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Blumstein, Gregory win town election

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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The results are in: Joel Blumstein will keep his seat on the School Committee, and Laura Gregory will take her newly earned spot on the Board of Selectmen.

Gregory was elected over incumbent Mary O'Donoghue after a contentious campaign that intensified leading up to election day. Blumstein kept his seat over challenger Bob Pokress, who also ran in last year's School Committee race but lost.

Of the town's 24,326 registered voters, just 3,821

turned out Tuesday, a 15.7 percent turnout. Blumstein received 56 percent of the School Committee vote, while Gregory received 52.5 percent of the selectman vote.



Joel Blumstein

Gregory held a gathering at Palmers Restaurant on Elm Street, some of her supporters in attendance including members of the local firefighters union.

O'Donoghue invited supporters to Salvatore's on

Town Moderator	2,904 votes	
Sheila M. Doherty	2,904 votes	
Board of Selectmen		
Mary T. O'Donoghue	1,792 votes	47.5 percent
Laura M. Gregory	1,987 votes	52.5 percent
School Committee		
Joel G. Blumstein	2,112 votes	56 percent
Bob Pokress	1,658 votes	44 percent
Trustees of the Punchard Free School		
Donald F. Schroeder	2,093 votes	
Cynthia J. Milne	2,053 votes	

Park Street. Those who turned out included Finance Committee members, and Selectmen Paul Salafia and Alex Vispoli.

Pokress was joined by a handful of supporters Tuesday night at Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant on Main Street, including Selectman Bob Landry and School Committee member Ted Teichert.

Blumstein was at an undisclosed private location.

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo.

Andover selectmen candidate Laura Gregory is congratulated by her husband, Nikolas, while her supporters applaud during the victory party at Palmers restaurant. Gregory defeated incumbent Mary O'Donoghue in Tuesday's election.



Courtesy photos

Sophie Uluatam presents her research on the dangers of herbicides and possible alternatives to the Andover Conservation Commission on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Local teen schools ConCom on herbicide use

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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Through extensive research, an Andover High School student determined that chemical herbicides are, in fact, hazardous to both human and aquatic health, and pleaded with the town's Conservation Commission to consider non-chemical alternatives.

Sophie Uluatam, a senior, participated in the high school's Environmental Sustainability Internship Course and chose to research the effects of chemical herbicides used for invasive management in aquatic settings, using Field Pond and Harold Parker Forest as her case studies.

"Her research was stellar," said Uluatam's mentor, Conservation Commission

member Ellen Townsen. "She researched and then educated (the commission) on the latest options for non-chemical management that are proving to be successful in places similar to Field Pond."

Uluatam presented a 13-page report to the commission: 9 pages focused on her alternative suggestions and 3-1/2 pages of works cited 40 sources she studied to compile her report.

Non-chemical alternatives

The problem, Uluatam explained, is that Field Pond has "become overrun with invasive aquatic species, especially the plants Fanwort and Milfoil." The Conservation Commission, aware of the problem, voted unanimously to approve the Massachusetts Department

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State biologist Jim Straub points at fanwort, a plant species with no natural predators, which has flourished in Field Pond, taking over boating, swimming and fishing areas.

More lead found in school water

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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After Andover Public Schools announced last month that lead and copper had been found in water at two schools, the district has made a concerted effort to address and eliminate any water contamination.

Of the seven sites testing positive for lead or copper, all but one have since been restored to acceptable standards, Superintendent Sheldon Berman said in a press release last Thursday.

Officials have "removed several outdated and broken water fixtures from West Elementary School and Shawsheen Preschool after elevated lead levels were found in fixtures at West Elementary and elevated copper was found in a fixture at Shawsheen," the press release stated.

In addition to removing the faulty fixtures, Berman said filters are being installed on five water fountains at West Elementary. "Aggressive" follow-up testing was conducted Tuesday, March 21, the press release states, on all fixtures at the West Elementary School. The results are due in April.

"Even though the old fountains were found to be below the state limits for lead, school officials believe that the filters will further increase the purity and safety of the water, while offering peace of mind," the press release states.

However, one site continues to test positive for lead. Although the fixture was removed and new fixture installed in room C12 at West Elementary, it continued to show elevated levels of lead, the press release stated. Even the plumbing and copper pipes feeding the fixture were replaced "and the lead levels actually rose."

Berman said the fixtures is now "off-limits" for use and the town's Plant and Facilities department is investigating possible causes. According to the press release, the school department does not believe there is any risk to the health or safety of students, faculty, or staff.

The School Committee recently voted to renovate or rebuild West Elementary, hopefully with the help of the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The district will soon submit a statement of interest for help with the project, and Berman said the water quality reports showing increased levels of lead will be included with the proposal.

"While the Andover Public Schools will do everything it can today to ensure the safety of our students and the purity of the water that is used for drinking, cooking, and cleaning, we acknowledge that the West Elementary School building is nearing the end of its service life," Berman said.

The press release also clarifies that the high levels of lead and copper "are not coming from the town's water supply, but rather they are directly correlated to the age and lack of use of the fixtures themselves."

All families and staff were notified of the findings through the district's Connect5 email notification system. Berman said the schools will also hold a public forum for parents, which will include representatives from the schools, facilities, Health Division, and Public Works Department. A date for the forum as yet to be determined.

Anyone with questions or concerns may call Superintendent Berman's Office at 978-247-7010.

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Andover 13-year-old headed to national chess tournament

By REENA KARASIN
Townsman Correspondent

Carissa Yip learned chess by playing with her father, moving her first pawn when she was in kindergarten. Now, at just 13, she is bound for the U.S. Women's Championships in St. Louis, which runs through April.

Carissa, an Andover resident and 8th grade student at Doherty Middle School, has gotten to travel the country and the world thanks to her skills. She represented the United States at the World Youth Competition for three years, traveling to Slovenia, the United Arab Emirates and Greece.

But Carissa's favorite part of chess? That it's hard.

"Chess is really challenging. Every time you play a game it's something new, you can't have the same game over and over again. Every time I play a game of chess I learn something," Carissa said in an interview at her family's home in Andover.

And in a game dominated by men — there are 20 boys for every one girl in scholastic competitions, according to Carissa's coach — Carissa is making waves.

"Historically, the gap has been huge, and it has been narrowing down lately. Carissa is really at the forefront of this. She might be the sign of things to come, of the day when girls and boys will be thought of as equal," Denys Shmelov, Carissa's coach, said.



Carissa Yip, 13, of Andover, learned how to play chess from her father.

Carissa will be the youngest competitor at this year's U.S. Women's Championships, playing against people up to

almost three times her age. The tournament includes 12 players who will play 11

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CONCOM: Intern researches dangers of herbicides

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of Conservation and Recreation's suggestion to use two herbicides to rid the pond of the invasive plants. Uluatam explained that the chemical herbicides "pose threats to the health of those who drink water from wells abutting Field Pond, as well as those who use Field Pond for recreation."

In her report, Uluatam referenced a 2015 report from the American Academy of Pediatrics that detailed 16 studies that "link residential use of herbicides to cancer." Diquat, one of the herbicides used in Field Pond, has also been associated with at least one of the following: "cancer, reproductive problems, nervous system problems, ground water contamination, and high acute toxicity," her report explains.

While Uluatam does acknowledge that "no sources advise against using (these herbicides)," she encouraged the commission to follow the "precautionary principle of environmental science, which states that when a hazard is plausible but not yet certain, we should reduce."

Uluatam hopes her research can offer the commission some alternatives that don't pose the health risks she discovered through her research.

Of the several non-chemical alternatives Uluatam suggested, mechanical harvesting, in her opinion, "seems to be one of the most realistic non-chemical treatment methods."

"In mechanical harvesting, large machines cut and remove aquatic plants from the pond and deposit them at designated dumping



Merrimack College students helped clear invasive weeds from parts of Field Pond last year.

sites," she wrote. "Harvesting machines can be used to target specific parts of the pond and specific plants."

While the environment is not damaged through this process, she admits that it is "costly compared to other treatment methods," with independent contractors charging \$300 to \$500 per acre, or the machine itself costing anywhere between \$35,000 and \$110,000.

Another alternative Uluatam proposed was the introduction of herbivorous organisms to target the invasive plants.

"Specifically, Grass Carp are often used to target Fanwort in New England ponds, while the Milfoil Weevil, an herbivorous insect, can be used to target Milfoil," she wrote.

While this option would be much less costly, ranging from \$35 to \$300 per acre, it would require that Field Pond be "strictly monitored in order to ensure that the ecosystem does not become unstable."

Ensuring safety

Uluatam proposed a number of other possible solutions, including using non-chemical dyes to make the water color darker in order to prohibit the invasive plants from growing, or dredging and deepening the lake.

While she understands the time, effort, and money that would be required to implement any of her proposed alternatives, Uluatam said the town's safety should outweigh any of the possible prohibitions.

"Even if the alternatives I have proposed are not feasible for Field Pond, I strongly advise that the town avoid using herbicides in order to ensure the safety of all Andover residents," her report states.

Townsen, a member of the Conservation Commission, said that while the use of herbicides is allowed under Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environmental Protection regulations, she believes Uluatam's

research is still of importance to the commission.

"Although the DEP and EPA currently regulate and allow the use of these herbicides, they are in the midst of reevaluating their safety," Townsen said. "Until the time comes when they change their position, the Conservation Commission is obligated to allow the use of those herbicides at Field Pond. However, Sophie's research and presentation helped us prepare for the time when more sustainable options will take precedent."

In the fall, Uluatam plans to attend college. Although she will be leaving Andover, she's already left a lasting impression on at least one of its influential residents.

"The students from the ESIC made fantastic contributions to the town this year," Townsen said. "I am honored to have been a mentor to a young woman who is going to use her passion and commitment to make positive changes in the world someday soon."



Carissa Yip, 13, of Andover, learned how to play chess from her father. They started playing together when she was in kindergarten.

CHESS: Yip, one of few female chess players

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says, and is also propelled by her competitiveness.

"When you play against someone who's stronger than yourself, it's not uncommon to mentally prepare to lose. She doesn't have that mindset," Shmelov said.

Carissa has to balance practicing with the things any other eighth-grader does, including significant homework. She practices chess for an hour or two each day after school and often more on weekends, sometimes doing exercises on her computer and sometimes playing with her father, who learned chess when she did and says it can be hard to keep up with her.

"She's a lot better than me," Percy Yip said.

The friends she's made at chess tournaments, whom she often competes with or against, help make balancing her social life and her chess playing a bit easier and have been part of some of her favorite chess memories.

"Last year, after the U.S. Women's Championship, we just watched Law & Order and played blitz chess until midnight," she said.

When asked how she'd spend the tournament's \$100,000 prize if she won, Carissa responded that she'd probably save it for college tuition.

rounds over the course of two weeks. The winner will take home \$100,000.

While the competition often tries to invite younger women to participate, Carissa still stands out from the pack. "Having young players like this isn't unheard of, but it's pretty rare that someone as good as Carissa is coming up the ranks, especially at only 13 years old," said Tony Rich, executive director of Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis, which hosts the tournament.

This will be Carissa's second time at the championships. She said that she hopes to improve on last year's performance by a few wins.

Carissa and Shmelov have been preparing to play against the 11 other competitors, studying their styles and practicing opening strategies. Carissa also prepares by going over games she's already played and analyzing how she could have done better.

Shmelov explained that most chess players have one quality in common: they all view the world in a different way than most people do, which allows them to make conclusions that others can't. Carissa has this ability, he

Spring ahead 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:

Special Interest Living Healthy Series: Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Come to one or all of these cutting-edge presentations by local experts in each field. Here's the lineup: "Women's Health Month: Incontinence — Common Causes and Solutions," March 30; "Non-pharmaceutical Approaches to Pain Management," April 6; "Hand Pain, Carpal Tunnel and Osteoarthritis," April 13; "Joint Replacements and Robotics," April

20; "Pain Management: General and Back," April 27; "Shoulder Pain," May 4; and "One Hit Wonder" panel discussion with Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, May 11. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the presentation at 6 p.m.; \$5 suggested donation. Call 978-623-8320 to preregister.

Films Screening Room: Award-winning, independent films are shown every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Seating and snacks start at 6 p.m.

Exercise and Wellness Nordic Walking: Wednesdays, April 19 to June 14, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Hike the Avis trails for a cardio-vascular upper and lower body workout. Poles will be provided. Get outside and

enjoy the weather; \$49.50.

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.

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.

Reflexology with Uli Kapp: Thursdays beginning at 6 p.m., by advance appointment only; \$1 per minute, in 15-minute intervals. Kapp will massage pressure points that correlate to Qi in the body, offering a refreshing, healing therapy for hands or feet. Must register by the day before to hold a spot.

Everyday Mindfulness with Chip Carter: Fridays, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Connect mindfulness with one's "everyday life" in a very real and practical way; \$5.

All events are held at The Center at Punchard and are open to the community. Space is limited and registration is required.

The Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 978-623-8320 for information or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org for complete listings. Registration can now be completed online as well.

Andover man sentenced for tax, union-fee evasion

STAFF REPORT

BOSTON — The owner of an asbestos abatement and demolition services company was sentenced Friday in U.S. District Court in Boston for paying employees in cash in order to avoid paying union benefits and employment taxes.

Ronald P. Mulcahey, 53, of Andover, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns to one year and one day in prison, one year of supervised release and ordered to pay \$266,983 in restitution.

In October 2016, Mulcahey pleaded guilty to making false statements in documents submitted to benefit plans subject to the provisions of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974

(ERISA) and tax evasion, according to a press release.

Mulcahey was the owner and sole corporate officer of Wing Inc. Specialty Trades, EWT-Fireproofing, Inc., and Wing Environmental Inc. Wing Environmental provided asbestos abatement and demolition services. The company had a collective bargaining agreement with Laborer's International Union of North America, Local 1421, according to a press release.

As a union employer, Wing Environmental was required to accurately report to the union benefit funds the number of hours worked by its union employees and to make the corresponding contributions to the funds. Between January 2008 and June 2011, "Mulcahey engaged in a scheme through Wing Environmental to defraud the union benefit funds by paying some of the union employees in cash," according to the release.

By keeping the cash payments off-the-books, Mulcahey and Wing Environmental falsely under-reported the union workers' hours in order to avoid making the required hourly payments to the benefit funds, the press release stated. Union benefit funds are used to provide healthcare, pensions and other services to union members.

Wing Specialty Trades and EWT-Fireproofing were non-union companies that provided asbestos abatement, demolition and fireproofing services. All of Mulcahey's companies were required by federal tax law to accurately report their total payments to employees and to withhold and pay the IRS the applicable employment and income taxes.

"Between January 2008 and June 2011, Mulcahey defrauded the IRS by paying certain employees of all three of his companies in cash," according to the press release. "By keeping the cash payments off-the-books, Mulcahey falsely underreported his workers' wages to the IRS and avoided paying employment taxes on the unreported wages."

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ELECTION: 15 percent of voters choose selectman, school committee members

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'Kind of in shock'
Gregory said she was thankful to the people behind her campaign, without whom she said she couldn't have gotten elected.

"I think, quite frankly, it's a very sad day for Andover."

Mary O'Donoghue
Mary O'Donoghue, 49, has lived in Andover for 15 years with her husband Nikolas. She has two daughters who attend Andover High School.

She said she is looking forward to "doing things for the community and figuring out how to best serve this town."

When asked which issues she hopes to tackle first, she replied: "Can't talk about that tonight. We'll see."

Just a block away at Salvatore's, O'Donoghue reflected on what she called a "very, very, very dirty campaign."

"The machine behind my opponent, which was fueled by Sen. Barbara L'Italien, basically got out the school vote, which decided the election," she said. "I'm very proud that I ran a very clean campaign: I stayed above the fray, I talked about the issues, I talked about what was important to the community."

O'Donoghue, 61, a local realtor and former high school teacher, has lived in Andover for 28 years with her husband Geoff. She has two adult children who both went through Andover Public Schools. O'Donoghue served one, three-year term on the Board of Selectmen, last year serving as chairman.

"I think, quite frankly, it's a very sad day for Andover," she concluded.

Now, O'Donoghue said she looks forward "to spending time with my wonderful husband," as well as more time on her realty business.

'Support for our schools'

On Main Street, Pokress stood surrounded by supporters sharing thoughts about the campaign and the future of Andover and its schools.

Pokress, 69, has lived in Andover for 32 years with his wife, Susan. He has two grown children, one of whom graduated from Andover High School. Pokress is a retired U.S. Coast Guardsman and mathematician.

His campaign centered on restoring "rigor" to Andover Public Schools and opening lines of communication even further in order to know what the problems are that need to be solved.

He was humble in losing, wishing his opponent well and sharing his hopes that the issues discussed during the campaign would come to the top of the committee's list of priorities.

"I'm delighted that we had the opportunity to have four public debates where all of the issues and problems that need to be addressed by the School Committee could be discussed publicly," Pokress said. "These issues need to be addressed no matter which of us had won the election."

Blumstein, 64, has lived in Andover for 21 years with his wife Judy and two daughters: one a college sophomore and one a senior at Andover High School. Blumstein is a former attorney for the Environmental Protection Agency and this will be his second three-year term on the School Committee. He is the most recent chairman of the committee.

In a text message, Blumstein said: "I am thrilled and am so grateful to all the people who supported me in this campaign. The results send a very strong message about this community's support for our schools."

Pokress also said that he trusts that Blumstein "will devote his energies ... so that the reputation and quality of education can be



Andover selectmen incumbent, Mary O'Donoghue, greets selectman Paul Salafia at her party. Challenger Laura Gregory defeated O'Donoghue in Tuesday's election.



Andover selectmen candidate Laura Gregory, right, is congratulated by Rosemary Halloran as she enters her victory party at Palmers Restaurant Tuesday night. Gregory defeated incumbent Mary O'Donoghue in Tuesday's election.

restored" in Andover. As for future elections, Pokress smiled and said he thinks it's time for the next generation of Andover parents to get involved in local government.

Sheila Doherty was also elected Town Moderator and ran unopposed. There were two open seats on the Trustees of the Punchard Free School, going to Donald F. Schroeder and Cynthia J. Milne, the only two candidates.



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Lawrence General Hospital patient and Haverhill resident, Mike Shea

As a food pantry coordinator, Mike Shea never lost his compassion for his neighbors, but his knee pain had restricted his ability to do the job he loves. He chose Lawrence General's Joint Program for his knee replacement and was impressed with how the Joints in Motion class and program staff supported him throughout his surgery and recovery. "I knew what to expect, who was taking care of me, and was confident that they would get me pain free and back to serving our guests."

To learn more about Mike's journey or to sign up for a free noontime Hip and Knee Pain public education session on April 26th at Andover Country Club, visit lawrencegeneral.org/joints or call 978-946-8122.



Education

Three Andover hopefuls move on to state Geography Bee

Gabriella Cruz



Students from Andover High School's BioBuilder Club traveled to Cambridge at the beginning of the month to meet with 34 other BioBuilder clubs from around the world at the BioBuilder Final Assembly.

Wrapping up its first year, the Andover High School BioBuilder Club has nine members who "use synthetic biology to develop novel biotechnologies," according to the release. High school teams around the world combine engineering practices and scientific

know-how to design, build, and test their own project ideas.

BioBuilderClub is an organization run by Dr. Natalie Kuldell from MIT, a Professor of Biological Engineering and the Founder and President of the BioBuilder Educational Foundation. She and her team "lead workshops that teachers can attend over the summer, where teachers learn how to bring the newest ideas in biological engineering into the classroom," according to a press release.

At the event, teams presented their biological engineering designs, ranging from pesticide breakdown and turning saltwater into freshwater, to biological breathalyzers and rewriting antibiotic resistance using new DNA editing

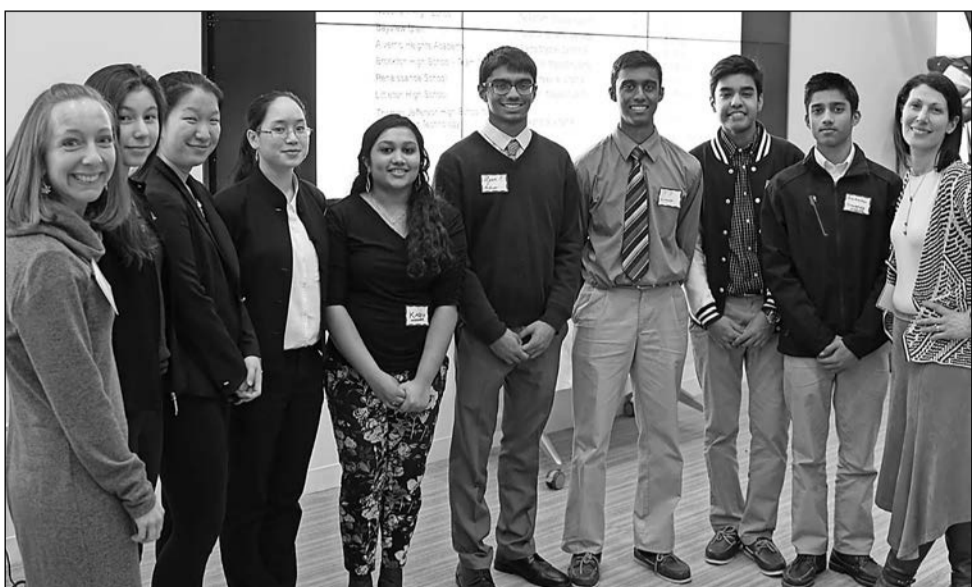
technology. The Andover High School club has met weekly since September to learn about synthetic biology and develop their ideas for a biotechnology that could change the world.

"My favorite part about the club is that it allows us to work more independently than we usually get to in a classroom," said Kaby Maheswaran, a junior at AHS. "I like being able to create our own designs."

For more information, visit www.biobuilderclub.org

StormTracker visit

Fox25 StormTracker meteorologist Jason Brewer visited the Andover School of Montessori last Wednesday and spoke with students about the weather and what it's like to be on TV.



Courtesy photo

AHS BioBuilders presented their biological designs at the BioBuilder Final Assembly at LabCentral in Cambridge on March 9. The presenters are, from left, Lindsey L'Ecuyer, Rachel Hsu, Cathy Cheng, Hannah Shell, Kaby Maheswaran, Ayan Chowdhury, T.J. Jayasinghe, Aryaman Malliwal, Anuraag Nagaraja and Dr. Natalie Kuldell. Not pictured is Adiba Ubaidu.

The news station, in conjunction with the Anton's Cleaners, hosted Coats For Kids School Collection Drive over the winter, with the school collecting the most coats receiving a visit from Brewer and the StormTracker team. Andover School of Montessori won

the contest with 237 coats collected.

Geography bee

Three Andover eighth graders will compete against 100 of the state's geography whizzes, grades four through eight, Friday for the state level of the annual National Geographic Bee.

Eighth graders Alan Svendsen, from Doherty Middle School, Zachary Moynihan, from St. Augustine School, and Jacob Brezner from West Middle

School will all travel to Elms College in Chicopee for the state championship.

The Geography Bee requires students to answer questions about physical, human, cultural and environmental geography around the world.

The winner of the state title will receive a slew of prizes, including a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent Massachusetts in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters in May.

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Former Hudson educator new assistant principal at Andover High School

STAFF REPORT

Andover High School is adding a new administrator for the 2017-2018 school year. Scott Darlington has been serving as an interim assistant principal since August 2016, according to a press release, and prior to coming to Andover, worked at Hudson High School in Hudson.

In Hudson, Darlington worked as the career pathway specialist, media teacher,

and cable TV access director. Before that, he "filmed and edited video research with BBN Technologies for the National Science Foundation," according to the release.

"(Scott) brings a strong work ethic and energy to this role," the press release stated. "(His) educational philosophy centers on creating connections with all stakeholders within the AHS school community."

AHS Principal Phil Conrad said Darlington's "ability to connect and collaborate is aligned with the goals for the school and district."

For more than 20 years, Darlington has been in the field of education as a teacher, coach, advisor, and administrator.

"I am excited to be a permanent member of the administrative team at Andover High School," Darlington said. "I am looking forward to continuing my work with the students, teachers, and parents."

Jason DiCarlo to lead Sanborn Elementary

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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Superintendent Sheldon Berman announced that the district has hired a new principal to fill the shoes of departing Principal Patty Barrett, effective July 1.

Jason DiCarlo, currently serving as principal of Charlotte M. Murkland School in Lowell, will take over for the 2017-2018 school year. DiCarlo comes with a decade of experience as principal under his belt, as well as five years as a third- and fourth-grade teacher at Joseph A. McAvinnue School in

Lowell.

"He has a remarkably strong reputation for making a difference in his community and I am excited to have him come on board with us," Superintendent Sheldon Berman said.



Jason DiCarlo

DiCarlo's leadership as principal, the Sanborn community will continue to grow and thrive."

Berman introduced DiCarlo at a School Committee meeting last Thursday night, where he explained that the Murkland School had a Level 4 rating before DiCarlo's time there, meaning it was a "persistently low-achieving school," Berman said.

Now, the school touts a Level 1 rating, an outcome Berman called "remarkable."

"This is somebody who

could not only be a member of our team, but he could be helpful in moving all of us forward and helping us all learn," Berman said.

The opening at Sanborn received 30 applicants all of whom went through a screening committee made up of Sanborn teachers and parents. An administrative screening committee then reviewed the finalists, and ultimately selected DiCarlo. "DiCarlo's educational philosophy centers on open communication and collaboration, which aligns perfectly with the goals for the district," according to a press release. "His vision of academic excellence, innovation and the importance of a culture that thrives on relationship building and collaboration are well documented through his leadership experience in Lowell."

DiCarlo received a Bachelor of Educational Studies and a Master's in Education, both from Salem State College.

"I am looking forward to working with the Sanborn Elementary School community of students, staff, and parents and am thrilled to be coming to Andover," DiCarlo said in a press release. "I can also grow by being here as well, and look forward to working with the amazing group of people that make up the team here," he said Thursday night.

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Opinion

Slashing Meals on Wheels a disgrace

Of all the programs targeted for cutbacks in next year's federal budget, Meals on Wheels is the most puzzling.

The administration wants to eliminate a \$3 billion block grant program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and slash the Health and Human Services budget by 16 percent. Both agencies provide federal funding for Meals on Wheels.

The White House budget director, Mick Mulvaney, insists the program "isn't showing any results." He says he can't defend "programs that don't work."

What, exactly, isn't working?

Meals are successfully delivered to 2.4 million Americans a year - including 500,000 veterans - and provide a nutritional lifeline that helps keep people healthy. Thousands of seniors on the North Shore, Cape Ann and the Merrimack Valley receive free meals, delivered to their homes, when they are unable to do their own shopping and cooking. Sometimes the service is provided for a short period, such as after a surgery or hospitalization. Sometimes it becomes a permanent service for frail elders.

But the meals do so much more. Talk to any delivery person — some are volunteers, some are paid — and you'll hear stories of the day they knocked on a door to discover someone who'd fallen and was lying on the floor, or someone who had a medical issue and needed immediate assistance. For many older people, particularly those who live alone, the Meals on Wheels driver may be the only other person they see that day.

As Scott Trenti, director of Senior Care in Gloucester, explained, "It's not just a meal, but a wellness check."

A pilot study funded by the AARP Foundation, and conducted by Brown University, found that seniors who got daily meal deliveries had a reduced rate of falls, decreased anxiety, improvement in feelings of isolation and loneliness, and a decrease in worries about being able to remain in their own homes.

The cost to do this for one senior citizen for a full year, as Congressman Seth Moulton has pointed out, is less than the cost of one day in the hospital.

Most of the money doesn't come from the federal government; the program draws on a combination of resources including state and local government funding and donations. Meals on Wheels probably won't go away if the Trump budget proposal is approved, but local administrators say it will hurt.

It could be "devastating," according to Paul Lanzikos, of North Shore Elder Services, given that "federal funding is already tight. We haven't seen an increase in 20 years." Just how much of the cutting will affect Meals on Wheels is still uncertain.

What is certain is that this is a worthwhile program, providing not just meals but peace of mind to vulnerable older people, and to their families. North Shore Elder Services alone provides 800 meals a day in Salem, Peabody, Danvers, Marblehead and Middleton. Agencies on Cape Ann and the Merrimack Valley provide thousands more.

It's a program that Americans can feel good about, one that reaches out to home-bound elders and tells them we care. And it's a program that deserves support from both sides of the political aisle.

A budget sets priorities for the country — a border wall, a better-funded military, tax cuts. Our representatives in Washington should make sure that this country's frail elderly have a place on that priority list.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

Now that the local, town election is over, are you happy with the results and the campaign?

No. The campaign was ugly and the results are even uglier.

Yes. My candidates won. They should have, they were the best.

No. There is a lot going on in this town and my candidate (s) would have fixed them!

Yes. Democracy is a great institution. The best man (or woman) won.

Last week's question:

Last weekend's March Madness games were unexpected: Both Duke and Villanova were knocked out early, two teams that many bracket-makers had going all the way. Is your bracket ruined after last weekend, or is there still hope?

My bracket's a mess. I've pretty much given up. 2 votes
There's still time. If last weekend's any indicator, more surprises are on the horizon. 0 votes.

I'm in good shape. There's a chance I can still come out on top. Fingers' crossed! 3 votes.

What's March Madness? 1 vote.

The Andover Spa – An Institution, Part II

By BESSIE LIPONIS
Andover Historical Society

George and Peter Dantos, from the 1921 opening, had worked harmoniously at The Spa. When George died, his son, Phidias, took over for his father and worked as a partner with Peter. In 1964 Phid became the sole proprietor and made several changes. Peter, now retired, came in occasionally to help out. The Spa was probably the prototype for the Convenience Store as we now know it.

We are fortunate that three principals of the Dantos Family live nearby and were able to contribute to this story. And the story would surely not be complete without a few of their personal stories.

Bessie (Dantos) Nikitas recalled an interesting story:

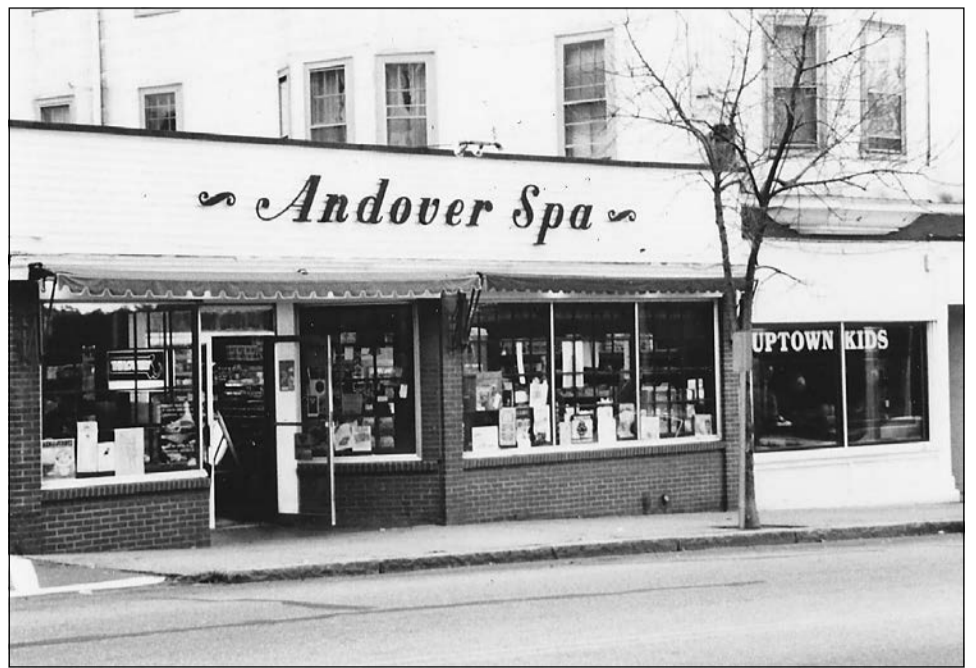
"As a sophomore at Punchard High School, it was mandatory to participate in the Bessie Goldsmith Writing/Speaking Contest. From a list of titles, I chose 'Serving the Public' and serving the public, I did, every day after school at the Andover Spa. "Please" and "thank you" were very important words with my Boss/Father (George Dantos) but somehow, I couldn't reconcile the "thank you" when, using a 'claw' to retrieve a can of peas from a very high shelf – a can of peas that might have fallen on my head – and my father had to prompt me to say "thank you" as the customer paid for that 'dangerous' service."

"From the vantage point of old age, I acknowledge that 'Serving the Public' was my very first and greatest of life's lessons."

Thea (Dantos) Karamourtopoulos and Phidias were cousins and in the same class at Punchard High. Thea's contributions to this story are many but here is one of her favorites. This one is about Irma Beene who had a dry goods store on Main Street.

Irma Beene and Her Secret Admirer

"Every year when I was in high school and working at Pete's, he (the secret admirer – David Valentine)



"Modern" Spa, circa 1992



Phid Dantos in The Spa.

Richard Graber photo, 1963

would come in to pick out a fancy box of chocolates. Then he would ask me to wrap it nicely and deliver it to Irma Beene. She owned a store on Main Street near Ford's Coffee Shop (now Bruegger's). It was a store catering mostly to women to fit their daily needs and beyond. We all wanted to go in and see what the latest thing was."

"But what I remembered most was that I should NEVER tell Miss Beene who the box of chocolates was from!"

And, of course, we need to hear from Phidias who put in the most time, as owner, at the store.

Phid remembers that "the Boston Patriots" (now the

New England Patriots) trained at Phillips Academy and the coaches would visit the store from time to time.

But the most unusual thing about the store was the selling of coconuts on Memorial Day. It became a tradition at other Andover markets well before 'the boys' opened their fruit store, but the Dantos family continued it until 1969. The final Memorial Day that Phid owned the store he sold 1,600 coconuts before noon! And even now, you can go to the store and get your coconut before the traditional Memorial Day Parade kicks off, although Phid's record will likely never be broken!

And while the soda fountain may be gone, you can still buy ice cream treats there, making The Spa the unofficial recipient of the Ice Cream Longevity Award for selling ice cream for over 90 years.

All of these memories clearly qualify The Spa for the "institution" moniker, as our story ends with another definition from the dictionary: "a significant, established organization especially of a public character, often associated with a tradition." Maybe the dictionary should also include this definition of "institution" in its next edition: "The Andover (Massachusetts) Spa!"

All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

Andover Historical Society

100 Years Ago – March 30, 1917

How to make two potatoes grow where one grew before is the problem this year, and to help along the good work, an all-day farm and garden conference was held at the November Club house Monday. There were many excellent suggestions given, but the most interesting statement was made by the last speaker of the day, Mr. Henry Sanborn, superintendent of the local schools, that a group of citizens had pledged enough money to provide supervision for the children's gardens this year, and that plans had already been made for home gardens.

Plans are being prepared for the erection of a modern parochial school by St. Augustine's parish on their land on Chestnut and Central streets. Its construction will be started in a few weeks.

75 Years Ago – April 2, 1942

Andover's second wartime blackout is to be held sometime during the evening of April 9. The exact hour will not be announced, since the purpose of the blackout will be to see how quickly the various corps of workers can be organized at a given signal.

Two special combined services will mark the observance of Good Friday

and Easter by local church-goers this year, and the customary special music and worship services will be held in all the churches Sunday. All local schools will close for the day at noon, and according to the merchants committee of the Service Club, most local places of business will be closed from 12 to 3 o'clock.

The J.E. Greeley Co. advertises Young turkey for Easter dinner at 43 cents a pound; Young pig pork for roasting 36 cents a pound; Small Ham from little pigs (7-8 pounds) 47 cents a pound; Birds Eye lima beans 24 cents; Famous Brand chocolates (from Lynn) Nuts and fruits 59 cents; assorted 39 cents.

50 Years Ago – March 30, 1967

Fred E. Cheever has refused the town's offer for the some 3.8 acres of land he owns off Bancroft Road which is to be part of the site for a new elementary school. In a letter this week Cheever said he has a \$25,000 sales agreement with C. Lincoln Giles for the area and that the town's offer of \$3000 per acre is unacceptable.

Selectman Sidney P. White wants some attempt made to count the unlicensed dogs in Andover. He requested such a count Monday during a discussion of a complaint by John Recesso, 6 Meadow Brook Drive, about a pack of dogs roaming his neighborhood.

If the Town of Andover cannot resolve the legal tangle that is preventing transfer of the title of the Giles property on N. Main street

(my note: old Tyer Rubber warehouse) to the town for construction of a new fire station by Monday, the next move may be an eminent domain proceeding.

25 Years Ago – March 26, 1992

Andover High School's student government voted recently to continue using the Golden Warrior as the school's mascot. The school's 40-plus member House Government, comprised of homeroom representatives and a handful of teachers, voted by a 3 to 1 margin Thursday, March 12, not to change the Warrior symbol.

Eight men were taken into custody by Immigration and Naturalization Service agents early last Friday morning at 20 Post Office Ave., and were charged with being illegal aliens. The eight are Mexicans who are staying in apartments 4 and 7 at 20 Post Office Ave., according to police and INS officials.

Three juveniles were taken into custody Monday afternoon on Railroad Street and charged with taking several hood ornaments off cars in the downtown area during the past week. Two 12-year-olds and a 13-year-old, one boy and two girls, were picked up by police after a report of youths taking hood ornaments off cars in the commuter lot on Railroad Street.

Raytheon Co. issued layoff notices to 80 employees at its missiles systems plant on Lowell Street last week.

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A beloved dog's work is done at Letourneau's

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ANDOVER — Bell, Belle of the Ball, Bella.

For eight years, Bella the pit bull/boxer mix inspired nicknames and fond memories at Letourneau's Pharmacy.

The brown and white dog with the expressive eyes — she looked like the dog in the Little Rascals show — died Sunday, March 19.

But until end-of-the-day Friday she reigned as Letourneau's elixir — resident therapy for customers and owners alike, instinctively doling out affection no prescription could fill.

Monday, the following day, her bed lay empty behind the counter as 20 feet away her owner, store manager Dan McKallagat, and the pharmacy's owners, Shawn and Cindy McKallagat, reminisced at a storefront table.

Dan recalled sitting there two years ago and comforting a longtime customer whose husband had died suddenly.

"We all sat here at this table and wept," he said.

Bella, alert to their crying, whined until they let her out from behind the counter.

She trotted to the table, dropped her head in the woman's lap, and she petted Bella.

Thereafter, each time the woman entered the store Bella climbed from her bed to greet the woman.

"She had a good discernment for when people were sick or hurting," Dan said.

Bella's keen sense applied to children with serious conditions. Bella instinctively knew how to respond to them, the McKallagats said.

A young boy with autism whose mom typically kept him away from dogs, would allow her son to pet Bella.

"(Bella) would lay in her bed, and not get up, and allow this little boy to rub her ears, rub her paws, pet her head," said Dan. "And I remember the mom would cry, because she knew how much it meant to her son."

Bella's intuition applied to other dogs, as well.

Luis Martinez, a clerk at the pharmacy for three years, walked Bella to a nearby park each day.

Bella would playfully grab for the leash and roll on the ground.

She was chill with other dogs, he said. She'd wag her tail and do her doggie thing, basically saying, "Hey, how you doing, dogs?"

Shawn remembered Bella crawling on her belly, combat style, to two yappers, small loud dogs riled up by the bigger Bella's presence.

Bella rolled on her back and let the yappers lick her belly. All was well.

Bella and Dan started at Letourneau's about the same time.

The family okayed her presence in the store with local health officials, and



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photos
Dan McKallagat, manager at Letourneau's Pharmacy in Andover, shows where his dog Bella slept when she was with him at work. Bella was a pit bull/boxer mix who lit up the lives of many people every day.



Owners of Letourneau's Pharmacy, Shawn and Cindy McKallagat, talk about what their son's dog, Bella, meant to them and the customers of the Andover pharmacy. Bella was a beautiful pit bull/boxer mix who lit up the lives of many people every day. From the day Bella was 8-weeks-old, she went to work at Letourneau's with her owner, Dan, the store manager. Bella had customers visit her daily bringing her treats, as well as Christmas and birthday gifts. Bella died two weekends ago after a battle with lymphoma.

abided by the restrictions. Dan diligently trained her. She chewed a few Internet cables at the outset but soon caught on to the working world.

At home in Bradford she was a constant and trusted companion to Dan and Melyssa McKallagat's children, Callie, 5, and Harper, 1.

The whole clan considered Bella part of the family.

On Sunday, Cindy sat with Melyssa as she told Callie that they would do something special in Bella's memory; maybe make a photo album.

Melyssa also told Callie that Bella was one of the reasons why Melyssa married Dan.

"Bella was daddy's first

girl and one of the reasons I fell in love with daddy is because he took such good care of his first girl," the mom told her daughter.

Shawn said he was Grumpy to Bella; Cindy said she was Nana to Bella.

When Shawn took Bella for rides she would nuzzle her head in the crook of his arm.

Each morning Bella would ride to work with Dan, poking her head out the window, and nosing the wind.

Men and women would come into the store just to see Bella.

Families would bring their children to visit her even when they didn't have prescriptions to fill.

It's not going to be easy to explain her departure to her

fans, especially the kids and old folks.

Bella had blood cancer. She lived with it for longer than expected. Her owner had Bella put down on Sunday when the lymphoma made living too hard for the dog.

It was hard on Monday for the McKallagats surrounded by Bella reminders. Their eyes welled as they recalled Bella stories.

They'll miss their steady employee, and customers will miss the dog with an uncanny alertness to people in need.

Her work made her extraordinary.

"She didn't have the diploma but she was a poster child for a therapy dog," Shawn said.



Bella, front with stick, romps with some other dogs. Bella got along with other dogs just as well as she got along with humans.



Courtesy photo
Bella, a pit bull/boxer mix, lays in her bed at Letourneau's Pharmacy in Andover, where she was a beloved fixture for customers and employees of the store.

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:

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.

Celebrate 30 years of Sisters in Crime

Tea and treats will be served on Friday, April 7, at 10 a.m. to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Sisters in Crime, a 3,600-member organization of women crime writers, publishers, agents, booksellers and librarians.

Mystery author, Kate Flora, creator of the Joe Burgess and Thea Kozak mysteries, will

be the special guest. Flora's books will be available for purchase at the event.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8430 for details.

Shakespeare at the library in April
William Shakespeare's date of birth is widely believed to be April 23, 1564. The Friends of MHL will celebrate Shakespeare during the month of April with lectures, displays and films, culminating in their annual meeting on Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m., when actor Stephen Collins will perform selected works by Shakespeare.

Shakespeare's 'Othello'
Friends' board member and retired educator, Kathleen Dolan, will lead a discussion of Shakespeare's "Othello" on Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m.

Dolan's presentation will include clips from the 1965 film version starring Sir Laurence Olivier and Maggie Smith.

Visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar to sign up.

Shakespeare's words?

Join Julia Perlowski, a Shakespeare scholar and

educator, for a light and fun lecture on the Bard on Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m.

Perlowski will explore Shakespeare's first compilation of plays known as the "First Folio." Through the printing history of this collection, age old questions about Shakespeare are considered. Why is there no writing in Shakespeare's hand? How is it that there are so many plays said to be written by a man named Shakespeare? Did Shakespeare even write his plays?

Perlowski, a drama teacher at Parthum Middle School in Lawrence, coordinates the English-Speaking Union Boston Shakespeare Competition. She is a member of the National Teacher Corps for the Folger Shakespeare Library Education Department, and conducts workshops for teachers. She has been trained at The Folger Shakespeare Library, England's GLOBE, the American Shakespeare Center and Lenox Shakespeare and Co.

She was awarded the Teaching Excellence Award by the

U.S. State Department in 2010 and received the Reba R. Robinson Award from the Children's Theatre Foundation in partnership with the American Alliance of Theatre and Education. Given biennially, this prize recognizes a secondary school teacher for outstanding achievement in, and commitment to, teen theatre.

Perlowski is currently working on a production of "MacBeth," which will be performed at North Andover High School in June.

The Friends of MHL is sponsoring Perlowski's lecture. For more information or to register, go to www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Creating herb gardens

Gardening instructor, Suzanne Crooker, will discuss optimum site and soil composition for growing herbs on Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. Crooker will share tips for drying and freezing, as well as recipes.

This presentation is sponsored by the Spade and Trowel Garden Club and the library. Visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar to sign up.

'A Quiet Revolution' screening

Memorial Hall Library will host a screening of "A Quiet Revolution," a feature-length documentary by Tom and Charles Dey about the national program, A Better Chance, on Wednesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. The film is about a group of people who came together 50 years ago to create change and help a deeply divided nation heal itself.

At the height of the Civil Rights movement, Dartmouth College and a group of preparatory schools established a groundbreaking program to identify young students of color from low-income backgrounds for admission to the nation's leading boarding schools, with full scholarships. They believed, that if given the necessary tools, these students could succeed in the private schools and eventually compete in all sectors of society, and that the only thing standing in their way was a lack of access and opportunity.

Charles F. Dey served as the director of A Better Chance

from 1964 to 1965, and board chairman from 1970 to 1974. A discussion with the filmmakers will follow the screening.

For more information or to register, call 978-623-8430 or visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Pub Trivia at Andolini's

Bring favorite facts and a team to enjoy a night of Pub Trivia on Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at Andolini's Restaurant, 19 Essex St., Andover. A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the winning team, courtesy of the Friends of MHL.

Adult poetry writing workshop

In honor of National Poetry Month, Andover's new Poet Laureate, Linda Flaherty Haultmaier, will lead a poetry writing workshop for adults on Wednesday, April 19, at 7 p.m.

Haultmaier will explore different ways to create poems, from three-word prompts to found poetry (using a page of text as a source). Come and write a poem or two. Beginners and advanced writers are welcome. Space is limited. Sign up at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar.

International teachers learn from AHS

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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Through a UMass-Lowell sponsored program, Andover High School hosted 21 teachers from around the world as part of a 6-week program aimed at enhancing their teaching skills and increasing their knowledge of the United States.

The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA) provides international teachers with opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas. The teachers hailed from countries such as Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Estonia, Ghana, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, according to a press release.

"This exciting global-education program brings a tremendous amount of diversity to our campus and local education community, and provides authentic, transformative and experiential learning," said A.J. Angulo, a professor in UMass Lowell's Graduate School of Education.

The teachers arrived at UMass-Lowell Jan. 27 and returned to their home countries on March 13. Angulo received a \$205,508 grant from the U.S. State Department to fund the program,



Rwandan teacher Donat Habumuremyi chats with Andover High School students during a visit to the school at the beginning of the month that was part of a six-week teaching program hosted by UMass-Lowell.

which lasted 6 weeks and included field experience at both Andover and Chelmsford high schools.

"The teachers are here to learn about the U.S. educational system, enhance their skills and gain opportunities in the field," said Nancy Cicco, assistant director of Media Relations for UMass-Lowell. "Some of the participants have been teaching and observing at Andover High and Andover West Middle School, while other participants have been placed in Chelmsford schools."

Through the field

experience, each international teacher was paired with a local school teacher "in order to collaborate and exchange best teaching practices," the press release states.

The field experience component of the TEA program is designed to establish lasting professional relationships between our local teachers and their counterparts from around the world through sharing best practices in education and building cultural understanding by learning from each other," Angulo said.

"This provides our local partner teachers with an opportunity to participate in the international education community without leaving home and makes them eligible to apply for State Department programs through which they can also go abroad."

The teachers selected for the TEA program "represent some of the very best from their home countries," Angulo said. The U.S. Department of State vetted all of the participants through a rigorous year-long application process before



Gulcchkhra Khametova, left, who is a teacher from Kazakhstan, poses with Melanie Cutler, an Environmental Science Teacher at Andover High School.



Jerly Mora Elizondo, from Costa Rica, gives a presentation to Andover High School students earlier this month during a visit to the school.

being selected.

That process included interviews at U.S. embassies, along with providing evidence of exemplary educational leadership, lesson plans and letters of

recommendation. More than 1,100 educators from around the world competed for only 160 TEA Fellow openings in the U.S. this year, including the 21 at UMass Lowell who spent time in Andover.

Winner of landscape design contest announced

STAFF REPORT

The Andover Historical Society is pleased to announce the winner of its Landscape Design Contest. Three impressive and unique landscape design entries were received from the following entities: Huntress Associates, Inc., Diane and Chris Huntress; Dee Designs, Dee Secor and Kathy Schofield; and, NativeScapes, Richard Barry.

Reviewing the entries was a panel of four judges including Andover Historical Society Board member Marc Fournier, Andover resident Stephanie Traina, and Elaine Clements and Kenna Therrien from Andover Historical Society. After extensive review and deliberations, the jury selected Dee Designs' entry as the contest winner for its native plants garden, flowing beds, and design features that complement the historic circa 1820 Amos Blanchard House.

"It was a difficult decision," said jury member Fournier. "All of the contest entries included innovative and thoughtful components. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Dee Secor and Kathy Schofield, Diane and Chris Huntress, and Richard Barry for all of their donated hard work, marvelous



The winner of the landscape design contest, seen here, for the Andover Historical Society was Dee Secor and Kathy Schofield of Dee Designs.

designs, and the inspiration they have given us in our journey toward creating an attractive, low maintenance, and sustainable educational landscape at the historic Amos Blanchard House."

All three contest entries will be on display at the Andover Historical Society for public viewing through April 8, during open hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Components from all three entries will be incorporated into the development of the final landscape design," said Executive Director Elaine Clements. "To bring our new landscape plan to life, we will be seeking donations of plants and landscape materials, labor, and volunteer help."

Interested individuals and businesses are encouraged to contact Marc Fournier or Elaine Clements at

978-475-2236, or eclements@andoverhistorical.org.

About the Andover Historical Society
Andover Historical inspires and deepens community engagement by connecting people to each other and their community through Andover's stories – preserving the past, educating for the future, connecting to our community. For more information, visit andoverhistorical.org.

ON CAMPUS

The following local students were placed on the fall 2016 dean's list at Salem State University: Ashley Atkins, Shantelle Batista, Steffanie Brian, Bianca DeBelen, Andrew Deloury, Lisa Freni, John Guthrie, William Hallinan, Ruth Hovor, John McCarthy, Stevin Miliefsky, Derek O'Leary, Jake Sacco, Frances Stein, Jake Stelzner and Julianna Wessels.

William Flanagan achieved high honors for the second quarter at Boston College High School.

The following local students were named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst: Adam Robert Ladd, Andrew James Schwartz, Christine Rose Gencorelli, Danielle Marie Molloy, Eric James Wybenga, Estelle Willow Black, Eugenie Pauline Moffitt, Jiayi Yao, Joseph Michael Danisch, Joseph Thomas Solimini, Kate Mary Froburg, Marielle E. Waters, Martee Alexandra Koffman, Peter Jeffrey Scapicchio, Peter Nikolai McGinn, Sam Alexander Kefferstan, Yazhini Ramesh, Aasim Mahmood Jaffri, Ji Won Won, Alexa Grace Rockwell, Diana Hansen, Eric Tang, Stephanie Lucerda Alves, Kevin George Puderer, Monika Sudol, Olivia Anne Couto, Zach Joseph Martins, Stephen Thomas

Beaumont, Sean Samuel Enright, Natalie Micaela Wagner, Julia LeBlanc, John Timothy Croston, Savannah Michelle Bara, Julia Sambuco, Andrea Jane Papa, Devon Leigh Goldberg, Jason Ho, Jordan Mikala Janeiro, Raymond Nguyen, Emma Ginsburg and Sean Roselle.

Austin Preparatory School in Reading has announced its honor roll for the first semester.

Local students who earned distinction include: Ayla Urquizo, Madeline Hickey, Arianna Karafilidis, Eryn Trant, Ranjini Iyengar, Catherine Bravo, Gerard Caruso, Leonidas Alexandris, Olivia Ehr Gott, Sofia Saltamartini, Sana Nadkarni, William Hamilton, Eric Kim, Julia Rice, Niamh Green and Timothy Norton.

Students who earned honors include: George Karafilidis, James Lisa, Kari Brown, Marc Llorens, Thomas Russell, Elizabeth Bodette, Sophia Liatsos, Carlos Bernal, Emily Gryllakis, James Russell, Joshua Kazmer, Katherine Lemons, Nikita Orbits, Alexandra Trant, Molly Pine, Nicholas Christopher, Alexander Gorman, Andrew Kazmer, Dokyoung Jeong, Jacob Fee, Logan Bravo, Maria Bernal, Olivia Raza, Stephen Reddy, Sudarshan Swamy, Alicia Green, Caroline Benson, Leonid Parfenov, Mercedes Pare, Nicole Poirier, Patrick Szekely and Poppy Simmonds.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEENS

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

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 through Friday, March 31, at 9 a.m. 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.

Peep dioramas
Teens can draw inspiration from their favorite movie, book, fandom or imagination to create a diorama out of marshmallow Peeps on Wednesday, April 19, at 3:30 p.m.

Drop in and bring the creativity.
Call 978-623-8432 for more information.

DIY glowing bouncy balls
Teens are invited to make their own glow-in-the-dark bouncy balls on Thursday, April 20, at 3 p.m.

Participants can get their hands dirty and see what they can create.

To learn more, call 978-623-8432.

Make a piggy bank
Teens can decorate their

own piggy bank to get started on saving money on Wednesday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m.

Teen aide Mary Jeanne will be on hand to play a few games to get teens on the path to financial literacy.

More information is available by calling 978-623-8432.

Other upcoming events at the library include:

Free Form Fridays: March 31, April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Volunteer Advisory Board (VAB) meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 3:15 p.m. Help staff members make the library better for teens.

Teen Movie Nights: Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 6 p.m.

Button Art: Wednesday, April 6, 3 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens: Mondays, April 10 and 24, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

DIY Recycled Magazine Baskets: Tuesday, April 11, 3 p.m.

DIY Chocolate Marshmallows: Wednesday, April 12, 3 p.m.

Random Fandom: Yuri on Ice! Tuesday, April 25, 3 p.m.

Earth Day Craft: Tiny Planters: Thursday, April 27, 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, and are free to attend. Register online at www.mhl.org/event-calendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information. Check out the blog for news, events and other fun stuff at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat @mhlteenroom.

ANA Synchro wins 28 ribbons at East Zone Invitational

STAFF REPORT

ANA Synchro athletes earned 28 top-8 ribbons at the 2017 East Zone Invitational held March 18 and 19 at Wheaton College in Norton.

Some 184 athletes, representing 12 teams from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New York, attended the two-day meet.

ANA Synchro took home the blue ribbon in six events. In the 13-and-over Intermediate category, the team of Olivia Liera, Bridget Mahoney and Maitri Naik of Andover won first place. Liera and Koenig teamed up again to win Duet. And Robinson earned first in both Solo and Figures, which are the technical elements of synchronized swimming.

In the 13-15 age group category, Mia Hayes and Ysabella Ouyang of Andover won first place in Duet. Addison Earle of Andover earned another first in Figures.

"Twenty-eight ribbons at a large zone meet shows the depth of our team and how hard the athletes worked to prepare," said Head Coach Leah Pinette. "Most of them will compete next in May, and until then we will continue training, fine-tuning choreography, and practicing the all-important



ANA Synchro's 11-12 Intermediate Team recently competed at the East Zone Invitational at Wheaton College. They are, front row, left to right: Isha Mehta of North Andover; and Alicia Zhang, Chloe Todisco, and Katherine Wang of Andover. Back row, left to right: Julie Mahoney, Kate McCready, Isabella Falco and Jovanna Ciras Rousseau, all from Andover.

figures, which count for 50 percent of a final score."

ANA Synchro will also host its Annual Show on April 22 and 23. Open to the public, the show sells out every year.

More info is available at anasynchro.org/annual-show

ANA Synchro is the largest synchronized swimming team in Massachusetts, with over 70 athletes and 13 coaches. The team is based at the Andover/North Andover YMCA and offers seven different practice groups for beginner, intermediate, and advanced

swimmers from ages 6 to 19. Girls wishing to try the sport should contact Head Coach Leah Pinette at 978-685-3541, lpinette@mvmymca.org. The season starts in September, but new athletes can join anytime. Beginner classes are offered year-round.



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Founder toasted at Andona's 65th party

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

As their biggest fundraiser and perhaps the most popular event on the town calendar - Clown Town - looms, The Andona Society recently thanked the numerous volunteer members who over the years have continued to help make the group a vital part of Andover.

Andona was founded in 1952 and is celebrating 65 years. At its 65th anniversary party, held March 18 at the Andover Historical Society, some 25 women attended, including current members, board members, past presidents and past members.

"It was a lovely time to celebrate our rich history, many accomplishments in the local community, and our mission of giving back to Andover youth and Andover schools," Andona Society President Jennifer Sloan wrote in an email.

Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover provided a formal commendation from the Massachusetts state Legislature, which was formally read into the State Historical Record on March 16.

Plus, L'Italien brought an old copy of an Andover Townsman that included a large photo of her surrounded by her children, all decked out in clown attire. She was an Andona member and Clown Town chairwoman that year and had a 6-month-old baby at the time.

At the party, members were asked to write down their favorite Andona traditions and memories and Clown Town was tops for many.

"We are very excited for our 61st Clown Town this year," said Sloan who toasted Mrs. Anita Howe, Andona's first president in 1952, and one of the five founding members.

Howe is now 91 living in Southport, Maine. Howe no longer travels so she didn't attend the party.

"I had a lovely conversation with her son, Bruce



Sen. Barbara L'Italien, left, shows an old Andover Townsman article of her time as a member of the Andona Society to members Alix Driscoll and Kim Solt.

AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos.



Jennifer Sloan, Andona Society president, proposes a toast to celebrate the society's 65 years during a luncheon at the Andover Historical Society.

Howe, who lives in Mendon. He recalled working the hot dog grill at Clown Town when it was held on the fields behind then Punchard High School,"

Sloan said.

Family Clown Town memories are sure to continue this year at the event which is being held in The Park May 19 to 21.



Sen. L'Italien, right, presents a commendation to Jennifer Sloan, president of the Andona Society, during the group's 65th anniversary party.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH THURSDAY, MARCH 30

AUTHOR VISIT, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St. Abby Fabiaschi will discuss and sign copies of her book, "I Liked My Life"; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

MOVIE NIGHT, 6:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St. This month's movie is "Spellbound," an Alfred Hitchcock thriller starring Ingrid Bergman, Gregory Peck and Leo G. Carroll; coffee and dessert will be served during a brief intermission; 978-475-4059, www.faith-andover.org.

ASTRONAUT MAE JEMISON TO SPEAK, 7 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of A Better Chance of Andover, Phillips Academy will host astronaut, educator and visionary, Dr. Mae Jemison, the first woman of color in space; Jemison is at the forefront of integrating physical and social sciences with art and culture to solve problems and foster innovation; free and open to the public, this event is funded by Phillips Academy and the Elizabeth Rogers Fund; in 1967, Andover voted to take action against racial injustice and educational inequality through its decision to pilot an innovative educational nonprofit model, A Better Chance (ABC), in the high school; Phillips Academy has played a pivotal role in ABC of Andover's 50-year history of bringing motivated students of color to live in Andover, where they attend Andover High School to better prepare for college; today, A Better Chance of Andover is the oldest continuously run Community School Program in the U.S.

THROUGH MARCH 31

ANDOVER GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE, is currently

accepting registrations for its spring and summer seasons, as well as a pre-season hitting clinic, a subsidized pre-season pitching clinic and the popular in-season Pizza & Pitching clinic; AGSL is open to girls starting at age 5; www.sportsmanager.us/AndoverGirlsSoftball.htm.

APRIL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE, noon, Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Road. Presented by Communities Together; a light lunch will follow the service; all are welcome to participate in this time of spiritual reflection and renewal.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL OVERSEERS MEETING, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 2 North Main St. Land management issues for town-owned conservation properties will be discussed; Dr. Kathleen Blanchard, founder and president of Intervale Associates Inc., a nonprofit conservation organization in Canada, will be the keynote speaker; she has 40 years' experience in seabird conservation in Newfoundland/Labrador and the North Shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence; Dr. Blanchard's talk, "Seabird Conservation in Audubon's Labrador: Lessons Learned, Current Applications for Species Recovery," is open to the public.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

FUNDRAISING GALA DINNER AND AUCTION, Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. The Service Club of Andover will present Brad and Joanne Heim with the "Make a Difference Award" during its 21st annual event; the evening will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails and silent auction, followed by dinner at

7 p.m., and the live auction at 8:30 p.m.; \$95 per person; www.serviceclubofandover.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

SOUP'S ON DINNER AND AUCTION, 6:30 p.m., Relief's In, 1 Market St., Lawrence. Hosted by Neighbors In Need; enjoy food and drink as well as live and silent auctions; call 978-685-8321 or email NeighborsInNeed@verizon.net to contribute to the auctions; www.needfood.org.

"CHLOE AND THE REMARKABLE RED SHOES," 9 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St. Presented by Fairy Tale Players, a nonprofit children's theater company; Chloe gets the remarkable red shoes she wanted for her 13th birthday, but then runs into a mysterious magician and now her feet can't stop dancing; this fashion-forward fable includes tongue-twisters, toe-tapping tunes, and two dancing red shoes; children can talk with the characters, take photos, and try on costumes after the show; \$7 per person; tickets will be sold at the door starting at 8:45 a.m.; the professional performers use energetic storytelling and audience interaction to introduce children to self-expression, dramatic play, social awareness, and the performing arts through classic fairy tales while maintaining the integrity of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Educational Frameworks; www.fairytaleplayers.org.

FACULTY RECITAL, 7:30 p.m., Timken Room of Graves Hall, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. Presented by the Phillips Academy Music Department, the concert will feature Stephen Porter, piano and Krista River, mezzo-soprano; the program will include the Norwegian song cycle "Haugtussa" by Edvard

Grieg, Robert Schumann's piano suite "Davidsbündlertanze," two arias by Handel, and one of Chopin's late masterpieces, the Barcarolle; free and open to all; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

MISTRAL CONCERT, 5 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road. Mistral brings its 20th season to a close with "Atlantic Crossings," a beguiling program that features orchestral gems from iconic American and European composers in original and new chamber arrangements; \$30, \$25 for seniors, free for students, youth at the door; group rates available; 978-474-6222, email sales@mistralmusic.org, www.mistralmusic.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

HAVURAT SHALOM PASSOVER COMMUNITY SEDER, 5 to 9 p.m., Christ Church Parish Hall, 33 Central St. Rabbi Karen Landry will lead the Seder and Havurat Shalom will provide the food; nut-free Kosher for Passover potluck contributions are always needed; friends and family are welcome; \$10 per person or \$30 per family; if planning to attend, email prj854@gmail.com and indicate the number of people in the party and the potluck food contribution; www.havuratshalom.org.

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.

APRIL 24, MAY 22, JUNE 26 AND JULY 24

SEN. BARBARA L'ITALIEN'S OFFICE HOURS, fourth Monday of each month, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St. Residents

are also welcome to contact the senator's office at 617-722-1612; Sen. L'Italien represents Andover, Lawrence, Tewksbury and Dracut.

BEGINNING APRIL 25

HOUSEHOLD SEWING, 6 to 8 p.m., Bancroft Elementary School cafeteria, 15 Bancroft Road. Join sewing teacher Carrie Midura, of Carrie + Fitz Sewing, for a four-week sewing class, designed for busy adults who want to save time and money with DIY sewing repairs and projects; family-oriented sample projects will include hemming pants and jeans, sewing patches and buttons, repairing stuffed animals and pillows; participants should bring their own sewing machines but loaner machines will be available with advance notice; sample project materials will be provided; \$100 for four classes; limited to 10; registration required; 978-623-8340, www.andoverrec.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

HEROES IN ACTION GALA, Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. The annual fundraiser, hosted by the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. (GLCAC), serves to honor those who strive to make a difference in the lives of children in need; this year's honoree is Dr. Thomas Perrault, who has 37 years of volunteer leadership at GLCAC; includes a cocktail reception with silent auction, dinner and award presentation; sponsorship opportunities available; donations accepted for the silent auction; 978-620-4706, email wparkinson@glcac.org, www.glcac.org.

MAY

SATURDAY, MAY 6

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY IN CONCERT, 3 p.m., The Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road. The chorus

will perform "In Troubled Times," featuring Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass and two contemporary pieces, "September Sun," commemorating those who were killed on Sept. 11, 2001, and "Peace Like a River," an uplifting spiritual; each concert will be sung with a professional orchestra and soloists; www.andoverchoralsociety.org, email info@andoverchoralsociety.org.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

MVPO CONCERT, 2:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 50 Bartlet St. Jorge Avila, violin, will perform with the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra; the afternoon concert will feature works by Richard Wagner, Sergei Prokofiev and Pyotr Tchaikovsky; \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors (65 and up), \$5 for children. Children must be 4 years old or older to attend; 978-685-3505, www.mvpomusic.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

CRAFTS IN THE PARK, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central Park, 34 Bartlet St. The juried show, now in its 42nd year, includes finely made, non-imported handcrafts with 200 booths of pottery, jewelry, women's and children's clothing, leather goods, stained glass, furniture and much more; the Mill City Jazz Band will provide the music; sponsored by Christ Church, all proceeds will support its mission and outreach to service and educational organizations in the local community; held rain or shine; email jury@craftsinthepark.com, www.craftsinthepark.com.

MONDAY, MAY 15

SIXTH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC, Andover Country Club, 64 Canterbury St. The Wish Project hosts the annual charity tournament to raise funds to help serve families in need in Greater Lowell; See CALENDAR, Page 12

'Little Mermaid, Jr.' a sold-out success

By GABRIELLA CRUZ
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South Cooperative Theater took to the land and to the sea for their rendition of Disney's "The Little Mermaid, Jr."

The theater's 2017 spring musical sold out two of its three shows during the weekend of March 11.

"The show was a huge success," said Luis Cortes, who sits on the theater's publicity committee. "Parents and families from Massachusetts and other states joined us for a night of singing, dancing, and acting by these little young actors from South School."

This year marks the theater's sixteenth season. "The Little Mermaid, Jr." production was led by artistic director Beth Kennedy and drama team Charles Gracy, Courtney Lowell and Sherril Tjalsma. Rounding out the team were choreographers Beth Kennedy, Crystal O'Keefe, Ms. Caruso and Mrs. Morey-Barry.

More than 50 students from South School in third, fourth, and fifth grades, participated in the musical.

"We chose Disney's "The Little Mermaid, Jr." after



Cast: Ariel: Nerea Cortes; Prince Eric: Austin Williamson; Ursula: Caroline Ratte; Sailors: Tyler Buono, Suvir Virmani, Ryan Cain, Roger Almeida; Pilot: Henry Kane; Salty: Leito Betts; Grimsby: James Herlihy; Max: Charlie Howard; Seafolk: Drew LaChapelle, Derek Cao, Ryan Zannoni, Nick Vaccaro, Erin Workman, Macy Osborne, Julia Rodenberger, Hannah Herlihy, Katelyn Wetterwald, Mary Adams, Charlotte Newton; Fish Friends: Livy Vives, Danny Kirby, Zain Durrani, Dominic Mazzariello, Sofia Duran-Clark, Leah Mini; Gulls: Jared Ritter, Caroline Lewis, Isabelle Marquis, Chloe Todisco, Sam Brickman; Tentacles: Alivia Baldwin, Mirabelle Betts, Tully O'Keefe, Molly Purtschert, Ella Sewall, Juliana Soto, Sophia Venetiou, Nate Waldinger; Villains: Adrie Waldinger, Ally Sacchetti, Ryan Todisco, Max Hoffman, Hannah Lehman, Avery Murray; The palace staff: Maggie Jacques, Lila Magenheim, Navya Vinod, Peter Spellman, Ryan Cain, Roger Almeida; Aspiring Brides: Ally Dupras, Julia Ray, Ella Seymour, Valerie Chu, Addi DiAntonio, Piper Gorsuch.

last year's big success with "Lion King, Jr." Artistic Director Beth Kennedy said.

"We appreciated the opportunities it provides to our young actors to boost their

singing, acting and dancing abilities." Cortes said

Superintendent Sheldon attendance, along with Berman, and School Committee members were in Tracy Crowley.

Andover Garden Club presents color gardens

Award-winning landscape designer Maria von Brincken will discuss using color theory and texture in both sunny and shady areas to create color waves of plant combinations, ensuring a sequence of bloom from spring to frost.

The lecture, handouts, and slide images of her own and clients' gardens will provide attendees inspiration to create their own winning combinations.

Since 1990, Maria von Brincken Landscape Garden Design has provided professional landscaping services to clients in the greater Boston area. A certified landscape designer, Von Brincken combines visual aesthetics with eco-friendly implementation.

With detailed attention to the placement and design of hardscape, lighting, and planting combinations, she creates designs that satisfy clients' personal visions, while incorporating professional horticultural knowledge into the mix.

This collaborative



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Acclaimed landscape designer Maria von Brincken will discuss how to have color in your landscape from early spring to late fall at the next meeting of the Andover Garden Club.

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Andover Garden Club (www.andovergardenclub.org) is a 501(c)3 charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. A member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Inc., and National Garden Clubs Inc., the club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region.

IF YOU GO

When: Tuesday, April 4, 10 a.m., presentation will begin at approximately 11 a.m.
Refreshments will be served followed by a business meeting.
Where: South Church, 41 Central St.
Admission: \$10 donation requested for guests.
How to Join: The Andover Garden Club welcomes new members, and information about joining is available from membership chairs Anne Collins, 978-681-8052, collinsak14@verizon.net; and Donna Rudolph 978-475-7165, dlabsuper49@aol.com.

CALENDAR:

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The Wish provides furniture, clothing and baby supplies to help families get back on their feet; all are welcome to enjoy a great time for a good cause; check in and have lunch at noon, 1:30 p.m. shotgun start; www.thewishproject.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

SPRING HISTORIC WALK, 10 to 11:30 a.m., West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road. Enjoy a morning stroll while learning all about the cemetery's history and the notable people buried there, and then tour the chapel which features Tiffany stained glass windows; meet at the arch at West Parish; free, held rain or shine; www.westparishgardencemetery.org.

MONDAY, MAY 22

MORNING TEA WITH MY DOLL AND ME, 10 to 10:45 a.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Bring a favorite doll and come dressed in your tea-party finest for treats, snacks and tea for sipping; geared for children ages 2 to 5 and an adult caregiver; includes a story time, craft activity and a mini fashion show on the stage; \$15

for children; 978-623-8340, email rec@andoverma.us, www.andoverrec.com.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE,

10 a.m., through town. The route will lead from the intersection of Elm and Florence streets to Main Street, to Punchard Avenue, Bartlett Street and end at The Park; a collation will be held in the Doherty Middle School cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. for all parade participants; political activity cannot be accommodated in or during the parade; in the event of heavy rain, all observances will take place inside the Memorial Auditorium; civic, patriotic and fraternal organizations are invited to march in the parade; 978-623-8915.

JUNE

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

CHILDREN'S GARDEN PARTY, 10 a.m. to noon, West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road. Come to the Children's Garden at West Parish for arts and crafts, spring activities and refreshments; youngsters can pet baby farm animals from Enchanted Animal Farm; designed for children 8 and under; free; www.westparishgardencemetery.org.

Dance moves



Andover resident and Reading dance studio owner, Deanna Carpinteri and her daughter Talia were featured on channel 5 WCVB news before the premiere of Dancing With The Stars Monday, March 20. Contestant Nancy Kerrigan and her partner Artem Chigvintsev used J & D Dance Academy in Reading for rehearsal as they prepared their Viennese waltz for opening night of season 24. Daughter Talia and her dance partner Chris Ulbrich are the 2016 American Rhythm Gold Amateur Champions. Talia was thrilled when Artem took her on the floor for a dance. Pictured above are, from left, Artem Chigvintsev, Deanna Carpinteri and Nancy Kerrigan.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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

Join the Night Readers
The Night Readers, a book discussion group for children aged 9 to 12 and a favorite adult, will discuss "The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate" by Jacqueline Kelly on Wednesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Special guest, Lauren Kosky-Stamm from the Andover Historical Society, will share some interesting artifacts from 1899, the time period of the book.

Request and read the book beforehand and register online.

Celebrate National Poetry Month
Andover's award-winning children's author, Jeff Nathan, will help kick off National Poetry Month with a fun-filled program of poetry, songs, juggling and more on Saturday, April 8, at 2 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Geared for families and children aged 4 to 12, Nathan will play the guitar and sing silly songs and enact some of his children's poetry. He may even ask the audience to help him with his juggling.

Nathan's books will be available for purchase, with the proceeds donated to the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Learn the science secrets behind magic tricks
Michael and Sarah Koski will bring their interactive performance, "The Magic of Science," to the library

on Wednesday, April 19, at 2 p.m.

Designed for children ages 5 to 12, the Koskis will reveal some of the science used by magicians to perform their tricks. Everyone in the audience will get to participate in this engaging show.

Sponsored by the Friends of MHL, this program is not suited for children under the age of 5. Register the names of everyone attending online.

Friday morning music
Peter Sheridan will visit the library on Friday, April 21, at 10 a.m.

Sheridan's show will feature guitar, accordion, harmonica and a variety of other instruments, along with puppets and books.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Registration is required. Check out www.mhl.org/eventcalendar for details and to sign up.

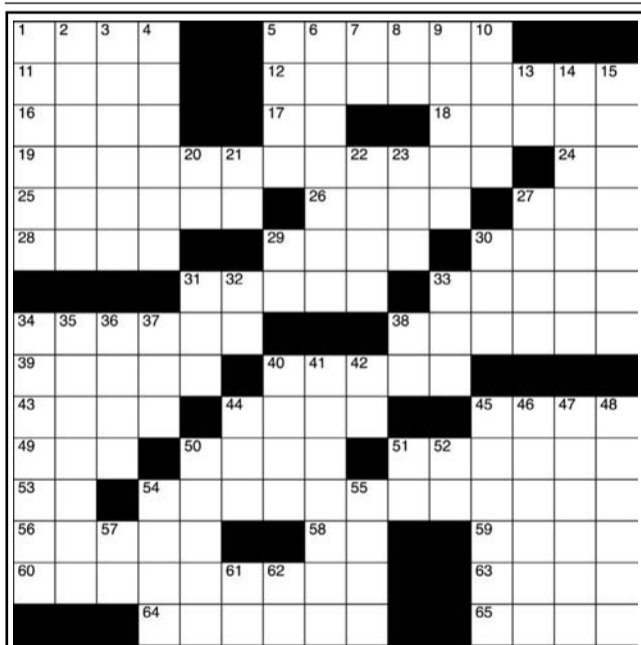
Local author to visit
Children in kindergarten through grade four can celebrate Earth Day with local author, Julia Walsh, on Saturday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m. in the Activity Room.

A reading of her inspirational and educational book, "Wings in the Wind," will be followed by an educational activity exploring wildlife and nature conservation on the wetlands.

Space is limited. Online registration is required.

Other events in the Children's Room:

Pajama Party, Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 6:30 p.m. The 45-minute sessions include bedtime stories, quiet songs and games, and a short film. Designed for ages 3 to 5 and an adult. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.



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- Actor Jared
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Sports

Carving her own path

By MICHAEL MULDOON
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Academic superstar Webber closes her basketball career with a bang

ANDOVER — Jillian Webber stunned a lot of people when she decided not to play college basketball.

There aren't too many players with Ivy League grades and Ivy League skills who decide to hang up the high-tops at 18-years-old.

But Webber, the 6-foot Andover High star, is the exception, disappointing Brown University and coach Sarah Behn among other top schools.

Why not play in college? "That's definitely a question I get often," said Webber. "I knew it wasn't for me. I do love it, but when it becomes a job."

College basketball at the Division 1 level is like a job, with long hours of practice, weight lifting, conditioning and bus trips to far away locales.

She said, "I knew it would take the fun out of it and I'd resent it."

Division 3 isn't as taxing but still a major commitment and she just wanted the free time.

Many questioned her decision.

"Mostly it was the same general reaction," she said. "What? Wow, I couldn't believe it. You're so good. It's Brown, how can you pass up that academic opportunity?"

"But you only live once. I'm not going to do it just because I get some money. Ninety percent I knew since my freshman year."

Andover coach E.J. Perry loves Webber's game.

"Jillian is one of the most pure shooters I've ever coached, boy or girl," said Perry, who has been in coaching since 1987 and was a brilliant shooter himself for Andover High and Colby. "She's what I call 'silky smooth' from 15 feet and in."

Webber went out in style. She led Andover to the Division 1 North crown, and finished the year averaging 16.1 points per game. She closed out her career with 933 points, 537 rebounds and 207 blocks.

A gifted natural athlete, Webber played volleyball for the first time this fall and was named an MVC All-Star for the 19-4 Golden Warriors.

Webber marches to the beat of her own drum while Perry is fierce on the sidelines.

The coach said, "She has always been a free spirit."

She admits, particularly early on, it was an oil and water mix.

She showed promise as a varsity reserve as a freshman (2.1 points a game) and was expected to be an impact player sophomore year.

"At the beginning of sophomore year, Coach was definitely getting on me," said Webber, whose father Rob and brother Chase are both 6-foot-5. "He's a yeller. I don't respond well to that. As I got more comfortable on the court, it resolved itself."

Perry realizes what he has in Webber as both a player



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover coach E.J. Perry raves about Jillian Webber's "silky" jump shot.

and a leader.

He said of his co-captain, "As a leader, she has really done an exceptional job."

As a sophomore, she helped Andover to the Division 1 state semifinals at the TD Garden, where they lost to a Braintree club which some regarded as the best girls team in Mass. state history.

Last year the other twin tower, Alyssa Casey, was out due to injury and it was a rare down year for the Golden Warriors, who were just 5-16. Webber, however, did all she could, scoring an area-high 19.6 points a game.

The honors are plentiful in the classroom, too for Andover's Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

She scored a 1,310 on her SATs. She's been in the National Honor Society for two years and she previously won Andover's Excellence in Algebra Award.

Webber would like to go to a big school down South and has been accepted to Clemson, Florida, South Carolina, Miami (Fla.) and Auburn. She's waiting on North Carolina-Chapel Hill and George



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Andover's captain Jillian Webber was a star in basketball, but the top scholar-athlete will focus on academics in college despite many offers.

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Former Andover superfan Thomas Manty became a star for Central Catholic, helping the Raiders to the Super 8 title game.

Manty goes from Andover superfan to Central hockey star

By DAVID WILLIS
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Jankowski asked me, 'Where are your skates?' He let me skate with the team every day during practice. I started to think, 'Maybe this isn't such a bad place after all.'

Finding his role

Standing on the TD Garden ice three years ago, under the banners of the Boston Bruins legends, Andover's Thomas Manty looked at close friend Noah Jankowski and made a promise.

Manty remembered, "We said, 'One day we will be playing here for Central in the Super 8.'"

This winter, Manty helped the Raiders turn that promise by the then-8th-grade water boy a reality.

Manty scored the dramatic overtime game-winning goal in the Super 8 semifinal victory, sending Central Catholic to its first ever Super 8 title game.

Manty, however, grew up dreaming of playing hockey for his hometown Andover High, Central's archrival.

But after his father moved from coaching Andover to a job as an assistant at Central Catholic, Manty gradually — and reluctantly — fell in love with the Raiders.

"He has a high skill level and a great love for the game," said Raiders coach Kim Brandvold. "He always wants to be the first on the ice and the last off. He also has a knack for making the plays at the right moment."

Early allegiance

Hockey is a passion Manty discovered early with the help of his father, Scott Manty.

The older Manty was a star for Walpole High, before playing four seasons as a reserve for Boston University (1977-82).

"Thomas' passion for the game is second to none," said Scott. "I grew up playing and have coached for a long time, and I've never seen anyone work harder than him."

For most of his childhood, Thomas believed he would one day be a Golden Warrior.

Scott Manty spent 6 1/2 seasons as an assistant for Andover High under Mario Martiniello (2004-11). He then served as interim head coach for the final portion of the 2011 season following Martiniello's controversial dismissal.

In his first game as head coach, Manty's squad shocked Central Catholic.

"Beating Central, ironically, was one of the best moments my dad and I have ever shared," said Thomas. "I loved watching guys like Tucker Mullin and I wanted to play for Andover."

Becoming a Raider

When Manty was not hired as the permanent Andover coach for the following season — passed over for since-departed Mike Ciarletta — he crossed rivalry lines and became an assistant for Central Catholic. This move was initially difficult for the younger Manty, who was in the sixth grade.

"At first I thought, 'Central? NO WAY!'" Thomas said. "I didn't know much about the school other than the rivalry. I didn't know if I would be accepted."

But then-Central Catholic coach Mike Jankowski was quick to welcome the newcomer.

"I would go to practice after school and work on my homework in the scorer's box," he remembered. "During the first practice, Coach

Jankowski asked me, 'Where are your skates?' He let me skate with the team every day during practice. I started to think, 'Maybe this isn't such a bad place after all.'

Two years ago, Manty became one of three freshmen to make the varsity team for Central Catholic, alongside Boston University commit Jake Wise — now of the US Developmental Team — and Cam Gendron, who now plays for Winchendon.

Manty played sparingly in his first season due to a broken leg, as Central finished 16-7-2 and lost in the first round of the Super 8. He saw increased playing time last winter, scoring seven goals for a 16-9-1 team which lost to BC High in three games in the Super 8 first round.

With Central hit so hard by the exits of Wise, Gendron and others this winter, now-junior Manty knew he had to step up. He finished the season tied for second on the Raiders in goals (11), trailing just fellow Andoverite Will Winship (14).

"Of course we miss the guys (who left), but I felt ready to step up and we have a lot of guys that were ready," he said. "It's special to have the chance to play high school hockey, so I focused on making myself better every day."

Father and son

It was 10 years ago that Thomas Manty and his father Scott shared one of the more emotional moments of their lives inside the Boston Bruins locker room.

On March 18 2007, the Manty family suffered the loss of Scott's father and Thomas's grandfather, Wayne Manty.

Later that day Andover High — where Scott was then an assistant coach — lost the Division 2 state championship game 2-0 to Hanover.

The emotions of the day spilled over when superfan Thomas left the stands and found his father in the locker room following the loss.

"I just walked in and gave my dad a huge hug," he said. "I remember how emotional it was. My grandfather loved hockey too. It was a rough day that really took its toll on us."

It is now his father that is watching from the stands.

After three seasons as an assistant coach for Central Catholic, Scott Manty decided to step aside when Thomas was a freshman to allow his son room to be his own player.

"It's always tempting to have the chance to be on the bench and watch your son grow," said Scott, now an assistant at Phillips Academy. "It was a difficult decision, but the right decision. I saw what Mike Jankowski, and now Kim Brandvold were building and I had full confidence in them."

While hockey is a tremendous bond between father and son, Thomas agrees with his dad's choice.

"Part of me wanted to play for my dad," he said. "But he made the right choice. Coach Jankowski was amazing and you don't find anyone better than coach Kim. It was the right decision for sure. But every conversation we have still goes back to hockey."

Andover's Pee wee 3 hockey champs



Courtesy photo

Andover's Pee wee 3 hockey recently team swept all 5 games, including a double-overtime victory in the semifinals, to become the Pee wee Tier IV State Champions. Lying down: Goalie Charlie Rainville; second row, kneeling, from left: Itai Roe Kozorovitsky, Jacob Riley, Luke Rinklin, Patrick Layman, Daniel Greene, Finian Burke, Joe Murphy and Joe McDermott; third row, from left: Ben Zaeder, Mikey Wiley; and back row, from left: Assistant Coach John Zaeder, Head Coach Rob Castro, Danny Hunter, Ty Walsh, Nil Castro-Rovira, Assistant Coaches Tom Murphy, Efi Roe Kozorovitsky and Joe McDermott. Not pictured: James Comerford.

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High: 48° Low: 31°	High: 41° Low: 34°	High: 37° Low: 32°	High: 50° Low: 33°	High: 50° Low: 37°	High: 54° Low: 44°	High: 57° Low: 41°

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Businesses show off inventory at Boutique Blowout

STAFF REPORT

Downtown businesses are used to inclement weather for their annual Boutique Blowout event held in March. This year, for part of the 3-day event, that weather pattern held true.

There were snowbanks and cold, windy weather last weekend but the green balloons flew outside 21 businesses to greet shoppers, who came in droves.

"We're used to winter weather in March but shoppers came," said May Doherty who owns Chic Consignment on Main Street. "Boutique Blowout is a great event and we were down a bit from last year (in the number of shoppers) but we still love the event."

Hosted by the Andover Business Center Association, the event is a way for retailers to showcase inventory and offer discounts. Some shops



May Doherty, left, owner of Chic, shows a coat to Jennelle Graziano of Lawrence. Downtown Andover stores participated in the Boutique Blowout last weekend, offering special sales and refreshments among other enticements to get customers in the door.

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even offered refreshments to shoppers.

"It went over well," said Phyllis O'Grady of ABCA. "It's all about shopping local and getting shoppers downtown."

BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Merrimack Valley networking meetings

Merrimack Valley Networking Group, a free business networking group, meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Atria Marland Place, 15 Steven St., Andover. Bring business cards to hand out. For more information, call Paul Lambert at 978-609-6420 or email PDLLAW@comcast.net.

BNI Merrimack Valley networking meetings

BNI Merrimack Valley chapter meets on Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club in Andover at 260 North Main St. The group's mission

is to help members increase their business through a structured, positive, and professional referral marketing program that enables them to develop long-term, meaningful relationships with quality business professionals. The philosophy of this organization is built upon the idea of "Givers Gain": If I give you business you'll give me business and we'll both benefit as a result. BNI allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter. For more information call Edna Peters at 1-800-783-6127 or email epeters@partnersadvantage.com

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

233-R Andover St.: Bernadette Lyons to Frank Zavri, \$275,000

237-R Andover St.: Bernadette Lyons to Frank Zavri, \$125,000

237-R Andover St.: Susan A. Stickler and Barry S. Altshuler to Bernadette Lyons, \$125,000

95 Argilla Road: Susana C. Lugo to Shek M. Masum, \$673,250

29 Boardwalk Drive, Unit 29: 69 North Street LLC to Shashank R. Nalla and Archana Pothula, \$599,900

25 Chester St.: Lei Sui and Li Liu to Liguu Su and Lan Yu, \$515,000

2 Dove Lane, Unit 2: JEM 1999 RT and James E. Moynihan to Andrew J. and Elizabeth C. Blanchard, \$789,900

2 Harper Circle: Kathleen E. Cosentino RET and David

L. Cosentino to Michael and Anne White, \$960,000

14 Lucerne Drive: Rivers Edge Properties to Constitution Properties LLC, \$360,000

6 Marigold Lane: Enida Narkus to Kevin J. and Mary McKenna, \$395,000

142 Osgood St.: Jeffco Inc. to Shinwoo Kang and Hyun J. Pong, \$525,000

11 Phoenix Place: Mary L. Dias and Wells Fargo Bank NA to Wells Fargo Bank NA Trust, \$796,000

278 River Road: Ludlam LLC to Patricia Thome, \$595,000

273 South Main St.: Pensco T. Co. to Jason T. Anton, \$517,000

80 Summer St., Unit 80: Ann M. Noonan to Peter J. Morris, \$285,000

16 Swan Lane, Unit 16: James P. and Maureen F. Palermo to Betsy K. Couture RET 2005 and Betsy K. Couture, \$852,000

Forum to discuss Andover's success in providing affordable housing

STAFF REPORT

Andover Community Trust (ACT) will begin celebrating 25 years of building affordable homes in Andover with a community forum examining "Andover's Affordable Housing Success - Myths & Realities."

Open to the public, this free event begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, on the top floor of Memorial Hall Library.

Following welcoming remarks by John Pearson, ACT president, the panel will

be moderated by Austin Simko, ACT Board member, vice chair of the Andover Planning Board and member of the Andover Housing Partnership Committee. The expert panelists include:

— Susan Stott, ACT founder, who will share insights on the history of ACT and her experience with the Andover Planning Board and the Andover Housing Partnership Committee;

— Andrew Flanagan, Andover town manager, who will discuss Andover's efforts

advocating for affordable homes and the role of economic diversity and home ownership in vital communities;

— Richard Sumberg, president of Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity, who will share Habitat's history in the Merrimack Valley and how Habitat homes are changing lives;

— Amy Sebell, Realtor, will discuss residential real estate in Andover over the past 25 years and the challenges for home buyers.

questions from the audience will be encouraged. Expected to attend are representatives of Andover's town boards, Andover clergy, housing attorneys, Andover Housing Authority, homeowners of ACT's affordable homes, and Greater Lawrence Technical School, whose students have built four ACT homes.

For more information, contact Andover Community Trust at 978-276-9228, info@AndoverCLT.org or visit the website at www.andoverclt.org.




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