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Andover American's Shane Lachance cheers on teammate Zayn Aruri at bat in the top of the third inning of last week's semifinal game. National won 8-2 to advance to the District 14 finals against North Andover over the weekend.

National, American Little League teams face-off in friendly feud

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We've seen this before come time when the District 14 championship playoffs are near the end. There are usually two Andover teams, American and National, still standing with the likes of North Andover, Billerica, Haverhill, Tewksbury and South Lawrence East fighting for spots with the two Little League giants. Last week, in the District 14 semifinals, with the winner advancing to the championships (which were played this past weekend), it was a prime

COMING NEXT WEEK

See next week's edition of The Andover Townsman for photos, stats and favorite ice cream flavors of the star players on the Andover National team.

time game — at 8 p.m. — pitting Andover National vs. Andover American.

Sure they are fierce rivals on the field, but more importantly, they are best friends off it.

It's become something of an annual tradition in Andover, See **LITTLE LEAGUE**, Page 25



The Andover National bench watches from the dugout in the bottom of the fourth inning of last Thursday's game against Andover American.

Chief weighs in on drug epidemic

Heroin problem 'getting worse'

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Despite ongoing efforts to fight the problem, Andover appears to be outmatched in the fight against opiate addiction, Police Chief Patrick Keefe told the Board of Selectmen Monday night.

Keefe had been invited to address selectmen following the death of a local 19-year-old man who succumbed to a heroin overdose on June 29.

THE HEROIN CRISIS

"Young people are dying," said Selectman Paul Salafia. "We need to put this in front of everything. We don't know what to do yet. ... We are averaging a kid a month."

The teen, who lived on Rock 'O' Dundee Road, was the sixth person this year to die of a drug overdose. The first person - 18-year-old Kelly Johnson - died on New Year's Day.

The heroin problem is "getting worse" and the town doesn't have the resources to deal with it, Chief Keefe told selectmen Monday night.

"It's creeping into the community," he said during a 20-minute presentation on how the opiate epidemic is affecting Andover. "We can't arrest ourselves out of this problem."

Selectmen wanted to know what families could do and how the town's leaders can help.

Selectman Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue brought it to a personal level at Monday night's meeting.

"If I needed help for my child, where do I go?" she asked Keefe.

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Sold: 1,682 streetlights for \$1

Purchase of fixtures sets stage for LED conversion, more savings

By BILL KIRK
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The town is moving ahead with plans to purchase 1,682 streetlights from National Grid with an eye toward maintaining them and eventually replacing inefficient bulbs with energy-saving lights. Janet Nicosia, manager of energy and utilities for the town, told the Board of Selectmen late last month

that she had an agreement with the power company to buy the lights for \$1. She said National Grid had originally planned on charging \$165,000. But after the town found out that other communities had gotten their lights for \$1, she negotiated the lower price, she told selectmen at their June 29 meeting.

Selectmen approved the

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McGrath says goodbye

Andover schools' superintendent set to retire at end of week



FILE PHOTO

Marinel McGrath sits between School Committee Vice Chairman Paula Colby-Clements, left, and Chairman Annie Gilbert, right, during the 2015 Town Meeting.

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Superintendent Marinel McGrath, who will retire July 17 to spend time with her family, said a tearful goodbye to the Andover community at her final School Committee meeting last month.

McGrath has spent the last five years serving Andover's schools as its superintendent, returning to the district where her administrative career began in 2010. In 1995, she began her work with the district as its assistant superintendent for seven years, before spending the next eight

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For more photos of Marinel through the years and her heartfelt farewell, see page 10.

leading the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District.

In March, following a diagnosis of her husband, McGrath announced that she would be leaving at the conclusion of this school year.

"My work with the Andover schools has been extremely

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Making their introductions

Selectmen get first exposure to town manager finalists

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Selectmen met for the first time with the two finalists for town manager last Friday, setting in motion a review process that could last for more than a month.

Andrew Flanagan, 29, the deputy town manager of Arlington, told selectmen that since taking his first job as assistant town manager in Winthrop, his work experience has given him the tools and the skills needed to run a big town like Andover.

"I knew what I wanted to

do early," he said during an 8 a.m. meet-and-greet with selectmen in the third-floor conference room at the Town Offices. "I remain committed to the profession of municipal management."

He said the next 10 years will provide professional managers in government a chance to do "a lot of great work ... using technology, collaboration and creativity."

Kendra Amaral, 39, assistant town manager and human resources director in Wilmington, called herself a "tech wonk" and a "data wonk" who "uses technology in



Kendra Amaral Andrew Flanagan

decision-making." Her experience as a "change agent" has led her to take jobs that require a lot of work and a lot of problem-solving, something she said she thrives on.

Process solidified
Selectmen didn't ask

any questions or make too many comments during the meet-and-greets, instead deciding to stick to a strict process they agreed on right before introducing themselves to both finalists last Friday.

Over the next two weeks, each selectman will hold one-on-one meetings with both candidates. At the end of the two weeks, they will reconvene and discuss their findings.

Selectmen Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue said the board would meet again on Friday, July 24 at 7:30 a.m.

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Selectmen flip over flapjack flap

Firefighters try to prevent selectmen from flipping pancakes at breakfast

By BILL KIRK
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For years, local elected officials stood behind the griddles on the Fourth of July, flipping pancakes for hungry kids and adults as they finished the Horribles Parade around The Park off Bartlet and Chestnut streets.

That all changed this year when firefighters, who took over the cooking duties several years ago when the town ran out of money to fund the event, prohibited selectmen from donning aprons and wielding spatulas.

The town and firefighters union have been in negotiations for the last year or so on a new collective bargaining agreement. The last contract expired last July. While the contract is typically negotiated with the town manager and labor counsel, selectmen are kept abreast of all negotiations and offer direction on provisions within those contracts.

Some selectmen were upset that they were turned away from the activity, which they have been part of for the last 20 or 30 years.

"I don't know what their agenda was," said Selectmen Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue. "This is a community event. A family event. I thought it was



FILE PHOTO

Over the years, members of the Board of Selectmen served pancakes to hungry Horribles Parade marchers during the annual, July 4th event at The Park. This image, from 2012, shows Selectmen Alex Vispoli, far right, and Paul Salafia, serving pancakes to Krista Martin, left, and her daughter Brita, 8. This year, the local firefighters union, which sponsors the event, discouraged Selectmen from participating.

strange. Wrong place, wrong time."

Selectman Bob Landry agreed.

"I was surprised they would use a community holiday and community event to make a statement about contract negotiations," he said. "It seems like a very odd way to make their point."

One selectman was even seen wearing an apron, but had to take it off when he was informed he wasn't needed — or wanted — on the pancake line.

The last round of contract negotiations with the firefighters' union went on for years, eventually going to binding arbitration.

Firefighters' union President Eric Teichert could not be reached for comment.

Selectman Paul Salafia said he wouldn't discuss what happened over the weekend or whether it had anything to do with collective bargaining.

"I'd rather not comment on it," he said. "We are negotiating, we are talking. I'd like to keep it on a positive note."

Selectman Dan Kowalski said that while he has flipped pancakes in the past, he doesn't want to turn it into a political event.

"The first time I went, I did flip pancakes," he said. "But it seemed to me that it was more political than I wanted it to be. My philosophy for this year and last year was to step back and not expect it to be that. I don't want it to be political."

Furthermore, he said, the firefighters' union stepped up when the town couldn't fund the event.

"Years ago, the town decided to stop funding this and firefighters stepped up and said, 'We'll fund it, we'll volunteer our time,'" he said. "They are doing a nice thing for the residents of the community."

Selectman Alex Vispoli agreed that firefighters stepped up when the town couldn't pay for the event any longer, but he was not happy about what happened over the weekend.

"The history of the breakfast goes back to the early 1990s," he said. "It used to be the selectmen's breakfast. When budget cuts came (in 2009) the town couldn't afford it so the firefighters said they could fund it. But it's always had a history of being a community event."

He said that on Saturday, "It was clear, the impression was, it wasn't a welcoming situation as far as participating. It was a little awkward to say the least. It was the antithesis of what that event is. Someone even asked, 'Where are all the selectmen?' Well, all five of us were there, but not behind the griddle."

He said he hoped that in the future the event would become more community-minded.

"We need to get back to making it a community event on the Fourth of July," he said. "We need to get back to the original intent of this. It's part of the Independence Day celebration. We have fireworks on the 3rd, the fun continues with the Horribles Parade, games in the park, and the pancake breakfast continues until we run out of mix. It was just unfortunate the way it played out. It's to serve the residents."

Former selectman Larry Larson, who served from 1991 to 2000, said that for years the town didn't have much of a Fourth of July celebration. At one point, there were fireworks, but they were discontinued after a child was injured when he found a shell.

Then, in the 1980s, Jerry Silverman pushed to bring the fireworks back: To this day, they are known as the Jerry Silverman Fireworks. Funding for them is approved annually by Town Meeting.

With the help of other town leaders, including Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson and former AHS art teacher Ed Parker, the activities in The Park were organized, including a greased pig, a concert, the pancake breakfast and Horribles Parade.

"We all pitched in," he said. "The Board of Selectmen were always solidly active. The Division of Community Services, DCS, paid for it out of their budget, he said."

"Jerry Silverman loved the pancake breakfast and the fireworks," he said. "We all loved it. It was big doings. I'd hate to see it go."

L'Italien brings home the bacon in state budget

By BILL KIRK
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The check's in the mail, as the saying goes.

State Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, announced last week that she has secured \$200,000 for a media center study at the Andover High School library.



State Sen. Barbara L'Italien

The study, she said, will help the school district determine the true cost of the project, which was rejected at the May Town Meeting by a narrow margin — just six votes shy of the two-thirds majority vote needed to approve the measure. It was estimated to cost about \$2 million, but opponents said they didn't have a good idea of the full breadth of the project.

"The idea is to give the town an accurate and reliable picture of the scope and cost of the project so it can make an informed decision about whether this is something they want to do," L'Italien said. Even after the state-funded study, the town is not obligated to build the media center, she said.

The funding had been criticized by some in Andover for diverting money from other school districts and for ignoring the will of Town Meeting.

In addition to the \$200,000, L'Italien, in her first term as a state senator after serving several terms as a member of the House, also obtained \$30,000 to upgrade the Peter Aumais baseball facility, also at the high school. The park is named after Andover High School baseball standout and captain Aumais, who was killed in a car accident soon after his graduation in 1976.

The work to be done with the \$30,000 in state funding includes renovating dugouts and electrical infrastructure, adding a press box and making handicapped accessibility upgrades. The three fields have been undergoing about \$100,000 in renovations over the last year or two.

Both the House and Senate passed the \$38.1 billion spending plan last Wednesday and shipped it off to Gov. Charlie Baker for his signature.

Local funding

The Legislature's budget includes \$4.25 million that L'Italien sought to fund a statewide competitive police staffing grant program. Lawrence received \$1 million from the program in fiscal 2015

and is one of only 10 cities eligible for funding in fiscal 2016, which began July 1. The money can be used to hire or retain police officers, pay for overtime for officers and/or pay for associated hiring costs such as uniforms and training.

For Tewksbury, L'Italien secured \$90,000 for the Fire Department to reimburse the town for costs associated with its Fire Department responding to Tewksbury State Hospital. Another \$40,000 was secured for summer camp and mentoring programs. She also inserted language protecting Tewksbury State Hospital from service reductions.

Tewksbury State Hospital, one of the largest employers in the senator's district, faced the possibility of losing patient beds as well as staff layoffs due to the governor's budget proposal. L'Italien ensured the hospital will receive money to serve the same number of patients next year. The hospital can cut costs, if necessary, but not at the expense of losing beds, according to the senator's proposal.

Tewksbury State Hospital serves patients with physical and intellectual disabilities, mental illness and substance abuse issue and houses the only psychiatric unit in the state that treats patients with both psychiatric and medical conditions. More than 80 percent of its patients have been denied admittance elsewhere.

Also in Tewksbury, L'Italien secured \$20,000 for the high school's Best Buddies program, and \$20,000 for the Recreation Department's 50-year-old summer camp program at Melvin Rogers Park for residents between the age of 3 and 22 with special needs.

Dracut schools will benefit from \$2.7 million in statewide funding for high school AP STEM science classes and \$18.6 million in statewide grants to expand full-day kindergarten classes.

Statewide initiatives

Several budget amendments that L'Italien sponsored or co-sponsored that impact people statewide made it into the Legislature's final package.

These include increased funding for services for adults with autism from \$6.3 million to \$12.7 million. These services run the gamut and are aimed at providing access to housing and various levels of care, supervision, employment training and family support for adults with autism who previously did not qualify for those programs.

The senator also successfully lobbied to increase funding for councils on aging across the state by more than \$2 million from \$11.5 million to \$13.65 million to support programs and services for senior citizens.

The Legislature's budget includes L'Italien's proposal for \$300,000 to fund the Massachusetts Autism Commission that she helped create in 2010.

The Autism Commission funding gives the commission an operating budget as well as money to hire an executive director to help support the thousands of Massachusetts individuals with autism and their families.

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Peter Frates (in wheelchair), the Frates family of Beverly and the Kelley family of Andover and Foxboro prepare to drop the ceremonial puck at the Comm Ave Charity Classic. The event at Boston University drew over 3,000 fans and raised over \$55,000 for Compassionate Care ALS.

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BOSTON — A who's who of former Boston College and Boston University hockey greats drew an impressive crowd Friday at BU's Walter Brown Arena for an all-star hockey game to benefit Compassionate Care ALS.

The first Comm Ave Charity Classic raised \$55,250. The game was organized by former BC captain Pat Mullane along with former Eagle Andrew Orpik. Mullane said he was inspired by Andover native Dick Kelley, an extraordinarily caring sports information director at BC for 25 years. Kelley died from ALS complications in February 2014 at the age of 48.

The organizers wrote in the program: "The impact that Dick had on his student-athletes and the legacy he left at Boston College is something that will never be forgotten."

Walter Brown Arena, home of the Terriers from 1971 until the opening of the Agganis Arena in 2005, has played hosts to so many great college hockey players and games but Friday's event will certainly hold a special place in the arena's history.

The over 3,000 fans in attendance were buzzing when two of arguably the top five defensemen in the history of the sport were on



The Kelley family of Andover and Foxboro and the Frates family of Beverly were honored during the Comm Ave Charity Classic hockey game at Boston University. From left, Ed Kelley, Nancy and John Frates, and Ted, Ryan and Patrick Kelley.

the ice together. One was ex-BC star Brian Leetch and the other was Bruins legend Ray Bourque, whose son Chris played at BU.

Kelley's family was there including his parents, Ed and Ann of Andover, and his brothers Ted of Foxboro and Patrick of Andover. The Kelleys and Peter Frates dropped the ceremonial first puck.

Frates, a former BC baseball star and assistant coach, is the man behind the ALS ice bucket challenge which swept the country last summer.

"It's amazing, really," said Patrick Kelley, after he left the ice following the pre-game ceremonies. "You have legends out there to support the cause. It's unbelievable (my brother's) legacy

continues. He had an unbelievable impact at BC. He inspired me to be a better person."

The players were some of the greatest ever to lace them up for two of the country's top hockey programs. They included a couple BC greats out of Phillips Academy, Chris Kreider of the New York Rangers and Cory Schneider of the New Jersey Devils.

"I thought you'd get a few local guys, you knew Chris (who considered Dick a mentor) would be here no matter what," said Patrick. "But to have two of the great defensemen of all-time is mindblowing."


The Frates and Kelley families announced the ALS ice bucket challenge will continue each August until a cure is found.



New York Rangers star Chris Kreider of Boxford meets up with Dick's brother, Ted, sister-in-law Carrie, and their children Ryan and Meghan.

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■ POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, JULY 6

Incident

A caller from Balmoral Street reported at 12:19 a.m. that there were "two subjects walking through the parking lot wearing hoodies, going car to car." When police arrived, one "took off on foot toward York Street." Soon after, the other ran away as well. Both were described as teenagers. Officers were unable to locate either of the men and reported that no cars were entered.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

A caller from Frontage Road reported at 4:09 p.m. that a "female that appears 12- to 14-years-old is hitch hiking in the area." Officers talked to the girl, and she was "moved along."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Arrest

Charles Tardugno, 33, of 2 Brierwood Circle, Andover, was arrested on Brierwood Circle at 8:34 a.m. on a warrant charge.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Arrest

Mary Cain, 52, of 1 Meadow Lane, Woburn, was arrested on Route 125 at 9:35 and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

Incidents

Andover Fire Department helped a River Road worker at 8:21 a.m. who "fell approximately seven feet from a fork lift and hit his head."

A driver from Cutler Road reported a "large snapping turtle blocking the road at Cutler and Lowell Streets" at 6:33 p.m. on River Road. The animal was later removed from the road by Andover Animal Hospital.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Arrests

Leslie Zewiey, 20, of 22 Anthony Road, North Reading, was arrested on Route 125 at 3:23 a.m. and charged with operating under the influence of liquor; a person under 21 transporting liquor,

and an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle.

Thomas Cuddy, 30, of 18 Highland St., Amherst, N.H.; and Keelan McNallen, 31, of 9 Grove Road, Lyndenborough, N.H., were arrested on River Road at 1:22 p.m. and charged with possession of a Class A substance.

Incidents

The manager at CVS on Main Street reported at 12:25 a.m. that a person "flashed a police badge and said he was an Andover Police Officer making sure everything was OK." The man was later found and was summonsed for impersonating a police officer.

A caller from Barlet Street reported a "16-year-old female that was walking in The Park was talking to herself and shaking her head." Officers requested an ambulance, and the girl was taken to Lawrence General Hospital.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Arrests

Kaveh Kowsari, 31, of 27 Coachmans Lane, North Andover, was arrested on Park Street at 5:03 p.m. and charged with disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, threat to commit a crime, assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest.

Joel Matias, 22, of 189 Prospect St., Apt. 1, Lawrence, was arrested on River Road at 9:46 p.m. and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, attaching the wrong plates to a motor vehicle, an unregistered motor vehicle and an uninsured motor vehicle.

Incidents

Officers went to Bancroft Road at 2:12 a.m. after reports of suspicious activity in the area. They found two girls, who apparently snuck out of their home during a sleepover. The parent in charge was called, and picked the girls up.

A 911 caller from Blackberry Lane reported that a dresser fell on a 5-year-old boy. Andover Fire Department reported that the boy was OK.

Foul play not suspected in local man's death

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Foul play is not suspected in the death of an 81-year-old Andover man, whose body was found floating in a small pond on Holt Road last week, police said.

The man, whose identity was not immediately released by police, was found in a pond at 233 Holt Road at 7:50 a.m. last Friday, July 10, according to a release issued by the Police Department.

Andover police Lt. John Pathiakis said an employee of the adjacent Wildwood Nurseries had called 911 to report "a body floating in the little pond" on the property.

Andover detectives along with investigators assigned to the Essex District Attorney's Office and State Police Crime Laboratory responded to the scene, the release said.

A preliminary investigation indicated that the man may have had an underlying



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

The body of an 81-year-old Andover man was found last Friday in the pond, pictured here, next to Wildwood Nurseries on Holt Road in town.

health condition, the release said. Investigators do not suspect foul play at this time.

According to Pathiakis, the man had not been reported missing.

His body has been

transported to the state office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the release said.

"On behalf of the entire community, our thoughts and prayers are with the victim's family during this

difficult time," Police Chief Patrick Keefe said.

The incident remains under investigation by the Andover Police Department and the Essex District Attorney's Office.

\$2 million targeted for Route 114 upgrades

By GARRIN MARCHETTI
Staff Writer

Merrimack College students who frequently dash across Route 114 on the North Andover-Andover border to get to their apartments and classes will eventually have a much safer way to travel, thanks to money secured by local legislators and provided by the college.

Gov. Charlie Baker's five-year capital spending plan, released last month, includes \$1 million for a Route 114 improvement project, which would include the creation of a crosswalk and sidewalk along the Merrimack College section of the road.

In addition to the state money, the college will provide about \$1 million for the project, bringing the total cost of improvements to just over \$2 million.

State Rep. Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen, praised Merrimack officials for their generosity toward the project in a recent meeting with college officials at the school.

"I'm very grateful to



FILE PHOTO

Pedestrians negotiate traffic as they cross Route 114 between Merrimack College and the Royal Crest Apartments in North Andover. A state grant would improve safety along the busy highway for college students.

Merrimack College for stepping up to the plate on this 50/50 partnership with the state," DiZoglio said. "This has truly been a team effort and it took bringing everyone to the table to have a conversation and make the vision we were discussing a reality."

DiZoglio, state Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives, D-Newburyport; and state Sen. Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester, who all represent parts of North Andover, worked together over the last few months to secure the money for Route 114, which has become increasingly more dangerous for pedestrians and drivers.

The situation caught the

attention of town officials, state legislators and college officials over the last few years.

"This (problem) is a very important issue for us, and it has been for some time," Jeff Doggett, senior vice president of executive affairs at Merrimack, said Tuesday.

"It's become very concerning, especially because it's become such an accepted practice," he said of students running across the road.

After speaking with Merrimack officials last fall, North Andover's legislative delegation focused its attention on making the safety improvements happen. The delegation secured about \$1.5 million in the state's Transportation Bond Bill, and last month, DiZoglio met with Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Brian Dempsey, state representative from Haverhill, to discuss funding.

The result was inclusion in

the capital spending plan, as well as Merrimack's agreement to match the funds provided by the state. In a statement, Merrimack President Christopher Hopey said the money will help result in a "significant safety enhancement" for students and town residents.

"Merrimack is proud to be a partner in this project and is grateful to Rep. DiZoglio, the entire state delegation and the leadership of the town of North Andover," Hopey said. "Moreover, we believe that this partnership can be a model for how institutions and government at all levels work together to accomplish something not simply of mutual benefit, but of benefit to the greater community."

O'Connor Ives and Tarr both called the funding an "important development" in the efforts toward making Route 114 safe, as well as a necessary step toward maintaining economic development in the area. Many Merrimack students visit the many restaurants and other businesses along Route 114, and a safer way of travel would increase the foot traffic to those businesses, they said in separate interviews.

While the money has been secured, several steps remain before construction on Route 114 can begin. Town officials will be meeting with state legislators and Merrimack officials to get their input on the project. But DiZoglio said all sides are "optimistic" progress will be made sooner than later. "This is about three things: Public safety, expanding the college campus and allowing students to connect with residents and become a part of the community," DiZoglio said.

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American Red Cross blood drives planned

Two upcoming American Red Cross blood drives are planned in town this month.

The Masonic Lodge at 7 High St. will hold a drive this Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Augustine Church at 35 Essex St. will hold a drive on Thursday, July 23, from 1:30 to 7 p.m.

Eligible donors are sought to help prevent blood shortages this summer. All blood types are needed, but especially O negative, A negative and B negative.

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Landfill meeting set for July 30

The town is planning another workshop to discuss future uses for the Ledge Road landfill.

The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the third-floor conference room of the Town Offices on Bartlet Street.

It will be the second in a series of meetings between town officials and neighbors of the landfill and other residents who are interested in how the 25-acre property is going to be used once it's closed sometime in the next couple of years.

Selectmen held a similar session last month during which Highway Department Director Mark Fournier discussed future plans for the site and solicited suggestions from the audience about how it should be used in the future.

Many residents who live in the immediate vicinity of the landfill say they don't want it to be used by the public works department as



FILE PHOTO

The Ledge Road Landfill has always coexisted with ballfields, as seen in this 2008 photo of Billy Baldwin pitching for the Cubs. The town is mulling plans to move the baseball fields and replacing them with solar panels, a public works storage area and soccer fields.

a storage site for debris or construction materials.

Town officials, however, have said the town needs an outdoor dumping area for street sweepings and downed tree limbs as well as gravel or other construction materials.

Currently, the property is used for soccer and baseball fields as well as municipal storage.

Some of the options for the property, once it is sealed and capped, include solar panels, ballfields, passive recreation and a public works facility.

Public Works Director Chris Cronin said the town is putting together information requested by residents, including a field inventory and assessment, traffic estimates and the like.

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Philip Chism is led into Salem Superior Court. His lawyers said he will use the insanity defense for Chism, accused of killing former Andover resident Colleen Ritzer, who was his high school math teacher in Danvers.

Chism will rely on mental health defense

By JULIE MANGANIS

DANVERS — Lawyers for Philip Chism will call a New York psychiatrist to testify about Chism's mental state on the October 2013 day prosecutors say he raped and killed his teacher.

In a notice filed Monday morning, Chism attorney Denise Regan identifies her expert witness as Dr. Richard Dudley.

Chism, 16, is set to stand trial in October in the Oct. 22, 2013 rape, robbery and murder of his Danvers High School math teacher, Colleen Ritzer, 24, of Andover.

The notice does not offer any detail of what the psychiatrist found in his evaluation of Chism.

Dudley is expected to rely in part on the statement that Chism gave to state police Lt.

Norman Zuk and Danvers Police Sgt. Phil Tansey in the early morning hours of Oct. 23, 2013, according to the notice.

That could open the door for prosecutors to use those same statements in rebuttal of the doctor's testimony, even though Salem Superior Court Judge David Lowy ruled that the statement is not admissible as evidence against Chism.

The notice also now gives prosecutors the opportunity to hire their own expert to meet with and evaluate Chism so they can respond to the defense expert's opinion.

The filing came during a hearing Monday on the logistics of jury selection in the case, set to begin on Oct. 7.

Lowy indicated Monday he anticipates calling some 300 potential jurors to court over three days, ultimately selecting a final jury of 16.

LIGHTS

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streetlights purchase on a 4-0 vote, with Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue, Dan Kowalski, Paul Salafia and Alex Vispoli all endorsing it. Selectman Bob Landry was not present at the meeting.

Municipal Services Director Chris Cronin said the purchase of the lights caps a two-year effort.

"This is very good news," he said. "We've been working on this for a couple years now."

Dark streets

The streetlight issue came to a head last year when a number of residents starting asking why the lights on their streets had been turned off. Recently retired Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski explained that hundreds of lights had been shut off as a cost-saving measure in 2009. Environmentalists lauded the turn-off because it reduced light pollution, making it easier to see the night sky.

Each year, the town saved about \$100,000 in electricity fees, but was paying out \$20,000 a year to lease the darkened lights from National Grid. Many communities over the past decade have purchased streetlights from their local utility companies, something made possible due to the deregulation of the power industry.

Andover, however, never exercised that right — until now.

Under the plan, the town will be able to save money and turn all the streetlights on, according to town officials.

Purchasing the fixtures

Nicosia recommended selectmen purchase the fixtures and not the poles. The purchase includes lights that have been turned off, she said.

She also said the town should not buy lights that are fed via underground conduits such as those on North Main Street. There



FILE PHOTO

Residents of Timothy Drive petitioned last winter to have the town illuminate the street lights in their neighborhood. The town has promised to turn the lights back on. Now that the town is buying all the street lights in town, it should be easier to turn the lights off and on.

are, however, 12 lights on free-standing poles on the street. The rest are on poles that already carry other utilities. She said the town is reviewing the cost of purchasing the lights on poles.

"Most of them, we only have to buy the fixtures," she said.

The town is currently doing an inventory of all the fixtures in town, including the types of bulbs they have, their location and other data.

The savings, in addition to the \$1 cost to purchase the lights, comes in maintenance plans. Nicosia said the town now pays National Grid about \$100,000 a year to maintain the streetlights. Hiring a maintenance company at about \$28,000 a year would save about \$72,000 annually, she said.

The estimated cost of repairs comes in at about \$17,000, meaning the savings per year in maintenance fees is about \$55,000.

She noted that in Lowell, a maintenance company comes in once a week, gets a work order

and goes around town to replace burned-out bulbs. Large repairs to fix damage caused by downed trees or a car accident would not be included in the maintenance contract, but would have to be paid for through the town's insurance.

LED conversion

The other, bigger savings is the conversion to LED lights, or light-emitting diodes. These are highly efficient bulbs that provide lower energy consumption and much longer lifespan than traditional bulbs.

It would take a Town Meeting vote, but hiring an installer to convert all the lights in town to LEDs would likely run from \$300,000 to \$500,000. Nicosia said the costs vary so much because there are many options to choose from. Some communities have kept costs down by limiting options.

Cronin said that once chosen, the installer could come in and put lots of

different lights on one street. People could then drive to that street and look at the different lights and decide which ones the town should buy.

With a savings of about \$70,000 in electricity costs, the payback to install the LEDs would be about seven years, she said.

Another savings is that once LEDs are installed, the town no longer needs a maintenance contract because the lights so rarely need to be replaced. Nicosia noted that Lowell won't need its maintenance company once the conversion to LEDs occurs because they "have a 20-year lifespan."

She added that utility incentives, which are typical in these kinds of conversions, might "make all these numbers even better."

Nicosia said that with Town Meeting approval next year, the project could get underway as early as November 2016.

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Town manager's final party a memorable send-off

By BILL KIRK
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Part fundraiser, part roast, part tribute.

The retirement party for Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski last Thursday night at Andover Country Club was all three.

The Andover Service Club, which Stapczynski co-founded, got things off to a flying start, making a \$10,000 donation to the Andover Youth Foundation's Cormier Teen Center.

It was the final installment of a \$50,000 pledge the club made many years ago to the teen center, according to Diane Castigliola, chairwoman of AYF's board of directors.

"The Service Club made the donation in honor of Buzz," Castigliola said. "They wanted to fulfill their \$50,000 pledge and give the last \$10,000 Thursday night."

The entire night was billed as a fundraiser for the youth center — with the sales of the \$60 tickets going to the AYF. With about 400 people in attendance, that would seem to come to a pretty penny, but after expenses, it's liable to be somewhat less.

Castigliola said she hadn't tallied up the receipts as of late last week, but said the real goal of the night was "in honor of Buzz and to celebrate his years of service ... and his commitment to the kids."

The Cormier Youth Center, currently under construction behind Doherty Middle School off Bartlet Street, is being erected with a combination of funding from the town and from the Andover Youth Foundation. The approximately \$7 million structure, due to be ready for active use in early October, is being paid for with \$2 million from town coffers and \$5 million from the Youth Foundation.

'Pleasant surprise'

Stapczynski said he was honored by the donation made in his honor, and was thrilled by the turnout — and the outpouring of good wishes — from the people gathered at his retirement party.

"I wasn't part of the planning of this so the whole thing was a pleasant surprise," he said. "Every speaker was excellent and had glowing things to say."

He had cousins fly in from Illinois and his sister came from Michigan.

A number of references were made during the party to his Midwestern roots, including a gift from one of his well-wishers of two tickets to a University of Kansas basketball game.

"Rock Chalk Jayhawks!" Stapczynski yelled into the microphone after getting the tickets.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," he said last Friday, the day after the party, noting that he attended graduate school there.

Stapczynski, 68, retired on June 30 after serving since 1990.

Roasts and toasts

One of the speakers, Mass. Municipal Association Executive Director Geoff Beckwith, quoted famous author and performer Maya Angelou, saying Stapczynski was guided "by what is the right thing to do."

"I see so many of Buzz's colleagues from across the state," Beckwith said. "They are here because he is guided by doing the right thing."

Former Selectman Brian Major, serving as one of the emcees for the 2 1/2-hour event, brought some levity to the proceedings when he and state Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, sang a duet of sorts to the tune of Annie's "Tomorrow." Some of the words were changed to indicate that "starting tomorrow," Stapczynski would no longer have to put up with the Board of Selectmen.

"They graded him with three F's, one B and one A, but he always managed a smile," they sang. "They set 100 impossible goals ... but he'll be gone tomorrow ..."

The crowd laughed and applauded while dining on chicken, mashed potatoes



Retiring Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski raises his glass as a toast is given in his name at his retirement party at Andover Country Club last Thursday night.



Former Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski greets guests to his retirement party.

RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos



Fire Chief Mike Mansfield plays the bagpipes at the dinner.

and steamed vegetables.

Former school Superintendent Claudia Bach, who served alongside Stapczynski for many years, told a largely fictional story about how she and Stapczynski used to meet privately and give each other rave reviews. In public, they'd say nasty things about each other. Stapczynski joked later that he never said nice things to her in private.

Human Resources Director Candace Hall said she "didn't have the heart" to roast her former boss, instead saying "even the Townsman got it right" in a recent newspaper editorial chronicling his successes over the years. "I never thought I'd say that," she added, to loud applause.

'Good night'

Town Moderator Sheila Doherty acknowledged town officials who have passed away, including her father, James Doherty, who helped guide Stapczynski

over the years.

"You helped us move forward and you are the standard for the next town manager," she said. "I'm sorry your last few months were so difficult and that you did not receive the respect you have always given everyone else. Far more people will miss you than not."

Selectman Paul Salafia brought the house down with a playback of a fictional conversation he had with Siri on his iPhone in which he asked the voice on the phone to call "Buzz Stapczynski." But the pronunciation of the town manager's last name was so difficult, even Siri couldn't figure out what was being said.

On a serious note, Salafia added, "Your legacy is simple. You helped Andover be the great town it is today."

Other speakers, many of whom gave gifts or official proclamations, included Mike Furlong, a local attorney and member of a



A poster featuring retiring Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski signed by many of those in attendance at his retirement party.

For more photos, see www.andovertownsmen.com.



A photo of former Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski in his younger Navy days was shown on a big screen at his retirement dinner.

Saturday morning running group with Stapczynski; police Chief Patrick Keefe;

state Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover; state Rep. Frank Moran, D-Lawrence; Lawrence

Mayor Daniel Rivera; former state Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover; Public Works Director Chris Cronin; and Stapczynski himself.

In his closing remarks, Stapczynski thanked his family, colleagues and mentors, as well as those who have died, noting, "May their memories be eternal."

He thanked the 20 selectmen he worked with over the years, took a few good-natured shots at people, and then ended the event 15 minutes early with: "Thank you, God bless and good night."

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Bridal salute: Operation Wedding Gown twirls into Tulle

Heidi Janson, owner of Tulle Bridal in Andover, made the dreams of another 41 brides-to-be come true last week as she staged her annual Operation Wedding Gown giveaway at her North Main Street shop.

Janson is the founder of Brides Across America, which has given away more than 14,000 gowns nationwide since the campaign's launch in 2008.

To qualify, brides or their fiancés must be serving in the military — either currently deployed, have a future deployment, or have been deployed within the last five years to Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East, Korea, Japan or surrounding territory.

The 2015 Brides Across America Operation Wedding Gown giveaway occurred in more than 60 bridal shops all throughout last week.



Lori Michaud, a career Army soldier from Glastonbury, Conn., holds a sign after finding her wedding dress during the Brides Across America annual gown giveaway for military brides at Tulle Bridal in Andover.



Emily Deveau of Revere, whose fiancé is an Army medic, tries on a bridal gown at Tulle Bridal in Andover during last week's annual Brides Across America gown giveaway event for military brides or their fiancés.

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HEROIN

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Keefe gave her an honest answer: "We don't have anywhere to go. We don't have anybody who can help that family navigate through this."

It was a stark exchange during a discussion that produced more questions than answers.

The chief said he has hired an additional drug detective and has patrolmen checking the usual hot spots where selling and using drugs is commonplace — particularly hotels and businesses along the I-93 corridor. He said his department is working with state and federal agents to make arrests. Over the last six months, there were 56 opiate-related arrests in Andover with 165 grams of heroin and 75 pills seized, he said.

More recently, his officers worked with federal agents to seize three kilograms of heroin in Andover — a case that is still under investigation and which Keefe couldn't elaborate on.

He has been in monthly meetings with school



BILL KIRK PHOTO

Police Chief Patrick Keefe, far left, addresses the Board of Selectmen regarding the town's efforts to fight the opiate problem. Selectmen, from left, are Bob Landry, Alex Vispoli and Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue.

officials, Bill Fahey from Andover Youth Services, Tom Carbone of the Health Department, fire officials and others to organize a drug awareness week in October that will include lectures from people whose lives have been affected by the heroin and opiate epidemic.

Keefe said the governor's task force on opiate addiction was also helpful at pointing

out things that communities can do over the long term to solve the problem. A regional coalition that includes most of the Merrimack Valley has also been given a \$150,000 grant which is being used to collect data to come up with specific plans to address the problem.

"That will be great in the future," Keefe said. "But we need to do something now. We need to identify high-risk

youths in our community."

He pointed out, however, that the problem knows no real age boundaries and that the most common age for overdose victims is 36 in Massachusetts.

"The biggest factor is that heroin now is different than it was 10 years ago," he said. "People can't handle it."

Selectman Alex Vispoli asked about the program

FINALISTS

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to discuss the results of the one-on-one meetings.

"After two weeks, when we reconvene as a board, we can check where we're at and decide at that point if one or both move on for department head meetings and a formal interview with us," Selectman Bob Landry said.

Also in two weeks, the board will advertise a public hearing of sorts, when members of the public can meet the finalists and ask their own questions. That meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 30. The public will be invited to submit questions for both of them in writing in advance.

If selectmen decide to move on with both candidates, they will be introduced to department heads and formal, public interviews would be scheduled, after which a vote could be taken on a new town manager by late August or early September.

Selectman Dan Kowalski noted, "We have to get comfortable with the candidates and the candidates have to get comfortable with the process."

At least 30 days would be needed to negotiate a contract, putting the start date for a new town manager into October some time, O'Donoghue said.

Until then, Town Clerk Larry Murphy will continue to serve as interim town manager.

'Impressed'

O'Donoghue said yesterday she was happy with the outcome of the Friday morning meeting.

"I was very impressed," she said. "They presented their credentials, some of the department heads were there and were eager to see them and meet them. It must have been a little daunting for the two candidates, but under the circumstances, they both performed well."

"They clearly are driven, ambitious and have a lot of experience for people early in their careers. As the screening committee said, we have two very good candidates. My first impression was that I liked what I saw."

Another selectman could be heard during the meeting saying he was "pleasantly surprised" by the presentations.

The vacancy in the top town job comes with the retirement of Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski, whose last day in office was June 30. Stapeczynski retired at the age of 68 after 25 years in office.

Several times during last week's meeting, selectmen said that picking a new town manager would be the most important job they do. They referenced a photo in the program for Stapeczynski's retirement party last week that showed the five selectmen who hired Stapeczynski in 1990. The board that year was comprised of James Barenboim, Bill Downs, Gail Ralston, Jerry Silverman and Charlie Wesson.

'Change agent'

Amaral, a resident of Stoneham, said that in her job as chief of staff in Amesbury, she helped the city save money by regionalizing the trash and recycling contracts with Newburyport and sharing health inspection and animal control with Salisbury.

Both endeavors brought down costs considerably and enhanced services to the town.

While she was there, she got a call from the city manager in Lowell in 2010 asking if she could help the community piece together an Inspectional Services Department that had fallen apart and was the subject of FBI and inspector general's reports.

She put all the divisions together under one department despite a hostile working environment, she said.

"I had to make sure everyone was treated fairly and consistently," she said. Meanwhile, the city was having problems with foreclosed properties. She called an 800-number for one of the banks and told the person who answered the phone that if someone didn't call her back, she was

going to issue liens on 150 pieces of property.

She got a call back the next day from the bank president, who flew into Boston, met with Lowell officials and resolved the outstanding problem.

Her biggest challenge in Wilmington, she said, has been getting the town's website up to speed with residents.

Calling herself a "change agent," she said she brought Wilmington's IT department "into the 21st century, using technology the way citizens expect. This year, we got an IT Department and a real IT director. We now offer a lot of online services, and are improving our data-based decision-making. We have a revamped budget so there's more detail for the town manager, a lot more analysis, and we are using technology to help that happen."

'Transparency' and data-driven

Flanagan said his first job while still in college was to help implement a new form of government in his hometown of Winthrop, which was making a charter shift

to a strong-manager form of government. As such, he "wore a lot of hats," doing everything from answering phones to preparing budget documents.

"What that did for me was that it developed an appreciation for everyone in the organization, from the folks on the front lines to the people in top management," he said. "All the jobs need to get done. The organizational chart puts people at different levels, but everyone is important."

From there, he spent two years at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, working closely with cities and towns on a variety of subjects.

He then went to work for Newburyport Mayor Donna Holaday as chief administrative officer.

"It was a first milestone in my career, an opportunity to lead the daily operation of government," he said. "The mayor gave me the chance to professionalize the organization, improve the budget process, and offer a dynamic experience to residents and visitors alike."

He helped establish the town's first human

resources department and did an audit of the health insurance system that saved \$425,000. That money was redirected to capital improvements including construction of sidewalks and parks.

In Arlington, where he is deputy town manager, Flanagan worked on a project with MIT students to create a "data visualization tool" that allows the town's finances to be viewed by staff

and residents alike so they can what's been spent and where the money is going.

Combined with "open checkbook," a program that shows daily expenditures, "there was a lot of discomfort from the staff. It was important to say, 'We are not focusing on your performance, but we are opening the door to the public to give them the opportunity to see what you are doing and doing well.'"

Carbone said he has a college intern in the Health Department who is putting together material to educate the public about the problems of opiates, using social media and a page on the town's website with resources for parents dealing with an addict in their family.

Anil Navkal of Rock 'O' Dundee Road said the problem is literally right across the street.

"This is a sad moment," he said. "We had this on our street. Every mom and dad is worried."

He recommended people watch the video "The Other Side of Andover," a documentary done by a local high school student that delves into the problem of addiction in Andover.

He also suggested that families with addicts be given Narcan, a drug that resuscitates overdose victims.

"He died in his home," Navkal said of the most recent overdose victim.

"His parents were home. Parents should have this antidote."

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McGrath's final public farewell:

"I knew that this would be my last meeting, so I would need to say something, you know. So to keep my composure, I did jot some things down for that. And as you can imagine, for me this evening, I have very mixed emotions. Saying farewell to all of you and the schools is very bittersweet for me. As I think back over the five years I've served as superintendent, one of the things that... when one is appointed as superintendent, we know from the very beginning that we come into a position or into a community that it's our duty, and it's our responsibility, to take the strong foundation that was passed onto us and the successes of the district that were passed on, and to work hard to engage the entire school community so that we can take the district to that next level. And all the time, we're always preparing for that next leader, because we know that we, kind of, have temporary custody, you know, of this wonderful community, of the children that are entrusted to us, and that's really what our job is. We're all transitional leaders at all times. And so

that's what I've endeavored to do for Andover's children over the five years that I was entrusted to be the guardian of our students. I know that Dr. Berman, with his background, and his skills and his expertise, that as he takes on that role of a transitional leader, that he's going to do a very fine job in terms of continuing to lead our district forward. So, I do want to thank many, many people for the five years because they've been so incredibly rewarding. With every position, there are challenges. There are ups and downs. There are things that we learn and say we would really like a do-over on that. And there are some things that you say, 'Wow, that was kind of neat,' or, 'wow, that was a moment.' And we actually accomplished quite a bit since 2010. As I was thinking about it, what was really most important to me, in terms of that reflection, is that collectively we have always put our students at the center of all our decisions. It is very hard at times, but we always maintain and say 'That is really our focus.' And we worked really hard

to build capacity so that we would be known as a district that wasn't afraid of change - that we would learn to take risks, and that we would work to become a district that could be viewed, I hope, someday, as one that's a leader in innovation. And in terms of really looking at what it is our students need for their future and that will continue that work. And it's all very, very exciting work for us. We said that, you know, before we said it, and I truly hope that someday I'll be reading the Townsman, or reading whatever, or streaming some kind of a meeting, and see how transformative it has been for our students and our staff. I think that we were able to accomplish a lot in a short amount of time because of the many people given, you know, with the ups and downs, our teams of teachers have been very committed to our vision and mission. Our leadership teams, our principals, assistant principals and coordinators. Our School Committees, and our parents who have been genuinely very, very dedicated to the vision and the mission our community set forth

for our schools and for our students. I will always have great fondness for my Andover experiences and my colleagues. I'd like to thank our teachers, our staff and all of the administrators for the dedication they showed to our students and their families. And I thank all of you, also, School Committee members from the past who really shaped my thinking and who I am, and for your tremendous professional and personal support, and I thank our parents and our community in the town for our support of our schools. And as always, as you know, when one has to leave something that one cares about deeply, it's very difficult. But I am going to leave Andover with a heart that's full of gratitude, much joy and much fulfillment because to have had the opportunity that I could learn here, that I could lead here and that I could serve this particular community, has made my professional life a very rich one. And now, I'm looking very much forward to being home with my husband and I want to wish you all the very best. Thank you."

McGrath says goodbye

A look back - through photos - at retiring Superintendent Marinel McGrath during her years in Andover.



FILE PHOTO.

Andover Superintendent of Schools Marinel McGrath poses for a photo in her office in August of 2010.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo.

Last summer, Marinel McGrath took part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, along with School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert, left.



FILE PHOTO

Superintendent Marinel McGrath, addresses teachers during a protest that brought the union through downtown Andover and to her office in 2011.



FILE PHOTO

Former Andover High School students interview Marinel McGrath, then the Superintendent of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District, before she returned to lead Andover's schools. Photo from March 2010.



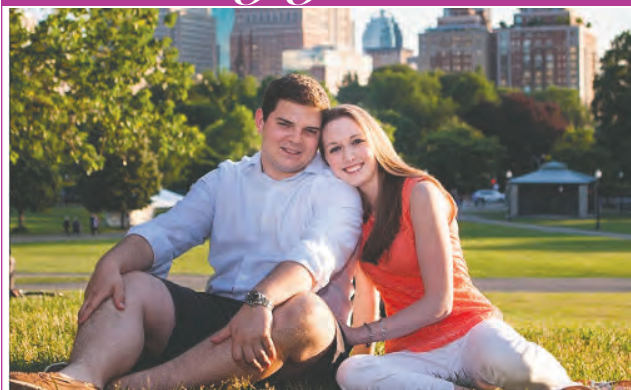
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The Bancroft Elementary School dedication and open house ceremony was held in late October 2014. Kindergarten student Fiona Flanagan gets some help from newly retired Bancroft principal, Malcolm Forsman, left, and Superintendent Marinel McGrath with cutting the ribbon.

Celebrations

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Engagement



Himmer - Brown

Brenda Barron-Himmer of Andover and Paul Himmer of Seabrook are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jillian, to Gregory Brown, son of David and the late Jeanne Brown of Methuen. Jill is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and Fairfield University where she earned her BSN and is employed as an RN at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. Greg is a graduate of Central Catholic High School, Bentley University and Boston College where he earned his MSA and is employed as Accounting Manager & CPA at Bookkeeping and Business Service in Methuen. A fall wedding is planned.

MCGRATH

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

One of McGrath's most daunting tasks during her tenure as Andover's superintendent was to restore a tarnished relationship between the district and its teachers union. Following McGrath's announcement, Kerry Costello, president of the Andover Education Association, the union representing Andover's teachers and other staff, acknowledged what has developed into a strong working relationship with the superintendent that she said has been forged on mutual trust.

"We all know we have had some tumultuous times over the past five years," Costello said. "But the last two years

there have been no grievances and no arbitration. That kind of labor relation comes based on the basis of trust and real collaboration, working together and understanding we are not always going to agree on all issues but that we can solve problems by working outside of the box. That is the spirit Marinel McGrath has promoted as superintendent." "At the end of the day, relationships are built on trust. And I appreciate Marinel's efforts to do that."

On June 18, McGrath fought back tears as she expressed her gratitude toward the people she has worked with and the community that trusted her to lead their children during her final School Committee meeting as superintendent. Before her final goodbye, however, School Committee members shared their appreciation of her work.

"I just want to say thank you," School Committee Chairman Annie Gilbert said. "And I'll always remember what (former School Committee member) Don Robb said the night you announced your retirement, and he was gracious and eloquent as always

when he said you're putting family first and that's always the right decision." Vice Chairman Joel Blumstein said that he hasn't envied her job, noting that there's never a break from the hard work she has had to accomplish. "I wish it was longer than just a little over a year that we have worked together, but over this year I've really come to appreciate what a difficult job it is to be a superintendent; it really is 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and 366 days in a leap year. It's clear you take that part of it to heart with all of the 2 and 3 a.m. emails I've received from you over the past year."

Member Paula Colby-Clements said McGrath's devotion to the kids of Andover is what was most impressive to her. "The district owes you a debt of gratitude for the work you've done, and I hope you're very proud of what you've accomplished," she said. Ted Teichert and Susan McCready, who have spent just months on the School Committee, both expressed their gratitude for McGrath's work, even before their time serving on the board.

"Overall, I've been very glad

to work with you from different fronts over the years and I just want to say thank you," said Teichert, a former member on the Board of Selectmen. "I remember the first time we ever met and I'm just thankful for all you've given to us," McCready said. "So just sincere thanks from me, my husband and our daughter, for everything you've done for our family."

The School Committee presented McGrath with flowers and a card, before progressing with her final meeting.

Past members, such as Dennis Forgue, who served two terms on the School Committee, from 2008-2014, including two years as chairman, said this week that McGrath's dedication and tireless work helped move the district forward.

"The School District has many strengths and is now in a position to take advantage of new leadership and vision to leverage these strengths, address challenges, pursue further innovation and maximize achievement and opportunities for all students," he said. "I greatly appreciate Dr. McGrath's dedicated service to the Andover community."

Opinion

Taking the politics out of pancakes

When firefighters balked at giving members of the Board of Selectmen a turn at flipping pancakes during the annual July 4th pancake breakfast, it was seen by some as a slight against the board.

For Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue, it was "strange."

Selectman Alex Vispoli said the snub violated the spirit of the day - a family event in which everyone is welcome to pitch in.

Another selectman, Bob Landry, said it was clearly aimed at the town's elected leaders, who, firefighters seem to think, aren't supporting them in contract negotiations.

Firefighters' union president Eric Teichert could not be reached for comment despite repeated attempts to reach him, so it's a little unclear exactly what motivated the actions behind the griddle on the morning of July 4th. Selectman Dan Kowalski said he doesn't think elected officials should be allowed to flip pancakes, noting that their presence with aprons and spatulas just diminishes the event, turning it into a political spectacle.

Selectman Paul Salafia didn't want to comment, saying he wanted to keep things "positive."

It's easy to see why firefighters have come to take ownership of the event. In 2009, following budget cuts made as a result of the Great Recession, the town decided not to fund the Pancake Breakfast and Horribles Parade. While Town Meeting continues to support the Jerry Silverman Fireworks every year, it's been firefighters who have picked up the cost of the July 4th events. They show up early, set up all the grills, mix up the batter, and serve flapjacks for a couple of hours. They break-down the grills, clean up after themselves, and do it all on a volunteer basis.

While it's laudable they have taken on this duty, there is also history behind the claims of Selectmen that they should be allowed to participate. Town activists realized some 20 years ago that Andover didn't have much of a tradition when it came to July 4th, so they reactivated the fireworks - which had been discontinued after an injury - and started the pancake breakfast and Horribles Parade for the following day.

For years, it was paid for by the town - specifically the Department of Community Services - and staffed by town officials, including elected leaders like Selectmen, as well as other town officials. Photos in the Eagle-Tribune archives show people like Barbara L'Italien and Ted Teichert as well as Vispoli and Salafia, flipping pancakes at the morning event.

So it's also understandable that Selectmen feel some ownership of the event.

It might be time for Town Meeting to weigh in on the subject. Perhaps someone could put an article in next year's Town Meeting warrant that would call for the pancake breakfast and parade to be paid for out of town coffers. Town Meeting already pays for the fireworks, why not the breakfast and parade, too?

That way, firefighters can still volunteer their time and selectmen should be able to take their rightful place behind the griddles once again.

It would be a win-win for everyone and would take the politics out of what really is supposed to be a fun, family event that involves everyone in the community.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Firefighters wouldn't let members of the Board of Selectmen flip pancakes at this year's July 4th pancake breakfast, possibly due to a rift over contract negotiations. Do you think Selectmen should have been allowed to flip pancakes?

- The Selectmen have always been allowed to flip pancakes at the Fourth of July festivities.
- Selectmen shouldn't turn a fun, family event into a political sideshow.
- Firefighters shouldn't be playing games with what is an otherwise fun, family event. Let Selectmen flip!
- It's sad when local, town politics get in the way of a family event. Both sides should put aside their differences and just have fun.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

The leases for Old Town Hall are up for review again. Is the historic building serving its purpose or should the town put it to greater use?

- **FINE AS IS.** Old Town Hall is more of a symbolic structure that adds to the character of the downtown. Renting space to the Postal Service, for offices and occasional private and public functions is sufficient. The more it's used, the more it will cost to maintain. **20 percent.**
- **MISSED OPPORTUNITY.** Old Town Hall is overlooked as a town resource and the large structure is being under-utilized. It should either serve town operations or be aggressively marketed to cover expenses and generate income for the community. **80 percent.**

HONORING BUZZ



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Stephen Stapczynski, one of retiring Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski's two sons, speaks at his father's retirement party last week at the Andover Country Club. The younger Stapczynski, 26, works for Bloomberg News in Japan as a journalist.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

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

100 Years Ago July 16, 1915

Elm Street presents a very busy appearance this week between the Square and Selectman Harry Eames' house, with gangs of men doing construction and repair work in three separate portions of the thoroughfare. In the Square, the

Bay State Railway is relocating its tracks on the Haverhill division with a view to making the curve around the Musgrove Building of a larger radius, and to conform with the general improvement that is to follow later in regard to the roadway. The Andover Shoe Hospital opened for business this week under the ownership of Alfred Robb of Andover and H.E. Miller of Charlestown. The plant is equipped with all the latest machinery in shoe repairing and in connection with this, they will conduct a shoe-shining parlor.

H. Winthrop Peirce of Morton Street was one of the exhibitors recently at the annual exhibition at Poland

Springs, Maine, of paintings by American artists of note.

75 Years Ago July 11, 1940

The United Rubber Workers of the C.I.O. received exclusive bargaining rights for the employees of Tyer Rubber Company on Tuesday at a special election when they polled not only a majority of the votes cast, but also a majority of the eligible votes. Under the Labor Relations Law, a majority of the voted having been in favor of the C.I.O. Representation, the C.I.O. will now be the only agency that can be recognized as a bargaining group and the local Union No. 137 will represent not only its members, but

all employees.

About 100 pounds of frankfurters were sold at Cricket Field last Wednesday and Thursday proving without the weeniest doubt the success of the holiday celebration planned and executed in 10 short days by a committee of organizations of St. Augustine Church under the co-chairmanship of Francis Kelly and George Markey. James Doherty was in charge of sports. Reports of the Snapcracker Festival lured many people from their homes and by the time the bonfire was touched off, a little before 12, more than 2,500 people were in the park and about 1,500 outside the gates.

Cures for the summertime slide

Jenn Elkin

Head of Lower School Pike School



We've all heard the phrase "summer slide," referring to children's loss of skills or knowledge over the summer months when they are not in school.

According to an article by the National Learning Association on the Reading Rockets blog, "Research demonstrates that all students experience significant learning losses in procedural and factual knowledge during the summer months." This can be up to one month of overall loss, 2.6 months in math, and up to three months of grade-equivalency reading progress. (Read more at: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/summer-loss>.)

With weeks of vacation

ahead, we would like to provide some guidance for parents about resources, options, and ways to find balance and enjoy the summer without turning it into weeks of rigorous academic programming. Enjoy these options and your time "off" as a family this summer:

Reading. Reading daily, with and to your child, allows him or her to practice all they've learned and helps maintain their love of reading. To help them find books that are to their liking and at their reading level, check out our 2015 edition of SummerReads, a list of books and resources available at the local library, on the library home page of Pike School's website or the Andover Public Schools website. Take a few minutes to look at the selections with your child, and find some new books to share together this summer.

Math. Thanks to our math coach Becky Miller, we have a Summertime Math brochure available at Pike that provides families with fun

ways to incorporate math into their child's life this summer. This engaging collection of websites, games, books, and activities can be accessed by going to www.pikeschool.org/page.cfm?p=2331.

Overall Learning Activities. Great Schools! offers an article with resources entitled "Top Summer Learning Activities for Young Elementary Schoolers." The focus is on "keeping your first-, second- or third-grader sharp this summer with fun brain boosters."

Play. I've been an advocate for the importance of play, especially as it relates to the positive physical, emotional and motor development of elementary school students. Being outdoors in any pursuit can be a welcome relief from the fast and full pace of the school year. Whether it's taking a bike ride, walking on a nature trail, jumping rope or racing around the backyard, all of these can provide relaxation, engender creativity and reconnect children with the enjoyment of free play and personal choice.

A recent article in The Atlantic titled, "Why Free Play Is the Best Summer School," outlines the benefits and necessities of play and makes the case that "the more time children spend in structured, parent-guided activities, the worse their ability to work productively toward self-directed goals." In addition, the article verifies that, "Children who engage in more free play have more highly developed, self-directed executive function."

Media. Common Sense Media remains one of the best sources for parents to gain information related to movies, books, video games and websites. It, too, has a "Summer Learning Guide: Best Summer Ever," which maps out options for parents and children to "Play, Learn, Do with Digital Tools," which includes hands-on activities for science, tinkering and nature along with many media-related options.

Jenn Elkin is head of the Lower School at Pike School in Andover.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Townsman:

Assuming the figures in the article, "Delivering a break at Old Town Hall" (Townsman, July 9), are accurate, the question shouldn't be whether the selectmen should give the U.S. Postal Service and Andover Education Association rental discounts, it should be whether the town should dispose of Old Town Hall.

If you count just the half million dollars spent last summer on redesigning the

sidewalk and improving the handicapped access ramp and the \$750,000 that is going to be spent repairing the roof, it will take 43 years to pay off those expenses if every cent of the \$28,840 in rent expected to be received under the proposed leases were dedicated to those expenses. If the town had to borrow the \$1.25 million at a rate of 3 percent, the interest due (\$37,500) would exceed the annual rent. These figures don't even touch the

"tens of thousands" spent to repair windows and the new trees planted in the new granite planters, or any ordinary expenses that might occur. Old Town Hall is a charming building, but if it can't be put to productive use by the town, the town should dispose of it. Perhaps it could be sold to some developer who could find a way to make it profitable. If not, it should be torn down. The town has better ways to spend \$1,250,000. I would also note that there

is a sad irony to giving the Andover Education Association a reduced rent. As the union representing the interests of teachers and school administrators, its efforts result in higher salaries and benefits for its members, which are then paid for by the taxpayers. The selectmen are hardly protecting the interests of the taxpayer if they don't require the union to pay its fair share.

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Ethan Kutz, 10, left, drops in on a quarter pipe as Erik Manning, 9, looks on.

Revamped skate park sees plenty of wheel action

By TIM LIMA
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Joseph Downes-Berry said it was the best 23rd birthday present ever.

The Andover Youth Services employee celebrated last Wednesday by manning the gates of the town's newly refurbished Andover Community Skate Park as it opened for the first time in 2015.

It was a long pre-season this year for the park, situated behind Andover High School's front park lot, as a new surface of wood was installed on many of the larger ramps.

"We did a complete overhaul of about 40 percent of the park," Downes-Berry said as young guys on skateboards and scooters sped by.

Although work continued on some of the jumps, the park was ready for business as of July 8. And Downes-Berry couldn't have been happier. For someone who has enjoyed the park since he was 8, it's not summer until he hits his first jump.

Now in its 17th season, the park features an array of jumps, including a "steel-structured half-pipe," a "concrete bowl" and "hubbas," which resemble the railing to a staircase.

"It's a special place where kids can come do what they want and be

who they want," Downes-Berry said. "They can have no worries and just be themselves."

While the park is owned by the town, it's largely run and maintained by Andover Youth Services, Downes-Berry said.

While it normally opens in June, this year's first skate was pushed into July as work was completed. Last week, some wood still lay in piles at the back of the fenced-in area as work to sections of the park remained in progress. All of the improvements are expected to be completed by August.

The unfinished sections didn't seem to bother those who turned out for opening day.

Dillon McCarthy, 14, come from Wilmington to enjoy the park. While his town has its own skate park, he decided to check out the improvements at Andover's to park. He said the new composite material, or "skate light," that now lines some jumps made for a smoother ride.

"I've been coming here for probably three or four years," he said. "I wanted to come by today and try it out."

Noah Colby, 15, who has enjoyed the skate park for 10 years, watched over the action. A volunteer with AYS, he said he's been helping out with the park's renovation for the past few

weeks. On Wednesday, he was tasked with making sure the skaters were enjoying themselves.

"There's a great sense of community here," he said. "It's a unique environment that I think kids are drawn to."

Unlike an open park, Andover Skate Park has an admission fee. A day pass costs \$8, with season passes available for \$150 for Andover residents and \$200 for out-of-towners.

The park opens at noon on weekends and 2 p.m. on weekdays, and stays open until 8 p.m. A discounted daily rate of \$5 is charged for those arriving after 5 p.m.

Equipment and helmets can be rented at the gate, and there are park rules to abide by, too.

Ten years ago, before its seventh season of operation, the skate park was described in Andover's Annual Town Report as being a "positive and safe environment open to all ages and abilities, which promotes and encourages individual expression and learning. The park provides a positive atmosphere centered around respect for others and most importantly, fun."

Downes-Berry said that still holds true.

"This is safe here," he said. "It's not just an open skate park in the middle of a town that's not organized."



Gavin Liddell, 17, approaches a grind rail at Andover Skate Park, which opened for the season last week. After a long pre-season of repairs, skaters were eager to get down to action last week.



ABOVE: Anthony Rota, 10, picks up some speed on his scooter on one of the recently refurbished ramps at Andover Skate Park. AT LEFT: Dillon McCarthy, 14, lands on his board after spinning in the air. Andover Skate Park opened for the season last week as work improving some of the ramps in the background continued.



Erik Manning, 9, puts the new wood on one of the ramps to good use as he catches some air on his scooter.



The long-awaited opening day at Andover Skate Park last week saw plenty of action as visitors were eager to test out the newly refurbished ramps.



Ethan Kutz, 10, gets some air over an obstacle in his first outing of the season at the town's skate park.

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A 'Pitch Perfect' order from Peking & The Mystics

STAFF REPORTS

They came together while having lunch at a Boston Chinese restaurant — all alumni of Tufts University in Medford with shared passion for a cappella music.

The former members of the nationally known Tufts Beelzebubs a cappella troupe still had an interesting in performing.

That was 1973 and Peking & The Mystics has been making music together ever since.

Next week, they'll share that music at Andover's free Concerts in The Park series. They'll perform Wednesday, July 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the bandstand in The Park at Chestnut and Bartlett streets.

The current five members of the all-male a cappella group — all former singers with have been together for a dozen years. They include two Andover residents — Tim Vail and Gene Blake — both founding members of the group.

Over the years, Peking & The Mystics has toured nationally and internationally, including trips to the Far East and South

America; recorded three CDs, appeared on TV and radio programs, and has been featured in the media.

The group's eclectic repertoire, including original arrangements by members themselves, features vintage vocals from such genres as swing, jazz, doo-wop and pop music representing every decade from the 1890s to the 2000s.

Joining Andover residents Vail, baritone 2, who was also a charter member of the Beelzebubs, stars of the NBC-TV "Sing Off" program, and Blake, tenor 2, who has written 75 arrangements for the group, Peking & the Mystics includes Andrew Cranin, baritone 1, a New York native who splits time now between Acton and Brewster; Chris Parker, bass, who grew up on Boston's South Shore and now lives in Ipswich; and David Pratt, tenor 1, a lifelong resident of Massachusetts who now lives in Wellesley.

Their appearance in Andover is hosted by the Department of Community Services. The public is encouraged to bring along dinner as well as blankets



Courtesy photo

The a cappella group Peking and the Mystics, which is rooted in Tufts University's acclaimed Beelzebubs, is booked for a July 22 concert in The Park. The quintet features Andover residents Tim Vail and Gene Blake, together with David Pratt, Chris Parker and Andrew Cranin.

and chairs and sit back and enjoy the show.

In the event of inclement weather, a postponement

will be announced by 2 p.m. on the day of the concert. The concert series is supported by local

businesses such as AndoverLaw, P.C.; Peggy Patenaude, Realtor with William Raveis; Andover TV, and

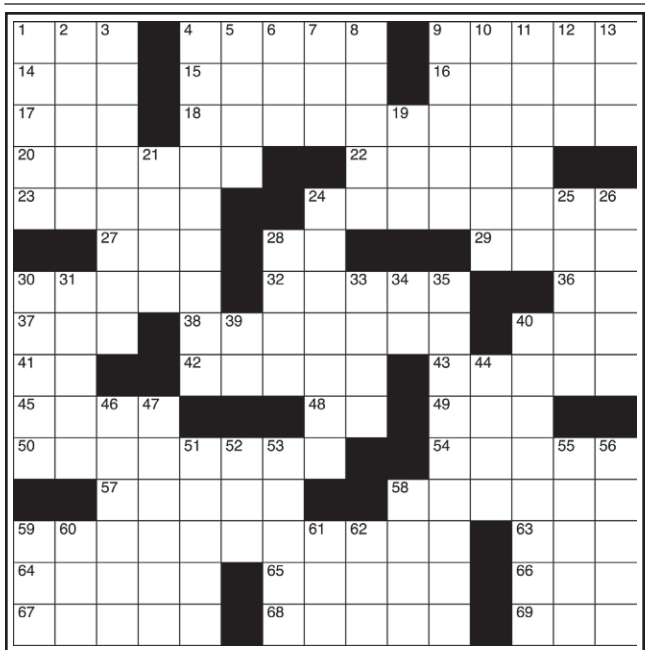
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Strike up the band



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Bud Gartland, a tuba player for the Middlesex Concert Band, is reflected in his instrument during the group's annual Fourth of July appearance in The Park.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Fixed hardware memory
- 4. Ancient Greek physician
- 9. US coach Amos Alonzo
- 14. Before
- 15. Hedge
- 16. Musical endings
- 17. Contrary to
- 18. 39th state
- 20. In a way, takes away
- 22. More uncommon
- 23. Hue or shade
- 24. Having no moral failing
- 27. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 28. Initials of ALS physicist
- 29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 30. Smallest American sandpiper
- 32. Wrote a computer program
- 36. Silver
- 37. A continuous portion of a circle

- 38. To send forth
- 40. Wood sorrel
- 41. Curie
- 42. Curved sword
- 43. Harmon, Wahlberg & Antony
- 45. Break stone
- 48. Doc
- 49. A small demon
- 50. Split up
- 54. Sierra lake
- 57. Micronesian sailboats
- 58. North African desert
- 59. Famous persons
- 63. A worn out horse
- 64. One seeded fruit (alt. sp.)
- 65. DEA officers
- 66. 7th Greek letter
- 67. States of repose
- 68. Related on the mother's side
- 69. Cub Scout group

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Medieval fiddle
- 2. W. Bolivian city
- 3. Relating to a metal
- 4. Sires
- 5. Macao monetary units
- 6. Roman household god
- 7. Sun up in New York
- 8. 1st Indian P.M.
- 9. Frighten
- 10. Keepsakes
- 11. Admirer
- 12. Handgun (slang)
- 13. J. G. Low's organization
- 19. Constitution Hall org.
- 21. Presently
- 24. Smallest speech sound
- 25. In-between meal
- 26. Heroic tales
- 28. Healing wound cover

- 30. Paper bags
- 31. Threefold
- 33. River in France
- 34. And in Latin
- 35. Cup used to serve espresso
- 39. One thousandth of an ampere
- 40. Deprived of parents
- 44. E. Asian housemaid
- 46. Mac, gata and pippin
- 47. Mother or father
- 51. Dressing gowns
- 52. Swiss river
- 53. Banteng
- 55. Speak
- 56. MN 55122
- 58. Religious faction
- 59. Auto
- 60. Supplement with difficulty
- 61. Browning of the skin
- 62. Militant Irish organization

7/16/15

Out & About: A 'Legally' staged summer for town's top teacher

Andover High School music teacher Mark Mercer has been spending his summer in the theater directing Lexington Youth Summer Theatre in a production of "Legally Blonde, The Musical."

The show, which features a talented cast of Andover and area youth, will be performed this weekend at Lexington High School, 251 Waltham St., Lexington. Performances are this Thursday and Friday, July 16 and 17, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 18, at 2 p.m. Mercer is assisted in

the direction by Darwin Hernandez.

Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information, email lyst-promo@gmail.com.

Summer 'Hydration' at Alpers

Alpers Fine Art on Main Street in Andover is unveiling its summer exhibit, "Hydration," which runs through Labor Day weekend. The exhibit showcases paintings by seven artists who gallery visitors have come to know and admire

through previous exhibits at Alpers.

On Saturday, July 18, the gallery hosts a meet-the-artists and please-try-the-wine reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Gallery owner Peter Alpers can be reached at Alpers Fine Art, 96 Main St., by calling 978-760-1829 or by email at alpers2@verizon.net.

Free Friday movie night rolling

The next free Family Movie Night at Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street is Friday, July

31 at 6:30 p.m.

The 1938 Academy Award-winning film "The Adventures of Robin Hood" starring Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Basil Rathbone and Claude Rains will be the adult movie, while the kids watch "The Lego Movie."

After dessert and coffee, there will be commentary about the film. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call the church at 978 475-4059.

Got an item for Out & About? Email townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: HAROLD PARKER STATE FOREST

Harold Parker State Forest in Andover has plenty of activities on tap this month, from nature walks to quarry hikes.

All programs are free and open to the public. Here is what's on tap:

We Walk the Woods: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon., from headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. Join the park interpreter for a slow-paced walk through the forest while enjoying nature at its finest. Each week, the group will hike to a different part of the forest for a series of 12 hikes over the course of the season. Appropriate for children 6 and older.

A Pond a Week: Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon, from campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road. Harold Parker has 11 ponds. The hikes visit a different one each week to learn about their function and importance. Appropriate for all ages, but must be able to walk several miles; wear appropriate hiking shoes.

Creature Feature, Friday, July 17, 3 to 4 p.m., from campground nature center,

133 Jenkins Road, Andover. Learn about the many interesting animals that live in the forest; appropriate for families with children.

Lunch Hike: Fridays, July 17 and 31, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join the interpreter on a long hike to one of the many gorgeous spots in the park for lunch. Appropriate for all ages, families with children, best for ages 6 and up; bag lunch recommended.

Park Cleanup: Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m. to noon, from campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road, Andover. The Friends of Harold Parker are helping to lead a cleanup, targeting various areas of the park; appropriate for children over age 10.

Gone Fishin': Saturday, July 18, 2 to 4 p.m., from campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road, Andover. Fun for everyone interested in learning the basics of pond fishing in New England. All fishing tackle and bait is provided; limited quantities; no fishing license needed. Appropriate for children over age 6.

Introduction to Forest Hike: Friday, July 24, 10 to 11

a.m., from headquarters, 304 Middleton Road, North Andover. Enjoy a short, interactive hike along the interpreter's trail to identify some of the plants and trees found at Harold Parker; appropriate for all ages.

Soapstone Quarry Hike: Friday, July 24, 1 to 3 p.m. Discover the Blue Soapstone Quarry, one of the few blue soapstone sites in Massachusetts. Run by the Jenkins family in the mid-1800s, it remains one of the softest quarried stones in existence. The quarry is adjacent to the former Jenkins mill, where the stone was actually worked using saw blades to cut the stone. The hike is about 2 miles long; appropriate for children and families.

Invasive Species Removal: Sunday, July 26, 9 a.m. to noon, from campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road, Andover. Help removed some invasive species from Harold Parker. Invasives can severely impact and alter a habitat, causing animals to lose their home. An introduction

on invasive species and how to identify them will be provided.

Bike Outing: Tuesday, July 28, 3 to 5 p.m., from campground nature center, 133 Jenkins Road, Andover. This casual-paced bike ride through forest trails is great for families and also those new to trail riding. Helmets are required; appropriate for children over 8 years old.

Full Moon Hike: Friday, July 31, 8 to 9:30 p.m., from headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. Join the park interpreter for a walk through the woods to celebrate the full moon. Appropriate for all ages, best for children 6 and up.

Participants should bring water, wear sunscreen/bug spray, dress in layers, and wear good footwear. An adult must accompany children. Binoculars and cameras are also recommended for many of the programs. All activities are canceled in the event of rain.

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Preschool Days take fun hold of The Park

The Andover Department of Community Services segues from a luau to fire engines over to a morning of public safety and trucks and such as this summer's Preschool Park Events get into full swing.

Last Thursday, youngsters practiced their best Hawaiian dance moves for Luau Day, which kicked off the annual summer series at The Park at Chestnut and Bartlett streets.

This Thursday, July 16, is all about the fire engines with a visit from the local firefighters and Smokey the Bear. Children are reminded to bring their bathing suits to run through the spray of the fire engine's hoses.

Next Thursday, July 23, an array of Andover police and public works vehicles will be on display, plus there will be demonstrations by the Essex County Sheriff's Department K-9 Division and an appearance by McGruff the Crime Dog.

The series wraps up Thursday, July 30 with a Teddy Bear Picnic complete with a parade.

All the events go from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and are intended for ages 1 to 6. The rain dates are the following Fridays. The cost is \$5 per child in advance, \$7 at The Park; advance registration is encouraged, but not required. To sign up or for more information, call the DCS office at 978-623-8274 or visit www.AndoverDCS.com.



Hayden Donnelly, 3, tries his hand at knocking down the carnival pins during Luau Day activities at The Park.

PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos



Children and their parents start to gather at last week's Luau Day in The Park.



Charlotte Denham, 4, of Lawrence is seen through the beanbag toss hole at the kick-off to DCS' annual Preschool Park series last week.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

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

Here are some of the highlights:

The Center at Punchard's BoomerVenture series is using the laid-back days of summer as a chance to arm women and seniors against the possible threat of danger. Kristin LaShoto,

a former Homeland Security employee whose passion is now teaching self-defense to both women and seniors, leads a class specifically geared for women on Thursday, July 23, from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. at The Center, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. The program will be taught in pairs, with mother-daughter and grandparent-grandchild groupings especially

encouraged to enroll. Participants will learn techniques to defend themselves from aggressors as well as how to recognize imminent danger and verbal and physical aggression before the possibility of an attack can occur. Techniques to be covered will include diversion/distraction and action vs. reaction. The cost is \$22 and registration is required.

Here's a look at what else is coming up at The Center this summer:

Grill Night: Thursday, July 23, 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes salad, a drink, dessert and the main course, with meals starting at \$5; advance payment only. A movie follows at 6:30 p.m. Open to all.

Celebrate Italy! Mondays, through July 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 class; \$12. In honor of the program, Italian meals will be served for lunch at The Center every Monday in July.

Sail on the Schooner Fame, 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.

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First-timer joins 50-plus locals in Pan-Mass ride for cancer research

By TIM LIMA
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LOCAL PAN-MASS PEDALERS

It's a worthy challenge for a worthy cause.

David Gould will be among more than 50 Andover residents traveling 163 miles via bicycle over two days next month as part of the 2015 Pan-Mass Challenge.

Like most, Gould has been affected by cancer. His mother-in-law, who spent her life in Louisiana, lost her battle with brain cancer in 1992. The guitarist in his former band Zoots from the early 1990s passed away from the disease. More recently, prostate cancer claimed a dear friend and his physical therapist, Dr. James J. Leonardo out of Wilmington, in 2009.

For them, he rides. A member of the Monotype Team, a trio of employees from their Woburn business, he and thousands of other bicyclists will set out Aug. 1 on the first leg of the Pan-Mass Challenge from Wellesley to

Andover will be represented by 53 riders in this year's Pan-Mass Challenge. Many will be pedaling in honor or support of a family member or friend lost to, or being treated for, cancer.

The local participants are: Susan Pesaturo, Adam Simms, Peter Jensen, Scott Richardson, Lewis Venezia, Gerry Pouliot, Joe Hartnett, Jeffrey Wakelin, Martha Russell, Norman Papazian, Kevin McGovern, Joseph Digiammo, Brian Logee, Richard Pesaturo, Katherine Zigmont, Domenic Giammarco, Christopher Zigmont, Ben Kellman, Susan Holzman, Evan Teplow, John Drake, Gerry Callahan, Jerry Pendleton, Dan Farrell, David Bergeron, Mary O'Donoghue, Greg Gryllakis, Sue Farrell, Meaghan Farrell, Gary Ryan, Jim McCurdy, Edward Sheehan, Terese Furry, James Gillis, Heather Dennehy, Brigid Hurley, John Furry, Stephen Anderson, Ken Barry, Julie Rigazio, Trevor Poole, Sebastian Levy, David Gould, Mark Dennehy, Martha Porter, Sheila Serrao, Don Criniti, Benjamin Prawdzik, Jennifer Divincenzo, Tracy Callahan, Nancy Buckley, Paul Higgins, Bill Hamilton, Walter Gillis.

To become a virtual rider, or make a financial contribution to a local rider, visit www.pmc.org, or call 800-WE-CYCLE.

Provincetown.

The annual bike-athon that crosses the state raises money for life-saving cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Gould, who grew up in Needham, moved to Andover in 2003 for the

local schools and to be closer to his wife's extended family. This is his first time riding the PMC.

"We've all been touched by cancer and your support can help fund research that may help find a cure for this terrible disease," Gould said in an email.

Since its founding in 1980, the PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual contributors, raising a total of half a billion dollars.

Last year alone, the event attracted 5,500 riders and raised \$41 million. This year, the goal is \$45 million.

With every rider-raised dollar going directly to the Jimmy Fund, the famous bicycle ride is the most successful athletic fundraising event for charity in the nation.

Each participating cyclist must commit to raising between \$500 and \$5,200. However, 90 percent of all riders exceed the minimum — with roughly 33 percent raising at least \$1,000.

To help Gould fight cancer, visit The Monotype Team fundraising link at <http://www2.pmc.org/profile/TM0285>.

Are you taking on the Challenge? Let us know your story by emailing us at Townsman@Andover-Townsmen.com.



David Gould will be participating in his first Pan-Mass Challenge next month in honor of three loved ones who he has lost to cancer.

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DCS SUPERSTAR: COLBY ARDIZZONE

Editor's Note: The Townsman this summer is teaming with the town's Department of Community Services to spotlight its Superstars of the Week. We will be publishing each week's superstars together with their photos throughout the summer.

Six-year-old Colby Ardizzone of Andover, a participant in the Beach Buddies program at Poms Pond, grabbed the spotlight last week as Andover DCS' Superstar of the Week.

Colby, who had a blast in the second week of the Beach Buddies program, was selected for the honor by co-directors Lexi Donahue and Lauren Mosher, who



COURTESY PHOTO

Colby Ardizzone

said he's a "great helper for the younger kids and is always willing to try new

things." The summer program leaders also noted Colby's wonderful confidence and willingness to share with the other kids.

Colby said his favorite thing about Beach Buddies was the swimming. He loves to swim and was very excited to pass the swimming test last week that's a requirement at Poms Pond for being able to go out past the wading area.

"We loved having him at the program," Donahue said in presenting Colby with his Superstar of the Week certificate.

For more on DCS' Superstars of the Week and its programs, visit www.AndoverDCS.com.

Brownies and lemonade combine for MSPCA fundraiser

Brownie Girl Scout Troop #75375 made up of 12 South Elementary School girls who love animals recently manned a lemonade stand to raise funds for Ashton's Hope Fund at the MSPCA in Methuen.

As their final service project as Brownie Scouts, the girls set up "Thunder's Lemonade Stand" at the MSPCA's Nevins Farm on May 30, and sold lemonade and brownies to all the visitors who came by the adoption center that hot afternoon. By day's end, they had raised about \$200.

All the proceeds were donated to Ashton's Hope Fund, which provides medical care to MSPCA horses and farm animals currently being cared for at Nevins. The fund is named for a young foal who needed expensive surgery. Brownie Scout leader Andrea Marble said in an



COURTESY PHOTO

Half of the members of Brownie Girl Scout Troop #75375 pose for a photo last month at their "Thunder's Lemonade Stand" at the MSPCA's Nevins Farm in Methuen. The fundraiser was the girls' final service project as Brownies.

email that it was a busy afternoon and the girls loved interacting with the people who visited and seeing all the animals. They especially felt good about the help they were

providing to the sick animals, she said.

To learn more about Thunder's Lemonade Stand and Ashton's Hope Fund, visit www.mspca.org/adoption/methuen-nevins.

Rullo tapped by Essex County Community Foundation

STAFF REPORTS

Andover's Jim Rullo has been elected to the board of trustees for The Essex County Community Foundation.

Trustees are selected for their strong knowledge of the local community, record of charitable service and fiscal responsibility, according to a release.

"The Essex County Community Foundation touches a lot of organizations that I am familiar with and fond of," Rullo said in the release. "I look forward to working with the entire ECCF board to help the foundation continue to

make positive changes in Essex County."

Rullo retired last year as a senior vice president and partner from Wellington Management Company, LLP, a \$900 billion Boston investment management firm where he worked for more than 20 years. At Wellington, he led a team of 20 investment professionals managing more than \$30 billion in assets for a global client base and also served as global strategist for the firm.

"Jim has a wealth of knowledge that we really feel will assist ECCF in managing its growing assets," Dave Edwards, president

and CEO of the foundation, said. "As we shift our focus more toward asset development, we will depend on that type of knowledge to maintain our fiscal health in an ever-changing market."

Rullo lives in town with his wife, Eileen. They have high school- and college-age sons.

The mission of the Essex County Community Foundation is to strengthen the communities of Essex County by promoting philanthropy and managing charitable assets, awarding grants and engaging in strategic community leadership. For more information, visit www.eccf.org.

WCVB's Lappin wins Boston Emmy Award

Rosemary Lappin of Andover, WCVB NewsCenter 5 senior producer, was recently awarded a 2015 Emmy from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Boston/New England chapter.

The award was presented in the Continuing Coverage — No Time Limit category, and recognized Lappin's work on the station's political coverage during the 2014 campaign season, an ongoing initiative titled



Rosemary Lappin

"Commitment 2014." "Commitment 2014" served to bring viewers closer to candidates and their platforms, and armed them with the information they needed to make educated decisions at the polls.

Lappin also produces WCVB's "On The Record," a weekly political roundtable featuring discussions with local newsmakers.

The award marked Lappin's second Emmy and the 14th at the 2015 awards for WCVB. Lappin herself has been nominated more than one dozen times for an Emmy.

A 25-year veteran of WCVB, she has received numerous other accolades

during her career in television, newspaper and radio journalism, including National Headliner, Associated Press and Edward R. Murrow awards. She also led WCVB's effort to win a prestigious Walter Cronkite Award.

Lappin previously worked as managing editor of WEEI All News Radio, for the Lowell Sun and with WLLH Lowell/Lawrence.

A graduate of Simmons College in Boston, she received her master's degree from Boston University and did a fellowship at the University of Southern California before beginning her professional career.



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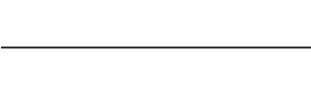
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Legals
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304 Docket No.: ES15P1924GD COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT Probate and Family Court ESSEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
In the matter of: Milan Silvestre Of: Andover, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by the **Department of Mental Health, of Westborough, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Milan Silvestre** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Mallen Silvestre of Methuen, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 08/03/2015. This day is not a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. ANYONE may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS,
Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 30, 2015
Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate AT - 7/16/15

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ADMINISTRATIVE
Clerk/Program Representative
Salisbury Housing Authority (SHA) seeks staff replacement for retiring person. Position requires comprehensive knowledge and skill in office administration software, as well as public service patience with people of differing cultures, income-levels, education-levels, and logic. Computer skills and the ability to learn new software are required. Also required is the ability to manage time between routine tasks and counter-service to walk-in clients. Applicant must be willing to assist SHA colleagues in their duties when needed such as snow removal and some light maintenance. Applicant should have 3-5 years' experience in customer service. Public housing experience and multi-lingual skills are preferred. Some travel will be required for training and meetings. SHA is a small housing authority with heavy dependence on staff reliability, so benefits are as generous as possible. Hourly wages are based upon DHCD rates (part time \$14.74 / hour for 24 - 30 hours a week). **JOB DESCRIPTION:** Working under the supervision of the Executive Director, the Clerk's responsibilities will include managing the admissions and continued occupancy of residents, assuring compliance with State and Federal housing regulations. Duties include review of applications, rent collection / accounting, managing the waitlist, leasing units, recertification of residents, periodic inspections of units & grounds along with dealing with residents engaging in lease violations. Computer and interpersonal skills are required. The position requires 24 - 30 hours a week with the ability to occasionally work flexible hours. A valid MA driver's license is required. Successfully passing Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) are conditions of employment. Hiring Term: New hires are on trial basis for first 6 months. Letter of interest and resumes must be received by July 21, 2015.
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Sealed bids for furnishing the following will be received at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, Massachusetts 01810 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The time received will be stamped on each bid and for a consistency of time, the time stamp clock in the Purchasing Office will be the determining time.
ITEM
IFB No. 001/07-15/185
Demolition of Shawsheen School Modular Buildings, Andover, MA **BID OPENING**
July 31, 2015 11:00 AM
Bid Documents and bid forms may be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA, or on the Central Purchasing Department webpage located at http://andoverma.vt-s.net/Pages/AndoverMA_Procurement/index.
A Pre-Bid Site Visit will be held for all interested parties on July 22, 2015, at 10:00 AM, at the Shawsheen School, 18 Magnolia Ave., Andover, MA, 01810.
A bid security in the amount of 5% of the total bid will be required. Andover is an affirmative action/equal opportunity purchaser. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids or take whatever other action may be deemed necessary to be in the best interest of the Town.
Thomas P. Watkins
Purchasing Agent
AT - 7/16/15

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ITEM
IFB No. 002/07-15/301
Chain Link Fence Installation, Ledge Road Landfill **BID OPENING**
July 31, 2015 3:00 PM
Bid Documents and bid forms may be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA, or on the Central Purchasing Department webpage located at http://andoverma.vt-s.net/Pages/AndoverMA_Procurement/index.
A Bid Security will be required of 5% of the total bid in the amount of \$5,000. Andover is an affirmative action/equal opportunity purchaser. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids or take whatever other action may be deemed necessary to be in the best interest of the Town.
Thomas P. Watkins
Purchasing Agent
AT - 7/16/15

FURNITURE
COFFEE TABLE, Elegant Rosewood in very good condition for sale. size is 48" x48" -15" high manufacturer is Richardson asking \$200 978-388-4088

First Run
DINING ROOM SET Ethan Allen Royal Charter solid oak Table/ 2 leaves, 2 captains chairs, 4 side chairs, buffet cabinet & hutch w/lead glass Ex. Cond. \$1,000 (603) 894-9770

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ANDOVER, 80 Wildwood Road, Saturday, July 18 (rain date July 19) 9am - 1pm. Snowblower, garden equipment, tall file cabinet, housewares, golf clubs, tools, radial arm saw, leather bar stools, books and more.

ANDOVER, MOVING SALE- 23 Abbot St. Saturday July 18, 8am-1pm House & garden furniture, appliances, tools, electronics, clothes, gym equipment, household items, books, etc.

ATKINSON, NH: **ESTATE SALE**
3 TREASURE WAY, Fri. 7/17, Sat. 7/18, Sun. 7/19, 9-3 pm High End Furniture, access, glass ware, Mahogany Diningroom set, home decor Rain/Shine! Everything must go! Don't miss this one! MC / Visa accepted.

ATKINSON, NH -**MOVING SALE** 20 William Pond Road Sat. 7/18 from 9 to 3. Table, 2 chairs, queen bedroom set, women & men golf clubs, household goods, many accessories

BRADFORD, Myles Standish Drive off of Route 125 Bradford Village Condominium Community Yard Sale - Saturday, July 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rain date Sunday, NO Early Birds. Non-perishable donations will also be accepted for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry

DERRY, 26 Lawrence Rd, Sat 7/18 & Sun 7/19, 10A- 4P tools, ladders, bureaus, dressers, electronics, dishes, clothes, lamps, chairs entertainment center, and much more!

HAVERHILL MA; 2 Glenwood Circle, Fri. 7/17 and Sat. 7/18- 8am to 2pm 2 FAMILIES! Furniture, household goods, air conditioners, lots baby clothes.

HAVERHILL - Sat June 18 & 19th, 10am-4pm. Raindate June 25th. 40 Montrose Ave. GREAT BUYS! **DONT MISS THIS ONE!!** Designer items, children's clothes & toys, pet items from beds to toys, lots misc items.

MERRIMAC, MA - INDOOR TAG SALE Sat. July 18, 9am-1pm. Cobbler's Brook, 19 Broad St., Unit 108, see signs. Some furniture, vintage secretary, antique china cabinet, wall units, sofa table, 4 stools and more.

METHUEN, 945 Riverside Drive LARGE MULTI-RESIDENT YARD SALE at the Riverside Village Condominiums July 18th & 19th from 7 am to 12-pm.

METHUEN - Sat July 18th, 9am-2pm. **GARAGE / ESTATE SALE** 198 Pelham St. A little bit of everything!

NEWBURY, 2 Anchor Way, ESTATE SALE-LAST DAY Sat, 7/18, 8A-1P;Pantiques, furniture, rugs, knit knicks, tools, gas stove, collectibles, household items and much more!

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Please Mark the sealed envelope as "Bobcat Bid"
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Sealed offers must be received by: August 10, 2015 at 3PM. Offers will be opened at 3PM on August 10, 2015 at The North Andover Housing Authority Main office at One Morkeski Way, North Andover, MA 01845. Bidders can be present at the opening but it is not a requirement. Questions on the bid process can be directed to 978-882-3932.

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ANTIQUES
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Legals
TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at 7:30p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlett Street, on an application submitted by CA Investment Trust for a Special Permit for New Multi-Family Construction Attached Cluster Development under Section 7.3. of the Andover Zoning Bylaw. Said application is associated with a proposed 7-building 28-unit development named Frenchman's Reserve located at 90 Beacon Street, on property owned by CA Investment Trust specifically identified as Assessors' Map 107 Lot 18. The application may be examined in the Planning Department during normal business hours.
THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Zachary Bergeron, Chairman
AT - 7/16/15

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BATH VANITY CABINET with 3 drawers, 37 1/4 wide x 33 1/4 high. Corian sink with delta faucet, Kohler one piece toilet, towel bar, paper holder, 2 lamp vanity light, 30" x 36" beveled mirror Excellent condition \$400. 978 470-0042

BICYCLE - Boy's Ross bike, 27", dark blue, skinny tires. \$30. Red Max gas Weed Wacker \$35. (603) 474-2544, leave message

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MOVING SALE: Living Room, Dining Room, Bedroom Set, Household Items, picture frames, drapes & more! Call for info. 978-398-9528

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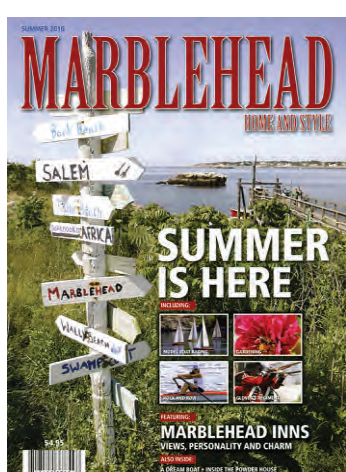
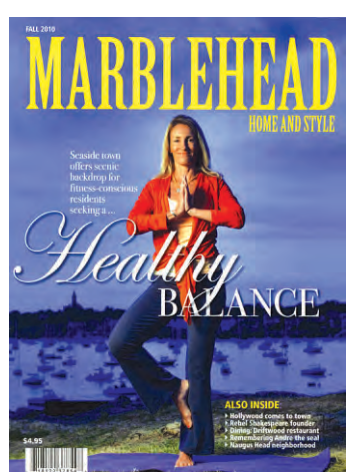
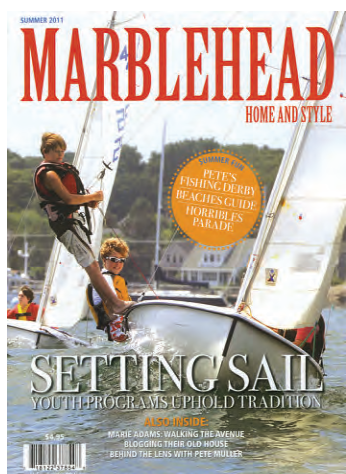
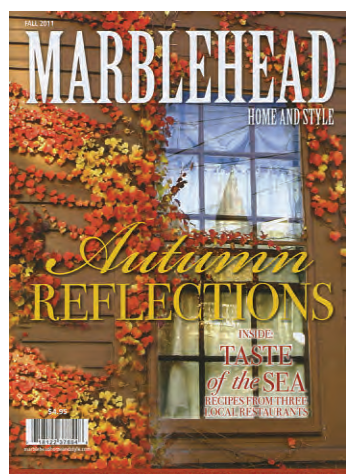
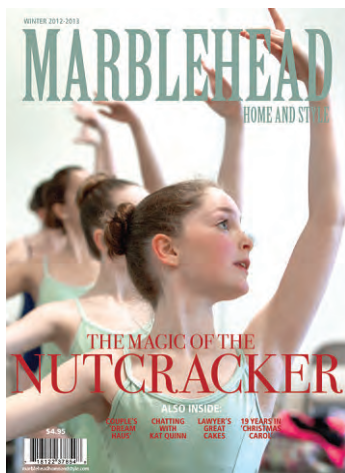
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Andover High Amnesty International Club donates 1,100 books

By TIM LIMA

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Inspired by the belief that reading books should be a fundamental right, a group of Andover High School students took matters into their own hands during the school year to bring that opportunity to less fortunate children.

Courtney Chan, a rising high school senior and founder of her school's Amnesty International Club, led an effort through Boston Children's Hospital's "Reach Out and Read" program that has resulted in 1,100 books being donated to Greater Lawrence Family Health Center.

The books were recently distributed to six of the health center's clinical sites, as well as to children living in homeless shelters throughout the Merrimack Valley.

"I guess we all just feel that

it's a basic human right to receive the same education, and access to books promotes education for everyone, despite what their social status is," Chan said of the motivation behind the effort.

Chan will serve as president of Andover High's Amnesty International Club for a third straight year next year. The club, which includes about 70 students, 30 or so of whom are active members, focuses on improving human rights conditions both locally and nationwide.

The club initiated its first book drive two years ago, and collected about 300 donations.

This year, members received contributions from both Memorial Hall Library in town and the Andover High library. Together with donations from students and staff, more than 1,000 books were ultimately amassed.



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Members of the Amnesty International Club at Andover High School load "Reach Out and Read" coordinator Mary Lyman's car with the 1,100 books they collected as part of a drive to aid less fortunate children. Club members include, from left, Vice President Kristen Stark, Alec Zhang, President and founder Courtney Chan, Gabriela Eckensberger, Aesha Gandhi, Natalie Elliot and Adam Weinreb.

"We were pretty surprised by how many books we collected," Chan said.

Club members weren't the only ones surprised. Chan said

former town selectman Mary Lyman, the donor relations manager who serves as events specialist at Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, was also

impressed.

"She had never gotten that big of a donation from any school before," Chan said of Lyman. "She said that many

schools do book drives, but this was the largest amount they've ever received."

The work in Andover adds, too, to the overall success of the national "Reach Out and Read" campaign, which has brought the gift of reading to millions of children within hospitals and homeless shelters across the state.

In addition to the book drive, the Andover High Amnesty International Club last year sold "Believe Bells" Christmas ornaments, which raised \$450 for Bread and Roses Soup Kitchen in Lawrence. It also turned its attention nationally to stand in solidarity in support of Ferguson, Mo. citizens following Michael Brown's death as well as supported other causes.

For more information on the club, visit its student-run website at <http://andoveriac.weebly.com/2014-2015.html>.

Children Helping Children elects leaders

By TIM LIMA

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They see it as a chance to give back. Andover High School students Amar Chunduru, Rish Ghosh and Jarrett Amirault have been elected to the leadership posts of One Love — Children Helping Children's Andover branch for the coming year.

The trio will fill the void left by recent Andover High School graduates Charley Lei, David Chao and Ian MacGregor, who led the branch to become recognized as a Massachusetts nonprofit organization this year.

The organization was first created in 2004 by Andover middle school students Michael Ma, Diane Sun and Kenneth Zhou, who, according to a press release, "felt there was a certain feeling of injustice" when they saw children of their own age suffering from harsh conditions that were out of their control.

Eleven years later, Children Helping Children is comprised entirely of students looking to make a positive change, particularly in the lives of underprivileged children in both the local and global communities that they belong to.

Its 50 members hail from nine



COURTESY PHOTO

Recent Andover High School graduate Charley Lei, the former president of Andover's branch of "One Love — Children Helping Children," a nonprofit organization run entirely by students, poses with Gov. Charlie Baker after meeting with him recently.

Boston area locations, including Andover, Newton and Wellesley.

Since its start, the group has worked to raise money for many worthy causes, including the Haitian earthquake in 2004, the Sichuan earthquake of 2008 and the Boston Marathon Bombing in

2013. Last year, Children Helping Children was able to raise \$4,000 to benefit Boston Children's Hospital to aid patients affected by the Marathon bombings.

At last month's 10-year anniversary party, the Andover branch's new co-presidents and vice-president had to convince their peers why they deserved to be elected to the top-ranking positions.

Co-president Chunduru said that his vocal communication skills would allow the group to "brainstorm faster, communicate more efficiently and generate more money."

Ghosh, fellow co-president, touted his ethical nature, saying he "puts the people first. I care about the people in the environment and think people need to be helped out, so this is a full priority for me."

Amirault, vice president, added, "I'd like to generate a lot more communication between branches and expand on our talents to generate more money."

Next year, the group's focus will be on raising money to provide aid to the victims of the Nepal earthquake, for which fundraising efforts have already begun.

For more information, visit OneLoveCHC.org.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Merrimack Valley Striders Scholarships

Sarah Rothmann of Andover High School was one of eight local students to be awarded scholarships this spring by the Merrimack Valley Striders Running Club.

The scholarships are given to eligible seniors preparing for college who have participated in cross country, indoor track or outdoor track during their high school years. Applicants must submit a profile form along with an essay on "What running means to me," demonstrating their character and dedication to running.

In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship recipients receive a five-year membership in the Merrimack Valley Striders and one entry into the Feaster Five race held on Thanksgiving morning in Andover.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund began in 1998 and has awarded more than \$60,000 in scholarships to date. Money comes from individual club member donations, as well as contributions from proceeds of Andover's Feaster Five and Ogunquit, Maine's Lobster Dash races.

Donations for the program can be sent to Memorial Scholarship, Merrimack Valley Striders, P.O. Box 213, Andover 01810.

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarships

Vivian Steinbaugh of Andover High School and Tejasv Arya of Phillips Academy each received \$1,000 Comcast Leaders and Achievers scholarships this spring in recognition of their community service and academic achievements.

Steinbaugh's community service work included volunteering for Andover Youth Services and the Cor Unum Meal Center and working as a junior counselor at the children's summer camp at Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at Nevins Farm.

Arya's community service work included volunteering for Key Club, Shaw University Environmental Protection Agency Research Program and Andover Challenge League.

Since the inception of the Comcast Leaders and Achievers program in 2001, more than 23,000 students have won scholarships totaling \$22.8 million.

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Sports

LEGACY ALIVE



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Andover Legion's Mike Calabro fires a ball to first for an out. Calabro, the third brother to star on the diamond in Blue and Gold, is also a three-sport star at St. Sebastian's.

Calabro stars at shortstop for Andover Legion, following in brothers' footsteps

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER -- There are days Mike Calabro thinks of how it could have been if he had followed in the footsteps of his brothers and starred at Andover High.

There are mornings he wishes he could simply roll out of bed and make a quick trip across town to school, instead of waking up before the sun rises to make the hour-plus drive to Needham, and retrace that route each night exhausted, after the sun has set.

"I do wonder what it would have been to played in front of the huge Andover crowds," said Calabro. "The only thing I regret is not being able to play in those big games in front of thousands of fans, like Thanksgiving Day or basketball against Central Catholic."

The brother of two former Golden Warrior standouts, Calabro instead chose a different

path, starring in baseball, football and basketball at St. Sebastian's School.

But he does have the chance to wear Andover Blue and Gold once again this summer, as the speedy leadoff hitter and shortstop for the Andover High Legion team, which entered the week at 14-1. "This has been a great summer," said Calabro. "I love the chance to play in Andover again, take the field with the guys I grew up playing sports with. And we have been playing really well."

Calabro has been red hot, hitting .398 with 14 runs scored from the top of the Post 8 order while excelling defensively.

"Mike is an all-around stellar athlete," said Andover Legion coach Joe Iarrobino. "He is a very good defender with good range and an excellent arm at shortstop. He runs well and he swings

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Andover's Mike Calabro looks for a call at second base after making a play last week. Calabro is best known for his slick defense, while sparking the offense as the leadoff hitter.

Local roundup

Gillette, Christopulos dazzle on the mound for Post 8

LEGION BASEBALL

Led by five one-hit shut-out innings by Cedric Gillette, Andover improved to 14-1 with an 8-4 win over Peabody on Sunday.

Brian Cavanaugh led the Post 8 offense by going 2 for 3 with a double, a triple and 2 RBIs. Tim Kalantzakos and James Hill each added two hits including a double and an RBI, and Matt Hosman was 2 for 4 with two singles.

Evan Christopulos went the distance with a sparkling 1-hitter, giving Andover a 4-0 victory over Methuen last Thursday. Christopulos only allowed two batters to reach, a hit in the first and a walk in the sixth. He fanned seven on the game.

Brian Cavanaugh and Tim Kalantzakos each had two RBIs while Gabe Hernandez scored twice.

Gabe Hernandez laced a two-run single in the first and Brian Cavanaugh ripped an RBI single in the sixth to help Andover top Newburyport 4-1 last Tuesday.

With the bases loaded and one out, Daniel Amidon (4-hitter, 10 Ks, 1 earned run) ended the game by striking out the final two batters. He improved to 5-0.

Mike Calabro, Hernandez and James Hill combined to turn two double plays for Post 8.

Matt Hosman and Gabe Hernandez combined to allow just a single hit as Andover downed Lowell 3-0 last Monday. Hosman of Phillips Academy pitched 3 2/3 no-hitting innings, while Hernandez allowed just a harmless infield single in the seventh.

James Hill was 3 for 4 to lead the offense, while Brian Cavanaugh drove in two runs and Hernandez had one RBI. Tim Kaltzakos made a stellar diving catch in center field.

GIRLS HOOPS FOR HOPE

Gilke, Roche star

Alison Gilke scored 10 points as Andover topped Hamilton-Wenham 32-27 last Monday. In the later game, Tori Roche scored seven points, but the Golden Warriors fell to Division 3 power Pentucket.

Little League

Brewers and Mets slug it out in Majors championship

SUBMITTED BY PATRICK GRECCO

In a back-and-forth battle between two powerhouse teams, the Brewers edged out the Mets last month to claim the 2015 Andover Little League Majors Division Championship.

The Mets set the offensive tone for the game in the top of the first with a two-out rally, putting up four runs against Brewers starting pitcher Jack Cloutier, 12. With runners on second and third, Tommy Tavenner, 12, looped a double down the right field line, scoring 12-year-olds Timmy Kobelski and Billy Moulton, who had reached on a double. Chase Lembo, 10, then drove in Tavenner with a single to left and Evan Brenner, 11, followed with a double to left center field, driving in Lembo.

The Brewers offense answered in the bottom of the first against Mets starting pitcher Moulton. James Katsikis, 12, and Matt Conte, 10, started things off with line-drove singles. They were knocked home with a double off the right center field fence by Ryan Grecco, 12, to cut the lead to 4-2.

The Brewers then managed to tie the score at 4 in the third with back-to-back home runs by Grecco and

Owen Christopher, 11.

But the Mets continued to put the pressure on, scoring two runs in the fifth with Tavenner and Michael Slayton, 12, reaching on base hits and aggressive base running to take the lead, 6-4. The Brewers escaped further damage in the inning, when Conte, the Brewers catcher, picked a runner off first base, stopping the Mets rally.

The Brewers answered, again, tying it up in the bottom of the fifth on Christopher's second home run of the game, scoring Grecco who walked ahead of him. Later that inning, with Cooper Bergen, 12, and Michael Vecchio, 11, on base, with two outs and a count of two strikes, 12-year-old Connor Lang, lined a double just beyond the reach of the diving Mets right fielder, scoring both runners and putting the Brewers up for good, 8-6.

It was a great moment for Lang, who was moving to Wyoming the next morning, his family holding off on the trip so he could play his final Little League game in Andover.

The Brewers hard-throwing Vecchio took the mound in the top of the sixth to secure the win, despite pressure from the Mets whose first two batters landed on base. But two pivotal defensive moves

by second baseman Trevor Ring, 12, which combined with earlier plays by third baseman Tomas Louriero, 11, and fellow second baseman Timmy Boese, 10, sealed the deal.

It was the Brewers' second championship in two years, capping off a strong season for the top-seeded team that took an 11-3 record into the playoffs. Parents cited incredible chemistry and leadership shown by the teammates and commended the team for playing as a unit, not as individuals.

The championship Brewers team included: #1 James Katsikis, #2 Timmy Boese, #4 Connor Lang, #6 Tomas Louriero, #7 Michael Vecchio, #8 Matt Conte, #9 Cooper Bergen, #10 Owen Christopher, #11 Jack Cloutier, #12 Ryan Grecco and #13 Trevor Ring. Coaches were Patrick Grecco, Sam Conte, Rich Christopher and Mike Vecchio.

The June 18 division finals marked the end of the second-to-last season for the old Deyermund Park fields on Chandler Road. The fields are scheduled to close in 2016. Andover Little League is actively raising money, with the goal of putting lights at the new Deyermund Park fields on Blanchard Road.



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The Majors champion Brewers players and coaches pose for a team photo.



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The Brewers and Mets celebrate their first and second-place finishes in the 2015 Majors Little League season.

DISTRICT 14 CHAMPS!

Slayton, Kennefick, Cloutier and Ritter highlight comeback win to clinch title for Andover National boys

By BILL BURT
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If the Andover High-North Andover High Thanksgiving football "rivalry," which starts anew in a little more than four months, is anything like the rivalry between the towns Little League programs, football fans will be in for a treat.

For the fifth time in six years, the Andover and North Andover Little League programs met for the District 14 Championship. And like all of the others, it was loaded with drama.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, the Andover National team, which inched back from a 2-0 deficit in the first inning, got a clutch leadoff double by Andrew Kennefick followed by a walk-off base hit in the gap by little left-handed batter Aidan Ritter between center and left field to finish off the North Andover National, 3-2.

There were prerequisite celebrations at homeplate when Kennefick, who went 3-for-3, scored, and then another with Ritter at second base soon followed.

"I expected a curveball," said Ritter, one of the smallest players on the field after the clinching win. "But it was a fastball and I went the other way with it. I wasn't even thinking of a hit. I just wanted to get the runner (Kennefick) over to third base."

There was little doubt that these two teams were the best in District 14. Andover National has four "top of the rotation" starters and Michael Slayton arguably the best player — pitcher, shortstop and hitter — in the tournament. North Andover National was the best defensive team and boasted a two-way superstar in center-fielder Brett Dunham.

In fact, North Andover beat this same Andover team in an eight-inning walkoff game two weeks ago with Dunham getting the walkoff hit in a 4-3 win.

Then last Saturday night in the first game of the best of three championship, Andover held on to beat North Andover, 4-3, setting up Game 2 on Sunday night at Old Deyermund Field on

Chandler Road.

North Andover opened the scoring in the first inning with a leadoff walk. Then Dunham, the third batter, hit a towering blast over the left field fence for a quick 2-0 lead.

"Dunham is a monster," said Andover National manager Scott Schirmer. "They scored eight runs against us and he knocked in seven of them. We were fortunate that we played very well against a very good team."

Andover chipped away, getting one run back in the third inning when Slayton's homer, originally ruled a foul ball down the left field line, was overturned by the home plate umpire.

With a third game appearing to be a distinct possibility, Andover tied it up in the fifth when Cloutier smashed an opposite field pinch-hit homer to right field to tie the game up at 2-2 with two outs.

"I was just thinking of a single," said Cloutier, who hit a home run earlier last week that travelled about 270 feet over the Old Deyermund Field fence. "But as soon as I hit it I knew it was gone. It felt really good."

With starter Sean Sullivan reaching his pitch limit through five innings, allowing only one hit, the homer to Dunham, manager Schirmer handed the ball to his ace, Slayton, for the top of the sixth inning.

The plan was for him to pitch under 20 pitches, which would have allowed him to return to a possible deciding Game 3.

Slayton, though, needed only 10 pitches, to induce two groundouts and a line out to first base, setting up the Cloutier and Ritter.

"That is one very good team," said North Andover coach Bill Morin. "We knew they were the team to beat. They are loaded. We have a good team, too. I would not be surprised at all if they went all the way to states. We should be proud because we pushed them to the limit every game we played against them."

North Andover pitcher Alex Bodnar was outstanding, particularly with his off-speed, which kept the



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

The Andover National team walks triumphantly off the field after downing Andover American 8-2 in last Thursday's district semifinal game.



AMANDA SABGA/ Staff photo

Andover National's Ryan Grecco pitches against North Andover Saturday afternoon in Game 1 of the District 14 finals.

LITTLE LEAGUE

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where these particular teams have faced off in the district playoffs each of the last three years.

About 350 Andoverites came out to watch despite a light rain that began to pick up as the game went along. And though the game was light on hitting and featured a lot of walks, the crowd stuck around to the end to watch the National team pick up the hard-earned 8-2 win and advance to the best of three championship, which they won over North Andover National, two games to none.

"For the kids, this is special," National assistant coach Patrick Grecco said. "Because these are their friends and they play with them all during Little League season. It's such a nice way to have one of the teams be sent off to the finals and the other go home, everyone was

happy for each other regardless of who won this game."

Andover has enjoyed a robust Little League history over the years. In 1988, the town sent a team to William sport for the Little League World Series, and four years ago, the town came within one win of making it back, winning the state championship and making a deep run at Regionals in Bristol, Conn.

In other words, playing important Little League baseball games in late July and early August is sometimes expected in Andover.

After his team was eliminated by the National team last week, American coach Dan Gillette said the National team has the potential to be something special.

"I think they really are just as good as advertised," Gillette said. "I think my guys are good enough to win a district in a lot of years, it's just this year there are two behemoths and I really think whoever wins that series is

going to go very far."

The key for National last Thursday night was starter Michael Slayton, who struck out seven over three scoreless innings and then added a solo home run in the third to help his cause. Grecco said Slayton gave the team exactly what it needed, and Gillette went a step further in his praise of the young star.

"Michael Slayton is one of the best players we've seen here in a decade," Gillette said. "And that's saying a lot, because we've had some really good players. He's absolutely a player you can ride on, but the fact of the matter is this team has several players who are the kind of players you can ride on, and that's why they have the recipe to go deep."

Though the result wasn't what American had hoped, Gillette said his team will have their heads held high after the effort they put forth, and there won't be any hard feelings between

Andover National bats quiet for much of the game.

But in the end, Andover National was a slightly better team in this cross-town rivalry.

"I think we have to admit the best baseball in our district, lately, has been played in North Andover and Andover," said District 14 Administrator Frank Flanagan, who is based out of Tewksbury. "It seems like every year, it's these two towns playing for the

championship. You should be proud.

Andover National got the week off

After several years of complaints from coaches that the eventual District 14 champion had no time to rest and prepare for the Sectionals, Dist. 14 Administrator Frank Flanagan decided to have the district title settled earlier than a week this summer.

Andover won't play in the Sectionals until next Tuesday, July 21, giving them

more than a week to get all of their pitchers some rest.

"Coaches have talked about this and we thought it was the right thing to do," said Flanagan. "We always have a very good representative from District 14, and this should help."

Andover manager Scott Schirmer gave his team two days off, Monday and Tuesday this week, before practicing again on Wednesday.

The Sectionals will be played in North Reading.

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North Andover (2) Alex Bodnar p 1-0-0, Matt Spigenza 3b 3-0-0, Brett Dunham cf 3-1-1, Brady O'Brien c 2-0-0, Jack Morin ss 3-0-0, Jake Landry 1b 1-0-0, Dylan Caporale 1b 1-0-0, Max Wolfgang rf 2-0-0, Steve Arbo lf 1-0-0, Chris Pennsawalli rf 1-0-0, Derek Finn 2b 0-0-0, Brian Beaudoin 2b 1-0-0 Totals 18-2-1

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From left, Andover American's Anthony Previte, Vinny Giurleo and Tanner O'Sullivan watch from the dugout in the top of the third inning of last Thursday's semifinal game against the Andover National. While adversaries on the field, both teams have the utmost of respect for each other.

LEGION

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a very good bat. He is keeping the legacy of the Calabro boys alive."

Calabro bled Andover Blue and Gold growing up, the youngest of three athlete brothers.

Oldest brother Kevin was an All-MVC outfielder/pitcher for Andover (Class of 2007) and Wheaton College. Middle brother Greg (AHS 2012) followed, earning Merrimack Valley Conference All-Star honors as a defensive back while serving as utility man for the baseball team.

"I just loved watching my

brother playing sports," said Mike. "I have always tried to model myself after them. My parents always brought me to the games and I just totally loved it."

"Kevin was a great athlete. He played on some amazing legion teams that were legit. He was so good. Greg was great too. He was such a hard worker and so intense. I really looked up to them."

But after years of dreaming of being a Golden Warrior, Mike Calabro chose instead to take his talents to St. Sebastian's in Needham, where his father attended high school.

"It was weird at first," said Mike. "My dad had a great experience at St. Sebs and

we decided I would try it for a year and see if I liked it. I ended up loving it so we stuck with it. I missed my friends, but I love it there."

One of the biggest challenges? The drive of more than an hour to school and home every day.

"I have to commute every day," he said. "I have to wake up at 5:30 a.m. every morning and be on the road by 6 a.m. At night I usually stay late in the library doing my homework. My parents drove me for two years, but I did it this year. It can be tough."

Calabro emerged as a three-sport standout for the Arrows, as an All-ISL shortstop, receiver/defensive back and guard for the basketball

team. Ranked No. 3 in his class with a 35 on the ACTs, Calabro hopes to play baseball or football at a NESCAC school.

"I may not be the biggest and fastest but I will do whatever it takes for my team to win," he said. "I had a dislocated shoulder in a scrimmage in football, but I came back after three games. In basketball I am a grinder sixth man and defensive specialist."

But it is on the diamond where he does much of his greatest work, including now in his second season as starting shortstop for Post 8, and third year overall on the team.

"It's great to be back in Andover playing with these guys," he said. "I knew we had some good players, but I didn't know just how good this team was going to be. I feel like we can go as far as we want."

CALABRO CREW

Andover's Mike Calabro is the third in a line of brothers to star in athletics.

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Mike Calabro: St. Sebastian's class of 2016. Starting shortstop, defensive back and guard for the Arrows. All-ISL selections in baseball and football. Currently the leadoff hitter for Andover Legion. Hopes to play baseball or football at a NESCAC school.

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

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