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Committee to look at upgrade for high school

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Eventually, the project will most likely need a Proposition 2-1/2 override. But for now, renovations to Andover High School are in the brainstorming phase as a group of stakeholders has been assembled to develop a plan for improving the high school.



Annie Gilbert, chairwoman of the design committee

including the possibility of Pre-K programming on the high school campus. Committee members and school officials

Over the course of the next year or so, a committee comprised of parents, local officials, teachers, and students will meet to come up with a plan on how to renovate and expand Andover High School.

At the School Committee's meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16, the board unanimously approved the creation of a 19-member Andover High School Facility Study Committee, chaired by former School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert.

Once they come up with a plan, said Superintendent Sheldon Berman, a warrant article will go before Town Meeting 2018 to approve funds for a design study for renovations. He said a very rough estimation of the cost of the project would be around \$35 million.

By 2020, if the time frame works out, voters will likely be asked to approve a debt exclusion override, which would increase property taxes for 20 years to pay off the project.

The mission
The facility committee's mission, according to Gilbert, "is to review the facility needs at Andover High School and recommend potential renovations to update building systems, relieve overcrowding, and improve instructional program capabilities,

have been worried about overcrowding at the high school as it was built for 1,600 students and currently has roughly 1,800 enrolled. Projections are that enrollment will continue to increase in coming years.

Last year, the committee pinpointed the three schools that were in need of the most attention. Whichever they deemed first priority was to be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Association, an organization that helps districts build or renovate schools with financial aid from the state, usually totaling roughly 40 percent of the project's cost.

The high school was one of the committee's top choices, but ultimately members chose West Elementary School to submit to the MSBA for help. All members agreed that by choosing West Elementary, they were also agreeing to make short-term changes to fix some of the issues at the high school.

That's where the newly assembled Facility Study Committee comes in.

Members
Of the 19 members, 12 are voting members while seven serve in an advisory capacity. Three members of the committee are local parents and each carry unique qualifications that

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia makes a point during Monday's hearing on idling trains. It was a standing-room-only crowd at Memorial Hall Library for the meeting to discuss residents' concerns about air and noise pollution from the trains.

COVERING THEIR TRACKS

Residents grill Pan Am, MBTA officials during hearing on idling trains

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It may be another six months before residents see any relief from the diesel fumes, roaring engines and shrieking whistles brought on by idling trains.

That's according to officials from both Pan Am Railways and the MBTA who told more than 60 residents and selectmen Monday night that they are working on a solution to the town's idling trains problem.

"I can't guarantee 100 percent because it takes a whole series of events," said Pan Am Railways Vice President Cynthia Scarano. "But we are keeping it in our focus and trying to keep the trains out of here. By the end of summer, you hopefully should not see them anymore."

But residents weren't buying it.

One woman shouted, "I don't believe you," followed by, "This is a joke!"

The problem
For months, ever since a

new set of tracks was built in the Railroad Square area, parallel to the existing track that carries MBTA, freight and Amtrak trains, neighbors have dealt with idling freight engines that often stay overnight or even for an entire weekend.

But as they idle, they emit clouds of diesel smoke, create a lot of noise, and every time they move they create vibrations in some nearby homes, residents say.

Anil Navkal sits on the Andover Green Advisory

Board and also happens to live near the tracks, where he said trains often stop right in his backyard. Aside from the obvious odors and noises Navkal said come from the locomotives, he said a more serious infringement is afoot.

"I have a right as a citizen to breathe fresh air," Navkal said Monday night. "That is a very basic human right and any citizen should have the right to breathe fresh air."

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Michael Konjoian checks on the growth rate on some Lantana plants in one of the greenhouses at Konjoian's Greenhouses & Landscape Solutions in Andover.

Wacky weather? We'll take it!

With a healthy bit of skepticism, residents revel in warm spell

By TERRY DATE
Staff writer

A group of Lawrence teenagers drinking coral-blue Slushies basked in dazzling sunshine Thursday afternoon. Nearby, the sound of a basketball pounded out a tempo on the Stadium Projects' court as mid-winter temperatures soared toward 70 degrees.

Anderson Guzman, 15, has a theory for the balmy weather, one he had shared with friends: "A hot-looking woman walked outside Thursday morning and transformed February into May."

Anderson's theory might not align with jet-stream modeling, but nonetheless the region basked in Mother

Nature's warmth much of this past week.

From homes and businesses and college campuses, people poured outside. On playgrounds, city streets, driving ranges and beaches, they enjoyed a rush of spring-like weather.

At the same time, many sensed something awry as winter was tossed on its head.

"It feels good; it's just confusing," said Lizmarie Lozada, 19, standing off the Stadium basketball court with her friend Jayla Reyna.

A week ago, snowstorms caused school cancellations for several days, they both said. Then last week while on school vacation, Lozada and Reyna drove to Salisbury for pizza and to join the

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David Joyner named executive editor of newspaper group



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

David Joyner, North of Boston Media Group executive editor.

By PAUL LEIGHTON
Staff reporter

David Joyner has been named executive editor of the North of Boston Media Group, a company that includes eight newspapers, including the Andover Townsman, 15 magazines and multiple digital platforms.

Joyner, an Andover resident, will oversee all editorial operations for the media group and take over the top newsroom job in North Andover at its flagship Eagle-Tribune property. He starts the new job Monday. "I'm really excited," he

said. "It's a tremendous opportunity."

The Townsman and the other papers in the group lost their longtime executive editor, Alan White, when he died unexpectedly last month at the age of 68.

Joyner worked as a top editor at The Eagle-Tribune, The Salem News, and Gloucester Daily Times before moving to Alabama to become a news executive for North of Boston Media Group's parent company, Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. Most recently, he worked as national editor

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Camp cheer



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Practicing a cheer are Kelsey MacIsaac, left, and Sasha Kirianov, during a Cheerleading Camp at West Elementary School.

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The crowd of residents broke out in applause, a gesture that nearly every resident who stood up to speak received. Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia tried to keep the meeting "as civil as possible," but the passion among residents about the nuisance caused by the idling trains was palpable.

Pan Am responds
Scarano explained, however, that the idling of trains serves a purpose and if they were to be shut off, they would spend even more time idling in residents' backyards.

She said that the engines in each freight train need to stay warm, so keeping them on while they sit in Andover is necessary.

When trains are turned back on, a federally required brake check is conducted through each car on the train. If the trains were constantly turned on and off while they sat in Andover, it would take nearly double the amount of time to re-check the brakes than it would to just leave them running.

Scarano said that since the issue has gained momentum in Andover, she has tried to enforce a strict 4-hour maximum on trains idling in Andover. While residents countered that this has not happened, she promised that the issue is "definitely in our scope."

Then she promised the town should see a "90 percent" reduction in idling trains on Andover tracks.

"We've really been focused on the parking of

our trains here in Andover, and we've been focused on parking the trains at a maximum of 3 to 4 hours," Scarano said, as laughter grew in the crowd. She continued to say that "hopefully by the end of the summer, 90 percent of the problem should be solved."

Residents doubtful
But residents directly affected by the idling trains are not holding their breath. Tracey McGetrick of Fleming Avenue said, "this problem is not new."

McGetrick has owned her home for 20 years, and said that while the smell and noise are problems in themselves, she worries about other issues as well.

"What are you going to do about the idling trains that are just sitting there unattended?" she asked. "In this day and age of security and other ill wills, I have a lot of concerns with a train sitting idle there that long where anyone can just get to it."

Bethany Hollingworth and Eleanor Cox, who both work at Andover Commons, a senior living complex located near the double tracks, complained about Pan Am crews trekking through the complex's private property. They also raised another question that struck a personal note.

"I'm sure if it was your family members living at Andover Commons, this would be a different conversation," Hollingworth said.

Cox explained that the lower floors of the Andover Commons units have windows that open directly facing the tracks. When trains sit idling for hours at a time, and elderly residents have their windows open, the diesel fumes flow in to the



Andover resident Carey Poe questions representatives of MassDOT Rail and Transit Division and Pan Am Railways regarding the controversial practice of allowing trains to idle in densely populated areas.

entire building.

Going forward
Local officials said they were doing everything they could to address the problem.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said he has scheduled air quality testing around the tracks. Residents said they are hopeful air quality testing will continue through the end of the summer to offer measurable data about improvements.

Salafia also requested that Scarano send the Board of Selectmen a written document outlining the plans

Pan Am has for the next six months, as well as a timetable for when the town can expect to see changes. Scarano said she would be happy to do so.

Selectman Dan Kowalski also asked Scarano for data on how often idling trains are parked in Andover. He said he would like to see updated data as the months go on so the town can know for sure whether there has truly been a 90 percent decrease in idling trains by the end of the summer.

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A freight locomotive hauling dozens of cars idles at the Andover MBTA stop on a recent Sunday afternoon. According to nearby residents, the train had been idling there with its engine on for eight hours.

WEATHER

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throng of beachgoers
"It was mad people there," Lozada said.

UMass Lowell psychology professor Doreen Arcus said the disconcerting feeling that accompanies abrupt change is hardwired in us. The evolutionary attribute that helped worrisome forebearers sense threats in a harsh world predisposes us to evaluate our circumstances today.

"When it stands in contrast, we take notice," she said.

In this case, our notice takes place against the background of weather: Scientists tell us that the climate is changing in ways that are going to be dangerous.

At the same time, New Englanders know about fluky days and want to enjoy the February warmth.

"I think we also know it is unlikely to last so we are likely to make sure to get outside," Arcus said.



Mary Desmet, of Andover, waters several succulent plants at Konjoian's Greenhouses & Landscape Solutions in Andover.

high of 51 degrees for Feb. 23, but records for the Valley overall only go back a few decades. Boston's records, on the other hand, trace to the late 19th century. The city

registered an all-time high temperature Thursday.

Temperatures were again well in the 60s on Friday. And with the prevailing jet stream north of us sweeping in air from the Gulf of Mexico, unseasonably warm weather continued into the weekend. "It's not as crazy as you

would think," Doody said of the pattern.

The first time we typically see a 60-degree or higher day, in fact, averages around the last week in February, he pointed out.

Still, NH1.com meteorologist Ryan Breton, 22, a Central Catholic and Penn State graduate — and Eagle-Tribune weather-spotter when he was a child — offered this tidbit about February school vacation week in Massachusetts:

"Sometimes it is not this warm during the April school vacation week," he said. "The average high during April vacation week is in the upper 50s to near 60 degrees."

Breton, from Atkinson, went running in shorts and T-shirt last Sunday, another warm day, and said it felt strange striding by snowbanks up to his waist.

"It messes with you, mentally," he said.

Throughout the week, birds sang, cyclists pedaled and roadside puddles emerged.

Snow patches slid from roofs, leaving dark spots in their wake; snowmelt sent water paths snaking across pavements.

On Wednesday morning in North Andover, an old man with a cane dropped his garbage bag at the driveway's end on Route 114.

He slowly started back to the house and twirled his cane, swatted an errant wrapper fluttering on his driveway.

In Andover, a big bucket crane made scraping sounds scooping out the last boulders of the Balmoral dam. Shawsheen River waters ran free for the time in almost 100 years.

Bob Decelle, a town conservation commission and Andover trails volunteer, watched the river flow and reflected on his next boardwalk project.

At a playground across the street, four small children raced in ankle-deep snow to plastic slides and shrieked as they slid down them.

Andover moms Emma Teng and Anna Huang were happy for their kids blowing off steam after a visit to the Addison Gallery at Phillips Academy. But the moms also felt weird in the warm weather under the specter of global warming.

"Winter shouldn't be like this," Teng said.

Might as well soak it up

A couple miles away at Konjoian's Greenhouses, owner Michael Konjoian's green thumb was in mid-season form as he pressed sphagnum moss into baskets and planted zonal geraniums.

The warm weather — 80 degrees in the greenhouse — had accelerated plant growth.

He walked an aisle in his Gilligan hat, perusing growing tables laden with plants on either side.

"It's very exciting with a lot of crops in motion," he said. "Hundreds of crops in this growing house."

In the distance on Chandler Road, cars swooshed through street puddles, the water collections growing throughout Wednesday and into Thursday.

Thursday afternoon on Essex Street in Lawrence the sidewalks teemed with people, a few of them hauling bicycle rims or walking bikes to the Decarolis Brothers Cyclists shop for repair.

Inside, Luca DeCarolis was refitting a racing bike with new components. Bike business burgeoned the past two days with the warm weather and caused some confusion among cyclists.

"In the winter time they (typically) go on the fat tire (bikes)," he said. "And now this weather is here and they want to go out on mountain bikes."

Bicyclists joined runners and walkers on Valley roads including Merrimack Street in Methuen, where drivers flocked to Whirlaway Golf's driving range.

At 4 p.m., owner Mark Kazanjian helped customers in the pro shop. Among them was Eddie Araujo, a Greater Lawrence Tech physical education teacher and coach.

Ordinarily he'd be at home during winter vacation but not today.

"I went outside in jeans and got the itch and put on shorts," he said.

Outside, the 27 driving range bays stayed full all day.

"Kind of crazy here," Kazanjian said. "That's what happens when you get in the 60s. It's 67 right now."

Golfers in the bays looked straight into the setting sun, a lemon ball hanging over the tree line.

Rays of light reflected off the driving range snow, the glare a constant as the clubs made a plastic hammer sound sending white balls disappearing into the powder blue sky.

Sue Titone of North Andover swung confidently, the slanting light elongating her shadow and her arching tee shots landing with a soft puff of snow.

"This kind of tricks you into thinking the season is around the corner," she said of the wacky weather.

She embraces the change and has a bit of advice: "Just be glad you had a day like this in the middle of winter in New England."

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N.H. man dies in Andover I-93 crash

By PETER FRANCIS
STAFF REPORTER

Troopers were called to Interstate 93 northbound in Andover shortly after 11 p.m., Saturday on reports of a crash involving multiple vehicles. A pickup truck involved in the crash had gone off the road into

nearby woods.

A New Hampshire man was killed in the crash and was identified by state police as Jason P. Marinaccio, 34, of Plaistow.

Marinaccio died after his pickup truck was involved in a three-vehicle accident about 11:20 p.m., police said. Police said Marinaccio

was traveling north when his 2001 Chevrolet 1500 went off the road into the woods south of Exit 42 in Andover.

Marinaccio was pronounced dead at the scene while the drivers of the other two vehicles were not injured.

Police said the other two

vehicles — a 2007 Honda Civic and a 2006 Ford F-150 pickup truck — received minor damage and were driven away.

State police said Sunday there were no other occupants in the three vehicles and added that the accident's cause is still under investigation.

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Gilbert hopes will help the committee make informed decisions.

Bethany Carey, a local parent who works with OMR Architects, has experience working through the MSBA process, which the district is going through now with West Elementary, and also has experience with town-financed projects without the help of the MSBA, which is the avenue the high school renovations would take.

"Her entire background is working in K-12 education," Gilbert told the committee. She was also "involved with two of the Concord elementary school projects, one of which we visited when building the new Bancroft School," Gilbert added.

With architectural experience in higher education, Gilbert said Samir Srouji was selected to join the committee because of his knowledge of what college buildings offer students.

Srouji, also a local parent, helped design a 'classroom of the future' at Duke University, Gilbert said, and has helped clients such as MIT and Harvard design and renovate buildings.

The third parent on board the committee is David Howard, who conducts "forensic investigations for insurance

companies," he said.

Howard described his work as "looking at building systems, or everything inside the guts of the building...how to improve them, how to bring them up to code, and what should be prioritized."

Gilbert said 24 parents applied to be on the committee, but those who weren't chosen will be invited to bi-monthly focus groups to offer input and share and concerns or questions they hear from others in the community.

Next steps

Going forward, the

committee plans to meet every other week for the next year, with its first meeting being held after February vacation week.

The meetings will all follow Open Meeting Law, Gilbert said, so all documents and presentations the committee receives will be posted online and minutes of each meeting will also be taken. Each meeting will be posted on the town's online calendar and each meeting will be open to the public.

"We fully expect to also be doing presentations around town," Gilbert said.

"And surveys, too, so people will have an opportunity to interact."

Representatives from the committee will also periodically check in with the School Committee to share updates and progress, as well as ask for decisions on various details.

Gilbert said she and committee members will keep residents updated on the committee's work, and promised that "there will be many opportunities for (residents) to hear about this initiative and provide input."

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for CNHI, overseeing the company's Washington and Statehouse reporters. He shared office space in the same building that houses the Andover Townsman.

"It's great to come back to The Eagle-Tribune, but also the other newsrooms where I spent a lot of my career," he said. "I really feel passionate about these places and what we do."

Karen Andreas, publisher of North of Boston Media Group, said Joyner is uniquely qualified to lead the company's seven local newsrooms and its nearly 100 editors, reporters, photographers and page designers.

"David is so talented, so smart, and such a terrific leader. He understands local news and what our readers expect from their trusted community news source," Andreas said. "No doubt, he will be an invaluable asset as we strive every day to innovate, improve and serve our readers now and far into the future."

With Joyner at the helm, Andreas said readers can expect more investigative journalism, enhanced digital content, and a top-notch 24/7 news report that reflects the local community and broader region.

"Townsman readers expect and deserve fair and accurate news content — and news content that matters," Andreas said. "David Joyner will no doubt continue our long-standing tradition of outstanding journalism, and also lead the newsrooms of the future as we find new ways to tell the stories of our communities."

Joyner, 41, was a fellow at the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University, and holds a bachelor's degree in political communication from George Washington University. He lives in Andover with his wife, Rebecca, and their three young children.

Joyner said he looks forward to meeting readers, as well as community and business leaders. Several "meet-the-editor" events will be announced in the near future.

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Education

Financial literacy grants going to AHS, Melmark

By TARYN HERMAN
Townsmen correspondent

Thanks to recent grants awarded by the state Treasurer's office, Andover High School and Melmark New England schools will have the opportunity to participate in Credit for Life Fairs, aimed at improving students' financial literacy.

The Financial Education Innovation Fund grants help strengthen financial literacy, an important life skill most high school students don't always have the chance to practice before starting their

post-graduation life.

There is an extensive application process for the grants, resulting in almost \$80,000 in funds to expand upon or establish financial reality fair programs.

This was the first year the State Treasurer's Department opened the grant applications to special needs schools.

"The inclusion of Chapter 766 schools within this round of grants highlights our commitment to bring quality financial education to every student across the Commonwealth," State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg said.

Director of Advancement at Melmark Ellen Kallman didn't hesitate in applying for the grant late last year for her school and students.

Melmark was awarded \$3,500, which will go toward conducting a Financial Literacy Credit for Life Fair at their school.

Kallman said "the goal for the fairs is to improve students' financial literacy."

"Typically a local bank and a lot of local volunteers are involved for the class to learn to balance budget," she added. "And to use their income to make decisions

about discretionary purchases like groceries and insurance."

For students, Kallman and her colleagues will work to develop a fair that is specific to the level of participation for their students at Melmark.

"In a special needs school like ours, those tasks will be whittled down to simpler tasks," Kallman said. "Like making a purchase, understanding a bank account, and it will be tailored for how they adapt to the tasks."

Kallman and staff at Melmark will be writing curriculum for the fairs, targeted to

the needs of their students. Their hope is to be able to share the curriculum with surrounding communities who have similar needs.

"Ideally, the curriculum we create, other schools might be able to use and implement as well," Kallman explained.

The Massachusetts Division of Banks sees the fourth installment of these grant awards as an important educational tool that has a positive impact on recipients.

"Financial literacy is important to begin at a young age," said Commissioner of Banks Terrence

McGinnis. "The Credit for Life Fairs are a small piece of the puzzle, helping to shape the financial future for students."

John Chapman, Undersecretary of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, echoed McGinnis's thoughts.

"Once again, it's gratifying to be able to fund these financial literacy initiatives," Chapman said. "The grants that fund these fairs are particularly important to furthering students' awareness of having an ability to manage money, credit and savings throughout their lifetimes."

ON CAMPUS

Julia Sambuco was named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Sambuco, a sophomore, is majoring in communication disorders. She plans to become a speech therapist.

Mary Lennon earned a place on the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Lennon, a senior, is majoring in environmental studies-mathematics. She is a graduate of Andover High School.

Amanda Johnson was among the students who made the dean's list at Regis College during the fall 2016 semester. Johnson is a senior at the Catholic university in Greater Boston.

Maryann O'Connell, a senior majoring in computer science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research project in Puerto Rico.

The project was titled "U.S. Coast Guard Rio Bayamon Housing Complex Photovoltaic System: Performance Review and Recommendations." According to the

project outline, the goal was to "explain the specifications of the system, evaluate the performance of the system, provide recommendations based on findings, and find off-grid power alternatives."

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. The project-based curriculum allows students to apply their scientific, technical knowledge to develop solutions to problems that affect people's lives and make a difference before they graduate.

Justine Dipasquale and **Alessandro Peter McLaughlin** were named to the dean's list at Clemson University for the fall 2016 semester. Dipasquale is majoring in health science and McLaughlin is majoring in production studies in performing arts.

Ithaca College's fall 2016 semester dean's list included **Dillon Preston**, a sport management major; **Morgan Starkweather**, an occupational therapy major; and **Elizabeth Therkelsen**, an integrated marketing communications major.

Students take politics, philanthropy, and science by the horns

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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District-wide science fair

Andover middle-schoolers will be strutting their science stuff

on Saturday, March 18 at the district-wide Science and Engineering Fair.

The fair will be held at Andover High School and will feature projects submitted for non-competitive and competitive judging. Top scorers from the fair will be invited to the Regional Middle School Fair, which will be held on Saturday, April 1.

Each middle school has a mentor who will be helping students through their projects. Marla Chae is mentoring Doherty Middle students, Ursula Fur-Perry will be helping Wood Hill Middle students, and Dana Dinino will be assisting West Middle students.

Interact Club

The Interact Club at Andover High School helped give local heroes holiday surprises this year



Courtesy photo

Interact Club President Kerry Manuel, center, chats with local veterans during the club's event to give back during the holiday season.

through donations and events.

The Interact Club distributed 45 care packages to veterans at the Andover Senior Center. The packages included items such as Stop and Shop gift cards, Whole Foods gift cards, lotion, mints, chocolate, food, pens, crossword puzzles, and more.

"The items were generously donated by Andover High School students and local businesses the week before," said Interact Club President Kerry Manuel. "The veterans were delighted yet emotional to hear how appreciative the Interact Club and Andover High School is of their service. It was a day to remember, not only for the veterans but also for the students and will continue as an Interact Club tradition."

The club also donated and stuffed 50 stockings for kids at Lazarus House Ministries during the holiday season and will continue their service activities throughout the year.

APS AP

Owen Ezell is an Andover High School student who founded the student-run organization called Andover Political Review.

Ezell, along with two other students and teacher adviser Matthew J. Bach, started Andover Political Review two years ago. The organization analyzes politics and social-science

issues through articles, videos, and podcasts on its website.

"We also recently printed a magazine, which we distributed around town, featuring some of our articles and political cartoons," Ezell said. "APR's mission is to fight political apathy in our community and encourage activism and engagement. We feel that in today's society, which is marked by social isolation and division stemming from people's retreat into technology and the internet, our mission is especially important."

For more information, visit www.andoverpoliticalreview.com.

Team Andover Blueprints

A group of Phillips Academy students took first place — again — in a statewide design competition.

Team Andover Blueprints from Phillips Academy placed first in the 2017 Massachusetts Real World Design Challenge. The team competed statewide "to design a multipurpose drone designed to increase agricultural productivity," according to a press release.

This is the second year in a row that Phillips Academy has won the Massachusetts competition. Team Andover Blueprints is comprised of six members: Alex El Adl, of North Andover, Vishvesh Dhar, of North Andover, Steve Kelly, of North

Andover, Kunal Vaishnavi, of Andover, Sebastian Frankel, of San Francisco, and Ruide Wang, of Beijing.

The team will be traveling to Washington, D.C., in April to compete for the national title.

Science Center grants

Gov. Charlie Baker and the Massachusetts Life Science Center (MLSC) announced \$39 million in capital funding for research centers and life sciences training facilities at colleges, universities, middle schools and high schools across the Commonwealth.

An event was held at the Gloucester Marine Genomic Institute with Gov. Baker to announce the awards on the North Shore. Regional events will be held in the coming weeks to formally announce the projects that will be funded in other areas of the state.

Merrimack College received \$500,000 to "support the development of Merrimack's Center for Innovation in Science and Engineering, deepening employment pipelines between the university and area life sciences and health sciences companies," according to a press release.

Greater Lawrence Technical High School on River Road in Andover received \$93,410 for "teacher professional development" focused on life science, according to the release.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

Here's what's in store for young people at the library at 2 North Main St.:

Apple Magazine's Author/Artist Night

Students whose writing and artwork were published in the winter edition of CREST Collaborative's publications, Applesauce and Applesauce magazine, will share their work on Wednesday, March 8, at 6 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The public is invited and welcome to attend.

For planning purposes, email bkerrigan@mhl.org and indicate the number of people attending from each family. All others are asked to register as well.

Family Book Club at MHL

Families, with children ages 5 and up, that like to read, cook, eat or talk may want to check out the library's Family Book Club.

Each month, the group will read a book with an emphasis on diversity and exploring other cultures. After reading the book, families are encouraged to cook and eat a meal related to the country or culture represented in the book, then gather at the library on Wednesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. for a book discussion and dessert.

Due to last month's snow-storm and cancellation, the book remains "Waiting for the Biblioburro," by Monica Brown, which is set in Colombia. Reserve and read the book and register the name of each person who will attend at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. If there are food allergies or suggested dessert alternatives, email Beth Kerrigan at bkerrigan@mhl.org.

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ANDOVER TOWNSMAN OBITUARIES

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Arthur Vancini, 82

April 19, 1934 — February 24, 2017

DUXBURY, MA — Arthur J. Vancini of Duxbury and Bridgewater passed on February 24, 2017 after a long illness.

Born in Boston, raised and educated in Somerville, he was the son of the late Mary (Gullifa) and Joseph Vancini. Arthur was a graduate of Northeastern University, a U.S. Army Veteran and most recently retired from AT&T.

Arthur is survived by seven grandchildren and father of seven children, Joseph of Winchester, Paula of Somerville, Lori of Burlington, the late Arthur Jr of Winchester, Kenneth & wife Carolyn of Westborough, James of Springfield, VA, and Anthony of Andover. Arthur was the loving companion of Judith Gabriel of Bridgewater and her devoted children and grandchildren. He also leaves former wife Marilyn Vancini, of Sagamore, former wife Marcia Vancini, of Andover, numerous cousins and friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours



were at the Prohett-Chapman Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 98 Bedford Street, Bridgewater, on Wed, Mar 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Thursday, March 2, from 9:15 to 10 a.m.

Funeral Services will be on Thursday, March 2, 2017, at 10 a.m. in the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Burial at Mount Auburn Cemetery, 580 Mount Auburn Street, at 3 p.m. Online guestbook www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

Stephen John Prochniak, 46

ANDOVER — Mr. Stephen John Prochniak, 46, of Andover passed away February 18, 2017.

Born in Salem, he was the son of Stephen and Constance (Coulis) Prochniak. He was raised and educated in Andover. He was a graduate of the Pike School of Andover and Andover High School. He continued his education, graduating from UMASS – Lowell, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Mr. Prochniak had been employed as a Senior Software Engineer with Oracle.

A devoted father, son, brother, and uncle, Stephen was a talented musician and guitar player who enjoyed going to concerts and live music shows. He enjoyed playing the game of golf, but above all else, his children and family were paramount. He was a devoted and caring father, who will be deeply missed.

Stephen is survived by his sons, Stephen Charles Prochniak and Alexander Michael Prochniak; his parents, Stephen and Constance (Coulis) Prochniak of Andover; his sisters, Susan Helms and her husband, Ted of Darien, Conn., and Darlene Bohm and her husband, Robert of Shelton, Conn. His nieces, Victoria and Faith Helms, his nephews, Teddy Helms, and Zach Bohm.



He also leaves behind many extended family and dear friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral services were held in the Peterson-O'Donnell Funeral Home 167 Maple St., (Route 62), Danvers, Feb. 24th. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Stephen's memory to "The Stephen & Alexander Prochniak Educational Fund", C/O TD Bank 451 Andover St., North Andover, MA 01845. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit www.odonnellfuneralservice.com.



Mr. Warren J. Kappeler, 83

May 13, 1933 — February 22, 2017

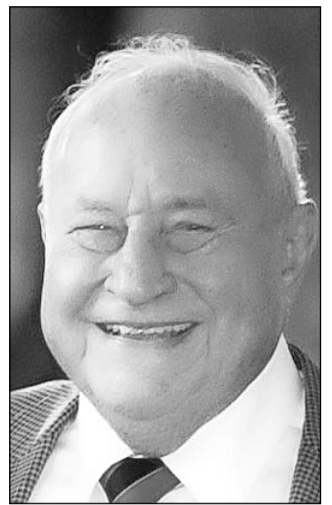
Beloved Husband, Father, Gandfather

ANDOVER — Mr. Warren J. Kappeler, a resident of Andover since 1971 and beloved husband of Elke (Janssen), passed away suddenly at the Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence on Wednesday evening, February 22, 2017. He was 83 years old.

Born in Hackensack, New Jersey on May 13, 1933, he was the beloved son of the late John D. and Lillian G. (Rogers) Kappeler. Warren was a graduate of St. Lawrence University in New York and served in the Army during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Kappeler worked as a manufacturing manager and in real estate. In his spare time he enjoyed traveling with his beloved wife, Elke and gardening around his home. He was a genuinely nice man with a hearty laugh and forever optimism. Nobody he ever met was a stranger. He will be dearly missed.

Besides his wife of 56 years, he is survived by his loving children, Kim Kappeler Daniel and her husband, Ronald Lee Daniel of Brownsboro, Alabama and Mark W. Kap-



Mr. Warren J. Kappeler

peler of Andover; sister, Muriel Jackson of Texas; grandchildren, Taylor J. Daniel and Leigh Ann Daniel; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral services will be privately held.

Donations in Warren's memory may be made to the Quota International of Andover, P.O. Box 221, Andover, MA 01810 or to the non-profit of your choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home of Andover. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Town election is on March 28

STAFF REPORT

Andover residents have until March 8 to register to vote for the March 28 election, according to Town Clerk Larry Murphy.

Voters will be casting their ballots for School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, Town Moderator and Trustees of the Pynchard Free School.

The two people running for a three-year seat on the School Committee are incumbent Joel Blumstein and challenger Bob Pokress.

Two people are running for a three-year seat on

the Board of Selectmen, including incumbent Mary O'Donoghue and challenger Laura Gregory.

Sheila Doherty is running unopposed for a one-year term as town moderator.

There are two people running for the two, three-year seats on the Pynchard Free School Board of Trustees, including Donald Schroeder and Cynthia Milne.

Voters can check their voter registration status, precinct and polling place on the Secretary of State's web site at www.sec.state.ma.us or by calling the Town Clerk's Office at (978) 623-8230.

Political debates set for next week

STAFF REPORT

Voters will be able to view candidates for local office in a series of debates planned for the next couple of weeks leading up to the March 28 election.

On March 7, the Andover Service Club and the Andover Townsman are co-hosting a debate at the Public Safety Center between the candidates for School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Starting at 7 p.m. on March 7, and covered live by AndoverTV.org and broadcast on Facebook Live by the Townsman, candidates for School Committee Joel Blumstein and Bob Pokress will face off in a debate moderated by Service Club President Brad Heim.

That debate will be followed by a debate between Selectmen candidates Mary O'Donoghue and Laura Gregory.

Voters are invited to email questions ahead of time to Bill Kirk, editor of the Townsman,

at bkirk@andovertownsmen.com, or Gabriella Cruz, reporter at the Townsman, at geruz@andovertownsmen.com. For people who can't make it to the debate, they are invited to watch on Facebook Live, on the Townsman Facebook page, where they can ask questions during the debate.

And then, on March 9, the Andover Townsman is hosting a Facebook Live debate from the office of the Townsman between the candidates. From 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., the candidates for School Committee will go head-to-head in a debate moderated by Townsman editor Bill Kirk. Then, from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., selectmen candidates O'Donoghue and Gregory will go at it, in a debate moderated again by Kirk.

People can send in their questions via email or on Facebook ahead of the broadcast or during it.

Suicide numbers edging up in Massachusetts

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON - Steve Boczenowski lost his 21-year-old son, Jeffrey, to suicide nearly eight years ago and since then has devoted much of his life to helping parents recognize the warning signs.

The Groton man, who founded the nonprofit group Teenage Anxiety Depression Solutions, travels the state to talk with teachers, school administrators and parents about his experience. He said many parents he encounters don't want to accept that their child could be at risk for suicide.

"Parents don't want to think about the fact that their child might have a mental illness," he said. "They don't want to talk about it."

Massachusetts has one of the lowest suicide rates in the nation - a status attributed to the state's tough gun control laws, access to emergency and mental health care, and years of suicide prevention efforts buttressed by more than \$4 million in annual state spending.

Despite those efforts, the number of suicide deaths has been increasing slightly every year for more than a decade, according to a new report by the state Department of Public Health.

In 2014, there were 608 suicides in Massachusetts - more than auto crashes and homicides combined, according to the report. That's a 3.1 percent rise from the previous year and a 40 percent increase from 2004, when the state started analyzing data on suspected suicides.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY GABRIELLA CRUZ

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

At 3:24 p.m., on North Main Street, officers arrested Benjamin A. Acevedo, 21, of 184 Brownell St., Apt. 2, Fall River, on a warrant. He was also charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

An officer was flagged down on Summer Street at 2:23 p.m., by a resident who reported an injured raccoon in their backyard. The officer reported that the "animal had to be put down."

Officers arrested Elizabeth Belanger, 29, of 29 Elm, Nashua, N.H., at 2:32 p.m., on Interstate 93 northbound at Route 133. She was arrested on a warrant for using a motor vehicle without authority.

Just before 5 p.m., Andover detectives advised patrolling

officers that they were looking for a specific vehicle. Officers found the vehicle on River Road and conducted a motor vehicle stop. Ariel Pimentel, 25, of 93 Willow St., Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with distribution of heroin.

Police received a call at 6:07 p.m., requesting that an officer "check on a subject sitting on the corner" of Juliette Street. The caller said that "she was concerned due to past drug activity." The responding officer spoke with the individual and reported that it was just "a Pokemon player playing a game."

Sopasda S. Buth, 21, of 24 Everett St., Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested at 7:25 p.m., on River Road, and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a motor vehicle lights violation.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

A driver on Haggetts Pond Road called police at 12:32

a.m., to report "individuals threw rocks at her vehicle as she was driving and then fled into the nearby woods." The responding officer reported "the items thrown appear to be snowballs" and checked the area, but did not find anything.

Police received a call at 11:28 a.m., reporting "a suspicious male in the area walking around wearing a helmet and carrying a Nerf gun" on Beacon Street. The responding officer located the subject "and brought him home to Sparkle Road in Lawrence."

At 1:43 p.m., police received a call reporting "a male party in a silver truck that appears to be drinking alcohol" on Main Street. The caller also told police there was a baby in the truck. The responding officer spoke with the male and reported "the subject was not driving and his wife will be driving the truck home."

SUNDAY, FEB. 26

An officer responded to Tech Drive at 4:16 a.m., after a caller reported "a man sleeping on top of his car." The officer spoke with the man and reported that he "was waiting for a friend and fell asleep."

A resident called police at 9:31 a.m., to report "a raccoon walking around in the roadway" on River Street. The responding animal control officer reported that he caught the raccoon.

A River Road resident called police at 3:15 p.m., to report "a firearm outside of her home." The responding officer reported that the object was a pocketknife and took it to the police station for disposal.

Christopher Mihailidis, 35, of 45 Stevens St., Apt. 3, Lowell, was arrested at 8:27 p.m., on North Main Street for a fugitive from justice court warrant.

Townsman brings home awards for coverage

STAFF REPORT

The Andover Townsman was recognized last weekend by the New England Newspaper & Press Association for its government and local elections reporting.

During a banquet at the Boston Marriott Long Wharf on Saturday, Feb. 25, the Townsman received second place in its category of weekly newspapers with a circulation of less than 6,000.

The Townsman's

government reporting focused on the rising cost of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for town employees and included articles, editorials, and letters to the editor from readers.

"A key role of community newspapers is to serve as a watchdog over government spending at the local level," judges said of the Townsman's entry. "The Townsman fulfilled that role in fine fashion in its coverage of how Andover would pay for

the rising cost of employee pensions and retiree health insurance."

For the paper's coverage of the 2016 local elections for two open School Committee seats and two open seats on the Board of Selectmen, the Townsman received second place in its division.

"The Townsman did a fantastic job of reporting and presenting local election news," judges said. "Integrating news, features, editorials, and letters leading

up to the community's elections (and) profiles and breakout reports on key issues were informative and balanced."

Judges added that "attractive use of imaging and graphics helped tell a comprehensive story."

The New England Newspaper & Press Association received a total of 3,226 entries during the contest year, which was from August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016.

Prosecutors pressured to drop drug-lab cases

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE
CNHI State Reporter

BOSTON — Prosecutors are being pressured to dismiss tens of thousands of cases tainted by a drug lab scandal following a ruling by the state's highest court.

Last month, the Supreme Judicial Court ordered district attorneys to review more than 24,000 drug cases and convictions tainted because of misconduct by former state chemist Annie Dookhan. The court gave prosecutors until April 18 to come up with a list of defendants whose convictions they intend to dismiss or retry.

But the court rejected requests for a "global dismissal" of cases for which Dookhan examined evidence, as sought by the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and the Committee for Public Counsel Services.

Now, a new coalition that includes the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School and the nonprofit Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement is demanding that prosecutors dismiss all the cases "with prejudice."

In a letter to the DAs, the groups say full exoneration is the only way to help people with drug convictions based on Dookhan's testing who "continue to suffer consequences including trauma, loss of public housing and benefits, deportation, and criminal records."

Dismissing cases "with prejudice" keeps prosecutors from refile charges.

"It is a cliché in Massachusetts that we can't arrest or prosecute our way out of the crisis of drug addiction," the groups' Feb. 27 letter read. "Nonetheless, your offices not only continue to prosecute new drug offenses but have wasted precious public resources 'protecting' tainted convictions."

Prosecutors, who have the power to dismiss the tainted convictions, have said challenges should be heard on a case-by-case basis, as they've been doing. They say hundreds of defendants whose cases involved Dookhan have successfully appealed convictions, and there's no need to dismiss all of the cases.

Dookhan resigned from the state Department of Public Health's drug lab in 2012. She was convicted a year later of tampering with evidence by

mixing controlled substances or falsely certifying the presence of illegal drugs. She served 2 1/2 years in prison.

In court filings, DAs say they've spent "thousands of hours" creating a list and tracking down about 20,000 defendants. Letters were sent to notify defendants that their convictions might be reconsidered. At least 5,767 letters were returned undelivered, according to court documents filed by DAs.

In Essex County, an estimated 3,500 cases were affected by Dookhan's tests, and the district attorney's office has to date reviewed hundreds of prior drug convictions.

"We've already dismissed hundreds of cases and expect that we will dismiss many more," said Carrie Kimball Monahan, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett.

Blodgett's office is checking with law enforcement agencies to see if drugs are still available for retesting, and it might end up retrying some of the more serious cases, she said.

Kimball-Monahan noted the office views drug addiction as a public safety issue

and has several diversion programs for addicts. It is only seeking to uphold convictions of major cases, not drag low-level offenders back into a courtroom.

"We're really only interested in the more serious cases that involve trafficking and distribution," she said. "People are dying from opioid addiction at levels we've never seen before. So we need to protect the convictions of people who profited from selling a deadly product."

A spokeswoman for Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan declined to comment, but said the office was reviewing Dookhan cases ahead of the high court's April deadline.

Prosecutors across the state have complained about the cost of reviewing tens of thousands of drug convictions. The court's ruling didn't provide money to conduct the reviews, DAs have pointed out.

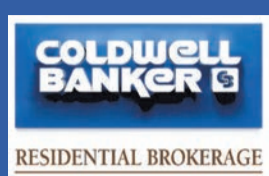
"We recognize that the implementation of this protocol will substantially burden the district attorneys, the Committee for Public Counsel Services, and the courts," Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants wrote in the ruling.



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Business



ABOVE: Nick Enxing, left, owner of Build U, works alongside trainer Kris Riemer in the new fitness and training facility in Windham. RIGHT: Kris Riemer, a trainer at Build U in Windham, works with Matt O'Connor, 13, of Windham.

Build U is more than just a gym

Two Andover men focus on smart workouts for students

BY BREANNA EDELSTEIN
bedelstein@eagletribune.com

WINDHAM — For student-athletes, strong classroom performances are as momentous as big plays on the field. That's a concept that 25-year-old Nick Enxing wishes he had grasped years ago.

After a serious knee injury forced him to earn a college acceptance letter without relying on stand-out football skills in 2010, the Andover native was inspired to open a facility that emphasizes the importance of balancing sports and studying.

Build U, set to open its doors to the public March 6, will provide a place for younger students to learn proper exercise form, stretching and injury prevention. Older students, middle- and high school-aged, will focus

on staying in shape during their off seasons.

After catching an optional ride on the Build U bus from any of Windham's schools, each age group will spend an equal amount of time — about an hour — in the weight room and an attached learning center.

Registration is open to kids from across the region, but transportation will only be offered within town. Participants will need their own ride home around 6 p.m.

"There's a 12 month commitment, so when you come in and do work with us, it doesn't just disappear," Enxing said. "It's more of a long-term, sustainable approach to athletics and training in general."

Enxing, who is also a football coach at Windham High and with the town's Pop

Warner program, thought up the idea for Build U with his childhood friend and fellow Andover High football alum, Kris Riemer.

"Who would have thought six years ago that a conversation we had on the golf course would have led to this," Riemer said as he stood in the center of the turf-lined room.

Lining the walls are brand new pull-up bars, weight racks, treadmills and foam rollers — allowing space for varying exercises.

Yoga classes and group workouts will be offered for adults earlier in the day, as early as 5 a.m.

"For the high schoolers, it's about strength conditioning, mobility work, pliability (how much your muscles can stretch and how strong you can be with that flexibility)," Enxing said. "It's not a ton of

heavy weights. We want to make sure the form is perfect and your muscles are being used to their full capacity.

"When they go into the tutoring room, around 4 p.m., the younger kids come out and learn about speed, agility and running properly. So many injuries come from running the wrong way and not knowing how to make a cut."

Enxing's father, Dan, said his son is affectionately known across town as "Coach Nick," and that he's watched his impact on athletes of all ages firsthand.

"I'm very proud of him, of course," Dan said. "He's close enough in age to the kids that he's training that they really believe him and take what he says to heart."

Windham High teaching assistant and Enxing's co-football coach Brandon



Nick Enxing, owner of Build U in Windham, works alongside Jules Donahue of Salem in the new fitness and training facility.

Barnard will run the tutoring center. Students will practice organization and time management, while completing their own classroom assignments.

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Nominations open for 2017 annual Rotary awards

STAFF REPORT

The Rotary Club of Andover announces that nominations are now being accepted for their 20th Annual Citizens Who Care and 9th Annual Educator of the Year Awards.

The Citizens Who Care awards recognize civic-minded individuals or groups for their extraordinary contributions to the Andover community — above and beyond their normal job descriptions. Recipients must have an Andover connection — living, working or volunteering in Andover.

The Educator of the Year award honors one educator in the Andover public school system who possesses these same values and qualities, both in and outside of the classroom, and who has made a significant and lasting difference in the lives of Andover students.

The Club is currently reaching out to the Andover community for nominations for both of these prestigious awards.

IF YOU GO:

What: Citizens Who Care and Educator of the Year Awards
When: Wednesday, May 3, starting at 6 p.m.
Where: Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 123 River Road, Andover.
Cost: Tickets for the event can be purchased online, rotaryandover.org.
For more information contact: Elaine Clements, 978-475-2236 (office); 978-204-8842 (cell); eclements@andoverhistorical.org

Nomination forms may be downloaded from the Club's website, www.rotaryandover.org, or by contacting any Club member. Inquiries and completed forms may be emailed to Amy Salant, 166 North Main St., Andover. Nominations may be emailed to amysalant@fitnesstogether.com.

The awards gala, being held this year Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, is Andover Rotary's signature event and features a multi-course, gourmet dinner and presentation of the Citizens Who Care and Educator of the Year awards. The awards are included in a display that features portraits and

biographies of each recipient. This impressive display travels throughout the town over the coming year and may be viewed in venues such as local bank branches, Town Offices, and Memorial Hall Library.

The Rotary Club of Andover is a civic organization of men and women who do good for the Merrimack Valley and at the same time have a lot of fun contributing to the local and international communities.

Where doing good is serious fun.

The Rotary Club of Andover meets Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main Street.

Downtown business leader leaving

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

She's been the behind-the-scenes organizer when it comes to putting downtown Andover businesses in the limelight at various community events that attract lots of shoppers, including Andover Day, the year-end Holiday Happenings and the upcoming spring Boutique Blowout event which is happening on March 17 to 19.

Holly E. Nahabedian, who has served as president of the Andover Business Center Association for the past three years, is resigning from the post. She has accepted a new job in Newburyport. She formerly worked as the branch manager at Century Bank on Elm Street in Elm Square, Andover. Her last day there was Friday, Feb. 24.

The new ABCA president has not been announced by

the business group. "I wanted to write to let you know that I am resigning from my position as President of the ABCA," Nahabedian said in a letter to the ABCA board of directors. "This comes due to the fact that I will be changing my job and will no longer



Holly Nahabedian

be in Andover. This was a big decision for me to make but it is a great opportunity and the right move for my family and me. That being said, I will certainly miss Andover and all the great people I have met here. I wish the very best for all of you and for the continued success of Andover."

She is now working at First Ipswich Bank on State Street in Newburyport and said she will

miss the energy of Andover businesses, especially during community events. In particular, watching Andover Day grow so successfully over the years — to more than 175 vendors and some 10,000 downtown visitors.

"Andover has lovely energy that I will miss," she said. "I will also miss the people and the businesses."

It was five years ago when Century Bank moved into the former Settles Glass building and Nahabedian immediately got acquainted with the Andover business community.

"Holly has been so valuable to ABCA," said Phyllis O'Grady, ABCA vice-president. "I am heartbroken and will miss everything about her."

O'Grady said ABCA is currently focused on the Boutique Blowout event and a new group president will be announced soon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

O'Donoghue will help Andover prosper

Editor, Townsman:

We are looking forward to working with Mary O'Donoghue as progress on the Historic Mill District continues in the coming months and years.

She first joined us three years ago in the early days of the project. Seeing I was new to the workings of the town of Andover, Mary made time to help frame the project, and share the why's and how's of the needed approach.

She helped gauge public interest and guide our thinking, joining site walks, and worked with the AHS students leading the public outreach meetings at Memorial Hall. In her role as both a town leader and a local businessperson, she was the first to make the case for how the project would help both area residents and area businesses, stressing that the cost of not doing the project was the main thing to consider.

Please join me in voting for Mary O'Donoghue for Andover Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, March 28.

We need her at the table.

STEVE FINK
26 Bateson Drive
Andover

Pokress not in cahoots with the teacher's union

Editor, Townsman:

Bob Pokress has an extensive record of community service, is a business leader and an experienced problem solver. Whatever you might have heard of Bob, I can tell you from experience that he is exceptionally capable and will not back down from doing what he believes is in

the best interests of students, parents, and teachers.

Andover needs to separate itself from the typical teacher's union candidates that have been responsible for a startling drop in local school rankings over the past decade. I am not sure the average person understands how far we have fallen in comparison to other school districts that spend far less. It is clear that students, parents and teachers are not getting the facilities that they need to excel and taxpayers will definitely need different leadership to get a solid return on their investment of nearly a billion dollars over the next eight years.

This election we cannot let 20 percent of the voters choose our municipal leaders as has been the case for many years as our schools continue to deteriorate. Please get out to the forums and make sure you vote for a change! Please join me in supporting Bob Pokress.

BILL PERKINS
14 Rennie Drive
Andover

Gregory will help schools as a selectman

Editor, Townsman:

This year, Andover voters are fortunate to have a choice between two dedicated candidates for selectman.

Upon close examination, however, Laura Gregory is the only candidate who will bring a badly needed voice of support for our schools to the Board of Selectmen. Laura has substantial experience working with Andover schools. She stepped up and volunteered her time to serve as the president of the school parent boards for elementary, middle and high school. In addition, she has served on the school improvement council at three Andover schools. Laura has a balanced perspective on the needs of the town's youth. She has proven herself as a true leader in the town of Andover.

Laura's 25 years working as a civil litigation attorney will be an invaluable benefit for the Board of Selectmen. Laura's ethics are exemplary. She has demonstrated a strong commitment to respect cultural and economic diversity. Laura will provide a balanced point of view to the board.

I urge voters to support Laura Gregory for the Board of Selectmen.

Thank you.

JILL SERGEANT, L.I.C.S.W.
3 Doyle Circle
Andover

Gregory will bring people together as a Selectman

Editor, Townsman:

I have known Laura Gregory for years, both as a neighbor and as a parent involved in Andover schools at all levels.

I worked with Laura on the Doherty Middle School Parent Advisory Council as both the PAC's secretary and as the PAC's representative to the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAAC).

Laura listens well to all, is respectful of all viewpoints and works very hard to address problems by working collaboratively with everyone to seek a solution that best addresses the problem for the entire community and allows for continued future collaboration.

She brings people together, a skill that is badly needed on the Board of Selectmen.

As a lawyer she is always cognizant of the rules and limitations that apply to her role and position and making sure that her actions are consistent with those rules. She also expects and requires others to comply with their obligations and not to overstep. Laura's only agenda is to do her best in the position to the benefit of the entire community.

Please join me in voting for Laura Gregory for Selectman on March 28.

KELLY BURNS
1 Glenn Cove
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Opinion

It's time to abolish the Governor's Council

In the end, the dust-up at the recent Governor's Council meetings at the Statehouse in Boston will amount to nothing.

That's kind of like the Governor's Council itself, which has outlived its usefulness.

Two weeks ago, an argument erupted among councilors when they were considering the appointment of Methuen attorney and Andover resident Sal Tabit as a Superior Court judge. One member alleged that Tabit had not been forthcoming with information about his past. Some members of the council agreed, others disagreed.

Rather than debate and then vote in a thoughtful, respectful way, the members of the council got into a shouting match that turned personal, according to a State House News Service story. One was called a "bootlicker," while another was accused of spending half the meeting in a bar across the street. Yet another councilor was accused of wielding a rein of terror over other board members.

One of the councilors subsequently apologized, diffusing the situation. And in the end, the group appointed Tabit.

It is unclear why the disagreement over Tabit led to the disruption, but one thing is clear: The Governor's Council has got to go.

The Governor's Council is a vestige of the Colonial era, having been established by the British and even written into the 1629 Massachusetts Bay Colony charter; as authorized by King William and Queen Mary of England. Back then, the members of the council actually had real stuff to do. They decided court cases and were involved in creating laws. They were elected by the people, known then as "freemen."

After the charter was rewritten a couple of times, William and Mary decided in 1691 the council should be made up of 28 people chosen by the Legislature, known then as the Great and General Court. Among other duties, the group was supposed to stand in for the governor and lieutenant governor when they were both out of state, perhaps on a trip to England, for example.

Eventually, the council became a group of eight people elected by voters in eight different districts around the state. Their duties today are limited to reviewing judicial appointments and deciding on the removal of notaries of the public and justices of the peace. They are paid more than \$36,000 a year to meet weekly at a table near the governor's office.

Similarly to this year, in the past Governor's Council members have engaged in disagreements that boiled over at their sessions and became public. Then things would simmer down for a while until another round of judicial appointments, when tempers would flare again. It's likely that at least one source of the councilors' angst is that they, themselves, realize they don't have much power or responsibility.

In 2015, Gov. Charlie Baker appointed a Judicial Nominating Commission — a non-partisan, non-political group comprised of volunteers from a cross-section of the state's population to screen judicial applications and vet the candidates.

And so, we ask, why do we need the Governor's Council? Because it's in the state Constitution?

That's not a good enough reason.

Let's save some money — by our count something close to \$300,000 in salaries — and dissolve the council altogether by changing the law and allowing the state Senate to vet candidates much like the U.S. Senate vets Supreme Court candidates, or by codifying the Judicial Nominating Commission so it remains a permanent, yet impartial, part of the process.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

Recently, the trustees of Spring Grove Cemetery voted to ban dogs from the cemetery, saying that the dogs are "disruptive, destructive and hazardous, and ... the cemetery is no place for them." Do you think people should be allowed to walk their dogs through the cemetery?

No. The cemetery is a place for people to visit their loved ones. Leaving it open to dog walkers takes away from people grieving.

No. If dogs urinate on headstones and grave markers, they and their owners should be banned for being disrespectful.

Yes. The cemetery has been open to dogs for as long as I can remember. As long as people pick up after their pet, there's no harm!

Yes. The cemetery trustees just don't like dogs. Their reasons for not letting them in don't make sense.

Who cares. I don't have a dog. I like cats.

Last week's question:

Two stories in last week's paper may be a wake-up call to Andover residents that crime is going up in town. In one case, police arrested a man accused of shooting two people in the Shawshen Plaza parking lot in December. In another case, a local juvenile male ended up in the hospital and two people were arrested for beating the teen. Does it seem like crime is going up in Andover?

No. It's just a blip on the radar. Nothing to worry about. 17 votes

Yes. We need to acknowledge that Andover is just like any other big municipality and has crime. 20 votes

Not sure. If we continue to remain vigilant and support our local police department, we should be OK. 11 votes

Note to readers and letter-writers

Election season is upon us once again.

As readers can tell from this week's (and last week's) Editorial page, letters of endorsement are starting to pour in.

Endorsement letters should be no more than 250 words, as indicated in our online submission form.

The Townsman will be accepting letters up to March 13 at 9 a.m. Letters will be published in the order they come in. The last issue they will be published in is the March 16 edition.

Thanks for your cooperation and good luck to all the candidates!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

O'Donoghue helps town 'live within its means'

Editor, Townsman:

Is Andover living within its means? Are the town's future revenues going to be able to meet fixed expenses as well as the financial requests of all town departments? Andover is close to crossing the line where the answer to both questions is NO. In his 5-year financial plan, presented on Dec. 7, the town manager projected the town's future expenses will outpace its revenue growth by fiscal year 2019.

Are we close to the point where the town's citizens will be asked to consider a tax override? An override is a permanent burden to taxpayers, exceeding property tax limits set by Proposition 2-1/2. Given that about one-third of Andover's citizens are retired, with most on fixed incomes, it is hoped that we do not get to this point.

If we elect the right leaders, we won't need an override. Andover has a diverse tax base and annual new growth revenue that most municipalities only dream of. We have adequate revenues. But contractual obligations (i.e., debt service, employee and retiree pension and health insurance) are taking a bigger piece of revenues, leaving less for operating budgets. But operating budgets, particularly the school department budget, continue to grow.

The citizens of Andover need a selectman who will ensure the town lives within its means. Mary O'Donoghue is that person. Her experience as a member of the finance committee and as a selectman are important and necessary credentials. Mary is well aware of the many financial challenges the town is facing now.

Mary has continually raised concerns and sought solutions to issues that she felt would impact the financial well-being of the town. Mary is a consensus builder and makes every effort to look at each issue from the viewpoint of all concerned constituencies. In the final analysis, she strives for and achieves what is right for the better good of the town of Andover.

I strongly urge you to vote for Mary O'Donoghue on Tuesday, March 28.

PETER MCKALLAGAT
Lovejoy Road

O'Donoghue: 'Fiscally pragmatic, socially conscientious'

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing you today to endorse Mary O'Donoghue for Board of Selectmen. I

am 20 years old, a 20-year resident of Andover, government major at Suffolk University and a recent graduate of Andover High School. Not only do I understand what goes on socially in town, I have a good understanding of the politics and economics in Andover as well.

The reason I am backing Mary is because not only did she help get the funds to appoint Sobhan "Soap" Namvar, Andover's community social worker, (who has helped some of my friends and acquaintances get the help they need) but she also has fully supported the school system with proper budgeting and necessary appointments.

Mary has been fiscally pragmatic and socially conscientious for her constituents in Andover. She has stepped up to the plate numerous times to make sure Andover remains a AAA-rated town. She is putting into motion a plan to revamp the town yard, which has been functionally obsolete for years now. While most people only talk about fixing this town with issues we face like: the opioid epidemic, hiring a new town manager, or getting the funds to build the new Bancroft School (which was a necessity in the eyes of the school system) over and over again in her first term as selectman she got things done.

As a generational Andoverite, I have seen many changes in this town. My father, Craig T. Burton, graduated Andover High School in 1975 so I know a lot about this town going back 50 plus years. Above all else Mary has my vote because she represents what it means to be an Andoverite: caring, dedicated, and loyal. She is a warrior.

CAMERON P. BURTON
195 Holt Road
Andover

Spring Grove Cemetery enjoyed by many, including and dogs

Editor, Townsman:

For almost 150 years, Spring Grove Cemetery has been a serene, attractive and contemplative setting for families of the deceased. Surrounded by woods, it is also an integral neighborhood element. Toddlers learn to walk there. Kids ride bikes. Joggers, dog-walkers and people from all walks of life enjoy this public land in quiet harmony. It is a safe place and there is safety in numbers.

Five Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees want to change all that. None of them live near the cemetery. Four live within walking distance of each other near Merrimack College; the fifth lives next to Indian Ridge

Country Club.

I visit the cemetery regularly and have never met any of them. Trustees claim that dogs are problematic, but neighbors, police logs, and cemetery records disagree.

I've lived near the cemetery for 30 years and have never seen dog waste there, but I've found beer cans, a syringe, a discarded wallet, a condom and an animal carcass.

Regular cemetery visitors know each other and care about this sacred ground. Our presence reduces opportunity for mischief, illegal dumping, vandalism, and theft. I'd like to think the trustees mean well, but banning dogs is shortsighted. I sincerely hope they'll reconsider.

ALICE BLAINE-JAFFE
Andover

Mary O'Donoghue, Selectman, has integrity

Editor, Townsman:

In 2014 I met Mary O'Donoghue at a fundraiser for her. At this time I was on the Council on Aging and had sponsored a senior tax relief warrant article which was to be presented in May at Andover's Town Meeting. I asked Mary if she would vote for the article and she said, "No," because she believed in tax relief for all residents not just for any particular group.

At that moment I knew Mary was a person of integrity who I could respect.

So, despite her candor I voted for her to the office of selectman. Over the past three years Mary has never disappointed me. She has been true to her heart and the residents of Andover.

In short, Mary O'Donoghue has been an exemplary selectman. We, the residents of Andover, need her to continue working for us all. To me, she stand for fiscal responsibility and the integrity of spirit we will all benefit from.

Please join me in casting your vote for Mary O'Donoghue.

MIKE ROLI
2 College Circle
Andover

Spring Grove vote unfair to dog walkers

Editor, Townsman:

I was saddened to see that Spring Grove Cemetery has now banned dogs and their walkers. The Spring Grove Trustees had been forward-thinking to allow the cemetery to serve as a place near our homes that could offer us quiet and beauty.

And what is walking, if it's not done with a dog?

It seems to me that the dog owners who appreciate walking in a place like Spring Grove Cemetery would be the most invested

in protecting it from the few dog owners who would dare to flaunt the rules.

Pomp's Pond is nearby, but poorly maintained, sullied by beer cans, styrofoam coffee cups and fishing lines and hooks, which harm the birds and turtles and other wildlife we share it with. Nevertheless, I continue to walk my dog there despite the irritation of having to see and carry out other people's garbage. It seems to me that the closure of Spring Grove to dog walkers is just another symptom of the intolerance and disregard for the value of community that has infiltrated not just our town, but our nation.

PEGGY RAMBACH
1 Arundel St.
Andover

Blumstein's 'calm demeanor' best for school committee

Editor, Townsman:

Joel Blumstein should be reelected to the Andover School Committee. He has demonstrated his knowledge of the school system, budget, and most importantly, the role of the school committee. He is thoughtful and respectful of all parties. He displays a willingness to problem-solve issues that come before the committee, knowing that the superintendent of schools is the educational leader and head manager of the school system, the one responsible for making change happen.

At a recent meeting, I heard a disgruntled parent ask him, "Who do you represent?" I know Joel represents all of us who want the school committee to continue civil discourse and support of the superintendent and his administration as they develop plans to make the improvements some parents are requesting.

I know from my experience, there has always been frustration by some parents who want better services for their children. When it comes to our children, change cannot happen fast enough. Our children grow every day and will not wait for changes in a school system. Patience, understanding, and perseverance on the school committee are necessary as we look for the school system to better serve all our students.

Joel is a strong advocate for all our students. Andover will be well served by his calm demeanor and dedication to our town as the school administration contemplates important school building improvements in the future. Please vote for Joel Blumstein on March 28.

TINA GIRDWOOD
Former Andover School
Committee member
15 Tucker Road
Andover

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TownsBeat

School vacation week makes for February fun

STAFF REPORT

It might have been time off for Andover public schools last week, but that doesn't mean people weren't busy.

And by people we mean youngsters taking part in the Andover Rec. Department's plethora of offerings, from cheerleading and tumbling to rope-climbing and ball-tossing.

In what the Rec Department calls Sportacular, kids ranging in age from Kindergarten through 5th grade took part in a myriad of activities at the South School gym led by instructor, Coach Dave Garibaldi. For 3 hours

each session, the kids learned valuable skills while also getting lots of exercise.

Meanwhile, over at the West Elementary School's new gym, coach Ashley Baldwin, a former NFL cheerleader and current Andover High School cheerleading coach, led her charges through the basics of cheerleading.

According to the Rec Department web site, "boys and girls will be introduced to the fundamental skills of cheerleading while learning the most current motions, jumps, cheers and routines."

For each, 3-hour session, a large group of children learned the moves from a pro while also having tons of fun.



PHOTO/Reba Saldanha

From left, Elan Shetty, 9, John Driscoll, 8, and Luke McNeeley, 9, participate in the obstacle course and dodgeball game during "February action week" program at South Elementary School last week.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Practicing a cheer are during a Cheerleading Camp at West Elementary School last week are, standing, from left to right, Kelsey MacIsaac, Mia Palermo, Ashley Caiazza, Grace Cooper, Michelle Caiazza, Paige Cooper, and Sasha Kirianov.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Practicing a stunt with Coach Ashley Baldwin during Cheerleading Camp at West Elementary School last week are, standing, from left: Ashley Caiazza, Grace Cooper and Michelle Caiazza. Perched on top is Paige Cooper.



PHOTO/Reba Saldanha

Steven Yoo, 8, gets ready to launch a ball during the "turkey game" obstacle course and dodgeball game during February action week "sportacular" program at South Elementary School in Andover.



PHOTO/Reba Saldanha

From left, Steven Yoo, 8, Nathan Chapper, 7, and Cameron Gibson, 7, participate in the "turkey game" obstacle course and dodgeball game during February action week "sportacular" program at South Elementary School in Andover.



PHOTO/Reba Saldanha

Five-year-old twins Madeleine, right, and Zoe Veletzos participate in the "turkey game" obstacle course and dodgeball game.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Grace Cooper, center, practices a cheer with her friends during last week's Cheerleading Camp.



Church musician and organist Mark Dwyer.

Christ Church concert Sunday

STAFF REPORT

IF YOU GO:

The service of Choral Evensong will be offered at Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover on Sunday, March 5 at 5 p.m.

The service music is the Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis (Short Service) of Orlando Gibbons and Lord, let me know my end, by Maurice Greene.

The combined choirs of Christ Church, Andover and Christ Church, Hamilton & Wenham will perform under the direction of John Russell, the director of Music at Christ Church, Hamilton & Wenham. Barbara Bruns will be the organist. An ancient form of worship, Evensong (Evening Prayer) has been sung regularly since the 16th century in churches of the Anglican tradition as part of the Daily Office.

This service will be preceded by an organ recital at 4:30 p.m. performed by concert artist Mark Dwyer, the organist and choirmaster of The Church of the Advent in Boston. The performance features music of Handel, J. S. Bach, Buxtehude and Demessieux.

Well-known as both a skilled church musician and organist, Mark Dwyer has held positions at St. Paul's

What: Organ recital, Mark Dwyer, organist, featuring works of Handel, J. S. Bach, Buxtehude and Demessieux

When: Sunday, March 5 at 4:30 p.m., followed Choral Evensong at 5 p.m.

Where: Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover

Church, K Street in Washington, D.C., and The Cathedral of All Saints in Albany, New York. He conducts The Advent Choir, an all-professional ensemble of 18 singers that presents over 100 anthems and motets in addition to 50 choral settings of the mass each year for the liturgies of The Church of the Advent, Boston.

Dwyer has presented recitals throughout the eastern United States and in England. His work as conductor, accompanist and recitalist may be heard on the JAV, Arsis, and AFKA recording labels. American Record Guide refers to Mr. Dwyer as "...a formidable interpreter, with plenty of technique and — more important — a very musical approach."

A reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

BY ALEX GUITTARR
Townsmen correspondent

Among the multitude of portrayals of the events of the Holocaust, Anne Frank's story stands out as one of the most recognizable and significant, highlighted by Anne's limitless positivity in the face of such overwhelming oppression. And now, the New England Classical Singers chamber ensemble hopes to introduce this story to Andover through James Whitbourn's musical work, "Annelies" (referring to the full version of Frank's first name), which focuses on Frank's time hiding from the German authorities.

On March 4 in the Temple Emanuel synagogue, the NECS continues its 48th season by lending its voice to this concert. Founded in 1968 as the North Reading Choral Society, the NECS is 30 members strong, alongside chamber orchestras and occasional guest soloists, and has a large repertoire of music in its concerts that ranges from Renaissance to modern day pieces. However, the group also has a mission of educational outreach, utilizing their concerts as a way of teaching the public about various topics.

NECS's rendition of "Annelies" will also be featuring guest soloist Elissa Alvarez, a freelance soprano who is currently affiliated with the United Parish of Brookline and the Boston University Tanglewood Institute.

NECS has been led for the last 18 years by Artistic Director David Hodgkins,



Courtesy photo

New England Classical Singers will perform a musical about Anne Frank this weekend.

IF YOU GO

What: Annelies, a musical about the story of Anne Frank

Where: Temple Emanuel synagogue, 7 Haggetts Pond Road

When: March 4, 7:30 p.m.

Who: New England Classical Singers

Ticket information can be found at newenglandclassical.org

whose career spans more than 25 years and includes directing the Coro Allegro in Boston, teaching advanced conducting at the Kodaly Music Institute in Boston and conducting ensembles for the ACDA and GALA music festivals.

Hodgkins, like the NECS, believes strongly in educating the public and felt that

Annelies was a great chance to showcase Anne Frank's story to the public.

"The story and message of Anne Frank is one that is both timely and timeless," he said, "and Annelies is a compelling vehicle for that message to be delivered. In this age of increasing isolationism worldwide distrust, Anne's life and death serve as a reminder to us all about the horrors of the Holocaust, and the inherent danger to us all in not heading the lessons learned from that terrible time in the world's history."

The creator, James Whitbourn, is a world-renowned composer who began his work with the BBC as a composer, conductor, producer and presenter and has been lauded by numerous

publications such as NPR and Gramophone.

Annelies premiered on the National UK Holocaust Memorial Day in Westminster Hall, London, Jan. 27, 2005 and made its U.S. premiere two years later in Princeton, N.J.

It received rave reviews from publication like The Telegraph, the Times and the Sunday Express, but Hodgkins sums up these thoughts the best by saying that "The journey — even though the ending is predetermined — is intense. By the end, you realize you have experienced something profound, and connected with Anne and her life experience in a way that can only happen through the power of music in a live performance."

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH THURSDAY, MARCH 2

ANDOVER DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CAUCUS, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St. Democrats will be elected to attend the Massachusetts Democratic Convention on June 3 in Lowell; candidates must be registered Democrats in Andover and must be checked in before 7 p.m. to participate; all delegates to the convention must be at least 18 years old; individuals younger than 18 will be able to participate in the caucus and run for delegate positions if they can provide identification indicating that they will be 18 years old by June 3; 978-886-8089, email joseph.thibodeau02@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

REP. JIM LYONS' OFFICE HOURS, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Activity Room, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St. Anyone wishing to speak with Rep. Lyons is encouraged to attend; he is also available to all constituents by appointment; appointments can be made by contacting his legislative aide, Paul Gangi, at 617-722-2460 or by email at Paul.Gangi@mahouse.gov.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

WINTER FAMILY CONCERT, 2 to 3:30 p.m., St. Louis School, Chapel Hall, 77 Boisvert St., Lowell. Presented by the Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra, the family-friendly concert is meant to introduce children of all ages to classical music; the program contains highlights from John Williams' "Star Wars" and several lively classical tunes; hot chocolate and cookies will be available at intermission; a hands-on arts and craft project will keep the little ones entertained; those who come dressed as their favorite "Star Wars" character will receive free admission; a 30-minute "Meet the Instruments" session will follow the concert; handicap accessible; park in the street or in the lot behind the chapel; \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and students with ID; tickets for sale at the door or online; <http://communitybox-office.com/Tickets.php?a=43>.

ORGAN RECITAL, 4:30 p.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St. Mark Dwyer, organist, will perform works by Handel, J.S. Bach, Buxtehude and Demessieux; followed by a Choral Evensong, 5 p.m., featuring the "Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis" (short service) of

Orlando Gibbons and "Lord, let me know my end" by Maurice Greene, sung by the combined choirs of Christ Church (Andover) and Christ Church (Hamilton and Wenham); John Russell, conductor; Barbara Bruns, organist.

THE MARK ZALESKI BAND - JAZZ-ROCK FUSION, 2 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Mark Zaleski, an internationally known touring musician, has distinguished himself as a dynamic soloist, multi-instrumentalist and bandleader; he has performed with Dave Brubeck, Christian McBride, Ian Anderson, Connie Francis, Mahmoud Ahmed, Rakkam Bob Moses, the Either/Orchestra, Jason Palmer, Matt Savage and more; tickets are \$20, \$18 for seniors, students, Merrimack employees and alumni, \$10 for children 10 and under; reserved seating; doors open at 1:30 p.m.; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/academics/rogers.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

MVPO CONCERT, 2:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 50 Bartlet St. Dorothy Braker, cello, will perform with the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra; the afternoon concert will feature works by Ludwig van Beethoven and Antonin Dvorak; \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors (\$25 and up), \$5 for children; children must be 4 years old or older to attend; 978-685-3505, www.mvpo.org.

MARCH 16 TO MAY 25

HAND PLANES AND WIRELESS ROUTERS-WOODWORKING CLASS, 9 a.m. to noon, every other Saturday, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. This six-week class is designed to meet the needs of woodworkers, from the novice to the advanced craftsman; the small class size and location create a unique learning opportunity; with instruction from expert craftsman, Stephen Anthony, students can make a basic, introductory project, such as a foot stool or candle box, from pre-milled stock; novices will learn from the instructor, and the more advanced students, as everyone will get to use the antique tools and machinery; \$60 fee for members, \$70 for nonmembers, \$40 discounted student rate; www.andover-historical.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

TONY KENNY'S IRISH CELEBRATION, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack

College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. One of Ireland's most beloved artists, Kenny has starred at the world-famous Jury's Irish Cabaret in Dublin for more than 20 years, and won many awards for his work over the decades; he's entertained millions across Ireland and the U.S. in dozens of coast-to-coast tours; together with Victoria Kenny, Seamus Kennedy, and the Trinity Irish Dance Company, Kenny will bring an unforgettable St. Patrick's Day celebration; tickets are \$40, \$35 for seniors, students, Merrimack employees and alumni, \$10 for children 10 and under; reserved seating; doors open at 7 p.m.; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/academics/rogers.

MARCH 17 TO 19

"THE WIZARD OF OZ," South Church, 41 Central St. The South Church Players will perform the show at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday; tickets are \$15, available at the door; a portion of the ticket sales will be given to the Andover Cares Fund; www.southchurch.com.

MARCH 17, APRIL 21 AND MAY 19

ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS, conducted by the Special Education staff. Screenings are for 3- and 4-year-olds; parents who are concerned about their child's development may schedule an appointment; 978-247-8200.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

ANDONA'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY, 1 to 4 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. All Andona members, past and present, are invited; light refreshments will be served; reservations requested; email President@Andona.org, 978-475-0218.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

SILENT FILM SERIES, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Walsh Way, Merrimack College campus, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. "The Passion of Joan of Arc" (1928) will be shown; Danish director Carl Dreyer's intense recreation of the trial of Joan of Arc set new standards for cinematography and expanded the language of film in new directions; includes extreme close-ups, expressionistic photography, and a stellar cast, with legendary stage actress Renée Falconetti in the title role;

free; 978-837-5355.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

BOSTON BRASS, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. From classical to jazz to the best of the brass quintet repertoire, Boston Brass treats audiences of all ages to a unique brand of entertainment; in the first half of the evening, members of the group will present their favorite selections, with captivating stories and insights into these time-honored pieces; at intermission, the audience will choose what group will play during the second half; audience members will also be encouraged to explain their selections; don't just be a part of the audience, be a part of the program; tickets are \$40, \$35 for seniors, students, Merrimack employees and alumni, \$10 for children 10 and under; reserved seating; doors open at 7 p.m.; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/academics/rogers.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

SPRING GOSPEL CONCERT, 6 p.m., Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St. The Institute Choir of Calvary Baptist Church, The Choral Majority, ABC Unity Choir and other gospel artists will perform; a free-will offering will be collected with a portion of the proceeds going to ABC Missions; www.andover-baptist-church.org.

TRIVIA NIGHT AND BOURBON TASTING, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation (MVJF) invites teams and individuals to participate and test their trivia talent and learn about America's only native spirit; the evening will include free appetizers and desserts, prizes for trivia winners and a cash bar; proceeds will support the Federation's ongoing programs in the Merrimack Valley and Israel; \$25 per person; register at 978-688-0466, www.mvjf.org.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER, 6 to 10 p.m., Melmark New England, in the ballroom, 461 River Road. Recruit friends and family members to solve some serious and silly brain teasing trivia; prizes will be awarded to the top scoring team; light dinner, complimentary snacks, cash bar; opportunity to win raffle prizes; \$25; www.melmarkne.org.

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Townspeople

Andona Society still going strong at 65

A timeline of service to Andover and the Valley

COMPILED BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff writer

Founded: In spring of 1952, by a group of Andover women who formed a charitable organization that came to be known as "The Andona Society" with the spirit of giving to varied causes in greater Andover. These charter members – Mrs. David Burns, Mrs. Suzanne Wilson, Mrs. Guy B. Howe, Jr., Mrs. Warren Lewis and Mrs. L. Glynne Yeaton, Jr. - founded "Andona" with a name chosen to reflect "Andover" with the Latin verb "to give".

First benefactor: One of the group's first charitable donations was to the Andover Home for Aged People. Andona members visited patients, remembered them with cards and on birthdays and purchased equipment for the Home. Early fundraisers included dances, fashion shows, bake sales and plays. By 1956, Andona established a calendar of fundraising events – a Fall Dance, Mid-Winter event, afternoon Bridge in the Spring and – the organization favorite – "Clown Town."

Membership: During the 1960s, the organization grew from its early size of five members to over 60 women, focusing on assisting the Bon Secours Hospital pediatric ward and making equipment donations to establish the town's Recreation Park. From there, Andona began designating funds for scholarships and gave money for the Greater Lawrence YMCA. In 1966, Andona piloted a Preschool Vision Screening to detect symptoms of amblyopia.

In the 1970s programs grew to "giving" to a broader range of community needs. Efforts ranged from supporting the Greater Lawrence Joint Hospital Building Fund to major fund raising for the new Andover/North Andover Family YMCA. Funding for local school programs, park equipment and the Andover Memorial Library for the Children's Room were a few of these newly-supported projects.

In the 1980's, Andona expanded its scholarship and summer camp programs and supported families by offering Museum Passes in concert with the town's library along with annual fundraising events. A particular accomplishment in the 1980's was Andona's support of forming the S.A.D.D (Students Against Drunk Driving) program at Andover High School to educate students about the dangers of alcohol abuse. The group continues to donate funds to programs like Department for Community Service (DCS), Andover Public Schools and Library Pass Programs. By the mid '80s, the Amblyopia screening program was screening over 300 children with the aid of 84 volunteers.

In the 1990s, Andona identified some unusual needs and responded in 1993 by introducing an evening event for middle school children. In 1994 Safety Saturday, a one-day fair designed to introduce various safety concepts to children from preschool to middle school, was introduced. Some other highlights from this time was the establishment of a Scholarship Trust and the sponsoring of cultural events such as "Shakespeare in the Park". The formation of a Public Business Committee to streamline relationships with local businesses marked the close of this decade.

Since 2000, Andona has continued its drive towards supporting Andover youth through increasing membership and the continued dedication of members. Regular fundraising, participation in local events like "Andover Day," offering an expanded Babysitting Program and donations to several youth athletic, social and cultural programs continue. Andona also contributed toward the construction of the Cormier Youth Center.

Source: Andover Historical Society



Clown Town photo, date unknown.

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff writer

The stay-at-home women of the 1950s founded Andover's Andona Society as a way to socialize and meet other young mothers while their husbands worked at local companies including Raytheon and Western Electric.

Fast forward 65 years to today and, amazingly, the all-women's Andona Society — based in Andover and founded in 1952 by five local women — is just like that Gloria Gaynor song. Andona has survived.

"There's an Andona formula and it works," said Lisa McDonald of Andover, a married mother of four and a former Andona Society president from the early 2000s. "It's a group for women, run by women and Andona adapted when women started working outside the home."

"There was no pressure by Andona and it's voluntary. There's no dictatorship and you agreed to a six-year (now five-year) commitment and you were done," said McDonald, who was an Andona Society member from 1996 to 2002, and is now a bank vice-president.

Andover Historical Society Executive Director Elaine Clements said the group's longevity is "just amazing."

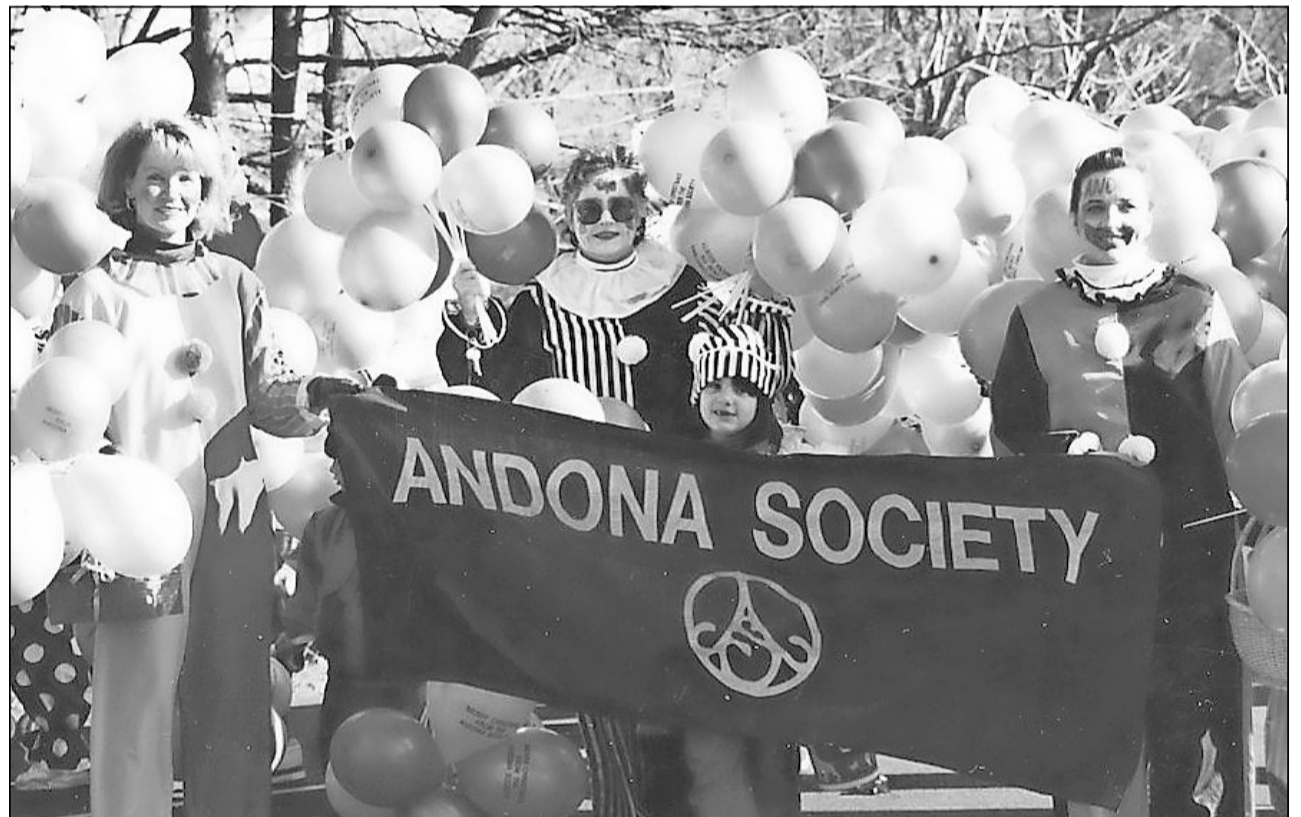
"It's so difficult for all civic organizations to succeed these days, especially all women groups. I credit Andona for keeping it going," Clements said.

Today's members still believe strongly in the Andona mission and that is a key to the group's endurance.

"The pace of our lives is more frantic, but Andona's mission to give back to Andover Public Schools, youth programs and other local civic initiatives has endured. Just as it did 65 years ago, Andona continues to provide a place where women can gather and work together toward a common goal, all while forming lasting friendships and having a meaningful impact upon the local community," said Jennifer Sloan of Andover, who is the current Andona Society president.

Sloan, who is married with two children ages 13 and 10, has worked in Quality Assurance at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Andover for over 15 years helping to oversee manufacturing and testing of research and development biologic products going into human clinical studies. She received a college scholarship from Andona as a graduating high school senior in 1990.

"I have always appreciated the opportunities Andona helps to create for Andover youth," she said. "I am passionate about my work in science and equally passionate



Clown Town was hopping back in the 1980s.



Courtesy Andona Society

Andona Society has been around for 65 years thanks to leadership like these clowns, shown here from last year's Clown Town. They are, from left: Melissa Litton, Andona president 2014-present; Suzanne Miller, Andona vice president 2014-present; Leslie Burte, Andona president 2010-2012; Lisa Kole, Andona president 2012-2014.

about the good work that Andona has brought to the Andover and Merrimack Valley community."

She said Andona has adjusted with the times, becoming "agile, working to streamline and consolidate fundraising efforts" while still fulfilling the original mission to raise funds to support the youth and schools of Andover.

"For instance, we no longer hold raffles and balls, which required significant time, planning and resources, but have transitioned to holding two primary fundraisers per year: Our Shine the Light on Andover luminary kit fundraiser, which takes place on the Winter Solstice, and Clown Town," she said.

Andona is celebrating its

IF YOU GO, AND MORE:

What: ANDONA'S 65th anniversary party
WHEN: Saturday, March 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover
Food: Light refreshments will be served.
RSVP: President@Andona.org or call Jennifer Sloan, president, at 978-475-0218.

Special call-out to former members: All current and former Andona members are urged to attend.

Scholarship information: Running this week through March 29: Andona's annual college scholarship process is underway. Andover residents in their senior year of high school are eligible to apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Visit Andona.org to download the application. Applications must be postmarked by March 29.

65th anniversary with a party on Saturday, March 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Andover Historical Society on Main Street. All Andona members — past and present — are invited. Light refreshments will be served. Sen. Barbara L'Italien will present an official resolution



1972 Andona Ball, Norma and Don Gammon

commemorating Andona's 65 years of charitable work. In addition, School Superintendent Sheldon Berman will be attending the event.

The original mission statement remains relevant today as Andona continues to raise money at the extremely popular Clown Town event held every year on the third weekend in May since 1956. It will be held May 19 to 21 this year.

"We have fun and work together toward a common goal while building lasting friendships," Sloan said.



COURTESY OF 'IN THE GARDEN'

Laura Bibler at Stevens-Coolidge Place, which she helped design.

Our grandmothers knew what they were doing in the garden

STAFF REPORT

Landscape designer Laura Bibler believes our grandmothers knew what they were doing.

Her presentation at the next Andover Garden Club will bring to life the design approach and sage advice of prominent garden writers of the early 20th century, whose pearls of wisdom continue to inform us on color blending, cultural considerations, and plant placement.

For the past 16 years, Bibler, principal of Andover-based 'In The Garden,' has created and directed the installation of landscape designs at private homes and historic estates.

She earned her graduate certificate in Landscape Design from the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study in 2000.

She has served on the Civic Development and Preservation of Historic Land and Garden Grants Committee and as the Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Committee of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

She is the former

IF YOU GO:

When: Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 10 a.m., social time and refreshments, followed by a business meeting; presentation by Bibler at 11 a.m.

Where: South Church, 41 Central St.

Admission: \$10 donation requested for guests (includes refreshments)

Who: The Andover Garden Club welcomes news members, and information about joining is available from AGC is available from AGC membership chairs Anne Collins (978-681-8052, collinsak14@verizon.net) and Donna Rudolph (978-475-7165, dlabsuper49@aol.com).

chairwoman of The Stevens-Coolidge Place Committee in North Andover and serves on the Advisory Council, Historic Resources Committee, and is a corporate trustee for The Trustees of Reservations.

Bibler designed the rehabilitation of the French Garden and the restoration of the Perennial Garden at the Stevens-Coolidge Place.

Visit www.ldbibler.com for more information.

Final performance for Andover cast member, 'Barn'

By ZOE MATHEWS
STAFF REPORT

In some ways mirroring today's tumultuous times, the Brooks School Arts Department students put on Cabaret last week, starring Andover resident Max Currier as the emcee.

It was the final performance for Currier, who has performed in many plays at the school and elsewhere over the years. It was also the final theatrical performance at what is affectionately known as "The Barn."

The Barn is the theater at the preparatory school located on the banks of Lake Cochichewick. It is being demolished starting this summer to make way for a \$29 million, state-of-the-art arts and theater facility.

Built in 1871, the Barn has supported three productions of the raunchy Weimar-era Berlin musical, and thousands of other productions and musical performances. Rob Lazar, Chairman of the Arts Department at Brooks, said he wanted to honor the Barn with a production that reflected the sweeping history of the building, one of the original structures from when the school opened in 1926.

"Especially for this year, we wanted to find a show that would tie into Brooks history and especially the history of the Barn," he said.

The story is set in a cabaret club just on the brink of the Nazis' rise to power in Berlin, and Lazar said his



Max Currier of Andover was cast as the emcee of the Brooks Academy play Cabaret, the last production in the prep school's old theater. Ground-breaking for a new theater is scheduled for this summer.

students -- aware of situations playing out on the national stage today -- would ask him about the references in the musical to questions about who was a "true" citizen.

"The cast would ask me all the time, 'I know you say this play isn't political, but have you read the papers,'" said Lazar. "My interest was really in the societal aspect of it, and I would say, 'yes I've read the paper, yes there are parallels, and good for you for picking them out.'"

He added, "The Barn has seen many beautiful moments in history, and students have experienced so much joy in performing in this space. Just as students

in high school are here for their period of time and then it's appropriate for them to move on, and move beyond this institution, the Barn was here, but it's reaching its graduation. The program is at a point now we need to move beyond what the facility can give us."

The new Center for the Arts will be the last major project in a multi-year campaign to expand the arts program and renovate parts of the campus to reflect that growth, said Associate Head of External Affairs Jim Hamilton.

The Barn will have its last go at sharing moments with the music program's spring concert, before it is torn

down to make way for the new building.

Hamilton said although the entire structure will be destroyed, he was aware of talks to try and retain the weathervane that has sat atop the structure, bearing witness to the passing of time and the many moments shared inside its halls.

Cabaret is a musical based on a book written by Christopher Isherwood, music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb. The 1966 Broadway production became a hit, inspiring numerous subsequent productions in London and New York, as well as the 1972 film by the same name. It is based on John Van Druten's 1951 play I Am a Camera, which was adapted from the short novel Goodbye to Berlin (1939) by Christopher Isherwood. Set in 1931 Berlin as the Nazis are rising to power, it is based in nightlife at the seedy Kit Kat Klub, and revolves around young American writer Cliff Bradshaw and his relationship with 32-year-old English cabaret performer Sally Bowles.

A sub-plot involves the doomed romance between German boarding house owner Fräulein Schneider and her elderly suitor Herr Schultz, a Jewish fruit vendor. Overseeing the action is the Master of Ceremonies at the Kit Kat Klub. The club serves as a metaphor for ominous political developments in late Weimar Germany.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

Memorial Hall Library has a lot of programs and activities in store.

Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

Sisters in Crime New England presentation

Mystery writers, J.A. (Julie) Hennrikus/Julianne Holmes ("Clock Shop Mysteries"), Frances McNamara ("Emily Cabot Mysteries") and Clea Simon ("Blackie and Care Cat Mystery Series") will discuss the modern heroine in mysteries on Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m.

Topics will include how women are revamping the mystery genre by creating strong women characters who balance relationships and careers, leap over sexist obstacles, and rescue themselves from danger. Copies of their books will be available for purchase. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Growing future gardeners

A panel of educators will share their experiences establishing and sustaining the successful school garden projects on Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m.

Panelists will be Linda Shottes-Bouchard, executive director of SHED Children's Campus; Melanie Cutler, AHS science teacher; Leigh Hartwell, AHS Sustainable Garden manager; and Hannah Traggis, Seed to Table coordinator at Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Bring questions and ideas. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Backyard chickens and how to get started

Discover the wonders of raising both regular and heritage poultry in your backyard on Saturday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m.

Presented by Jen Valentine, of Valentine & Sons Seed Co., based in Mont Vernon, New Hampshire. Attendees will learn about raising chicks, flock management, coop design, basic medical issues, and have a chance to meet some real heritage hens. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Experience the romance, joy and melancholy of the 24 Chopin Preludes

Pianist Michael Arnowitz will offer a program of Chopin's 24 Preludes, a classic collection of quintessential Romantic miniatures on Sunday, March 12, at 2:30 p.m.

The music spans the full range of human experience and emotions, at turns joyful, fleeting, energetic, eerie, vulnerable, melancholy,

passionate, and humorous. No matter the mood, Chopin offers music of great beauty.

Listening to the preludes as a whole is a true odyssey, a splendid journey into this unique, romantic, and evocative world unmistakably Chopin's.

Arnowitz is one of today's most creative and imaginative musicians. His life and music was the subject of a 2004 documentary, "Beyond 88 Keys." He has toured nationally and internationally and has performed as a piano soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Kiev Chamber Orchestra under Roman Kofman, the Savannah Symphony Orchestra, and others. Hear his music at <http://www.mapiano.com/>.

The free concert is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Northern Essex Registry of Deeds office hours

The Northern Essex Registry of Deeds will hold office hours for the public in the Activity Room on Monday, March 13, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Register Paul Iannuccello and Registry staff will be on hand to answer questions about a variety of issues, including the Massachusetts Homestead Act. They will be able to verify if a Declaration of Homestead has been recorded on residents' properties, and they can provide or order a copy of current deeds, discharge of mortgages, or other Registry documents.

Registry booklets and other information will be available. No appointment necessary.

Creating a garden for honey bees

Learn how to help save honey bees in your own home garden by including plants that provide nectar and pollen for them on Tuesday, March 14, at 7 p.m.

Master Gardener Barbara MacPhee, who has been a beekeeper for 36 years, will present the program. She was named 2009 Beekeeper of the Year.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of MHL and Spade and Trowel Garden Club. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

"The Witches of Foster's Pond"

Jane Cairns, of the Andover Historical Society, will shed light on Andover's history and role in the famous witch accusations and trials of 1692-1693, where 41 townspeople were accused of witchcraft.

Cairns' talk, held on Wednesday, March 15, at 7

p.m., will focus on the South Parish/modern Andover families, the Fosters and the Carriers. (Ann Foster was dragged off the shores of Foster's Pond and imprisoned.)

A brief Annual Meeting will precede the talk. The program is a collaboration between the library and the Foster's Pond Corporation.

Journey into German genealogy

Katherine Schober, a professional German-English translator, will discuss the history and variety of German states over time on Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m.

Learn what it means to have German ancestry, how to locate vital records, and how to use surnames as clues for fleshing out stories in your family tree.

Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430.

Must-see gardens in the Northeast

Join Jana Milbocker and Joan Butler, avid gardeners, plant collectors, designers and writers with Enchanted Gardens, for a presentation on Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m.

Attendees will take a visual tour and learn about the best public gardens, nursery display gardens, and private gardens open to the public in the Northeast.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of MHL and the Village Garden Club of Andover. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Take a musical journey with The David Zoffer Differential

Multi-instrumentalist David Zoffer and The David Zoffer Differential will perform original sophisticated pop/jazz/blues/fusion tunes with jazzy harmonies, funk and rock rhythms on Sunday, March 26, at 2:30 p.m.

Zoffer will be on keyboards, piano and vocals, along with Caio Afiune, guitarist; Dan Nadeau, drummer; and Michael Morrisette, bassist. Zoffer has played and recorded with Eddie Gomez, Don Alias, Luciana Souza, Bela Fleck, Bob Moses, Don Byron, David Liebman, Stan Strickland, Phil Grenadier, Rick McLaughlin, John Lockwood and many others.

He's been both a featured rock and jazz artist at clubs like the Bitter End, as well as a crossover jazz/classical gossamer performer/featured composer/arranger/soloist with the Handel and Haydn Society and Boston Philharmonic.

He chairs New England Conservatory's Prep and

Continuing Education Jazz Department, and serves on the faculty of the Contemporary Improvisation Department. He is an associate professor of Contemporary Writing and Production at Berklee College of Music, and jazz ensemble director at the Walnut Hill School.

The concert is free and open to all. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Hiking the Bay Circuit Trail: A Video Journal

Discover and get inspired to hike the Bay Circuit Trail, which runs through 37 communities, on Monday, March 27, at 7 p.m.

Dan and Marilyn Brielmann of e-Awakening.com, a website dedicated to the preservation of nature and the protection of resources, and Andover resident Alan French, will guide viewers along the 200-plus miles of natural wonder that arcs around Boston from Newburyport to Kingston.

Dan interviewed more than 60 people to create a set of documentary videos that capture his enthusiasm and concern for this beautiful resource. Sixteen miles of the Bay Circuit Trail run through Andover. French, the founder, chairman and executive director of the Bay Circuit Alliance, spent more than 25 years making the project a reality.

Visit www.baycircuit.org for more information. Sign up for the program at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar. The program is a collaboration between the library, e-Awakening.com and the Andover Trails Committee.

Organic Gardening 101

Rita Wollmering, of the HERB FARMacy in Salisbury, will present "Organic Gardening 101" on Wednesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m.

Wollmering will cover the basics of organic gardening, as well as practical steps to build soil, fight diseases and manage pests, all while having fun as a family.

Families are encouraged to attend. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Genealogy Lock-In

Register for an evening of after-hours genealogy research on Friday, March 31, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Participants will have exclusive access to databases, computers, microfilm and local history materials. Reference librarians will be on hand to help with research.

A light dinner will be served. Registration is \$10 and can be done online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar, or by calling 978-623-8430.

What's Happening at 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:

Trip to Museum of Russian Icons: Wednesday, March 8, 10:15 to 4:30 p.m. Tour the largest and best collection of icons outside of Russia. The \$48 fee includes admission, guided tour and lunch at the Old Timer Restaurant.

Foxwoods Luxury Bus Trip: Tuesday, March 21, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The \$35 fee per person includes a luxury coach bus, \$15 in bonus slot play, \$10 food voucher or free buffet. (The true cost is \$10). Tickets are now on sale; purchase by Feb. 16 to ensure a seat.

Memory Café: Monday, March 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m. The free café-like event is for individuals with memory challenges and their caregivers, families and friends. The café will be fun and engaging, facilitated by arts, movement, music and other presenters. This program is funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Disabilities. Residents from surrounding communities are welcome to attend. Call 978-623-8320 to register.

Monday Movie Matinee: Free movies are shown Mondays at 1 p.m., with popcorn and sodas available for purchase.

Mindfulness Meditation: Fridays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. by donation. Mindfulness is a modern, evidence-based way of increasing one's mental clarity, calm, happiness and health. Facilitated by Chip Carter. Preregistration requested.

Our Daily Bread: Warm meals served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50. Prior day registration is requested.

Current Events Discussion: The Townhouse hosts a coffee and conversation every weekday from 9 a.m. to noon. On Thursday is a special current events discussion. Join in this welcoming group to hash over the latest events of the day.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group: Meets on the second Thursday of the month, September through June, 1:30 to 3 p.m. This is an open group and

all are welcome. Call Kristine Arakelian, outreach coordinator, to confirm attendance or for more information.

Foot Care: Appointments are available on the third Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of every month (mail clipping only) for Andover residents. Limited to one appointment every other month. The fee is \$10. Call The Center to make an appointment on the first day of the month.

Bereavement Support Group: Learn new ways to carry on traditional ways of doing things and figure out how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotion. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Lois Marra, of Home Health VNA Hospice, will facilitate the group. Call to register.

Pain Management Support Group: This monthly group usually meets the second Monday of the month, from September through June, at 1:30 p.m. This intimate and confidential group is open to anyone who is dealing with chronic pain management issues. Gerry Rainville, RN, MSN, is the facilitator. Newcomers are always welcome. Call to be added to the list.

Wellness Clinics: Stop in for a blood pressure and weight check with trained nurses Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Get help with day-to-day health needs.

Brown Bag: The program is free to anyone 60 and over with an income of \$21,978 as a single person, \$29,637 for a couple, or on Mass Health, Chapter 115, food stamps, fuel assistance. This grocery bag is available on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Call Annmary or Kristine to sign up or to check eligibility.

Duplicate Bridge: Thursdays through May 11, 1 p.m. Learn how to play the game in a fun, informal setting. Intermediate bridge skills are required as well as partners; \$24.

Weekly classes are also offered in aerobics (seated to very vigorous), strength training, beginner and intermediate yoga, basic and performance tap dancing, beginning and intermediate tai chi as well as line dancing.

Letters to the Editor

Laura Gregory has the right set of skills for School Committee

Editor, Townsman:

The Andover Board of Selectmen is in dire need of fresh leadership and direction that will truly represent hard-working taxpaying families of our great American town. Laura brings a highly unique set of skills, talent and experience that hasn't been present on this board for decades.

The ability to carefully listen, actively engage and execute what matters most to taxpayers is a profound asset. Laura will enforce our established bylaws and make town department managers accountable to the people.

Laura Gregory – right set of skills, right experience, right for Andover!

ANDREW GORDON
15 Pine St.
Andover

Cemetery trustee: Dog ban was necessary

Editor, Townsman:

As one member of the Spring Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees, I am writing to clarify and respond to misinformation regarding our decision to ban dogs in the cemetery. One point, specifically — that our decision was “made without public input” — is simply not true.

On one of my frequent visits to the cemetery I met with one woman, walking her dog, who said she was part of a cemetery dog-walking group. I was not aware of such a group, nor, I found out, had this group ever made contact with the trustees. We discussed the trustees' consideration of a dog ban and the possibility of formally bringing members of the group to one of our meetings.

Contact was made by then Chairman Jack Bigelow, and a larger meeting space arranged to accommodate the dog walkers. We met, discussed our concerns, and the group left. Had the dog walkers opted to stay for the remainder of the public meeting, they would have been welcome.

At our first vote — 3 to 2 to continue to allow leashed dogs in the cemetery — we acknowledged that this issue would be revisited at a later date. We knew that there were still some issues to consider and that we were facing the expense of a new sign at the entrance to the cemetery. We wanted any potential dog information to be accurate.

In the meantime, all of us continued to study the general issues of banning dogs in cemeteries. These findings were shared at subsequent, public meetings. I researched the policies of cemeteries, both locally and across the country, finding out that a vast majority of public cemeteries had already issued dog bans.

But the deciding factor for me came one day in the summer when I was observing a walker — with a dog on a leash. The dog was allowed to go off the path and up to a grave marker and urinate. I can't tell you how appalled I was, with the lack of respect for the person in that grave. And it came to me: there was no way to meet my responsibility as a trustee unless I supported a total dog ban, given the mission statement that the trustees are bound to follow. Not only was it clearly a respect issue, but it was an issue for maintaining aging and fragile grave markers. And, unfortunately, no matter how well-intentioned a dog walker is, dogs will be dogs!

In August, I made the motion to reconsider our previous vote and moved to ban dogs completely. That motion passed 4-0 (with one of our members not in attendance).

We did not immediately put up signs. When the Town Manager became aware of the concerns of the dog walkers, we were

asked to meet at his office to discuss the situation. Our chairwoman, Sandra Dearborn, representing the trustees, was at that meeting that included Town Manager Flanagan, the assistant town manager, the police chief, dog walkers and others.

Following the meeting, Mr. Flanagan asked the trustees to hold off on posting signs until the Mass. General Laws on

town-owned cemeteries could be reviewed, and an opinion offered by town counsel.

The holidays happened, and it wasn't until our January meeting that Selectman Paul Salafia, liaison to the cemetery committee, was able to join the group. At that January meeting, the trustees unanimously confirmed their earlier vote to install the “no dogs allowed” sign at all cemetery entrances

and agreed to move forward with purchasing the new entrance sign.

I do understand some of the frustrations of dog walkers who have used the cemetery for a number of years. But incidents, awareness and education have changed the picture. I believe the trustees gave this issue due consideration, consulting both the public and town officials, and

that we would be remiss in our mission had the vote not been issued. I do hope that the public sees this action as not “anti-dog” but as “pro-cemetery.” And the Cemetery is what the Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees have been appointed to protect.

Sincerely,
GAIL RALSTON
Spring Grove Cemetery Trustee



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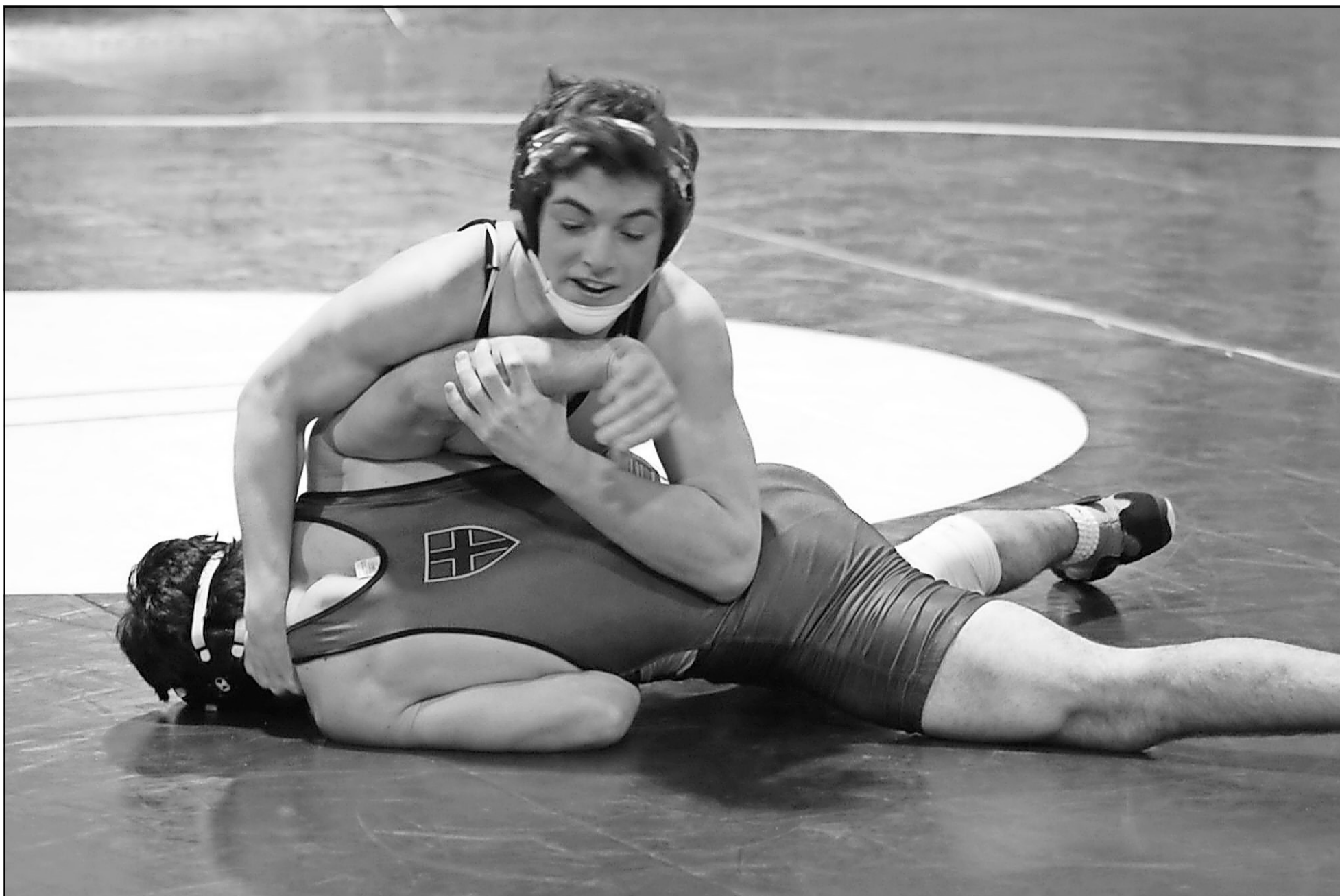
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Sports



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Andover junior Matt Meagher, trying to turn against Brooks, led an improving Golden Warrior team with a 28-11 record.

SLOW AND STEADY

Andover wrestling continues to work to build program

Takedowns

Dave Dyer

The winter of 2016-17 simply was not all that the Andover High wrestling team had hoped, coming off a promising 12-16-2 record last winter.

But the Golden Warriors head into the offseason with optimism, and it's not just thanks to the stand-out performances of Matt Meagher (28-11 this year), Payton Heidke (19-15) and Kevin Kiely (19-16), who

are all expected to be back next season.

According to coach Mike Bolduc, injuries were a major factor that derailed the Warriors this winter.

"The biggest thing was the injuries," said Bolduc. "We didn't have the depth (22 wrestlers to start the season) to overcome them. We had a good sophomore, Pat Fragala, who tore his labrum and our best freshman, Kelvin Davila, tore something in his hand and missed most of the season (finishing 9-2)."

"It's a little frustrating. I

think we were hoping to do better this year, but things just didn't work out. We're focusing on our youth program and getting the numbers up."

That's a good strategy but, while the numbers are promising among sixth and seventh graders, Bolduc admits that there are currently only "a handful" of eighth graders involved in the Andover Youth Services program.

For that reason, he doesn't necessarily disagree with the view of former Haverhill coach Brian

Urquhart.

"I was talking to him and he said you have to expect five or six years to build up a program to compete in the MVC," said Bolduc. "That's a long time. That might be accurate, but we hope to get it done sooner."

While waiting for the numbers to rise among incoming freshmen, Bolduc is hoping to recruit more football players and athletes from other sports and get his current wrestlers to put a little more time on the mat.

Last summer, several

Warriors participated in the summer Firepit club program in Lawrence and this year Bolduc hopes the number increases.

"I like it when guys do other sports but we need more experience on the mat," he said. "I'm not asking for a total commitment to wrestling but maybe just twice a week in addition to whatever other sport a kid is involved in."

"I'm also hoping to get some clinics going in the summer so kids get an idea of what wrestling is all about. And I'm going

to try a little harder to get football players out. We have some now and none of them are losing weight. I'll tell them I'll make them better football players."

It may take awhile, but the consensus is that under Bolduc, Andover will slowly rise, and it should be improved next year. Only one senior leaves the team.

"It's going to take us awhile in the MVC, but we'll be better next year," said Bolduc. "Outside the MVC, we're already with a lot of teams."

Bukowski takes gold, gymnastics wins North title

GYMNASTICS

Andover freshman **Paige Bukowski** enjoyed a career day at the North Sectional meet, setting school records in the vault and the floor to earn the all-around title while leading the Golden Warriors to the North championship on Saturday.

Andover edged out Central Catholic by the slimmest of margins, taking first with 142.475 points compared to Central Catholic's 141.925. Bukowski won the vault (9.675), beam (9.55) and floor (9.75).

Andover also got a terrific showing from senior **Kaitlyn McDonald**, who tied for second in the beam (9.4) and placed third in the bars (9.1).

Bukowski won the all-around (37.775), with McDonald in third (37.0).

Andover's **Paige Bukowski** showed she belonged among the best the state gymnastics scene has to offer, placing second in the all-around at the Massachusetts State Individual Championship last Monday.

Bukowski, a freshman, scored a 36.925, just off the pace of winner Julia Schaefer of Shrewsbury.

The only other local to score in the all-around was Andover's **Kaitlyn McDonald** in seventh (36.075).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Casey, Webber a dynamic duo

Andover point guard **Taylor Landry** may have the best job in basketball, distributing the ball to superstars **Alyssa Casey** and **Jillian Webber**.

"It's so easy," said Landry.

"They're amazing captains and teammates. They can finish the ball and get open so easily. It's amazing."

The dynamic duo dominated again in the Tuscan Brands Roundball Classic, as Casey (21 points) and Webber (19 points) helped the Warriors top archrival Central Catholic 60-56 last Sunday.

Landry chipped in with 10 points Sunday. She nailed a 3-pointer early in the fourth quarter, and converted a tough driving layup in traffic a few minutes later to tie the game at 54-54.

"I stole the ball, and I've been off on my layups this season so I was saying, 'I have to make this. I have to make this,'" said Landry. "There was no doubt in my mind I was going to take it to the hoop. It felt good."

Central (12-5) gave Andover all it could handle. But whether it was **Gia Bramanti** banking-in a 3-pointer for her only bucket of the game to break the 54-54 tie late in the fourth, or **Webber** and **Casey** making free throws down the stretch, the Warriors always had an answer.

"It's good to get challenged going into the state tournament," said coach **E.J. Perry III**. "I just told them that this was gut check time, and they passed with flying colors. I told them two or three tournament games are going to be like this, so we have to be ready."

Behind 21 points for **Jillian Webber**, Andover won the Tuscan Brands Roundball Classic with a 48-43 win over Cambridge last Monday. **Gia Bramanti** added 10 points and **Alyssa Casey** had 13 points for the winners.

After heartbreak, boys hockey ready for state tourney

By DAVID WILLIS
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The Andover High boys hockey team (13-5-2) was in the running for its first Super 8 berth in program history all the way through the selection meeting on Saturday morning.

But in the end, the Golden Warriors fell just short.

Andover was selected as the No. 11 team in the state by the committee, the first left out of the Super 8 play-in round. The Warriors were edged by perennial Super 8 power Catholic Memorial (14-4-2).

"We are disappointed in not making the Super 8," said Andover head coach **Chris Kuchar**. "Once again we were close, but were one slot shy. Some things are within your control and some things are not. In the case of the Super 8 it was a little of both for us this season. We'll end up being a top 4 seed in very open North draw."

Andover now turns its attention to the Division 1 North tournament. Those pairings were scheduled to be determined after Monday's Super 8 play-ins, with the losers possibly dropping into the Division 1 North tourney.

The Warriors' success starts with goalie **Zach Laramie**. The senior returning Eagle-Tribune All-Star finished the regular season with seven shutouts and a 1.24 goals-against average.

Andover's offense is led by **Caeden Dillman** (15 goals, 10 assists) and **Michael Reilly** (12-11-23).

"Like we've done all year, we'll go into every game with the mindset that we are prepared to win a hockey game against anyone," said Kuchar. "At



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

The play of goalie Zach Laramie is a main reason Andover nearly made the Super 8, and why the Golden Warriors are among the favorites in Division 1 North.

this point, it's up to us to perform and execute. There are no nights off and no margin for error."

Girls hoops ready for tourney revival

Nearly two years ago, Andover looked to be on the verge of something special.

The Golden Warriors had advanced all the way to the TD Garden and the Division 1 state semifinals, before falling to powerhouse state champ Braintree. And the Warriors were led there by a pair of emerging sophomore superstars in **Alyssa Casey** and **Jillian Webber**.

Surely a team with two dynamic, 6-foot scorers would be back in state title contention next year right? But such was not the case.

Last season, Casey only played two games thanks to a season-ending injury, and Andover suffered as a result. The Warriors limped

to a 5-15 season, missing the tournament for just the second time in 29 years.

It was a season of disappointment that stuck with the team.

"Last season wasn't very good," said sophomore guard **Gia Bramanti** after a first round victory in the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic back in December. "But we're trying to prove that we're back and better than ever."

Boy have they ever.

Andover (19-1) earned the No. 1 seed and the lone bye in the Division 1 North tourney, and will face the winner of Masconomet vs. Everett on its home court Friday at 7 p.m.

Andover lost its first game of this season to Newton South, but the Warriors haven't lost since — ripping off 19 straight wins. And the Warriors played the first six games of the year without Webber, who was out with a shoulder injury.

But Webber returned in early January and the Warriors have been on fire since.

Casey (21.2 ppg) has been the wire-to-wire scoring leader in the area this season, and ever since her return Webber (15.0 ppg) has been slowly catching up. Just as important, Andover's two stars are together again, and they are dominating. Throw in the sharp shooting **Bramanti** (8.3 ppg, 30 3s), sophomore facilitator **Taylor Landry** (6.8 ppg) and freshman sparkplug **Shea Krekorian**, and the Warriors have a starting-five that can match anyone in the state.

Boys face Methuen

Andover boys hoops (12-8) was scheduled to face **Methuen** (14-8) on Monday in the Division 1 North first round.

Kyle Gaudette contributed to this report

All Those Years Ago

By SUSAN MCKELLIGET
Andover Historical Society

100 Years Ago March 2, 1917

Friday, Feb. 23, a sleighing party of 24, from the Baldpate, Georgetown, were entertained at the Corner Cupboard, Wilson's Corner. Lunch was served and a pleasant hour passed. The occasion was a very enjoyable one.

The grocery stores of T.A. Holt Co., Smith and Manning, J.H. Campion and P.J. Daly will close Monday from noon until 5 p.m. in order to allow the clerks to attend town meeting.

Dr. Edward Robie of Greenland, N.H., the oldest living graduate of the Andover Theological seminary,

entered upon his 65th year of service in the Congregational Church in Greenland this week. Dr. Robie is the oldest clergy-man in the world.

75 Years Ago March 5, 1942

Andover had an exciting two hours Tuesday night after one of the quietest elections it has seen in several decades. Five precincts had been reported at 9:30, giving clear pluralities in all contests except the Board of Public Works. At that time, the standing for the two vacancies was: Fred W. Doyle, 1308; George R. Cairns, 922; Jesse Bottomley, 903. Roy E. Hardy was re-elected selectman with a margin of 763 votes over his opponent, P. Leroy Wilson.

Surgical dressings to be used by our armed forces in the battle areas are now being made at the John Dove school by Red Cross volunteer workers. Workers are needed imperatively for the Red Cross program, and all local women are urged to co-operate.

Shure and begorra, as the Irish never say, ye might think of many and many a more unpleasant way to spend St. Patrick's day this year than at the annual entertainment put on by the pupils of St. Augustine's school in the Memorial Auditorium.

An illustrated talk on American funny papers is to be given Sunday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock in connection with the exhibits of cartoons by Walt Disney and Francis

Dahl of the Boston Herald, currently at the Addison Gallery.

50 Years Ago March 3, 1967

Andover has ahead of it a long period of school expansion which will create the need for extensive teacher recruitment. "Recruiting teachers is a major problem in the school system. We will have 51 new teaching positions to fill for September along with the usual replacements," said William A. Doherty.

Mrs. Walter (Dorothy) Partridge, assistant principal at Andover Junior High School since 1959 has been named acting principal for the East Junior High School which will be created in the fall

when the junior high population is split between the JH building and the present senior high school.

Converse Rubber Co., which operates the former Tyler Rubber plant in Andover, has formed a new footwear manufacturing company in Presque Isle, Maine. Converse is the nation's third largest producer of athletic and casual canvas foot-wear.

25 Years Ago Feb. 27, 1992

Three New York men were arrested at gunpoint just outside Elm Square Monday afternoon shortly after they allegedly pushed a fourth man from a car on Reservation road They allegedly beat him before pushing him from the car in an effort to recover

drug money according to Andover police.

The town's Patriotic Committee wants voters at Town Meeting Monday April 13, to allocate money to fund initial construction of a veterans' memorial on the green at Elm Square. Article 22 if passed, would transfer \$33,000 which is already an ear-marked account for veterans, to begin the memorial, said John Doherty, 69 Carmel Road, a member of the town committee.

The Board of Selectmen told the School Committee Monday night it would like to help ease elementary school overcrowding by relocating the Senior Center so that a 450-student central elementary school can be put in its place.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

21 Buttonwood Drive: Patrick B. and Grace E. Maraghy to Michael H. Chen, \$1,680,000
73-75 Chestnut St., Unit 1: Douglas J. Ahern and Janet L. Mitchell to Matthew P. and Patricia A. McCafferty, \$325,000

543 Lowell St.: 543 Lowell RT and Patricia A. Pierro to MC Sweeney Development, \$300,000

1 Powder Mill Square, Unit 209: Salvatore and Nina F. Dagostino to Anne Doyle, \$315,000

22 Railroad St., Unit 404: Michael B. Feinman and Carol Finkelstein to Michael B. Feinman, \$125,000

Warm up to winter with BoomerVenture

BoomerVenture has a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of the broadest possible range of Andover's 50-plus residents. Here are some of the offerings in store for the campus at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover:

Exercise and Wellness Belly Dancing: Thursdays

through May 11, 6 p.m. Learn basic moves from fast and fiery to slow and smooth set to a fantastic mix of world music. Improve flexibility and self-confidence while having fun. Suitable for women of all body types and fitness levels; \$78.

Serenity Yoga: Thursdays through May 11, 7:15 p.m.

Active, calming practice of flowing postures with 15 minutes of meditation. Beginners are always welcome. Instructor Sheila Wescott combines the traits of gentleness, spirituality and a genuine "teacher's heart"; \$78.

Energize with Exercise: Mondays through May 8, 3:30 p.m. Join Denise Boucher,

instructor, for a fun aerobics and weight training workout; \$55.

Serenity Yoga Flow: Tuesdays through May 9, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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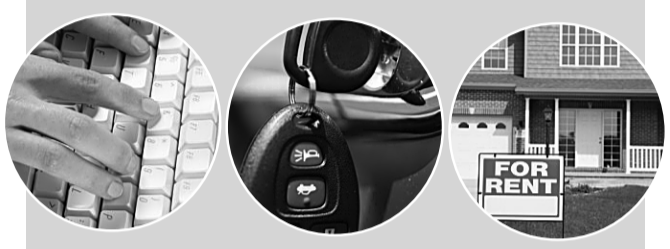
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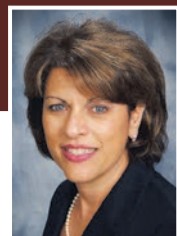
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Cooler	Partly sunny; colder	Partly sunny; colder	Not as cold	Partly sunny; milder	Morning rain	Cooler with some sun
High: 51° Low: 23°	High: 38° Low: 14°	High: 26° Low: 11°	High: 37° Low: 30°	High: 48° Low: 34°	High: 49° Low: 32°	High: 46° Low: 29°



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MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEENS

There's a ton of fun in store for teens at MHL.

Practice ACT and SAT exam sessions for teens

Students can take a free practice ACT exam on Saturday, March 18, and a free practice SAT exam on Saturday, March 25, courtesy of Sylvan Learning. Both sessions will run from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Students must bring a No. 2 pencil and a calculator (that is not a phone). Results will be given at follow-up seminars

on Tuesday, March 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. for the ACT exam, and Tuesday, March 28, from 6 to 7 p.m. for the SAT exam.

Registration is required and space is limited. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430.

Calling teen poets

Students in grades six through 12 are invited to submit up to three poems for the 2017 MHL Teen Poetry Contest.

Submissions will be

accepted beginning 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15 through 9 a.m. on Friday, March 31. Poems can be submitted online at www.poetry.mhl.org.

Students don't have to be Andover residents to participate. Prizes will be awarded for the top three poems in the middle school and high school categories, as well as Honorable Mentions and Teens' Choice Awards. A poetry reception will be held on

Wednesday, May 3, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Contact Renata or Anna at 978-623-8432 or ya@mhl.org if there are questions.

Other upcoming events at the library include:

Giant Coloring: Thursday, March 2, 5:30 p.m.

Free Form Fridays: March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2:15 to 4:30 p.m.

DIY Duct Tape Phone Wallet: Monday, March 6, 3 p.m.

Teen Movie Nights: Tuesday, March 7, 21 and 28, 6 p.m.

Earbud Décor: Wednesday, March 8, 3:30 p.m.

Deconstruct a Computer: Thursday, March 9, 3 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Mondays, March 13 and 27, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

DIY Pot of Gold: Thursday, March 16, 3 p.m.

Destroy a Book – Create Black-out Poetry: Monday, March 20, 3 p.m.

Flower Crown DIY: Wednesday, March 22, 3:30 p.m.

Flower Crown DIY Random Fan-dom – Beauty and the Beast:

Tuesday, March 28, 3 p.m.

All programs and activities are at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. MHL events are for teens in grades six through 12. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information. Teens can also check out the blog for news, events and other fun stuff at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram @mhlteenroom.

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