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HANIGAN'S NEW HOME



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Red Sox catcher and Andover native Ryan Hanigan watches Monday's home opener against the Washington Nationals from the dugout, having been behind the plate the night before against the New York Yankees. It was Hanigan's first time in Fenway sporting a Red Sox uniform.

Andover native settles into Fenway as Red Sox starting catcher

BY BILL BURT
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Mike Hanigan proudly wore the slightly dirty/aged baseball cap his son wore at Fenway Park 17 years ago, during the Massachusetts-Connecticut all-star game. It seemed like a nice gesture, probably scouring the attic at the Hanigan home in Andover to fetch it, in honor of his son Ryan's return to the park as a member of the Boston Red Sox on opening day on Monday. "I've always worn this hat," the proud father said. "It's now my hat." Ironically, it's been a long, long road back to Fenway

Park for the Hanigans and their only son as a member of the home team. Mike and his wife, Helen, have traveled to some of our country's hot spots — Dayton, Ohio; Potomac, Md.; Chattanooga, Tenn; and Louisville, Ky. — before their son found a Major League home in Cincinnati and Tampa Bay before being dealt to the Red Sox. Now 34, a lot has happened since that hat with the M and C on the front was brand-spanking new. "It hasn't been easy," Mike Hanigan said. "It's a lot of years and a lot of miles. Ryan got home at 4 this morning (from New York) ... But it is



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Ryan Hanigan's parents, Helen and Mike Hanigan, sit in section 21 of Fenway Park waiting for Red Sox opening day to begin Monday. It was the first home appearance for their son in a Red Sox uniform since the catcher was traded to Boston this winter.

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Schools seek \$280K for teachers

Additional funding would help mitigate potential layoffs

BY BILL KIRK
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School officials this week pled their case for an additional \$280,000 in funding for next fiscal year to help stave off teacher layoffs that have raised concerns among parents and residents.

School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert, joined by committee members Joel Blumstein and Susan McCreedy and Superintendent Marinel McGrath, told the Board of Selectmen Monday night that the schools needed the money to keep class sizes low at the elementary school level.

"We are coming to you for other options," she said. "We aren't comfortable with the staffing. ... We know there is little appetite to raise the tax levy. But \$280,000 would give us the ability to retain 4.4 full-time equivalent (teachers)."

She said the School Department was cutting \$117,000 from its innovations budget. Combined with an additional \$280,000 from the town, the district then would be able to hire 6.2 teachers.

"We are not looking to hire new people," Gilbert stressed. "We are just hoping to lay off fewer people."

Gilbert said the school district is required by state and federal law to hire a number of special education teachers. To fund those positions, she explained, current teachers will have to be laid off without additional resources.

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Sizing up Andover's next town manager

Ideal candidate's traits considered as Screening Committee set to form

BY BILL KIRK
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Residents are looking for a town manager who is a visionary who understands that the town's demographics are changing; someone who values smart growth, lives in town and knows how to use technology; has exceptional people skills, is a tough union negotiator and gets along well with

everyone, particularly the Board of Selectmen. A dozen or so residents, many of them members of town boards and commissions, turned out Tuesday afternoon for the first of three forums that day to gather public input on the qualifications being sought in Andover's next town manager. Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, who has been town manager since 1990, is set

■ **Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski receives final 2 percent raise before retirement, Page 2.**

to retire at the end of June. The Board of Selectmen has enlisted a consultant, Mark Morse of MMA Consulting Group of Plymouth, to help choose Stapczynski's successor. Morse led Tuesday's sessions, held at

Memorial Hall Library at 1 and 4 p.m. and at Wood Hill Middle School at 7 p.m. While only a dozen people showed up for the first session, more arrived for the later sessions. Morse has advertised the position in several professional publications and has already spoken with several candidates for the job. Applications are due in by early May.

He will forward a group of names to a screening committee, which is currently being created. (See related box.)

Requirements, responsibilities

Morse started off yesterday's sessions discussing the attributes selectmen and other town officials have already identified for the next town manager.

By charter, the town manager is hired on five-year terms, meaning five-year contracts. He said the town manager is specially fitted by education, training, pay and experience, including an administrative position in municipal government. He or she must be appointed without regard to political beliefs.

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Banking on a vision for Andover's future



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Ron Abraham has owned Elm Street Automotive for 46 years. He's concerned with a new Historic Mill District overlay zone proposed for the area, which would broaden the allowable uses there. The proposal, which is being promoted by a range of groups, from economic to historical, goes before Town Meeting next month.

Historic Mill Overlay supporters hope third time's the charm

BY BILL KIRK AND TIM LIMA
Staff Writers

At 10 pages, it is certainly the longest warrant article going before this year's Town Meeting. If you count the fact that there is a duplicate, private version — in the event that the town-sponsored article is revoked by the Board of Selectmen — then it's 20 pages: More than 40 percent of the 45-page warrant. And it may just be the one that's seeing the most effort being put forth for its passage, too.

2015 TOWN MEETING

When: May 4, 5; May 11 and 12, if necessary; 7 p.m.
Where: Richard J. Collins Fieldhouse, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road
Learn more: <http://andoverma.gov/townmeeting/15warrant.pdf>

The Historic Mill District, as it's called, would create an overlay zone to allow a myriad of different

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Retiring town manager gets 2 percent raise

By BILL KIRK

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Despite giving Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski poor marks in his evaluation in February, selectmen this week said they gave him a 2 percent raise because, generally speaking, he does a good job.

Plus, the manager, who is 2½ months away from retirement, makes less than other municipal executives.

"I think you have to consider the overall level of responsibility associated with being chief executive of a \$170 million corporation," selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski. "He met goals and objectives.

He didn't get a bonus — that could have been within our purview. Two percent seemed appropriate."

Under Stapeczynski's contract, he was eligible for a 2.5 percent raise. He was also eligible for a bonus, which was not awarded.

The raise brings Stapeczynski's salary to almost \$155,000, which Kowalski said is less than many other town managers in Massachusetts. Lynnfield, for example, just hired a new town manager for \$175,000 a year, he said. In Danvers, the former town manager made \$192,000 before retiring. The new town manager

makes \$165,000.

Other town managers make less, however. In Dracut, the new town manager makes around \$140,000, as does the town manager in Ipswich.

With Stapeczynski retiring in June, selectmen are advertising the position at a salary range of \$165,000 to \$185,000.

"He made \$152,000," Kowalski said. "I wouldn't call it a salary correction, but the board recognizes our next town manager will cost more than the current town manager."

Selectman Alex Vispoli was the only vote against the increase, saying he wanted to

be consistent — both with the review he gave Stapeczynski and with last year's 1.5 percent raise.

"Last year, he didn't get as bad a review as I gave him this year," Vispoli said. "I wanted to be consistent with my assessment. If you gave him 1.5 percent last year, it would had to have been less than that this year. Any salary adjustment should reflect your assessment of the person."

Selectmen gave the town manager an aggregate score of 72 on his final annual performance review as town manager, which put him in the "satisfactory" category.

Kowalski explained Monday night that an aggregate score of 90 to 100 would have been "excellent," a score of 75 to 89 "superior," and a score of 60 to 74 "satisfactory."

Individually, Kowalski gave Stapeczynski a score of 64 while Vispoli and Selectman Mary O'Donoghue both scored him at 63.

Selectman Paul Salafia scored Stapeczynski at 81, or "superior," while former Selectman Brian Major gave him a 91, or "excellent."

The reviews were completed before newly elected Selectman Bob Landry took office.

O'Donoghue made the

motion Monday night to award the town manager a 2 percent raise. It was approved 4-1, with Vispoli against.

The 2 percent raise is worth \$2,287. Stapeczynski's base salary will go up from \$152,500 to \$154,787.

The raise is retroactive to July 1, 2014, and covers fiscal year 2015, which ends on June 30.

Stapeczynski's retirement pay will be based on the average of his three highest years of service. He will also be eligible for vacation days he didn't use prior to 2010. He gets four weeks of vacation a year.

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And, in what could be a sticking point for some candidates, the next town manager must be a resident.

"During the term, you have to move into the town," Morse said.

Among the responsibilities, the town manager appoints personnel, oversees the budget, and supervises and directs offices, boards and commissions.

The first part of the hiring process is identifying important characteristics, Morse said. He has met with department heads and selectmen, both in groups and individually. Some of the attributes he listed included strong skills in leadership, analytical decision-making. He said the successful candidate also must be committed to the use of information technology, possess both bachelor's and

TOWN MANAGER TIME LINE

Selectmen hope to be able to make an offer to the town's next manager by the end of May or early June.

But Selectman Alex Vispoli acknowledged the time frame is tight.

"If it turns out the new town manager can't start until after Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski retires on June 30, Vispoli said selectmen have several options at their disposal.

"If it takes longer, we will plan so ... things keep moving and town government keeps running," Vispoli said. "We could hire an interim. We also have a strong management team in place, so we could put someone in as an acting town manager."

"We did discuss that we should

plan on a contingency. We want to do this right, not necessarily fast."

Applications are due by early May. As they come in, they will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen's consultant, Mark Morse of MMA Consulting Group, for his review. Morse has also contacted several candidates about the opening.

"He has already gotten responses," Vispoli said. "He's collecting them, and he has spoken to people."

Once the application deadline passes, Morse will narrow the field of candidates to a pool that fits the parameters set by town officials and based on community input.

That list of candidates will then be handed over to a five-person screening committee, which will

further whittle the names down to three or four finalists.

The screening committee is expected to conduct about eight to 10 interviews, Morse said. Its interviews and discussions of specific candidates will not be open to the public.

"They can do the interviews confidentially," Vispoli said. "Once it goes to selectmen, those become public."

The screening committee's finalists will then be interviewed by selectmen.

"We will only see the finalists presented to us," Vispoli said. "Selectmen will go into an intense interview process with the finalists and make a decision from that."

SCREENING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The Board of Selectmen is seeking interested residents to serve on a Town Manager Screening Committee. The five-member committee will assist in the process of screening, interviewing and recommending finalists for Andover's next town manager.

Committee members can expect the process to require about a 25-hour commitment, which will include conducting interviews and reviewing resumes.

Prospective members should send a letter of interest containing a short statement explaining why they want to serve as well as any qualifications/experience that make them a good candidate to the Andover Board of Selectmen, Attention Wendy Adams, wadams@andoverma.gov. The deadline for letters of interest is Thursday, April 23, at 4 p.m.

negotiator and someone committed to open and effective government.

He said the successful candidate also must be committed to the use of information technology, possess both bachelor's and

master's degrees and have 10 years of experience.

Residents' input

Morse then asked people what type of experience, background and knowledge they were looking for in the town's next chief administrator. He also sought input on accepted compensation level and even the new hire's personal qualities.

Bob Willard of 76 Tewksbury St. said the new hire needs to have the vision

currently lacking by the Board of Selectmen.

"Our Board of Selectmen is reactionary," he said. "We need a town manager who is a visionary, who can walk the tightrope of working with and disagreeing with the selectmen, but have the vision to guide the investments. They have to make Andover more appealing five, 10, 15 years down the road. They have to be foolish enough to bite the hand that feeds it, and drive the vision that

doesn't come from anybody else other than the town manager."

Former school superintendent Claudia Bach, who lives in Andover, agreed that vision is important, adding that it "has to be talked about and built on from concrete knowledge. Demographics are changing. We need someone who really understands how towns need to be growing in a smart way, green or smart growth. If not, we are going to have a town that grows

willy-nilly. They need to have a strong knowledge of what's happening so it grows in a good, smart way."

Jane Moffitt of 68 Beacon St. said she would value "good people skills, but not just with the Board of Selectmen and the voters, but with employees." She added that the next town manager should have "exceptional negotiating skills, working with town unions and a track record of dealing with unions and negotiating."

John Hess of 145 Chestnut St. said he would look for someone who could "hire excellent staff, provide mentorships, work with the new school superintendent to provide high quality education and increase commercial and industrial development. We are not going to grow that much; we need to maximize what we have now. There's not that much space available for growth."

He also pushed for increased government transparency.

Brad Heaton said he'd like the next town manager to be a "stark, raving environmentalist" who would invest in green technology and generally be an "advocate for the environment."

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BUDGET

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Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski said he and other board members were getting a lot of phone calls and emails from residents who were concerned about the proposed school budget cuts.

He said one possibility would be to free up some of the \$1.6 million in excess levy capacity created by selectmen in this year's

budget.

Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski said that "in the past, when this came up, the approach would be to ... let it happen with excess levy capacity. But this board (of selectmen) is holding strong on the \$1.6 million."

Stapeczynski said another approach would be to leave the budget unbalanced and then "cross our fingers and hope for higher local receipts" in local aid or

Chapter 70 school funding. "That's a little risky," he added.

The House of Representatives was supposed to announce a Chapter 70 education aid funding target this week. That would give officials some idea of how much state money might be coming the town's way, which could be used to offset the cost of the special education teachers.

Gilbert said that if both the \$280,000 and the \$117,000

were used, then the school district would only have to lay off 2.9 full-time equivalents.

Selectman Alex Vispoli, however, seemed unfazed by the school leaders' plea for more money.

"Two million more in your budget this year is not enough," he said. "Two million last year was not enough. You don't look at the big picture, with fiscal discipline. Every department could come in and ask for more money. We adopted a policy of fiscal discipline.

"If \$2 million is not enough this year, what happens next year? We have to build a sustainable budget with fiscal discipline built in."

The Board of Selectmen will take up the School Department's request at its April 27 meeting.

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Flag marking at veterans' graves set for 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 harsh winter has been rough on the flags, the department this spring intends to swap out all 3,600-plus flags marking Andover veterans' graves in 10 local cemeteries. 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 is Sunday, May 3.

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

Congregation Beth Israel to observe Holocaust Remembrance Day

Holocaust Remembrance Day will be observed at Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley in Andover on Sunday, April 19, with a morning service at 9:30 and a breakfast at 10:30, followed by a special program at 11.

A member of the congregation will show a brief video and share the compelling stories of her family, who survived the Holocaust.

Known in Hebrew as Yom HaShoah, the actual observance to remember the six million Jewish people who died in the Holocaust began on the evening of Wednesday, April 15, this year. In Israel, it was a national memorial day. Air-raid

sirens were sounded and people stopped what they were doing to think of and pay respect to those who died.

The observance is a reminder that people need to be vigilant to oppose any type of prejudice against any group of people, according to the local Jewish community.

Congregation Beth Israel, located at 501 South Main St. (Route 28), invites the community to join its members in the commemoration. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are requested by calling Congregation Beth Israel's office at 978-474-0540.

Celebrate World Tai Chi Day atop Holt Hill

Join in an observance of World Tai Chi & Qigong (Chi Kung) Day on Saturday, April 25, at Ward Reservation, located off Prospect Street in Andover.

Meg Holmes, a professional martial arts tai chi instructor at Yang's Fitness, Wellness & Martial Arts Center in Andover, and the Friends of the Ward Reservation will lead a program of tai chi and qigong in the picturesque surroundings at the top of Holt Hill.

World Tai Chi and Qigong Day is a free educational event held to unite all peoples in a celebration of personal and global health and healing. Tai chi, or taiji, has been called moving meditation, because of its proven health benefits, which include improved balance, lower blood pressure, and reduced stress and anxiety.

Each year on the last Saturday of April, people gather in hundreds of cities spanning 70 nations to breathe together, providing a healing vision for the world.

Andover's observance will begin at 9 a.m. starting from the Ward Reservation parking lot. At 9:15 a.m., staff



The public is invited to join in the practice of tai chi and qigong as part of a free educational event on Saturday, April 25, on top of Holt Hill at Ward Reservation in Andover.

COURTESY PHOTO

members from the Trustees of Reservations, which owns Ward Reservation, will deliver a brief presentation about the property before leading the group to the top of Holt Hill, which is the highest point in Essex County, affording spectacular views of the Boston skyline.

At 9:45 a.m., Holmes, an Andover resident and

retired North Andover Middle School librarian, will lead an introduction to World Tai Chi Day followed by tai chi warm-up exercises, qigong breathing exercises and a demonstration of the Yang-style tai chi sequence. The event will conclude at 11 a.m.

A short walk around Ward Reservation will follow for those who are interested.

The event will be canceled in the event of rain. No prior experience is required; comfortable dress is suggested. Participation in the various exercises and movements is encouraged, although observers and the curious are welcome as well.

This event is part of a series of outings at Ward Reservation. For more information about Ward Reservation, visit www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/northeast-ma/ward-reservation.html. For more information about the event, visit www.YangsAndover.com or call 978-475-2020.

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All Those Years Ago

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

Here's a look back at what was happening in town this same week at key points over the last 100 years, exactly as reported in the pages of the Andover Townsman:

100 Years Ago April 16, 1915

H.S. Johnson of Salem Street, a well-known Grand Army man, sustained a broken leg last Friday by falling from a team. He crawled to the sidewalk where he was found by friends. He was attended by Dr. Lane and is being cared for by a nurse.

The Andover Village Improvement Society is glad to announce a lower price than before stated, for taking away rubbish during clean-up week, April 17 through 24. The rate will be 10 cents a barrel. Send a postal with name and address to Clean-Up Committee, Andover, Mass., or hail the driver as he goes by.

A number of young men of the village are planning on occupying Camp Shattuck on the Shawsheen over the holiday.

Mrs. Amos Blanchard has returned to Andover after having spent the winter in Florida.

75 Years Ago April 11, 1940

Contributions from Andover totaling \$4,750 from 222 donors were reported this week at two report meetings of the Lawrence General Hospital Building Fund Committee. This brings the Andover total for the drive to date to \$7,896 from 308 donors: Mrs. Kurth, 52 donors, \$994; Miss Kuhn, 90 donors, \$2,228; Mr. Hardy, 80 donors, \$1,528.

Four popular and versatile female members of the senior class of Punchard were rewarded for their scholastic efforts at a meeting of the class in Memorial Auditorium last Friday afternoon when Mr. Hamblin announced graduation honor winners. The honor students: Joanne O'Riordan, valedictorian; Dorothy Christie, salutatorian; Elinor Houston, first honor essayist; and Eleanor Gorrie, second essayist.

Chock-full of gay dialogue, which makes just as much sense whether you are rooting for the Seton name or for Holiday dreams, the Adventurers' production that will

be presented next Tuesday evening in the auditorium promises to be great fun.

50 Years Ago April 15, 1965

The Board of Selectmen said Monday that it is time to quit quibbling over the new compensation and pay plan and to get on with solutions to other town problems. Taking a stand in full support of Manager Richard Bowen's disposition of the need for a revised personnel program, the board issued a strong statement expressing its confidence in the manager.

Andover youngsters will have to use a little ingenuity this year in locating the Bunny treats supplied by the Recreation Department for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Instead of the usual mad scramble in the mid-town park, children are to meet at 2 p.m. Saturday at Andover Recreation Park for a search that will yield treats hidden in the wooded area surrounding the lodge.

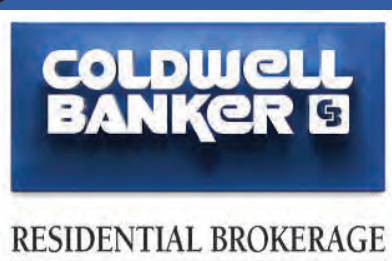
A telephone box will be installed at Poms Pond to connect directly with either the Fire or Police department for emergency calls.

25 Years Ago April 12, 1990

Former Planning Board Chairwoman Marge Bradshaw said Friday that all the talk about failing business downtown could turn into a self-fulfilling prophesy, and that the central business district is not as bad off as it's being made out in the papers. "I don't think times are so bad now after my walk around," Ms. Bradshaw said. The comments came during a meeting of the Central Business District Subcommittee Friday morning at Town Offices.

Let's cut right to the heart of why anyone would want to read this property listing: People are nosy. That's right. Who's the biggest property owner? Who's paying how much for what? That's what people read this stuff for. For example, Robert Ulrich's house at 24 Phillips St. has the second-highest assessment for a single residential property at \$2,044,400. Multiply that value by the residential tax rate, .01040, and you see that Mr. Ulrich has to pay \$21,261.76 in real estate taxes this year, for a house he doesn't even live in.

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ANDOVER, MA — Sallie Secor Reynolds, 90, passed away April 11, 2015. Sallie's brother, nephew and all four children were by her side in her last hours. Sallie was born in White Plains, N.Y., to Dorothy Kirk (Scripture) Secor and Chancey Tompkins Secor on June 3rd 1924. Sallie attended both public and private schools in White Plains, and graduated from Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa., with degrees in physical education and health.



Sallie loved the outdoors, athletics and introducing new sports and activities to children of all ages. She and her husband, Ed, skied Colorado, and upon having children, taught all of four of them to ski as soon as they could walk. Sallie worked as Physical Education Director at the YWCA in Lawrence. She also volunteered at the YMCA in Lawrence and Andover, coaching both competitive swim team as well as synchronized swimming. She assisted in choreographing swim shows to musicals, such as the Sound of Music, Wizard of Oz and many others.

At Camp Evergreen in Andover, Sallie directed the summer swim program. She had two achievements she was most proud of while there; first, she taught Bobby Verette of Andover, a blind teen, to swim, and second, while at camp, Sallie and was called on to successfully save a drowning individual from the pond across the way. Sallie's camp experience extended to the Andover Girl Scout Camp Maud Eaton, where she directed both day and overnight camping for several summers. Sallie had an open door policy during the summers; all were welcomed at their lake homes to enjoy the woods, water skiing, sailing, and fishing. As youngsters, the family has fond memories of summer camping trips to Sebago Lake, a summer cottage at Province Lake and the retirement homes at both Lovell Lake in New Hampshire and Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. In their retirement, Sallie and Ed golfed, boated, swam, and entertained.

Sallie accepted the position of Physical Education teacher at Lawrence High school, and in 1969, started girl's intramural basketball. In 1992, Sallie was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame of Lawrence High School, quoted as "The woman who is credited as the driving force behind the woman's inter-scholastic athletic program at Lawrence High School." Her biggest thrill was when Lawrence Girls placed third out of 34 teams in the Billerica Tournament and won the Sportsmanship Award.

Good sportsmanship was something Sallie held in very high regard, writing a poem called "Losing with a Smile." Sallie went onto introduce other sports to the women's program at Lawrence High, that included, softball, volleyball, badminton, golf, gymnastics, and swimming. Sallie played competitive golf where she felt woman and men had a more equal footing. She enjoyed many years as Club Champion at Five Chimney's Golf Course at Province Lake, N.H. she competed at Doral and was awarded a gold-plated putter. Sallie got a hole-in-one on Kingswood Course in Wolfeboro, N.H. Sallie also enjoyed bird watching, gardening, hosting and attending bridge club, church suppers, entertaining and cooking with family and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward C. Reynolds in 1996. She is survived by her brother, William C. Secor of Orleans, Mass., and his son, Daniel and wife, Mary, of Brewster, Mass., children, Bruce A. Reynolds and wife, Joy, of Andover, Carroll A. Reynolds and wife, Donna, of Maryland, Sallie R. Diamond, husband Rick, granddaughter, Sabrina and partner, Vollie, grandson, Thomas and wife, Hannah, all of Texas; daughter, Anne R. Lamontagne, husband, Leo, grandson, Troy, granddaughter, Ashley all of Andover; several beloved nieces and nephews.

Sallie's family would like to thank the staff at Edgewood in North Andover for their outstanding care.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and Friends are invited to Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover, for a Memorial Service on Thursday, April 16th, at 6 p.m., with reception in the parish hall to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, with a notation in the memo line referencing Sallie Secor Reynolds, to Eleanor Frost Snell, Chair of Health and Physical Education Fund., Ursinus College, 601 East Main St., Collegeville, PA 19426. To sign the family guest book, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover.



Barbara Moody, 83

ANDOVER, MA — Barbara Garey Moody, 83, peacefully passed away surrounded by her loving family on April 9, 2015, at Winchester Hospital. An Andover resident for 61 years, Barbara attended Reading, Mass., schools, earned a Bachelor of Arts from William Jewell College. She served as a Student Dean at Syracuse University, was awarded an master's in Education from Northeastern University and received an M.B.A. from Lesley University.



She served as Guidance Counselor and Instructor at Lawrence General Hospital School of Nursing, and served over 10 years in Financial Administration at New England Deaconess Hospital Nursing Department. Barbara also enjoyed a successful career as a realtor partnered with her husband at Prudential Howe and Doherty Real Estate.

Barbara served on several local boards, The Andover Youth Center, Andover/North Andover YMCA, chairperson of the Girl Scout Camping Committee rebuilding the burned-out lodge at Camp Maude Eaton, board of Family Service, Inc (now Family Services of the Merrimack Valley), Andover School Committee, and a more than 20-year member of the board of Visiting Nurses Association. Barbara was a lifetime member of the League of Women Voters, Andover Garden Club, A Better Chance (ABC) of Andover, Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS), Girl Scouts of America, and Andover Historical Society.

For over 60 years, Barbara was an active member of South Church of Andover. She served as Senior Deacon, chair of Trustees, leader of the Couples' Club, leader of the Graduates, and served on many other committees.

Barbara enjoyed participat-

ing in outdoor sports – tennis, baseball, and skiing, and in Rangeley, Maine, mountain-climbing, camping, canoeing, and fishing. She was an avid Scrabble and bridge player.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 61 years, Dick; her five children and 12 grandchildren; her stepdaughter, Carolyn Lewis and husband, Van Lewis of Lynchburg, Va., and her grandchildren, Brook Robinson, Skye Durrer, Teal Lynch, Royal Lewis, and Canton Lewis, and seven great-grandchildren; her daughter, Meredith Moody of Needham, Mass.; her daughter, Heather Holman and partner, Bill Levy of Andover and her grandchildren, Robert Holman, Jeffrey Holman, and Maxie Holman; her son, Rick Moody and wife, Randi Lite of Needham, Mass., and her grandchild, Derek Moody; and her daughter, Janice Holden and husband, Seth Holden of Andover and her grandchildren, Jessie Kildahl, Carolyn Holden and Katherine Holden.

ARRANGEMENTS: All those who knew Barbara, loved her. Her life will be celebrated at South Church on Wednesday, April 15, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to South Church, 41 Central St., Andover MA 01810 or the charity of your choice.

POLICE LOG

By TIM LIMA
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A 2-year-old girl wandered naked out of her Longwood Drive home last Thursday afternoon while her mother was in the kitchen, police said.

The toddler was seen at 3:10 p.m. by a passing mailman, who quickly took his jacket off to warm the child.

When police arrived, responding to a 911 call, a neighbor recognized the girl and directed officers to her nearby home. Commander Charles Heseltine said that the matter wasn't suspicious.

Monday, April 6
Arrest

Carmen Carvalho, 31, of 107 Grove St., Haverhill, was arrested on Central Street at 11:18 p.m. on a warrant charge.

Incident

Multiple callers from Lenox Circle reported cows were

in the roadway at 4:42 p.m. According to police records, "Officer reports not being able to corral the cows." The officer tried to reach the owner of the animals.

Wednesday, April 8
Incident

State Police asked Andover to help them look for a possible man down in a nearby forest after finding two dogs wandering alone out of the area around 9:15 a.m. A short time later, a caller reported losing the two dogs in Goldsmith Reservation and the search was halted.

Thursday, April 9
Arrests

Emily Desmarais, 24, of 6 Pond Lane Extension, Billerica, was arrested on River Road at 7:16 p.m. and charged with possession of a Class A and Class B substance.

Aaron Wallace, 24, of 6 Pond

Spring cleaning for AVIS properties

Andover Village Improvement Society is encouraging the community to lend a hand at two work parties this month.

This Saturday, April 18, the group will gather at Deer Jump Reservation to remove the dead trees from the meadow there and scatter them in the woods. Led by David Dargie, work will go from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Volunteers should park at the end of Raven's Bluff off of River Road and follow the

trail to the left to the reservation. Contact Dargie by email at david@dargie.com or call 978-996-4475 for more information.

Next Saturday, April 25, the group will tackle Ann Rawlins Greene Reservation as part of an ongoing Beautification Project. Volunteers led by Paul Dick will be cleaning up the area along Bannister Road from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Email Dick at paul_dick@us.ibm.com or call 978-475-4646 for more information.

Andover man charged with Haverhill bank robbery

By PETER FRANCIS
Staff Writer

An Andover man was arrested last week and charged with robbing a bank near Westgate Plaza in Haverhill.

William Heil IV, 38, of 73 Memorial Circle, Andover, was arrested by Haverhill detectives with help from local police and U.S. Marshals, said Haverhill police Capt. Robert Pistone.

Pistone said police identified Heil thanks to a tip from the public after The Eagle-Tribune published a bank surveillance photo of the suspect following the April 2 robbery at Pentucket Bank's 395 Lowell Ave. branch.

The arrest came Wednesday, April 8, at 8:45 a.m. on a warrant for unarmed robbery, Pistone said. Heil was held without bail pending his arraignment.

He was also charged with failing to register as a sex offender, subsequent

offense. No further information was available on the additional charge.

The robbery happened just before noon on April 2. Police at the time of the incident described the suspect they were looking for as about 5 feet, 10 inches tall and wearing glasses. He had a dark beard and wore a blue hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and a black baseball cap, police said.

Pistone said the man did not show a weapon, but gave a bank teller a note demanding money. He left the bank with an unknown amount of cash, running out the front door and across the street into the parking lot of Westgate Plaza, the captain said. He drove away in a gray sedan, described by witnesses as possibly a Hyundai Sonata with Massachusetts plates, police said.

The bank is close to Interstate 495, giving the robber a quick escape route, police said.

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A hotel employee from River Road called police at 1:39 a.m. and reported that "one of their guests was naked in the hallway and asked the front desk where the bar was."

A caller reported at 2:42 p.m. that someone "left a puppy at the gas station on Route 133." The caller reported that it occurred during a change in shifts, but three girls brought the puppy into the station. In going to retrieve the dog, animal control reported that "no one inside knows about a puppy being brought in."

Friday, April 10
Arrests

Jaclene Aguirre, 21, of 24 Worcester Court, Falmouth, and Ryan Tripp, 26, of 52 White St., East Boston, were arrested on North Main Street at 2:22 p.m. and charged with possession of a Class A substance and reckless behavior to a child.

Incidents

A resident of Blanchard Street, who said she lived across from the ballfield there, said she saw three adult men using the soccer field at 5:23 p.m. "and she thought the area was only supposed to be for children." The responding officer reported that the field gates were open and saw nothing wrong.

The Essex Regional Call Center reported receiving a call from a woman saying "I'm a moron," before hanging up. When police called the woman back at 9:38 p.m., she would not provide any information and hung up the phone. After trying several more times to call the woman, the officer was unsuccessful.

Sunday, April 12
Incidents

A caller from Chandler Road reported that a hawk was stuck in the net of a bathing cage at 8:41 a.m. Firefighters were able to free the bird.

An officer on River Road reported that a passerby told him of an elderly woman walking on the on-ramp to Interstate 93 north. The officer later reported that the woman was a tourist from China, and was transported to the Methuen/Lawrence line.

Monday, April 13
Accident

A 911 caller reported a motorcycle accident on McKenney Circle at 6:33 p.m. The driver had minor injuries.

Chism attorneys to seek change of venue in case

By JULIE MANGANIS
Staff Writer

Lawyers for Philip Chism said last week that they will “certainly” ask a judge to move the Danvers teen’s murder trial out of Essex County.

Chism, 16, is charged with raping, robbing and killing his Danvers High School math teacher, Colleen Ritzer, 24, of Andover, in October 2013. His trial is scheduled

to start Oct. 7.

During a status conference in the case last week in Salem Superior Court, lawyer Denise Regan said she will file a motion asking for a change of venue in the high-profile case.

A hearing on that request is now scheduled for July 6. Regan hasn’t yet filed the motion, but is expected to argue that the significant publicity the case has received locally will make it

impossible to find an impartial jury in Essex County.

Such motions are filed far more frequently than they are granted; the defense in the Boston Marathon bombing trial, for example, filed repeated motions for a change of venue, which were denied.

Another key decision in the case — whether Chism will rely on a diminished mental capacity or so-called “insanity” defense — will have to

wait.

Regan, who has filed a number of sealed motions for funds in the case to prepare Chism’s defense, said she has not received all of the information she needs to make that decision yet.

Prosecutor Kate MacDougall expressed concern that with a firm trial date set for October, she may have difficulty finding an expert to rebut any defense testimony unless she knows soon.

Under the law, Regan is required to give the prosecution advance notice that she plans to call a psychologist or psychiatrist to testify about Chism’s mental status at the time of the killing. If the expert based his or her opinion on interviews with Chism, then prosecutors are entitled to have their own mental health expert interview and evaluate Chism as well.

But MacDougall said it has

been her experience that many doctors and mental health professionals take their vacations in July and August.

Regan indicated that she may know more about the anticipated defense by May 7, the date of the next hearing in the case.

Chism was not brought to court for last week’s hearing. Neither his family nor Ritzer’s family attended the proceeding.

Rep. Lyons seeks repeal of ‘ridiculous’ wiper law

By TIM LIMA
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Calling the new law “completely ridiculous,” state Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover, has co-filed a bill to repeal the legislation requiring Massachusetts drivers to turn on their headlights whenever they use their windshield wipers.

“The drivers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can be relied upon to use common sense when deciding if headlights are needed,” Lyons said in a release last week.

Lyons said that the legislation places another financial burden on too many Massachusetts families.

“Making your windshield wipers and headlights a moving violation is completely ridiculous,” he said. “It looks more like another Beacon Hill money grab than a reasonable safety measure. And the penalty is particularly harsh on working families who will be assessed insurance surcharges in addition to fines.”

Windshield wiper/headlight violations can result in tickets and surcharge points that count against insured drivers, hiking their annual auto insurance bills, the release said.

Lyons, who co-filed the repeal bill with state Rep. Shaunna O’Connell, R-Taunton, added that the way the legislation was approved, in an informal session intended for non-controversial matters, concerns him.

The windshield wiper legislation, which went into effect on Tuesday, April 7, was filed by state Rep. David Linsky, D-Natick, and signed into law by former Gov. Deval Patrick on what Lyons said was his final day in office.

A similar law exists in 20 other states.

“There are studies out there that show that it will reduce accidents, and it’s important both to be able to see the road and for other drivers to be able to see you,” Linsky has said.

But Lyons said it was “passed under the cover of darkness with no transparency or open debate.”

“Changes in driving regulations impact everyone,” he said, “and such changes demand an open process and regular order.”

“No Massachusetts driver would call this intrusive law non-controversial. And no family that gets hit with tickets and insurance charges will think this law is fair.”

Earth Day, Zero Waste Day recycling drives planned

STAFF REPORT

Whole Foods Market Andover is sponsoring a free recycling collection event with M&K Recovery on Earth Day, which is next Wednesday, April 22.

The collection will go from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Whole Foods parking lot at 40 Railroad St.

Personal electronics, excluding TVs and computer monitors; batteries, fluorescent light bulbs — residential only and limited to six per vehicle, ink jet and toner cartridges (no waste toners), books/CDs/DVDs/videogames (no VHS tapes or encyclopedias), clothing/textiles, and linens/dishes/pots and pans can be recycled or donated for free.

Electronics include computers, laptops, tablets, VCRs, cellphones, keyboards, printers, copiers, faxes, modems, cabling, wires, cords, cameras, DVD players, scanners, printers, iPods, hard drives, stereos, speakers and gaming consoles.

Batteries, including auto batteries, lawn/tractor, rechargeable, button cells, laptop batteries, computer UPS, alkalines (only intact and non-leaking), will also be accepted.

Note that for any item

containing a hard drive, the drive will be removed and destroyed via shredder to ensure personal data security.

Andover Recycling will also be at the event to

distribute recycling information and to assist anyone with recycling questions or looking for an answer on how or where to cost-effectively recycle or safely dispose of particular items.

A similar event will be held Saturday, May 2, in the Brickstone Square parking lot from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, see <http://andoverma.gov/dpw/zerowasteday.pdf>

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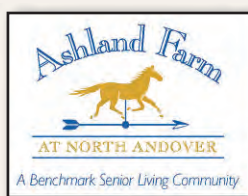
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AHS teacher 'vindicated' by federal ruling

By BILL KIRK
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Jennifer Meagher always loved teaching.

Since 2001, she had devoted her career to her English class students at Andover High School.

But in late June 2012, just after school had let out for the summer, she arrived home after grocery shopping for her family and found an envelope taped to the front door notifying her she had certified mail from the Andover School Department waiting for her at the U.S. Post Office.

What she read when she picked it up shocked and terrified her, she said.

"It was a termination letter," said Meagher, 44. "They labeled the firing as a result of 'insubordination and conduct unbecoming a teacher.'"

That last phrase haunts her to this day.

"That was one of the most unsettling things — given the label 'conduct unbecoming a teacher,'" she said. "You see what behaviors are associated with that label and they are horrible things that hurt children. And I was being given that label. I thought, 'Well, this is it. I'm done.'"

Except that in reality, she was just getting started.

Over the course of the next year, Meagher, backed by her husband, two children, friends and colleagues, went to the state labor board to get her job back and then filed a federal civil suit claiming her Constitutional rights had been violated.

By fall 2013, the state labor board reinstated her, with back pay, to her old job at the high school. She's been back on the job for nearly two years.

On March 31, just a couple weeks ago, a federal judge ruled the district had, indeed, violated her First Amendment rights to free speech.

"I've been exonerated," she said. "It really feels good. The fact that it's been two separate courts. The state labor court, people whose job it is to protect labor and workers' ability to function in their work environment. Then, in addition to that to have a federal

court say, 'You have a right as a teacher and as a citizen to express your opinions.' I feel vindicated."

It was not an easy process, and there's still another trial to go, to determine the amount of damages she will receive from the school district for violating her Constitutional rights.

"It's really telling," she said. "These two separate courts recognize the level of abuse that the dismissal represented. I think it's very sad to me it had to take this kind of process for that to come to light. And it's all happening at taxpayer expense, which is so tragic to me."

Superintendent Marinel McGrath has refused to comment, citing "ongoing litigation." Former School Committee chairman Dennis Forgue, who was involved in the events that led to her firing, also refused to comment. Current School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert also refused to comment about the specifics of the case, except to say that the town's insurance company is working with legal counsel on the damages trial.

A public records request has been made with the schools for an accounting of all the town's legal expenses associated with the case.

Tumultuous negotiations

Meagher's case really started back in 2010, when the teachers contract expired. As negotiations ramped up, it became apparent that a dispute over the schedule would be a sticking point between union and School Department negotiators.

Meagher, as vice president of the teachers union, was in the middle of those negotiations, which led to bitter relations between administrators and rank-and-file teachers.

She said she felt all along that the schedule change would lead to a diminished experience for students.

Gilbert, of the School Committee, said the crux of the dispute was teaching time at the high school. "We wanted teachers to teach three classes each semester, instead of two during one of the semesters,"



File photo
Jennifer Meagher, foreground, speaks at a labor rally in front of Old Town Hall in Andover in February 2012. Kerry Costello, president of the Andover Education Association, the union representing the teachers, is in the background.

she said.

The administration won and teachers now teach three classes per semester. A subcommittee was appointed that reworked the schedule yet again, and additional changes are scheduled for next year.

Meagher said she fought the schedule changes because she wanted to have more time with her students.

"Everyone agreed the teaching load was really important," Meagher said. "Teachers all agreed that teaching more kids was going to make the job more difficult. When you add more students, for any teacher, that means it kind of dilutes your ability to connect to any individual student. Everyone wanted to do whatever we could to inform the administration, the community and the School Committee that this was an important issue and deserved attention. We needed to protect the conditions we were working in, because these conditions allow us to do all the things we are known for."

While prickly contract negotiations were going on, the high school was also simultaneously involved in a re-accreditation process. And this is where Meagher ran afoul of the administration. Meagher took it upon herself to amass a list of email contacts, according to the federal court document. At some point during those tense negotiations, she sent out an email, using her own computer and working from home, telling

teachers not to cooperate with the re-accreditation process.

At the time, she said, "we all knew we'd be accredited."

She said some people view the re-accreditation process as very important, while others see it as a bureaucratic function.

She felt that the schedule change would, in the long run, make accreditation harder for the high school because it would mean less quality teaching time for students. But at no time did she think her email would actually result in lost accreditation.

McGrath and other school officials took a different view.

Within weeks of sending the email, Meagher had been notified of her dismissal.

Following a somewhat lengthy appeal process, the firing was upheld by the School Department.

'Torture'

Meagher's lawyer said that what McGrath and the School Committee did to his client amounted to "torture."

"The superintendent acted not in a way to protect the town, but in a way that was vindictive toward Jen," said Mark Stern, a Somerville labor attorney. "As the decision indicates, by the time McGrath began the process of punishing Jen, the issue of the contract was already resolved. So she wasn't furthering the interest of the schools. She could have found Jen insubordinate and fired her. But she went further than that. She said, 'conduct unbecoming a teacher,' which is a red flag for 'sexual relations with a student.'"

He went on to say that the "conduct unbecoming" label would prevent Meagher from ever getting another job.

"Anyone reading it will say, 'I will never hire this person,'" Stern said. "That was completely unnecessary. Throwing in 'conduct unbecoming a teacher' was engaging in unnecessary, malicious behavior."

He added that during her year off, Meagher actually did get a job offer, pending a positive reference from Andover.

"Andover refused to give her a neutral reference unless she withdrew all her charges against the school district," he said. "That is bordering on torture. You are saying, to a teacher, you will never teach again unless you drop legitimate claims against us. That's extortion."

Meagher decided to hire Stern about midway through the labor case, realizing she needed someone on her side, defending her interests. The attorneys for the labor union were protecting the union, while Stern was able to look at the case from Meagher's perspective.

He added that the labor board "only has the power to reinstate somebody and order they be given back pay," which is exactly what it did.

But the board "doesn't have the power to give any other relief. She was a victim of a form of psychological torture. She suffered from it, and the labor relations committee could not compensate her for that. This was a woman with a totally clean mental health slate prior to being subjected to a year of agony. She came out of it hurt. It was a very rough year. We are seeking compensation."

"She suffered an emotional injury. We will present at trial, a world-renowned psychiatrist, that she suffered a permanent emotional scar, and has post-traumatic stress. And she lost a job opportunity, she was treated for emotional distress, has legal fees, needs emotional treatment and lost income."

A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for next Thursday, April 21. A trial will be held, probably later this year, to determine the amount of damages to be awarded to Meagher.

High school satellite concept takes shape

By TIM LIMA
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Hoping to relieve the overcrowding at Andover High School, a design committee has worked since November to consider an innovative satellite program for roughly 350 to 400 students.

Working with David Stephen, a former architect and teacher known for creating 21st century learning designs, the group of teachers and administrators has created a draft vision and mission for a new satellite program, along with its goals and objectives.

"We aren't going to have an immediate renovation or expansion to our high school, and we know that we need additional space in our high school," Superintendent Marinel McGrath said. "Several months ago, we started to look at how we might repurpose space, and how we might look to use space differently."

As part of that thinking, the proposed high school media center that will go before Town Meeting for approval next month was developed. New prototype furniture, intended to save space with different seating arrangements, also has been brought into some classrooms.

But still, McGrath said, "We really don't have the space in our high school to allow students to delve into the areas they want to."

A satellite, or remote high school, would house freshmen through seniors and would allow them to stay as many years as they'd like, McGrath said.

Ideas call for the program to incorporate a project-based learning philosophy into a multidisciplinary school that's focused greatly on technology.

In March, Assistant Superintendent Nancy Duclos and fellow High School Design Team member Renee Druke traveled to Napa, Calif., for a week-long teacher exchange conference to further focus on developing ideas for the satellite program. Before the conference, the duo toured American Canyon High School, considered a "New Tech High School" that employs a project-based learning philosophy.

"Instead of handing out daily assignments, teachers assign periodic projects that require critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication," according to New Tech's website.

Duclos said she was surprised by how much room was available at New Tech High, and how much technology could be integrated into learning. She said the school had the look of a community college, and was "just phenomenal."

"There was enough space in the rooms so that you could get nine kids around tables," she said. "And every wall had an interactive projector so that kids could break up into groups and work on their projects."

At a workshop last week, the High School Design Team met with the School Committee to discuss ideas for Andover High's satellite project.

Soon, a request for proposals will be issued seeking a location for the satellite campus, which will allow the School Committee to look at the cost and to begin working it into the budget and the Capital Improvement Plan for next fiscal year, McGrath said.

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Education

Beating to a different drum

Tri-M Music Society tours elementary schools

Andover's Tri-M Music Honor Society recently visited four elementary schools as part of its "Blue and Gold Beats" program. The 22 high school students demonstrated their musical instruments for the kids, and joined each class in song and dance during their March 13 tour.

The group stopped at West, South, High Plain and Bancroft elementary schools, and met with classes of students from first through fifth grade. They led class exercises and taught the students a dance to the pop hit "Uptown Funk." In many

classes, students played recorders alongside the elementary school students, recalling nostalgic memories for the older students while also inspiring the younger kids to keep practicing.

The program was met with great success and was praised by all involved, according to a press release. Rosali Cabrera, a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, said "I actually loved being a part of this today," adding that her favorite part was teaching youngsters the dances and watching their reactions to the instruments.

The program scored high

marks with the elementary students, with one writing in a follow-up assignment, "It was great! I might get an instrument!"

Now in its second year, the AHS chapter of Tri-M is committed to recognizing musical excellence in the high school and spreading music throughout town. Blue and Gold Beats is just one of the many ways Tri-M hopes to get involved in the community this year, with a recycled instrument drive scheduled for later this spring and an "Instrument Petting Zoo" in the works as well.



COURTESY PHOTO

Twenty-two members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society at Andover High School took part in the "Blue and Gold Beats" program in March, traveling to area elementary schools to share their love of music with younger students.



COURTESY PHOTO

Laura Mahaniah, front, as the Wizard, reads the princess, played by Anna MacDonald, test questions, as Haywood Schwartz, left, and John Boyle listen in during Doherty Middle School's production of "Once Upon a Mattress."

A rousing 'Once Upon a Mattress' for Doherty School

More than 80 Doherty Middle School students earned their theater credentials last month as part of the school's production of "Once Upon a Mattress."

The play, a comical version of "The Princess and the Pea" tale, was produced by Doherty health teacher Cheryl Todisco and digital learning specialist Beth Kennedy. It was directed by Todisco and special education teacher Amanda Spinale and choreographed by Beth Kennedy of the South School Cooperative Theatre and Andover High School Show Choir. Katie Simko, the district's choral teacher, served as music director. Performances were March 27 through 29 in World War I Auditorium.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lady Larkin, played by Caroline Hall, and Sir Harry, played by Andrew Reagan, sing to each other during Doherty Middle School's production of "Once Upon a Mattress."

A sustainable effort for AHS Environmental Club

Members of the Andover High School Environmental Club are receiving a hands-on lesson about energy-saving tools and sustainability options.

Through the Sustainable Energy Education Drive, the Environmental Club is encouraging residents to participate in Mass Save, a utility program that offers access to home energy solutions, including a no-cost home energy assessment.

The group has partnered with Next Step Living, a provider of whole-home energy solutions, to help residents lower their monthly utility bills and

sustain energy. For every home-energy assessment Next Step Living completes in Andover, the company will offer a match contribution to Andover High to support sustainable initiatives toward making the school more energy efficient.

SEED energy captain and Andover High student Laurie-Maude Chenard said that she started the program because she saw the potential for creating "positive change."

The program has seen success at local schools like Newburyport High, where nearly \$6,000 was raised through Next Step Living

contributions to buy MacBooks for the school library. At Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High, funds were used to buy water-bottle filling stations at the school.

Representatives from Next Step Living and volunteers from Andover High will be hosting educational tables at various events in town to discuss how energy-saving solutions might benefit residents' homes. For more information or to sign up for an energy assessment, visit www.GoodEnergy.com/AndoverHigh or call 866-867-8729 and mention "Andover High School SEED."

— Tim Lima, staff writer

Lord, McCarron finalists for Leominster High principal

Former Andover High School principal Christopher Lord as well as Andover's Timothy McCarron, who is a principal in Lawrence, are among the four finalists being considered for the principal's post at Leominster High School, according to the Sentinel & Enterprise of Fitchburg.

Lord, of North Andover, resigned unexpectedly last December, with about six months left on his first three-year contract with the Andover Public Schools. No explanation has been provided for his departure.

McCarron is principal of Lawrence's Math,

Science and Technology High School. He previously worked as a social studies teacher at Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover for 12 years.

Interviews were expected to be completed last week and officials were planning to make an offer to one of the candidates this week, after The Townsman went to press.

The other finalists are Kevin Higginbottom, former principal of Reading Memorial High School, and Paula Bolger, director of the Leominster High School Guidance Department.

The successful candidate

will replace Thomas Browne, who was named principal of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg last year.

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Student Government Day with Rep. Moran

Andover High School student Gabriela Ekenesberger got an up-close look at state politics on April 10 as she joined state Rep. Frank Moran, D-Lawrence, for the 68th annual Student Government Day.

The annual event brings high school students from across the commonwealth to the Statehouse to participate in an interactive day in government.

"Gabriela assumed the role of a constitutional officer in the Senate Reading Room and represented her town in the 17th Essex District consisting of Lawrence, Andover and Methuen," Moran said in a release.

Originally called Good Government Day, the day allows students to voice their positions on important current issues and to participate in the legislative process. The program also provides students with the opportunity to exchange views on issues with their peers from across the state.

Author, illustrator bring talents to St. Augustine School

St. Augustine School welcomed the month of April by welcoming best-selling authors Marty Kelley and Michael Tougas as part of its



COURTESY PHOTO

State Rep. Frank Moran, D-Lawrence, brought Andover High School student Gabriela Ekenesberger to the Statehouse this month as part of the 68th annual Student Government Day.



COURTESY PHOTO

Author-illustrator Marty Kelly, showing off a picture from his latest book, "A Cape!" visited St. Augustine School on April 1 to talk about the writing process and demonstrate his illustration skills.

Authors and Illustrators Literary Series.

First, on April 1, the school community met with Kelley who explained the writing process — from idea generation to composition of the rough draft to final editing — as well as showcased his vast illustration skills. Kelley's latest book, "A Cape!" is about a boy who finds a red cape that gives him amazing super powers. The story is meant to remind readers that an imagination is a super power.

The following day, Tougas, who has 19 best-selling books to his credit, stopped by to discuss his work, influenced in large part by his New England roots. His books

highlight maritime survival tales and journeys through New England.

Tougas took St. Augustine students on a historical journey as the Pilgrims first landed on Plymouth Rock through a discussion of his book "King Philip's War." Later, he shared the true, heroic account of the U.S. Coast Guard's most daring sea rescue, which took place off the coast of Cape Cod in 1952.

AHS Parent Advisory Council meeting April 28

School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert will present an overview of the

proposed 2015-16 school budget, as well as highlight several Town Meeting warrant articles pertaining to the high school at the next Andover High School Parent Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School Media Center.

The discussion will come one week prior to the start of Town Meeting on Monday, May 4. Parents are urged to become educated on the issues involving the town prior to them coming up for a vote.

Rainforest animals invade South Elementary

Kindergarten students at South Elementary School were treated to a visit by lizards, turtles, spiders, snakes and even an alligator when the Rainforest Reptiles Show slithered into their classroom earlier this month.

The children were not only entertained by the various creatures, they were able to see and touch the animals as they learned about the importance of preserving the natural habitats of the world. Funded by the school's Parent Teacher Organization, the interactive event is a favorite of students and teachers every year.

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HANIGAN

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really nice to be here for an opening day.”

Hanigan, now the starting catcher with Christian Vasquez’s season-ending “Tommy John” surgery, was the backup Monday after playing late the night before in the Bronx.

But he didn’t have to play in the opening day game, which the Red Sox won convincingly, 9-4, to understand what it’s like to be a Red Sox player.

“It was really cool,” said Hanigan, soaking in opening day from the Fenway dugout. “I had never been to one as a kid. There was Tom Brady and Bill Belichick, man, that was awesome. And then the (Pete) Frates stuff was touching And then we win the game. I’d call that a good day at the park.”

Hanigan is in some very elite company among

Massachusetts ballplayers who grew up rooting for the Red Sox to then be lucky enough to play for them. He follows Haverhill native Mike Ryan (1964-67), Swampscott native Tony Conigliaro (1964-67, ‘69-70), Framingham’s Lou Merloni (1998-99, ‘00-03) and Haverhill’s Carlos Pena (2006), all of whom had substantial and memorable stints with the Red Sox.

“This is a great organization with a lot of history,” Hanigan said. “Winning is very important here. It always has been. I know for me, if I’m contributing and we are winning, it will be the best place. I feel fortunate.”

Hanigan is always close to the vest when it comes to predictions or crystal balls, particularly being just a couple weeks into the season.

But he’s got the feeling that there are the makings of something special.

“So much can happen,” he said. “But we have a lot of



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Ryan Hanigan's name, face and number flashed on the Bank of America screen during Monday's home opener at Fenway Park.

talent ... a lot. The guys are great teammates, fun to be around. There is a nice feeling, especially getting off to a nice start. It’s early. But I like this team.”

Hanigan said he’s been

around too long and has too much work ahead of him to get too emotional about experiencing what he did on Monday, with one of the best seats in the house.

“I’m not one of those

sentimental guys,” he said. “While I appreciate everything, I have to focus on my work and my job, day to day.”

“But I do understand what it’s like around here. I grew up here,” he said. “I was

down in Florida this spring. The fans were amazing. They’re very passionate. It means a lot to these people. I just can’t wait to come back to the park and do this again.”

As for his parents, they said it’s nice that their son is so close, mileage-wise. But that doesn’t mean he will be stopping over for lunch every day before heading to the “office.”

“People say to us, ‘It must be nice to have him home.’ I say, ‘Yes, but he’s very busy, you know,’” Helen Hanigan said. “It’s 162 games. There’s a lot of travel. We honestly don’t see (him) as much as people would think.”

The Hanigans said they will make the trek to Fenway Park every so often, but after nearly 17 years of travel to see their son play, they expect to be home in Andover for most of the games.

Mike smiled, “We do have NESN.”

VISION

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development projects within a 100-acre swath of downtown, from Main Street on the east to the Shawsheen River on the west, from Whole Foods on the north to Dundee Park on the south.

It is the third and most ambitious zoning proposal of its kind to go before Town Meeting. One was withdrawn four years ago and the last one, two years ago, fell just 29 votes short of the two-thirds majority required for zoning proposals to win approval.

A vision for opportunity

This time, town officials are taking nothing for granted, and have put together a sort of Dream Team of proponents, including Planning Director Paul Materazzo. Also on the team are a host of private citizens who decided to get involved because they believe that the very future of Andover lies with the success of the Historic Mill District.

For months, the group Andover Tomorrow — led by Tim Vaill of the Economic Development Council, Steve Fink of Sustainable Andover and local residents Charles Kendrick and Tina Girdwood, among others — have spoken to residents, organized walking tours, held workshops and “charrettes,” lobbied the local media and made numerous presentations before a host of community groups seeking support for the proposal.

“We’ve held over 15 public meetings to find out what people are interested in,” Vaill said. “The ideas began to flow forth.”

What ultimately came out of those meetings was the proposed overlay, written by Materazzo and his planning staff and encompassing dozens of properties of all different shapes, sizes and uses. It is similar to a proposal crafted in 2007.

Within the overlay area are five, distinct zoning districts. Within each district, naturally, are many different uses. Under current zoning, however, the uses for some of the large mill

buildings overlooking the Shawsheen River would be limited to industrial or commercial projects.

The overlay would provide the chance for housing, retail and food establishments also to be considered for those sites.

While proponents say the town yard is not the focus of the overlay, the area around the current yard may also find a “higher best use” such as a “transit-oriented” project that could include housing, retail, commercial and other uses, if the zoning district is approved.

Proponents say the new district could also provide leverage to get state transportation and economic development money that could be used to redo the tricky and dangerous three-way intersection of Essex, Pearson and Railroad streets, which converge where the MBTA railroad tracks also cut through the heart of the area. An adjacent, heavily used driveway provides access to Dundee Park, making the intersection even worse.

At any time of day, that intersection is scary, none more so than when school is letting out and pedestrians are crisscrossing the area, school buses are trundling through, and the occasional commuter rail train screeches into the nearby station.

Overlay district proponents are also hoping that it will spur investment by private companies that may want to build within the district to take advantage of easy access to the train station and Main Street amenities, not to mention the possible use of trails along the Shawsheen River for hiking and biking or canoeing and kayaking.

“If a big developer came in, we’d partner with the developer and the state to improve the Essex Street intersection for cars, trains and pedestrians,” Vaill said. Part of the overlay, he said, includes language for “mitigation,” so that any private investment must include infrastructure work, such as road and traffic improvements.

Unease amid uncertainty

While the outreach is unprecedented, not

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everybody knows about the overlay district, nor is everyone completely in favor of it.

Elm Street Automotive owner Ron Abraham, for example, said that while he is not opposed to the overlay district, he is worried about the impact it could have on his business.

He first established his towing company on Jan. 13, 1972, but said he was pushed out of his former location adjacent to Elm Square in 1986 because of new development in the area clashing with the aesthetic of his business — car wrecks, tow trucks and heavy equipment.

Abraham is wondering where his business would fit into the new Historic Mill District equation.

“I have no problems with trying to make progress in the town,” he said. “But they need to understand the feelings of people like me and all of the other property owners around here, who would have nowhere else to go.”

Abraham voiced his concerns to the Planning Board last month, saying that people wouldn’t like looking out their window to see tow trucks and the remnants of battered vehicles. He asked the board for a guarantee that he wouldn’t be pressured out of his location.

“It’s your land, and as long as what you’re doing is allowed by zoning, nobody is going to take that away from you,” Vice Chairman Vincent Chiozzi told Abraham. “What’s more likely to happen is your land could increase in value, and it may actually be you who decides to leave; not somebody pushing you out.”

Member Jay Doherty agreed, saying, “Nothing happens, Ronnie, unless you want to sell the business. There’s nothing in (the warrant article) that says

platform for other things to happen in this area,” he said.

Meanwhile, people living in the zone say that while it would be nice to have the town yard cleaned up, they’d like to know more about the project.

Jim Martin, a resident of The Andovers, a 100-unit condominium complex at 22 Railroad St., said he is concerned about what developers might find on the site of the old town yard, saying it’s filled with toxic chemicals.

“In our lifetime, they won’t be able to clean up all the stuff they dumped there,” said Martin, who is in his 80s. “This used to be the railroad yard, back in the 1940s. There was a cement plant there, and they used to park the freight trains there.”

He said he hasn’t been notified recently of what’s going on with the zoning overlay district, even though he heads up the board of trustees of the condo complex.

“I’d like to know a lot more about what the plan is,” he said, adding that he intends to go to Town

Meeting. “They haven’t mailed us anything, we haven’t spoken with anybody in town.”

Nonetheless, he said, the town yard “should be cleaned up. A few years back, they were digging in front of the tree department and they found a tank underground that was buried over.”

Another property owner in the district, Matt McGarry of McGarry Management, said the rezoning proposal “would be a positive thing for the town” because it would “potentially make property values higher and make this area a more desirable place to be, rather than having the town yard there.”

The owner of commercial and residential buildings directly across from the train platform, McGarry said he was involved two years ago, but hasn’t heard much about the proposal since then.

“I went to the meetings, but haven’t talked to anybody about the most recent plan,” he said. “I knew they had put it on the back burner. I did know it was on the Town Meeting warrant.”



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Study affirms benefits of smaller class sizes

Editor, Townsman:
 I am appalled that I sent a letter regarding the recent proposed budget cuts to the Board of Selectmen and School Committee members and not one person acknowledged they read or even received my letter. Here is part of the letter:
 Dear Board of Selectmen & School Committee members:
 I am writing to voice my disappointment with the fact that you are considering dismissing the equivalent of 21.5 full-time staff members. This is very distressing as a parent to think my child's classes could balloon up to 29 students in a class.
 It seems to me that this severe action counters the research that has proven smaller class sizes improve student achievement and will ultimately create more productive members of society. In fact, research done at IFAU, the Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy in Sweden, has proven, "Students who were in a small class in grades four through six had better school achievement and higher wages as adults than those who were in large classes." In addition, "The report shows that students from small classes in grades four through six consistently have better results than students from large classes. Those in small classes had better cognitive and non-cognitive skills, had better scores on standardized national tests in grades six and nine, perceived themselves as having more self-confidence and greater endurance. The differences in school outcomes persisted throughout the rest of their compulsory schooling. The probability of going on to higher education was also greater for students in small classes. ..."

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average ratepayer would save each month from the Board of Selectmen's ill-considered rejection of the town manager's recommended increase in water rates.
 None of the reasons given by the majority of the board for this action sustains scrutiny.
 The water rate study should not even be solicited until the new town manager has been on duty for at least three months and has had a chance to, one, learn the details of the system's operation and, two, bring to bear his or her own knowledge and experience. This likely means that the consulting services for the rate study would not be solicited until late in 2015, with the final report sometime about 12 months from now. As Selectmen Paul Salafia and Dan Kowalski as well as Public Facilities Director Chris Cronin pointed out, this puts the water enterprise further and further behind in meeting the very large needs it has related to this critical part of the town's infrastructure.
 Also, the board's voting now to support the town manager's recommendation would in no way have obligated the board to any further increase in rates. The members of the board who threw out this red herring have done themselves and the town a disservice.
 Most significant in some ways, the townspeople and the board should be aware that top candidates for the town manager's position read the local newspapers. These leading candidates likely will view the board's behavior here regarding water rates, along with other actions by the new board such as disrespecting Selectman Salafia's position in line for the chairmanship, and have second thoughts about whether they can work productively with this kind of board.
 One hopes that the majority that now controls the board can take a deep breath, step back and put aside its ideology in considering how it should be providing leadership for the town.

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Opinion

Schools, facing mandates, need money for teachers

When the headlines scream: "Budget cuts lead to massive teacher layoffs," there are usually two types of responses. One response, by parents, is panic that their children's education is going to be negatively affected. The other response, by budget-wise folks like Finance Committee members or selectmen, is an eye roll and a yawn.

Recently, the School Department announced that the budget being pushed by the selectmen and town manager would result in the loss of 21.5 full-time equivalent teaching positions and send class sizes ballooning. The response was predictable. Parents became concerned, started a website, got on the phone and began firing off emails.

This week, three of the five School Committee members, joined by Superintendent Marinel McGrath, went before the Board of Selectmen to ask for more money to prevent the layoffs.

Once School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert got into the details, it became apparent that the 21.5 layoffs were not solely the fault of selectmen or the town manager, but actually the result of a combination of factors, some of them self-inflicted.

Last year, the School Committee gave the school unions raises that cost \$2.4 million. Unfortunately, the School Department's budget was slated to increase by only \$2 million.

Then, the School Department realized it had to hire 10 or 11 special education instructors. These positions are mandated by state and federal law, but the result was less money for regular classroom teachers.

Meanwhile, the Board of Selectmen, building on a policy it started last year, decided to hold back \$1.6 million in excess levy capacity to help cash-strapped taxpayers. In recent years, selectmen have heard from residents, many of them elderly, who say that property tax increases were forcing them out of their homes. So rather than give the town manager and School Department a blank check, they started seeking "fiscal responsibility," as Selectman Alex Vispoli said this week.

This resulted in a further erosion of "revenue" into the School Department coffers. The result now is that a half-dozen or so regular classroom teachers are slated for possible layoffs. Gilbert said that if the schools use \$117,000 from its innovations budget, and the selectmen hand over \$280,000 from excess levy capacity — or anywhere else for that matter — then the department would be just 2.9 full-time equivalents below where they were last year. Without that money, the number of teachers laid off would rise to seven or eight.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said that in the past, this unbalanced situation would go to Town Meeting, where the excess levy capacity would be tapped for the needed teachers.

On Monday night, selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski, who has children in the system, seemed sympathetic to the plight of the schools. Vispoli, however, did not, saying the schools needed to adhere to a policy of fiscal responsibility. The other selectmen remained quiet.

But it seems likely that the new selectman, Bob Landry, who also has children in the schools, isn't likely to go along with any plan to give money to the schools, since he was elected on a platform of "fiscal responsibility." Nor would it seem likely that Selectman Mary O'Donoghue, who seems fairly hard-nosed in budget matters, would yield to those clamoring for more money on Facebook and elsewhere.

But Stapczynski's point, that historically these kinds of funds have come out of excess levy capacity, seemed to hit the right chord. Sure, the School Committee is great at "crying wolf." But sometimes, as Shakespeare wrote, "Discretion is the better part of valor." Perhaps this is one time to put down the swords and let the schools have the money.

The point has been made: Andover needs to be more fiscally responsible, nowhere more than in the schools. But with a new town manager and a new school superintendent on the way, it may be time to make a peace offering to the schools that could set up a different paradigm in future budget years. The schools are dealing with issues they never had to deal with before. Special education costs keep going up. The hiring of English as a Second Language instructors is also going up. Gilbert noted last night that there are 27 different languages spoken in Andover schools.

Andover has the excess levy capacity. The town should use it this year — fund the teachers with the caveat that next year, all bets are off.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

With Andover native Ryan Hanigan behind home plate as catcher, there is even more reason to watch the Boston Red Sox this year. Hanigan believes the 2015 team has "the makings of something special." What do you think of the home team's prospects this year?

CONFIDENT. We're heading back to the World Series. Cue up the duck boats. You can take that to the bank.

HOPEFUL. With some strong hitting and solid relief out of the bullpen, the Red Sox should be a strong playoff contender.

NOT OUR YEAR. This will be a season of learning and rebuilding. A world championship just isn't in the cards.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

The Board of Selectmen and School Committee are faced with making two of the biggest appointments in the leadership of Andover — town manager and superintendent. How involved do you feel the public should be in those decisions?

SOMEWHAT INVOLVED. The public should be afforded the opportunity to provide their opinions and meet and review the final candidates before appointments are made. **17 votes, 46 percent.**

VERY INVOLVED. Both the Board of Selectmen and School Committee should appoint citizens advisory committees to serve as search panels that would review all resumes and select the finalists for consideration. **16 votes, 43 percent.**

NOT INVOLVED. The task of selecting the next town manager and superintendent should be left to those with professional experience in the field — the hired consultants and ultimately the elected leaders. **4 votes, 11 percent.**

HONORING THE TROOPS



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois, center, the 2013 Run for the Troops honoree, starts off on the 5K course in his wheelchair as his wife, Kayla, left, pushes their son, Elijah David, in the stroller. They are joined at right by Catrina DeWitt, wife of last year's race honoree Matthew DeWitt, and her son, Levi.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Historic Mill District would shape Andover's future

Editor, Townsman:

On Feb. 24, the Andover Green Advisory Board voted unanimously to support the efforts of the community, the Planning Board and the Economic Development Council in the creation and promotion of the proposed Andover Historic Mill District Zoning Overlay.

The Green Advisory Board was formed in 2009 and has been tasked with analyzing and encouraging measures that will ensure a sustainable future for the Town of Andover. These measures have included many volunteer hours spent at the high school in support of environmental education programs, and renewable energy campaigns, such as the hugely successful Solarize Andover project, which continues to bring clean, renewable and resilient energy to nearly 90 Andover homes.

The Andover Historic Mill District overlay is the embodiment of all of the Green Advisory Board's campaigns and projects to date, wrapped up in one extremely important theme: We can do great things if we work together.

What's so significant about the overlay proposal is the fact that it was conceived of, and shaped by, hundreds of members of the Andover community, and not by a single private initiative. The overlay will allow for the community's vision to be manifest in a way that is inclusive and transparent, not entitled and contentious. Discussions conducted by members of the community led to the formation of the overlay itself. Representatives from the Council on Aging, students from the high school, young parents, and empty-nesters all participated in the process. This fact has had more impact on the Green Advisory Board's decision to support the Historic Mill District overlay than any other aspect of this proposal.

The overlay does contain within it many sustainable attributes, including its location near Andover's public transit center, its adjacency to the Shawshen River, and its promise of enhancing the walkability and economic

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vibrancy of downtown Andover.

We at the Andover Green Advisory Board sincerely hope that more people will reach out to the community-based team that led this effort. Learn more about the Andover Historic Mill District. Take a guided tour of the 100-acre overlay zone. Share your ideas and your vision. Shape the future of Andover.

We can do great things if we work together.

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Planning Board must weigh neighborhood impact

Editor, Townsman:

The problem on Elm Street is not about assisted living; it's about how a loophole in zoning is being exploited at the expense of Andover residents. The loophole allows — with a special permit — commercial properties to be put in residential neighborhoods.

At recent Planning Board meetings, I've heard, "I've lived in the my house for 60 years next to the property. How can they do this next to me?"; "I bought a home in a residential neighborhood and the town can allow this to happen?"; and "I find it

hard to believe that putting a commercial facility in a residential neighborhood is going to have no effect on traffic or the environment."

The truth is that all these town residents are right. Unfortunately, the Planning Board is in a tough spot because the citizens of Andover didn't realize at Town Meeting what adding this clause in single-family zoning ordinances could do to neighborhoods. And now we're seeing the negative impact of it in spades.

The zoning clause that allows this facility to even be contemplated was a big mistake. And people with no interest in the neighborhood are taking advantage. They're trying to barrage everyone with questionable statistics that justify their objectives. Fortunately, there is a discretionary element to the vote on the part of the Planning Board. The vote hinges on the impact on the neighborhood. But how does one define "impact?" Ask the people who live there. They're the ones fighting.

Let me ask: If you bought a house in a single-family zoned neighborhood, would you want this next to you? Twenty-four hours of emergency vehicles, delivery trucks, lights, workers? The fact that we're even having this debate is ludicrous. The Planning Board must consider the neighborhood impact and vote against this. I hope they won't capitulate because they are being challenged legally over another development that they shot down on Lowell Street. Again, in a residential neighborhood.

It's time for Andover residents to speak up against this because it could happen to any neighborhood in town. We also have to use Town Meeting to eliminate these loopholes so we can once again have a community where neighborhoods are sacred. Isn't that what we thought when we moved (or stayed) here?

ROB CIAMPA
53 Pine St.

Goldsmith's legacy is one that deserves honoring

Editor, Townsman:

It is a wonderful day to think of Bessie Goldsmith.

Perhaps you don't know, but she was locally famous in her time. A truly special woman. She worked for the Andover Townsman for about 25 years in the early to mid-20th century. Even at that time, in our small town (around 9,000 inhabitants), she was a driving force for women's rights and community enrichment. You should read her writings ... for this Andover should be very, very proud.

It is with humility that I say I currently live at Bessie Goldsmith's ancestral home. As she writes on page 96 of her pamphlet, "The Townsman's Andover," published by the Andover Historical Society in 1964, "The house in which my father was born in 1832 was moved to Summer Street, now No. 87, (changed to 115) when the "new house" was built when he was 10 years old." Records indicate it was originally built in 1791 before being moved ... wood was important in those times.

I would ask that you read one passage from Bessie's book, "The Acadians in Andover," by Annie Sawyer Downs (page 16):

"(They found) Houses and farms, and chance to till the ground,

For guiltless ones who from Acadian shores

By stress of war were driven to their doors.

Is shown, that once flax a wonderful yield

Produced under their skillful hands. When they

Back to their homes were sent. Sad was the day

And mournful their farewell. They left to show

Their love a cavern powdered horn, and how,

And smatches gay of song and dance

And stories strange of distant sunny France."

My simple question is, why do we need to have a Washington, D.C., shyster and local for-profit entities ruin Elm Street? I just don't get it and I do not think Bessie Goldsmith would either. God rest her special soul.

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More letters page 10.

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Inspiring strides

Patriotism soars to new heights at annual Run for the Troops 5K

BY PETER FRANCIS
Staff Writer

On Friday night, Rick and Dick Hoyt — the father-and-son pair who have become two of the most recognizable faces of the Boston Marathon over the last three decades — inspired the crowd at the Run for the Troops dinner with their story of strength, perseverance and devotion.

Two days later, father Dick, 74, took off from the starting line of the annual Run for the Troops 5K pushing his quadriplegic son, Rick, 53, who has cerebral palsy, in his wheelchair.

The duo have logged thousands of marathons, road races and triathlons together — but this was their first time taking to a course in Andover.

And the moment was not lost on the crowd of more than 2,500 participants and hundreds more spectators who came out for the annual fundraising event to support Homes for Our Troops, which builds specially adapted houses for wounded veterans.

They showed their admiration and support for the Hoyts while adding to the more than \$100,000 that has been raised for the cause over the last half decade.

"It's priceless, to have our veterans here and to honor them," said race director and founder Bill Pennington of Andover on the value of what has become an annual town tradition. "There is nothing special about this day — it's all about the cause. There are lots of other 5Ks, but none of them are beating this ... without this (cause), none of those other ones are possible."

Among the participants were between 300 to 500 veterans, according to Pennington, who stated that figure is a tad misleading.

"You have to also remember the families, because they also serve indirectly. When their significant others and parents are away serving, they run the house," said Pennington, himself the son of two veterans. "In some ways, they serve too."

Dick Hoyt, who served for 35 years in the armed forces, was one of the those paying tribute to his wounded brethren.

"We do a lot of motivational speaking for all the branches of service and this group here is unbelievable," he said. "To be able to help these wounded warriors is a great honor for us to be here."

Past honorees of Andover's Run for the Troops and their families returned to town for the event, including Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois, who lost both his legs in 2011 after stepping on an IED while serving in Afghanistan. Dubois, who was granted a new residence from Homes for Our Troops in 2013, completed the 5K with his wife, Kayla, pushing their young son, Elijah David, in a stroller.

Catrina DeWitt, the wife of 2014 Run for the Troops honoree Army Staff Sgt. Matthew DeWitt, who lost both his arms in 2003 during his first deployment in Iraq, also made the trek with her son, Levi.

While the top finishers for both men and women — Eric McDonald of Plaistow, N.H., and Michaela Jones of North Andover — completed the 5K course in 14:44 minutes and 18:04 minutes respectively, every participant was truly a winner, with each receiving a medal as they crossed the finish line.

The most inspirational moment of the morning belonged to 32-year-old Nic Van Landeghem of Fitchburg. After completing two



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Determined Air National Guardsman Nicholas Van Landeghem, who was paralyzed from the neck down in an accident three years ago after serving two tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, uses a walker as he covers the last 100 yards of Sunday's Run for the Troops 5K. The 32-year-old who was told he may never walk again completed the milestone with his daughters, at right, by his side. For more photos, see andovertownsmen.com.



David McGillivray, race director of the B.A.A. Boston Marathon, right, keeps pace with Dick Hoyt as he pushes his son, Rick, toward the end of their first Run for the Troops 5K.



Heather Viveiros, of Newton, carries an American flag at the start of the Run for the Troops 5K on Sunday. She was running for Active Heroes a non-profit that seeks to lower the number of suicides in the military.



Volunteers hold out medals awarded to every finisher of the race.



Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois, left, the 2013 Run for the Troops honoree who lost both his legs while serving in Afghanistan, holds his hat over his head as his son, Elijah David, right, glances up at him during the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" as part of the opening ceremonies.



Peter Clark cheers on other runners in the Run for the Troops 5K after he crossed the finish line on Bartlet Street on Sunday.

Mass and Mystical

Andover Choral Society looks to Haydn, Vaughan Williams for spring concert

The Andover Choral Society, directed by Michael Driscoll, is putting the final touches on Haydn's "Missa in tempore belli" (Mass in Time of War) and Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Five Mystical Songs," the featured works in its spring concert on Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Haydn's "Mass in Time of War" is the 10th and considered perhaps the most popular of his 14 Mass settings. At the time of its writing in 1796, the Austrian composer was at the peak of

his musical creativity and had established himself as one of Europe's premier composers. He and his countrymen were sharing a collective unease over the threatening advances of Napoleon's invading forces, which inspired the composition's name. The work is also commonly known as Paukenmesse, after the German word for timpani (pauken), due to the prominent timpani solo in the final movement. "Five Mystical Songs" by Vaughan Williams is based on four poems by the 17th century Anglican priest and metaphysical poet George

Herbert. Completed in 1911, the piece highlights the British composer's gift for melody and lush, colorful orchestration. It was written for baritone soloist, chorus and orchestra. "The brilliance of Haydn's 'Missa' and the sheer beauty of the Vaughan Williams 'Songs' make these pieces favorites for audience and singers alike," Driscoll said in a release. The chorus will be accompanied by a professional orchestra, with soprano Elisabeth Marshall, alto Emily Marvosh, tenor Gregory Zavracky and baritone Philip Limaas as featured soloists.

Founded in 1929, the Andover Choral Society is a 65- to 80-voice community chorus with a mission to provide the highest standard of musical performance to the Merrimack Valley community. Membership is open to anyone with a love for great choral music and a desire to share that love with others. The chorus performs two concerts a year at the Rogers Center for the Arts, with a repertoire focusing on fine choral and choral-orchestral works from the baroque to the 21st century. Driscoll has been its director since 2013.



STEVE ISENBERG/Courtesy photo

The Andover Choral Society, under the direction of Michael Driscoll, will perform Haydn's "Missa in tempore belli" (Mass in the Time of War) and Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Five Mystical Songs" when it returns to the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College on April 26 for its spring concert. Tickets for the April 26 concert are \$20 for adults in advance, \$25 at the door, with students welcome for \$5. For tickets and information, call 978-682-4050 or visit <http://andoverchoralso.org/concerts>.

Out & About: Fairy Tale fun with 'Three Pigs and Snappy Wolf'

"Three Little Pigs and One Snappy Wolf" parade into Andover next week for a production by The Fairy Tale Players Educational Theater for Children. The theater troupe will perform two morning shows of the adapted tale on Thursday, April 23, in The Meeting Hall at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover at 6 Locke St. The story follows three adventurous pigs and one trouble-making wolf as they discover friendship while being true to their feelings and taking care of responsibilities. Professional performers will meld energetic storytelling, audience interaction and stagecraft education to introduce children to self-expression, dramatic play and performing arts. Young audience members will take an active role in helping to build the brick house as the Little Pigs cooperate and the Snappy Wolf learns an important lesson. Show times are at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Admission is \$5; limited general admission seating is available. The venue is wheelchair accessible. To reserve a

spot, email info@fairytalearners.org. For more information, visit www.fairytalearners.org. **Solar Winds swirls up concert of quintets** Solar Winds blows into the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover, next weekend for a program of wind quintets. The ensemble will perform Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m. The program will include the music of Amy Beach, Ruth Crawford-Seeger, Claude Arrieu, Julia Wolfe and Louise Farrene. The featured performers are Jill Dreeben, flute; Charlyn Bethell, oboe; Diane Heffner, clarinet; Neil Godwin, French horn; and Neil Fairbairn, bassoon; joined by guest pianist John Kramer. The free concert is presented by the Phillips Academy Music Department. Call 978-749-4260 or email music@andover.edu for more information. ■ ■ ■ *Got an item for Out & About? Email townsman@andovertownsman.com.*

'Good fit' for Andover actor

Teen to play father in 'Anne Frank'

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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To honor the 70th anniversary of Anne Frank's death, Boston Children's Theatre will present the stage production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" with an Andover teen playing a key role. Alex Hanscom, 17, of Andover, takes on the part of Anne Frank's father, Otto Frank, who survives the Holocaust, inheriting 13-year-old Anne's manuscripts after her death. Anne's diary, which tells the story of the girl hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam during World War II, was eventually published and transitioned to both stage and screen. The story has won numerous awards, including a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award.

Hanscom, a senior at New England Academy in Beverly, has honed his craft performing with ACT Andover in "Shrek the Musical" as Donkey and in numerous Andover High School Drama Department productions, including "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Most recently, Hanscom appeared in Boston Children's Theatre's production of "The Addams Family." "Alex participates in our productions because New England Academy's theater arts program is small, but growing," Andover High theater director Susan Choquette wrote in an email. Choquette said she believes Otto Frank is a "good fit" for Hanscom, who played the father in "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"



COURTESY PHOTO

Alex Hanscom of Andover assumes the role of Otto Frank in Boston Children's Theatre's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank," which opens this Sunday and runs through May 2.

"Alex is very gifted and possesses a mature quality, which makes him well-suited to playing older roles at this age," she said, adding "BCT's productions are always outstanding. Put this one on your calendar."

The show will be performed at Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., Boston. For details on show times, tickets and more information, visit www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org or call 617-424-6634, ext. 222.

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An important date with Dance Prism's 'Tea Party with Alice'

Dance Prism celebrates the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's beloved "Wonderland" fantasy with the revival of its rollicking production, "A Tea Party with Alice in Wonderland," on Sunday, April 19, at 2:30 p.m. at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School, 100 Shawsheen Road. The performance of one of the company's most popular signature works will be followed by a slightly zany English Tea, during which children (and adults) in the audience will be invited to have complementary tea and sweets with Alice, the White Rabbit and the other madcap inhabitants of Wonderland. Dance Prism's original production of the ballet, choreographed by Mary Demaso and Scott Ranagan, follows Carroll's classic tale of a little girl's pursuit of a White Rabbit into an unpredictable land where fantasy and absurdity prevail. According to Demaso, the company's interpretation aims to preserve the sophistication of Carroll's



COURTESY PHOTO

Dance Prism revives its popular production, "A Tea Party with Alice in Wonderland," on Sunday at Andover High School's Collins Center for the Performing Arts.

satiric wit while introducing younger audiences to his charmingly nonsensical characters.

Angela Bonnici returns from New York to recreate the role of Alice, with Alex Roy of Providence, R.I., as the White Rabbit.

Joining them on stage will be pre-professional Andover dancers Victoria and Patrick Odlum as a Rocking-Horse-Fly and acrobatic Joker in the

Queen of Hearts' retinue respectively. Both have appeared in a variety of Dance Prism ballets since 2008, first in children's and now in dancers' roles. Patrick Odlum just completed a year as 2014 Junior Mr. Dance of New England as well. Also cast in the production are young Andover dancers Sarah Bace, Daniela Friedman, Annie Hamilton, Grace Ventre, Olivia Ventre and Kate Zdunczyk. The dancers, who are students at Andover School of Ballet, will play pawns in a giant chess game. They previously performed in Dance Prism's "Nutteracker" touring cast in November and December. Founded in 1982, Dance Prism is a classically focused ensemble that performs narrative ballets as well as original works and adaptations. It is composed of approximately 25 professional dancers and apprentices, supplemented by serious ballet students who audition annually for the company. Tickets for reserved seating are \$24 for adults, \$20 for students and \$18 for children and seniors, and include the post-performance tea. To order tickets, visit www.danceprism.com or call 978-371-1038.

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TROOPS

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tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan as a member of the Air National Guard, Van Landeghem broke his neck during a family gathering at home three years ago. The accident left him a quadriplegic. Doctors told him he may never walk again.

He proved them wrong on Sunday. Accompanied by his three daughters and girlfriend, and with the support of the staff of VA Boston Healthcare's Fisher House in West Roxbury, where he received care for several months following his accident, Van Landeghem, aided by a walker, inched his way along the final stretch of the race.

To the cheers of the crowd yelling, "Let's go, Nic," and the encouragement of his youngest daughter, who kept repeating, "You can do it, Daddy," Van Landeghem accomplished what many told him he couldn't — proudly wearing the medal around his neck to prove it.

"I just wanted my daughters and family to see that, when you believe in yourself, you can achieve anything," said Van Landeghem, who chronicles his experience on his website, www.iamachievingit.com.

"I have a motto that before you can be an achiever, you must first be a believer."

Ahead of Van Landeghem, runners representing all ages and walks of life raced down Bartlet Street in the final sprint to the finish. Some carried American flags; others were dressed in red, white and blue. There were groups representing various businesses, running clubs, veterans organizations and nonprofit organizations in the region.

Many of this year's runners were participating in the first of what they hope are many Run for the Troops races.

"My father was serving in World War II in Okinawa, Japan when I was born, so anything to do with veterans, it means a lot," said Daniel Dodson, 70, of Newton, N.H.

Jen LeRoy, 35, of Topsfield, meanwhile, was running for the third time as part of a team consisting of 18 family members, including her husband, Will, and son, Colin. She pushed her younger child in a stroller during the entire race.

"We have a family member who fought with the Marine Corps in Iraq," LeRoy said. "But it's a fun event, the whole family has enjoyed it today."



The first wave of runners fire off from the starting line on Whittier Street just after 9 a.m. Sunday.

RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos



Andrea Lee holds her daughter, Lilianne, 4, as she clutches a sign cheering on her father, David, at the start of the Run for the Troops 5K.



Spectators cheer on runners as they head down Bartlet Street on the final stretch to the finish line.



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Sports

From star to stranger

Merinder embracing challenges in debut on the volleyball court

By DAVID WILLIS
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For four years, the Merrimack Valley Conference feared Connor Merinder the basketball star, who possessed a combination of height, leaping ability and the skill to hit shots from anywhere on the floor.

Now, the MVC is being introduced to a new athlete on many of those same courts — Connor Merinder, novice volleyball star.

The 6-foot-5 Merinder is putting many of the talents that made him a two-time basketball All-Scholastic to a new test, as an outside hitter for the Andover High volleyball team, his first-ever venture into the sport.

"I was very skeptical about trying volleyball," Merinder said. "But it has definitely worked out."

"It was humbling at first seeing how good some of the players were, because it is a totally different sport. But I gave it a shot and it has been a lot of fun. I am learning the sport and I love the guys."

The forward who is bound for Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., has already shown off some impressive abilities. He has led the Golden Warriors in kills in each of their first four matches, including a stellar 21 against Lexington.

While Merinder hadn't played volleyball until about a month ago, the sport wasn't entirely foreign to him.

Connor's sisters Meagan Merinder (Andover High class of 2004) and Jen Merinder (AHS, 2006) were each All-MVC volleyball stars for the Golden Warriors and in college, with Meagan playing at Holy Cross in Worcester and Jen at Union College in New York.

"They are a lot older than me, so I was really young when I would go to their tournaments," Connor Merinder recalled. "But they would always try to pass to me in the backyard. I didn't know much, but I wasn't totally unfamiliar with the sport."

But with his eyes focused on basketball, the younger Merinder never considered playing the sport until Andover volleyball coach E.J. Perry — father of Merinder's basketball teammate E.J. Perry IV — began to court him.

"Last year, he started to talk to me about playing and was very convincing," Merinder said. "But I was really busy trying to get ready for college and figuring out where I was going to go. I was setting up AAU basketball and figuring a lot out."

This spring, however, with



Andover basketball star Connor Merinder has taken on a new sport as an outside hitter in volleyball. A quick study, he leads the Golden Warriors in kills in their first four games.



Connor Merinder's height and leaping ability, seen here defending against a Billerica player, made him an elite shot blocker on the basketball court. Those qualities are now proving he's a natural in his first season on the volleyball court, too.

his spot on the Trinity College basketball team set, Merinder and Perry began talking again.

"Coach Perry wrote me a few letters about how he wanted me to play and thought I could be very good and could make a difference to the team," Merinder said. "I wasn't sure, but I found myself with a little too much time on my hands without basketball and decided to fill it with volleyball."

There were plenty of nerves at the outset for Merinder, a two-year basketball captain who found himself trying out a new sport with an entirely different cast of teammates.

"I didn't know anyone on the team, so that was daunting," he said. "I felt like I was on top of the food chain in basketball,

and now I was going to be at the bottom of the chain."

"I was also wondering if it was going to be fun, and what if everyone thinks I am going to be good and I'm not. But I decided to take a leap of faith."

After not attending the first day of tryouts, Merinder showed up for Day 2 and joined the new squad.

"Everyone was looking at me because I don't think they thought I was going to play and I think they were surprised," he said. "I just tried to listen to them and learn everything I could from my new teammates."

While the talented athlete has been a quick study, he admits there has been some struggles.

COLLEGE CONCERNS?

The Trinity College basketball coaches could be concerned about top basketball recruit Connor Merinder — who averaged 15.2 points and 12.0 rebounds per game in the winter — giving volleyball a try for the first time.

But Merinder said they have been nothing but encouraging.

"They have supported me all the way through," Merinder said. "They just want to make sure I am keeping up with my basketball skills, and coach (E.J.) Perry lets me work out (for basketball) before and after every volleyball practice."

"I whiffed on a lot of shots the first few days," he said, laughing. "I still do sometimes. I also wasn't hitting correctly and my shoulder started to hurt. But coach Perry said I would get used to it and now I am having no issues with my shoulder."

"I still have some times when I get blocked a lot. I have to feel out how the defenders are playing and how they are playing me. I don't have the soft touch players that have been playing for years here. But I am learning, and most of the time I am trying to use my height and jumping ability to hit it over the blockers."

While basketball is his future, Merinder said he is thrilled with his new endeavor. "A team is a team no matter what and I love these guys," he said. "I don't have much time, but I am aspiring to learn as much as I can from them. And the chance to have coach Perry as a coach for the first time is exciting. I am having fun and I think I am coming along as a player."

David Willis is a sports-writer/videographer for The Andover Townsman. Reach him on twitter at @DWillisET

► Andover High Roundup



Jake Lakos makes a move toward the net last season. Lakos' goal with less than one minute to play led the Golden Warriors to a victory over Chelmsford last week.

Lakos' late score captures boys lacrosse victory

BOYS LACROSSE

Jake Lakos scored with 52 seconds remaining in regulation to give Andover a 5-4 victory over Chelmsford last Tuesday, April 7. Lakos finished the game with three goals, George Cardillo scored one goal and added two assists and Matt Nussbaum added the final goal for the winners.

George Cardillo scored three goals and had two assists and Jake Lakos netted a team-high four goals as Andover rolled over Haverhill 13-3 last Thursday, April 9. John Croston, Matt Croston, Mike Biddle, Andrew Manning, Ryan Puglisi and Matt Nussbaum each scored single goals for the winners.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Warriors closing 'Curtin'

With just 30 seconds remaining in overtime, Caroline Curtin scored the game-winning goal to give Andover a 5-3 victory over Chelmsford last Tuesday, April 7. Courtney Grygiel scored a game-high four goals, Brooke Lenes and Veronica Alois each added two goals and Jordan Torres scored once for the winners.

Carissa Reming scored a game-high four goals to lead Andover past Haverhill 12-2 last Thursday, April 9. Jess Leone scored three goals, Nikki Christopoulos netted two scores and Darsie Peterson, Caileigh Reming and Jordan Torres each scored once.

SOFTBALL

Hartnetts slug away

Megan Hartnett stroked two doubles and drove in five runs while sister Paige Hartnett added two doubles of her own and knocked in two runs as Andover rolled past North Andover 17-0 on Friday, April 10. Tori Roche and Amy Bordogna each had three hits and two RBIs and Amy Stankiewicz had two hits and scored twice for the winners.

Amy Bordogna was 3 for 4 with a run scored, but Andover fell to Tewksbury 7-3 last Tuesday, April 7. Paige Hartnett added two hits and scored a run for the Warriors.

Andover's Andrea Papa scored two runs and drove in two more, but the Golden Warriors fell to Billerica 14-10 last Wednesday, April 8. Tori Roche added two hits and scored two runs and Paige Hartnett had two hits and scored twice.

VOLLEYBALL

Hunt's efforts for naught

Connor Merinder record 21 kills, but Andover fell to Lexington 25-20, 25-21, 25-20 last Thursday, April 9. Ben Hunt had eight digs and Devin Dean added eight service points for the Warriors.

Jeff Hunt had 19 assists and Connor Merinder added 12 kills, but Andover lost to Haverhill 25-11, 25-20, 25-16 last Wednesday, April 8. Bruce Waters chipped in with eight service points and Devin Dean had seven digs for the Warriors.

Ironstone Derby racing to the finish May 2

You don't have to be in Kentucky to enjoy a great race and party on the day of the Kentucky Derby.

The Ironstone Derby — a 5K race followed by a Kentucky Derby party and barbecue — is set for Saturday, May 2, coinciding with the actual Run for the Roses at Churchill Downs.

The day benefits the non-profit work at Ironstone Farm in Andover.

The 4 p.m. race/walk and after-party take place in LeLacheur Park in Lowell, the home of the Red Sox minor league affiliate Lowell Spinners. The USA TF-certified race is directed by Dave McGillivray Sports Enterprises, which also directs the Boston Marathon.

Runners complete the race by doing a half-lap around the baseball field's warning track on the way to the finish line, with friends and family cheering in the stands. There are

free T-shirts for the first 500 registrants and stick-horse races for children under 12, too.

Then everyone can stay for the post-race party and all-you-can-eat barbecue of steak tips, ribs, chicken, hot dogs and more. Concessions also will be open. There will be games and chances to pick a favorite horse and watch the Kentucky Derby live on the Jumbotron. Tickets for the barbecue are \$25.

Entry fees for the 5K are \$35 for adults and \$25 for ages 12 and under. The kids stick-horse run costs \$10. Register at www.lightboxreg.com/ironstone.

Team registration is encouraged; email neilfater@challengeunlimited.org to create a team. Prizes will be awarded for the largest and fastest teams, the team that raises the most money, and the team that is most creatively dressed for the

derby — think hats and all. Individual prizes, including roses, will be awarded to the top male and female finishers.

The top 12-and-younger 5K runners will win free tickets to a Lowell Spinners game.

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The race benefits the nonprofit work of Challenge Unlimited Ironstone Farm, which serves children with special needs, combat veterans, people diagnosed with cancer, adults with special needs, teens at risk, elders with memory issues and others. Learn more at www.ironstonefarm.org.



Kids can be part of stick-horse races during the May 2 Ironstone Derby at LeLacheur Park in Lowell.

Champions



COURTESY PHOTO

The Andover Squirt 3 team capped off a winning season with a big victory on Sunday, April 12, to capture the Valley League West Championship. The team beat Dorchester 1-0 in a shootout for the trophy. In addition to the Valley League title, the Squirts also won the state championship in February. Under the leadership of head coach Rob Castro and his coaching team of Jon Pelletier, Efi Roe and Sean Burke, parents say the players learned how to play unselfishly as a team. The Squirts include, back row, from left, Finian Burke, Itai Roe Kozorovitsky, Carter Hillson, Lucas Iannicelli, Thomas Ferdinando, Jacob Srivastava, Patrick Layman and Nil Castro-Rovira, and, front row, from left, Peter Elliott, Nate Carriuolo, Aidan Fenton, goalie Michael Pelletier, Ryan Magner and Ryan Mittelman.

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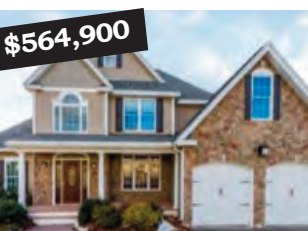
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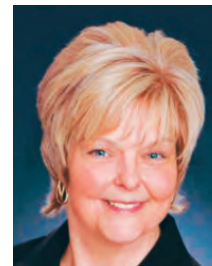
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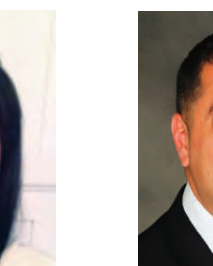
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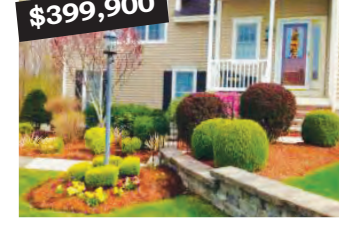


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Townspeople

YWCA Tribute to Women to honor 22 leaders

Several Andover women will be among the 22 honorees at the YWCA of Greater Lawrence's annual Tribute to Women awards luncheon, set for Thursday, May 14, from noon to 2 p.m. at Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.

The Tribute to Women event honors the contributions of women from the Merrimack Valley and serves at the YWCA's major fundraiser. Honorees come from all walks of life; their contributions are varied, and all are remarkable in their own way, according to YWCA Executive Director Mary B.

O'Brien. "Once again, we have an amazing slate of honorees. Clearly, there is no shortage of talented, committed women in the Merrimack Valley," O'Brien said in a press release.

The 2015 Tribute to Women Honorees are:

Dr. Lisa Abdallah, PhD, RN, School of Nursing chairwoman and associate professor, UMass Lowell

Trisha Blanchet, founder and president, Operation Delta Dog

Sister Eileen Burns, executive director, Notre Dame Education Center

Rachel Concepcion, assistant vice president, Eastern Bank

Patricia Connolly-Atkins, founding member, ECCF Women's Fund of Essex County

Stephanie DiCenso, program coordinator, Cardiac Rehabilitation Department, Holy Family Hospital

Mary Dow, president, The Dow Company, Inc.

Loubna Garozzo, area director, SNI Companies, Inc., Andover office

Margaret Hamilton, co-founder, North Shore Women of H.O.P.E.

Yakaira Inoa, general manager, R.M. Technologies, Inc.

Danissa Lambert, branch

relationship manager, bank officer, Enterprise Bank

Mary Marra, former executive director, Bread and Roses Housing

Dr. Cara Marshall, physician, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center

Myra Ortiz, associate, Mayo Clinic; Lawrence School Committee member and Pampered Chef consultant

Marianne Paley Nadel, general manager, Everett Mills Real Estate, LLC

Dr. Dawna Perez, dean of student success, Northern Essex Community College

Sharon Polleck, bio-therapeutics research and

development, Pfizer, Inc.

Bonnie Sisson, development coordinator, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.

Amy Stanton, accounts management field director, Internal Revenue Service

Dawn-Marie Sutton, SWDM business line procurement, Alcatel-Lucent

Susan Wilson, co-founder, North Shore Women of H.O.P.E.

Anita Rajan Worden, CEO, Solectria Renewables, LLC

Sarah Young, director, facilities program planning, Massachusetts School Building Authority; board president, Groundwork Lawrence

Since 1983, the YWCA's Tribute to Women awards luncheon has recognized nearly 700 female leaders from the Merrimack Valley. Former Sen. Susan Tucker of Andover serves as the event's honorary chairwoman.

The luncheon typically attracts a sell-out crowd of nearly 450 guests. Tickets are \$50. Proceeds provide crucial funding for programs at the YWCA, which serves more than 16,000 women, youth and families throughout Essex County annually. For ticket and sponsorship information, visit www.ywcalawrence.org or call 978-687-0331, ext. 1029.

Abundant menu for Kiwanis' Fabulous Feast



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover High School girls varsity swim and dive coach Marilyn Fitzgerald's commitment to her athletes and determination in the face of breast cancer have earned her the Tony and Gladys Sakowich Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sgt. James Gunter will be honored with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence's 2015 Humanitarian of the Year Award at its Fabulous Feast on April 29.

AHS swim coach, Methuen police sergeant to be honored

Get ready to sample the best of what nearly two dozen local restaurants have to offer.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence will host its 17th annual Fabulous Feast fundraiser on Wednesday, April 29, at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road.

More than 20 of the Merrimack Valley's best restaurants and caterers will treat 400 guests to a sampling of their signature creations.

In addition to the feast, the Kiwanis Club will honor two local individuals for their contributions to their communities — Andover High School girls varsity swim and dive coach Marilyn Fitzgerald and Methuen police Sgt. James Gunter.

Fitzgerald will receive the Tony and Gladys Sakowich Lifetime Achievement Award. Fitzgerald is

being honored for her 23 years of coaching and the inspiration that she has instilled in so many of her athletes. She has continued to coach this season in spite of a breast cancer diagnosis and the ensuing treatments.

As Fitzgerald told Andover Townsman reporter Dave Willis last August, "I love coaching, believing that I can make a difference in someone else's life. I think I can make them do something they never thought they could. I want them all to know that they can do something special."

In addition to her time spent as a high school coach, Fitzgerald has certified more than 1,000 lifeguards and more than 750 water safety instructors. She was also the former aquatic director at the Andover-North Andover YMCA, Newburyport

YWCA and Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover.

Gunter will be presented with the Kiwanis 2015 Humanitarian of the Year Award for his continued efforts to help improve the lives of children in the Merrimack Valley. As the supervisor of his department's Community Outreach Division, he has been the liaison to The Methuen Arlington Neighborhood and a large part of the Arlington Youth Basketball League that runs during the summer.

Gunter has worked to ensure that the basketball program is always funded, saying it gives kids something to look forward to during the summer months.

"We all see everyday in the media what happens when our youth don't

See **KIWANIS**, Page 25

Leto named VP at N.J. university

Leah Leto, former associate vice president for advancement and external affairs at Saint Peter's University in New Jersey, has been promoted to the role of vice president for advancement and external affairs.

A 1994 graduate of Andover High School, the former Leah Bonner's promotion follows the conclusion of Students at the Center: The Campaign for Saint Peter's University, the largest capital campaign in the university's history. Leto played an integral role in that campaign, overseeing the leadership gifts program and personally securing several million dollars for the effort, according to Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., president of Saint Peter's University.

"Given Leah's successful track record with Saint Peter's, I have absolute confidence in her ability to lead our advancement and external affairs priorities moving forward," Cornacchia said.

Leto began her career at Saint Peter's in 2002 as an alumni relations officer and has served the advancement department for more than 12 years. In her most recent role as associate vice president for advancement and external affairs, she supervised an eight-person team, worked closely with alumni to secure support for critical university priorities, set capital campaign strategy and collaborated with board members and university leadership. In addition, she oversaw

corporate and foundation relations, major gifts, board management, planned giving, advancement records, donor relations and prospect research.

In her new role, she will oversee those areas as well as alumni engagement and university communications for the Jesuit, Catholic university.

"I am honored to lead the advancement and external affairs team at such a pivotal moment in Saint Peter's history," Leto said in a release.

"As we celebrate the historic achievement of concluding the largest capital campaign in the university's history, I am dedicated to maintaining this momentum in order to build on the solid foundation that we have established."

Leto received bachelor's degrees in art history and French from Vassar College in New York and began her career as a production assistant at the Metropolitan Opera Association in New York City. She went on to serve as an associate in the development and membership offices at The Newark Museum in New Jersey before joining the Saint Peter's team. She obtained a master's degree in education from Saint Peter's in 2005.



Leah Leto

TOWNSPEOPLE

'Paying It Forward' with a special book

Andover native Gretchen Detora is continuing to "Pay It Forward" with her children's book inspired by a local father who was killed in a car accident in 2013.

Detora recently visited the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence to read her book, "Dave and Danny Pay It Forward," to 27 young club members. Through her Donate a Book/Pay It Forward Gift Fund, which she started last summer, Detora gave each child a book before she left.

"They were so happy to receive a book of their own and I can't tell you how happy I was to give them each a book," Detora said in a release.

Detora said she is hoping the Pay It Forward Gift Fund will continue growing as people donate books, enabling her to spread to young people her book's important message about kindness and giving back by doing something good for someone.

In addition, 20 percent of sales of Detora's self-published children's book are being donated to the Vaughan Family Trust Fund in memory of the 40-year-old Andover father of three young children.

For more on Detora's book and efforts, visit www.DaveandDanny.org.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Gretchen Detora, author of "Dave and Danny Pay It Forward," poses with young members of the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence on a recent visit where she read her book and distributed free copies.

'Remember the Girls' one dress at a time

It's been a year this week since some 270 girls were kidnapped by Boko Haram from their school in Chibok, Nigeria. During that time, Boko Haram has kidnapped more boys and girls in other parts of Nigeria and just recently was said to be involved in college student killings in Kenya.

Andover artist **Thea Shapiro** won't forget these tragedies. "I started a Facebook page called 'Remember the Girls' and every day I post a picture of a dress I have made out of origami paper to help keep these young women in our hearts and minds. Anyone who knows a young woman in school can imagine the

terror these girls must be suffering," said Shapiro, the wife of David Grober and mother of two.

Shapiro asks that the public like her "Remember the Girls" Facebook page and join her in keeping "the plight of these young women alive."

"These young women have become a symbol for me, a reminder that all young women should have the right to be educated," she said. "The right to education is needed everywhere in the world ... until the time comes when these girls are free, I will post a dress every day."

To submit an item for the Townspeople column, email townsman@andovertownsmen.com.



One of the origami paper dresses Andover artist Thea Shapiro creates every day to remember the young women being kidnapped in Nigeria and denied an education.

Local runner Marathon bound with Patriots Charitable Team

Andover resident Bill McQuaide will be running the Boston Marathon with the champions. And no, we don't mean the Kenyans.

The lifelong runner is taking on the famed 26.2-mile race as part of the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots Charitable Foundation's team.

"I am running the 2015 Boston Marathon for two reasons," McQuaide said in a release. "First, it is an opportunity to raise money for people with great need in our community through the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation."

"Secondly, it is a fantastic opportunity for me to run in the world's greatest marathon. ... There isn't a better race on Earth to participate in."

This year's Patriots Boston Marathon Team set an ambitious goal of raising \$200,000, a mark it has already eclipsed with days still remaining before race day.

Since its inception eight years ago, the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation's Boston Marathon teams have raised more than \$1 million to

support children and families throughout the region.

For the fifth consecutive year, the funds raised will support the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards program, which gives grants to nonprofit organizations through nominations of deserving volunteers in New England in tribute to the late Myra Kraft, who spent her life as a volunteer and community advocate. This year's awards in June will recognize 26 volunteers for their outstanding commitment to community service.

More than 100 runners applied to be a part of this year's Patriots Boston Marathon team, submitting information that including stories of being a Patriots fan, of their triumph over personal difficulties and of their desire to lead a healthy life. Only 30 team members were ultimately chosen.

Fans can continue to make donations through race day in support of the team's cause by visiting www.firstgiving.com/PatriotsCharitableFoundation/bostonmarathon2015.

A sweet Canada adventure for AYS youth

Michael Weber
Andover Youth Services

After several years of leading November trips to the Scott Family Christmas Tree Farm in New Brunswick, Andover Youth Services made its first spring trip this year to Dumfries Maples, a sugar bush owned by the Scott family, to help in the collection of sap and production of maple syrup.

The Scott family has been providing the AYS Tree Lot with Christmas trees from their farm for nearly a decade. Every fall, AYS has led groups of students up north to collect the trees.

This April, a group of 13 Andover High School students decided to venture north in the springtime as well, participating in a new kind of Canada trip that involved snowshoeing, tree tapping and bucket lugging. The group departed on Thursday, April 2, and worked for two days at the farm before returning to Andover late that Saturday night. Through the hard work, fun and challenges, the teens said they found enjoyment in the new experience.

"Each trip, we leave with a vague idea of what we're doing up there and we have to have an open mind from there," Andover High senior Maria Cortner said of the numerous AYS trips to Canada that she has participated in.

"We all allowed ourselves to be challenged by the environment and as the first day went on, we got further from the comfort and restrictions of our hometown and allowed ourselves to truly experience and appreciate what we were doing."

The Scott family's sugar bush is a family-operated business in Dumfries, New Brunswick, near Fredericton. Nathan Scott, with the help of his father, Don, and sister, Jane, began tapping maple trees in 1998, and the business has only expanded since then, with a sugarhouse and pancake house opening to the public in 2010.

Today, the sugar bush has thousands of tapped trees, about half of which have their sap collected through a system of tubing and vacuum pumps. The other half must have their sap retrieved the old-fashioned way, through manual collection from buckets hung from each tree.



Andover Youth Services members pose for a group photo at Dumfries Maples, a sugar bush in New Brunswick, where they spent two days this spring working to collect sap and produce maple syrup.

GABE HERNANDEZ/Courtesy photos



Some of the 13 Andover Youth Services members who traveled to Dumfries Maples, a sugar bush in New Brunswick, on a first-time adventure this spring.

That's where the AYS crew came in. On Friday and Saturday mornings, everyone put on a pair of snowshoes and made their way through the forest, heaving a 5-gallon bucket of sap in each hand.

"(Friday) was so beautiful. We were standing in pure sunshine and half of us got sunburns," Cortner said of the first day's unusually favorable working conditions.

The next day, however, the team encountered snow and rain, which softened the several feet of snow, making snowshoeing from tree to tree nearly impossible.

"The conditions were not ideal, but everyone was just like, 'You know what, it happens,'" Cortner said. "Everyone was on the same level, we were all doing the same job, and we were in the same

dilemma. Things like that bring people together."

Over the course of the two days, the AYS team collected nearly 1,500 gallons of sap, far more than the Scott family and their employees are normally able to retrieve on their own in that time span.

After Saturday's collection, the Andover teens were able to watch as the sap they collected was run through an evaporator and turned into delicious maple syrup. Next winter, the AYS Tree Lot is planning to feature some Dumfries Maple Syrup that the local teens had a hand in making.

Throughout the entire process, the Andover group adhered to the AYS mantra "challenge by choice." The teens also relinquished access to their cellphones and

adhered to a "no whining" policy, which they enthusiastically embraced.

"Being away from my phone and in the woods was a rejuvenating experience and it just made me happy," AHS senior Amy Bolton said of her first AYS trip to Canada.

The teens say the experience also allowed them to get to know each other better, and they forged new friendships as a result.

"These trips have allowed me to travel outside of my comfort zone and continue to learn about myself," Cortner added. "The barriers we build for ourselves really start to come down over the time we are together."

Michael Weber is a senior at Andover High School.

'Survivor' champ, cancer survivor to speak at temple

The champion of the TV reality show "Survivor Africa" and former professional soccer player Ethan Zohn will be the guest speaker at the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel's annual Ways and Means fundraising event next month.

Zohn, a two-time cancer survivor and co-founder of Grassroot Soccer, will share his story of recovery from a stem cell transplant recipient to becoming an agent of change during the program on Thursday, May 7, at 6 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover.



Ethan Zohn

Zohn continues to use his celebrity experience to educate others by speaking at events around the world. Through his charitable work, volunteerism and community involvement, he aims to make the world a better place and inspires others to do the same.

Women of all ages from the community are invited to attend. The evening will begin with cocktails and a silent auction, followed by dinner and Zohn's presentation. Tickets begin at \$75. Proceeds support the Sisterhood, which sponsors programs to benefit programs locally and worldwide. For more information or reservations, visit www.templemanuel.net.

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have structure in their lives. The program is offered to children and teenagers to teach them teamwork, how to support each other and how to just go out there and have some fun while getting some exercise," Gunter said in a release.

Gunter is also the liaison between the Police Department and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence., which have teamed to sponsor an annual Bike Rodeo that teaches children bicycle safety and the proper way to wear their helmets and other safety equipment.

Eagle-Tribune sports editor Bill Burt will serve as the master of ceremonies for the evening. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 per table. Proceeds from the event support local programs that help children.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence is a group of men and women from the Merrimack Valley who volunteer their time to improve the lives of local children through many initiatives, including those offered by the YMCA, YWCA, The Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, and Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm. The club provides Student of the Month and Citizen of the Month awards and participates in a yearly George Street Bridge cleaning in Andover and Hennessey School reading program in Lawrence.

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Season opens for Bald Hill compost site

The Bald Hill compost site on High Plain Road has opened for the season. Operating hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The site is available to Andover residents by permit only. Leaves, grass clippings and green garden waste are accepted. No plastic bags,

branches or other waste may be disposed of there. Residents may also take compost loaded by hand into their vehicles for their own private use. The site is fenced off to prevent illegal dumping, which is subject to fines of up to \$10,000. A one-year permit is \$25 per vehicle (\$24 by mail) and a three-year permit is \$75 per

vehicle (\$72 by mail). Permits are issued by the Plant & Facilities Division of the Andover Municipal Services Department and registered to individual vehicles. To acquire a permit by mail, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, a copy of the vehicle registration and check to Town of Andover — Bald Hill Permits, Plant &

Facilities Division, 36 Bartlett St., Andover. Permits may also be purchased Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plant & Facilities Division office on the ground floor of the Town Offices Building. Bring a copy of the vehicle registration and payment. The site will remain open through Nov. 29.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

- **1 Yale Road:** Robert and Lesley Scully to Joseph A. Dispensa and Jaclyn Alexander, \$398,000
- **16 Balmoral St., Unit 217:** Corinne M. and Corinne M. Pierce to R.S. Parrish and K.L. Grothaus-Parrish, \$165,325
- **1 Christian Way:** Sothy L. and Jessica B. Pheng to Xiaofei Pu and Rong Zhou, \$796,000
- **50 Colonial Drive, Unit 8:** Kathleen A. Lemay and Green Tree Servicing LLC to FNMA, \$169,947
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