play groups. The children got to try on an official firefighter's helmet, see what a firefighter looks like when he's dressed in his full gear and learn about how the Fire Department works to keep them safe. The students sent the firefighters off with a special thank you to share with the rest of their department.



Sam Berthelsen tries on Andover fire Lt. John Ronan's helmet while his sister, Rachel, looks on.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Honorary firefighter Sam Berthelsen of Methuen shows off his fire truck to Lt. John Ronan at Andover's Professional Center for Child Development.



Billy Wedgewood, a student in the Developmental Day School at The Professional Center for Child Development, tries an Andover Fire Department helmet on for size.



Andover firefighter Bruce Belbin was all suited up for the kids during his visit to The Professional Center for Child Development on Friday, March 6.

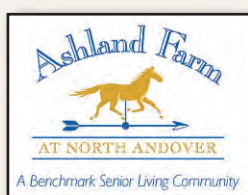
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Young smokers get cold shoulder with new rules

By TIM LIMA

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About once or twice a week, Jay Patel, manager of The Andover Spa convenience store on Elm Street, finds himself turning customers away.

Since Feb. 1 — when new tobacco regulations took effect in Andover — he's had to explain to customers under the age of 21 that he can't sell them cigarettes or other tobacco or nicotine products, including electronic cigarettes.

"The customers thought it was pretty strange," he said, "and asked us when it happened."

The Board of Health's new regulations raised the legal age to buy tobacco and nicotine products from 18 to 21.

Andover Health Director Tom Carbone said the new rules have not been in place long enough to evaluate what impact they are having on tobacco sales, but added that he has not received any calls about the change.

Carbone said the idea for restricting the sale of tobacco and nicotine to minors was based on statewide trends. He expects that the higher age will be adopted statewide "sooner or later," much like it is now for purchasing alcohol.

It may actually be sooner, at least as far as e-cigarettes are concerned.

Last week, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey proposed regulations that would ban the sale of



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Andover Spa owner Jay Patel holds a selection of electronic cigarettes and liquid in his shop. As of Feb. 1, Andover banned the sale of e-cigarettes to minors under age 18. The state attorney general last week announced a proposal that would adopt that ban statewide.

e-cigarettes to minors under age 21.

Store managers across Andover said the new age restrictions for tobacco in town have taken some by surprise.

"Some people didn't realize that the laws have changed," said Gary Hoffman, manager of the VERC Mobil Station on Lowell Street. "Some people got kind of irritated. Their concern was, 'Is it everywhere, or just here?'"

While Hoffman said the

change has had a noticeable impact on business, he referred questions about specific numbers to the company's district manager, David Proler, who did not return phone calls.

In November, Proler argued that increasing the legal tobacco age by three years would have adverse implications for the community, saying it would only work to push townspeople in different directions.

"Individuals who wish to

purchase tobacco will find a means to purchase it," he said.

But Muhannad Tasleem, manager of the River Road Mobil Station, said he hasn't experienced a noticeable difference in sales, although he has still had to explain to a customer why he was being turned away.

"Really, nobody even came in who was younger than 21 before, so we didn't have to tell many people that they couldn't buy cigarettes," Tasleem said. "There may have been a bit of a difference in business, but not much."

He said that he only remembers having to turn down one customer.

"He was a little bit shocked, and asked why he couldn't buy it," he said. "He just said 'OK, I'll go buy them in my town.'"

In January, the previous store manager at the River Road Mobil, predicted the higher age would "really hurt business."

"Many of our customers who buy tobacco are 18 to 20 years old, and now they'll just go to other towns," said Wanda Vidal, who, according to VERC's website has been transferred to one of its Danvers locations. "We're right next to Lawrence. They'll just go there to get it."

In approving the new regulation, health officials argued that restricting young people's access to tobacco would deter them from becoming smokers and result in long-term health benefits.

According to a recent brief released by the Institute of Medicine, the public

health implications of raising the legal purchasing age of tobacco to 21 will mean those "who can legally obtain tobacco are less likely to be in the same social networks as high school students."

In addition to the higher age, the Board of Health also capped the number of tobacco product sales permits in Andover at 14. No health care institution will be allowed to sell tobacco or nicotine delivery products and no permits will be issued within 500 feet of a public or private secondary or elementary school.

As a condition for holding a permit, retailers must offer at least two types of non-prescription products designed to aid people in their efforts to quit smoking and the display area for those products must be at least half the size of the store's tobacco display area. Sales of smoking-cessation products are allowed for ages 18 and up.

Healey's proposed regulations for e-cigarettes would clamp down on the sale and marketing of the products to teens as well as their sale in vending machines. Healey also called for child-resistant packaging for the nicotine liquids and gel cartridges used to fill e-cigarettes. While they don't contain tobacco, some policymakers have argued that e-cigarettes are harmful to youths.

"These regulations make clear that in Massachusetts an e-cigarette is a cigarette, when it comes to protecting our kids," Healey said during a press conference at the Statehouse.

Last session, a bill that sought e-cigarette regulations similar to those governing tobacco products failed to pass the House and Senate.

Most Merrimack Valley communities have already considered regulating e-cigarette sales.

Methuen's health director plans to hold a hearing this spring to review the city's tobacco policies, which currently include nothing about e-cigarettes.

Haverhill folded e-cigarettes into tobacco regulations that forbid selling products to minors or smoking inside establishments. In December, the Lawrence Board of Health rejected a proposal to reduce the number of permits available for retailers to sell cigarettes in the city.

Patel at The Andover Spa said the majority of those buying e-cigarettes at his store are trying to quit smoking tobacco cigarettes, he said. He acknowledged that e-cigarettes, which are part of Andover's ban on sales to minors that took effect last month, had become popular among teens in general. He said that the store's policy has always been for cashiers to ask for an I.D. for their purchase as they would with a pack of regular cigarettes.

"I actually check their card. It's not required, but if a 16-year-old kid comes to me and asks for an electronic cigarette, that is a type of addiction, so I do not sell it to them," he said.

Staff writer Lauren DiTullio contributed to this report.

Letourneau's Pharmacy earns compounding accreditation

Letourneau's Pharmacy of Andover was recently accredited by the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board for non-sterile compounding.

The process of accreditation spanned a full year, according to Alicia Picard, pharmacist for compounding and vaccinations at Letourneau. The pharmacy applied for the accreditation

and its staff perfected its standard operating procedures, according to Picard. Following a day-long, pre-announced inspection, the pharmacy was accredited.

Letourneau's emphasizes quality control in its procedures, Picard said in a release. These checks include testing its capsules to make sure they dissolve properly and testing the

concentrations in the drugs for accuracy.

The role of the accreditation board is to promote, develop, and maintain principles, policies and standards for improving the quality of pharmacy compounding nationwide.

"Compounding is under more scrutiny now," Picard said in the statement. "We do everything by the books, and

we wanted the validation."

Founded in 1926, Letourneau's Pharmacy, located at 349 North Main St., is owned by Shawn and Cindy McKallagat. The pharmacy employs many members of the McKallagat family, including Shawn McKallagat's son, Dan, front store director of operations. Dan McKallagat's wife, Melissa, and Cindy McKallagat's sister, Pam Daggett, work

in the billing office; and Daggett's daughter, Meg, is the front store weekend clerk.

While Letourneau's fills standard prescriptions, the pharmacy specializes in compounding medicines such as veterinary drugs, liquid medicine for young children, suppositories, hormone replacement therapy and topical creams. Letourneau's

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Planners must ensure Strawberry Hill decision withstands appeal

Editor, Townsman:

The recent decision by the Andover Planning Board on Feb. 24 against the proposed Strawberry Hill Farm project was a step in the right direction. However, it isn't complete until the board continues to do the rest of their job and that is where my concern lies at the moment.

The board now has to make it official and file the decision so the 21-day appeal period can start. After the vote was taken, I could hear Chairman Zach Bergeron, who voted for it, espousing to the two members who voted against it, to put their reasons down on paper for the appeal filing. This should not be their burden alone. This was a Town of Andover Planning Board decision and it seems to me Chairman Bergeron, Planning Board administrator Paul Matterazzo and town counsel, not just the two members, have the burden of seeing this decision is filed properly so the town does not lose on appeal.

Town counsel, who is paid by the residents of Andover, was never present to answer the incredibly important questions residents, and board members, had week to week. Here is his opportunity to make up for his indifference and defend the case properly, and vigorously, for the town and the residents.

While it was evident to me, throughout the proceedings, that planning administrator Paul Matterazzo, who is supposed to be neutral in all decisions, and Chairman Zach Bergeron were "for" the project, they also now have a chance to redeem themselves. Here's hoping they can put their personal feelings aside and let their integrity be their leader for the appeal.

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A case of negative externality on Elm Street

Editor, Townsman:

Economics.fundamental-finance.com defines an economic externality as "when an individual or firm making a decision does not have to pay the full cost of the decision." It goes on "a common example of a negative externality is pollution ... a steel-producing firm might pump pollutants into the air. While the firm has to pay for electricity, material, etc., the individuals living around the factory will pay for the pollution since it will cause them to have higher medical expenses, poorer quality of life, reduced aesthetic appeal ... etc."

The proposed 103-unit, 35-foot-high, 88,126-square-foot senior assisted living complex at 139-143 Elm St. is just such a case. The very character of the neighborhood will be changed forever — traffic and car accidents will increase, noise pollution from ambulances and

trucks will increase, additional flooding in the wetlands could cause abutters problems, night light pollution, among other negative externalities.

And who will pay for these negative externalities — the current owners Robert and Lisa Maye? No, they are greatly profiting from the sale of their land in this fashion. The developer, Capital Seniors Housing? No, they are based in Washington, D.C. and for them, this is just another financial transaction. The proposed facility management company Northbridge Companies? No, this an expanding business opportunity for them.

No, it is not any of these for-profit entities or anybody on the Andover Planning Board who does not live in the neighborhood. Who bears the true long-term costs? It is the thousand or so neighbors who will be affected by building such a large commercial complex in the middle of their residential neighborhood. Abutters and homeowners in the general area will be most impacted, but there will be a negative rippling effect across the community from the north part of Elm Street to downtown Elm Square, Highland Avenue to Chestnut Street to Main Street and all the surrounding traffic cut-throughs, including Pine, Washington, Walnut, Howell, Carmel, Whittier, Wollcott, Maple, Summer, Rogers Brook, Stevens, Upland, Stratford, Avon and Pasho, to name a few.

Yes, it is you and me that will end up paying for these negative externalities should the Andover Planning Board shirk its responsibility as provided in Andover's Article VIII. Zoning By-Law Section 7.4.1 Purpose, specifically Objectives 5 & 6, and approve this project.

GEORGE THORLIN
115 Summer St.

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Editor, Townsman:

As we celebrate National Boys & Girls Club Week from March 22 to 28, we at the Boys & Girls Club of

Lawrence would like to thank the community at large for its continuing support in providing youngsters with access to quality programs and services that help shape their futures.

Each day, we hear heartwarming stories describing how BGCL has changed the lives of our 2,700 youth members who come for a hot supper each night, homework help, fitness and nutrition programs, college and career planning, and lasting personal relationships. This week, we pause to acknowledge those who truly make a difference in helping us fulfill our mission of changing kids' lives:

■ Donors, volunteers, BGCL board and committee members and staff who support our work through their selfless commitments of time, talent and treasure.

■ Caring government leaders, corporations, foundations and agencies that partner with us to reach underserved youth.

■ Local families who entrust us with America's most precious gift: our youth.

This powerful combination of support literally keeps our doors open. Our shared success is evident when considering that 96 percent of BGCL seniors graduate and pursue higher education.

We invite you to join us in celebrating National Boys & Girls Club Week, a time of hope and opportunity for the entire community. Learn firsthand how "Great Futures Start Here" by calling me at 978-683-2747, ext. 111 to schedule a tour.

In gratitude,
MARKUS FISCHER
Executive director
Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence

Modify zoning to support active seniors

Editor, Townsman:

It is encouraging to see the letter from Council on Aging members Ann Greco and Joe Ponti ("Envisioning a Senior Zoning District downtown," Feb. 26) strive to bring both clarity and new solutions to the discussion on senior living options. They point out that Andover doesn't need the proposed assisted-living facilities that neighborhoods

have been fighting, but needs new independent senior living options.

The math behind this is pretty simple. Independent senior living housing typically covers ages 62 to 82 — 20 years. Assisted living, on the other hand, averages just a few years in your 80s or 90s. So, without even considering the number of people who move some place warmer or otherwise leave Andover in their 60s and 70s, you have the need for six or seven times as many independent-living units as assisted-living units.

Another point is that independent seniors are a mobile and active part of the community. They are out walking, taking care of grandchildren, going to events in the park or senior center and heading downtown for shopping. By definition, assisted-living residents need assistance with getting around, feeding themselves or other activities of daily living. Why else would you pay \$70,000 per year per person for a small apartment? It is unlikely that assisted-living residents are walking downtown, so there is no particular benefit to the residents of assisted-living facilities to being located in the downtown area. In fact, developing assisted-living facilities downtown when there is a higher demand for independent senior-living units that could be developed on the same property actually hurts Andover seniors by removing the independent-living option for that parcel.

Finally, it is worth pointing out that the same homes that work well for independent seniors are also in high demand as "starter homes." Moderate cost, less than 2,000 square feet, close to town, low maintenance — these homes are also sought after by professional couples or families with small children. Often, as my family personally did 17 years ago when we needed more space, these homes are expanded, consequently no longer meeting the affordability or size needs of seniors. By providing zoning incentives to make some homes perpetually available for seniors exclusively, Andover could give seniors

a better chance of competing with the upwardly mobile for downtown housing.

With the senior housing conversation so active, now would be an excellent time to follow through by modifying our zoning bylaws and Planning Board process to encourage the type of independent senior-living options that benefit Andover residents and to saying "no" to assisted-living projects that benefit only developers at the expense of current residents.

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Melmark clothing drive a great success

Editor, Townsman:

Melmark New England, Andover's recent clothing drive held in conjunction with the Epilepsy Foundation was a great success. Thank you to everyone who participated in this effort to benefit Melmark New England. We had a terrific response from parents, staff and friends of the school. Our outreach to the greater Andover community also generated many donations. The donations filled an entire box truck — 2,691 pounds of clothes, shoes, handbags and other household cloth goods — and we will receive a \$538 donation soon.

According to recent findings of the Centers for Disease Control, an estimated one in 68 children have an autism-spectrum disorder, including one in 42 boys. Melmark New England is a nonprofit, community-based educational organization dedicated to serving children and adults with autism-spectrum disorders, acquired brain injury, neuro-developmental disorders and severe challenging behaviors. Melmark students are provided personalized services in an environment of warmth, care and respect. The program utilizes the evidence-based principles of Applied Behavior Analysis. To learn more about Melmark New England, call 978-654-4371.

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Opinion

Town election one for the books

By all accounts, Tuesday's town election lived up to its billing as one of the most significant in recent years.

Voters who took the time to go to the polls had some distinct choices as they picked the elected leaders who will help guide Andover in the pivotal year ahead.

In each instance, the races for the five key elected seats — two of the five members of the Board of Selectmen and three of the five members, a majority, of the School Committee — offered contested races featuring a blend of experienced incumbents and viable challengers.

In the weeks leading up to Election Day, the candidates organized solid campaigns built largely on introducing themselves to voters and discussing the issues at hand. Transparency was a key issue for many. So was reducing debt while maintaining services and holding the line on taxes while addressing critical needs. School candidates talked of rising per pupil costs and declining test scores. And the upcoming hiring of a new town manager, the first in a quarter-century, and now a superintendent of schools weighed heavy.

Two candidates forums were held. Community TV spots were taped and aired. The Townsman published an unprecedented 58 letters from voters and other interested writers endorsing the various candidates and weighing in on the vote.

It is exactly what a local election should be.

Too often we see complacency and disinterest in local government. Andover can be proud that it showed neither this election season.

True, only around 15 percent of voters went to the polls on Tuesday — by no means an overwhelming turnout. Past elections featuring contested races have resulted in voter turnouts of upward of 20 and even 25 percent. But the numbers were respectable nonetheless.

Townspeople owe a debt of gratitude to all of the candidates on the ballot — including those who ran uncontested for positions, such as longtime Town Moderator Sheila Doherty as well as for Housing Authority, Punchard School trustees and Greater Lawrence Technical School representative.

Few seek elected office, particularly on a local level, for entirely selfish reasons. Rather, they believe, often passionately so, that they can give back to their community and make it a stronger, better place for residents to live and raise their families.

Those who succeed in winning office give countless hours of their time — sacrificing evenings, weekends and more away from their homes and loved ones to carry out their responsibilities. The nominal stipends they may receive in turn come nowhere close to covering what they provide.

To those whose bids for office fell short on Tuesday, we strongly encourage you to continue to offer your skills, knowledge and talents in other ways in town.

To the victors, we offer our congratulations, but also a reminder.

Voters had a real choice when they entered the voting booths on Tuesday. They purposely filled in the box next to your name. They believe in you and what you can offer the town. They have entrusted you to represent their interests and the interests of the community. Don't lose sight of that as you proceed to carry out your terms of office.

WEB QUESTION

Editor's Note: Because of a delay in posting online, we're carrying over last week's question for a second week.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The town of Andover, through its Conservation Commission, has acquired hundreds of acres of open space over the years for public enjoyment. Last year's Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved spending \$800,000 to buy more land that becomes available, but officials have since rejected two potential deals. Do you think the town should buy more open space?

YES. We need to protect the environment and preserve land.

YES. It is good for our children and grandchildren to have room to roam near their homes.

NO. It is a waste of taxpayers' money. Any leftover funds from previous land deals should go back to the general fund for other town needs.

NO. Open space is overrated. It just attracts mosquitoes and ticks. And it costs a lot to maintain.

CAMPAIGNING AT THE TOWN HALL



PHOTO BY REBA M. SALDANHA

Campaign workers for candidates for both the Board of Selectmen and School Committee made their final push for votes Saturday morning in front of Old Town Hall on Main Street.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Historic Mill District all about possibilities

Editor, Townsman:

Representatives from the Andover Tomorrow volunteer group recently gave the Council on Aging Board a visionary presentation on the Andover Historic Mill District proposal. It really hit home and left the room buzzing with possibilities. The essence of the presentation centered on the many benefits, which could positively impact Andover's citizens through the creation of such a district. The area in question is approximately 100 acres, from Dundee Park to Whole Foods, and Main Street to the Shawshen River. This area does not include the town yard.

In addition, their presentation gave substance to a vision encompassing a section of town, close to its center, where the adoption of an overlay zoning district would create a platform that will allow for specific mixed usage in addition to the existing land use. This underutilized section of town could be transformed into a "people-centered" district rivaling the urban revitalization of such towns as Newburyport, Amesbury and West Concord. The term "mixed usage" offers multiple possibilities that would benefit all of Andover's citizens. Imagine stores, restaurants and housing located along the banks of a readily accessible, ecologically friendly Shawshen River slicing through the proposed district. The resultant synergy from such a district could also reap benefits and serve to stimulate the revitalization of the downtown Main Street area.

The Andover Historic Mill District is all about possibilities and the Council on Aging board is solidly behind the proposal and view it as a win-win, ranging from youths to seniors. The board strongly urges all citizens to become proactive in its realization by becoming better informed, offering further inputs and suggestions to the vision, attend the May Town Meeting, and become part of the effort to fundamentally change the face of Andover for the rest of the 21st century by voting in the affirmative to transform this wonderful vision

into a wonderful reality.

Interested town residents can learn more about this project at facebook.com/pages/Andover-Historic-Mill-District.

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For the Andover Council on Aging board

The facts behind Andover's AAA bond rating

Editor, Townsman:

Andover's town management proudly continues to tout the AAA bond rating from Standard & Poor's, but taxpayers should be wary. First, the ratings mostly reflect the taxpayers' ability to pay taxes. Second, the ratings and the standards have weakened over the past five years. To maintain a sound financial position, the town will need to reverse some underlying weakness reflected by pension and OPEB underfunding.

According to the ratings agency, "The town maintains what we view as a low-market risk profile because it has strong legal authority to issue long-term debt to take out the notes and is a frequent issuer that regularly provides ongoing disclosure to market participants." This means old debt can be replaced with new debt, and lenders will be repaid. Management only accounts for 20 percent of the credit rating, with the other 80 percent depending on factors including the willingness and ability to pay. Even the MBTA has a AAA rating.

Second, Andover dropped Moody's rating agency in 2010 after Moody's downgraded the town to Aa1. Last October, Standard & Poor's relaxed its requirements in order to maintain 10 percent AAA ratings for general obligation bonds. S&P notes that Andover has a "very strong debt and contingent liabilities position, driven mostly by the town's low net direct debt, albeit growing pressure from other post-employment benefit (OPEB) costs." This is a gentle warning that future liabilities could derail even S&P's rating."

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Misinformation surrounds Andover pensions

Editor, Townsman:

Mark Wickersham's letter to The Andover Townsman ("Unfunded pensions must be brought under control," Feb. 19) concerning public employees' pensions has no basis in fact or law.

The Andover Contributory Retirement Board is substantially funded and will be fully funded by the year 2032.

Wickersham wrote, "Andover has funded less than half (49 percent) of its projected pension expense." The ACRB is greater than one-half funded; the ACRB recently set a more aggressive funding schedule and will be fully funded by June 30, 2032. The taxpayer will not have to contribute any longer to the system.

Wickersham wrote, "The town (ACRB) was ranked 83 out of 105 towns in Massachusetts and received an overall D rating by Pioneer Institute for this very reason." There are more than 105 towns and cities in Massachusetts and they are served by 105 retirement boards. Clearly, Pioneer Institute and Wickersham got it wrong. Wickersham does not discuss the purpose and function of Pioneer Institute or from where the institute receives its funds.

There are many excellent private employers in the commonwealth that provide a pension for their employees. Wickersham wrote, "(...), most of the private sector has converted from pensions to 401(k) plans more than two decades ago." Some of the private-sector employers who have pension plans are Verizon, Raytheon, AT&T and National Grid. Those companies also pay the SSA tax. Those companies also have stock option plans where employees and the employees contribute. Those private-sector employees can upon retirement collect SSA benefits, a company pension and draw from the stock plans. Andover does not pay the 6 percent SSA tax, does not have a "stock" plan and does not contribute to a 401(k) system.

The 105 retirement systems are governed by Mass. G.L. c.32. Wickersham wrote, "Currently, a

person's pension is based on the average of their final three years of service. This calculation should be changed to the average of the employee's five years of service, which is the same formula used by the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System (...)." The ACRB has no authority to change the formula for the calculation of the pension benefit as it is law. For employees hired before April 2, 2012, the pension benefit is calculated on the three-year schedule; for employees hired on that date and after, the pension benefit is calculated using the five-year formula and the employee must work two years longer. The Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board and ACRB are established and controlled by the same statute.

The people who write letters about real estate taxes in the town of Andover and the public employees' pensions must do the research before having their letters published.

FRED W. SUNDERLAND JR., ESQ.
Haverhill

Headline provided a welcome chuckle

Editor, Townsman:

Thank you for providing a chuckle among all the serious news earlier this month. The Town Briefs headline, "Talking Deer at Foster's Pond Annual Meeting" (Townsman, March 12), must have resonated with many readers who have sat through meetings where talking deer might have raised the level of discourse. I wonder if they can make it to Town Meeting as well.

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Education

UP TO THE CHALLENGE



Lizzie Jones plays the witch for Wood Hill Middle School's "Feary Tales" challenge.



Abby Chou, left, as the elf, Katie Budinger as the queen and Emme Pitts as the princess act out Wood Hill Middle School sixth-grade team's "Feary Tales" skit during the tournament.

Andover represents in regional Destination Imagination tourney

By TIM LIMA

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Andover made its presence known in a big way this month as the Massachusetts Region 5 Destination Imagination Tournament was held in town for the first time.

The town fielded 36 teams — more than one-third of the total entries in the competition showcasing students' creative problem-solving skills that was held March 14 at Greater Lawrence Technical School.

It was the highest participation ever for Andover, involving about 180 students from every public and most private schools in town.

Eight of the local teams won first place and the right to advance to the state competition set for this Saturday, March 28, at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In addition, four other teams placed in the top three in their age division.

In total, 92 teams of more than 460 young people from 15 Essex County communities, including Lawrence and North Andover, came to town to compete in the regionals.

Each team consisted of three to seven students who presented the results of their months of work spent solving their pre-assigned challenges. They were also tasked with performing quick, five- to 10-minute "Instant Challenges" that they were presented with at the competition to show how they can think quickly, react to new situations and use their teamwork and communication skills.

"Our purpose is to inspire and equip students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders," according to the nonprofit Destination Imagination organization.

Andover has created a new nonprofit called Challenge Me, Inc., to lend support for its Destination Imagination program, which relies on parents, teachers and community members to serve as team coaches.

Dario Tagliaferri, a freshman at Andover High School and See **IMAGINATION**, Page 14



Emme Pitts holds princess duty for Wood Hill Middle School's sixth-grade "Feary Tales" challenge team.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS



Allie Zhang and Elizabeth Payne, both 10, hold up their experiment that involved making bubbles from dry ice.



Charley Lei, a student in Andover High School's Advanced Placement Biology class, judges the "Red Cabbage Chemistry" project that Louis Morrison and Joely Bunting, both 10, entered in this year's fair.

RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

Bancroft students complete lesson in experimentation

From highlighting the pH of soft drinks to exploring the technical side of "Deflate Gate," Bancroft Elementary School students put their skills to the test, showing off nearly 100 projects at the school's annual Science Fair.

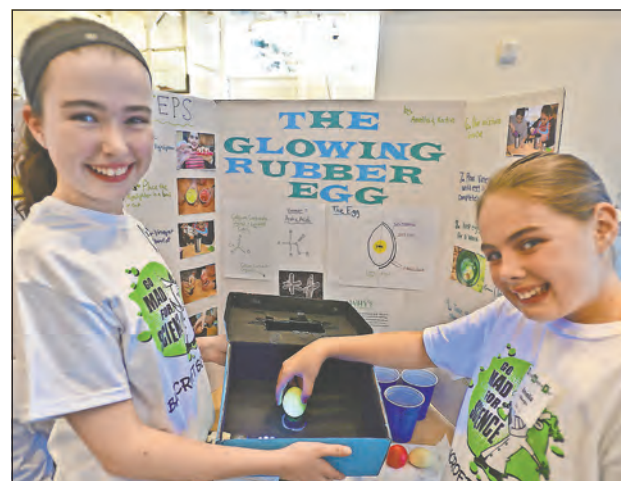
Almost 200 students from kindergarten through fifth grade participated in this year's fair on March 11.

Andover High School students from Melanie Cutler's Advanced Placement Biology class acted as "Science Experts" for the competitive event. The "judges" donned lab coats and reviewed the projects, providing the young scientists with insight and feedback on their work.

— Tim Lima, staff writer



Ten-year-olds Kate Harris, left, and Maggie Consentino made their own lava lamp from water, vegetable oil, food coloring and Alka-Seltzer for this year's Bancroft School Science Fair.



Katie Machold, left, and Amelia DiGiorgio, both 11, demonstrate how to make a hard-boiled egg glow by boiling it in highlighter chemicals and vinegar and then exposing it to a black light.

World whiz

High Plain fifth-grader heads to National Geographic State Bee

BY TIM LIMA
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Friends of Xerxis Palsetia know who to call if they're ever lost during a road trip. The High Plain Elementary School fifth-grader is a semifinalist in the National Geographic State Bee, and will compete in the finals this Friday, March 27, at Worcester Academy.

In its 27th year, the National Geographic State Bee competition begins at the local level, with fourth-through eighth-graders at schools across every state facing off to determine their individual champions. Palsetia said qualifying for the state bee was not easy.

First, he had to compete against his classmates. One of two winners to be

DO YOU KNOW?

Here is one of the sample questions Xerxis Palsetia has been practicing on before Friday's state National Geographic Bee.

Magyars are the largest ethnic group in a Central European country that borders Slovakia. Name this country.

A. Ukraine
 B. Hungary
 C. Czech Republic
(The answer is B.)
 Source: National Geographic website

picked from his class, he then matched knowledge with other students at his grade level.

After winning his school's championship, Palsetia was required to take a qualifying test, which then

is submitted to the National Geographic Society, which chooses up to 100 of the top-scoring students to compete for the state title. Palsetia made the cut.

State champions will receive a \$100 prize, the "National Geographic Atlas of the World, 10th Edition," a medal and a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent their state at the national championships in May.

Palsetia, who has spent the last few weeks studying and working toward winning the state championship, said he's always been interested in geography.

When he was 3, he received an interactive globe from his grandparents, which he still uses today to learn facts about the world's countries. That



COURTESY PHOTO.
Xerxis Palsetia, a fifth-grader at High Plain Elementary School, is a semifinalist in Friday's National Geographic State Bee competition.

connection with geography continued when he entered school.

"I have been exposed to geography puzzle maps since my preschool and kindergarten days at Andover School of Montessori, and the teachers at High Plain Elementary continued to make geography learning fun," he said.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

COMPILED BY TIM LIMA
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Doherty staging 'Once Upon a Mattress'

More than 80 Doherty Middle School students are preparing to bring the comical version of "The Princess and the Pea" to the stage this weekend in the school's production of "Once Upon a Mattress."

The story, narrated by a merry minstrel band, takes place in a 1400s kingdom ruled by a domineering Queen Aggravain and her mute husband, King Sextimus the Silent. By the queen's royal decree, no one in the kingdom may marry until a "Perfect Princess" is found for his highness, Prince Dauntless the Dull and Drab. Many suitors vie for the prince's hand, but none are able to pass the queen's outrageous test for a genuine, certified princess.

"Circumstances" demand that a princess be found straight away, so Sir Harry, reigning Knight of the Kingdom, embarks on a quest to find a suitable bride. He returns with Princess Winnifred — a feisty, fun-loving and disheveled girl from the swamps who manages to turn the kingdom upside down with her playful antics. And of course, Dauntless is smitten.

The show will be performed Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 29, at 1 p.m. in World War I Auditorium at Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street. General admission tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door or before the show at Doherty's main office.

their individual selections," according to a press release.

ACE readies March Madness celebration

The Andover Coalition for Education presents its March Madness fundraiser on Saturday, March 28, from 7 to 10 p.m. at The Lanam Club, 260 Main St., Andover.

Guests are invited to watch some college basketball while raising money to support Andover Public Schools. There will be an open bar from 7 to 8 p.m., hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. The "Elite-8" NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament games will be on screens for viewing.

Cocktail attire in the colors of guests' alma maters is encouraged. Tickets are \$50. College and university pennants are also being sold for \$25 to display at the event.

Proceeds support ACE's continued work for Andover schools. The organization has raised more than \$500,000 over the last decade to support local educational programming.

For tickets or more information, visit www.aceandover.org.

NECC hosting open house in Lawrence

Northern Essex Community College will host a special open house at the new Dr. Ibrahim El-Hefni Allied Health and Technology Center at 414 Common St. in Lawrence on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Prospective students and community members are invited to tour all sites of NECC's Lawrence campus, explore the college's available degree and certificate programs and attend financial aid workshops. Representatives of more than 30 campus organizations and departments, including Student Engagement, Financial Aid, Admissions and Career Services, as well as faculty members will be on hand. Several popular transfer colleges will also be represented.

The Lawrence campus houses the majority of NECC's health care programs. For more information, contact Enrollment Services at 978-556-3700 or admissions@necc.mass.edu, or visit www.necc.mass.edu.

Round of applause for 'Dancing Hands'

West Elementary School music teacher Valerie Peters organized and presented the "Dancing Hands" recital featuring 12 piano students performing with their teacher on March 15 at Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

After the students' performances, Peters and fellow pianist Dayla Umans treated the audience to four-hand piano pieces of several works from Brahms, Beethoven, Debussy and Dvorak.

Those attending were impressed by the "well-trained and well-behaved children confidently stepping up to the piano and performing

Going the extra mile for heart health

Two Doherty students personally inspired to pitch in

BY TIM LIMA
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After witnessing firsthand the struggle of those with heart disease, two eighth-graders at Doherty Middle School took the initiative to create change.

Ashley Cocchiario and Nick Enright, both 14, raised a combined \$960 for the American Heart Association as part of their school's "Hoops for Heart" program, which teaches students the importance of heart health, volunteerism and stepping up for a worthy cause.

For Enright, it was his grandfather who prompted him to get involved.

"My grandpa had two strokes, so I thought it would be a good thing to do — raising money for the American Heart Association," he said. "Heart disease is so common nowadays. You hear all the time of someone having a heart attack. I thought it'd be a good thing to do for the American Heart Association."

His classmate had similar motivations.

"My Mom works at Academy Manor Nursing Home, where I volunteer and help out a lot, and a lot of her patients have heart problems," Cocchiario said. "I felt bad for them and wanted to help them out."

The "Hoops for Heart" event, which took place for its seventh consecutive year this month, is a community service learning program of the American Heart Association, meant to teach children the importance of developing heart-healthy habits.

Cocchiario and Enright worked independently on their campaigns.

Cocchiario raised \$350 by shoveling driveways, performing extra chores around her house and doing door-to-door fundraising. She also donated \$150 from her own savings account to the cause.

Enright raised \$460 by walking door-to-door to solicit donations from 11 of his neighbors. His grandfather, who inspired the initiative, also donated money.

"I think he's proud of me," Enright said.

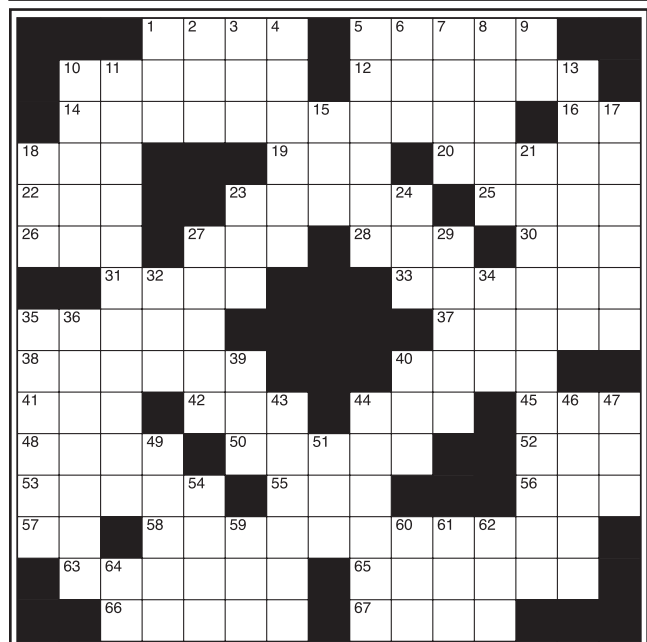


COURTESY PHOTO.
Eighth-graders Nick Enright and Ashley Cocchiario raised a combined \$960 for the American Heart Association as part of Doherty Middle School's "Hoops for Heart" program.

The students' physical education teachers, Katie Rurak and Dylan Birch, are proud, too.

"The funds raised for the American Heart Association help with research and education programs so that more people can enjoy longer, healthier

lives," Rurak said. "We are so proud of all our students who took the time to fund-raise, and especially Ashley and Nick for their special efforts. They went above and beyond to help raise money and awareness for the American Heart Association."



CLUES ACROSS

- Piece attached on one side
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Oblong cream puff
- Czar nation
- Jump rope fast
- Ma's partner
- Ink writing implement
- Wet spongy ground
- "Gunga Din" screenwriter
- Root mean square (abbr.)
- Strode
- Former ruler of Iran
- Provide with a top
- Chit
- Actor DeLuise
- Point midway between E and SE
- S.E. Asian nation
- Protein basis of cheese
- 1976 Music Pulitzer Ned

Solution in Classified Section

- Belonging to Mrs. Parks
- Tooth covering
- Satisfy fully
- Animal companion
- Fix conclusively
- 7th day (abbr.)
- Pouch
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Fastened with adhesive or masking
- Don't know when yet
- Eagle's nest
- Early modern jazz
- Auricle
- Atomic #81
- Social class of manual laborers
- Groups of regional animals
- Release draft animals
- Musical notations
- Bearing or manner

CLUES DOWN

- Grippe
- Scientific workplace
- Afflict
- Construction of parts off-site
- Cut back shrubs
- Road furrow
- The Nazarene author
- Fire residues
- 3rd tone
- Excessive fluid accumulation
- Fellow plotter
- Inability to use or understand language
- 15th calendar month
- Greek capital
- Communist China
- Philadelphia sandwich
- Neverland's Peter
- Medical man

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IMAGINATION

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an eight-year veteran of the program, called Destination Imagination "one of the greatest experiences of my life."

"It has allowed me to see problem solving in a whole new light and face challenges head on," he said in a release.

His sister, Maria Tagliaferri, an eighth-grader at West Middle School and seven-year participant, added the program has "helped me to push my creativity to the limit, but to also shape it to mesh with the ideas of others to solve a problem."

Stephanie Maze-Hsu, coordinator of Andover's Destination Imagination program, said she was thrilled with not only the results, but the hard work by all the town's participants.

Andover Results

CHALLENGE A: Creature Feature
 This technical, engineering-based challenge tasked students with designing and building a real or imaginary creature that performed three different tasks via technical methods. Eight Andover teams competed in the challenge, with two winners at the elementary level.

First Place: Fourth- and fifth-graders from Pike, Sanborn, High Plain and West Elementary schools Emily Addressa, Luke Bardetti, Nate Carriuolo, Hannah Jordan, Max McNeely and Gannon Sylvester; coaches Joe Sylvester and Karen Carriuolo.

Third Place: Fifth-graders Abhay Yajurvedi, Rishabh Dwarakanath, Claire Cahill, Reed Cahill and Aiden Warren; coaches Ramesh Dwarakanath and Karthik Yajurvedi.

CHALLENGE B: Making Waves
 In this scientifically based challenge, students had to create an "Incredible Sound Machine" that produced two different sounds. The sound waves had to be visually represented in some creative and theatrical way. Andover had four teams competing in this challenge, with first-place winners at both the elementary and middle levels. Andover High also

has a Challenge B team competing next week at a different tournament.

First Place (elementary): Fourth-graders Ohad Mameet, Amber Banks, Mara Duran-Clark and Alex Shieh; coach Sue Yuen Kim.

First Place (middle): Eighth-graders Samantha Sylvester, Darya Lee, Florence Grenon, Josh Gordon and John Boyle; coach Melanie Auclair-Fortier.

CHALLENGE C: Feary Tales
 This fine arts challenge was the most popular challenge with 14 teams competing at both the elementary and middle school levels. The teams had to create a skit in the style of a fairy tale, including a character who copes with a phobia. Andover fielded 10 of the teams in three age groups.

First Place: Eighth-graders Susan Matteucci, Marilyn Cardin, Sabine Haskel, Sara Earl, Anna Higgins and Meghan McDonough; coach Ken Matteucci.

Second Place (senior level): Eighth- and ninth-graders Maddy Wagner, Mia Sonberg, Caroline Graham, Julia Mazzuchi and Becca Nash; coaches Kate Wagner and Stephanie Maze-Hsu.

Third Place (middle level): Sixth-graders Emme Pitts, Lizzie Jones, Katie Budinger and Abby Chou; coaches Jackie Ciriello Pitts and Katie Budinger.

CHALLENGE D: Improv Games
 In this wild twist on the typical improvisational acting challenge, students had to research 18 improv games and 50 types of street performances. One was chosen by the judges and teams were tasked with creating skits with minimal preparation time. All three Andover teams competing placed.

First Place: Eighth- and ninth-graders Dario, Maria and Daniella Tagliaferri, Josh Combs and Emily Wagner; coaches Stephanie Maze-Hsu and Kate Wagner.

Second Place (elementary level): Fifth-graders Celia Schwartz, Caroline Pritchard, Hussain Mahesri, Eric Strong and Jacob Brundage; coaches Lisa Smith and Buffy Pritchard.

Second Place (senior level): Eighth- and ninth-graders Joshua Krinsky, Shawn Calabro, Delaney Fisher, Floyd Greenwood and Shana Jauhar-Anand; coach Lucia Krinsky.

CHALLENGE E: Lose to Win
 Teams had to design and build the



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo
Katie Budinger, dressed as the queen, explains to the judges backstage the costume that her Wood Hill Middle School team made for its "Feary Tales" challenge at the Destination Imagination Region 5 tournament.

lightest possible structure that held the weight of a pressure board and create a skit that told the story about a transformation that changed one thing into something completely different. Andover's one entry took first place.

First Place (elementary): Third- and fourth-graders Meredith Shattuck, Kyla Foohey, Sana Godhani, Shreya Godhani and Isha Mehta; coaches Manisha Godhani and Nipa Mehta.

PROJECT OUTREACH: Brand Aid
 In DI's newest challenge, a service learning project, teams were asked to identify, design and carry out a project that addresses at least one community need. They were required to use graphic arts and sounds to create an effective brand that marketed their project. Three Andover teams competed, with two firsts.

First Place (elementary): West fifth-graders Jackson McCarthy, Rawson Iwanicki, Sam Dougherty, Brendan Gruenberg and Miles Fraser; coach Kerrie Fraser.

First Place (middle): Sixth-graders Molly O'Handley, Olivia McCabe, Olivia Broderick, Lydon Kelley; coaches Don Gottfried, Brian McCabe and Joseph Vetere.

RISING STARS
 Andover had seven teams compete in this special challenge for children

in kindergarten through second grade. This year's challenge was called "Animal Mish-Mash" and teams highlighted an animal they created that used parts of two different animals.

SPECIAL AWARDS
 The Doherty Middle School Feary Tales Team of eighth-graders received DI's highest honor, The DaVinci Award, given to the team that most clearly demonstrates an adventurous risk in its solutions and that most creatively travels to reach new and unique destinations. The team created a 12-foot-tall tree that, through a system of levers and other simple machines, transformed into a "lively and active" T-Rex with a realistically looking tail that chased the villain of its story.

Andover High School senior Joseph Vetere received an individual Spirit of DI award given for Outstanding Spirit, Teamwork, Volunteerism and Sportsmanship. Vetere participates on his own high school team, is an assistant coach for a middle school Project Outreach team and has volunteered to appraise at several tournaments, including the recent one. He also won the Best Appraiser Hat at the tournament for his "High Five Hat" featuring two spinning gloves that was especially popular with the children.

All Those Years Ago

Compiled by
Susan McKelliget

throwing another log on the fire at Camp Onway ... although tobogganing was also indulged in.

50 Years Ago March 25, 1965

In a 3-2 vote, the School Committee gave its approval Tuesday to Building Committee plans for the new high school, lifting the proviso that the OK was subject to review by a School Building Assistance Commission official. Committee woman Barbara Moody backed down from her position a week ago that she would not feel satisfied to approve the plans unless they were checked over by William Black of the SBAC.

The Andover Community Chorus, under the direction of Alphonse Tatarumis, will present its next local concert for the South School PTA on April 14. It will be open to the public.

Arthur Peatman, building inspector, said this week he will be out this spring to enforce a town bylaw that prohibits the junking of old cars in yards, etc. Classified as junk are cars that are unregistered and left out in the open.

25 Years Ago March 22, 1990

Alan Hughes, of 42 Central St., says his downtown business is healthy and he has no plans to go out of business. Members of the Planning Board said at a recent meeting that they'd heard rumors that Hughes Pharmacy, 16 Main St. in the Scanlon Building, is going out of business. Mr. Hughes said he has seven years left on the lease. He said he has been at the location since 1967.

Next time you approach the double-door entrance at Russem's Ladies Apparel Shop on Main Street, you may want to stop, look up at the signs above the doorway and decide which shop, Russem's or Samantha's, you'd like to visit. Samantha's Fine Clothing, located on the second floor of Main Street's Scanlon Building for the last six years, has moved and now shares space with Russem's at Olde Andover Village. Both stores are owned by Lee and Renee Russem.

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All Those Years Ago is compiled by Susan McKelliget with cooperation from the Andover Historical Society.

Out & About: Grab your baskets for annual Easter Egg Hunt

The town's annual Easter Egg Hunt gets rolling on Saturday, March 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road.

Children ages 2 to 10 will enjoy games, arts and crafts egg decorating and prizes and also take pictures with the Easter Bunny inside the school cafeteria. The egg hunt in the courtyard will cap off the day. The hunt will be separated by age group so that the little ones have an easy chance to grab their eggs.

Janice Coppolino, recreation coordinator for the Andover Department of Community Services, says there will also be a new photo contest during the event this year, with two chances to win. Participants should bring along their cameras or cellphones to be part of the competition.

The event costs \$10 per child and registration is required by calling DCS at 978-623-8274 or visit www.AndoverDCS.com for more information.



File photo

Youngsters will be hopping to Andover High School Saturday for the annual Easter Egg Hunt presented by the Department of Community Services.

combo Day for Night on Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

Performers will include Andover residents John Finbury on keyboard and Patty Brayden on vocals as well as Kevin Mara on drums, George Hicks on guitar, Valerie Walton on reeds and Dave Hickernell on bass. The group has performed several times in Andover as well as on the North Shore.

The public is invited to the evening of music and dancing in the church coffeehouse. A suggested donation of \$10 will be requested at the door. Beverages, snacks and desserts will be available. For more information, contact the church at 978-475-4454 or by email at office@uuandover.org or Nancy Mulvey at 978-475-2411 or nandonmulv@gmail.com.

Choral Evensong, in gratitude, at Christ Church

The choirs of Christ Church, Andover and Christ Church, Hamilton-Wenham, combine for Choral Evensong featuring the "Durufle Requiem, Op. 9" on Sunday, March 29 at 5 p.m. at the Parish of Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover.

The requiem will be sung in gratitude for the life of the late Boston organist and choral director Donald Teeters.

The program will also include

"Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" of Herbert Howells. Organist Barbara Bruns, minister of music at The Parish of Christ Church, and John Russell, director of music at Christ Church, Hamilton-Wenham, will lead the choirs of both churches in the performance. Mezzo-soprano Anney Barrett and cellist Kate Jensik will be featured.

Admission is free; a goodwill offering will be taken. For more information, call Christ Church, Andover at 978-475-0529 or visit www.christchurchandover.org.

Settle in for Faith Lutheran Movie Night

Faith Lutheran Church holds its monthly Movie Night on Friday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 360 South Main St., Andover. "Julia & Julia" about an unemployed, almost 30-year-old blogger who decides to try to make all 524 recipes in Julia Child's "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" cookbook in 365 days, will be shown.

Admission is free. Call the church at 978-475-4059 for more information.

Andover artist sharing talents in Spring Show

Artist Karla Cook of Andover is participating in Saltbox Gallery's 27th Spring Show and Sale this weekend in Coolidge Hall at Topsfield Fairgrounds.

As part of the show, Cook will be painting pet portraits in pastels. One of her dog portraits was chosen to hang among 200 pastels at the Pastel Society of America's national show in NYC.

This weekend's Saltbox show will feature 17 member and guest artists in their own mini-gallery spaces showing everything from oils, watercolors, acrylics and collages to photography, porcelain, pottery, decorative books and handcrafted jewelry.

Demonstrations will be on tap on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An opening reception will be held Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free.

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Cultural Council 2015 grants reception April 16

The Andover Cultural Council will hold its reception for its 2015 grant recipients on Thursday, April 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Addison Gallery of American Art on the campus of Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover.

The cultural council has awarded 18 grants totaling \$5,637 in the latest awards cycle. The grants will pay for an array of activities in Andover, including visual art, music, literature, storytelling, dance, sculpture and more.

Local schools, music programs and a church are among the beneficiaries of this year's grant awards. Among the projects are a children's storytelling series, a three-dimensional sculpture installation on the grounds of West Parish Cemetery, a special needs youth choral performance, a Japanese women's drumming event at the senior center and increased family programming at Addison Gallery.

Reservations are requested for the April 16 reception by emailing acc01810@gmail.com.

Jazzy Day for Night plays at UUC coffeehouse

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., will host a jazz concert featuring the noted



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Townspeople

A personal campaign

Cancer survivor nominated for Woman of the Year honors

By GARRIN MARCHETTI
Staff Writer

Bridget Cook's cancer has been in remission for six years. But it remains an almost daily part of the former Andover woman's life.

As a volunteer with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the leading health organization dedicated to raising awareness of blood cancer, Cook has raised money for research, organized educational events and served as a mentor for patients fighting the disease she once did when she was diagnosed with Stage IIB Hodgkin's lymphoma at just 25 years old.

"It's definitely a passion of mine," the now 32-year-old North Andover resident who attended Phillips Academy said of volunteering. "I always knew I wanted to find something I could do charity work for, so when this happened to me, it was the perfect fit. It's so important."

Her active role caught the attention of other volunteers in the society, and on March 12, Cook was named as a

Massachusetts nominee for its 2015 Woman of the Year, an honor awarded to a woman who raises the most money to help those fighting blood cancer.

Since 1990, the Man and Woman of the Year campaign features hundreds of people throughout the country engaging in a spirited fundraising competition. Each nominee competes for the most votes in their respective categories, with each vote equaling \$1. The nominee with the most votes, or the greatest amount of money raised, wins the competition.

The campaign has brought in millions of dollars for blood cancer research over the years, with the 2014 nominees raising more than \$30.5 million combined. Male and female candidates compete in honor of the LLS's Boy and Girl of the Year, respectively.

For Cook, the opportunity to help others battling blood cancer evokes memories of her own struggle seven years ago.

While training for her second Boston Marathon in 2008, she began to experience

fatigue unlike anything she had ever encountered. After awhile, the fatigue led to night sweats and rashes. A concerned Cook went to doctors for answers.

"It was just a slew of different things, but my doctors would say, 'Oh, it's just seasonal allergies,'" Cook said. "When you look at all those symptoms on their own, you don't assume it's cancer in an otherwise healthy 25-year-old person."

But after seeing allergy specialists and undergoing blood tests, Cook received the shocking diagnosis in July 2008. She had Stage IIB Hodgkin's lymphoma, the blood cancer caused by abnormalities in the lymphatic system of the body.

"You go on sites like Web MD to see what's wrong, but I never thought it was going to be cancer," Cook said. "If I did, I never admitted it to myself."

But the woman who once conquered Heartbreak Hill was determined to fight the disease head-on. Within two weeks, she began chemotherapy treatment at

Massachusetts General Hospital, a process that lasted six grueling months. Her last treatment was on Christmas Eve, and by January 2009, doctors informed her the cancer had gone into remission.

Soon after, Cook began volunteering with various Leukemia and Lymphoma Society programs. Today, she serves as co-chairwoman of a group called "Society Connections," where young professionals come together to host fundraisers. Some of the group's members are cancer survivors, just like her.

"It helps me feel like there was a reason," she said. "For me, I have to fund-raise and I have to raise awareness because it helps me understand why I had to go through what I went through. And that's to give back."

Cook's connections to the Andovers run deep. Her mother was raised in Andover and is a graduate of Andover High. Her parents met at Merrimack College in North Andover. Her family moved back to Andover when she was in high school, living on



GARRIN MARCHETTI/Staff photo

Former Andover resident Bridget Cook, who has been in remission from cancer for six years, is one of five women nominated for Woman of the Year by the Massachusetts chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Central Street until 2005, when they moved to North Andover. She returned to North Andover in 2012. She has a sister who lives in North Andover and a brother who is an Andover resident.

She is one of five Woman of the Year nominees representing the Massachusetts chapter this year. She has been working with her team of eight people, all family and friends, in helping to get the word out about her campaign. She hopes to host several events such as a golf tournament and yard sale

to raise money for the cause.

"I can't really be upset, because it's all going toward the same place," she said. "But it would be an amazing feeling that all kind of comes full circle for me. I'd be thrilled to represent Massachusetts on the national level. It's why I'm spending so much time on the campaign."

Those interested in donating to Bridget Cook's campaign can visit her official Woman of the Year fundraising page at www.mwoy.org/pages/ma/ma15/bcook5.

An 'A' for gap year

2014 graduate travels world in pre-college adventure

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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While Laura Ippolito's friends were heading off to college last fall, the 2014 graduate of Phillips Academy was preparing for another adventure.

Ippolito's attention was focused abroad — on a farm in Ecuador, in the Himalayas and in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The Granli Drive resident postponed college for one year to experience a gap year — an increasingly popular option among high school graduates who want to enjoy a growth opportunity outside the classroom before continuing with their undergraduate schooling.

"I am having a great year ... I've had a hard time calling people who aren't from Nepal, even though calling home seems to work. I'm not very positive why that is," she wrote in an email to The Townsman recently.

Ippolito said she had to hike two hours back to the Lukla airport in Nepal to send the email.

"I don't know when the next time I'll be able to find Wi-Fi," she wrote, adding she can't say she plans "on making that hike everyday."

When she does connect with home, her mother, Maria Ippolito, beams as she said her daughter sounds wonderfully happy. The gap year choice was a good fit for her daughter, she said.

"She's more confident and figuring out what she wants to do She has now seen a lot so we'll see," Maria Ippolito said.

Not surprising, Ippolito's family was worried for her safety given the turbulence that exists in the world. But connecting with a gap year consulting agency helped alleviate those fears, her mother said.

"She writes to us every day. Imagine that in today's technology world — a teen who writes every day. I save the letters and will make a book It will be beautiful," Maria Ippolito said.

Writing is clearly important to Laura



COURTESY PHOTO

Laura Ippolito of Andover is spending her gap year between high school and college on a wilderness adventure that has included 10 weeks in Ecuador.

Ippolito. She has chronicled her experiences for prospective gap-year students working with Krocka Expeditions, the New Hampshire agency that coordinated her trip abroad.

Some of the highlights for her have included sampling some of the freshest organic foods, learning how to cook, sewing her own backpack and biking to the top of the Andes and into the Amazon basin.

She said she has enjoyed living on a farm, where she milked cows, drank freshly squeezed goats milk, planted beans and corn in the Andes and cut and dried quinoa. She said she now has an understanding of what being "organically certified" means for a small-scale farmer.

She said she has also discovered that everything in the Amazon is two to three times bigger than it's supposed to be.

Most of all, she said, the experience has taught her "how to live a truly sustainable lifestyle, both spiritually and environmentally" and shown her how to "become the greatest person you can be."

Ippolito will return home in May and, soon after, begin preparing to start college in Montana in the fall. But she'll be resuming her studies with the experience she gained from her gap year abroad.

"This trip was probably the most challenging, exhausting, amazing, inspiring, rewarding and fun months of my life," she wrote.

TOWNSPEOPLE

A Marathon run for cancer research

Expect to see Andover's **Joe Maglio** at the starting line of this year's 119th Boston Marathon. He'll be running the course as one of nearly 575 members of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team, which includes participants from around the world.

The team's goal is to raise \$5.2 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. It's the 26th year the team has participated in the Boston Marathon. All of the money raised by the team funds Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative basic cancer research.

Team members include cancer survivors and patients, as well as family and friends of those who have been affected by cancer. Each member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment. Invitational runners who received their entry from Dana-Farber must raise \$4,000, while those who joined the team after securing their own race entry commit to raising \$3,500.

To donate to the team or a member, go online to www.RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at 617-632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu.

Local doctor leads Circle Health Ball

Dr. Arthur Lauretano of Andover served as co-chairman of the Circle Health Ball for Community Health Initiatives on Saturday, March 7, at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel.

The event raised more than \$297,000 to help fund health and wellness programs that benefit Greater Lowell residents. The event typically raises money for three local charities, but for the 10th annual installment, organizers recognized 10 nonprofits that focus on supporting the health and well-being of young people in the Lowell area. Each organization will receive a 2015 Community Health Initiative Grant.

The Circle Health Ball for Community Health Initiatives was established in 2006 by Lowell General Hospital, its medical staff and concerned community members to generate awareness and funds to help address significant health issues facing its community. Net proceeds benefit the hospital's Community Health Initiative programs. Lauretano was joined as event co-chairman by Dr. Rebecca Shore of North Andover. About 600 people were in attendance.

Do you have some news on a local resident you'd like to share? Send your Townspeople news to townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

'Tales from the Ward' highlights AVIS dinner

More than 120 people turned out for Andover Village Improvement Society's Annual Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at Andover Town House (Old Town Hall) in downtown Andover.

John Kimball, the grandson of Charles M. Ward, gave the keynote address spotlighting the history of Ward Reservation, which was donated to The Trustees of Reservations in 1940 by Ward's wife, Mabel, in memory of her husband.

In his presentation titled "Tales from the Ward Reservation: Andover's Stonehenge and Quaking Bog," Kimball shared the story of Mabel Ward's placement of "Solstice Stones" on the summit of Holt Hill, the highest point in Essex County. He also described how a retreating glacier caused the formation of a rare "quaking bog" within Ward Reservation.

Pinewood Derby



COURTESY PHOTO

The Cub Scouts of Pack 100 from Andover put their race cars to the test for their annual Pinewood Derby competition earlier this month at the Knights of Columbus at 10 Brook St. Here, the Scouts pose with their cars and winning ribbons and trophies after the day of racing. The pack meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus. While it primarily consists of students from Sanborn Elementary, anyone is welcome to join. To learn more, email andoverpack100@gmail.com.

Care and Coping

Annual aging series builds off Oscar attention to offer support, resources

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The most important series offered every year at The Center at Punchard — about caregiving — is about to start and includes an Oscar angle for the first time.

Hollywood actress Julianne Moore won the Academy Award this year for her role in “Still Alice” as Dr. Alice Howland, a professor of linguistics, wife and mother of three who learns that she is suffering from early onset Alzheimer’s disease. The movie is based on the book by the same name.

Kathy Urquhart, director of elder services for Andover, read the book years ago and was personally touched by its message. She has been recommending it ever since and will lead a book discussion group as part of the upcoming caregiving series in hopes of opening up the discussion to others in the community.

“It’s a wonderful book that quickly gets to the heart of the issue,” Urquhart said. “Living with Alzheimer’s is very real and it’s a good story to talk about for those who are the caregivers.”

As the number of people who will be diagnosed with Alzheimer’s continues to rise, Urquhart said the book shares one family’s story that can help others.

“The numbers are staggering. We believe that a heightened awareness will get people to get an early diagnosis and get them to start treatment fast,” Urquhart said.

The disease is sure to affect many local families as one-third of Andover residents are over the age of 50. However, many people aren’t aware of the resources available at The Center and locally to help them once a crisis has hit. That’s what the caregiving series hopes to address.

The book discussion is just one of several events planned next month as a cross-section of local professionals are coming together to talk about caregiving. The programs are designed both for baby boomers who are sandwiched between caring for parents and juggling the responsibilities of work and raising a family, and seniors who are now facing, or may eventually face, their own health issues.

“Our series provides much-needed practical information on topics such as the nature of dementia; how, when and where to find services, how to navigate the health-care system to find the care that is needed and how to care for one’s self in the midst of the stress they are under, sometimes for years at a time,” Karen Payne-Taylor, program coordinator at The Center at Punchard said in a release.

“Experience has shown us that people don’t seek out services until they are in

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2: Navigating the Legal Aspect of Caregiving with estate planning attorney and former School Committee member Debra Silberstein, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. She will discuss legal documents, including Health Care Proxy and Power of Attorney, community resources to help elders and their families, and senior housing. Co-sponsored with Memorial Hall Library. Free.

THURSDAYS, APRIL 9 TO MAY 7: Weekly discussion series featuring light supper at 6:30 p.m., presentations at 7 p.m., The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. The series cost is \$20. The schedule is:

■ **April 9:** What Next? Options After the Call, presented by Dina Finos of Wingate Healthcare. The talk will explore the many stages of care that must be understood and acted upon while caring for loved ones, whether they are experiencing a sudden crisis or gradual decline.

■ **April 16:** Practical Tips for Caregivers, presented by Tricia Horgan of Atria Marland Place. Learn some proven tips to manage day-to-day aspects of caregiving.

■ **April 23:** Caring for The Caregiver, presented by Martha Cashin, owner of Home Instead Home Health Care. The talk will stress the essentials of nutrition, exercise and rest for caregivers.

■ **April 30:** Meet The Staff: Senior staff members of The Center at Punchard will present an overview of available support services and community-based resources. Refreshments will be provided by Under My Roof in Home Care.

■ **May 7:** “Still Alice” book discussion led by Director of Elder Services Kathy Urquhart. Copies of the book will be available to check out from The Center the first week in April. A library card is required.

Registration and payment are required for all events. Register online at www.myactive-center.com or call The Center at Punchard at 978-623-8321.

crisis. The series gets the word out about services that can help.”

Among those services is The Center at Punchard’s “Senior Connections” supportive day program, which provides activities and an outlet for seniors, while allowing caregivers needing respite and a little personal and recreational time.

Local estate planning attorney and former School Committee member Debra Silberstein kicks off the series in an event co-sponsored with Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

She said the mid-50s is a good age for people to start talking to elderly parents about caregiving options.

“It’s really never too early ... (to) talk about what they want,” Silberstein said.



The newly elected 2015 board of directors for the Andover Senior Community Friends includes, from left, Gail Demaso, Judy Richmond, Katy Wallace, Ann O’Sullivan, president Dan McDuffie; Audrey Nason, chairwoman of the Crystal Ballroom Events Committee; Geraldine McAlea, recording secretary Jackie Murgida and clerk Peter Caruso. Missing from the photo are vice president Joanne McConaughy, treasurer Ann Cobleigh, Mary Barry, Marty Epstein and Johanna Webster.

Andover Senior Community Friends installs 2015 board

The Andover Senior Community Friends has elected its board of directors for 2015.

Dan McDuffie will continue to lead the group as president, with Joanne McConaughy as vice president.

Peter Caruso will act as clerk, Jackie Murgida as recording secretary and Ann Cobleigh as treasurer.

The remaining members include Gail Demaso, Geraldine McAlea, Audrey Nason, Judy Richmond, Mary Barry, Marty Epstein, Ann O’Sullivan,

Katy Wallace and Johanna Webster. Nason will go on as head of the Crystal Ballroom Events Committee.

The board of directors of the Andover Senior Community Friends meets monthly at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court. Its mission is to “promote, sponsor and support programs and services that are designed to enrich the quality of life to all seniors of Andover.”

The Friends group holds several events during the year to

garner financial support for The Center. They include the upcoming Welcome Spring! dance at the Crystal Ballroom at Old Town Hall on Main Street, Antiques Adventure, a Masquerade Ball, a Holiday Ball and other possible events. A membership drive is ongoing.

For more information on any of the events or to join the organization, email McDuffie at danmeduffie@verizon.net or visit www.andoversenior-communityfriends.org, where online registration is available.

WHAT’S HAPPENING: THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

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

The Story of World War II – the “Last Good War:” Thursdays through April 23, 1:30 p.m. Local historians Don Robb and Joe Ponti present a six-part series explaining the why, how and what America did to ensure victory; \$18.

Best Short Stories of 2014: Wednesdays through April 8, 10 a.m. Eileen Reilly, a professional educator and longtime book enthusiast, leads discussions from this annual collection of

American short stories.

Mindfulness Meditation: Fridays, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Increase mental clarity, calmness, happiness and health through meditation; the sessions are aimed at learning/practicing mindfulness; beginners welcome, by donation.

Community Drum Circle: Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. Join Monique Morimoto and Stephen Whitney of SoulWorks Rhythm to play West African, Japanese and a variety of percussion instruments, while reducing stress, improving the immune system and having fun; \$5.

Healthy Living Center of Excellence: Friday, March 27, 9:30

a.m. An overview of evidence-based programs that Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley can offer that are scientifically proven to provide results in areas such as chronic disease, diabetes and balance; free.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required.

The Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check the center’s newsletter or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

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Andover's Mackenzie Gray, left, is also a fine hurdler.

Gray sets area triple jump record at nationals

By MICHAEL MULDOON
Staff Writer

As a self-described “foodie,” Mackenzie Gray of Andover certainly picked the right place to make history. Competing at the Armory in New York City, the senior at The Governor’s Academy in Byfield triple jumped 40-0 on her third try and 40-0.75 on her fifth attempt to place fifth at the New Balance Nationals two weekends ago.



Mackenzie Gray

No pizza for Gray’s post-meet celebration. “It was an Ethiopian restaurant by Columbia (University) named Massawa,” she said of the site of her celebration dinner.

The modest Gray, who now is ranked 12th nationally in the triple jump this winter, realizes the magnitude of that March 15 achievement. “Forty is crazy,” said the 5-foot-6 Gray, who also long jumped 18-4.5 at the meet. “I just always want to improve. I definitely feel I can go farther.”

Her “40-40 club” performance ended a long quest since her eye-opening 37-6 effort as a freshman. She had a big 39-3 in the spring of her sophomore year, which she didn’t surpass until a 39-6.5 this January.

“I’ve been trying to get

there the past two years,” said Gray on the phone from San Diego, where she was visiting her sister, Maddie. “It was a bit of a relief.”

When she hit 40 the first time, she wasn’t sure if she actually did it. Unless you are an expert in the metric system, the conversions can be confusing. The 12.19 meters didn’t register until she caught a glance of her parents and coach (Steve Suomi).

“There were excited. They were pointing to it,” explained Gray, referencing a sign with the conversion of 40-0. “I was excited but not crazy excited. I still had more jumps. I figured, ‘I did 40, why not just jump farther?’”

That she did. She had tied the area record of 40-0 set in 2007 by Pinkerton great Camille Quarles. The next big “hop, skip and jump” gave her the record by herself.

Gray had to overcome some obstacles. Namely, Governor’s limited winter season and lack of indoor track facilities.

“We don’t have a jumping pit,” said Gray, a former Level 9 gymnast. “I jump onto the high jump mats. It’s not necessarily ideal. We make it work.”

“It’s pretty amazing,” said her proud mother, Deborah England Gray, an attorney.

The All-American triple jumper is multi-talented with passions for photography and travel. She’s taking a National Geographic trip



CHUCK MARTIN/MassMileSplit photo

Mackenzie Gray of Andover, a senior at The Governor’s Academy in Byfield, placed fifth in the triple jump at the recent New Balance Nationals, making her the area’s all-time leader in the event.

FAB FOUR AREA TRACK PERFORMERS

Competing at The Governor’s Academy in Byfield, Andover’s Mackenzie Gray isn’t eligible for our area’s official all-time track lists, which in some events date as far back as the 1940s. But she’d rank No. 1 on the area girls Mount Rushmore.

- 1. Mackenzie Gray, Andover/Governor’s Academy, 40-0.75 triple jump in 2015
- 2. Camille Quarles, Pinkerton Academy, 40-0 triple jump in 2007
- 3. Kirsten Kasper, North Andover, 4:49.15 mile in 2009
- 4. Moira Cronin, Andover, 5-10 high jump in 2011

—Michael Muldoon, staff writer

for two weeks this summer to Italy and Greece. She is also quite the cook. Given her track and field gifts, you might call the triple jumper/long jumper/hurdler the Galloping Gourmet.

“She spends all of her limited free time watching cooking shows and videos then replicating her favorites for us,” her mother said. “Lucky us!”

Mom references her daughter’s limited free time. No wonder. She’s also a superb

student.

Gray was being recruited by several top schools and chose Harvard University in Cambridge, where she plans to study mechanical engineering and perhaps minor in computer science.

“It was kind of crazy,” said Gray, who was accepted early action. “The whole process went pretty quick. I had been looking at Stanford and Princeton. After I did the official visit at Harvard, I really knew where I saw myself.”

A race to inspire: Step Up for Colleen

The second annual Step Up for Colleen 5K in memory of Colleen Ritzer returns to The Park in downtown Andover on Sunday, May 3.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Step Up for Colleen Fund at Essex County Community Foundation.

The fund supports the Colleen E. Ritzer Scholarship Fund that provides scholarships to high school graduates who reflect the young teacher’s values and will be pursuing education as a major in college.

A new event website at www.stepupforcolleen.com features information about Ritzer, an online volunteer sign-up page, and a video of the race course.

The site also includes a “social wall” for individuals to share the reasons why they have decided to #StepUpforColleen. The hope is the wall will provide participants a forum to inspire others to do the same in stepping up in memory of the lifelong Andover resident and math teacher at Danvers High School.

Ritzer died Oct. 22, 2013. One of her students is charged with her murder. A 2007 graduate of Andover High School, she received her teaching degree from Assumption College in Worcester in 2011 and was pursuing a graduate degree at Salem State College.

“Last year’s Step Up for Colleen not only provided an opportunity for thousands in the community to come together to remember Colleen, but also raised resources to provide scholarships for future caring and compassionate teachers graduating from Andover and Danvers,” the Ritzer family said in a statement. “As Colleen’s parents, brother and sister, we cannot begin to express our sincere gratitude to those who participated in last year’s race. It was a reminder of the many lives Colleen touched or changed.”

More than 4,000 registrants participated in last year’s inaugural Step Up for Colleen 5K.

“The 2014 event exceeded all expectations,” said race director Nina Caron, who expects this year’s event will draw well over 5,000 runners and walkers.

This year’s race will feature several enhancements, including a USA Track & Field certified course and youth-sized shirts.

A number of sponsorship opportunities are available. Benefits for sponsors vary by level, and include a company logo on event apparel, recognition online and in promotional materials, public acknowledgment at the event, up to 40 complimentary registrations, and more. Companies and organizations interested in sponsorship opportunities should contact Kim Grady at kim@stepupforcolleen.com or 978-494-4435. More information is also available at www.stepupforcolleen.com/about/sponsors.



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Runners cross the starting line of last year’s 5K race in honor of Colleen Ritzer.

Strong showing for ANA, Optima at synchro regionals

Optima Synchro and ANA Synchro both posted successful outings at the East Zone Junior and Senior Synchronized Swimming Championship in New Canaan, Conn., this month, with many athletes for both teams taking home some hardware.

Because of their success this season, athletes from both teams will be heading to Moraga, Calif., next month for the U.S. National Synchronized Swimming Championship.

For ANA Synchro, Grace Alwan of Andover and Maxie Zimmerman of North Andover each placed first and earned gold medals in the Senior Duet event at the East Zone competition. They both hope to swim synchro in college.

In addition, Alwan teamed with Sophia Ju of Andover to win a third place bronze medal in the Junior Duet event.

Both the ANA Synchro Senior and Junior Duets, led by head coach Leah Pinette, are now qualified for nationals.

ANA’s Alwan, Zimmerman and Ruby Remati of Andover were also named to the East Zone All-Star Team, determined

through a combination of scores on technical elements as well as the athlete’s ability to do leg splits in the water.

Optima Synchro, coached by Svetlana Malinovskaya, sent eight athletes to compete in the East Zone competition, with its juniors team earning a silver medal or higher in each routine it competed in.

Andover’s Caitlin Klauer finished first in the Figures and Junior Solo competitions, earning herself a spot on the 16-person East Zone Junior All-Star Team. Klauer also paired up with Melissa Zhang in the Junior Duet event, besting the field.

In the Junior-Senior Combo Free Routine, Optima finished in the top spot with Andover’s Nicole Carzo, Kimberly Feng, Sachiko Hagiya, Georgina Hutchison, Caitlin Klauer and Zhang, as well as North Andover’s Jillian Bohrer and Lily Zemelko of Derry, N.H., teaming up for the event.

The East Zone meet drew 164 athletes from 17 teams hailing from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and New Jersey.

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Optima Synchro’s Junior Team, striking a pose before the East Zone Championship, includes, top to bottom, from left, Caitlin Klauer, Melissa Zhang, Nicole Carzo, Kimberly Feng, Sachiko Hagiya, Lily Zemelko, Jillian Bohrer and Georgina Hutchison.



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ANA Synchro athletes who took to the water at the East Zone Junior-Senior Championship are, front row, from left, head coach Leah Pinette, Laila Cross, Naomi Turner and Ruby Remati and, back row, from left, Maxie Zimmerman, Grace Alwan and Sophia Ju.

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The Townsman wants to spotlight the triumphs, and tragedies, of Andover’s local sports teams and athletes.

We’re asking coaches, players, parents and fans to send us photos as well as highlights from all the week’s sporting games and events. Items can range from a shout-out for a top player or team, a spectacular play or sports milestone or even some candid shots from a game or practice.

We also want to hear ideas for stories on athletes or a big game that The Townsman should feature in its pages.

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MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos

Gayle Caruso smiles as she talks with David Raymond, director of the McCoy Gallery at Merrimack College, during Sunday's opening for her show, "Free Fall, 1000 Drawings."

Powerful opening for local artist

Caruso unveils 'Free Fall'

Andover artist Gayle Caruso's "Free Fall, 1000 Drawings," a collection of 11-by-14-inch, mixed-media pieces created in the months following a near-death hospital experience, opened with a full house at a reception last Sunday at McCoy Gallery at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

Caruso's works, a combination of drawings, paintings and collages, are drawn from two series, "Divine Light" and "Free Fall," in which a signature figure of a body is repeated.

Together, the pieces seek to illustrate Caruso's out-of-body experience following an operation a couple years ago in which her heart stopped and her world briefly turned to black. The images are grouped together in two, 500-piece grids.

The exhibit runs through April 15. Gallery hours at McCoy are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information on the exhibit, visit www.merrimack.edu/mccoy.



Ava Barcelo, 4, of Andover, picks one of her favorite pieces in Gayle Caruso's "Free Fall, 1000 Drawings."

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TOWN OF ANDOVER PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, as amended, that Andover Town Market, LLC d/b/a Town Market, 9 Penobscot Way, Andover, MA has applied for a Wine and Malt Package Store Alcoholic Beverage License at 429 South Main Street, Andover, MA. Thomas M. Walsh, 9 Penobscot Way, Andover, MA is the proposed designated manager. The entity has also applied to pledge the license to Enterprise Bank.

The premises to be described as follows: 7,400 sq ft market consisting of: 2,400 sq ft basement with 800 sq ft locked alcohol storage and 2 exits; 3,800 sq ft first floor with 1,400 sq ft kitchen, 1,000 sq ft retail area and 3 exits; 1,200 sq ft second floor with 800 sq ft locked alcohol storage and exit.

The public hearing will be held on April 6, 2015 in Conference Room A on the third floor of the Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, Massachusetts at 7:15p.m. in accordance with the General Laws relating thereto.

By Order of the Board of Selectmen Lawrence J. Murphy Town Clerk

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Legals
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Essex Probate and Family Court 45 Congress Street Salem MA, 01970

Docket No. ES15P0111GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of: Ann M. Panorelli Of: Andover, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Academy Manor of Andover, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Ann M. Panorelli is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 04/13/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 17, 2015 Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate

MISC MERCHANDISE

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Lamb Leather Designer Jackets Women's Size 3X all new and different colors \$59-\$99. Call (978) 258-3792 until 8PM

LANDSCAPE PIN Attach weed block fabric to the ground with the Green Pin galvanized wire. .35 cents per pin, 100 pins per box Discount for over 100 pins. 603-401-2037

Pool Table - 7 foot, new cloth, leather pockets, oak wood, all accessories included, excellent conditions. \$1200 or best offer 978-691-5939

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING
A public hearing will be held at Conference Room A, 3rd floor, Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., Andover, MA on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 6:30 PM. on the petition of Karl Warner & Elizabeth Johnson, 15 Elysian Dr., Andover, MA for a variance from Art. VIII, §4.1.2 to construct an attached garage that will not meet the minimum side yard depth requirement.

Premises affected are located at 15 Elysian Dr., Andover, MA in a SRB District and are shown on Assessor Map 2 as Lot 168. The application may be viewed at the Board of Appeals office between 8:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. DAVID W. BROWN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 3/19, 3/26/15

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, beginning at 7:30p.m. in the Doherty Middle School Auditorium, 50 Bartlett Street, the Planning Board will convene public hearings pursuant to Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws on the following proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII:

1. Amend Section 2.2 (Overlay Districts) by adding at the end of Section 2.2 Historic Mill District and amend the Town of Andover Zoning Map to establish a Historic Mill District as shown on a plan entitled "Historic Mill District" dated January 26, 2015.

2. Amend Section 10.0 (Definitions) by deleting that last sentence of the definition of "Congregate Living Facility" and replacing it with: "Congregate Living Facility" means a building or structure containing two or more separate living units, each of which is designed, intended, or used for occupancy by one or more persons, and which are separated from each other by fire-resistive construction.

3. Amend Section 7.4.3 (Assisted Living Residences - Dimensional Requirements and Design Standards). 4. Amend Section 7.4.6 (Long-term Care Facilities - Dimensional Requirements and Design Standards) by deleting it and replacing it, and Amend Section 10.0 (Definitions) by adding a definition for "Long-Term Care Unit."

And further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Andover Code of Bylaws, or take any other action related thereto.

The full text of the proposed amendments may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00a.m., and 3:00p.m., Monday through Friday. AT - 3/26, 4/2/15

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Premises affected are located at 1 Highland Ave., Andover, MA in a SRB District and are shown on Assessor Map 5 as Lot 84. The application may be viewed at the Board of Appeals office between 8:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. DAVID W. BROWN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 3/19, 3/26/15

TOWN OF ANDOVER MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT
Sealed bids for furnishing the following will be received at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., Andover, Massachusetts 01810 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The time received will be stamped on each bid and for a consistency of time, the time stamp clock in the Purchasing Office will be the determining time.

ITEM IFB No. 047/03-15/185 Water Treatment Plant Window Replacement Project, Andover, MA BID OPENING April 10, 2015 1:00 PM

DCAM Certification for Doors and Windows and an Update Statement are required on this bid. Bid Documents and bid forms may be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA, or on the Central Purchasing Department webpage located at http://andoverma.vt-s.net/Pages/AndoverMA_Procurement/index.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held for all interested parties on April 3, 2015, at 1:00 PM at the South School, Front Entrance, 55 Woburn St., Andover, MA 01810. A Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the total bid will be required.

Andover is an affirmative action/equal opportunity purchaser. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids or take whatever other action may be deemed necessary to be in the best interest of the Town. Thomas P. Watkins Purchasing Agent AT - 3/26/15

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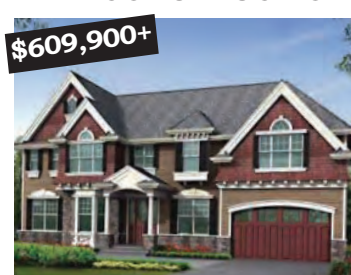
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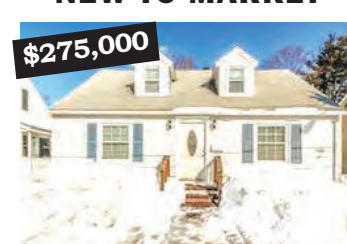
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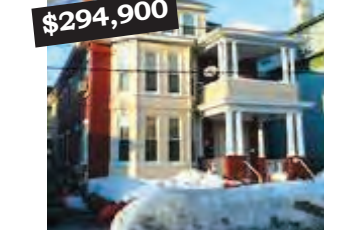
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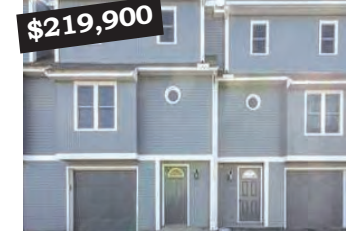
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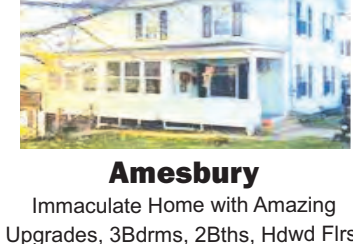
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PRESS OPERATOR - North of Boston Media Group, North Andover, MA
Full-time. Prepare and operate multi-unit, web-fed rotary press to print daily newspapers and periodicals.
Applicants should have proven mechanical aptitude and the ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline-driven
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Answer inbound phone calls consisting of various customer inquiries. Previous customer service experience
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REPORTER - The Salem News - Beverly, MA
Full-time and part-time. We're looking for energetic, enthusiastic self-starters who are comfortable working in multiple types of media; reporting
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Full-time. We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic self-starter who is comfortable working in multiple types of media; reporting and writing
stories; shooting simple photos and videos to accompany their work when appropriate; and immersed in the networks of social media. You
should be nimble and able to tailor your approach to stories to satisfy audiences viewing your work in print, on a desktop browser, mobile device
or tablet. Candidates should be organized and tenacious, and have a passion for journalism in the digital age. You'll be expected to develop
sources, generate story ideas and break news. Ideal candidates should have a bachelor's degree in journalism or a related field. Three years
experience writing for a daily publication required. Candidates must have a valid driver's license with a good driving record, reliable
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PAGE DESIGNERS - North of Boston Media Group, North Andover, MA
Full-time. We are looking for versatile, creative and deadline-oriented page designers to join our centralized design desk, which designs pages for
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Full-time. We are looking to add to our sales force to match its amazing growth of our digital products. You will engage and strategize with
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Gervais Lease Offer
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Lincoln AFS Red Carpet Lease
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Brand New!
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Gervais Lease Offer
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Lincoln AFS Red Carpet Lease
\$6,600 Cash Due at Signing

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Brand New!
2015 Lincoln MKZ FWD



Gervais Lease Offer
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Cloudy with showers	Variable cloudiness	Partly sunny; cooler	Partly sunny	Showers of rain/snow	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
High: 57° Low: 43°	High: 51° Low: 28°	High: 40° Low: 24°	High: 43° Low: 29°	High: 48° Low: 33°	High: 48° Low: 36°	High: 52° Low: 33°

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TOWN BRIEFS

Annual rabies clinic on tap April 11

The Andover Animal Hospital will conduct its annual rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 11 at its office at 233 Lowell St. The clinic will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The cost of the vaccination will be \$12 per

animal. All animals should be leashed or restrained. A current, signed rabies vaccination certificate is required for three-year vaccination. Otherwise, the vaccination will be good for only one year. State law requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies by six months of age; they must be three

months of age before they can be vaccinated.

Residents who have not yet licensed their dogs for 2015 should call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255 or visit <http://andoverma.gov/clerk/> for more information.

One-day CPR course set for April 30

The Andover Department of Community Services is offering a one-day CPR course on Thursday, April 30, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Public Safety Center on Main Street. Sgt. Christopher Moore and safety officer Charles Edgerly will be the

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