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One of the War Memorials at The Park. Courtesy photo

Veterans resting easy with Park master plan

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After months of concerns over the future of the war memorials at The Park, a final master plan that won approval last week is being heralded for both honoring the monuments while allowing for updates to the popular town common.

Veterans Director Michael Burke commended Senior Planner Lisa Schwarz for a job well done after the Planning Board unanimously approved a future blueprint for the 20.4-acre parcel at the intersection of Bartlet and Chestnut streets.

For well over a year, Schwarz has been working to create a master plan for The Park. But early on, she ran into some pushback from veterans concerned that a proposed child's play area would detract from the four war memorials that now occupy the town common.

Burke and several other veterans in town said The Park should remain a place for memorializing the 85 Andover residents who lost their lives serving the country throughout the 20th century.

The final plan does that. While the long-range blueprint calls for a passive recreation area at The Park, if any play equipment is in the area's future, those attractions will be located at the adjacent playstead and ballfields.

"Thank you for letting us have an opportunity to speak, and thank you for putting our concerns at ease that the playground would be kept in the playstead," Burke said.

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Town, Phillips settle on payments

Plan calls for school to more boost annual 'gift' in lieu of taxes

By BILL KIRK
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Phillips Andover Academy will more than double its annual payment in lieu of taxes to the town if an agreement unveiled this week is approved by the Board of Selectmen.

The board did a so-called "first reading" Monday night of the proposed agreement, which was hashed out over the last couple of years after the original agreement between the town and Phillips expired in 2013.

Under the terms of the original deal, Phillips paid the town about \$177,000 a year as a gift to defray some of the town's costs for hosting the school. Because it is a nonprofit school, Phillips doesn't pay property taxes. Instead, the school makes a payment, or gift as it's been called, in lieu of taxes.

Under the new proposal, Phillips will pay the town \$242,000 this fiscal year, which was due May 31; \$312,000 in fiscal 2016, which starts July 1; and \$382,000 in fiscal year 2017.

After that, until 2022 when the deal expires, payments will go up based on the average property tax increase over the last 10 years, not to exceed 3.6 percent.

Selectmen will vote on whether to approve the new agreement at their June 15 meeting.

Selectman Paul Salafia, who worked with Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski to negotiate the deal, said it was a win-win for the town and the school.

"I think they (Phillips) really did feel they wanted to be part of the community and part of the solution," he said. "They didn't have a legal responsibility; they have a civic responsibility."

He said that during the negotiations, the town documented the value of services it provides to the school, while the school outlined the value of services it provides to the town.

"It was eye-opening to me to see how much they do for the town, and it was

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MARY SCHWALM/Staff file photo

From left, Veterans Ted Witman, Andover Director of Veterans' Services Michael Burke and Cal Deyermund talk near the World War I monument at The Park in Andover. Veterans last week applauded a final master plan that will see the war monuments in The Park remaining in place.

Career highs and lows

A look at the finalists for Andover's interim school superintendent

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The two finalists for Andover's interim superintendent of schools say that like the old adage about not judging a book by its cover, a career should not always be judged by a Google search.

Sheldon "Shelley" Berman said when he retired from Hudson, Mass., in 2007 after 14 years as its superintendent, the district "had an extremely good reputation for innovation and excellence, where it didn't when I first began."

It was when he took over as superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, Ky., and most recently as the superintendent of the Eugene, Ore., public schools that he said negative, untrue reports began following him.

Paul Ash, superintendent of the Lexington Public Schools for the past 10 years, meanwhile, was reportedly in the midst of contract negotiations with a divided school board in March 2014 when he unexpectedly announced



Paul Ash



Sheldon Berman

Officials: Student in video coerced to make threats

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School and police officials have concluded that what they thought was a threatening video made by a student last week may actually have been the product of coercion by other students.

Police said at least four students are being investigated and their names, along with the name of the student who

is shown in the video, have been forwarded to District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett.

The investigation into the video, which was discovered late last week, found that "the actions of others" induced a student to discuss "his consideration of whether to commit a violent act at school," according to police and school officials.

In a message sent to parents Monday evening,

Superintendent Marinel McGrath said that she is "unable to disclose matters involving student discipline," though she said that the students involved have been "segregated."

"Our investigation has been completed and we, along with the Andover Police, have concluded that the student in the video never had any intent of performing a violent act," her message said. "Instead,

the statement resulted from the actions of others which induced the student to place himself in a compromising situation."

'Student privacy'

As of press time Tuesday, no charges had been filed in the case. Carrie Kimball-Monahan, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Jonathan

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Town Clerk Murphy named interim town manager

To take over for Stapczynski starting July 1

By BILL KIRK
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five-year contract until his permanent replacement can be named.



Larry Murphy

Town Clerk Larry Murphy will assume the job of interim town manager starting July 1 following a unanimous vote last week by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen held a special meeting on Thursday, May 28, to discuss whether to hire an interim town manager from within the ranks of Town Hall, to hire someone from outside or to offer retiring Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski an extension to his

Selectmen Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue said she spoke with Stapczynski last week and he declined the offer of staying on after his contract expires on June 30.

"He told me he's ready to retire," O'Donoghue said. Stapczynski has been town

manager for 25 years.

As a result, selectmen unanimously decided to choose from within and appointed Murphy to the interim post. He will serve at least three months and possibly as long as six months, depending on how fast selectmen can hire a new town manager.

Several selectmen said that hiring Murphy was a good option because he has plenty of experience and will be surrounded by a strong upper-management team.

Murphy, 66, has served as acting town manager on numerous occasions when Stapczynski was on vacation, including just recently when the manager was out of town

for the weekend. He said he was honored to be chosen.

"I'm very flattered that the board would have that kind of trust in me," he said. "There are a lot of very qualified people currently serving in the town government who could have filled the position. I'm very flattered they gave me the opportunity."

He said he was "looking forward to the challenge" and hoped to sit down soon with Stapczynski and selectmen to scope out his responsibilities and establish a transition.

"We've got very good staff," he said. "With their help, we can keep things going OK until we get the new town manager. A lot is going to depend on how quickly we get

a permanent town manager. I've got to sit with the board, and with Buzz, and talk about the transition and how that's going to work."

Murphy's job as town clerk will be filled by Assistant Town Clerk Kathleen McKenna during the interim.

While Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo had also thrown his hat in the ring for the interim town manager's job, O'Donoghue said the board felt Murphy was a good option. She also noted that summer is the slowest time of year in town government.

If the job goes on for long, Murphy may get a bump in pay. Last year, he made about \$112,000 while Stapczynski

earned about \$156,000.

Murphy was appointed to the clerk's position by Stapczynski and approved for the position by the Board of Selectmen in July 2010.

Before coming to Andover, he held the joint position of town clerk/town counsel in West Newbury for 3 1/2 years, but was West Newbury's town counsel since 1994.

Prior to West Newbury, Murphy had a private law practice and was an assistant district attorney for Essex County.

Murphy and his wife live in an in-law apartment attached to his daughter's house in Newbury. He also has two sons and four grandchildren.

PARK

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The Park is now home to a World War I Howitzer cannon captured by American forces, which was placed there in 1932. Three more monuments were dedicated between 2004 and 2008 — a World War II monument in the northeast corner, a Vietnam War monument on the east side and a Korean War monument on the southeast corner.

The war memorials and monuments will all remain in their current locations, according to the plan. However, officials will look at bringing more access and

awareness to them in the future. A small area, called a "memorial grove," is also being recommended as a space to honor the town's public servants, volunteers and elected officials who have passed away.

Schwarz said the master plan primarily aims to address what have been recurring issues at The Park and neighboring playstead and municipal complex, such as a lack of seating, shaded areas, lighting and signs. It was created in the hopes of directing town officials — both current and future — on how to correct those needs.

Planning Board Chairman Zach Bergeron said the plan "helps establish a protocol"



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

A crowd gathers in The Park for Memorial Day observances last week. A new master plan approved for the town common looks to preserve the war monuments there, while also improving seating, lighting and shade areas as well as creating a passive recreation spot for unstructured play.

With the move forward. While there won't be rope swings and slides in The Park, there will likely be a "focal intergenerational passive gathering space." This area is described in the plan as "an environment of varied materials that encourages unstructured, free play," and includes elements such as plants, rocks, pathways, a garden, a small-scale bridge and a climbing hill, among other features.

The master plan also recommends that officials consider the reorientation, reconstruction or removal of the bandstand at The Park. The size and height of the structure are listed as constraints, and its purpose has changed from what it was originally intended when it was installed in the 1930s.

While Marc Fournier, deputy director of municipal services and director of the Highway Department, said recently that he'd like to see an arboretum, or a collection of trees, created at The Park, one is not mentioned in the plan.

Schwarz said that she met with Fournier and he was

primarily seeking to label the current trees in The Park rather than making any drastic changes. She said Fournier would work off the master plan to create a similar document for its trees.

"I think the master plan and arboretum will be complementary," Fournier said. "With the arboretum, we will look to add some (trees), but will also be identifying, labeling, mulching and pruning the ones that are there. Some trees that are there already and in poor health may also be replaced."

The next step for the master plan will be a courtesy presentation to the Board of Selectmen. A date for that meeting has not yet been set.

Planning Board member Joan Duff said The Park master plan was "well drafted and a quality document."

"We have lots and lots of public input and I feel comfortable with it," she said. "I feel that we have incorporated everybody's options and suggestions."

To view the full master plan for The Park, visit <http://andoverma.gov/planning/parkplan0515.pdf>.

DEAL

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eye-opening for them how much we do for them," Salafia said.

Phillips Head of School John Palfrey said he was happy about the agreement as well.

"We are encouraged by the progress made with the town and our work to establish a long-term agreement," he said in a statement.

"This proposal, in addition to many other positive dimensions of our work together, demonstrates that we appreciate this mutually beneficial relationship and take very seriously our role as a major employer and a responsible, actively engaged neighbor."

If the agreement is approved, Palfrey said that among private secondary schools in Massachusetts, Phillips Academy would be making the most substantial payment of this type to a town or city.

In addition to the voluntary payment, Phillips makes numerous other contributions, both financial and in kind, to Andover. For example, in any given year, about 130 students from the town attend Phillips Academy. The school awards about \$1 million in financial aid to assist some of those students with tuition.

In December 2014, the academy donated \$500,000 to the Andover Youth Foundation to help complete the Cormier youth/community center project. The academy also conducts a robust community service program, offers free education and cultural programs and preserves open spaces for the public to enjoy.

Stapczynski said Phillips

also pays taxes on some of its non-educational properties, nearly a half-million dollars in water and sewer bills and building permit fees for new construction.

Plus, he said, the school funds improvements along the stretch of South Street that runs through its campus.

Salafia estimated that all together, the school probably pays the town "close to \$1 million a year"

"The bottom line is, they have no obligation to pay one penny to us," Salafia said. "It's completely discretionary and up to their civic responsibility and being good citizens in the town. I think \$382,000 is a terrific amount of civic responsibility."

Several years ago, selectmen asked the town manager to come up with a "payment in lieu of taxes policy" for all the major, nonprofit property owners in town.

In addition to Phillips, which owns the largest amount of property, Stapczynski wrote a report looking at Merrimack College, Pike School, Massachusetts School of Law and other educational institutions.

Salafia said negotiations are continuing with Merrimack College, but that he would wait until after a new town manager is hired before starting talks with the other schools.

The town manager's original plan called for the schools to pay 25 percent of what their property tax would be if they were taxed as a business or residential property.

In the case of Phillips, the school would have paid \$700,000, but selectmen said that was really just a starting point for negotiations.

TOWN BRIEFS

Support sought for Harold Parker State Forest's needs

The Friends of Harold Parker will hold its first annual meeting on Tuesday, June 9, at Berry Pond in North Andover from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. All friends of Harold Parker State Forest are welcome to come, meet the new board members and learn about some of the issues facing the local forest.

Budget cutbacks have hit the state Department of Conservation and Recreation and all Massachusetts forests and parks hard, the organization's leaders say. There has never been a more important for Harold Parker to have a strong advocate base, they say.

The forest will be celebrating its 100th year in 2016 and the friends group hopes to use the milestone as an opportunity to

generate interest in all the property has to offer as well as public support for its needs. Members of the public, from regular visitors to interested newcomers, are encouraged to share concerns and enthusiasm for the forest.

Berry Pond is located at 15 Middleton Road in North Andover. It is handicapped accessible. Bring a chair or blanket; bug repellent and appropriate clothing are also recommended. For more information, email info@FriendsOfHaroldParker.org.

Conservation land camping opportunities

The Andover Conservation Commission offers periodic camping opportunities on conservation land along the scenic Shawshen River from April through October. There are fire pits, picnic tables and a good "put-in" for canoes and kayaks.

Interested campers are required to register with the town conservation office. A donation of \$8 per person to cover the cost of the site's portable toilet is requested. A conservation representative accompanies each event. There is no open public camping allowed other than on specific dates.

For more information, contact the conservation office by email at conservation@andoverma.gov or call 978-623-8311.

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Townsman, Kirk win news awards

STAFF REPORTS

For the second straight year, the Andover Townsman has won the Newspaper of the Year award for non-dailies from its parent company, Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc.

Assistant Editor Bill Kirk also picked up the Reporter of the Year award in the weeklies category for the second year in a row.

Donna Barrett, CEO of the national newspaper company, visited the Chestnut Street office of the Townsman on May 14 to hand out the awards.

Sonya Vartabedian, editor of the Townsman, accepted a silver cup mounted on a wooden pedestal on behalf of the staff in recognition of the honor. Kirk was handed a plaque with the words "Best of CNHI 2014" embossed on black metal.

Also on-hand for the ceremony were CNHI Senior Vice President of News Bill Ketter, North of Boston Media Group Publisher Karen Andreas, and a number of other company officials.

The Townsman was singled out for Newspaper of the Year honors among weekly and non-daily newspapers for its news enterprise and for its variety of feature stories and photos that celebrated the lives of local residents, according to a press release from CNHI. Judges were also impressed with the paper's dynamic opinion page that showed strong ties with its community.

"The Townsman is a visually compelling local newspaper," the judges said. "It is filled with appealing photos and a variety of stories, some of which are surprising, such as the story inspired by a letter to the editor about controversy over high school cheerleaders baking cupcakes for football players."

"The newspaper shows a variety of alternative storytelling techniques and solid local sports coverage. Its opinion pages, with consistent local editorials and letters to the editor, reflect a strong connection to the community."

About Kirk, the judges said he was "a writer whose sophistication and polished approach to complicated issues rise far above others in this category. He clearly loves a controversy — for example, turning a standard neighborhood nuisance story into a compelling drama. His work is well-researched and includes many voices. He shows a strong grasp of the community he covers."

Al White, executive editor of The Eagle-Tribune, said the awards are deserved.

"The Townsman consistently earns honors not only in the annual CNHI contest but also in competition with newspapers from across New England in regional contests," White said.

"That's because it is a rock-solid community newspaper with a dedicated and talented staff. It has it all — from news about Andover businesses, schools and civic groups to whistle-blowing reports on town government. I'm proud to be associated with the Townsman."

Vartabedian applauded Kirk for his accomplishments.

"Kirk's dogged reporting keeps town officials accountable to the taxpayers who are our readers," she said. "He never hesitates to ask the tough questions and go beneath the surface to get at the heart of all the issues impacting the community — from everyday matters to the more thorny issues affecting residents."

Vartabedian added that Kirk together with the other members of the staff, including Tim Lima and Judy Wakefield, work well as a team to keep informed on what's happening in Andover so that the Townsman continues fulfilling a vital role in the community.

The CNHI award was the third time Kirk was honored for his coverage of Solarize Andover. The New England Newspaper and Press Association gave him two awards for government and general news reporting.

Lawyer with local ties charged in drunken boating accident

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The son of Town Counsel Tom Urbelis was arrested last weekend and charged with operating a boat under the influence of liquor and causing serious bodily injury to a 19-year-old girl who fell overboard and was grievously injured by the propeller.

Benjamin Urbelis, 33, of Charlestown, pleaded not guilty Monday in Boston Municipal Court to charges of causing serious bodily injury while operating a boat under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a boat, and the civil offense of operating a motorboat with no identification number.

The charges stem from an incident Saturday night about 7:30 when Urbelis, a Boston defense attorney who specializes in DUI cases, was operating his 30-foot Chaparral powerboat Naut Guilty near Spectacle Island in Boston with 13 people on board.

When the girl jumped overboard to retrieve a seat cushion, according to Suffolk County District Attorney Nicole Rimar, she was swept toward the propeller on the engine at the rear of the boat. Her arm was severed and she sustained serious injuries to her abdomen and face. She was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where she is recovering. Rescue crews attempted to find her arm, but were unsuccessful, Rimar said in court.

Urbelis grew up in Andover, and graduated from Central Catholic High School in Lawrence in 2000. His mother and father still live in Andover. According to past driving records, Urbelis was arrested for drunken driving when he was 16.

Urbelis wore a green "Beat L.A." Boston Celtic's T-shirt



Benjamin Urbelis, 33, a lawyer and former Andover resident, appears for his arraignment at Boston Municipal Court on Monday. He was charged with drunken operation of his boat on Saturday night after a 19-year-old passenger lost her arm in a propeller accident when she jumped into the water to retrieve a cushion, officials say.

TED FITZGERALD/The Boston Herald via AP

and swim trunks at his arraignment Monday morning in Boston Municipal Court.

Urbelis' father could not be reached for comment, but was seen in the courthouse with his wife, Deborah. They live on Eastman Road. Tom Urbelis is also the North Andover town counsel.

Rimar, of the DA's Major Felony Bureau, recommended that Urbelis be held on \$75,000 cash bail. Judge Sally Kelly imposed that amount and ordered that Urbelis surrender his passport.

The U.S. Coast Guard and marine units of the Boston Police, State Police, Massachusetts Environmental Police and Boston Fire departments all responded to the area of the southwest corner of Spectacle Island about 7:45 p.m. Saturday

after receiving a distress call from Urbelis' 30-foot boat. With the assistance of Boston EMS, they rescued the victim.

Urbelis and 12 additional passengers, ages 15 to 33, were brought on board an Environmental Police vessel for interviews.

A prosecutor said Urbelis was "drunk and belligerent" while police interviewed him after the accident and that a search warrant executed on the boat turned up large quantities of alcohol.

About four hours after the initial distress call, Urbelis agreed to take a breath test and had a blood alcohol level of 0.09, Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley said. The legal limit for operating a vehicle in Massachusetts is 0.08.



COURTESY PHOTO

Benjamin Urbelis' boat Naut Guilty, from which investigators say a woman lost her arm to the propeller Saturday night. Urbelis, who once lived in town with his parents, has pleaded not guilty to drunken boating.

Urbelis' boat was towed to the Environmental Police dock, where it was secured pending additional investigation.

Based on witness interviews and the victim's injuries, investigators said they believe that Urbelis was operating the boat and had control of its navigation and use at the time the victim was injured. At some point while he was attempting to anchor, the evidence suggests, she and other passengers jumped into the water to retrieve a pad that had blown off the front of the boat. The young woman had trouble re-boarding, however, and was injured by the active propeller, according to a press release from Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley's office.

Urbelis is represented by attorney Daniel O'Malley. Urbelis will return to court on June 26. O'Malley could not be reached for comment.

According to his law firm's website, www.

massuidefenselawyer.com, Urbelis graduated from Suffolk Law School in Boston. In December 2009, he established his law practice, which specializes in drunken driving cases.

He currently holds the position of attorney-coach for the Central Catholic High School mock trial team, where he is also on the private Lawrence school's Alumni Board of Advisors.

He is also the founder of Top Shelf Entertainment and equity partner at Boston's Julep Bar and Blue Inc. restaurants.

Registry of Motor Vehicles records show that Urbelis was arrested in Andover on New Year's Eve in 1998 for operating under the influence when he was 16, the Boston Globe reported. According to the 1999 town street listing, Benjamin Urbelis lived with his parents on Eastman Road at that time.

Material from the Associated Press was used in this report.

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Sr. Kling to celebrate 50th anniversary of vows

Sr. Madonna Marie Kling, CDP and pastoral associate at St. Augustine Church in Andover, will renew her vows in celebration of her 50th anniversary as a Sister of the Congregation of Divine Providence during the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 6, at the church, 43 Essex St.

Kling has served in various capacities during the past 50 years, including as a science teacher and vice principal in Kentucky and New York, as a director of religious education in New York, as diocesan



Sr. Madonna Marie Kling

director of the Office of Worship and Evangelization for the Diocese of Covington, Ky.; and as pastoral associate in a New Hampshire parish that was without a priest.

She is now at St. Augustine Church as pastoral associate. She also serves the parish as the adult faith formation

coordinator. The Sisters of Divine Providence began their ministry of educating and evangelizing in rural northeast France in 1762. Fr. John Martin Moye, a parish priest, moved by the lack of educational opportunities for women and the general lack of faith formation in the region, sent a group of women to address these needs. They were formally established in 1827 at St. Jean de Bassel, France as the Congregation of Divine Providence and now

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Joan F. (Reardon) Sullivan, 93 Years

April 28, 1922 — May 26, 2015

SANDOWN, NH FORMERLY OF ANDOVER — Mrs. Joan F. (Reardon) Sullivan, a resident of Sandown, N.H., formerly of Andover and beloved wife of the late James F. Sullivan, passed away on Tuesday evening, May 26, 2015. She was 93-years-old.

Born in Auburn, N.Y. on April 28, 1922, she was the beloved daughter of the late Cornelius and Marie (Fogarty) Reardon. Joan was a WWII Army Lieutenant and had worked as a Registered Nurse while serving in the military and in civilian life as well. In her spare time, Joan enjoyed gardening around her home, traveling and being a member of the Bridge Club for more than 40 years. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her loving children, Ellen M. Boda of Chester, N.H., Kathleen and her husband, Russell G. Marotta of Londonderry, N.H., James F. and his wife, Helen M. Sullivan of Andover, Cornelius T. "Neil" Sullivan of Kingston, N.H., Mary T. and her husband, Robert Gosson of Lawrence and the late Noreen A. Sullivan, beloved cousin, Maryanne Fuszara of Buffalo, N.Y.; grandchildren, Rachael, Aria and Emily Marotta, Robert Jr., Ryan and Nathaniel Boda, Caroline and James Heffernan, Patrick Sul-



livan and Joan-Marie Gosson, 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Joan was also the sister of the late James and Cornelius Reardon.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover, on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at 10 a.m. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, on Friday, May 29, 2015, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment was held in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. Donations in Joan's memory may be made to the James F. Sullivan Scholarship Fund, c/o Santander Bank, Shawshen Plaza, Andover, MA 01810. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.

Kenneth Young, 73

ANDOVER — Kenneth Albury Young, 73, of Sudbury, formerly of Andover, died unexpectedly May 4, 2015, along with his wife, Jane West Young in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

He was born in Lawrence, son of the late Howard A. and Gwendolen (Braddon) Young. Ken grew up in Andover and was a graduate of Andover High School in 1960 and Bentley College. He worked for many years for the Boy Scouts, Pellon Corporation of Andover, and the New Hampshire Insurance Co.

He was active in Boy Scouts, Order of the Arrow, past Master Councilor of DeMolay and a crucifer at Christ Church.

On his mother's travels to England in 1934, she visited the lovely village of Aldbury. She remembered that village by giving Ken, Aldbury as his

middle name. Ken was a kind and gentle person, and like his father and had wonderful smile.

He is survived by his children, Beth Young of Waltham and Brian Young of Sudbury; his brother, Robert A. Young and his wife, Nancy of Falmouth, Gwendolen Young Devoe and her late husband, Col. John Brooks Devoe of Greenland, N.H., Joyce Young of Montreal, Canada, Priscilla Young Bouchard and her husband, Stew of Stowe, Vt.; and many loving nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was held May 28 at Lincoln-Sudbury High School, Sudbury. A private burial was held at Spring Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Ken's memory may be made to the American Lung Association.

TOWN BRIEFS

including power outages, gas leaks, tornadoes, floods, blizzards and more. The show will highlight ways to make plans and stay informed to avert tragedy in disasters.

Andover Chroniclers, an all-volunteer group of seniors from The Center at Punchard (Andover Senior Center), programs the monthly show. It airs on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays at 9 a.m.; Fridays at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. on Comcast Channel 8 and Verizon Channel 47. The shows can also be viewed online via the senior center website at www.andoverseniorcenter.org/programs-activities/groups/andover-chroniclers.

Andover Chroniclers welcomes new members; no prior experience is needed. To get involved, email senior-center@andoverma.gov with the subject line Skip Wilkins. To offer input or suggestions on programming, call 978-623-8321.

2 NH men charged with heroin trafficking

Two New Hampshire men were arrested at the La Quinta Inns & Suites Hotel on River Road last Friday, May 29, on charges of trafficking 70 grams of heroin, worth approximately \$4,000.

Karl Busch, 37, of 83 New Boston Road, Kingston, N.H.; and Kevin Croteau, 34, of 20 Hill Road, Dummer, N.H., were arrested in the hotel's parking lot around 5:30 p.m.

According to Police Commander Charles Heseltine, the men were observed "acting suspiciously" by police detectives. After their car was stopped by police, detectives noticed that "drug paraphernalia was clearly visible in the vehicle."

A third man, Nicholas Emerson, 30, of 4 Jimtown Road, Gorham, N.H., was also arrested and charged with being knowingly present where heroin was kept.

Trafficking of 70 grams of heroin carries a jail sentence of seven to 20 years and a fine of between \$5,000 and \$50,000.

The following items were recorded in the Andover police log:

was arrested on Park Street at 10:28 a.m. and charged with being a fugitive from justice on a court warrant.

Robert Vanasse, 69, of 38 Lincoln Circle, Andover, was arrested on Main Street at 11:09 a.m. on a warrant charge.

Incident
A caller from Chandler Road reported at 3:15 p.m. that a car hit a pole and was "fleeing the scene." Officers later found the driver at Lawrence General Hospital.

Saturday, May 23 Arrest
Katherine Rundle, 28, of 17 Lacy St., North Andover, was arrested on Route 125 and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor, a second offense.

Incident
An employee of McDonald's on North Main Street called 911 on 4:45 p.m. to report that "a customer dumped trash on the counter and will not leave." Officers reported that it was a misunderstanding.

Sunday, May 24 Arrest
Thomas Chagias, 44, of 2493 Main St., Tewksbury, was arrested on North Main Street at 10:35 p.m. and charged with operating under the influence of liquor, speeding and a red light violation.

Incident
An employee of a River Road hotel reported at 3:16 a.m. that there "are people

sleeping on the couches of the lobby and are refusing to leave." Officers reported that they were guests at the hotel, and went to their rooms.

Monday, May 25 Incident
A lifeguard from a pool on Bullfinch Road called 911 at 9:56 a.m. to report a "snake in the pump room." The caller was told to call a pest control service.

Tuesday, May 26 Arrest
John Dolan, 22, of 210 Chickering Road, Apt. 305, North Andover, was arrested on Andover Street at 11:37 p.m. and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a warrant.

Incidents
A caller from Haggetts Pond Road reported at 3:41 p.m. that a "male driving a seal coating truck pulled into her driveway and said his truck was broken down and asked permission to leave it there overnight." The caller was told to have the truck towed if it wasn't moved.

An officer working on Main Street was flagged down by a person concerned with a "suspicious couple" at 3:55 p.m. The officer reported that it was two house painters and they weren't suspicious. Officers waited for an ambulance with an 11-year-old resident of Rattlesnake Hill Road who had a

107-degree fever.

Wednesday, May 27 Arrests
Giovany Gonzalez, 23, of 58 Monument St., Apt. 224, Charlestown, was arrested on Lowell Street at 9:30 p.m. and charged with failure to stop for police and no inspection sticker.

Peter Stark, 49, of 10 Sherry Drive, Andover, was arrested on Railroad Street at 10:09 p.m. and charged with trespassing with a motor vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Incident
A 13-year-old girl from North Main Street called 911 at 8:34 p.m. to report that she was concerned about her 12-year-old friend in North Andover "who she felt may be suicidal after he told her recently that on a hiking trip last fall that he wanted to jump off the mountain." The caller was told to ask her friend to contact North Andover police for a well-being check, and was also informed about the Samaritans Hotline.

Thursday, May 28 Incident
A caller from Jenkins Road reported at 11:46 a.m. that a "dog was off the leash and killed a baby goose." Police spoke to the owner of the dog.

Friday, May 29 Arrest
Jody Towne, 38, of 10 Beech Circle, Andover, was arrested on Stevens Street at 2:28 p.m. and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a license revoked for operating under the influence, a subsequent offense.

Incidents
Andover High School was reported "toilet papered" and "Seniors 2015" was written in chalk at 3:01 a.m. Friday as the seniors last day of high school. Elm Street Automotive requested an officer to Lupine Road at 3:48 p.m. for an "individual trying to take items out of the vehicle" who later left with his car, almost hitting an employee.

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A grassroots message

GOP presidential hopeful Ted Cruz brings campaign to Andover

BY GARRIN MARCHETTI
Staff Writer

Speaking in front of a crowd of roughly 500 people, Republican presidential hopeful Ted Cruz grabbed the attention of his audience Saturday in Andover from the very start by showing some local flavor. “Let me start by saying, Tom Brady was framed!” Cruz said. “Now, I’m not willing to pander on much, but on that, Tom Brady was framed!”

The gathering cheered loudly with approval, giving Cruz, the current Texas senator, a warm welcome in his first visit to Massachusetts during his campaign for the GOP’s presidential nomination. After spending the day in New Hampshire Saturday, Cruz held a meet-and-greet with fans at The Barn at the home of state Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover, on High Vale Lane.

Residents from the Merrimack Valley and beyond attended the event, where they listened to Cruz describe his vision for a “country in crisis.”

“The central issue in this next election is reigniting the process of America,” Cruz said. “Getting back to the fundamental idea that our children can live a better life than we did, and their children can live a better life than they did.”

Standing on the steps of The Barn, Cruz outlined his keys for changing the course for American citizens. He stressed job and economic growth, proposing the country adopt a flat tax system in his hopes to “abolish the IRS.” He acknowledged during the 1960s, John F. Kennedy Jr. was a proponent of tax cuts, and if

“The central issue in this next election is reigniting the process of America. Getting back to the fundamental idea that our children can live a better life than we did, and their children can live a better life than they did.”

Ted Cruz

he were around today, the popular Massachusetts politician would probably be a Republican.

He urged those gathered to defend their civil liberties, such as their right to religion and to bear arms. He also spoke of the importance of every citizen’s right to privacy.

Since his campaign started, Cruz has made foreign policy one of the forefronts of his platform, particularly his opinions on how to handle terrorist groups such as ISIS. He told the audience to imagine a president who would “stand unapologetically” with Israel, and not allowing countries known to be

threats to America to carry nuclear weapons.

According to Cruz, the United States looks much like it did during the late 1970s, when Jimmy Carter was in office. Both Carter and President Barack Obama have adopted poor economic and foreign policies, Cruz said, but despite the parallels, history shows the future will be brighter.

“Now, why does that give me so much hope and optimism? Because we know how that story ended,” Cruz said. “As a result (of the late 1970s), millions of Americans began rising up, a grassroots movement that became the Reagan revolution.”

Several Andover High School students attended the event, including Sam Tinkel, a senior who will be attending Merrimack College in the fall, where he will major in political science. Tinkel said he was “a big fan” of Cruz.

“He really is pro-people, and we both agree on a lot of the same issues,” Tinkel said. “I think he’s a great candidate.”

After his roughly 20-minute speech, Cruz met nearly all of the 500 guests, speaking with them on issues and posing for pictures with his wife, Heidi.

Beforehand, however, he reminded the crowd that the Republican nomination, as well as positive change in the country, cannot be achieved by him alone.

“I can’t win this race. Heidi can’t win this race. But you can win this race,” Cruz said. “We are building a grassroots movement. That’s how we can turn this country around.”



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, right, laughs with Bernadette Lyons, wife of state Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover, center, during a campaign stop at the Lyons’ property on Saturday.



U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz speaks to the crowd about his campaign platform in front of the Lyons family Barn. About 500 supporters turned out for the event.



Andover Republican Town Committee Chairman John Moffitt, left, greets presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz during last weekend’s campaign stop in town.

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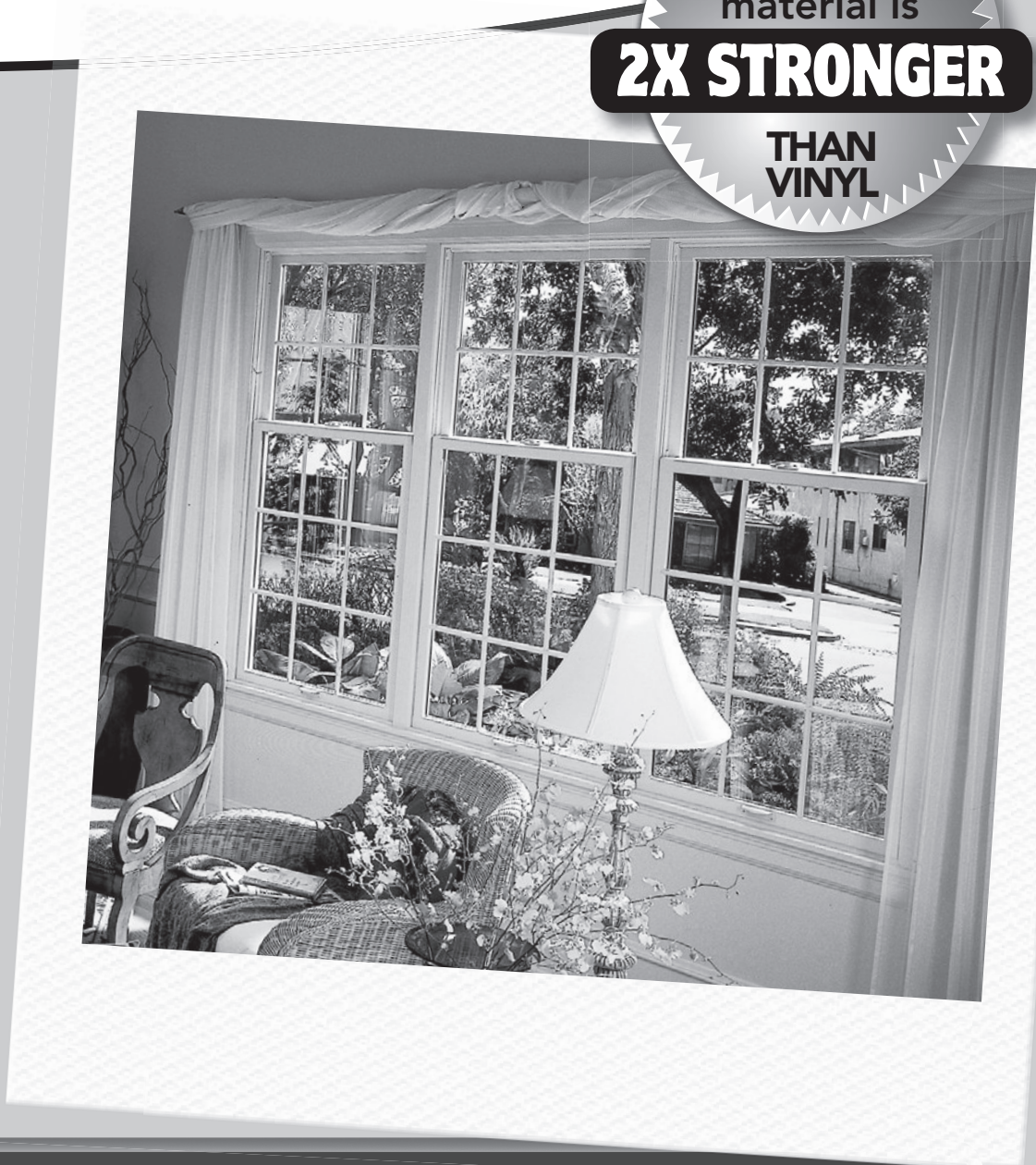
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FINALISTS

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he would be retiring from the district, effective this July. At the time, he said he would be accepting a job as a national consultant for the Leadership and Learning Center in Denver.

Just over a month before his retirement was set to kick in, Ash is now a finalist for Andover schools' top spot — if only for the interim.

"I never considered that I'd be doing this," he said.

The School Committee will begin its interviews with the candidates this week, meeting with Ash this Thursday, June 4, and Berman on Tuesday, June 9. Both interviews will be conducted in public session. They will start at 7 p.m. in the School Committee room at 36R Bartlet St., second floor and last 90 minutes; they will also be televised on the local community access channels.

A final vote by the School Committee on an interim leader is scheduled for Thursday, June 11. The successful candidate is expected to serve one year until the district can name a permanent superintendent to replace Marinel McGrath, who is retiring next month.

'Antagonistic blogger'

Berman, 66, said his motivation to serve Andover stems from his desire to return to Massachusetts and his respect for Andover's school district and willingness to give back.

For the past four years, Berman has focused his energies on Eugene, Ore. When he arrived there, he inherited a district where only 32 percent of its high school students were taking a full course load. Because of funding problems, most students were enrolled in just three of their four designated classes. Today, 76 percent attend a full class schedule, he said.

"Eugene has been under financial crisis, and to some degree, we pulled it out," he said. "We have done really well, but between state mandates, changes to the district and budget cuts, it was a

tough assignment."

In April, Eugene School Board Chairman Jim Torrey credited Berman for his leadership during a "challenging time and transition year."

But Berman's career after he left Hudson in 2007 has also encountered some negativity.

In an interview last week, he refuted published reports that said his contract in Kentucky prior to going to Oregon wasn't renewed in 2011. Rather, he said he opted to take on a new job in the wake of a hotly contested, political issue regarding school integration and diversity in Louisville. He said he asked the Jefferson County School System not to renew his contract after four years there.

"The community and the (school) board changed its perspective around what it wanted to do with student school assignments, and at that point I didn't want it on my resume that I took part in changing one of the most integrated school districts in the country," he said.

Berman blamed the negative reports on inaccurate "blogging" by a writer who was "very antagonistic and printed a lot of misinformation." He said that his reputation in Kentucky "is very solid, and I'm known for moving the district in a very powerful way through a key issue of integration."

Recently, the same writer reported that Berman's upcoming exit from the Eugene School District was the result of a compromise he reached with his employer to avoid a negative job performance coming to light. The writer said that according to one board member, the performance mark "could have led to his firing."

But Berman said he is leaving Oregon in large part to be closer to his family. He and his wife, Sarah, have three sons — Russell, 23; Eric, 21; and Dale, 17, who is currently playing hockey at a school in Canada. If hired, Berman said he would be interested in having Dale attend Andover High his senior year.

The recent turnover of

leadership at Andover High is one reason Berman thinks he'd be a good leader for the district.

"I have inherited situations where a significant transition is underway, and I was able to stabilize the leadership," he said. "The key is finding the right person who is a good match for the school and the district and having a broad, inclusive hiring process."

Berman has been a finalist for permanent superintendent positions since announcing last year that he would be leaving Eugene this June, one year before his contract expires. His family still rents a house in Hudson, he said.

Change of plans

In March 2014, Ash, 65, was preparing to call his career as a superintendent quits. He announced to Lexington that he would be retiring in July 2015, after 10 years at the helm, to join a Denver-based consulting firm, where he would develop a leadership academy to train superintendents and principals.

But months later, things changed. Tragedy struck his in-laws, who were both nearing 90 and very ill when their house burned down. His in-laws ended up moving in with Ash and his wife, Beverly, who live in Newton. The couple have a 33-year-old daughter.

When the interim superintendent's job in Andover presented itself, he was interested.

"I've been in education for over 40 years so I've always known that Andover is a school district that places a high value on education," he said. "You can't say that about a lot of communities."

In Lexington, Ash has led what has consistently been one of the highest-performing school districts in the country. Credited with improving the district's finances, he also gained national attention on more than one occasion, including in 2005 when, in an unprecedented move, he announced the town would not provide advance notice to parents when teaching

about homosexuality.

He also encountered his share of challenges, including low teacher morale. Some parents were even outspoken and angry when the School Committee voted in 2011 to extend Ash's contract for two more years, through 2015, after three popular teachers retired from the district amidst claims of an "atmosphere of fear and reprisals."

But Ash said he worked to turn those issues around. In 2014, the school district was rated by the Boston Globe as one of the top 25 large corporations to work for in the state. The rating, Ash said, was based entirely on anonymous staff surveys.

"I never want to minimize how people feel," he said. "I value collaborative working experiences with teachers, and I know that all of the problems in a district come back to blame the superintendent sometimes — and sometimes that's deserved."

Ash said he believes the interim Andover superintendent should be someone who seeks to maintain a high-level, day-to-day operation with the schools to ensure their safety, efficiency and effectiveness and works with the School Committee to focus on "high-leverage goals" and involve "lots of people to make those things happen."

"Some School Committees say, 'We're in good shape right now and just want you to keep people happy,'" Ash said. "I'm not interested in those types of superintendent positions. Some type of level of responsibility and hard work are things that excite me."

Ash said one of his strengths is in hiring employees, which he said would be a plus for Andover, which needs to hire new principals at the high school and one of its elementary schools as well as an interim director of student services.

Prior to joining the Lexington district, Ash spent 19 years in Wellesley, including 12 as an assistant superintendent for personnel.

"My whole background is in hiring people; it's something I do best," he said.

VIDEO

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Blodgett's office, said that the office had "just received this and are still reviewing so I can't comment on it."

Andover Police Commander Charles Heseltine would not elaborate on the specifics of the video or what specific threat was made.

McGrath said in an email to the Townsman Tuesday night that she could "not go into the details of student conduct and discipline because of the very restrictive Massachusetts and federal laws regarding student privacy."

She added, "I can tell you that we are taking appropriate steps so that all of our students fully understand that we won't tolerate this sort of conduct in the future. One of the challenges in incidents such as this is managing information in a way that helps us keep our students safe, but does not cause unnecessary alarm."

"The Andover Police were involved right away and a prompt assessment of the level of the threat was then made. Had that assessment indicated any reason to take further steps (such as an announcement or the A.L.L.C.E. protocol or a "shelter in place" instruction), they would have been implemented. Fortunately, we were able to conclude that no additional steps regarding the student body would be needed."

Initial report

School officials were alerted to the "disturbing" content of the video last Thursday at around 7:30 a.m. through an anonymous tip from a parent whose child had viewed it, McGrath said.

She said Andover police were notified immediately after the parent sent an anonymous email to both her and Principal Steve Murray.

She said the students involved were quickly identified and segregated from the rest of the student body.

"The one student contemplating the act was not then on school property," she said.

She said at no time was there an "imminent danger" to students. However, in her

first notification to the school district community after seeing the video last week, she said that "in this age of school violence, we take each and every statement very seriously."

McGrath would not say whether the video was shared by cellphone or was posted online, and how many students and others had viewed it.

"Thank goodness that one astute child had actually shown (a parent) the video that was out there and the parent then emailed Mr. Murray and myself," she said. "Though it was anonymous, we connected with police right away."

Assistant principals John Norton and Lu Valverde conducted the investigation for the high school.

Heseltine said last week there was never any "threat to staff or students at the school."

Students respond

Senior Will Sauerbrunn said last week he didn't notice anything was out of the ordinary during the school day. He said he later heard from other students that the video contained threats of "shooting up the school" as well as a couple of bomb threats.

While he didn't know who was involved, he said he had heard that it was a group of four freshmen.

"I have not seen the video, and I don't know of anyone who has seen it," he said the afternoon following the incident. "I think the school did a pretty good job of not making it a big deal. Nobody really knew of anything going on."

Brian Sargent, another senior, said he noticed an increased presence of hall monitors at the high school and a couple extra police cars out front. He also was not aware of the incident until after school.

McGrath sent out a message to the entire Andover Public School District community alerting them to the situation at about 12:30 p.m.

"Typically when we have something happen at any school, we let the entire community know," McGrath said, adding it's not known how widely the video was seen.



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In the books

Local father, Realtor proves it's 'never too late' to further one's education

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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He was the dad reading law textbooks and writing briefs in the stands while cheering at his son's baseball games.

During the off-season, he was doing homework alongside his three children.

Now, all of Todd Finn's hard work is about to pay off.

The 51-year-old single father of three and full-time Realtor from Andover will receive his law degree from Massachusetts School of Law in Andover during its commencement this Friday, June 5, at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School.

Finn recalls a conversation with a cousin four years ago that set his journey toward his law degree in motion.

"He told me that in four years, I was still going to be 51, with the law degree or without the law degree and that it was my choice," Finn said. "Back in August of 2011 when I started, 2015 seemed so far away. Here it is, the finish line on Friday night and ... it feels pretty good. It is going to be an amazing thing to graduate again."

It's been 29 years since Finn last experienced some pomp and circumstance. It was June 1986 when he earned his bachelor's degree from Boston University.

Fast forward to 2011. While working full-time at RE/MAX Partners on Park Street in Andover, he decided to enroll in law school at the age of 47.

Finn admitted it was tough at times juggling his job and school responsibilities with life as a parent and attending his children's numerous events.

But he stuck with it, he said, and ultimately served as a terrific role model for his teenage children, two sons and a daughter, all of whom attend Andover schools. His oldest, Isaac, is a pitcher for the junior varsity baseball team

at Andover High School.

"My kids were great, always encouraging me," said Finn, who is the third real estate agent in his office to earn a law degree. "My family has been very supportive."

Finn, the youngest of three children, said although neither of his parents attended college, education was important to both of them.

His older sister, Lisa, is a 1981 graduate of Lesley University in Cambridge and his brother, Brian, is a 1983 graduate of Bryant University in Rhode Island.

He said obtaining his law degree is a momentous occasion for his father, who is 81, and added that his mother, who passed away in April 2014 as he was completing the third year of law school, would have been immensely proud.

Interestingly, he said, his paternal grandmother graduated from The Portia School of Law in Boston in 1929. Portia was the forerunner to what is now New England School of Law. Finn said that at the time, it was very rare for women to graduate from law school.

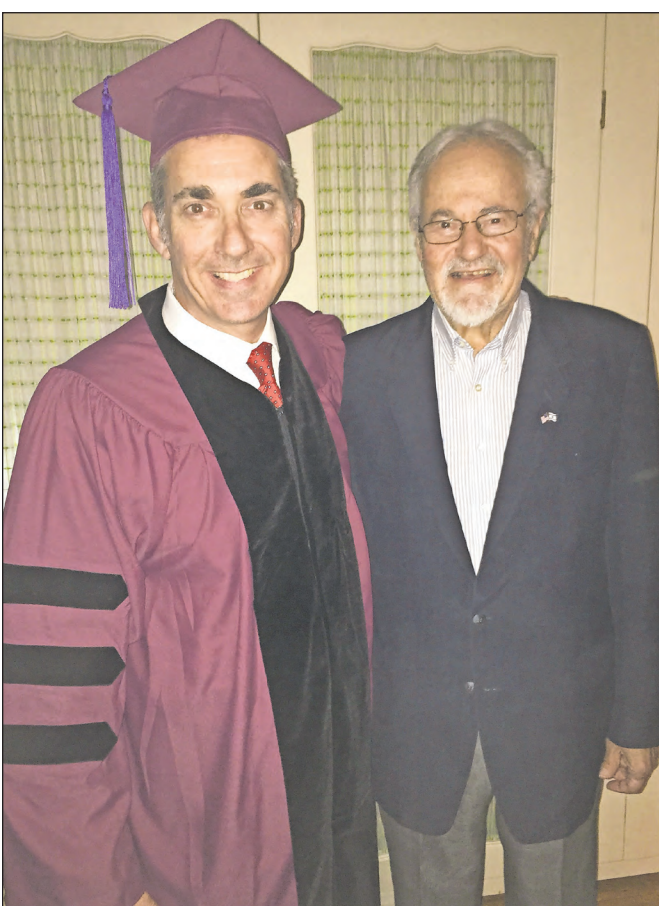
"We seem to take it for granted these days, but there will be many women in my graduating class this year," he said.

"He is still figuring out where his career will take him next, but said he is leaning toward family law, which he found most appealing during law school.

For now, he's just looking forward to Friday's commencement. He's thrilled Boston Marathon bombing survivor Jeff Bauman will be the speaker, as some of his law school classmates are emergency responders.

"It will be an honor to hear him speak," he said. "This law school has been great for so many of us.

"... It's never too late and this school truly believes that."



Todd Finn tries on his cap and gown for Friday's commencement from Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, with his proud father, Donald, by his side.



Todd Finn celebrates his graduation from Boston University in 1986 with his father, Donald Finn, who is now 81, and his late mother, Beverly. On Friday, he'll receive his law degree from Massachusetts School of Law in Andover.

ON CAMPUS

Panayiotis M. Kostakis graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy with his Bachelor of Science degree in marine engineering systems with a specialization in electrical engineering. He earned his U.S. Coast Guard third assistant engineers license for unlimited power and steam upon all oceans. After graduation, he plans on sailing for the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, a maritime union.



COURTESY PHOTO
Panayiotis M. Kostakis

During his time at Kings Point, he played soccer and was the battalion executive officer. He had the opportunity to sail commercially on the M/V GreenDale, the USNS John Ericsson and the USNS Matthew Perry, visiting Japan, Australia, Guam, the Philippines, South Korea and Singapore. He also completed an internship with National Grid in Long Island, N.Y.

received a Bachelor of Science in international business in management and Famiglietti, who graduated magna cum laude, received a Bachelor of Science in business administration in accounting.

Timothy Lyman of Andover was awarded a Chancellor's Medal for Academic Achievement during commencement eve celebrations at UMass Lowell on May 15.

Devon Follett graduated from Fitchburg State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in communications media during the spring commencement ceremonies.

Lyman, who ended his final semester of his undergraduate career with a 4.0 grade point average, earned one of the two medals given to business administration majors in ULowell's Manning School of Business.

Nicholas Sarno, Barry Indaco and Valerie Silvia graduated from Endicott College in Beverly during its 75th commencement exercises on May 16.

The commencement eve celebration honored this year's top graduates and recipients of honorary degrees as well as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. The event has raised more than \$3.2 million for student scholarships since it was introduced in 2008.

Michael Galletti and Simon Voorhees received their bachelor's degrees from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania this spring. Galletti was awarded a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering and Voorhees earned a Bachelor of Science in behavioral neuroscience.

Madeline Baldwin and Sara Famiglietti graduated from Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I., during its 152nd commencement on May 16. Baldwin

Five Andover students received graduate degrees from Salem State University in May. They are Scott Callanan, Kelly Drummey, Kathleen Fanikos, Richard Padova and Kimberly Whitworth.

Patrick McGinn received his Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies from Johnson State College in Vermont.

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Storm reveals problems at Collins Center

Short-term and long-term solutions in works

By TIM LIMA
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Repairs to the facade panels of the J. Everett Collins Center at Andover High School are expected to carry a hefty price tag after damage to the building last weekend revealed what might be a larger problem. After thunderstorms ripped through town on Sunday afternoon, a 10-by-40-foot patch of the front of the Collins Center's outer wall fell from the building. The damage was originally thought to be the result of

heavy wind gusts. After examination by an engineer, however, it was found to be caused by long-term water damage to the building's exterior. "Over the years, unbeknownst to us, water has been seeping in and absorbing the gypsum-based substrate that the facade adheres to," Ed Ataide, deputy director of plant and facilities, said. "As a result, the facade let go from the framing." As a temporary fix, the facade is being secured to the masonry of the building with netting and anchors.

This process is expected to be completed this week. But the engineer said the water damage could potentially affect the entire facade, and that extensive repairs are likely needed. "I contacted the town's insurance company to put a claim in," Ataide said. "That was the first step. Then, we'd have to talk to town leadership about how we're paying for it." Repair costs have not yet been assessed. Ataide said that the contractor is working on providing an estimated cost for short-term repairs, and then will do so for long-term fixes. The Collins Center was built in 1983 and seats 1,200. The facade has a 30-year life expectancy, which it has

already surpassed, Ataide said. Last month, it was the venue for Andover's Annual Town Meeting. At the time of the damage, a dance recital involving the North Andover Academy of Performing Arts was about to begin inside the auditorium. Hundreds of people were temporarily evacuated from the building, but were allowed to return about 90 minutes later after it was deemed safe and the show, although delayed, went off as planned, Ataide said. Ataide said that there is nothing unsafe about the building, and that a block wall inside the facade was not affected. He said that events will continue within the arena as scheduled.



A section of the J. Everett Collins Center exterior wall fell from the building during a storm on Sunday afternoon. The damage is said to be caused by long-term water damage. The road adjacent to the Collins Center will be temporarily limited to traffic, however, except in case of emergency.

Sole mates for Krit

Girls group lacing up for annual 5K in Kearins' memory

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It's an organization that the late Kristin "Krit" Kearins of Andover would have likely gladly gotten involved with — the non-profit group Girls on the Run, which offers girls ages 8 to 12 a chance to train with friends and mentors for a 5K event. Along the way, self-esteem is boosted while the strength of girl power is recognized. "Krit would have absolutely loved this group," said Jennifer McNamara, the leader of Boston's Girls on the Run who got to know Kearins while working in the emergency room at Children's Hospital in Boston. "It's all about empowering girls and involves athletics. She would have been so inspiring to the girls." In 2008, Kearins died following a bicycle accident

on a rainy night in Boston. She suffered severe head trauma after her bicycle slipped and she fell off, hitting her unprotected head. She passed away a few days later at the age of 26. Kearins, a 2000 graduate of Andover High School, was living in Boston at the time, working as a nursing assistant in the emergency room, where McNamara was a nurse. A top diver and gymnast, Kearins had recently returned to school and was hoping to pursue her nursing degree. On Sunday, June 7, the seventh annual Krit Classic 5K and Fun Run takes place at Andover High. And for the second year, McNamara will be bringing a group from the Boston chapter of Girls on the Run to run the course. The girls chose the Krit Classic to cap off their eight-week training session. About 400 participants, each accompanied by a mentor, are expected to arrive by busloads for the event. The 5K is organized every year by Kearins' family, led



COURTESY PHOTO

Sunday's annual Krit Classic honors 2000 Andover High School graduate Kristin Lee Kearins, who died from injuries suffered in a bicycle accident in 2008.

by her mother, Pam Kearins Sheehy of Andover. Last year, a smaller contingent of Girls on the Run participants joined the event, which Sheehy said brought an added dynamic to the event. But this year she said their presence will be felt 10-fold. "They're really excited," Sheehy said. "They all loved it last year."



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Boston chapter of Girls on the Run pose for a group photo at last year's Krit Classic at Andover High School. The chapter is heading back to the 5K race in memory of 2000 graduate Kristin Lee "Krit" Kearins with a much larger contingent this Sunday.

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Seventh annual Krit Classic 5K run/walk and Kids Fun Run in memory of 2000 Andover High School graduate Kristin Lee "Krit" Kearins
- **When:** Sunday, June 7; Kids Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m., 5K begins at 9:30 a.m.; rain or shine
- **Where:** Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road
- **Why:** To honor Kearins' memory and support annual scholarships awarded to Andover High senior athletes who exhibit superior sportsmanship and team spirit and will be pursuing higher education. A portion of the proceeds also benefit MassBike, an organization promoting cycling.
- **5K Details:** Online registration \$25 (plus processing fee) includes T-shirt; day of race \$30. Prizes from Saucony for top overall male and female finishers as well as age group winners. Packet pick-up IPF Fitness, 303 Main St., North Reading, Friday, June 5, 3 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Kids Fun Run Details:** For ages 12 and under; registration \$10, includes number bib, T-shirt and finisher's medal; one lap around Andover High track for ages 6 and under; two laps for ages 7 to 12
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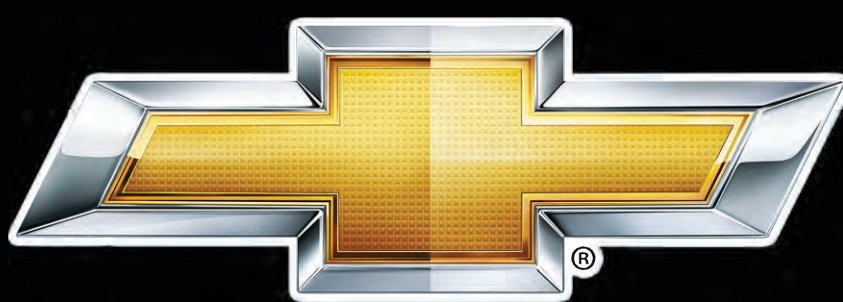
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GROWTH SPURT



Neena Goldthwaite, a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School, assembles her 8-foot "Art" sign from recycled materials.



Neena Goldthwaite, 13, sits next to her 8-foot tall sign made of 1,000 artificial flowers that she is donating to the Essex Art Center in Lawrence for its gala fundraiser this Friday at the Stevens Estate in North Andover.

Teen's floral creations sprout for Essex Art Center auction gala

BY TIM LIMA
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Vincent Van Gogh once said, "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." Neena Goldthwaite, a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School, might agree.

She has used her creativity to blossom six pieces of flora artwork — made of everything but flowers.

One of her pieces is a towering, 8-foot-tall placard adorned with 1,000 colorful artificial flowers that spell out the word "Art."

Other works are fashioned from household items — everything from tiles and nails to cabinet handles, RCA cables and kitchen spoons.

Goldthwaite's creations are being donated to Essex Art Center in Lawrence to help decorate for its 17th annual New Paint Auction and Fundraiser this Friday, June 5.

The gala aims to promote local artists and raise funds for the center's programming and scholarships.

Last Saturday, a host of artists, including Andover's Janet Hamlin, fanned out across Essex County in search of scenes to capture on their canvases in one sitting.

Those so-called "new paint" works now will be auctioned off at the "Secret Garden"-themed gala at the Stevens Estate in North Andover.

Goldthwaite's mother, Mona, has been a volunteer at Essex Art center for many years. Her daughter began taking classes there as a girl and would lend a hand with the New Paint Auction, too.

"Usually, I just helped with the setup, but this year I got involved with the decorations," said the 13-year-old Goldthwaite, who lives in town with her mother and father, Ben, as well as two brothers, ages 10 and 15.

From start to finish, Goldthwaite's artwork for the gala took just a couple weeks to complete. Her major installation — the floral "Art" sign — was a more than eight-hour endeavor, however.

Goldthwaite scanned Pinterest for ideas and then she and her mother



Neena Goldthwaite spent eight hours creating her 8-foot "Art" sign bud by bud.



The "A" for art gets the floral treatment for the sign.

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Essex Art Center of Lawrence's New Paint Auction and Fundraiser, live auction of newly painted artwork, plus silent auction of studio paintings, jewelry, sculpture and more
- **When:** Friday, June 5, 6 to 10 p.m.
- **Where:** Stevens Estate, 723 Osgood St., North Andover
- **How:** Advance tickets \$65, \$40 for young collectors (ages 35 and under); \$75 at the door. Call 978-685-2343 or visit <http://essexartcenter.org/new-paint>.

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The professional vocal group Overboard will perform as part of "Andover A Cappella Night" next week at Doherty Memorial Auditorium.

Out & About: Vocal showcase for 'A Cappella Night'

"Andover A Cappella Night" takes to the stage Friday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at Doherty Memorial Auditorium on Bartlet Street.

The concert is devoted to the ever-popular genre of a cappella music. The program will feature Andover Middle School's Harmonium and Vocalize groups, Andover High School's Gold 'n' Blues, Chelmsford High School's Thursdays and Danvers High School's Falconize.

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The program is presented by the Andover Public Schools' Music Department. Tickets are \$10 at the door; children under 5 are welcome for free. Email ksimko@aps1.net for more information.

By the lantern's glow at West Parish Cemetery

West Parish Garden Cemetery on Reservation Road hosts its popular Family Lantern Festival on Saturday, June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The community is welcome to experience the spectacular lighting event based on an ancient Asian ritual. Participants will decorate lanterns to send messages of faith, love and peace as well as remember loved ones with memorial lanterns.

The event opens with entertainment on the lawn starting at 7 p.m.; bring a lawn chair or blanket. All lanterns will be launched together on the pond at sunset. A donation of \$10 is requested from those choosing to light a lantern.

Local students performing Spring Shakespeare

Two Andover students are taking the stage this weekend with Stoneham Theatre's young company Spring Shakespeare program for a production of one of the bard's earliest works, "Comedy of Errors."

Natalie Good is playing Antipholus of Ephesus while Nathan Elmer is performing as a servant and in the ensemble for the show, which will be performed Saturday at 11 a.m. at the theater, 395 Main St., Stoneham.

Under the direction and instruction of Lydia Barnett-Mulligan and education associate Tyler Rosati, the Spring Shakespeare program brings classic theater to life by challenging young actors in ways the staff says

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Modern take on a classic

Phillips students explore themes in Homer's 'Eight Bells'

Winslow Homer's "Eight Bells" looms at the center of a new student-curated exhibit opening last week at Addison Gallery of Art on the campus of Phillips Academy.

Students in Phillips' Visual Culture: Discovering the Addison Collection class have deconstructed the iconic painting by Homer to provide the inspiration for the "In Calm Waters, On Stormy Seas" exhibit.

Using the painting, which is part of Addison's collection, the students explored how artists have treated the subject of water in different

mediums and with different expressive goals.

The exhibition examines the unifying theme of water, both as physical experience and as symbol of abstract ideas. Depictions of calm waters convey notions of tranquility and clarity of mind, while images of stormy seas highlight the power of nature and lead the viewer to consider the fragility of human existence and fear of the unknown.

Traditionally, tumultuous waters have been associated with masculine characteristics, while calm waters have connoted a sense of femininity. Viewers are

asked to consider whether placid waters are always feminine and stormy seas necessarily masculine.

Co-taught by Art Department instructor Elaine Crivelli and Addison staff members Rebecca Hayes, curator of education, and Kelley Tialiou, Charles H. Sawyer curatorial assistant, librarian and archivist, the course focuses on a different aspect of the collection each year.

This spring, students used Homer's 1886 work as an entry point into the collection. Through their

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COURTESY IMAGE

Winslow Homer's "Eight Bells," 1886, oil on canvas, was given to Addison Gallery of American Art by an anonymous donor. It serves as the building point for a new student-curated exhibit at the Addison Gallery of American Art.

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tapped ReStore, a discount home improvement center that supports Habitat for Humanity in Lawrence, for materials.

Using a large piece of Styrofoam as her canvas, she started by sketching out her design in chalk.

From there, she just began arranging the items in different combinations to resemble flowers.

"The result is whimsical and fun — a perfect

addition to a 'Secret Garden,'" Mona Goldthwaite said.

Neena Goldthwaite said that while this is her first large-scale art project, she's considering digging deeper into the genre as she gets older.

"I hope Neena's involvement speaks to our encouragement of young people to do creative things," Essex Art Center Executive Director John Budzyna said. "She has taken a lot of classes here and has been touched by the art bug. The fact that

she loves this place so much and wants to contribute through creative means is exciting for us."

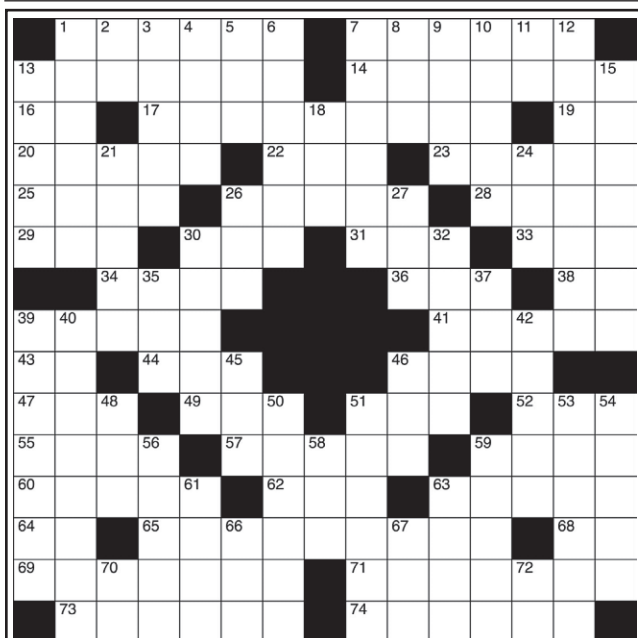
Her mother couldn't agree more. "I think it's great that Neena understands how important this organization (Essex Art Center) is for the community, and I love the fact that she's being creative and doing something outside of the box," Mona Goldthwaite said.

"I feel that we lose art in this society, so it's just wonderful."



Nenna Goldthwaite turned wood, RCA cables and cabinet handles into this unique flower.

Courtesy photo



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analysis, they discovered several themes in the painting relevant to today's society. They then worked to develop an exhibition drawing on the themes that emerged.

"The course is a unique experience for students to examine, appreciate, and learn about various works of art from historic to contemporary within the context of a thematic exploration," Crivelli said in a release.

The exhibit remains on display through July 31 at the Addison, 180 Main St., Andover. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 978-749-4015 or visit www.addisongallery.org.



Charles Adams Platt's "Three Fishermen," 1886, etching on wove paper, gift of anonymous donor, is one of the pieces chosen around the theme of water for the Phillips Academy student-curated "In Calm Waters, On Stormy Seas" exhibit at Addison Gallery of American Art.

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- 52. 4th caliph of Islam
- 55. 4840 square yards
- 57. Devious trick (Yiddish)
- 59. Overgarments
- 60. Large creature
- 62. Ingest
- 63. Nuisances
- 64. ... denotes past
- 65. Wine waiter
- 68. I. Portuguese
- 69. Compunction
- 71. Overshadow
- 73. Emphasize
- 74. An unsuccessful ending

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Something comparable
- 2. Rural delivery
- 3. "Laugh-In" co-host Dan
- 4. Sheep genus
- 5. Affirmative
- 6. Vanilla's flower family
- 7. In a way, made smoother
- 8. Belong to he
- 9. Greek rainbow goddess
- 10. S.F. football team player
- 11. Atomic #52
- 12. Kiss
- 13. Proverb
- 15. Lattice support
- 18. Cereal grass
- 21. Rome, GA river
- 24. Disease of cattle
- 26. Seated
- 27. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 30. Blatted

- 32. Murdered in his bathtub
- 35. Finish
- 37. Sheep sound
- 39. Scarlett songbird
- 40. Kills oneself
- 42. Broad, flat pieces of stone
- 45. Auto fuel
- 46. Derek ... X Harvard Pres.
- 48. Woman's undergarment
- 50. Topics of discourse
- 51. Belonging to the peerage
- 53. Most recent
- 54. Point of debate
- 56. Ostend artist James Sydney
- 58. Phonograph inventor's initials
- 59. Eagle's nest
- 61. Ripped a fabric
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- 66. Manuscripts (abbr.)
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Education

Winning recipe; AHS tops in breakfast video contest

Call them the breakfast heroes.

A group of Andover High School teenagers created a 30-second video promoting a healthy school breakfast. Called "Breakfast Hero," the video won top prize in the fifth annual School Breakfast Video Contest hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Child

To see Andover High's winning breakfast video, visit www.andovertownsmen.com.

Nutrition Outreach Program at Project Bread.

As a result, Andover High Students, Mohib Azam, Kaegan Casey, Joseph Crowley, Cameron Hallinan, Stephen Herman, Fiona Jungmann, Panagiotis (Peter)

Meltsakos, John (Wyatt) Rothwell, Dean Smith, and Timothy Sorota earned a \$1,000 prize to spend on their class.

Andover High's comical entry shows a student being chased down a school hallway by a doughnut — symbolizing an unhealthy breakfast. When the student trips and falls as he sprints into the cafeteria

in search of sustenance, a staff member kicks the doughnut out of the scene and happily hands him a healthy breakfast. The video beat out nearly 100 submissions from schools across the state, and will be shown on WHDH-TV's "Urban Update" program.

Media teacher Daniel Brennan served as adviser to the winning group of

students.

"Participating in this video contest helped reinforce for the students the importance of eating a healthy school breakfast as well as the multimedia curriculum we've been working on all year," Brennan said. "It was a meaningful experience and both the students and I are excited to see our video on (TV)."

The contest aimed to promote awareness of two under-utilized, federal child nutrition initiatives — the school breakfast program and the summer food service program. All Massachusetts high schools were invited to participate by creating a video that encouraged their peers to eat a healthy school breakfast.

— Tim Lima, staff writer



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

Brian Duffy, 17, shows teacher Minda Reidy the go-kart engine he built for his senior engineering externship.

Engineering a successful startup

Senior excel in new externship program

By TIM LIMA
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One student reconstructed a 1957 Volkswagen Beetle, while others built a rocket, a computer software system and a photo booth.

In all, eight Andover High School seniors completed the engineering externship program, a new class designed to give very devoted and passionate students a chance to carry out extraordinary projects.

Math teacher Minda Reidy, who led the course, said it was designed around the concept of students working in a real, in-demand environment while paired up with mentors from the community.

While most of the work for the class was done outside of school, mentors would regularly enter the classroom to assist students in planning, developing and orchestrating their chosen projects.

Reidy commended the students for completing their projects in the shortened time frame caused by this past winter's record snowfall. She added that the ultimate goal wasn't only about doing the project, but successfully creating a



Senior Jake Gordon, 18, left, demonstrates the photo booth he built to mentor Amy Riemer, a communications consultant in town, during last week's exhibition of student engineering externship projects. For more photos of the seniors' engineering externship projects, check out www.andovertownsmen.com.

design and carrying it out to precise specifications and measurements.

When the students saw what they could do, it opened their eyes, she said. "What they learned

was life changing," she said. "The projects overall well exceeded their expectations of what they were able to accomplish. After, they all stepped back and looked at all of their work and said,

"Wow, I did that."

Reidy is hopeful that the program will not only continue next year, but will grow with increased student interest.

Fostering a passion for poetry

Robert Frost Foundation presents annual AHS Night

This spring's sixth annual Robert Frost Foundation's "An Evening of Poetry" brought together Andover High School teachers and students in a multi-generational event at Café Azteca in Lawrence.

Presented by the foundation's executive director emeritus, Mark Schorr, and hosted by Harry J. Durso, the event spotlighted the poetry of a variety of people of different ages and cultures.

Don Michaud, whose business, Don's Auto Care of Lawrence, sponsored the evening, said he is glad to see that the Poetry Night continues to grow every year, with page poets, slam poets and those in between all sharing the power of the word.

"I want to give students an opportunity to be heard without any restrictions," he said in a release. "I have been very pleased that the Poetry Night keeps getting better every year."

The students in AHS English teacher Eric Pellerin's Poetry Club thanked Durso and the Robert Frost Foundation for the opportunity to share their poems and experiences. They said they have found poetry to be a great way "to figure out who you are and develop and find your 'self.'"

The students also announced they will be competing in the Louder Than a Bomb spoken word poetry competition for the second year.

The participating students were seniors Michael Weber and Nicholas Wackowski, second year performing; junior Hannah Muhlfelder, fifth year performing; and freshmen Abby Daggett and Charlotte Guterman. Pellerin and AHS English Department teacher Mary Ellen Janeiro also performed.

This year, poets who call themselves "The Friends of Don's Auto Care" — Frank Farnham, Muriel Soule and Jim Ryan — also joined in the event. The three say their poetry careers have been encouraged by artistic discussions that take place at the Lawrence garage.

"This has been a labor of love each year for all those involved," Durso said. "Each Poetry Night has had its own magic as the AHS students perform on the same stage as published poets and other poets ... in an event that has its own artistic merit that is both powerful and unique."

The evening was part of The Robert Frost Foundation's monthly Poetry Hoot Series. Joe Spanos Productions sponsored the video production and Bethany Spanos created the night's poster and was the video editor. A recording of the event is airing on Andover Television Channel 8 and Verizon 47. It is also available on Methuen and Lawrence Community Television channels and YouTube.

"This is poetry from all the generations playing well together in the City of Lawrence," Schorr said.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

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Baccalaureate Service on Sunday

The annual Andover High School Baccalaureate Service will be held on Sunday, June 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Christ Church at 33 Central St. in downtown Andover.

The baccalaureate is an ecumenical service for all denominations that honors the graduating class of 2015 prior to Monday night's graduation ceremony.

The service was started more than 30 years ago by a group of people who felt strongly about helping young people connect with and appreciate their gift of faith. Organizers are hoping to see as many of the town's faith communities as possible represented.

For more information, email Philip Giguere at Philip.Giguere@utas.etc.com.

Montessori fosters creativity through STARS grant

Andover School of Montessori, for the second year, received a \$5,000 STARS (Students and Teachers working with Artists, Scientists and Scholars) grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to support the creative learning of arts, humanities and sciences.

This year's grant provided students with the opportunity to work with Joy Arcolano, founder and artist of Playhouse Education, as well as Tyler Catanello, an Emerson College graduate who is classically trained in the arts.

The event, "STEAM Across the Ages," focused on the evolving methods of communication over the years. Diane Daily, program manager of STARS Residencies for the state Cultural Council, attended the culminating event.

Special education brainstorming session

The School Department will host a special education brainstorming meeting on Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Committee Room on the second floor of the School Administration Building at 36 Bartlett St.

The meeting will gather parents and guardians of special needs students and other interested individuals with staff from the Student Services Department to discuss ways to move forward to address special education issues of mutual concern.

Rich Robison, executive director of the Federation for Children with Special Needs, will lead the discussion.

Northern Essex plans open houses

Northern Essex Community College is hosting information open houses for students considering enrolling full- or

part-time in the fall or taking just one class.

Admission information sessions will take place this Thursday, June 4, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, June 24, at 5 p.m. in the Behrakis One-Stop Student Services Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St. There will also be two sessions on Friday, June 12, and Tuesday, July 14, both at 10 a.m., in the Dr. Ibrahim El-Hefni Allied Health & Technology Center on the Lawrence Campus, 414 Common St.

NECC representatives will be on hand to answer questions on financial aid, programs and more.

In addition, walk-in hours for admission information are available Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. through 6:30 p.m., and Friday, noon to 4:30 p.m.

NECC offers classes during the day and at night, both on campus and online. For more information, contact NECC's Enrollment Services at 978-556-3700 or



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Andover Vocal Music members from Andover High School treated the residents of Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street to a special recital last month. Mary Mazza, the residence's Engage Life director, said the students were "truly remarkably talented young people" and their performance "was enjoyed by everyone." The performers were, from left, Daniel Webber, Alden Good, Brad Lynn, Taejasvi Narayan, Jackie Long, Francesca Lionetta and Dylan Millis.

email admissions@necc.mass.edu. Visit www.necc.mass.edu for more information.

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Opportunity fulfilled

A Better Chance's seniors prepare to graduate AHS

STAFF REPORTS

For three Andover High School graduates, their four years living in town are nearing their end.

Seniors Ariel Leachman, Xonatia Lee and Fatouma Koné soon will be saying good-bye to their host families and the A Better Chance organization of Andover that welcomed them to town in most cases back in 2011.

Leachman and Lee are bound for Barnard College in New York City in the fall, while Koné is heading to Lancaster, Penn., to attend Franklin & Marshall College.

A Better Chance of Andover has been opening

the door to greater educational opportunities for qualified, highly motivated students since 1967. It brings students from under-performing schools across the country so they can obtain a top education, win admission and excel in college, and eventually go on to assume positions of leadership and responsibility.

It is part of a national, nonprofit organization that works to close the education gap for students of color in American society.

Before A Better Chance Andover's latest trio of graduates embark on the next chapter of their lives, local host families, board members and supporters, including Andover High

School guidance counselors, gathered at the Log Cabin at Phillips Academy on May 13 to honor them.

The graduates' host families shared stories of getting to know the girls who became like daughters and how their relationships deepened over the years through dinners, family events, cooking and rap music.

John Nossiff, the youngest of Koné's three host brothers, kept the audience laughing, according to a report from ABC Andover. He said that his mother's real reason for participating as a host family was to have a daughter, and that Koné "did it all without causing trouble, which was a nice change for my parents."



A Better Chance's 2015 Andover High School graduates are, from left, Ariel Leachman, Xonatia Lee and Fatouma Koné.

Brian Carmichael, Lee's host parent, said that he'd smile in the years to come as he hangs her Yankees ornament on the family Christmas tree.

"You were never a guest, you were always part of the family," Carmichael said, speaking for the other host families, too.

Julie Prentiss, Leachman's host mom, said her family can't wait to see where Leachman "takes life, because where life takes her is too passive for her."

The graduating trio in turn expressed deep appreciation and gratitude for the opportunities they have received. They talked about the "impertinent intellectual understanding of the larger story behind their participation in ABC" and the program's role addressing educational inequality.

Nancy Vogler, president of A Better Chance Andover, presented the Samuel S. Rogers Prize for volunteerism to Nilda Vega for the "tireless example she sets sharing her time in community service."

Together, the soon-to-be graduates created a colorful bouquet as each thanked the myriad of volunteers who have supported them along the way — with



COURTESY PHOTOS

Andover High School senior Ariel Leachman, one of three A Better Chance Andover graduates this year, hangs a Barnard College pennant to symbolize where she will be continuing her studies in the fall. The pennant display is a tradition among the graduates.

everything from keeping the hot water on, to driving them to activities, to lending a hand with their academics.

And ABC Andover's five freshmen and sophomore girls presented a painting representing the three graduates that will hang in the ABC House as a reminder of the difference the trio made during their time there.

The program ended with an ABC Andover tradition, as

each senior hung up a pennant for the college they will be attending in the fall.

ABC board members congratulated the graduating seniors for the "personal courage, fortitude, natural abilities and intelligence" that they brought to the program and said they are confident they will "harness their determination, passion and talent to make the world a better place."

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Sports

Two Title Town



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Andover High's Hannah Chapman, far left at a meet this winter, finished second in the long jump and triple jump and ran a career-best fifth in the 100 hurdles to help the Golden Warriors girls track team earn a dramatic victory in the EMass. Division 1 Championship on Saturday.

Golden Warriors girls, boys track capture EMass. crowns

BY DAVID WILLIS

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The girls track championship would come down to just one point.

Heading into the final event of the day this past Saturday, the Golden Warriors girls track team trailed Cambridge Rindge & Latin by a single point with just the 4x400 left to run.

"I was so nervous," said Hannah Lansberry, a member of that Andover relay team. "It was pretty scary. I didn't know if we had enough, but I knew that we were going to give it all we could."

Running in an unseeded heat, the relay team of Amanda Devine, Isabella Silveira, Julia Torres and Lansberry posted a 4:08.82.

After a white-knuckle wait as the final heat ran, that time proved good enough for eighth overall, giving the Golden Warriors a heart-stopping title at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 Championship with 69.5 points, edging Cambridge's 69 by just half a point.

The Golden Warriors boys team, meanwhile, dominated the field on the way to its title with 100 points, far outdistancing the second-place finisher, Peabody, which put up 51 points.

But it was the girls relay run at the end of the meet that captured the most attention.

Lansberry said she could barely look as she watched the final heat compete.

"I really didn't know if we had done enough," said the freshman. "We were very worried. But when I saw that a team ran slower than us I knew we had it."

The victory set off a massive celebration as the two Golden Warrior squads savored their titles.

"I am just so proud of this team," senior Hannah Ameen said. "The boys were the favorite to win, but we knew that we could do it too. It was scary, but the 4x400 team really came through. We could not have



COURTESY PHOTO/Mass Milesplit

Andover High's Ray Gorzela delivered the best day of his career on Saturday, stunning the field to win the 200 and also contributing on the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams as the Golden Warriors boys track team earned another EMass. Division 1 state title.

done it without them."

Gorzela a surprise star

In Ray Gorzela's wildest dreams, he could not have hoped for his performance Saturday.

"I have never had a day like this in my life," the Andover High junior said. "I have always looked up to the stars on this team, but I never thought I would be up there with them."

Seeded seventh in the 200 going into the meet, Gorzela stunned the field by running to victory in 22.41. He then ran to victory as a member of the 4x100 (42.83) and 4x400 (3:23.54) relay teams.

"Ray just killed it today," said teammate Hamza Naveed, who took second in the 400. "He wasn't supposed to be a favorite and he just took it home. It was amazing day for the kid."

Chapman comes up huge

Without an individual victory as a team, no one came up bigger for Andover girls track on Saturday than Hannah Chapman.

The senior placed second

in the long jump (17-7.25) and triple jump (35-11.25) and took fifth in the 100 hurdles (16.21).

Her day's long jump shattered her personal best of 17-0, and was the second best jump in the area this spring.

"I was happy to jump 17-0, and on my last jump I just decided to go all out and give it all I had," she said. "It felt so easy, and I was shocked to see the jump. I was seeded 13th in the event, so I really wanted to take it."

She now has another big goal for All-States.

"I really want to jump 38 feet in the triple jump," she said. "I have been waiting to do it since my sophomore year and I have almost done it twice this season."

Hurdles in their own class

They could be bitter rivals. Instead, Sean Caveney was the first to embrace teammate Sebastian Silveira after some math determined that Silveira had beaten his fellow Golden Warrior by thousandths of a second in the 110 hurdles.

Both ran 14.41, but Silveira

walked away as EMass. Division 1 champion.

No matter, because hours earlier it was Caveney who had earned gold, winning the 400 hurdles in 54.61, besting Silveira (55.98).

Both were champions, and again showed that the Golden Warriors were in a league of their own in the hurdles.

"I am definitely so excited," Caveney said. "I knew that I could run a good time, but I had never been an individual state champion before. So to do that is thrilling."

Silveira was also happy to take the gold in the 110 hurdles.

"I was little nervous because I didn't run so well in the preliminaries, so I was running in the lower heat," he said. "But to take it home was great."

They each also took a relay crown, with Silveira running on the 4x100 and Caveney on the 4x400.

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Princeton a perfect fit for track star-scholar Silveira

BY MICHAEL MULDOON
Staff Writer

You're doing something right when, by October of your senior year of high school, your plans for college already are finalized.

And you're heading to Princeton. That was the case with hurdler Sebastian Silveira.

Of course, to live the dream like that, you need a resume like Silveira's: 2,220 SATs, a 5 on AP Calculus A/B test and 4 on AP Biology test, ranked in top 10 percent of class.

Then there are his track accomplishments: New England 55-meter hurdles runner-up this winter in 7.45, fastest in the area in 13 years; member of shuttle hurdle relays championship quartet at New Balance Nationals, bests of 14.72 in spring track in the 110 hurdles (ninth best in area history) and 55.37 in the 400 hurdles (second all-time).

"At the end of my junior year, I ran some decent times," the 6-1, 180-pound Golden Warrior said. "I really wanted to go Ivy. I visited most of them. It just seemed like Princeton had the strongest academics and a great team. I had my test scores and grades in order. It was just making sure my track times were good and improving."

As for the bleeding ulcers most Ivy League candidates get worrying about admissions?

"The week before I sent in my application in October, the coach said I'd get in," said Silveira, whose other top schools were Brown and Penn.

With all his hurdling success, Silveira was never considered a natural.

He recalls a grade school teacher saying, "You stink and you can't do it."

Even Andover coach Peter Comeau, a former New England champ hurdler who has groomed a slew of top hurdlers, didn't know what he had.

"I tried again freshman year," said Silveira, a three-year soccer letterman who played JV hockey his first two years at Andover High. "Comeau said, 'Never again.' I was pretty bad. I tried again junior year and it kind of worked out."

Like his brother, former Andover starting point guard Max Silveira, Sebastian was a late bloomer.

The genes were always there. Their parents, Doug and Ellen, were middle distance runners at Tufts University in Medford. Their aunt, Stacy Silveira, was a 6-1 basketball wonderkind at Wakefield High, being recruited by virtually every top college in the country before knee injuries derailed her career.

Younger sisters Isabella, a sophomore trackster, and seventh-grader Maddy are also promising athletes.

Sebastian Silveira said his schedule isn't overwhelming, but does allow, "I have no time for work or clubs. It's just school and track."

Naturally, he had some lofty goals for this spring, including wins at All-States and hopefully the New England's. This past Saturday, he won the 110 hurdles over his teammate, Sean Caveney, in the Eastern Mass. Division 1 Championship (*see related story*).



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All-State hurdles champion Sebastian Silveira will continue his track career at Princeton University in New Jersey.

► Andover High Roundup

Reming, Curtin lead girls lacrosse to big victories

GIRLS LACROSSE

Carissa Reming scored a team-high three goals as Andover rolled over Dracut 14-1 last Wednesday, May 27. Darsie Peterson scored two goals, Veronica Alois added two more goals and three assists and Brooke Lenex chipped in with a goal and two assists for the winners.

Caroline Curtin and Veronica Alois each netted three goals to help Andover edge fellow power Framingham 12-11 last Tuesday, May 26. Jess Leone and Jordan Torres both scored twice and Carissa

Reming and Emma Farnham added single goals apiece.

BOYS LACROSSE

Lakos nets four

Jake Lakos scored four goals and John Croston notched a hat trick and assisted on four other scores as Andover rolled over Dracut 17-3 last Tuesday, May 26. Andy Soucy and George Cardillo each scored two goals, six other Warriors scored once and Matt Nussbaum had two assists for the Warriors.

GIRLS TENNIS

Nash leads the way

Powered by a Courtney Nash victory at first singles (6-2, 6-2) Andover improved to 17-0 with a 5-0 win over Masconomet last Tuesday, May 26. Karena Yan (6-1, 6-0) and Pooja Mukund (6-0, 6-1) each added singles victories for the Warriors.

BASEBALL

Hernandez keeps slugger

Gabe Hernandez continued his monster senior season, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs

and a run scored as the Golden Warriors blasted Tewksbury 9-0 last Wednesday, May 27. Quinn McCarthy added two hits and scored a run, E.J. Perry IV had two hits and scored twice and Dan Gemmell drove in two runs for the winners.

Dan Amidon had two hits and two RBIs, but Andover lost to archrival Central Catholic 14-7 this past Friday. Chris Nicholas added two hits and scored a run and E.J. Perry IV was 2-for-3 with an RBI.



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Carissa Reming attacks the net. Her three goals led Andover to a victory over Dracut last week.

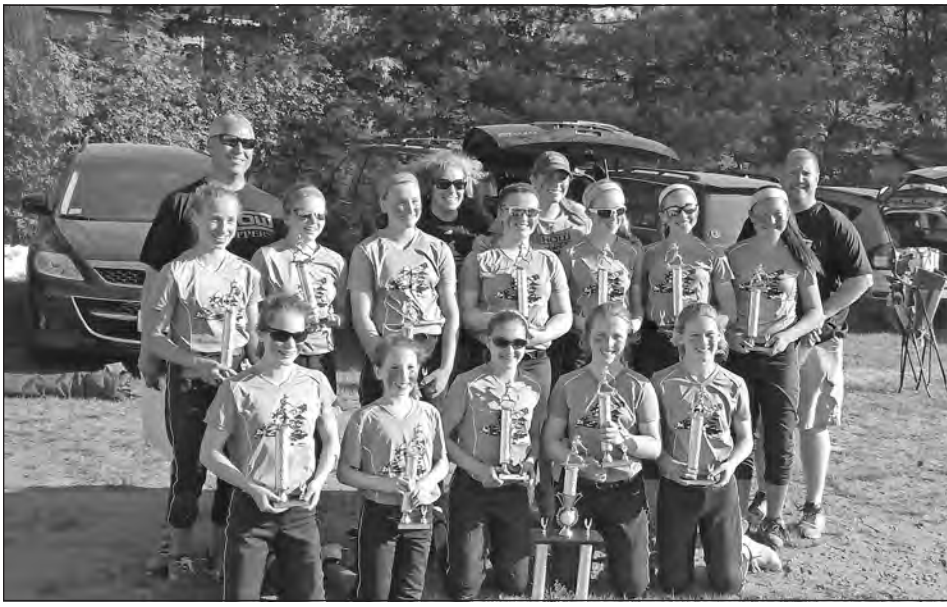
Show Stoppers come up Pink in tourney win

Two Andover players pitched in to help the Show Stoppers U12 Navy Team go undefeated to win the annual Think Pink Tournament, its first tournament of 2015.

Andover's Julianna Barbaro and Katie Morris shined for the Show Stoppers as it won all three of its first-round games and then went on to capture four games in the single-elimination playoffs during the weekend tournament held in Tewksbury.

The Show Stoppers team competes in the Show Softball League based in Lawrence, and features a roster of girls from Andover, Burlington, Methuen, North Andover, Tewksbury as well as Hampton, N.H., and Pelham, N.H.

In addition to Barbaro and Morris, the Show Stoppers includes Macie Harkovich, Julia Stanizzi, Avery



Andover's Julianna Barbaro, kneeling center, and Katie Morris, standing, third from right, played key roles for the Show Stoppers U12 Navy Team in last month's Think Pink tournament. Courtesy photo

Canney, Lindsay Bodi, Abby Newton, Mia Gage, Grace Calandrella, Julia Ford,

Chloe McGonagle and Claudia Mabley. Coaches are Ann Gubellini, head

coach, together with Brian Bodi, Nicole Gubellini and Russ Lowell.

Inaugural jaunt for Andover Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run has made its way to Andover. Thanks to a grant to Doherty Middle School from The Andona Society of Andover, the national program established a chapter in town last fall.

The initiative combines a 5K training program around activities and experiences that empower girls to honor themselves, celebrate their gifts and find their voices.

Doherty Middle School health teacher Cheryl Todisco said that as a teacher and parent, the Girls on the Run mission "really resonated with me."

She said the program's extensive evidence-based curriculum provides leadership and service opportunities, fosters new friendships within and across grade levels and ultimately creates lasting memories. "My goal was to bring the

program to Andover students for the first time, but unfortunately I lacked the necessary funding," she said.

The Andona Society took care of that hurdle, Todisco said, graciously funding the bulk of the program and making her goal a reality.

About 20 local girls participated in the inaugural program, building up to the Walter's Run 5K in Boston in December.

Todisco led the program together with physical education teacher Katie Rurak and math teacher Christine Bronson.

The Andover team paired with the Methuen Girls on the Run for the bus ride to Boston for the December 5K. Together, the two teams created the motto, "Girls on the run, having fun; girls on the track, we have your back."

"Andona is a very special organization and educational



Some of the members of the inaugural Girls on the Run team from Doherty Middle School include, front, Liana Jensen; middle row, from left, Sophia Armstrong, Angela Ngo, Emma Keamy and Olivia Grecoe; and, back row, from left, Sally Hodges, Diana Kreismanis, Gabriella Rickards and Yamila Mejia. Courtesy photo

leader in town," Todisco said in an email. "I applaud, respect and am very grateful

for their steadfast commitment to our schools."

- Tim Lima, staff writer

Gold standard

Bresnick wins state, regional gymnastics titles

May was a big month for 11-year-old Andover gymnast Jessica Bresnick. She won both the state and regional gymnastics championships in the Xcel Gold Division.

On May 16, she earned the state overall champion title with a score of 37.40.

She won firsts in the beam, bars and floor routine, achieving her best score on the beam with a 9.525.

Her performance at the states, held at the DCU Center in Worcester, qualified her for the regional championships that took place at Shrewsbury High

School on May 30. Gymnasts from all six New England states as well as New York came to compete at the event.

Bresnick won the overall title with a combined score of 37.275 and placed first in bars with a 9.75, second in vault with a 9.225 and third in floor with a 9.275.

This is the second year she has been a state champion. Last year, she won the title in the Xcel Silver Division.

Bresnick, the daughter of Marlena and Louis Bresnick, trains at Reading Gymnastics Academy in Reading along with her sister, Gabriella, and brother Jamison. She is a sixth-grader at West Middle School.



Jessica Bresnick claimed the Xcel Gold Division Regional Championship title on May 30 with an impressive all-around performance on bar, vault and floor. Courtesy photo



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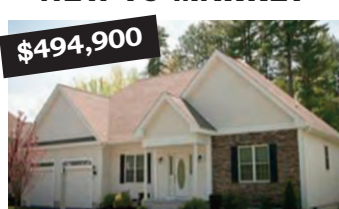
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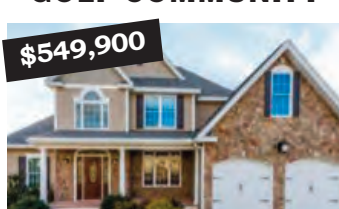
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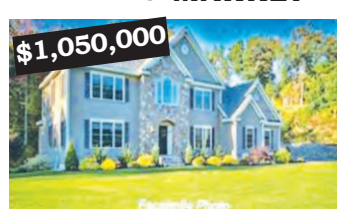
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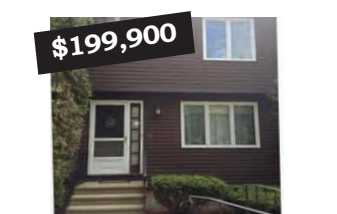
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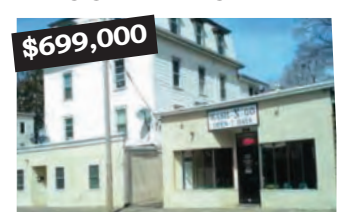
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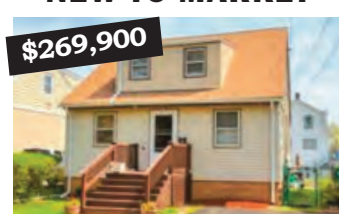
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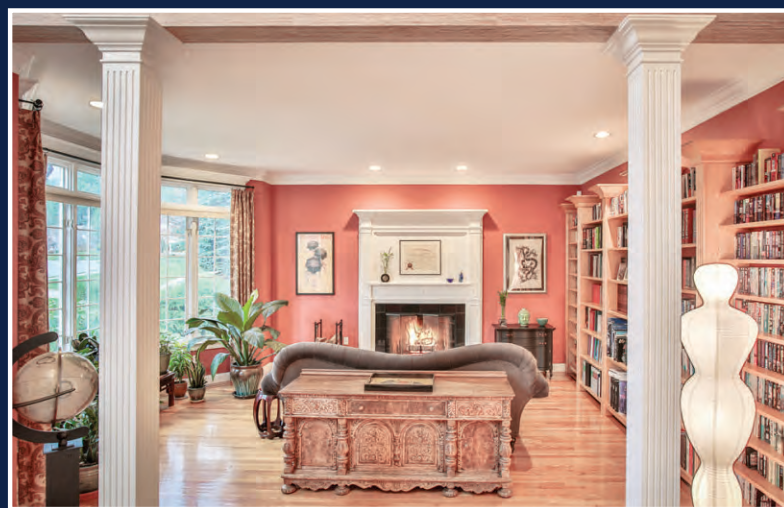
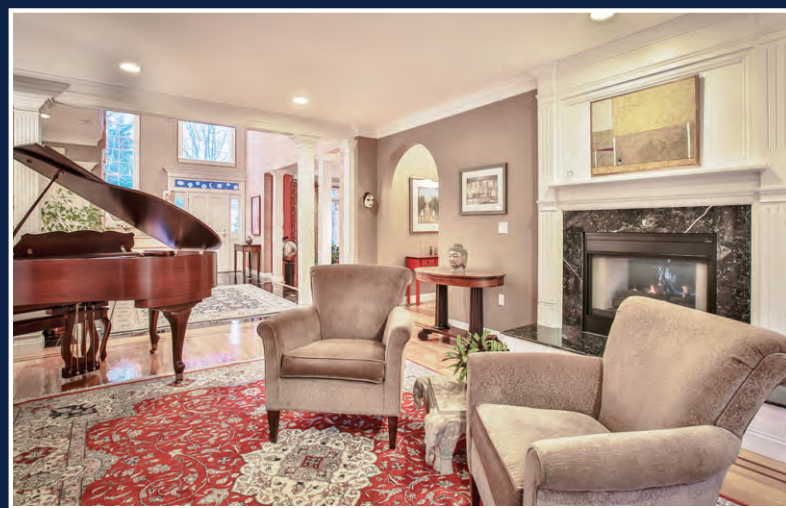
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Clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy	Mostly sunny; nice	Mostly sunny; nice	A few showers	A t-storm in spots	Sun, then clouds
High: 68° Low: 50°	High: 70° Low: 53°	High: 73° Low: 49°	High: 71° Low: 52°	High: 73° Low: 60°	High: 80° Low: 60°	High: 80° Low: 57°

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- **17 Webster St.:** 17 Webster Street RT and Loretta T. Devlin to Patrick J. and Kaitlyn M. Haggerty, \$250,000
- **105 Woburn St.:** Thomas R. and Elizabeth C. Kline to Sylvia Olier and Milena D. Melo-Jorge, \$635,000
- **28 Bradley Road:** Richard D. and Eileen F. Lennon to James and Laura C. Bonfanti, \$575,000
- **8 Hawk Ridge Road:** Jeffco Inc. to Joseph Cipriano and Patricia A. White, \$993,250
- **14 Korinthian Way:** Dong Pan and Yuqing Zhu to James Lavenburg and Allison Jordan, \$490,000
- **100 Main St., Unit 1:** JAC Main Street LLC to Shafnin LLC, \$165,000
- **12 Martingale Lane, Unit 12:** Iannazzi MA RT and William J. Iannazzi to CCC RT and Charles A. Carroll, \$685,000
- **257 North Main St., Unit 9:** Ronald P. Shwetz RET and Ronald P. Shwetz to Stephen P. Reddy RET and Stephen P. Reddy, \$130,000
- **2 Pheasant Run:** Mark S. Lahood and Nicole M. Morgan to Michael and Maureen Khoury, \$528,000
- **3 Reservation Road, Unit 3:** Michael C. Gillis to Susan Macleod, \$320,000
- **63 River St.:** Cameron L. and Roberta A. Mills to Vernon J. and Keri Hickey, \$385,000
- **15 Cedar Road:** Mark P. and Andrea G. Bree to Joseph E. and Joan K. O'Brien, \$550,000
- **24 Crenshaw Lane, Unit 24:** CA INT and Yvon Cormier to Warren A. and Diane M. Reichlen, \$1,250,000
- **24 Lincoln Circle:** Anne L. Edgerly IRT and Anne L. Edgerly to Shepard Johnson, \$469,900
- **4 Locke St.:** Moeller FT and Robert G. Moeller to Yissy C. Perez, \$540,000
- **9 Locke St.:** Jennifer P. Mosher to Paul F. Tortorella and Mary B. McKernan, \$1,395,000
- **123 North St.:** Mark C. and Linda R. Vens to David Button, \$430,000
- **168 River Road:** Andover Portland Ave. Assoc. to JSIP Casco Crossing LLC, \$19,750,000

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