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CLOSING BELL

Students, staff, alumni offer fond farewell to their beloved Shawsheen School

BY TIM LIMA
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More than 600 people, both young and old, took to Shawsheen Elementary School on a recent afternoon this month. And it wasn't just for the ice cream and pizza.

The school that enrolls fewer than 300 students a year up to the second grade is closing its doors this week to all but preschool classrooms.

On Wednesday, students in kindergarten through second grade filed out of Shawsheen for the last time. Teachers shut the doors to their classrooms for the final time on Thursday.



AMANDA SABGA/PHOTO

See **SCHOOL**, Page 13 **William Tomasek, 7 of Andover, jumps in celebration as the students march toward Shawsheen Elementary School's final assembly on Monday.**

Town, Phillips ink tax deal

Academy ups payments to town; to top \$3M over 8 years

BY BILL KIRK
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After nearly two years of negotiations, the town signed an agreement with Phillips Academy last week that obliges the non-profit, private school to make a "voluntary payment" in lieu of property taxes over the next eight years worth \$242,000 to \$382,000 a year.

The agreement, signed by the Board of Selectmen and Phillips' Chief Financial Officer Stephen Carter at last Monday night's meeting, is the continuation of an understanding between the two parties dating back to 1999.

It was heralded by both school and town officials as a generous deal that helps both interests.

"This represents in excess of \$3 million over the eight years of the agreement," said Selectman Paul Salafia, who was on a sub-committee negotiating the pact.

"This (agreement), in addition to many other positive dimensions of our work with the town of Andover, demonstrates that we appreciate this mutually beneficial relationship and take seriously our role as a major employer and a responsible, actively engaged neighbor," Head of School John Palfrey said.

Under the terms of the deal, Phillips Academy will contribute \$242,000 in 2015 — an increase of approximately 37 percent over its 2014 payment of \$177,303. The payment will rise to \$312,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$382,000 in fiscal year 2017. Beginning in fiscal year 2018, the increase will be linked to the rate of change in town property taxes. The agreement is good through 2022.

With this new agreement, Palfrey noted that among private secondary schools

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Where everybody knows your name

Shawsheen has welcomed generations for 90-plus years

BY TIM LIMA
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Shawsheen Elementary's final chapter as a grade school also marks the final chapter in the careers of three longtime educators.

Principal Moira O'Brien will retire after 13 years on the job. Ann O'Donnell is packing up her books after a 20-year career.

And Susan Infantine, the school's most tenured

current faculty member who spent the majority of her 35-year career at Shawsheen, is penning her final lesson plan.

Infantine, 61, who has spent 27 years inside a classroom at Shawsheen, decided on retirement the moment she learned the school would be closing to all but preschool students.

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Retiring teacher Susan Infantine holds up a needlepoint of Shawsheen Elementary School she created for former Principal Isabelle Dobbie. Infantine says she will leave it at the school as she closes out her 35-year teaching career, including 27 years at Shawsheen.

Seniors stand strong on housing needs

Affordable — not assisted — living is primary need, survey finds

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A \$35,000 study of the town's elderly population shows that the biggest need for senior citizens and aging baby-boomers is affordable housing close to downtown.

Those findings are now being used by opponents of two proposed assisted-living projects in town — one

at the former Strawberry Hill Farm on Lowell Street and another off Elm Street — to show that the facilities are not needed.

They argue what Andover needs instead is more affordable independent-living opportunities for older individuals.

The study, financed with the approval of the 2014 Town Meeting, was conducted by the Center for

Social and Demographic Research on Aging at UMass Boston in conjunction with the Council on Aging.

The findings were presented to the Board of Selectmen last week by Dr. Bernard Steinman.

While the survey targeted the town's elderly, it also included people in their 50s, as they are part of a growing number of baby-boomers who will soon be needing services for the senior population.

He explained that the study was based on 1,219 surveys returned to the researchers out of 4,000 sent out into the community.

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Steinman highlighted

some of the results, in particular how 88 percent of respondents feel it is "very important" to be able to "age in place."

For some, that means being able to retrofit their homes so they can continue living in them independently while still being able to get around them safely.

For others, that means

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An investment for the future

Couple sees support for tuition-free Bellesini paying dividends

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Don Bulens obviously knows a thing about finance and recognizes a good return on investment when he sees one.

The Andover businessman who's made a career leading billion-dollar software and network companies also likes a good success story.

Thanks to a middle school boy in Lawrence, he found both. The boy would ultimately capture this CEO's heart and, also, capture money earned in the charitable trust fund that he manages with his wife,

Lynne (Capozzi) Bulen. "This young man gave me a tour of his school and I was so impressed with him. ... I never forgot him and the wonderful school that we toured," Bulens said.

The school was Bellesini Academy in Lawrence, a tuition-free, independent, Catholic middle school for 60 boys in grades five to eight from low-income families in Lawrence.

The tour guide was Euris Gonzales, who has gone on to become one of the academy's shining star graduates. Gonzales eventually

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover's Don and Lynne Bulen believe that education is the best way to enrich the lives of young people. The couple have been strong supporters of Bellesini Academy in Lawrence.

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in Massachusetts, Phillips Academy will be making the most substantial payment of this type to a town or city.

School contributions

According to a fact sheet provided by the school, in addition to the voluntary payment, Phillips Academy makes numerous other contributions to the community, both financial and in-kind.

For example, in any given year, about 138 students from the Town of Andover attend Phillips Academy. Phillips grants about \$1 million in financial aid to assist some of those students with tuition.

Carter said that in contrast, the school's faculty members send their children - about 57 or 58 students - to either Bancroft Elementary or Doherty Middle schools. At a cost of \$13,000 per student, that comes to a subsidy by the town of around \$741,000 a year, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski, who was on the town side of the negotiating team with Salafia.

When this issue first came up in mid-2013, Salafia made a point of declaring that Andover was spending a half-million a year educating the children of Phillips Academy faculty members.

Stapeczynski said the other factor the town was considering had to do with the amount of money the school would pay in property taxes if it weren't a non-profit.

Based on a study done in 2013, the school would pay about \$2.8 million. In other cities, like Boston, the payments from non-profit schools are based on 25 percent of what their gross property tax bills would be. In the case of Phillips, that would be around \$700,000.

But in Boston, Stapeczynski said, "they take that value and cut it in half."

The result is very close to

what Phillips is going to end up paying next year and in ensuing years, he said.

"I think it's a good compromise," he said. "We got to a point where we were all happy."

Town services

The new agreement does not affect what PA will continue to pay on its taxable parcels. In 2014, the school paid \$129,878 in property taxes, which includes the Andover Inn. In 2015, it is estimated the school will pay \$167,240 in property taxes.

The town also provides public safety and public works services to the school, Stapeczynski said.

During a recent selectmen's meeting, it was noted that the school did benefit from town rubbish removal and recycling services. Public Works Director Chris Cronin clarified that the school has a private hauler who has been able to dump the school's rubbish at the same cost as the municipal tonnage fee, saving the school on rubbish removal.

But the town also benefits from that arrangement because the school has helped the town meet its minimum rubbish obligations for the waste-to-energy plant.

Carter explained that the school pays for its own rubbish removal and handles its own recycling from the dorms but that the town does pick up recycling from the residences on campus.

Other services the town provides the school include public safety — in particular police and fire response. An estimate of the cost of those services was not available but Police Chief Patrick Keefe said police calls for service to the school were "minimal."

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said it was difficult if not impossible to calculate the cost to the town of the fire department response to the school because there are

so many, separate addresses affiliated with the school.

Estimated values

"We talked about a different kind of approach to valuing their property," Stapeczynski said, noting that he calculated that between public safety and public works services, the town typically spends about \$1,250 per acre throughout town.

Applied to Phillips, which has 500 acres, that would come to about \$625,000 a year.

But since ambulance calls are reimbursable, they pay their own water and sewer charges, and because they do their own snow plowing on their own sidewalks and streets on their campus, that figure comes down, he said.

"We are pretty wound together," he said. "To try to separate it, to attribute costs is a challenge. It's not as simple as, how many children they send to schools times the cost per student. We had a number of meetings with them and looked at it from different viewpoints."

At the beginning, he said, "we were looking for recognition for students they send to our town and they were looking at it from a community perspective and what they provide to the town."

Prior to 1999, when the first "voluntary payment" by Phillips was made, the school paid property taxes to the town for many of its residential holdings. At one time, the school was one of the top taxpayers in town.

That changed in 1999 when the town approached the school about changing the annual property tax payment to a "voluntary payment" after the assessor at the time, Bill Krajewski, realized the school could stop paying property taxes at any time because it is a non-profit.

Under federal law, churches and schools are not required to pay taxes if they are non-profits.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Phillips Academy seniors form a large circle on the lawn in front of Addison Gallery of American Art to pass their diplomas to each other during this month's graduation ceremony. Phillips officials and the Board of Selectmen have reached a deal that will increase the academy's annual financial contribution in lieu of property taxes to the town.

WHAT PHILLIPS OFFERS ANDOVER

- Phillips Academy outlined its contributions to the town of Andover
- Enrolls approximately 130 students from the town who do not live on the Phillips Academy campus.
- Approximately 57 children of Phillips Academy faculty members, who live on campus, attend public schools in Andover.
- Grants approximately \$1 million in financial aid annually to students from the town whose parents are not employees of the school.
- Paid \$56,630 in fiscal year 2014 real estate taxes on Academy properties.
- Paid \$72,590 in fiscal year 2014 real estate taxes on Andover Inn, which is currently managed by a third party and subsidized by the academy.
- Paid more than \$500,000 in fiscal year 2014 for water and sewer fees, building permits and other departmental fees. (The total amount is typical of recent years.)
- Committed \$8,000 in 2013 to assist with sidewalk repairs along Phillips Street between Main Street and Old Campus Road.
- Donated \$500,000 in December 2014 to the Andover Youth Foundation, with a goal to spur further donations and allow the town to complete the Cormier community center project.
- Provides Andover students an opportunity to take courses at the academy are not offered in their school.
- Preserves open spaces, including the 85-acre Moncrieff Sanctuary, that benefit the whole community.
- Offers cultural attractions and opportunities well attended by townspeople, including the Addison Gallery of American Art, which welcomes more than 30,000 visitors a year, including more than 7,000 teachers and students from across the region. Among the other offerings include educational programs and art classes benefiting students from both Andover and Lawrence; Peabody Museum of Archaeology, a free resource for researchers and educators; and dozens of annual musical events, theater productions and guest speakers open to the public, with the vast majority of these events being free of charge.
- Conducts a community service program that supports agencies in Andover and Lawrence, including Academy Manor Nursing Home, Bancroft School and Doherty Middle School.
- Leases space (\$1/year) to Shawshen Extended Day campus, a program that offers childcare and early childhood education to area residents.
- Employs more than 600 faculty and staff, including more than 100 who live in Andover, but not on the Phillips campus.
- Adds the purchasing power of 835 boarding students and their families to the local Andover economy.
- Employs a crossing guard to facilitate traffic on Salem Street during peak periods.
- Hosts college fairs, open to the public, attracting representatives from more than 150 colleges and universities.
- Supports the Step Up for Colleen road race, the 5K route for which goes through the sanctuary on campus.

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being able to sell their homes, downsize and move into an affordable apartment, home or condo in Andover.

Unfortunately, Steinman said, a "significant number" of people can't afford to either modify their homes or relocate to something smaller requiring less maintenance and upkeep, like cleaning the gutters and mowing the lawn.

According to the researchers, there aren't many options for elderly residents who want to downsize in a way that's affordable and

close to downtown.

"The findings are that people in Andover want to stay in Andover," said Margaret O'Connor of 22 Railroad St., who serves on the Council on Aging board. "They want to downsize, but many move out, and someplace like Methuen, because they can find something that's affordable, easier to maintain and smaller, after they sell their big house."

"They'd prefer to stay in Andover. That was one of the findings. They'd really prefer to stay in the town."

O'Connor later said in an interview with the Andover Townsman that the survey shows people want independent, not assisted, living.

"I think the focus should be on small, manageable, independent single-family condos, detached or attached units, within a mile of the center of town," she said.

One of the main reasons for that, she said, is that Andover has limited public transportation.

"Many seniors are giving up their licenses, or limit themselves to daytime driving," she said.

A subcommittee of the Council on Aging is working on further identifying seniors' desires in hopes the community can look to fulfill their needs.

The recently enacted Historic Mill District may help spur the kind of development sought by seniors, she said.

"The Historic District would be ideal for places like this," she said.

However, she stressed senior advocates "are not interested in the Town Yard property because it has environmental issues. I'm just trying to advocate for seniors to stay in Andover and be comfortable in Andover."

Joe Ponti, of 10 Marion Ave., a fellow Council on Aging board member, said the study debunks the "rhetoric" around the proposed assisted-living facilities that are seeking to develop in town.

"There is no need for those types of facilities in Andover," he said. "The Council on Aging wants to go on record as saying there is no need for those type of facilities."

Ann Grecoe, co-chairwoman of the Council on Aging, agreed.

"Our Planning Board and Planning Department need to understand the difference between independent living and assisted living," she said. She noted that Atria Marland Place, a senior housing complex on Stevens Street, has a memory care

floor, but that it has "empty rooms."

As The Townsman was going to press, the Planning Board was set to host public hearings on the two assisted-living projects and a third public hearing on a proposed over-62 complex on River Road on the grounds of St. Francis Seminary.

Selectmen Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue asked if the authors of the report had made their presentation to the Planning Board.

Kathy Urquhart, executive director of the Council on Aging, said the Planning Board was the group's next stop.

Selectmen said they hope to take up the dearth of affordable housing at a future meeting.

"When people want to move from their big home, there's a lack of places to go that are affordable and close to downtown," Selectman Alex Vispoli said. "That's the thing that keeps coming back."

Selectman Paul Salafia added, "Housing diversity is a glaring problem and it's incumbent on this board to see how we can encourage housing diversity for seniors. The Historic Mill District is perfect for it. This board has to show an aggressive interest in this."



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TOWN BRIEF


50th reunion for AHS class of 1965

The Andover High School class of 1965 will hold its 50th reunion on Friday, Aug. 14, at Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.

Anyone who has not received initial information via email should contact Jeri (Haggerty) Marjerison at marjeri@aol.com and include their current email address, as well as the email addresses of other classmates, if known.

Comments and suggestions are welcome. Visit Facebook at "AHS Class of 1965" to learn more.

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Sen. L'Italien defends budget rider for AHS media center

By BILL KIRK

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Sen. Barbara L'Italien last week defended her proposal to add \$200,000 to the state budget to fund a study of the Andover High School media center.

L'Italien, the newly elected Democrat from Andover, said she put budget riders in for Lawrence and Tewksbury, but that Andover is the only community "balking" at being given money for a local project.

"I've never heard of a town not wanting to accept money to help move a project forward," she said.

In May, L'Italien added an amendment to the Senate budget that would send \$200,000 to Andover to fund an engineering study for the high school media center, which proponents hope to create in the existing library.

Earlier that month, Town Meeting narrowly rejected

spending \$1.9 million on the project. While a majority of voters supported the measure, it required support from two-thirds of those in attendance.

"The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee were in favor of it ... if it had been on the first or third night (when there was a larger turnout) it would have passed," she said. "There was a plurality, it was just six votes shy of hitting the two-thirds mark. More people voted for it rather than against it."

Critics, however, say L'Italien shouldn't be putting state money into a project that has been rejected by Town Meeting.

Joe Ponti of 10 Marion Ave. told the Board of Selectmen last week that Town Meeting's vote should be the final say on the matter.

"I was taken aback by Barbara L'Italien somehow sneaking \$200,000 into the state budget for an item that had been voted down at Town Meeting," Ponti said. "I don't know how she did it. I guess she snuck it in on a rider bill with the intent that engineering studies could take place on the so-called digital library at the high school. Most of us attended Town Meeting; it was a close vote, but the town says categorically 'No, we don't want to spend money.'"

Ponti added, "I hope selectmen would take umbrage at what has taken place and categorically oppose any of the spending of those dollars until we meet in a fair forum at the next Town Meeting."



Sen. Barbara L'Italien

Selectman Bob Landry said in a Townsman story two weeks ago that L'Italien was engaging in "pork-barrel politics" and was bringing home the bacon for her supporters — primarily the teachers union, which donated heavily to her campaign. He pointed to the fact that she is also a former School Committee member.

L'Italien said she filed the amendment, which was approved by the Senate, because there weren't any requests for Andover on the House side of the budget and because many people in town still favor the project.

"When I was a House member, and now that I'm in the Senate, the town is always looking for money for projects," she said. "I find it curious this is being raised by someone who is opposed to the issue, but wasn't on the Board of Selectmen at

the time."

The selectmen's recommendation endorsing the project was 5-0. But it occurred in early March when former selectman Brian Major was still on the board. Landry went on to defeat Major in the March 24 town election and voted against the \$1.9 million media center project when it came up for vote at Town Meeting.

L'Italien said Landry is making a "political" issue of the \$200,000 spending request rather than thinking about what is best for the community.

Even if her budget amendment makes it through the conference committee process and ends up in the final budget sometime later this month or early next month, the town isn't obligated to build the media center — only study whether it should

be built, L'Italien added. "I'm trying to help the town receive funds to make a better-informed decision," she said. "This in no way locks them into making a decision on the media center."

Supporters of the project say the money from L'Italien should be gladly accepted because it will help clarify the cost of the project.

"The money that will facilitate the study will come from the state, but the money to do the work will actually be voted on by Town Meeting," selectmen Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue said.

"The reason it didn't pass at this Town Meeting is that we didn't know the full amount. This gives it a second chance, which I think is great."

O'Donoghue said the Board of Selectmen would take Ponti's request to reject the money "under advisement."



West Elementary School first-graders, led by teacher Carolyn Royal, recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of last week's Board of Selectmen's meeting. The students were invited by Selectman Paul Salafia, who served as their Rotary Club of Andover guest reader this school year.

BILL KIRK/Staff photo

A hand with the pledge

First-graders lead selectmen in a patriotic salute

By BILL KIRK

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The start of every Board of Selectmen's meeting is usually a pretty staid affair, with a moment of silence followed by the obligatory recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Last week, however, TV viewers and the assembled audience as well as members of the board were treated to something quite different.

Teacher Carolyn Royal's first-grade class at West Elementary School not only delivered a spotless recitation of the pledge, but the students also sang a stellar rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner," aka the national anthem.

The 16 members of the class had been invited to the meeting by Selectman Paul Salafia, who has been a regular, Rotary Club of Andover guest reader in Royal's classroom the last three or four years. He presented

each student with a certificate, signed by Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski and Selectmen Chairman Mary O'Donoghue.

O'Donoghue then presented Royal with a citation thanking her on behalf of the board.

Parents gathered in the

meeting room and the hallway with cameras and cellphones taking videos and pictures of the priceless moment. The children, meanwhile, seemed equally interested in the TV monitor in the back of the room that showed them on TV.

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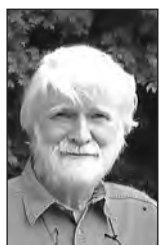
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OBITUARIES

Richard A. Donovan, 84

Founder of Ironstone Farm, Challenge Unlimited

SANBORNTON, NH — Richard A. Donovan Sr., age 84, the founder of Ironstone Farm in Andover, Mass., died peacefully on Monday morning, June 15, at D'Youville Senior Care, with his beloved family at his bedside. He was the loving husband for 42 years of Bernadette C. "Katie" (Murphy) Donovan, who died in September 2010.



He was born in May 1931, in Somerville, one of five children of the late William J. and Viola F. (May) Donovan, and was raised in Somerville. He graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor's Degree, and continued his education at Boston University, U-Mass, and Suffolk University. His early career was teaching at Billerica High School, as the Science Department Head, but he followed his passion and began a second career and a lifelong affiliation with horses.

Throughout his life he was active with thoroughbred horses - brokering, breeding, breaking, raising, training and rehabilitating the injured. His referral list included Cornell University, Tufts University and the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Schools. He provided therapy and rehabilitation for Rockingham Park, Suffolk Downs, and several other New England Tracks.

In 1960, he moved to Andover and founded Ironstone Farm. He was the first in New England to build a therapy swimming pool for horses. With the natural curiosity of the Ironstone Farm's neighborhood children, Richard began teaching horsemanship to the children. He opened the farm to visits and field trips to children with disabilities. This led to the formation of Challenge Unlimited, a therapeutic riding program that provided horses and lessons for children as a community service. The program had grown under Richard's vision and direction

to a program that now serves over 400 children weekly, year-round, with a staff of 19, working 30 horses and counts 150 volunteers. In spite of his accomplishments, in his inexhaustible humility, Richard liked to refer to himself as a "farmer."

Richard was a member of numerous Bureaus, Associations, and Societies, including New Hampshire and Mass Farm Bureaus, Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association, Mass Breeders Association, American Suffolk, American Quarter, American Paint, and Haflinger Horse Associations, Essex County 4-H, Essex Agricultural Association.

He and Bernadette stepped back from the day to day affairs at Ironstone and moved to Echo Ledge Farm in Lyman, N.H., in the late 90's. After the death of his wife, he moved to Sandbornton, N.H.

Richard leaves two children and their spouses, Bernadette "Bobbie" Donovan and her husband, Steve Taylor, Richard "Duffy" Donovan Jr., and his wife, Megan (Loughney) Donovan, and their daughter, Catherine Linda "Cali" Donovan, all of Sanbornton, N.H.; a dear friend, Mary Elizabeth "Dee Dee" O'Brien of Lowell; a sister, Claire Mountain of Winchester; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, William Donovan and Robert Donovan, and his sister, Mary Vocell.

ARRANGEMENTS: At his request, funeral services were private. Memorials to Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm, 450 Lowell St., Andover, MA 01810 will be greatly appreciated (www.ironstonefarm.org). A Celebration of Life is planned for August 23, 2015, at Ironstone Farm. Please see farm website for additional details. Arrangements were through the Tewksbury Funeral Home. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com.

Roy Sharpe, 74

February 23, 1941 — June 13, 2015

ORANGEVALE, CA — Roy passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on June 13, due to complications from leukemia.

Roy was born in Lawrence to Ruth and Ralph Sharpe (both deceased), but grew up in Ballardvale. Roy was the youngest child, with two brothers, Ralph (deceased) and Cliff. After high school, Roy attended Emerson College in Boston and earned his Bachelor's degree in Communications. Roy joined the Air Force in 1964 and after Officers' Training School, was stationed at Ramstein AFB in Germany. It was there he met his wife Ursula and in 1966 they had a daughter, Sandy. The family finally settled in the Sacramento area in 1975 where Roy went into real estate. In 1984, Roy went to work in software. Roy retired from the software business in 1995 and had spent the last 20 years buying and selling vinyl record collections. Roy had two great passions in life: music and baseball, specifically the Boston Red Sox. Roy is survived by



his ex-wife, Ursula; daughter, Sandy (Shane); brother, Cliff (Monica) and his beloved twin grandsons, Jacob and Jonathan. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Cheri, Pam, Bob, Eric, Brian, Sue and Stephen.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral arrangements are pending. Donations can be made in Roy's name to either the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or the Jimmy Fund.

Lauren Roy Dearborn, 92

September 12, 1922 — June 21, 2015
United States Navy Veteran of WWII



ANDOVER — Lauren Roy Dearborn, 92, a lifelong resident of 109 Elm Street, Andover, died peacefully at his home on Sunday, June 21, 2015. Son of the late Roy S. and Florence (Curtis) Dearborn, Lauren was born in Andover where he graduated from Punchard High School in 1940, and after graduation, attended Essex Agriculture Institute. In his younger years, he was a member of the South Church on Central Street in Andover. Lauren worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard until May of 1942, when he enlisted to serve as a Seaman, First Class in the United States Navy during World War II. Lauren was stationed as a Gunner's Mate at an ammunition depot in Perth, Australia and in the Philippines. He was honorably discharged in December of 1945. After the war, he worked at the Searles Estate in Methuen, and then for many years, at Bolton Emerson in Lawrence. After retiring, he worked at the Andover Savings Bank in Andover for another 10 years, from where he also retired. Valuing hard work, Lauren continued working until the age of 87 at Flowers By Steve in Bradford.

Lauren had spent time every summer since his childhood on Cape Cod in Brewster, Mass. He built his own wooden sailboat and loved to sail on Cape Cod Bay, on the many ponds and lakes of the Cape, and on Squam Lake in New Hampshire. He loved being home in his yard, working in his vegetable garden and splitting wood. Inventive and handy, he could often be found in his cellar workshop building things

with wood and engineering ingenious fix-it devices. A loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Lauren's true devotion was to his home and his family.

Lauren was predeceased by his beloved wife, Dorothy

Austin Dearborn, with whom he had shared over 50 years of marriage; as well as his brother, Everett Dearborn of Andover. He is survived by his son, Paul Dearborn and his wife, Karen, of Kingston, N.H.; his grandson, Keith Martin; and great-granddaughter, Katherine Martin of Hamstead, N.H.; his son, Richard Dearborn and his wife, Patricia, of Andover; his grandson, Tyler Dearborn of Andover; and his granddaughter, Leah Dearborn of Rockport, Mass.; his daughter, Sandra Dearborn; and his granddaughter, Melissa Dearborn, both of Andover. He also leaves a niece and two nephews. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: A private graveside service will be held at Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the MGH Fund, Massachusetts General Hospital, P.O. Box 55242, Boston, MA 02205-8098 or Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Building #9, Lawrence, MA 01843. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. To send condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.



POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY TIM LIMA AND BILL KIRK
Staff Writers

Monday, June 15 Incidents

A caller from Connector Road reported at 7:20 a.m. that a transformer blew and people "could see a small amount of flames." National Grid was notified, and the Fire Department responded.

A caller from Meadow View Lane reported at 6:50 p.m. that while walking her dog, she found an 18-inch knife. The item was picked up by police and was brought to the police station.

Tuesday, June 16 Arrests

Kevin Plummer, 25, of 90 Appleton St., Apt. 10, Lowell; and Sean Palmer, 26, of 348 Riverside St., Apt. 2, Lowell, were arrested on River Road and charged with possession of a Class B substance.

Wednesday, June 17 Arrest

Paul Stoddard, 33, of 7 Swan St., Nashua, N.H., was arrested at the intersection of Route 133 and Interstate 93 north and charged with failing to stop for police and miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violations.

Incidents

A caller from River Road reported a hit and run accident at 11:46 a.m. According to police records, the car hit a pole and knocked over traffic signs. Lawrence police stopped the car soon after.

A caller from Pine Cone Lane reported at 3:17 p.m. that there was a needle on the side of the road. The item was disposed of by police.

A resident of Marwood Drive reported at 8 p.m. that "they found a recorder and a bag of Gogo Berries inside their mailbox. They played the recorder and it sounded Arabic." Officers gathered the items and brought them to the police station.

North Andover police told Andover police that they received a call from a driver on Elm Street at 9:46 p.m. who "saw kids on a couch partly in the roadway and she thought that they were drinking alcohol." Officer reports it was a young couple out on a walk, and they were drinking Doctor Pepper.

Thursday, June 18 Car break-ins

Several residents of Morton Street reported that their cars were broken into the night of Wednesday, July 17, with three reports made between 7:22 and 7:39

a.m. on June 18. Another resident of Morton Street reported at 6:52 p.m. that his car was vandalized the night before. According to Lt. Ed Guy, nothing was reported taken from the cars.

An employee of the Mobil Gas station on North Main Street reported at 4:48 p.m. that a man went through his car, taking between \$50 and \$80. Six officers responded, but did not find the man, who reportedly fled on foot down Pearson Street.

Friday, June 19 Arrest

Jose Caceres, 52, of Everett, was arrested at 8 p.m. on South Main Street and charged with driving with a tampered ignition interlock, unlicensed operation, driving with a revoked registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. The car was towed by Elm Street Auto.

Incident

A caller reported at 9:06 a.m. that there was a turkey in the front yard of his Lowell Street home. He called back a short while later to report that the turkey "ran into the woods" and was gone.

Saturday, June 20 Larceny

A resident of Morton Street reported at 5 p.m. that a leaf blower and GPS unit were stolen from the garage.

Incidents

Police responded to a call of a disturbed person at La Quinta Hotel on River Road at 8:56 a.m. They found a woman, who was taken to Holy Family Hospital in Methuen for a psychological evaluation, and her dog, which was taken to Andover Animal Hospital.

A "suspicious male" was reported on Greenwood Road at 12:16 p.m. He was reportedly wearing a "hoodie and jeans" and "acting strange." Police spoke with the man, who said he was out for a walk and "watching his games."

A hypodermic needle was found in a trash bag outside a house on Maple Avenue. Police disposed of the needle.

A caller reported at 9:22 p.m. that a dog had been barking for "four hours" somewhere in the vicinity of Rogers Brook West. Police searched the area, but found that it was "all quiet."

Sunday, June 21 Arrest

Erick Lara, 41, of 52 Grand View Road, Haverhill, was arrested on a warrant at La Quinta Hotel on River Road at 7:30 p.m.

2 suspected opioid ODs within an hour

By TIM LIMA
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Two men were hospitalized within an hour of one another last week after reportedly overdosing on opioids on High Plain Road.

The incidents occurred just 11 houses apart, and were reported within 40 minutes of one another on Thursday, June 19.

According to Andover police Lt. Edward Guy, naloxone, the drug commonly known as Narcan that works to reverse the effects of a heroin overdose, was administered to a 30-year-old man at a home on High Plain Road at 5:50 p.m. The man was found with a needle in his arm, Guy said.

"Sgt. Gregory Scott noticed the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose, most likely from heroin,

and administered a dose of nasal Narcan to the subject," Guy said. "Within a few seconds, he became alert and Andover Fire Department responded and brought him to Lawrence General Hospital."

Thirty-nine minutes later, a second call from High Plain Road, from a residence 11 house numbers away, reported a possible overdose of a 24-year-old man.

"When police arrived at 6:29 p.m., officers found a male party conscious and breathing, but clearly disoriented," Guy said. "He had pale skin and was sweating profusely. Upon speaking to the individual and his mother, it was determined that he had used some sort of opioid — most likely heroin."

He was transported to Lawrence General Hospital as well. Narcan was not administered at the scene.

Five people have died in Andover in 2015 from overdosing on heroin. On June 7, two 19-year-old men were saved from a heroin overdose within three hours of each other. Thursday's suspected overdoses bring Andover's tally to at least 25 this year.



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Kathleen Norie (Sweeney) Smith

July 28, 1949 — May 28, 2015

ANDOVER — Kathleen Norie (Sweeney) Smith of Andover, on May 28, after a long illness. She was born July 28, 1949 in Medford, the daughter of the late David C. and Ethel M. (Riley) Sweeney. Loving mother of Andrew J. and Timothy D. Smith of Andover. Sister of the late David, Helen, Irene, and Barbara. Survived by several nieces and nephews, many caring friends, and her former husband, Edward J. Smith of Andover. Kathy was a graduate of Suffolk University School of Law and completed post-graduate work at Georgetown University. She had an extensive and varied career as a human resources executive, labor-relations consultant, and arbitration special-

ist. Kathy treasured time with her family, friends, and many pets, was an avid reader and knitter, and greatly enjoyed the beauty of New England gardens and nature.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service for Kathleen will be held Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m. at West Parish Church, United Church of Christ, 129 Reservation Rd., Andover, and afterwards a brief graveside committal service in the West Parish Garden Cemetery in Andover. The family will receive friends at a collation immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kathleen's memory may be made to The Autism Research Foundation (TARF), 72 East Concord St., R-1014, Boston MA 02118, or via theautismresearchfoundation.org.

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- Officially be admitted to a four year college or university; and
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continued his education at Merrimack College in North Andover and is a now a civil engineer who is also a member of the zoning board in Lawrence.

"These students grow, thrive and contribute positively (to society)," Bulens said. "It's a great school for these boys and it's wonderful that so many of their parents and families are involved, too."

Bulens — who sold his former company Equallogic to Dell in 2007 for \$1.4 billion (the largest all-cash transaction ever at the time) and now serves as president and CEO of Unidesk — became vice chairman of Bellesini's board of directors in 2010. He's part of the school's important Andover network of people who have lent their support financially, administratively and otherwise to help academically motivated children in one of the poorest communities in the state obtain a top-notch education.

Head of School Julie DiFilippo said Bellesini has 150 volunteers and about 70 of them are from Andover. Students at Pike School on Sunset Rock Road in Andover also are a big part of the volunteer effort, as its head of school, John "Muddy" Waters, has been a board member for 12 years. "Fifty-five percent of our board members are from Andover," DiFilippo said. "They are people who care about education and they believe in our mission."

In fact, the school was founded in 2002 by David McGrath, a veterinarian from Andover who believed in the school's model to break the cycle of poverty by building bridges to brighter futures.

All of Bellesini's students come from families who live below the poverty line. Fifty-nine percent, or 35, of this year's student body are from single-parent homes.

The Bulens, who have lived on Iron Gate Drive in town for 20 years, said they



Don and Lynne Bulen of Andover check in with Bellesini Academy students, clockwise from left, Jonathan Hidalgo, 10; Adams Lopez, 13; and Gustavo Arias, 11, in the library of the tuition-free middle school in Lawrence.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

were at a neighbor's cookout some years back when they were first asked to volunteer at Bellesini Academy. That led to the unforgettable tour, which inspired Don Bulens and his wife to get involved.

Volunteers at Bellesini tutor, coach, judge the annual science fair, take part in the annual career day and more. Among the Bulens' favorite things to do is host the weekly Thursday night dinners with their two teenage sons, providing a healthy meal for students to enjoy.

"We love it as it's a great way to do something together as a family," Lynne Bulen said.

In September, the Bulens' support will be felt by even more students as Bellesini prepares to launch a new girls program. Sixteen female students will be accepted the first year; 70 had applied for acceptance.

Bellesini has launched the "Building Brighter Futures

for Women Campaign," which school leaders hope will raise \$1.3 million to build an addition to the existing school on Bradford Street in Lawrence. The addition would include four girls classrooms, science and computer labs and an art room.

Like the boys school, the girls school will also eventually serve 60 fifth- through eighth-graders who demonstrate academic promise and fall below the poverty line.

"We want to replicate the 100 percent, four-year high school graduation rate of the boys as it's now 66 percent for girls in Lawrence (public schools)," DiFilippo said.

She added, "Parents want their girls to have this chance."

The Bulens do, too. "We think this is great for girls," Don Bulens said. "They will grow and thrive and will be better prepared for jobs."

phase for \$9,500 a year, contact Julie DiFilippo, head of school, at jdifilippo@bellesiniacademy.org or Stephanie Abdoo, development office, sabdo@bellesiniacademy.org, or call the school at 978-989-0004.

THE ABCS OF BELLESINI

Here are some facts about Bellesini Academy:

- Bellesini is in session 11 months a year, offering more than 2,000 hours of programming annually.

- 100 percent of graduates have gone on to finish high school or are currently in high school.

- 11 percent of graduates are accepted to private high school on scholarship. Nationally, only 6 percent of low-income students attend private high school.

- A combined 96 percent of graduates eventually continue their education in college (84 percent), a trade technical/school (7 percent) or military (5 percent).

- Standardized tests show that Bellesini students are ranked in the top percentiles nationally in eighth grade.

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“We are not going to arrest or incarcerate our way out of this. This is a public health crisis, and we must address it as such.”

Attorney General Maura Healey

State task force calls for new tactics against heroin

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

A task force charged with finding ways to curb deaths from heroin and opiate overdoses wants tighter controls on prescription painkillers, more funds for substance abuse prevention and education, and a shift in focus from incarceration to treatment of addicts.

“The solution to eradicating opioids is not a one-size-fits-all approach and will require all of us to rethink the way we treat addiction,” Gov. Charlie Baker, who initiated the task force, said as he revealed its 65 recommendations on Monday.

“Opioid abuse is stealing the livelihood of our children, our siblings, parents, relatives and friends one person at a time,” he said at a news conference with other top state leaders.

Proposals made by the panel focus on prevention, education, intervention, treatment and recovery. They will cost about \$35 million to implement and include steps that Baker may take himself and some that require the Legislature’s

More money, attention sought for services, treatment

approval. The task force is calling for more money for substance abuse treatment and prevention programs; heightened monitoring of prescriptions; and required training for doctors in safe prescribing practices.

It wants addiction specialists appointed to state boards that oversee doctors, nurses, physician assistants and dentists.

It also recommends transferring female inmates committed for opioid abuse from prisons to state-run treatment centers, increasing the number of beds for addicted inmates seeking treatment, and funding a stockpile of medications to treat addicted inmates in correctional facilities.

Baker said the three-year plan will be paid for by a mix of state funds, including MassHealth, as well as state and federal grant programs.

Joanne Peterson, founder of the Learn to Cope support group, said the task force’s report represents a dramatic shift in the state’s response to the ongoing epidemic.

“This is a huge response that we have been waiting years for,” she said. “We’re looking forward to seeing

these recommendations come into play.”

State officials will also explore statewide programs to dispose of unused prescription medications.

“While our local communities and police departments have stepped up with drop boxes and take-back days, we must do more, and we will partner with pharmacies to pilot drug take-back programs,” said Marylou Sudders, secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, who chaired the panel.

Attorney General Maura Healey, the state’s top law enforcement official, said state and local authorities need to reframe their focus to approach opiate addiction as an illness.

“We are not going to arrest or incarcerate our way out of this,” Healey said. “This is a public health crisis, and we must address it as such.”

The 18-member task force included physicians, nurses, addiction experts, union officials and members of law enforcement.

It was formed in response to a dramatic rise in heroin and opiate-related overdose deaths — more than 1,000 statewide in the past year,

according to the Department of Public Health.

Deaths from suspected heroin overdoses in Essex County rose from 23 in 2010 to 145 last year, the agency said. In Middlesex County, opiate related deaths rose from 90 in 2010 to 212 last year.

Phil Lahey, a former Methuen city councilor who oversees the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project, said the state needs to move quickly.

“Everybody who’s involved with this epidemic knows what needs to be done — we know there’s a shortage of treatment, we know there’s a shortage of funds for treatment, education and prevention,” he said. “Now, we have to work on solutions. We need to stop talking and start acting.”

Many of the panel’s recommendations likely will get support from the Democratic-controlled Legislature. Senate President Stanley Rosenberg and House Speaker Robert DeLeo have identified the opiate crisis as a major concern.

Lawmakers have filed dozens of bills related to the

crisis — increasing prison terms for traffickers, putting more money to prevention and treatment, and expanding police powers.

They’ve also earmarked tens of millions of dollars in the coming budget to combat the spread of opiate abuse.

Reps. Diana DiZoglio and Linda Campbell, both Methuen Democrats, said they were pleased to see recommendations focused on educating students on the perils of opioid abuse and prescription drugs, which many view as a gateway to heroin addiction.

Campbell, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, said lawmakers will look at funding sources in next year’s budget to implement portions of the plan.

“We’ll get down to the nitty-gritty when we start to put dollar amounts to this, but the fact that Gov. Baker got this report out now is important,” she said.

Rep. Ann Margaret Ferrante, D-Gloucester, which has been especially hard hit by opiate and heroin addiction, said a growing number of legislators view the problem as a public health crisis. “I expect the panel’s

recommendations will be well received,” she said.

“Everybody knows somebody who has been affected by this deadly epidemic.”

While the panel didn’t recommend a statewide expansion of Gloucester police Chief Leonard Campanello’s “angels” program — which allows addicts to turn in drugs and seek treatment without being arrested — Ferrante said many cities and towns are interested in replicating the program.

“It’s hard to do a statewide mandate, but we’re seeing increased interest in what we’re doing in the city,” she said.

Baker said he will be filing legislation in the coming weeks in support of the panel’s recommendations.

But he cautioned that combating the epidemic will take years.

“This didn’t happen overnight, and it won’t go away overnight,” Baker said.

“But these recommendations set up a strong foundation for us to start taking action now.”

The full report of the opiate task force organized by Gov. Charlie Baker can be found here: www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/stop-addiction/.

L’Italien, local legislators open office at Lawrence City Hall

STAFF REPORTS

Residents looking for help or support from their state senator or state representatives, or who have complaints for them, can now reach out to them at Lawrence City Hall.

The local Democratic delegation has opened an office at Lawrence City Hall, 200 Common St.

The office — Room 203 on the second floor — is

being shared by Sen. Barbara L’Italien, D-Andover, and state Reps. Frank Moran, D-Lawrence; Marcos Devers, D-Lawrence; and Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen.

Sen. L’Italien said in a release that she plans to have a daily presence at City Hall and that her staff will be available to meet residents there during regular City Hall hours.

“Having a local office for

the city’s residents was a priority of mine and I’m pleased Mayor Rivera has been so helpful in making it happen,” said L’Italien, a former four-term state representative who last year was elected the district’s senator and began serving in January.

“Anyone who needs our assistance or just wants to say hello and meet my staff is welcome to stop by.”

Moran, who represents parts of Andover and Methuen in addition to Lawrence, said the office will serve as a one-stop shop for constituents to connect to their representatives on Beacon Hill.

Sen. L’Italien said her constituent aide Maria De La Cruz will be her primary staff member at the City Hall office. De La Cruz, who is originally

from the Dominican Republic, now lives in Lawrence and is very active in the community.

Anyone who wants to meet with De La Cruz or another member of Sen. L’Italien’s may call De La Cruz at 978-303-7243 or the senator’s Boston office at 617-722-1612 to schedule an appointment at the Lawrence office.

L’Italien is also holding

monthly office hours in Andover on the second Tuesday of the month. Office hours will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at The Center at Punchard (Andover Senior Center), 30 Whittier Court. Drop-ins are welcome or call the senator’s constituent aide, Joseph Thibodeau, in Boston to set up an appointment.



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The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has lots of activities and programs on tap.

Here are some of the highlights:

Community Drum Circle: Sail, Salem: Monday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Start the day with lunch at Salem's top-rated Red's, then head to Pickering Wharf to sail on a full-scale replica of the War of 1812 privateer, Fame. Learn about fishermen, privateers, merchants and men of war who shaped the North Shore; \$61, includes cruise and lunch.

The Talking Book: Friday, June 26, 9:30 a.m. The Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library provides audio and large-print books and movies as well as access to more than 200 newspapers and magazines over the phone and audio at no cost — in a format that is accessible to anyone who can't read print or hold a book. Presenter Gayle Yarnall, who is blind, has been a Talking Book Library patron for almost 50 years. She will show how easy it is to keep reading. Applications will be available during the presentation.

Celebrate Italy! Mondays, July 6 to 27, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Join in a virtual escape to Italy by exploring its language, culture and cuisine. Participants will learn how to communicate, verbally and with gestures, and to appreciate the best Italy has to offer. Music, videos and movies will accompany the linguistic aspect of the class; \$12. In honor of the program, Italian meals will be served for lunch at The Center every Monday in July.

Essex River Cruise: Monday, July 6, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Take the bus to Essex and set off on an Essex River Cruise to explore the unspoiled natural beauty of the Essex River and surrounding marshes, learning about landmarks along the way; \$30 for tour and transportation, additional cost for lunch.

Men's Outdoor Hiking Group: Wednesday, July 8, Rafton Reservation; Wednesday, July 22, Boston Harbor Islands; meet at 9 a.m.

Grill Night: Thursday, July 9, 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes salad, a drink, dessert and the main course starting at \$5; shrimp kabob special, \$9; advance purchase only. A movie follows at 6:30 p.m. Open to all.

Healthy Living Tidbits — The Sugar-Cholesterol Connection: Friday, July 10, 9:30 a.m. Explore the facts behind sugar and cholesterol and what one needs to know to stay well. A healthy breakfast will be provided.

Continental Breakfast: Thursday, July 16, 9 a.m. Carol Howe, The Center's transportation coordinator, will be this month's guest of honor. She will answer questions and address any concerns about transportation to such places as medical appointments, the grocery store or to The Center to participate in activities or lunch.

Lowell Canal Trip: Thursday, July 16, 8:45 a.m.; \$20, covers transportation as well as admission.

Beginner Tai Chi: July 21 through Aug. 13, Tuesdays at 1:10 p.m. and Thursdays at 2:15 p.m. This intensive, beginner's tai chi program

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Trip on the Schooner Fame Sail, Salem: Monday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Start the day with lunch at Salem's top-rated Red's, then head to Pickering Wharf to sail on a full-scale replica of the War of 1812 privateer, Fame. Learn about fishermen, privateers, merchants and men of war who shaped the North Shore; \$61, includes cruise and lunch.

Diabetes Self-Help Workshop: Thursdays through July 23, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Learn practical skills to manage fatigue, pain, stress, use of medication and healthy eating choices. Held at The Center, but call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley at 978-946-1211 to register; advance registration is required.

Boomerventure Screening Room: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.; free.

Duplicate Bridge: Fridays through Aug. 14, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Play bridge in a fun, informal setting. Intermediate bridge skills as well as partners required; \$20.

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

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required for all events; sign up at www.myactive-center.net

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INNOVATIONS

Andover High principal finalists make pledge to stay

Candidates say they would restore stability to school plagued by turnover

By TIM LIMA
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The two finalists for Andover High School principal say they are interested in the position for the long term.

Rockport Middle-High School Principal Philip Conrad and Quabbin Regional High School Principal Raymond Dewar introduced themselves to the community during a pair of public receptions for parents, students and other interested residents.

Superintendent Marinel McGrath said she expects to use feedback from the public following the receptions to assist in making her decision, which could come any day.

The successful candidate will become the fifth principal to lead the high school since 2010, replacing Steve Murray, the former West Middle School principal who is leaving after just months at Andover High.

Conrad, 52, who lives in Georgetown with his wife, Tammy, and his 9-year-old black Lab, Angus, said in an interview with The Townsman last week that Andover "would be the last stop for me."

"I have eight to 10 years left in my career, and can see myself staying in Andover, working through the issues and the challenges to make things better, while continuing to expand on the great initiatives already in place," he said.

Dewar, 53, who lives in Worcester with his wife, Martha, an elementary school principal in their community, and their two school-age children, also said in an interview last week Andover would be his final principal job, "as opposed to a stepping stone job."

"I have no desire to be a superintendent or a central office person," he said. "I like working with kids and teachers as a principal. Because of the way Andover values education and the aspirations it has, it's a district I'd want to work in for a long time."

This is Conrad's second time seeking Andover High's top spot. Five years ago, he was one of three finalists for the post that eventually went to Jonathan Harris, who departed a little more than a year later.

Since then, Conrad said, Andover High has had a string



Philip Conrad



Raymond Dewar

of four principals, whereas he has spent the last five years committed to the Rockport Middle-High School. He said he hopes to win the Andover High job the second time around and restore stability to the school leadership.

Before going to Rockport, Conrad spent four years as an associate/assistant principal for the Hamilton-Wenham School District, where McGrath previously worked. Prior to that, he served as chairman of Hamilton-Wenham's Fine Arts Department from 1997 to 2006. He began his career at Timberlane Regional High School in New Hampshire, working as an art teacher for one year before

serving as its arts and humanities coordinator for nine years.

Dewar has been principal of Quabbin Regional for three years. He joined the district after a decade as the principal of Norton High School and 17 years as a high school English teacher. Two of those years included two international assignments, one in the Philippines and the other in Ecuador. Ironically, Dewar recently interviewed for the Marlborough High School principal's job, but lost to Charles Caliri, the outgoing principal of Chelmsford High School.

Andover High Principal Murray was then hired to replace Caliri in Chelmsford, which is Murray's hometown.

Now, Dewar hopes to fill the void being left in Andover by Murray.

Dewar said if hired, he would continue to live in Worcester, where his children, a daughter who is a freshman in high school and a son in sixth grade, like the school system and want to remain there through high school.

The successful Andover High principal will serve under new leadership. With McGrath's retirement set for next month, Sheldon Berman, the outgoing leader of the Eugene, Ore., School District, is expected to assume the reins of the Andover School District as interim superintendent for the next year. The School Committee was tentatively scheduled to vote on his contract late Thursday afternoon, after the Townsman went to press. See related story.

When asked if they had any concerns with serving their first year under an interim superintendent, both Conrad and Dewar said they saw no issues with it.

"The good news is that as a high school principal, you'd be involved in the process of

hiring a permanent superintendent, and that's an exciting opportunity that doesn't come around very often," Conrad said.

Conrad added that he participated in hiring a new superintendent in Rockport, which gave him the opportunity to meet educational leaders from throughout New England.

"And it would probably be the same thing this time around — although the interest in Andover would likely be from around the United States," he said.

Dewar said that while stability in leadership is always desired, Berman's successes in Hudson, Mass., where he spent 14 years before heading out West, makes him confident that the school district's operation in Andover would be ideal next year.

"(Berman) won't sit around and be a caretaker," Dewar said. "He'll do positive things for the Andover Public Schools, and any time you get a chance to work with someone like him, you want to take advantage of it. He has made such a big difference in education in Massachusetts."

Interim superintendent's contract on table

Berman tentatively set to begin work July 6

STAFF REPORTS

If all goes as planned, new interim Superintendent Sheldon Berman should clock in for his first day on the job on Monday, July 6.

The School Committee was tentatively scheduled to approve Berman's one-year contract with the town late this Thursday

afternoon, after The Townsman went to press this week.

A subcommittee of School Committee members Joel Blumstein and Paula Colby-Clements have been negotiating the terms of Berman's contract and compensation privately on the board's behalf.

The School Committee was slated to meet in executive, or closed-door session, at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, to discuss those negotiations, and then return to public session with the expectation of approving the contract. The 5 p.m. meeting will be televised on local community television.

Berman, the former superintendent of the Hudson, Mass., public schools who spent the last several years in Kentucky and Oregon, was chosen June 11 over co-finalist Paul Ash, retiring superintendent of the Lexington Public Schools.

He will take over for

Superintendent Marinel McGrath, who is retiring next month, and is expected to serve one year to allow the school district time to hire a permanent replacement for the position.

School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert reported last week that Berman was investigating housing options in Andover, and is making plans

for his son to attend Andover High School in the fall for his senior year.

"He is extremely excited to begin his work here, and we feel very fortunate to have such a talented and experienced educator joining us next month," Gilbert wrote in a letter to the school community.



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Receiving a check following last month's fundraiser for the Andover schools outside Salvatore's restaurant in Andover are, from left, Tina Girdwood, founding member of Andover Coalition for Education; Superintendent of Schools Marinel McGrath; Sal Lupoli, president of Lupoli Companies; Kerri Ford, president of ACE; Dick Santagati, ACE advisory board member; and Kevin Branco, general manager of Salvatore's in Andover.

SALVATORE'S FUNDRAISER A BOOST FOR ACE

Salvatore's of Andover teamed up with Andover Coalition for Education last month, raising \$1,670 in support of ACE's mission to support the Andover Public Schools.

The restaurant donated 15 percent of all food and gift certificate sales every Tuesday of the month at the Park Street location to the cause. Many families and community members took advantage of the fundraiser to support the educational programs that ACE provides to complement the school curriculum and enrich children's education.

"Engaging community partners, such as Salvatore's, in support of our schools is so important for ACE as we work to expand our base of support for curricula-enhancing initiatives that are truly engaging

students in the learning process," Kerri Ford, president of ACE, said in a release. "With the help of more individuals and businesses, we can do more for the students of Andover."

ACE is celebrating 10 years of steadfast support for Andover schools this year.

"We are honored to partner up with an organization, such as ACE, that believes in education and the importance of the community working together to support every department in the school system for our children," Sal Lupoli, CEO and founder of Salvatore's, said.

To learn more about ACE, visit www.aceandover.org or contact Jennifer Srivastava at jsrivastava@aceandover.org.

2nd interim student services director hired

Retired SPED teacher, administrator to serve one year

By TIM LIMA
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Valerie Ardi Flynn, who says working with special education students has been her career calling, was appointed interim student services director for the Andover School Department last week.

Flynn — a retired special education teacher and director who currently serves as North Reading's interim director of pupil personnel services — becomes the second interim in the Andover job since Joyce Laundre retired from the full-time position one year ago.

The School Committee unanimously endorsed Flynn's appointment at its meeting Thursday night, just three hours after Superintendent Marinel McGrath presented her name for consideration. She was approved following a brief interview by the committee.

Flynn will serve in Andover for the 2015-2016 school year, starting July 1, while the search for a permanent director continues. Her salary was set at \$126,000.

"Everyone has a calling in life, and the real challenge, I think, is to find that calling," Flynn told the School Committee members before they took their vote. "I was very blessed to find my calling early, in my teens. And then, blessed even further that my professional and personal goals aligned with my calling."

Superintendent Marinel

McGrath said Flynn has extensive experience teaching children with special needs in school districts such as Newton and Boston. She later worked for 10 years as Needham's director of student services. Since her retirement, she served for two years as the interim director of student services for the Waltham Public Schools and Fitchburg Public Schools before going to North Reading.

Flynn's hiring in Andover comes a few months after her colleague in North Reading, coordinator of special education Maureen Ryan, was one of two finalists for the permanent position of Andover's student services director. But McGrath ultimately decided in April against hiring either Flynn or co-finalist Beverly Shea, director of pupil personnel services in Hanover, for the permanent position.

The superintendent said at the time that she did not feel either finalist had "the depth and breadth of experience required to lead a school system of Andover's size and complexity."

Instead, McGrath said a new search for a multi-year director would commence in the fall, with a new interim director sought to serve in the meantime.

McGrath said Flynn is the right fit for that interim job. She said Flynn's references, when contacted, pointed to her strong interpersonal and communication skills, her wealth of

knowledge in program development and the fact that she is very personable.

"When our principals and central office team met Dr. Flynn, they felt she would be a tremendous asset to our team moving forward," McGrath told the School Committee.

Flynn will take over for Amy Reese, who has been serving as the interim director since Laundre's retirement. Reese will return to her prior position as Andover's assistant director/out-of-district coordinator.

"We are most grateful for (Reese's) calm and steady leadership during a challenging year," McGrath said in a district-wide letter last Friday Friday announcing Flynn's appointment. "She has successfully led us through the (state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) Corrective Action Plan process while working to strengthen our home-school partnerships."

Because of the fiduciary responsibilities of the director of student services, the appointment, unlike many other administrative positions, requires the approval of the School Committee.

Although the vote was unanimous, School Committee members said they wished they had been given more time to review Flynn's qualifications before needing to take a vote. While principals and the central office team had previously met Flynn, she was not identified as the finalist to the School Committee until two hours before they entered an executive session Thursday.

While School Committee member Ted Teichert ultimately supported Flynn's appointment, he said last Thursday he wasn't sure he

was going to be ready to vote on the position given the late notice. He said members were left with little time "to do our due diligence."

"If I wanted to look up or look into something, there would be no time to do that," he said.

However, he said after meeting Flynn and quickly looking at the information he was provided, he was able to make a decision. He asked for a couple days notice next time.

McGrath said the reason for the late notice was a delay in receiving a waiver from the state, mandatory before an interim could be hired. The superintendent has to prove that a valid search for a permanent director had commenced before the state allows an interim director to be considered.

She also said before Flynn agreed to be brought forth for appointment, she requested to meet with the school principals to ensure they would be comfortable with her since she would be working closely with them.

"I wanted to make sure that (my agreement with Flynn) was still our agreement, and she assured me that it was, and that was the reason for the delay," McGrath said.

The School Department will be scheduling times for Flynn to meet staff, students and parents in the coming weeks to support her transition into the district.

"Thank you, again, for the honor and the privilege, and thank you, particularly for allowing me to continue doing what I love," Flynn told the School Committee. "And I look forward to helping the district and supporting families of children with disabilities."

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For our teacher: Boys show heart with breast cancer fundraiser

By TIM LIMA

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The seriousness of breast cancer is often lost on 10-year-old boys, who tend to giggle at the mention of private body parts.

That's half of the reason Lydia Wise, a fourth-grade teacher at South Elementary School who was treated for breast cancer earlier this year, burst into tears when students Ben Redlener and Christian Galatis approached her with their idea.

The other half was because their idea was inspired by a period of four months last year in which Wise was absent from school on medical leave, receiving radiation and undergoing surgery, before returning to school in February.

"I was very open with the kids that I was sick, and that I had to take some time off," Wise said. "But it was very hard for me to be gone and

to leave them. I'm very close with my class."

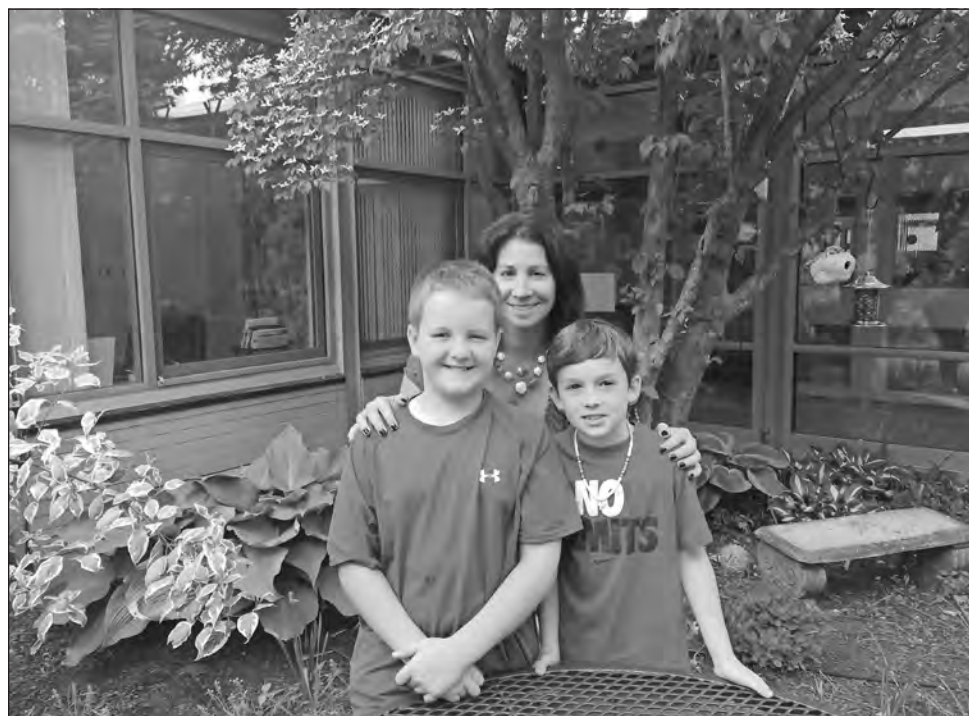
To honor Wise, the boys approached Assistant Principal Martha Jancaitis with their proposal for a fundraiser to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The result was "Fourth Grade Friday Fundraiser," an afternoon of games, arts and crafts and other activities that followed the half-day of school on May 8. Students paid \$20 to participate and fourth-grade teachers and parents volunteered to oversee the event.

"We had a giant soccer game and a Duct tape wallet-making station," Galatis said. "And a big go-for-20 game."

More than half of South's roughly 100 fourth-graders participated, and the event raised more than \$1,300 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"It's always impressive for a 10-year-old to initiate such a thoughtful



COURTESY PHOTO

South Elementary School fourth-graders Christian Galatis, left, and Ben Redlener pose with their teacher Lydia Wise, who was diagnosed with breast cancer early this school year. The boys organized a breast cancer fundraiser in her honor.

act," Principal Dr. Colleen McBride said. "The fundraiser is a microcosm

of a bigger theme we have been promoting this year — Pay It Forward.

"Not only did this event touch the heart of Mrs. Wise, it empowered all of

our students and showed them that they can make a positive difference for others."

For the boys, it was simply about doing the right thing.

"You just get that feeling inside when you notice something that you've done right," Galatis said. "You get really happy about it, and one idea sparks up into a big, big bonfire."

Redlener said that he's already thinking ahead to next year. He figures if they repeat the event during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, "it would probably raise so much more money."

Wise returned to class full-time after February vacation. She credits the support from her students, which included countless cards and emails, with helping her heal.

"I'm super sappy, so I always cry anyway," Wise told Redlener and Galatis. "But this was a very special class, and you two are very special boys."



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover High School a cappella vocalists, from left, Angela Rui, Juliana Lugg and Tori Giguere entertain the crowd at this month's A Cappella Night debut.

A cappella sounds off in Andover; Debut concert launches new program

Doherty Memorial Auditorium was abuzz this month with music fans, nervous singers and an air of anticipation.

All the fuss was about Andover A Cappella Night, a debut concert featuring a cappella-style music by school groups in Andover and the region, plus an appearance by professional performers.

Katie Simko, middle school chorus director for the Andover schools who is the director of the new Andover a cappella program, said the concert built off the popularity of TV shows like "The Sing-Off" and the upcoming "Sing it On" hosted by John Legend, as well as the two blockbuster hits "Pitch Perfect" and "Pitch Perfect 2."

The evening began with the Andover Middle School a cappella groups, Harmonium and Vocalize, which include a total of more than 75 students. Simko said in her recap that the young vocalists who donned "Andover A Cappella" T-shirts performed a variety of pop tunes with confidence.

Next up were the high school a cappella groups from Andover High as well as Chelmsford and Danvers high schools. Simko said all of the student vocalists demonstrated a level of musical sophistication and self-possession far beyond their years.

The highlight of the evening, though, were the professionals. Hailing from Boston, Overboard is a five-member group with the sonic power of a full-fledged rock band. From the Beatles' "Come Together" to Pharell's "Happy," the group sang a variety of pop styles in star fashion.

Simko said she was thrilled with the response to the concert.

"A cappella is such a wonderful way of bringing people together through music," she said in a release. "It is one of the best avenues for providing a quality music education."

Now that a cappella has made a splash in Andover, and see what the ripple effects will be in the future. Simko said it's time to wait



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Superintendent John Lavoie told the seniors,

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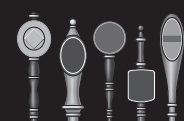
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Business

YMCA renovation takes major step forward

New child care center ready for play

By BILL KIRK

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About 100 people who showed up for this month's ribbon-cutting for the Andover/North Andover YMCA's new, expanded child care center got an added treat.

They also got to check out the progress on the \$22 million expansion/renovation that has been going on at the YMCA branch at 165 Haverhill St. for more than a year.

The 7,700-square-foot child care center is the first, completed portion of the sweeping project.

Gary Morelli, the new CEO of the Merrimack Valley YMCA, started his new job last Monday, taking over for Stephen Ives, who left last week after 10 years on the job to take a new post at a regional YMCA in Ohio.

"It was a monumental day as we opened the first section of our renovation/expansion of the Andover/North Andover branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA," Morelli said. "It's a beautiful, new, state-of-the-art facility and is an example of what the rest of the building will be like. It was very exciting and motivational."

Morelli, formerly the chief operating officer who has been with the local YMCA for 19 years, said while the facility has always had child care, it was never in its own, dedicated space.

"We've been doing child care for many years," he said. "We serve 600 children a day. But this is the first dedicated center. It's not shared space. That's what makes this unique and contributes to the quality of the facility."

He said the program is accredited by the state and will now offer educational, play and socialization space.

"It has everything you can imagine," he said. The local Y offers both preschool and after-school programs.

Ground-breaking for the entire expansion project was held in April 2014. The project was expected to take about 16 months, but now appears as if it will be slightly longer than that.

Morelli said the nonprofit organization has raised \$7.5 million and is aiming for \$8 million to augment the \$14 million in financing. So far, the project is about 60 percent complete.

"We still have naming opportunities for interested people," he said, adding that the naming rights for the child care center are among those still available.

He said members have been very understanding as the project has continued and that membership has been increasing at the branch, and now stands at about 9,000.

"There's a lot of excitement and people want to be part of that," he said.

In addition to the Andover/North Andover branch, the Merrimack Valley YMCA also operates branches in Lawrence and Methuen and three camps in New Hampshire. The regional YMCA has 13,000 members.

The Andover/North Andover project was designed by Sasaki Associates, a Watertown architectural firm, and is being built by Harvey Construction of Bedford, N.H.



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Amanda Partridge, lead preschool teacher, goes over a lesson in the Andover/North Andover YMCA's new child care center. The 7,700-square-foot, state-accredited center provides a dedicated area for the branch's preschool and after-school programs.



Workers tackle the grand stairway area of the Andover/North Andover YMCA expansion project earlier this month.



An exterior view captures the \$21 million renovation and expansion project that began last spring at the Andover/North Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street. When completed, the facility will double in size to about 104,000 square feet.



Work continues on the pool area of the Andover/North Andover YMCA branch. The \$21 million renovation project includes an expanded aquatics facility with a multipurpose pool.



Officials cut a ribbon to officially open the new child care center at the Andover/North Andover branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA. They include, from left, Katie Martin, children's program director II; John Fouhy, chairman of the Merrimack Valley YMCA board; Gary Morelli, new CEO and president of the Merrimack Valley YMCA; Alex Turek, executive director; Stephen Ives, outgoing CEO; building committee members Dave Bryan and Cameron Pugliare, and Mary Ellen King, senior child care program director.

BUSINESS BRIEF CASE

Lewin joins Boston accounting firm

David Lewin, CPA, has joined the Boston office of CBIZ Tofias as a managing director and is leading its Accounting Advisory Practice.

Lewin, who grew up in Andover, joined CBIZ Tofias from Welch's, where he worked as controller. Prior to that, he was vice president and controller at both Orchard Brands and Dunkin' Brands. He began his career as an auditor at Deloitte, where he spent more than 10 years serving a range of public and private clients.

At CBIZ Tofias, Lewin and his team provide such services as revenue recognition consulting, assistance with financial statement preparation, interpretation and implementation of new accounting standards, technical memorandum preparation; accounting for acquisitions, divestitures and carve-outs, IPO readiness support, financial organization and process re-engineering, and audit readiness.

Lewin received his Bachelor of Science in accounting from Syracuse University in New York.



David Lewin

Andover Inn names catering sales manager

Meaghan Fay has been named the new catering sales manager at the Andover Inn on the campus of Phillips Academy in Andover. The 30-room inn is managed by Waterford Hotel Group, a national hotel and convention center management firm.

Fay is responsible for soliciting new accounts and growing existing client relationships and business. She will manage functions from beginning to end. Fay has six years of hospitality experience and has been recognized with numerous service awards for her work. She previously was executive assistant/market research analyst for The Ritz-Carlton in Boston, and has also worked as rooms controller at the Boston Marriott Cambridge Hotel in Cambridge and guest service representative at the Boston Marriott Long Wharf Hotel in Boston.

John Anton's Cleaners receives Award of Excellence

John Anton's Cleaners of Andover has received the Drycleaning & Laundry



Meaghan Fay

Institute's 2015 Award of Excellence in Quality Cleaning and Customer Service for the fourth time since 2005, when the program began.

To achieve the award, John Anton's Cleaners had to prove it meets rigorous, objective standards in cleaning and service and submit a specialized cleaning performance evaluation for review. It also had to successfully remove six common, but difficult, stains on a silk swatch and return it for evaluation.

Continuing education for staff and adherence to a set of customer service principles round out the requirements. The award is given to select dry-cleaning establishments worldwide.

Founded in 1959, John Anton's Cleaners has locations in Rowley, Tewksbury and Plaistow, N.H., in addition to Andover. For more information, go to www.johnantons.com.

Duncan comes on board at Coco, Early & Associates

Realtor David Duncan of Andover has joined Coco, Early & Associates — The Andovers. Duncan is working out of the Andover office at 63 Park St.,



David Duncan

Suites 8 and 10.

Deb Forte, partner of Coco, Early & Associates — The Andovers, said Duncan is partnering with his wife, Patricia Nuñez, who is also in the office.

An Army Reserves veteran, Duncan spent 13 years in the medical field. He also worked for many years as an educator in the Lawrence school system. He and his wife have two daughters.

For more information about Coco, Early & Associates, visit www.cocoearly.com.

Faucon promoted to principal team at RDK Engineers

Jeff Faucon, physical engineer, has been promoted to principal of RDK Engineers in Andover.

The firm has specialized in providing high-quality HVAC, electrical, plumbing, tel data, and fire protection engineering services for more than 100 years. Today, RDK has a staff of 200 multi-disciplined engineers and administrative professionals located in Andover, Amherst and Boston, as well as Durham and Charlotte, N.C.

For more information, visit www.rdkengineers.com.

Andover audiologist appointed president of state professional organization

Wendy Ring, audiologist and owner of the Andover Hearing Center, was recently appointed president of the Massachusetts Academy of Audiology. Ring has served on the organization's 10-member board for the last three years.

The Massachusetts Academy of Audiology is a professional organization dedicated to serving the interests of audiologists and the people they provide hearing and balance testing and treatments for in Massachusetts. The organization's objective is to provide continuing education, monitor legislative concerns and mentor new audiologists. To learn more, visit <http://audiology-mass.org/>.

TeamLogic IT expands with four new locations

Jim and Andy Hackett, owners of TeamLogic IT franchises in Andover and Woburn, have expanded their market presence by adding four more franchise locations in Waltham, Cambridge, Burlington and Newburyport.

They said in a release that expanding their managed IT services business in Essex and Middlesex counties allows them to meet the technology needs of their strong and growing client base.

The TeamLogic IT headquarters in Woburn is the top revenue-producing business in the franchise network of nearly 70 locations across North America. The Hacketts have consistently grown their business each year since opening in 2007. Their franchise has received numerous awards, including Franchise of the Month, Top Volume Award and Technician of the Year Award, and they were the company's Franchisee of the Year in 2012.

Revenue at TeamLogic IT has grown significantly over the last three years as clients look to the company for IT support and services, such as cloud, network security, data backup and recovery, and mobile device management. The managed IT services industry is poised for substantial growth through 2018, they said. To learn more, visit www.teamlogicfranchising.com.

To submit an item for the Business Briefcase, email townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

Dear Shawsheen ...

Students pen their final farewells to beloved school

The final class of first- and second-graders to enroll at Shawsheen Elementary School were given the opportunity to say their good-byes with a letter.

Many of the 7- to 8-year-olds took their teachers up on the offer, sharing what they love about their school and what they will miss most.

Here's what some of the students had to say:

"Thank you so much for the teachers, kids, books and most of all, friendship. I will never forget you." — Grace

"Thanks for taking amazing care of us, and helping us learn. I will miss Shawsheen very much. You will always be my favorite school. This school will be very memorable." — Gavin

"Thank you for the teachers. Thank you for the classes. You are awesome!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" — Will

"I will miss all the art projects we do. I will miss all the fun games in gym. I will miss the performances we do in music." — Ellia

"Thank you for improving my spelling, art, literature and speech. I will miss all the teachers in this school, especially Mrs. Galligani, Ms.

Prinn, and Mrs. R. Also, I will miss basic science of states of matter, dissolving and the butterflies." — Junny

"I will miss you so much. You are special to me. Your friend, Aven." - Aven

"I love Shawsheen so much!!! It is the best school ever. I want to go there next year!" — Livia

"Thank you for taking care of us at school. I will always remember that I once learned at Shawsheen School. My favorite thing about you was having field day." — Aaron

"You have been the best school ever! The teachers are awesome, the PTO is awesome, everything is AWESOME! Thank you for building this school." — Aria

"I will extremely miss you and the teachers who are going away to different schools. It was the most amazing 3 years at Shawsheen for me. I am so proud to be a Shawsheen member. I will never forget you Shawsheen. I (Heart) you Shawsheen." — Max

"I wish you health and happiness. We love Shawsheen." — Ethan



AMANDA SABGA/PHOTO

Shawsheen Elementary School students led by music teacher Lori Smolinski, sing the school song at an assembly on Monday as they prepare to bid their school farewell.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Fourth-graders Jacob Srivastava, left, and Max Murray, who are now classmates at West Elementary School, revisited Shawsheen Elementary School for the ice cream social earlier this month. Both boys attended Shawsheen from preschool through the second grade.



AMANDA SABGA/PHOTO

A poster featuring photos of some of Shawsheen Elementary School's final class of students expressing their love for Shawsheen hangs in the entryway.

MORE ONLINE: FOR A SLIDE SHOW OF PHOTOS SHOWCASING THE FINAL YEARS OF SHAWSHEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SEE WWW.ANOVERTOWNSMAN.COM.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Second-grader Grace Lilley shows off her skills with a Hula-Hoop at Shawsheen Elementary's ice cream social.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Over her 35-year teaching career, Susan Infantine, far right, not only taught Kelly Dougherty, who went on to become a reading specialist alongside her at Shawsheen Elementary School, but also Dougherty's two sons, Aidan, 12, and Grady, 10.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Children enjoy one of their last times on the playground at Shawsheen Elementary School last week. The beloved school will no longer teach elementary-age students next year.



AMANDA SABGA/PHOTO

Second-grade graduate Kara Stefani runs through the archway as teachers and staff applaud during a procession of her classmates at Monday's final class assembly for Shawsheen Elementary School.

Celebrations

To place your celebration, please visit: www.andovertownsmam.com/celebrations

Wedding

Dowd - Polizzotti

~ 09/20/2014 ~

Rachel Austin Dowd of Windham, NH and Steven Michael Polizzotti of Dracut, MA were united in marriage on September 20, 2014 at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport, MA. Father Brian Mahoney and Rev. Rolan DeLoach officiated the Protestant and Catholic ceremony representing both Rachel and Steven's spiritual upbringings. The reception following was held at The Hellenic Center, Ipswich, MA with 120 of their closest family and friends beside them. The Bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John J. Dowd Jr. of Windham, NH. Rachel is a graduate of The Pike School, Salem High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in English and Communications from the University of New Hampshire, Durham; she is an active alumni of Alpha X Delta sorority and a Certified Interior Designer from The Art Institute of Boston. Rachel is an Insurance Broker with Hub International, Wilmington, MA, a health & fitness enthusiast and dabbling "blogger". The Groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Polizzotti of Dracut, MA. Steven is a graduate of the Dracut School District and Greater Lowell Technical High School and is the very proud owner of Polizzotti Plumbing & Heating, LLC of Lowell, MA founded in 2013.



Shawsheen Elementary: Through the years

Located in Shawsheen Village, Shawsheen Elementary School sits on a plot of land on Ann's Lane off Magnolia Avenue that was a gift from William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Co. and the builder of the village.

With construction of the model village came families with young children. The village's Richardson School, a three-room schoolhouse built on Lowell Street in 1848 for 150 students, soon grew overcrowded.

Shawsheen School was built in 1923 to handle the growing enrollment. With its Palladian windows, arched doorways and double chimney gable ends, it was considered by many to be the most beautiful school building ever constructed in town.

It still commands attention today on its hillside setting with its classical details and ornamentation. The cupola-lantern that adorns the building is the symbol of the "lamp to enlightenment." There are keystones over the doorways of the American bald eagle, owls (denoting wisdom) with Mayflower eyes, and the state flower also used as rosettes on the arch windows.

Shawsheen first opened its doors



PHOTO COURTESY ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This class picture from Shawsheen Elementary School dates from the early 20th century.

on Oct. 7, 1924, and housed 203 students in 12 classrooms. The School Committee voted to name the school after Wood, but he declined the honor and the building was named Shawsheen School instead.

It welcomed an addition in 1956 as part of a townwide school growth initiative that brought five new schools and two additions in 10 years to Andover to accommodate the World War II baby boom.

Shawsheen closed for a short time in 1980 and the School Department

moved its offices into the building from the old Stowe School. After the conversion of the former East Jr. High building for town and school offices, Shawsheen School was renovated again, reopening as an early childhood center.

At its end, the school was teaching approximately 275 children in 17 classrooms: seven preschool, four kindergarten, three first grade and three second grade.

Source: *Andover Historic Preservation*

SCHOOL

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Next year, they all will be transferred to other schools in town, with many headed for the one-year-old Bancroft Elementary School.

They will leave behind the 91-year-old Shawsheen School, which is being converted into solely a preschool.

Kindergarten teacher Julie Patten will be among the few who remain at Shawsheen to teach preschool. The future of the building housing classrooms in the years following, however, remains unknown.

"This is a special place," Patten said. "It's special to kids and staff, and we are all sad because it's a family here. ... It's just so small that everybody knows everybody — our principal knows everybody's name, our secretary knows everybody's name."

Kathy Thornton, a second-grade teacher at Shawsheen, will be among the staffers headed to Bancroft. She said she has had trouble packing up her classroom the past few weeks.

"It's really sad," she said. "I'm upstairs packing and I'm crying at the same time."

After 13 years at Shawsheen, Principal Moira O'Brien begins retirement on Friday. She said it has

been a group effort to make the Shawsheen community great.

"Senior volunteers, personnel from local colleges, PTO members and parent volunteers help our staff create a learning environment that is developmentally appropriate, challenging and geared to the primary child," she said. "This has been an ideal place for preschool through second-grade students to respect and enjoy all who are here."

"For 13 years, I have said this has been the best job in the world for me — it's an ideal setting for my shenanigans."

Because Shawsheen has been a choice school, parents have purposely chosen to send their children there over other elementary schools in town, Thornton said.

"We've had so many families come through Shawsheen over so many years, and many of the kids still come back to say, 'Hi,'" she said.

Beth and Jamison Tomasek, parents of a current and former student at Shawsheen, said they have seen the impact the school has had on their sons.

"It's such a lovely, young community where all of the students are so little and so kind to each other," Beth Tomasek said.

"It's a school with such a great sense of volunteerism

and a strong Parent Teacher Organization," her husband added. "It's a great sense of community here."

Their children, Will and Jack, first- and third-graders respectively, took time in between bites of ice cream to share their favorite things about Shawsheen.

Will said that his favorite part about school is his class fish, named Spongebob. His older brother, who graduated last year and now attends West Elementary School, gave kudos to the staff.

"There are really nice teachers here," he said. "Mrs. O'Brien would always wait at the door to say 'Hi' in the morning, and make you feel welcome."

Other older students also came back for the ice cream social to celebrate their former elementary school.

Sam Murray, who is now heading into seventh grade, said the environment at Shawsheen was unique because it had a relaxed, pressure-free feel to it.

"This was my favorite school," he said.

His older brother, rising Andover High sophomore Jack Murray, said it was simply a fun school to be part of. His friend, Jacob Rich, also an Andover High sophomore, said Shawsheen "had a smaller, inviting environment."

"It was very family



AMANDA SABGA/PHOTO

Principal Moira O'Brien, who is retiring this school year with the closing of Shawsheen Elementary, presents a perfect attendance award to Max O'Neil at the school's final assembly on Monday.

oriented; it's not like the other schools," Murray said.

Tara Wilson, whose two children have attended Shawsheen since age 3 and will be heading to South

Elementary School next year, said she will also miss the school's small, welcoming, loving community. Having a principal know every child's name is special,

she said.

For the staff who had been working to maintain a sense of normalcy for their students in their final weeks in the building, the uplifting environment of the ice cream social was just what the doctor ordered. Children were treated to pizza, games, music and the offerings from two ice cream trucks.

It was one of the final events organized and run by Shawsheen's PTO.

The students and staff began the year by joining hands and encircling Shawsheen, giving it a group hug.

The initial plan was to end the school year with another warm embrace at the ice cream social. But staff members requested that organizers forego the hug, saying it would be too sad a gesture for what was designed as a happy event.

In the final days of the school year, students boarded separate buses on field trips to their new schools. Some took to Bancroft, others to South, West, Sanborn and High Plain. They toured their new schools, met their principals and introduced themselves to their soon-to-be classmates.

"But when they came back to Shawsheen," learning specialist Kelly Dougherty said, "they knew that this was still their school for a little longer."

TEACHERS

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"For me, that was the deciding factor. I wanted to be done when Shawsheen was done, and it just made sense for me in my situation," she said.

"It has been a bittersweet year. I've known that I was going to retire earlier than I announced, because having time to get my own closure was important to me. Finishing here meant a lot."

Infantine began her career at Shawsheen in 1976, before being moved to Bancroft Elementary School in 1982. Then, following a five-year gap spent at home with her children from 1987 to 1992, Infantine returned to Shawsheen when she was

hired to teach second grade there. Twenty-three years and a move to first grade later, she's calling it a career.

Teaching has been a way of life in Infantine's family. Her mother, Charlotte Lynch, was also a teacher for 35 years, including 30 at West Elementary School under the leadership of its Principal Isabelle Dobbie. Ironically, Dobbie, who later moved over to lead Shawsheen, hired Infantine for her first teaching job.

In her 35 years of teaching, Infantine has educated generations of families and watched her own two children, Katie, now 27, and Josh, 25, begin their grade school education at Shawsheen, where they both spent three years.

"It's like a family here at Shawsheen," she said. "It's

a special place to live, and learn and work. It's very special."

She's followed the lives of countless former students as they have gone on to successful careers. One of them — Kelly Dougherty — went on to work alongside Infantine at Shawsheen.

"When she first came here, I saw Kelly from behind and I said, 'Who is that?' because I knew someone new was coming to our school," Infantine said. "She turned around, and it was Kelly, and I hadn't seen her since she was a little kid. That was kind of exciting."

Now in her 15th year as a reading specialist at Shawsheen, Dougherty, 42, said she has looked up to Infantine as a mentor, admiring the commitment she brings

to the job.

"Sue always says that the most important thing she can do for a child is to make them feel special," Dougherty said. "She always said that her most important role is to shape how kids feel about themselves."

Dougherty said she had so much respect for Infantine that she made sure her sons, Aiden, who is finishing sixth grade, and Grady, who is finishing fourth, both had her former teacher as their first-grade teacher.

"When I shared with my youngest one that Sue was retiring, he was really upset," Dougherty said. He had hoped that Sue would teach his kids, too."

Next year, Dougherty will be moving to High Plain Elementary School as a reading

specialist. She said that this has been a sad year, knowing that it will be Shawsheen's last.

"We know everyone's name," she said. "We know every kid's siblings. We know their parents."

Dougherty noted that the fact that Shawsheen would be closing at the end of the school year did not stop parents from enrolling their kindergartners there this year, knowing they would be transferred somewhere new next year.

"Families said they'd rather have one year at Shawsheen than none at all," she said.

As Infantine packs up three decades worth of teaching supplies and mementoes, one thing she is leaving behind at Shawsheen is a needpoint

she did of the school for Dobbie, which has been displayed on the wall adjacent to the front entrance of the school for years.

Infantine said that years ago, her mother had made Dobbie a needlepoint of West Elementary School, where they worked together. So when Infantine was hired at Shawsheen, she thought it was only fitting to capture the school in needlepoint, too.

"I want to leave it here for next year, and I thought a lot about this, but when Shawsheen is done, I want to give it to the town and have it displayed in the Town Offices, or maybe in the School Committee room, or something like that," Infantine said.

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A half-century of town managers

As Stapczynski readies to retire, a look back at the men at the helm



Andover Stories

Gail Ralston
Andover Historical Society

When we left off, Andover voters had approved the town manager form of government in 1958 and proceeded to elect five new individuals to the Board of Selectmen.

Now the hard part – deciding the person to fill the town manager's seat.

Not wanting to wait too long, the board named Victor J. Mill Jr. as the interim town manager until a permanent appointment could be made. Mr. Mill had run unsuccessfully for one of the open selectman seats, but his positive campaign caught their attention. A solid citizen, Mr. Mill was a director at the Arlington Trust Bank. He had served on the Finance Committee and was a founding member of the Lanam Club. He managed the Lawrence Pump Company, a longtime family business. And he refused any pay.

To help the board in its search for a permanent town manager, applications were screened by John Agnew, who taught a town manager course at Northeastern University in Boston. Qualifications were checked, aided by the Retail Trade Board of Boston. In early May 1959, Thomas Duff was announced as the successful candidate.

Mr. Duff had served as city manager of Claremont, N.H., and Middlebury, Vt. He had



1964-1969 LEFT: Former Town Manager Richard Bowen has stayed involved in town affairs long after leaving the job. Here he holds a sign in support of a new senior center out on Main Street in downtown Andover one Saturday morning in 2011.



1982-1989 CENTER: Former Town Manager Kenneth Mahony, left, with Victor Duxbury, at Memorial Hall Library in 1993. The library underwent a massive expansion project under Mahony's watch.



1990-2015 RIGHT: Current Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, seen here in 1995 – five years into his 25-year tenure in Andover – is retiring at the end of the month.

File photos

also been an administrative analyst for the Springfield Taxpayers Association. He held a master's degree from the Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University in New York.

Mr. Duff was hired at a starting salary of \$11,000 for a term of five years. By May 1964, however, rumors were swirling that his contract would not be renewed. Reasons were vague, but he decided to take the "high road" and submitted his letter of resignation, effective June 8, 1964.

Wendell A. Mattheson, town accountant, was asked to fill the gap. Mr. Mattheson had previously done so for Mr. Duff during vacation times, so one assumed he knew the routine.

The next application round was brisk, and from a pool of 40 applicants, Richard John Bowen was selected in July 1964. Mr. Bowen was a management consultant from Elberon, N.J. He previously had held three municipal management positions and served twice as

an assistant in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maine.

Mr. Bowen also did not complete his first five-year term and left town in May 1969, to work as city manager in Portsmouth, N.H. Before his departure, he did indicate that one accomplishment he was most proud of was in the area of planning and conservation land acquisition.

Mr. Mattheson again accepted an interim position.

Another round of 40 applicants yielded the name J. Maynard Austin at a salary of \$18,000, plus \$1,000 travel expenses. Mr. Austin held strong credentials in both the fields of engineering and public administration. As a registered professional engineer, he proved helpful in the planning of Andover's water treatment plant and supported regional efforts to alleviate pollution in the Merrimack River.

He also became the first of three town managers to be reappointed to a second, five-year term. But by 1977, dissatisfaction between Mr. Austin

and the Board of Selectmen had set in. That September, he was asked to resign. In response to what went wrong, Mr. Austin cited a "lack of communication" and the board's "displeasure with his management style." He suggested going forward that the board work to create guidelines based on members' expectations for future candidates.

Sheldon S. Cohen was brought in as acting town manager for the remainder of 1977.

In February of the following year, Jared S.A. Clark was named town manager at a salary in excess of \$30,000. He had attended the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce and had previously been city manager in Dover, N.H. His strong suit was his experience in attracting industry to towns, and he accepted Andover's offer knowing that his biggest challenge would be how to manage growth and change.

Before Mr. Clark's first contract had been completed, he announced a "career decision" to go into the private sector,

"where compensations were more aligned with achievements." During his short stay, he admitted that a major disappointment had been the town's "overwhelming support of Proposition 2 1/2."

With consultants having reviewed 51 applications, in January 1982, selectmen next chose Kenneth A. Mahony, previously city manager from Passaic, N.J. Accepting a starting salary of \$42,500, Mr. Mahony felt that working with people was his specialty, and he advocated a "performance budget" rather than a "line item budget."

The board advertised for a manager who could carry out capital improvement projects, and Mr. Mahony did not disappoint. During his eight-year term, major renovation projects under his management included the Town House, Town Offices, Memorial Hall Library and the water treatment plant. His legacy was also attracting business to Andover, with the resultant increase in the tax base.

Mr. Mahony left in October 1989 to become a partner in a North Andover accounting firm.

This brings us to the appointment of Reginald S. Stapczynski in 1990. During the process, the selectmen chose to review all 102 applications themselves; no citizen committee was appointed. The board was looking for the "Great Communicator" and "Buzz" was their choice.

During one interview, Buzz, who had been serving as town manager in Wilmington, said that he had "the skill to develop the talent and resources that Ken (Mahony) brought to town." He said he would nurture "openness and accessibility" and would "work to maintain a level of services in spite of shrinking revenues." He quickly became involved with the business community.

Before Buzz steps down next week, retiring after a quarter-century of service to the town, we will hear much about his achievements as town manager. One of the more impressive is the fact that his 25 years of service nearly equaled all the years of his predecessors combined.

Going forward, the Board of Selectmen will be challenged with finding "the right person." But as Buzz said during another interview, "it all comes down to chemistry." And that is probably the truest of all observations.

Gail Ralston was the chairwoman of the Board of Selectmen in 1990 that brought Town Manager Reginald Stapczynski to Andover.

Andover Stories is a periodic column submitted by the Andover Historical Society.

All Those Years Ago

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELIGET

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

100 Years Ago

June 25, 1915

The flagpoles on Memorial Hall Library, the engine house and Town Hall received new coats of paint by an expert steeplejack this week and his work was watched with interest by people in the square.

A new tile floor is being laid in the drugstore of Mr.

Franklin H. Stacey in the Musgrove Building. The work is being done by Philip L. Hardy.

The local mills and factories were well represented at the general meeting of the delegates of the Industrial Carnival held in the YMCA Rooms in Lawrence on Monday evening. Andover is well represented with the Rubber Shop soccer team in the final; this is a strong 11 and should bring the football honors to this town. The Flax Mill has a splendid relay team for the girls event; most of the members have won local races during past seasons and as a team make eight very fast athletes.

75 Years Ago

June 20, 1940

The public bathing beaches at Poms Pond and Hussey's will open Monday. The Cross Coal Company will again this year provide a public service by donating the use of one of its trucks to transport children to and from the pond.

Two crises in China — a raging malaria epidemic and a shortage of gasoline which ties up drugs and surgical supplies in storage depots, a threat to the lives of 40,000,000 people — are the problems that face the new American Bureau for Medical Aid to China, of which Cornelius A. Wood has been named the American chairman

by Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., national chairman.

50 Years Ago

June 24, 1965

A front-page photo shows Sen. Edward M. Kennedy outside St. Augustine's Church Monday for an early-morning anniversary Mass for Edward S. Moss, 42, of Andover who was killed a year ago when a plane carrying the senator and his aide crashed in Springfield.

Sixteen religious, civic and fraternal organizations will operate booths at the Sidewalk Bazaar Friday and Saturday, cooperating with the annual Andover Chamber of Commerce retail sales promotion.

Activities for the two-day event are scheduled for both days beginning at 10 a.m. and will include a Clan MacPherson bagpipe concert, a strawberry festival, rock 'n' roll and folk-singing sessions, a bicycle and doll carriage parade and an antique car rally.

25 Years Ago

June 21, 1990

A photo and caption of Alan French of 17 Moreland Ave. says he led the two days of the Bay Circuit Trek that traveled through Andover this past weekend. Mr. French is shown paddling the Concord River Sunday, and was planning to participate in all seven days

and 120 miles of the canoe, hike and bike trip scheduled to finish today, June 21, in Duxbury.

Raytheon Company will lay off 25 workers at its Advance Device Center at 362 Lowell St., a company spokesperson said last week.

Residents living near the new Penguin Park tot lot asked the Board of Selectmen Monday night to restrict parking in the area and to consider closing the park until traffic safety problems can be resolved.

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

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Opinion

Closing bell signals new chapter for Andover schools

The end of the school year is always a time of much reflection. But the close of the 2014-2015 session in Andover comes with an added level of introspection and a sense of uncertain anticipation for the future.

This week marks the final chapter for the 91-year-old Shawsheen Elementary School as a grade school for kindergarten through second grade. While the town's preschool will remain at Shawsheen, at least for next year, gone will be the bustle of elementary-age students learning to read and write as they begin on the road to a public education.

There is a certain amount of sentimentality surrounding one's elementary school. We typically remember our first-grade teachers more than the ones who taught us in fifth, sixth and seventh grades. That's because our first-grade teachers are not only educators, but often among our first adult mentors and role models beyond our parents.

Shawsheen's small size and tight-knit community set it apart from other schools. What it may have lacked in state-of-the-art amenities it far exceeded in warmth and familiarity.

Because it was a choice school, parents made a conscious decision to send their children there over newer schools in town. The reason why, they repeatedly told reporter Tim Lima, was because it was like a family there.

Some have questioned the rationale in breaking up that family, arguing that Shawsheen still has value and should remain open. But after granting a one-year reprieve this year, officials say the cost of continuing its operation, with the increasing physical needs of the building, just doesn't make sense.

Next year, students and staff will settle into the year-old Bancroft Elementary as well as South or one of the other neighborhood elementary schools in Andover. They will make new friends and learn new lessons. But it's safe to say Shawsheen will always hold a special place in their hearts.

The end of the school year also brings with it the retirements or departures of several key administrators. Principal Moira O'Brien has decided to retire with the closing of Shawsheen, where she spent the final 13 years of her career and is credited with always knowing the name of every student who passed through her school doors.

After 23 years as an educator, Bancroft Elementary School Principal Malcolm Forsman also heads into retirement this week. Although he worked in Andover for just the final three years of his career, he will be remembered as playing a pivotal role in bringing construction of the new Bancroft Elementary School to fruition, opening the school amid considerable fanfare this past fall.

Steve Murray, the popular principal who led West Middle School for several years before a short stint as Andover High School principal, is returning to his hometown of Chelmsford to become its high school principal. Questions still linger over Murray's abrupt decision to leave Andover. We may never know exactly why he chose to walk away from town in what many say is a huge loss for the district. But we ultimately believe he is following his heart in pursuing his dream job at his alma mater in Chelmsford.

Next month, Superintendent Marinel McGrath follows the principals into retirement. She announced a couple months ago she is leaving to make her family a priority following an unspecified diagnosis involving her husband. McGrath has not been without her critics, but school officials say she is a consummate professional who has served the district with complete dedication and caring for the students of Andover.

This past year has been a rocky one at times for the Andover public schools. An unfavorable report card from the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education raised concerns in the area of services for special needs students, issues that officials say have now been addressed. The budget season was a tumultuous one and while the schools eventually succeeded in winning some additional funds from Town Meeting, cuts still needed to occur.

But by the end of the week, Sheldon Berman's one-year contract as interim superintendent should be inked. Before the end of the month, we expect a new principal for Andover High School will be named from the two finalists for the job. And the new interim director of student services hired last week will begin her one-year tenure next month as well.

Change often is not easy and turnover can be disruptive and unsettling, particularly in the case of Andover High School, which has seen five principals at the helm since 2010.

But change can also be invigorating. New people breed excitement. They typically want to succeed and they tend to motivate others to want to do the same.

That's what we hope as Andover Public Schools heads into a year of new beginnings come fall. We're optimistic for what awaits and ultimately hope the school system will emerge stronger as a result.

PARTING SHOT



AMANDA SABGA/PHOTO

Shawsheen Elementary School's students and staff pose in front of their cherished school for a final group photo during an assembly on Monday. After more than 90 years, Shawsheen will cease operation as a grade school next year and house only the town's preschool.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Phillips Academy and the town have reached an agreement for the private school to voluntarily pay Andover more than \$3 million over eight years in lieu of property taxes. Do you think other nonprofit educational institutions and exempt entities should be required to do the same?

YES. While the law exempts nonprofits from being taxed on their property, many have sizable endowments and real estate holdings and receive a considerable amount of services from the community. They should contribute funds to compensate for that.

NO. Nonprofits serve a public good,

including providing free services, and are entitled to receive an exemption on their property taxes. Andover should not ask nonprofit schools, health care facilities, churches and other groups to contribute to the town's operation.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski recently announced he would be placing his previously unavailable "weekly packet" of documents for the Board of Selectmen on the town website. What do you think about making these documents more available?

More should be made available. Taxpayers

should have access to all town and school documents, employees' emails and more. **46 percent.**

A good first step. It's great to make these documents available, but the public should be allowed the same access to information that selectmen have via Dropbox. **27 percent.**

It's 'BIG NEWS.' I'm excited because I can find out what selectmen are going to be talking about before their meetings. **18 percent.**

TMI (Too Much Information). I rely on Facebook and the Townsman for my news. I don't need to go on the town's website to find out about stuff going on in Andover. **9 percent.**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It was love at first sight at Shawsheen

Editor, Townsman:

As the school year ends, and with it the closing of Shawsheen School, my family and I extend our deepest gratitude to the entire staff. The moment we walked through Shawsheen's doors, we knew we were in a special place. Your love of the children and your dedication to them was always apparent. We feel privileged to have been a part of the school.

JUDY RICH
11 Bateson Drive

Senior housing projects don't meet zoning bylaws

Editor, Townsman:

There are two hotly debated elderly housing projects being proposed in Andover. Both are very large, 100-plus units located at Strawberry Hill on Lowell Street and another on the north end of Elm Street. The project on Strawberry Hill was denied a special permit, was sent to Massachusetts Land Court and remanded to the Planning Board, upon agreement by town counsel for further consideration and another Planning Board vote.

The Massachusetts Land Court cited five areas that should be reviewed as proposed by Andover Town Counsel and the Planning Board: one, peer review of the previous traffic study; two, renderings of a new lower profile roofing structure; three, marked-up lighting plan with photo metrics; four, proposal by the developer for hours of operations for deliveries and trash pick-up to reduce impact on the neighbors; and five, peer review of

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a landscape architect to ensure the species of plantings and size are adequate for such a project.

As we saw at last Thursday's Planning Board meeting, there are five areas that can be easily remedied by the developer. In my opinion, and I think I can speak for a vast majority of affected residents as reflected in most Planning Board meetings on the subject, either the Andover Planning Board is exploring ways to overcome opposition for the Strawberry Hill project or received ill-advised legal guidance from the town legal counsel ... probably both. As to why some on the Planning Board members seem to be pushing for these projects, I can only see that some of them come from big construction or are social housing activists. This information is easily found through a rudimentary Google search.

The real issue and what should be the legal basis of the Andover Planning Board's refusal to grant a special permit is that both of these projects do not meet Andover's Elderly

Housing Zoning Bylaws, specifically Article 7.4.1. Purpose, paragraphs 5 and 6, which outline the town's objectives for issuing a special permit for elderly housing in Andover.

Paragraph 5 states, "To preserve the town's residential character" Certainly in the case of the Elm Street project, a 88,126-square-foot, three-story building does not meet this objective ... how many 88,126-square-foot buildings are even located in Andover in a residentially zoned neighborhood?

Paragraph 6 states in part, "To provide such accommodations in a manner harmonious with the surrounding land uses" Certainly both of these projects are right in the middle of established residential neighborhoods, which in some cases have single-family homes dating back hundreds of years. Are these two projects "harmonious with the surrounding land uses?" I think it is obvious that these two particular projects are not.

In the end, and it is near, I believe that the Andover Planning Board is doing a disservice to many Andover residents in the affected neighborhoods ... no, throughout Andover, by not focusing on the real issues as I outlined above. By focusing on minutia such as additional peer reviews of traffic studies and landscape design, the Andover Planning Board will either approve a special permit, or ultimately lose the legal battle ... along with the hearts and minds of many long-term Andover residents.

Maybe this has been the Andover Planning Board's strategy all along ... except for the gallant two on the Planning Board who have

stood up to keep Andover a neighbor-friendly, beautiful and historic community.

GEORGE THORLIN
115 Summer St.

Annual Jimmy Fund golf tourney raised critical funds

Editor, Townsman:

Jimmy Fund Golf presented by DraftKings extends its sincerest thanks to the organizers and sponsors of the 24th annual Legal Sea Foods Golf Outing held on May 4, 2015 at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. Special recognition and appreciation go to Roger Berkowitz, Ann Flannery, Jeff Lipson and the committee that organized the 24th annual event.

The dedicated sponsors, participants and volunteers helped raise critical funds to support the Community Benefits program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

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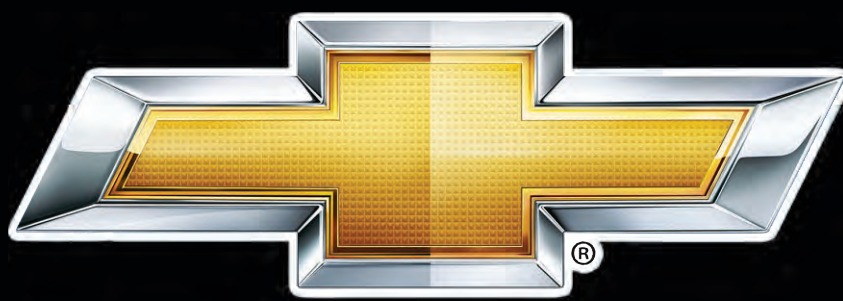


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TownsBeat

2 DAYS OF FUN FOR THE 4TH

Fireworks, pancakes and adorable horribles to mark Independence Day

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It's a popular town tradition that started with midnight bonfires that date back to the late 1800s, according to historical records.

Now, however, Andover lights up the sky with a different kind of fire to celebrate Independence Day with a spectacular fireworks show.

Andover is hosting its fireworks show on Friday, July 3 at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road, at dusk. Viewers typically bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and plenty of bug repellent.

"The celebration has evolved into a fireworks show, but our records show that bonfires lit up the sky in Andover in the late 1800s until World War I when big bonfires ended," said Elaine Clements, executive director of the Andover Historical Society. "Andover's Ballardvale section seemed to have the biggest bonfires."

The Fourth of July town party continues on Saturday, July 4 with a "family fun" theme that will take over The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets, from 8 a.m. to noon. Generations of Andover families typically attend.

For the kids, there will be a beanbag toss game, face painting and more.

Many families wait for the 9 a.m. signal to line up for the always-popular Horribles Parade. Children decorate tricycles, bicycles



The Horribles Parade is a favorite part of Andover's Fourth of July festivities. The parade starts at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, from The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets.



Fireworks will once again fill the night sky for the town's annual show on Friday, July 3, from Andover High School.

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Where: Shot off from Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road

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When: Friday, July 4
Where: The Park, Chestnut and Bartlet streets
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- Jazz music, 8 to 10 a.m.
- Horribles Parade, 9:30 a.m. (line-up starts at 9)
- Children's games, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Middlesex Concert Band, 10:30 a.m. to noon

and wagons in red, white and blue to salute the country's birthday. The parade starts at 9:30 a.m.

Local firefighters will once again be heating up the griddle as the Fire Department's Relief Association handles the town's entire Fourth of July

celebration, including the pancake breakfast.

Firemen trade in their fire gear for aprons and spatulas. It was 2010 when town money was tight and the Fourth of July festivities were in serious threat of being canceled. Andover's firefighters stepped

up and now organize the town's complete festivities.

"We look forward to this every year ... about 20 firemen have signed up to volunteer this year," said fire Deputy Scott Gibson, a town native who still lives in Andover.



The Andover Firefighters Relief Association's annual pancake breakfast on the morning of July 4 is always a big hit for children as well as adults. Riley Wiggins, 2, needed two hands last year to eat her large pancake.

Standing up to the sport Paddleboarding wins new fans at Poms Pond

The sport of stand-up paddleboarding gained 25 new participants last week as the Andover Department of Community Services hosted its annual Launch Night at Poms Pond.

Andover DCS, in conjunction with SUP East Coast Style, provided the boards, paddles, life-jackets and safety instruction prior to sending the newbies out on the pond for some practice time.

Every new paddler came off the water with a new-found love of the sport and couldn't wait to do it again, according to DCS recreation coordinator Janice Coppolino.

Andover's Tom Albano and his son, Trevor, were excited to have their initial experience on a board to be on the calm waters of Poms Pond in town rather than in the ocean. After his lesson, Tom Albano told organizers, "Now I feel great about it and I can't wait to do it again."

Eight-year-old Amanda Dominique of Andover even proclaimed it "the best day of my life."

Following the paddling, participants got to spend time roasting marshmallows on the shores, making s'mores and chatting about their experiences.

DCS offers six weeks of stand-up paddleboarding programs at the pond over the course of the summer for ages 7 to 15. They are led by SUP East Coast Style. Owner Leah Goodman is among the instructors, and she and her staff say they love teaching and sharing the benefits of the sport with others during the DCS programs. SUP East Coast Style holds the World Stand Up Paddle Association certification for water/safety instruction and aims to make the programs fun, educational and exciting.

Stand-up paddleboarding program slots fill up quickly. To register or for more information, contact Andover DCS at 978-623-8274 or visit www.AndoverDCS.com.



Elina McKenna, 8, and her father, Brian McKenna, of Andover, accompanied by SUP East Coast Style owner and instructor Leah Goodman, left, wave to shore during their first time out on the stand-up paddleboard.



Poms Pond lifeguard Eric McKnight shows off his yoga skills by doing a handstand on the stand-up paddleboard.

Out & About: Chamber music brings historical memoir to forefront

The Essex Chamber Music Players closes out its season this weekend with a musical interpretation of a North Andover man's memoir of a bygone era.

The group will perform "Growing Up in North Andover 1874-1892" on Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m. in the Hartleb Technology Center at Northern Essex Community College on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St.

The piece is based on an unpublished memoir of Horace Nathaniel Stevens, set to music by American composer William T. McKinley, and scored for flute, violin, cello, piano, percussion and male narrator.

Stevens (1874-1951) grew up in North Andover's Old Center. He graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover and went to New York City to work for his older half-brother, John Peters Stevens, CEO of the family textile company. He returned often to North Andover to visit his widowed mother and his sisters, Kate and Fan.

After his retirement, he wrote nostalgically about his early years. His granddaughter, Victoria Griswold, a pianist living in New Jersey, commissioned William T. McKinley to set the memoir to music. Griswold will perform at the concert.

In the 80-page memoir, Stevens writes, "That was a great and glorious period during the 1880s. We played and played, and had not a care in the world." His memoir describes holidays in the family home, his experiences as a student at Phillips Academy and many historic moments such as the blizzard of 1888, and the death of President James A. Garfield.

Essex Chamber Music Players premiered the piece in 2007 at North Parish Church in North Andover, which Stevens attended as a boy. Kathy Stevens, another granddaughter, now lives in the family home on Academy Road near North Parish.

Stevens' grand-nephew, Peter Stevens, is a member of Essex Chamber Music Players. He will serve as narrator for the piece. The group also includes Michael Finegold, flute; Jodi Hagen, violin; Sam Ou, cello; Victoria Griswold, piano; Bob Schulz, percussion; and Susan Davenny-Wyner, conductor.

"Growing Up In North Andover" will be recorded during the concert and be part of the soon-to-be-released "Preserving Merrimack Valley Local Cultural History Through Music, Volume 1."

Sunday's concert program will also feature "The Lark Ascending" by Ralph Vaughan

Most Valuable Volunteer

Longtime Andover woman feted for raising presence of Voices of Hope

Longtime Andover resident Dana Siegal, a passionate volunteer for Voices of Hope for the past five years, was saluted this month by the Kraft family and New England Patriots Charitable Foundation as one of the recipients of its 2015 Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards.

Siegal was among 15 volunteers with New England-based organizations who received a \$5,000 grant to support their respective nonprofit groups as part of this year's awards. In addition, 10 grants of \$10,000 apiece and a \$25,000 grand prize winner were also recognized at the June 6 awards program at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough.

The awards honor Myra Kraft and celebrate her lifelong commitment to volunteerism. Honorees are singled out for giving their time to help others and for their

leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving their communities.

Siegal, who now lives in Stoneham, serves as executive artistic director of the nonprofit Voices of Hope, which aids in the fight against cancer by raising voices in song. Since becoming involved in 2009, she has devoted 30 hours a week to the organization. Combining her two passions for volunteering and for theater, she helps to coordinate theater productions, overseeing casting, set design, choreography and more.

"Being selected for this award is a precious gift to our entire organization," Siegal said in a release. "It not only validates to all our members that our work is important and worthy of recognition by such an inspiring organization as the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation — but it provides critical

dollars that help us expand the reach of our voice and mission."

Siegal, who says every one of the more than 150 members of Voices of Hope has been impacted by cancer in some way, hopes to serve as an advocate for the organization's mission, actively encouraging others to support the cause and enjoy the productions.

Greg Chastain, founder of Voices of Hope, said he was thrilled to see Siegal recognized for her efforts. He said her creativity, vision, leadership and tireless devotion of time and energy have been a driving force for his organization's success for more than five years.

Since 2009, Voices of Hope has donated more than \$312,000 to cancer research, specifically \$177,000 to the Termeer Center for Targeted Therapies at Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer



COURTESY PHOTO

Former longtime Andover resident Dana Siegal, center, a passionate volunteer for Voices of Hope, is congratulated by New England Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft, left, and Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Famer Andre Tippett for being selected as a 2015 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award third-prize winner. Voices of Hope received a \$5,000 grant from the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation in honor of Siegal's volunteer efforts.

Center in Boston. Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft was on hand to congratulate all the award winners. He was joined by New England Patriots Charitable Foundation President Joshua Kraft, Patriots and Pro Football

Hall of Famer Andre Tippett, who serves as Patriots executive director of community affairs; and several Patriots players including linebacker Jerod Mayo, tackle Nate Solder and kicker Stephen Gostkowski. The 2015 MVPs ranged in

age from 17 to 83 and represented a variety of nonprofit organizations in all six New England states. For more information on the awards, visit www.patriots.com/community. To learn more about Voices of Hope, see www.Voicesofhopeboston.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

New black belt holders, from left, Kate Ivanovich, Reuben Osborn and Trisha Ballakur, all of Andover. Helina Dicoivitsky who also completed the black belt requirements with the group is missing from the photo.

Andover residents earn their Black Belts

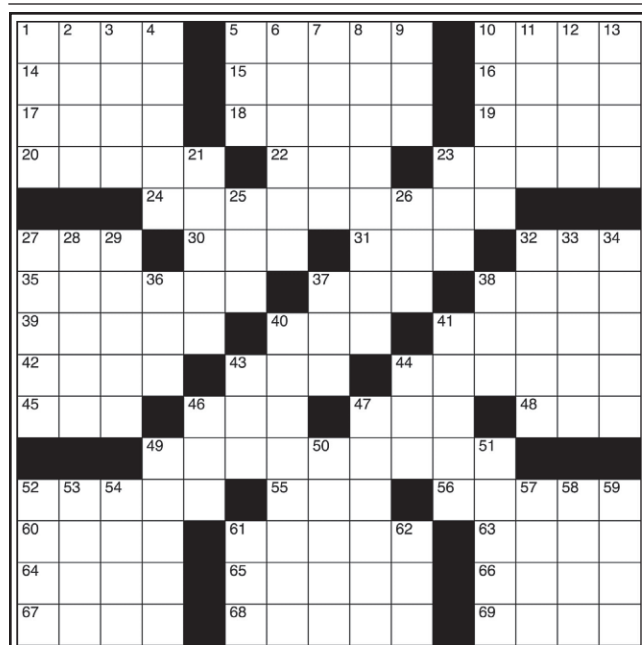
Trisha Ballakur, Helina Dicoivitsky, Kate Ivanovich and Reuben Osborn completed and passed the requirements to earn their black belts in Shaolin Kung Fu at Yang's Martial Arts in Dundee Park in Andover this spring.

All four Andover residents have been students at Yang's Martial Arts for five-plus years, during which time they

have been working toward the goal.

They all completed the final stage of the test on Friday, May 29. The team at Yang's congratulate them on achieving what they say is a monumental goal.

To learn more about Shaolin Kung Fu, visit www.YangsAndover.com or call 978-475-2020.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

- Suns
- Bog
- Woodcutter hero Ali
- Aquatic reptile (abbr.)
- Cape Verde capital
- Chemical compounds
- Maple genus
- "All ____ on deck"
- Roman public squares
- Leavened rum cakes
- Quilting gathering
- Large hero sandwich
- Oprah's BFF
- London radio station
- Downwind
- Frosty
- Brake horsepower
- In a way, removes
- Bridge-building degree
- Mother of the Titans
- Nostrils

- ____choy: Chinese cabbage
- A.K.A. rose-red spinel
- Blue goose genus
- Take in solid food
- Speak incoherently
- Chop with an axe
- Wrapped package (abbr.)
- Auricle
- Former CIA
- Highway Patrol's Crawford
- Yemen capital
- John __, Br. statesman (1584-1643)
- Expressed pleasure
- First Chinese dynasty
- Indian dresses
- Swiss river
- Teen skin disease
- Takes dictation
- Husk of wheat
- Went quickly
- Stud with jewels
- Recess

CLUES DOWN

- Wound crust
- Killer whale
- Leopold & ____
- Bony piece of meat
- Speed measure (abbr.)
- Productive land
- Rajah's wife
- Close companion
- Possesses
- Make less visible
- Buffalo
- Tennis player Bjorn
- Mountain range in Kyrgyzstan
- Gross revenue
- Honey (abbr.)
- Affirmative
- Frozen water
- Carpenter's work table
- ____, Danish astronomer
- 1977 AL MVP Rod
- Italian Air Marshal Italo
- Mends

- Bullfighting maneuvers
- 1/100 yen
- Board of Trade
- Idle talk
- Hairless scalp
- Hannibal's surname
- Old Tokyo
- Spoken in the Dali region
- Women's undergarment
- Weasel's winter fur
- Blatted
- Medieval circuit courts
- Muslim shrine in Mecca
- Former ruler of Iran
- Fungal spore sacs
- Baseball team #
- Stringed instrument
- Geological times
- Sandy piece of seashore
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Drunkard

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Pitching in

Local teens to fulfill Unitas Service Experience

More than 50 teens along with adult volunteers from St. Augustine Parish's Youth Ministry will be participating in a Unitas Service Experience this Sunday, June 28, through next Thursday, July 2, by serving at 15 nonprofit organizations throughout the Merrimack Valley.

Following a send-off Mass at St. Augustine Church on Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

The teens will spend four days painting, cleaning, cooking and assisting at Ironstone Farm, Lazarus House, Habitat for Humanity's Re-Store, Community Day Camp in Lawrence, Bread and Roses, the Paul Center in Lowell, Community Giving in Boxford, Pregnancy Care Center in Haverhill, L'Arche Irenicon, Lowell Transitional Housing and many more.

Participants will be staying at Rolling Ridge Retreat Center in North Andover, which will serve as their base for the four days of service.

The four pillars upon which the Unitas Service Experience is built are



COURTESY PHOTO

The teen members of St. Augustine Parish's Youth Ministry will be spending four days next week donating their time to a number of nonprofit organizations in the region for a Unitas Service Experience.

living in community, living simply, reflection, and service — all of which the teens and adults will live daily.

In addition to their daily work assignments, they will spend time together in prayer and share meals as

a group. The adults accompanying them will work alongside the teens at the various sites.

Cedardale Health and Fitness in Ward Hill has provided free passes and offered to host the hard-working teens at its center

following each work day.

Katie Scanlon Leblanc, the youth ministry coordinator at St. Augustine, is organizing the effort.

She is responsible for leading several Unitas Service Experiences each year.

Little League mourns loss of player's dad, fan

The Andover Little League community is rallying around a local family following the death this month of one of the player's fathers.

Donald Criniti, most recently was a senior vice president in Fidelity's personal investing business, was known to attend

most of the baseball games his son, Nick, has played over the course of his seven years with Andover Little League until the 50-year-old's battle with cancer became all-consuming.

After Criniti's wake, Nick still showed up to be with his teammates and play the

game he loves and to honor his father, his coaches said.

Andover Little League has now sought to honor Don Criniti and his commitment to baseball.

The organization is asking interested members to make a donation in his memory to Nick Criniti's college fund.

The proceeds will help a boy who coaches say embodies the spirit and character of Andover baseball.

To learn more, visit <https://acspl.fidelity.com/acspl/cgsContribInit?AI=c463f8042e284b40b0e9dede98ba210c&csou rce=LK529MA>.

Cone-conscious on North Main Street

Town Talk

Judy Wakefield



Were you sitting in traffic on busy North Main Street

recently and wondering what's going on? Marc Fournier, deputy director of public works/highway for the town, said a state project was happening. Sidewalks on that section of North Main Street (Route 28), which is state-owned, were being made handicapped accessible. That means folks in wheelchairs will now be able to safely access the sidewalks.

Main Street to L.A.

So, what happened to that beautifully restored popcorn food truck that could be found

on Main Street? The Andover couple has retired its mobile popcorn business.

Popped in 2013 and named Lady Jayne's Gourmet Popcorn, the truck is now in Los Angeles, Calif. helping a nonprofit business — Project Angel Food — that feeds elderly and disabled shut-ins.

Scott Gibson, an Andover native and fire deputy, and his wife, Jo-Anne, a nurse at Andover High School, enjoyed the mobile popcorn business, but it took up too much time.

"We both work full-time and just didn't have the time for it," Scott Gibson said.

They surely miss their white-and-blue, 1957 International Metro Van that was turned into a mobile concession shop for their original brand of locally cooked, gourmet popcorn.

"But, it went to a good cause," he said.

Courts appeal

The seven refurbished tennis courts at Andover High School can now hang a top-in-the-state banner as the girls tennis team won the Division 1 state championship last week.

Let's not forget that the courts' fix-up was due to a community group's effort three years ago. The Friends of Andover Tennis donated \$40,000 to the cause and hit up several local businesses and individuals to contribute substantial gifts for fundraisers. The Waldo Trust, Pfizer, Inc. and Eisai, Inc., all of Andover, made large monetary donations to the project. Andover's California Products, Inc., donated the high-quality surface materials.

A subsequent Town Meeting vote approved \$400,000 more to fix-up the courts. Now, the Friends group says Andover High's tennis courts are among the best

outdoor hard-surface courts in the Merrimack Valley.

"We are very proud to be able to play on our new courts. The boys and girls tennis teams take great pride in these new courts. The physical education classes at AHS utilize them during their class times and the community has enjoyed using them as well," girls tennis coach Alan Hibino wrote in an email.

Plus, the girls tennis program hosts a youth clinic during April school vacation week on the courts. And, Hibino will run his "Game, Set, Match Tennis Academy" there in August (www.gsmtennisacademy.weebly.com).

The courts are now a win-win for local tennis fans.

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Williams for violin and piano and "Nobody Move" by Randall Woolf for solo piano.

The concert is part of Essex Chamber Music Players' project titled "Preserving Local Cultural History through Music." Under the artistic direction of Finegold, professor emeritus of music at Northern Essex, the group, which is in residence at the college, performs chamber music written from the 17th through the 21st centuries.

General admission tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students. For more information, visit www.ecmp.org or contact Finegold at ecmp314@comcast.net.

Free family movie night at Faith Lutheran Church

Free family movie night returns on Friday, June 26 at 7 p.m. to Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover.

The adults will watch "Delivery Man," a story of underachiever David Wozniak whose mundane life gets twisted in a knot when he finds out that he fathered 533 children via sperm donations he made 20 years ago.



COURTESY PHOTO

Comedians Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood of the TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway?" will perform in September at the Collins Center at Andover High School in a benefit for Northern Essex Community College.

Meanwhile, nearby in another room, the kids will watch "Big Hero 6A," a film about the special bond between plus-sized inflatable robot Baymax and prodigy Hiro Hamada. They team up with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes.

The public is welcome. Dessert will be served at intermission. Call the church at 978-475-4059 for more information.

Comedy duo to bring the laughs for NECC

A night of comedy, featuring two comedians from the popular TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" will bring their

talents to Andover this fall as part of Northern Essex Community College's signature fundraiser.

Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood: Two Man Group will perform on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School, 100 Shawshen Road.

Armed with their sharp wit and years of entertaining, Mochrie and Sherwood will lead a night of improvisation creating new material while drawing from audience suggestions and participation.

This event is presented by the NECC Foundation,

Inc., Women of NECC and NECC Alumni Association. Proceeds will benefit NECC's Endowment Fund. The major sponsor for the event is PAR 4 Technology Group.

Tickets for reserved seats are \$50; discounts are available for students and groups. They can be purchased through the NECC Institutional Advancement events line at 978-556-3870

or through www.mvarts.info.

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\$349* Lease for 36 months.

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Sports

Caveney named Gatorade's top male track star in state

By BILL BURT
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Graduating senior lauded for mastery of hurdles

Sean Caveney of Andover High has been named the Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year.

Caveney is the second Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Andover.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track, distinguishes Caveney as Massachusetts's best high school boys track and field athlete.

Now a finalist for the National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced this week, Caveney joins an elite alumni association of state award

winners in 12 sports. The 6-foot, 165-pound senior won the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 55.01 seconds at the All-State meet this past season, helping the Golden Warriors to the team title.

An Eagle-Tribune All-Star selection this past winter, Caveney also took third in the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.47 and ran the third leg of the second-place 4x400-meter relay quartet that clocked a 3:20.13. His season-best 400-meter hurdles time of 54.35 ranked as the nation's No. 51 among prep competitors in 2015 at the time of his selection.

Caveney has maintained a 4.37 weighted GPA in the classroom. A freshman orientation leader and president of his school's initiative

ABOUT THE AWARD

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to promote excellence in character and sportsmanship at area elementary and middle schools, he has served as a member of Andover's DECA and environmental clubs, school spirit board and National Honor Society chapter. Caveney has also volunteered locally at an animal shelter and as a tutor at the Boys & Girls Club of

Lawrence. "Sean is one of the most gifted athletes who we have ever competed against," Steve Nugent, head coach of rival North Andover High, said. "His range on the track is truly amazing. He is simply a gifted athlete. I have been equally impressed by Sean's sportsmanship and the incredible



CARL RUSSO/Staff file photo

Sean Caveney, seen here at practice, was picked as Gatorade's top male track and field athlete in Massachusetts this year. He'll go on to compete at Davidson College in North Carolina in the fall.

level of character he displays — both on and off of the track. I believe he is respected and admired by not only his teammates, but by most opposing athletes and coaches." Caveney has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Davidson College in North Carolina this fall.

PERFECT TO THE END



TIM JEAN/Staff Photo

The girls tennis team storms the court after Pooja Mukund grabbed the win in her championship-clinching match against Shrewsbury to earn the Golden Warriors their second straight Division 1 trophy.

By MAC CERULLO
Staff Writer

2nd straight state title as girls tennis caps off unbeaten season in glorious fashion

The Andover girls tennis team ended its perfect season with a picture-perfect finish last week. The Golden Warriors claimed their second straight Division 1 state title last Thursday, June 18, beating Shrewsbury 3-2.

The difference proved to be senior Pooja Mukund, who picked up a key first set win over Sonali Razdan at third singles and then fought her way through a tough second to put her team in position to win.

Finally, after a lengthy deuce, Mukund put her opponent away 6-3, 6-3 and clinch the program's second-straight title and third overall.

"I was just like, 'Don't hit it out,'" Mukund said of the championship-winning shot.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover High girls tennis teammates celebrate their second straight Division 1 state championship last week after defeating Shrewsbury to claim the title.

"Put it away, but just don't hit it out." By the time Mukund was

finishing up her match, every other match had either finished up or was in between

sets, so all eyes were on Court 3.

Once the match was over, the Andover girls spilled onto the court to celebrate.

"I'm overjoyed for this group of 21 girls, for the amount of sacrifice that they put in, I'm really happy for our seniors to be able to leave on this note," Andover coach Alan Hibino said. "There's not a whole lot I can do once they step in the cage, so they've really bonded together."

He continued, "We say strength in numbers, 21 girls who all have each other's backs. I'm proud to be their coach. I'm kind of just the caretaker, they do it and I'm along for the ride."

Seniors Laurie-Maude

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Pooja Mukund returns a volley during her third singles match against Shrewsbury last week as she led her team to the Division 1 state final.

Hero Mukund the ultimate team player

By MAC CERULLO
Staff Writer

Going into the state final against Shrewsbury, senior Pooja Mukund knew that regardless of what happened, it would be the end of the road for her.

"I knew this was going to be my last match, so I was a little bit sentimental about it at first, so I wanted to make it matter," Mukund said. "I didn't want it to end on a bad note."

With that in the back of her mind, Mukund had one of the best matches of her career, winning 6-3, 6-3 to score the decisive point in the Division 1 state championship last Thursday, June 18, and deliver her team its second-straight perfect season.

It was the kind of performance every player dreams of, and a fitting end to a journey that began halfway around the world four years ago.

Mukund moved to Andover from Taiwan her sophomore year and spent much of her first year getting acclimated to the American culture. She quickly found a home with the girls tennis program, however, teaming up with Karena Yan at doubles to immediately earn a spot in the team's starting lineup.

Andover coach Alan Hibino said the biggest thing he noticed about Mukund right away was how much she wanted the team to succeed. He said she was inconsolable after the team's last loss to Westford in the tournament two years ago, and since then, she's always gotten more enjoyment out of helping the team succeed than anything else.

"She's really just embraced this team concept," Hibino said. "She moved from Taiwan, had to get a whole new group of friends, had to adapt to the culture and if anything she's happier that she won it for her teammates, as much as she's happy for herself."

Mukund teamed with Paige Webster in doubles during last year's championship run, but coming into this year, Hibino asked her to move up to third singles, a role she embraced.

"She seamlessly transitioned into the role, and as much as singles is individual, I would say that for Pooja, she always wants to do it for her teammates," Hibino said. "She'll get down on herself, she'll say I don't want to let anyone down, so I couldn't be happier."

Whether as a doubles player or a singles player, Mukund will leave as a major component of one of the area's all-time great tennis dynasties. Yet even with the final victory nearly in hand, Mukund said she didn't know for sure if the team would be able to pull it off until she scored the final point, which made the ultimate victory that much sweeter.

"I knew we had a good chance," said Mukund, who will attend Emory University in Atlanta in the fall, but won't be playing tennis. "I just didn't know how the other teams were, and we don't play really tough teams until the end during states, so I didn't know how we were going to do, but I'm glad it came down to this."

Meet the champs

A look at the state title-holding 2015 Lady Warriors

Here is an overview of the members of the Andover High girls state championship tennis team through the eyes of head coach Alan Hibino:

SENIORS

Lynn Wang

"Lynn was a valuable member of our team this year as well as her entire four years on the team. She saw significant varsity action in both singles and doubles this year. I valued her commitment to the team and to her teammates and she was a positive presence for our younger team members to observe and learn from. Lynn will attend

the University of Miami in the fall."

Abi Cohen

"Abi is the consummate teammate who epitomizes putting the team first over anything else. Abi was the team videographer, photographer, motivator, and inspirational leader among other things. She was outstanding in her one varsity match on her Senior Day and she earned everything that she got in our program and deserved any and all accolades that came her way."

Karena Yan

"Karena made so many contributions to our program



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Andover High Division 1 state championship girls tennis team burst with pride as they show off their trophy after capturing their second straight title and another undefeated season.

these past four years. She worked extremely hard her sophomore year to make our lineup, where she enjoyed

great success in doubles. She worked even harder to

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TENNIS

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Chenard and Paige Webster got the Golden Warriors off to a fast start, beating Shrewsbury's Celine Mende and Surabhi Godbole at first doubles 6-3, 6-1, despite losing the first two games of the first set. Being the first ones to finish was a nice change of pace for Chenard, who was part of the championship-clinching doubles team last year.

"Compared to last year, it was definitely more of a relief," Chenard said. "But there is still pressure because I knew we had to win one of the matches in order to win. But I knew we could do it by getting up

and staying strong throughout the whole match. It was nice to get the first win and cheer everyone else on."

Sophomore Courtney Nash had almost the opposite happen in her 6-1, 6-3 win over Jaymie Wei at first singles, dominating the first set before fighting through a grind of a second to put the Warriors on the brink. At second singles, Karen Yan played a marathon of a first set, but ultimately fell behind and lost to Shrewsbury's Ahana Mukhophadhy 6-3, 6-1.

While Mukund won the decisive point, the second doubles team of Sydney Ferry and Julia Spagnuolo generated plenty of excitement as well.

After losing the first set

to Marcie Vega and Micaela Stowe 6-2 and falling behind 3-0 to start the second, Ferry and Spagnuolo stormed back to win six straight games. They won the second set 6-3 and tied the score at one set apiece.

The pair wound up taking a break after that so everybody could watch the third singles match, and after Andover had the title wrapped up, the competitors all agreed to play the third set as a tiebreaker, which Shrewsbury won 10-5.

Regardless, Andover still finished the day lifting the trophy.

The team advanced to the state championships by defeating South champion Brookline 4-1 in the Division 1 state semifinals last

Wednesday, June 17, following two days of rain delays.

With 46 straight wins and several key contributors set to return next year, there's no telling what could be next for the Golden Warriors.

But for now, the team was content to relish in victory, which Nash said came much harder than it might have appeared.

"It's such a great feeling, especially since we won it last year and it feels even better this year because I know we worked that much harder," Nash said. "Now that all the seniors are leaving, I guess we're going to have to recruit some more people and try to start over for next year."



TIM JEAN/Staff Photo

Andover's Abby Cohen takes a selfie with her teammates after the team defeated Shrewsbury 3-2 to win the Division 1 state championship.

CHAMPS

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become our second singles player her junior year. Her state semis three-set win over Barnstable, where she overcame cramping in her legs, to prevail will always be a special moment. She heads out to Washington University in St. Louis in the fall."

Paige Webster

"Paige accomplished so much on the court. She leaves behind an unbelievable legacy. Since taking over as coach three years ago, she went 18-1 at third singles as a sophomore, then moved to first doubles, capping off a team state title and a north sectional final appearance in the individuals. This year, she and partner Laurie-Maude Chenard went undefeated, won another team state title and won the individual state championship in doubles. She is the voice of the program and heads to Union College in New York, where she will play tennis."

Pooja Mukund

"Pooja moved from Taiwan as a sophomore and immediately embraced our program and culture of our team. I remember her breaking down in tears when we lost in 2013 to Westford in the state tour-

sure that we never had that feeling again. She had great success at doubles her sophomore and junior years and was outstanding at third singles this year. It was only fitting that it was her match that clinched the decisive point in the state final this year. Pooja heads to Atlanta and Emory University in the fall where she will be a pre-med major."

Sydney Ferry

"Sydney had an incredible career in doubles each of these past two years. She developed more consistency and confidence in her shots and she became a leader. She's the great communicator on this team. It helped her play with multiple different partners. Sydney will be playing tennis at Hobart College in New York."

Laurie-Maude Chenard

"Laurie-Maude has done anything and everything for this team and program. She has played with four different partners in four years and has found success with each partner. Laurie-Maude and Sydney Ferry captured the decisive point in our first state title coming from behind. Laurie-Maude and Paige Webster went undefeated this year, winning both a team title and an individual doubles title. Laurie-Maude heads to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C."

JUNIORS

Hannah Krichmar

"Hannah is a three-year member of our team and she played in her first varsity match this year. She has a great attitude and work ethic and looks to improve her game every time she steps on the court. She is an unbelievable teammate, who is very supportive of everyone in our program."

Helen Zhao

"Although very soft-spoken, Helen takes a very rigorous academic course load and successfully balances that with her time on the tennis court. Helen will find the time to continue to work on her game and look to build off her first varsity match experience and contribute to our program."

Caroline Templer

"Caroline is a true Golden Warrior, one who understands the value of the team and collectively the importance of making sure each of the individuals is committed and feels like they are included. She played multiple varsity matches this year, including the individual state tournament and we look for her to be an integral part of our team next season."

Julia Spagnuolo

"Julia seamlessly made the transition into our lineup this year as part of a very successful second

doubles combination with Sydney Ferry. Her skills have improved each of her two years in our program and she has gained valuable experience playing in matches this year. She is a vocal presence on and off the court and has the potential to be a leader for this program."

SOPHOMORES

Callie Witt

"Callie's first year on the team went well and she fit right in with her teammates and she also made improvements in her game over the course of the season."

Allie Tankel

"Allie has great energy and enthusiasm and is very supportive of all her teammates and a tremendous addition to our program in her first season with our team. She is also a member of the very successful girls volleyball team."

Julia Jaime Rodriguez

"Julia joined our program from California this year. She played in one varsity match and her game will continue to grow if she wants to make the commitment to working on her skills and other competitive aspects of match play."

Andara Katong

"Andara shows up every day with a great attitude and willingness to improve and work on her game. She has improved tremendously

since her freshman year and I think we could see similar improvements between her sophomore and junior year. She loves the game of tennis and I think that shows on the court and in her approach to the game."

Marina Rinaldi

"Marina is always upbeat and has a great, positive energy about her. She played in one varsity match this year and she has the ability and athleticism to really make great improvements in her game this summer and fall. She has been a great teammate and part of the program each of the last two years."

Olivia Burns

"Olivia is one of the most athletic girls on the team and is very conscientious of maintaining a high nutrition and fitness level and making sure that she is prepared physically and mentally every time she steps on the court. She is a great teammate and leader. She is also a member of the powerful field hockey program and will improve as a tennis player."

Kathleen Buck

"Kathleen is one of the hardest workers on our team with a very bright future. A great teammate, she is very supportive of the team and I think that with commitment to her tennis, she can achieve at very high

levels for our program."

Courtney Nash

"Far and away our most improved player and the most complete player we have on our team. She achieved at an extremely high level this year and demonstrated and proved that she is one of the best players in the state. She has an unbelievable dedication to her game and the program. The MVC "Player of the Year" is also a leader with her voice as well. She has been a great sounding board for me throughout the season and always has valuable insights into our team and our opponents and has a great feel for what work needs to be done."

FRESHMEN

Elia Petros

"In her first year on the team, Elia came to practice every day with a great attitude and a willingness to work hard. Also, she is a member of the state champion girls swim team. Two sports at AHS, two state championships; that's a pretty good freshman year."

Melisa Kreismanis

"Melisa made our team after attending the Pike School and she was another wonderful addition to our team. She improved throughout the year and came with great enthusiasm every day."



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