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## Bill Fahey back at Cormier Center

**Flanagan: Youth Services director failed to adequately supervise employee**

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ANDOVER — Andover town officials issued a statement Monday that Andover Youth Services director Bill

Fahey is back at work after having been disciplined for failing to adequately oversee one of his employees.

"I'm not going to comment on the situation," Fahey said when asked about the disciplinary action the town took against him. "I just don't feel comfortable commenting on the process in general. It's a personnel matter."

Fahey was suspended from working at the Youth Center sometime in mid-August.

He went on vacation from Sept. 19 to 26, then was put on administrative leave for the second time Sept. 26. He returned to work Monday, Oct. 2.

"I've been a dedicated town employee for years," Fahey said, standing outside the back door of the teen center. "Andover Youth Services is a phenomenal place and I really appreciate all of the support that I have gotten from the community."

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, through the John Guilfoil Public Relations Firm in Georgetown, said Fahey "has returned to duty after serving discipline. An investigation by the town manager's office showed that there had been a failure by Fahey, as AYS director, to adequately supervise a former member of AYS staff while that member worked for AYS."

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Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey returned to his post at the Cormier Youth Center on Oct. 2. Fahey had been suspended by the town manager for about a month.

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*"People just get consumed with their everyday lives and they forget that there's people out there struggling. It's just a reminder that we are all one community."*

Hannah Hanson of Andover



Walkers make the first right turn on to Bartlet Street in Andover during the Lazarus House Hike for Hope on Sunday. RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

## Hike for Hope

Lazarus House Hike for Hope walk in Andover draws hundreds

By AMANDA GETCHELL  
Staff Writer

Close to 700 participants, volunteers and staff from across the Merrimack Valley gathered for the 18th annual Hike for Hope on Sunday afternoon to raise money for Lazarus House, a nonprofit organization in Lawrence that assists the homeless.

The three-mile walk, starting in The Park off Bartlet Street, raised \$120,000 before the event even began, however, Lazarus House hopes to reach its goal of \$200,000. "Last year, it was a



Neve Schirmer, 13, left, and Grace Ventre, 12, right, both of Andover, work together to sink a giant basketball in the hoop at The Park.

little bit rainy and today there isn't a cloud in the sky," said Lazarus House

spokeswoman Gabby Cruz. "We are fundraising and taking donations

for this event through Nov. 1."

Dave McGillivray, longtime race director of the Boston Marathon, started the event in 2000 when he proposed that Lazarus House create its own fundraiser and offered to run the event.

The first few walks helped pay for some of the transitional housing units, such as Capernaum Place, to help those without homes restart their lives after they leave shelters.

Money raised for the Hike for Hope goes toward many of the services and programs

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## Retirement Board debate blows up

Special meeting sought after selectmen fail to appoint fifth board member

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Selectman Robert Landry is calling for a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen after the board did not appoint any of the three candidates who applied for the open seat on the Retirement Board. The board voted last week to re-open the application process for the position.

"Tuesday night's inaction on the retirement board appointment is a failure of leadership by both Chairman (Paul) Salafia and yourself," Landry wrote in an email to Town Manager Andrew Flanagan. "Your passive role and silence on this important

*"Your passive role and silence on this important appointment is inexcusable."*

Bob Landry, selectman, to town manager

"I want you and Chairman Salafia to schedule a special Selectmen meeting ASAP to allow all three candidates to come back before the board and answer any concerns any board member has about their candidacy," Landry added.

According to Flanagan, See BOARD, Page 3

## Superintendent gets \$3,200 raise, bonus

Berman is highest paid superintendent in Merrimack Valley

By KELSEY BODE  
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Superintendent of Andover Public Schools Sheldon Berman received a 1.5 percent raise and a \$5,000 bonus from the School Committee last week.

Berman's base salary for the July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 year will now be \$223,300. In addition, Berman received a \$5,000 bonus from the board, bringing his salary to \$228,300. The \$5,000 was a one-time bonus for "skillful and dedicated work in his first contract year," according to the committee. Berman earned a base



Sheldon Berman

salary of \$220,000 last year, but earned an additional \$18,000 in "other pay" and another \$12,000 in retro pay. Berman

explained that the "other pay" is a payment in lieu of pension. He said he is not part of the town's pension plan and is given that money which he then invests as if it were in a pension system.

The retro pay is the amount he earns from the raise. The fiscal year starts in July, but Berman didn't get a raise until just last week. The retro pay makes up for that gap, he said, which is similar to what union employees

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## N. Reading votes 'yes' on 99-year water deal

Now Andover needs to reciprocate to complete the deal

By KELSEY BODE  
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The town of North Reading voted 'yes' to a 99-year water supply agreement with Andover on Monday.

North Reading Town Meeting voted in favor of issuing a Home Rule petition to the state. If authorized, North Reading will be permitted to enter into a 99-year agreement with Andover. The Home Rule petition was addressed in Article 11 of North Reading's Oct. 2 Town Meeting.

A Home Rule petition

provides the opportunity for the two towns to petition the state Legislature seeking special legislation to permit the 99-year water supply agreement.

Now the two towns must wait until the Jan. 29, 2018, Andover Special Town Meeting to see if Andover residents will also approve a Home Rule petition for a long-term agreement. The Andover Board of Selectmen approved the special Town Meeting request at their Sept. 26 meeting. Dates to submit warrant articles have not been decided yet.

"I think that was the easiest part of the process," said Michael Prisco, chairman of the North Reading Board of Selectmen. "Clearly it's really now in the hands of

*"I am pleased that we can proceed with continuing to discuss extending our longstanding partnership."*

Andrew Flanagan, Andover town manager

the residents of Andover. They've got to get it through their Town Meeting. Hopefully they approve it and then it goes to legislation and hopefully we will have full support for that action." "I am pleased that we can proceed with continuing to discuss extending our longstanding partnership,"

Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said.

North Reading is responsible for about 20 to 30 percent of Andover's water revenue, which amounts to about \$1.5 million annually. As a result of the existing North Reading arrangement, Andover has lower water rates than nearby Merrimack Valley towns, according to town officials. Without North Reading as a customer, Andover rates would rise 20 to 25 percent.

"I would guess Andover would see 60 percent increases over the next five years if we left their system," Prisco said. "We told them that in early 2014. I think the change of leadership and new consulting firms they brought in allowed

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**HIKE**

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offered at Lazarus House, including a soup kitchen, thrift stores and English-as-a-second-language courses.

Lazarus House has nine buildings throughout Lawrence, including an emergency shelter with about 40 beds that serves as short-term housing for families and individuals. There are also three transitional housing units and a food pantry that provides nearly 800 families each week with emergency food supplies.

Local residents were eager to participate in the walk and help a cause that affects many so close to home.

"Knowing it is five minutes from our house when we are lucky enough to live in this community is the best reason," said Dawn Simpson of North Andover, who attended the event with her young children.

Simpson said her family has been giving back and donating to Lazarus House for several years.

"We do it every year with my kids," Simpson said. "I think it's important to show your kids that you have to give back to the people who don't have what you have."

Hannah Hanson of Andover, who attended the event with her mother, Mary Hanson, said for them it's all about raising awareness and positive energy.

"People just get consumed with their everyday

lives and they forget that there's people out there struggling," she added. "It's just a reminder that we are all one community."

Hamburgers and hotdogs were served to walkers and volunteers, a disc jockey played upbeat music, and a clown tied balloon animals for children. Lawrence High School's ROTC program led the color guard.

"This is one of our favorite events because we get to see so many people that support us," Cruz said. "There are a lot of our guests here, too, that get to walk with us and it's all kind of in solidarity to hopefully break the cycle of poverty."

Bridget Shaheen, executive director of Lazarus House, said this year's walk was significant more than ever because of the devastating impact of hurricanes in the South and Puerto Rico.

"We understand what that's about, having nothing," Shaheen said.

Organizers emphasized the impact the participants have on less-fortunate families in giving them a safe place to sleep and food to eat.

"As relief efforts begin and continued evacuations occur from disaster-stricken islands, we are absolutely already taking in families fleeing from what was left of the disasters," Cruz said. "While we continue to pray for what has happened in other areas, we are hoping those in our community will respond to the needs close to home."



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Walkers stream down Bartlet Street in Andover for the first leg of the Lazarus House Hike for Hope on Sunday afternoon.



Walkers make the first right turn onto Bartlet Street.



Participants in the Lazarus House Hike for Hope make the turn from Bartlet Street onto Chestnut Street.



Participants in the Lazarus House Hike for Hope take off from the starting line at The Park in Andover on Sunday afternoon.



Participants in the Lazarus House Hike for Hope stream out of The Park in Andover to line up for the walk Sunday afternoon.

**SCHOOL**

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get when their contracts are settled late in the fiscal year or after their contract has expired.

Human Resources Director Candace Hall did not return a phone call or an email from the Townsman on Monday for information about Berman's compensation package.

The raise and bonus were both approved at the Sept. 28 school committee meeting. The motion was approved 4

to 1, with School Committee member Ted Teichert voting against it.

"I just wouldn't have given the \$5,000 amount," Teichert said. "I disagreed. I didn't necessarily disagree with the 1.5 percent increase, it was the \$5,000 addition."

The rest of the board was fully in favor of the decision, however. The vote approving the amount was made with little fanfare and barely any open discussion.

"You did a very nice job," School Committee member Shannon Scully told Berman. "You deserve it."

"It's well deserved," Chairwoman of the School Committee Susan McCready said. "Thank you very much."

Berman thanked the committee at the meeting.

"I'm very thankful for this" Berman said. "I very much appreciate the acknowledgement of the work and the support. I'm fortunate to be here."

The School Committee met in a number of secret executive sessions to discuss negotiations regarding Berman's pay. Now that his pay has been settled, the Townsman is requesting the

**SUPERINTENDENT SALARIES IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY**

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School Committee release those minutes.

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**WATER**

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them to realize that was the case. That's why Andover came back to us and said they wanted us and this is what they are willing to offer us."

Andover will need to make between \$2 and \$2.5 million in infrastructure changes, such as pipes, gauges and valves, to improve the current connection to North Reading's water system. In addition, the town will be paying \$953,000 to North Reading over 10 years to partially compensate for the \$2.4 million North Reading paid to join the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA). That is money they will lose now that they have decided to stick with Andover's water.

North Reading has not completely turned their backs on working with the MWRA, however. Should plans for a long-term agreement with Andover fall through, North Reading will continue working with the MWRA.

"We are very fortunate that we have the MWRA," Prisco said. "They are a very quality source. We are not ruling them out yet until we get through this process."

North Reading only approached the MWRA after attempts to produce a new, long-term agreement with Andover fell through in 2014. At the time, Andover

town officials had informed North Reading that they were unable to continue to work together. It was only more recently, after the MWRA became involved, that Andover began re-negotiating with North Reading.

"I think residents in Andover need to understand that this isn't something where we are trying to take advantage of Andover," Prisco said. "This is something we've been trying to figure out for almost four years."

"I couldn't be more pleased," Prisco added. "The leadership in Andover has really changed it's tune and really wants to work with North Reading rather than as an adversary or any other ordinary customer."

North Reading also voted to approve \$325,000 to be put toward a feasibility study that will review the town's options for acquiring a "supplemental supply of potable water to meeting North Reading's long term needs" according to Article 10 of North Reading's Oct. 2 Town Meeting Warrant.

"The rest should be pretty simple once we finish the feasibility study and know the system meets out our needs," Prisco said. "If we can get those things done before April, I believe the path is pretty clear for North Reading."

As for the path for Andover, residents will have to wait to cast their vote in January.

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In the statement Flanagan said that based on information received this past summer, an administrative investigation that he led determined that, while employed by Youth Services, the former employee engaged in inappropriate conduct toward two program participants.

"Although the conduct was found not to have violated criminal law, it was obviously highly improper," Flanagan stated. "The investigation concluded that despite AYS management's awareness that the conduct had occurred, inadequate steps were taken to address it or to prevent it in the future. The town therefore took appropriate measures consistent with labor law after concluding its investigation."

He added that the Andover Police Department was notified "and determined that while the former employee's actions were inappropriate and certainly violated a number of rules and regulations, none of them rose to the level of criminal charges."

"For that reason, in addition to state statutory mandates regarding the protection of children, the former employee's name cannot be released," he stated.

The statement, released Monday at about 11:40 a.m., was made following numerous requests by the Andover Townsman for information regarding Fahey's whereabouts. Fahey hasn't been at his post at the Cormier Youth Center on Whittier Street since mid-August.

Initial inquiries into his whereabouts were met with stonewalling by town officials, who repeatedly said "no comment" and that it was a "personnel matter" not subject to public release.

The Townsman filed two Freedom of Information requests on the matter. The Secretary of State's office currently is reviewing documents created by the town in regard to Fahey's absence. In the coming weeks, additional details may be released regarding the popular teen leader's absence.

Fahey told the Townsman Monday that last week he'd been placed on another week

of administrative leave.

In the meantime, the town is reviewing supervisory guidelines, processes for reporting behavior, and creating new rules for Andover Youth Services (AYS) staff.

Of actions already taken by the town, one new rule has already been implemented:

"Any employee who engages in inappropriate conduct toward or with program participants will be dismissed if the conduct is confirmed by investigation. In addition, employees who learn of such conduct by other employees must immediately report the conduct to their department head and to Director of Community Services Joseph Connelly, or face dismissal themselves," Flanagan wrote.

The Oct. 2 press release comes in the wake of wide public commentary over Fahey's absence.

"I understand that there is tremendous public interest in this situation, and rightfully so," Flanagan wrote. "Up until now, we have not been able to provide additional information because the investigation was still ongoing, and we did not want to jeopardize it. We had to allow this process to come to completion, so that we could also take steps to prevent this from happening in the future. At the same time we also have to protect the privacy interests of past and present AYS program participants. I am grateful to all of our residents for their patience and cooperation."

Meanwhile, things at the Youth Center are moving on.

"Moving forward, we had the best summer we've had in years," Fahey said of the AYS center's activities. "What we are trying to accomplish is to build that neighborhood that kids don't have anymore. It's a youth development model."

According to Fahey, that means the center is run by youth.

"I'm probably the only person in town with experience working with a youth development model," Fahey said. "The youth lead the programs. I'm so relieved to see this dream become a reality and to keep an eye on young people today. This is the answer."

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## BOARD

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as of Oct. 2 no such special meeting had been scheduled.

The selectmen publicly interviewed the three candidates at their Sept. 18 meeting. The Retirement Board themselves were unable to appoint a fifth member in August due to an impasse among their board members, which is ultimately what turned the vote to the selectmen in the first place.

Selectmen deliberated on interviews from three candidates — Jon Stumpf, former chairman of the Finance Committee and CFO of Boston Senior Home Care Inc.; David Workman, chief executive officer at Faber Industries LLC; and Daniel Turco, Massachusetts Retirees executive board member and commissioner to the state Pension Classification Commission.

Residents of Andover and employees of the town, past and present, voiced their concerns over the candidates and the selection process during the Sept. 26 selectmen's meeting. In particular, townspeople were concerned with the short, 20 minute public interviews the candidates had gone through on Sept. 18, perceived political bias on the behalf of both candidates and selectmen, and a desire among some for the selectmen to, if possible, give back the power to appoint a fifth member to the Retirement Board.

"I think the board missed an opportunity tonight," Selectman Alex Vispoli said. "I've never seen anything like it. I think it's a failure of leadership on the Board of Selectmen that we did not get this appointment. I think this is a low point."

"What message does this send to our candidates?" Selectman Bob Landry asked the board. "Not only does the board not support them, but three members of the board have dismissed these candidates as not qualified for their vote."

"It will make candidates think twice about coming in," Vispoli agreed. "I think we did get good, qualified candidates: one CFO, one CEO, and a current retiree

very familiar with the process. I think it was fair."

"Who is making the decisions?" added Vispoli. "Is it the Board of Selectmen or people outside the Board of Selectmen?"

Only one motion was seconded to vote on any of the three candidates — a motion made by Landry and seconded by Vispoli to appoint David Workman.

None of the three other selectmen voted to appoint Workman

When asked why, Chairman of the Board Paul Salafia stated that it was an issue regarding impartiality.

"People were questioning Workman's impartiality and I believe this as well," Salafia said. "With every Retirement Board vote and question there are strong emotions and people have strong views — that's why impartiality was probably the most important criteria that we could consider. I don't know that Workman would be impartial, but it was perceived because he got a strong endorsement from one side of those questions."

Landry had endorsed Workman on his website and through one of his website's newsletters, which fostered a concern among some townspeople and selectmen that Workman would be biased toward issues of the retirement board. When asked if he believed Landry and fell on one side of Retirement Board issues, Salafia stated: "He obviously does. I don't blame him for his passion, but I think he falls on the opposite side of where some of the retirees do."

Salafia stated that he would have voted in favor of Jon Stumpf had Vispoli's motion to elect Stumpf been seconded, but as Chairman of the Board he stated at the meeting that it is his personal policy not to second motions.

Selectman Dan Kowalski said he didn't think any of the candidates were a good fit for the Retirement Board.

"I don't think that any of the three candidates is the right person for the position — therefore I didn't second or vote for any of the candidates," Kowalski told the Andover Townsman in an email. "The characteristics that I am looking for in a

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Alex Vispoli, selectman

candidate is an open-minded and independent thinker that is extremely collaborative. Someone that can bring two opposing sides together on a collaborative solution is a critical skillset for this position. Also, someone that will effect change in a respectful way."

He went on to say that Landry's support of Workman may actually have worked against the potential appointee.

"I think Selectman Landry's endorsement of Mr. Workman hurt him as a candidate," Kowalski said. "Selectman Landry is disrespectful to his fellow selectman and he tries to 'criticize' people so that he can get what he wants. Just look at the Oct. 1 email that he wrote to the town manager. Selectman Landry states that he will 'continue to criticize Selectman Salafia, Kowalski, Gregory and you (the town manager) until appropriate action is taken.' To me, 'criticize' is another word for bully and 'appropriate action' means until Selectman Landry gets his way. These are the values that Selectman Landry exhibits. Why would one think it is a good idea to support any candidate that Selectman Landry supports?"

He added: "No disrespect was meant for any of the candidates; but I am not going to select a person for a job that I do not think is right for the job."

One Andover retiree presented the board with the Sept. 1 Memorandum 28 of 2017 from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). The memo was issued directly after the Andover Retirement Board's meeting where the vote

to appoint a fifth member came to a tie and was passed on to the Board of Selectmen. Some believe that the PERAC memo is related to the Andover Retirement Board's inability to appoint a fifth member.

The Sept. 1 Memorandum 28 reads: "A board should not abdicate its authority to the board of selectman, mayor or city manager by simply opposing a candidate(s) in order to force a tiebreaking selection; this is a board function and every effort should be made to perform its fiduciary duty. Only in the event that the board can't ultimately agree on a new fifth member should the process move forward pursuant to the statute."

The selectmen were implored to give the appointment back to the Retirement Board. Multiple selectmen stated that they cannot, due to the fact that now by statute they are the ones who are supposed to appoint the fifth member. At the end of deliberation, the selectmen did decide to have Town Manager Andrew Flanagan reach out to PERAC to see if such a turn of events might be possible. Flanagan told the Townsman on Sept. 28 that he will be reaching out to PERAC shortly.

Until then, the board plans on reopening the application process sometime during the week of Oct. 2. Interested candidates will have 60 days to apply and information on applying will be posted on the town website (andoverma.gov), through town news alerts on the town's email distribution system, and via social media. Flanagan assured the Townsman that the three candidates who originally applied to the first solicitation process can apply again, if they wish to do so.

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# Education

## AHS moves a step closer to massive renovation project

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Andover is slowly making progress toward a massive renovation at the high school. Town Manager Andrew Flanagan and Superintendent Sheldon Berman will soon begin negotiations on a feasibility study with HMFH, an architecture firm based in Cambridge. Town Purchasing Agent Tom Watkins and Samir Srouji, a member of the AHS feasibility study committee, will also be assisting in the negotiations. Funds for the study will

come from a \$175,000 grant from the state originally intended for a redesign of the library into a high school media center. "It will come out of the school budget and it would come out of the \$175,000 earmarked by the state for the media center redesign that happened a couple of years ago," said Annie Gilbert, chairwoman of the Andover High School Facility Study Committee (AHSFS) Committee. "That is the money that is going to be spent for the feasibility study because it will include a media center as part of the design."

The feasibility study won't be a complete and total design of the new high school, but more of a basic layout plan, she said. "It will provide options for a redesign of the school and a process whereby they lead us through various possible solutions," Gilbert said. "The study will work with the community and HMFH to narrow down to what they'd like at the end of process. It would be basic floor plan, a site plan, a rendering of what it would look like outside." "It wouldn't be very specific, not the full design

you'd need to construct it," Gilbert added. Gilbert and Mark Johnson, chairman of the designer selection subcommittee, presented an update and recommended HMFH to the school committee at their Sept. 28 meeting. The School Committee approved a motion to authorize the contract negotiations, 5-0. Five architecture firms applied to be considered and three were interviewed. "It was clear there wasn't going to be a wrong choice," Gilbert said. "But HMFH's

community outreach was especially compelling." The School Committee also discussed the possibility that the project may need to wait until a special town meeting in Fall 2018 or even Spring 2019, rather than be presented at the Spring 2018 meeting. "I think it really depends on how the process goes and whether the community of Andover has the information it needs to feel good about their decision," Gilbert said. "We don't want to rush the process. Our goal is May 2018, but if we need to take more time we will in order not to

rush that process." "We view this not just as a high school, but as a community resource that everybody can take advantage of," Gilbert added. "Right now after the public safety center the high school is the most used building in Andover." "It's all going in the right of direction as far as feasibility for a possible project," said School Committee member Ted Teichert. "There are a lot of good firms we had to decide from. What Annie presented us was good information and a good status report where they are at."

## Access ramp plans move forward

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The town of Andover is moving forward with a proposal for the Wood Hill/ High Plain Accessibility ramp. Jennifer Brooke of Lemon Brooke, a landscape architecture practice with experience

developing accessible spaces for sensory and mobility challenged children, created the proposal and is currently working on a design. The modified design is expected to cost the town \$20,000. Completion of the ramp is anticipated sometime in the spring of 2018.

The design is anticipated to take one month and the bidding process will take between three weeks and one month. In the meantime, Flanagan is looking into companies that the town could pay to put a temporary ramp in place. Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey\_Bode.

## More electronic cigarettes being confiscated at Andover schools

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School authorities have noticed a significant rise in the confiscation of electronic cigarettes at Andover High, only weeks after the school year has begun. Students are being caught with "vapes," electronic devices that turn a liquid into a vapor. Liquids for these devices typically contain nicotine or THC. "We have had a number of incidents," said Andover High Principal Phillip Conrad. "We are reaching out to families and students to make sure that they understand the dangers of vapes, vaping, and smoking in general. We are vigilant and enforce our

policies completely." Strangely, after years of the popularity of electronic smoking devices going up and up among teens, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a press release this June stating that the rate of high school students using electronic cigarettes actually went down nationwide from 3 million teens in 2015 to 2.2 million teens in 2016. Apparently not in Andover. It's a problem many local schools are facing, according to an email sent by Conrad to parents. Tobacco, THC, electronic cigarettes, and vapes are all banned from school property, events, school buses, etc. Students caught with such a device may be suspended,

and student athletes who are caught with drug paraphernalia may face further consequences for violating the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Chemical Health Policy. "As stated in our Handbook, we are committed to maintaining a drug-free learning environment," wrote Conrad in his email to parents. "E-cigarettes and vapes are just the newest in a long line of drug paraphernalia." It's illegal to sell electronic cigarettes or vapes to minors. "We are working hard to make sure that our campus is tobacco and drug-free and ask that you do not allow your student to bring an e-cigarette or vape to school," Conrad added.

## Andover resident first to receive Sakowich Scholarship

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Andover resident Scott Bowman was recently awarded the Sakowich Scholarship. The scholarship was created by the Greater Lawrence Kiwanis Club Foundation in the name of Tony Sakowich, a man who died on Feb. 14, 2014. Sakowich was a World War II Veteran, a Tulane University alumnus, a Bentley University alumnus, an inventor, a pilot and a philanthropist.



Courtesy photo

**Andover resident Scott Bowman recently won a \$1,000 scholarship toward his studies at NECC.**

Bowman is the first recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship. Through his studies at Northern Essex Community College (NECC), Bowman is pursuing a career in finance, and is currently working toward his associate degree in business. After he graduates from NECC this spring, Bowman hopes to attend UMass Lowell next fall. "Anthony and his wife Gladys were business pioneers who each enjoyed finance and investments, they were fiercely generous, outspoken and strong,

devoted to children and passionate about education," Bowman wrote. "I am extremely proud and honored to have been selected for this scholarship because I too am passionate about finance and investments. This generous scholarship will grant me the financial assistance that I need to be

able to fulfill my dream and continue to strive for greatness in my life." Sharon McDermot, director of academic affairs operations, nominated Bowman for the scholarship. McDermot wrote, "Scott is a diligent student with a bright future. It was a pleasure to have Scott as a student in class and I am sure that he will continue to succeed in reaching his personal, academic, and professional goals." Bowman has taken two courses with McDermot. He took his first undergraduate class in 2012, and has taken a couple night classes every semester since. At first, Bowman found himself studying sports management, in part because of his past as a football player, a wrestler, and a snowboarder. An experience he had at an internship inspired him to pursue finance, however. Currently Bowman works at an electroplating company. Bowman plans on using the scholarship to help pay for transportation to classes at NECC. He uses public transportation and the NECC shuttle bus to get to his classes at the Haverhill and Lawrence NECC sites. The NECC office of institutional advancement helps almost 200 students at NECC get scholarship money, amounting to almost \$200,000 that helps students pay for higher education.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD

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

Here are some of the highlights:

**Townie Trips:** Thursdays, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Center offers in-town traveling for those who want to get their hair done, go out to lunch, to a friend's house or to the library. A one-hour minimum stay at the destination is required. The cost is \$4 one way or \$7 round trip. Travel plans should be arranged by Tuesday at noon. Call 978-623-8323 to schedule transportation.

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

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

**Mindfulness Meditation:** Free Fridays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. by donation. Mindfulness is a modern, evidence-based

way of increasing one's mental clarity, calm, happiness and health. Facilitated by Chip Carter. Preregistration requested.

**What's for lunch:** Warm meals served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50. Prior day registration is requested.

**Parkinson's Disease Support Group:** Meets on the second Thursday of the month, September through June, 1:30 to 3 p.m. This is an open group and all are welcome. Call Kristine Arakelian, outreach coordinator, to confirm attendance or for more information.

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

**Bereavement Support Group:** Learn new ways to carry on traditional ways of doing things and figure out how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotion. Meetings are held on the

first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Lois Marra, of Home Health VNA Hospice, will facilitate the group. Call to register.

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

**Brown Bag:** Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Boston Food Bank, and The Senior Center at Punchard (C@P) are expanding the Brown Bag program. This free program is for anyone 60 and over with an income less than \$21,978 for a single person or \$29,637 for a couple, on Mass Health, Chapter 115, food stamps or fuel assistance. The grocery bag is available on the fourth Tuesday of the month and must be picked up by 10:15 a.m. Call The Center to check eligibility.



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**3-6 PM:** Family fun including bouncy house, face painting, teen inflatable jousting, and great food from a variety of concession trucks.

**3:00:** "Fuse Vox" a cappella group kicks off the day with "The Star Spangled Banner" and more!

**3:00:** Guest speaker Doug Meehan from WCVB/Channel 5 News

**3:30:** "Battle of the Bands" with three local youth bands competing.

**6-9 PM: Headline Performances including:**

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**K. Eileen Carroll, 98**

April 26, 1919 — September 11, 2017

FITCHBURG, MA — It is with deep sadness that the family of K. Eileen Carroll announces her passing on September 11, 2017.

Eileen lived a full and accomplished life of 98 years.

Born April 26, 1919, to Timothy and Nora McCarthy, Eileen spent her whole life in Fitchburg, Mass., and is remembered for her love of family and friends. She and her husband, John Patrick (1999), with whom she was a devoted wife of 59 years, took great pride in guiding and educating their children. Eileen loved crossword puzzles and rarely missed a day of watching Jeopardy. She loved family gatherings, especially The Carroll Family Christmas Party.

She was the loving mother of Dr John (Chris) of Toledo, Ohio, William (Jayne) of Phoenix, Ariz., Katharine White of Osterville, Mass., Charles of Osterville, Mass., Margaret Coppelstone (David) of Wellesley, Mass., Patricia Vyas (Dr Anil) of Osterville, Mass., Eileen Martel of Osterville, Mass., Thomas (Mary) of Andover, Mass., and Noreen Rogers (John) of Marblehead, Mass.

She leaves 18 grandchildren, John, Patrick, Katie, Mike, Fair, Caitlin, Kristin, Megan, Shannon, Molly, Hannah, Sarah, Courtney, Nora, Bridget, Andrew, Lizzy, Sean. She was the great-grandmother of Mason, Sammy, Delaney Eileen, Scarlett Eileen, Dolan Patrick, John Francis. She leaves nieces, Margaret Morris, Joan McCarthy.

She was predeceased by



sister, Marion Morris; brothers, Charles (Chick) and Johnny; and dear friend, Elayne Spooner.

If the success of a person's life can be judged by the impact she has made on others, Eileen reached out to many; touching them with her generosity, sense of humor, tenacity and by positive example. She will live on through all of us who have been fortunate to have known her, and especially through those who were close enough to have loved her and been loved by her.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Services were held at Our Lady of the Assumption, 76 Wianno Ave., Osterville, MA. Wake was at 10 a.m. followed by funeral Mass at 11 a.m. on September 21, 2017. Funeral arrangements by Lavery Chartrand & Alario.**

**In lieu of flowers, please plant something beautiful in your yard, perform an act of kindness or donate to Catholic Charities, 196 Mechanic St., Leominster, MA 01453.**

**Sujyothi "Sue" Shetty**

December 12, 1948 — September 26, 2017

ANDOVER — Mrs. Sujyothi "Sue" Shetty passed away on Tuesday September 26, 2017.

She was born on December 12, 1948 in India to Mr. MPC and Susheela Shetty. Sujyothi was married to Dr. Santosh "Sam" Shetty, who was a Radiation Oncologist at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. They were married in 1969 in India and came to the U.S. shortly thereafter. They settled in Andover and lived here for the next 45+ years.

Sujyothi first worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance as assistant to the Executive Vice President. After taking time off to raise her two children, she became a travel agent as her second career. She was actively involved in the Holy Family Auxiliary and Women's Guild, and supported the Chinmaya Mission in Andover.

After retirement, she enjoyed spending winters in Fort Lauderdale and returning every summer. Her favorite activities included travelling. She enjoyed holidays and special events, celebrating with family and friends. She had a zest for life and though it was not her career, she was the ultimate party planner and loved hosting.

Sujyothi was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Santosh Shetty. She leaves behind a son, Shawn; daughter, Sajini



and her husband Chethan and the grandsons she adored, Elan and Alec, all of Andover, and a sister, Mrs. Surekha Adyanthya of Mumbai, India. She will be missed by the extended family and friends.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours were Friday, September 29, in the Driscoll Funeral Home, 309 So. Main Street, Haverhill, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Puja Service in the funeral home began at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to Chinmaya Mission, Andover or American Cancer Society. For online guestbook, please visit [www.driscollcares.com](http://www.driscollcares.com).**



**Red Cross urges donors of all blood types to help maintain a diverse supply**

STAFF REPORT

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors of all races and ethnicities to give blood to help ensure a diverse blood supply for patients in need.

Some blood types are unique to certain racial and ethnic groups, so a diverse blood supply is important to meeting the medical needs of an increasingly diverse patient population.

Patients who need repeated transfusions, like 11-year-old Tymia McCullough who has sickle cell disease, must have blood that is matched very closely. Patients are less likely to have complications from blood donated

by someone with a similar ethnicity.

Donors of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, as well as all blood types, are needed to help.

Make an appointment to give blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). To help reduce wait times, donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass).

Upcoming blood donation opportunity in Andover: Oct. 10, 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saint Robert Bellarmine Church, 198 Haggetts Pond Road.

**Andover Cares Community Festival coming this Saturday**

STAFF REPORT

The Andover Rotary Club and the town of Andover's Department of Community Services are co-sponsoring the 3rd annual Andover Cares Community Festival on Saturday, Oct. 7.

This free event aims to bring the entire community together for a family-friendly festival with the mission of raising funds to support substance abuse intervention, education and wellness.

The Andover Cares Community Festival will take place outside at the Cormier Youth Center from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., with various activities and entertainment throughout the day.

To start things off, between 3 and 6 p.m. there will be activities and games for kids of all ages such as a bounce-house moon walk, obstacle course, jousting challenge, face-painting, bean bag toss, and other carnival games.

Coinciding with these activities will be a Battle of the Bands competition for local youth bands, who will



The Beatles cover band Beatle Juice will perform at Andover Cares Festival this Saturday, Oct. 7.

be contending for the award of studio time with Big-T Productions, as well as food concessions, free door prizes, raffle items, and a 50/50 raffle.

There will also be resource tents, speakers, and information about nutrition, fitness, health and wellness, preventing substance abuse, addiction treatment, and family support services.

During the second half of

the festival, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Andover Cares has put together an entertainment showcase of three headlining bands to provide live music for the crowds.

Reggae band Sista Dee & Dis N' Dat will kick off the night from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Generation H, comprised of Regi Hendrix (Jimi Hendrix's cousin) and Jerry Valdez (drummer from Jimi Hendrix's band), will take

the stage from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the culminating performance will be by Beatles cover band Beatle Juice, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Andover Cares Community Festival is open to everyone and is a great way to support a wonderful cause while also having fun and connecting with the community.

Tax deductible donations are welcome and can be made via [www.Eventbrite.com/Andover-Cares-Community-Festival](http://www.Eventbrite.com/Andover-Cares-Community-Festival) or by mailing a check to: Andover Cares Fund, c/o Rotary Club, P.O. Box, Andover, MA 01810. Sponsorships are also available to local businesses with information at [www.andovercares.org/sponsorship](http://www.andovercares.org/sponsorship). All profits from this event will go to support the Andover Cares Fund, which provides grants to support addiction & substance abuse awareness, education & prevention efforts and services. For more information visit [www.AndoverCares.org](http://www.AndoverCares.org) or email [andovercaresinfo@gmail.com](mailto:andovercaresinfo@gmail.com).

**■ POLICE LOG**

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**TUESDAY, SEPT 26**

Police stopped a car at 11:49 a.m. on River Road and arrest two people. Angelica Reynoso, 34, of 147 Bailey St., Lawrence, was charged with having two, outstanding warrants. Timothy McLoughlin, 54, of 1287 Bridge St., Apt. 2, Dracont, was charged with having two warrants out, driving a motor vehicle with a suspended license, driving a motor vehicle without an inspection sticker, and having no license in possession. One vehicle was towed from the scene.

Adonis Mercado-Sanchez, 28, of 9 Mommo St., Apt. 9, Lawrence, was charged with the possession of a firearm and ammunition without an FID card. Police were called to Minuteman Road at 1:46 p.m. when a hotel requested help with an individual. It was believed by those at the hotel the individual in question was trying to get hold of a stolen package.

Two lawn mowers were

reported stolen from a Haverhill Street location at 4:36 p.m. The caller told police that the lawn mowers had been taken by individuals on Craigslist.

A deer was reported as having been hit by a motor vehicle on Greenwood Road at 5:34 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27**

Marvin Moses, 32, of 182 West Sixth St., Lowell, was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and attaching the wrong plates to a motor vehicle. Police stopped Moses on River Road at 2:23 p.m.

Police responded to a call from National Grid on Central Street at 4:25 p.m. The top of a pole was on fire and the Fire Department was called in.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 28**

A mailbox was reported to have been vandalized overnight on Fairway Drive at 10:52 a.m.

A lamp post was reported vandalized on South Main Street at 1:32 p.m.

A police officer was

reported injured on Crestwood Drive at 4:02 p.m.

Two men called for assistance after hiking and getting lost in the woods at 7:36 p.m.. Police helped the two get out of the woods.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 29**

A purse was reported stolen from a car on Salem Street at 2:39 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 30**

A hit and run crash was reported on Lowell Street at 3:05 a.m. The caller reported a white pick-up truck had hit a telephone pole and done significant damage to the pole.

A police cruiser was reported to have been damaged on North Main Street at 10:35 a.m.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 1**

A wallet was stolen from a motor vehicle on River Road at 4:24 p.m.

**MONDAY, OCT. 2**

A wallet was reported stolen on Whittier Court at 9:01 a.m.

It was reported that there was an unresponsive man in a white motor vehicle on

Lowell Street at 1:55 p.m. An ambulance responded to the scene.

Eric Dancause, 37, of 49 Manchester St. Apt. 11, Manchester, N.H. was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, operating under the influence of liquor with child endangerment, possession of a class B substance, possession of a class C substance, operating a motor vehicle without a license, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage, and attaching the wrong license plates to a motor vehicle.

A caller reported a motor vehicle crash on River Road to police at 6:12 p.m. The fire department also responded to the scene and reported a possible overdose. The crash did result in injury. Two were taken to the hospital, and there was a minor in the vehicle that crashed.

At 9:05 p.m. it was reported that a motor vehicle hit a mailbox on River Road and drove away.

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**Student who died on tracks committed suicide**

BY KELSEY BODE  
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The death of a Phillips Academy student who died last Tuesday night after being struck by an MBTA train was called a suicide by school officials.

"I am writing with great sadness to inform you that one of our students, Daniel Nakajima, died last evening by suicide," wrote Head of School John Palfrey in an email to parents. "Our hearts and prayers remain with Dan's family and all who loved him."

Nakajima, 17, was hit by an MBTA Commuter Train near 38 Andover St. The train was headed north toward Haverhill. First responders received a call at 7:25 p.m. that someone had been hit by a commuter rail train. Transit Police, Andover Police,

Andover Fire and EMS all responded to the scene.

Nakajima was a senior day student who lived in Andover.

Police log reports described the incident as an attempted suicide. Scanner reports indicate that he was in "traumatic arrest" at the scene. Attempts were made to revive him. He was brought to Lawrence General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Students, staff, and faculty at Phillips Academy in Andover gathered last Wednesday morning, where students were informed of Nakajima's death.

"We gathered as a school community this morning in Cochran Chapel to inform our students, and then we gathered in advising groups so that advisors could check in with students in smaller

groups," Palfrey said in the email.

Tracy Sweet, director of Phillips Academy communications, said the gathering in the school chapel was intended to "support one another and let students, faculty and staff know that resources are available to them."

Advisers met with students to provide support Wednesday morning. Students met with counselors from the Sykes Wellness Center, on their own or in groups. Psychological counseling services from the center continued to be available to students throughout the week and will be available for the foreseeable future.

Services for Nakajima have yet to be planned.

The northbound track was out of commission for about an hour and a half

to two hours while officials searched and cleared the scene.

Students at Phillips were told that they did not have to go to class on Wednesday. No foul play is suspected in this case, although the Essex State Police Detective Unit and the Transit Police Department are investigating what occurred.

"This is a sad loss for our entire community," wrote Andover Public Schools Superintendent Sheldon Berman in an email to parents and staff. "Our hearts go out to all the members of the Phillips Academy and Andover community impacted by this tragedy."

"Again we are saddened by this news and wish everyone connected our deepest condolences," wrote Berman.

Nakajima's family could not be reached for comment.

**Power base shifting in congressional district**

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE  
North of Boston Media Group

BOSTON — Lowell is the most populous city in the sprawling 3rd Congressional District and historically plays an oversized role in determining who the region sends to Congress.

Three of the recent Democrats who've represented the district — the late Paul Tsongas, Marty Meehan and most recently Niki Tsongas — were Lowell natives or residents. The Spindle City, with its 110,000 residents, is traditionally a key battleground that candidates must win, political observers say.

But as a field of challengers to replace outgoing Rep. Niki Tsongas begins to take shape,

the intensity of interest among political hopefuls is shifting noticeably northward.

Three of the eight Democrats testing the waters for a potential run have roots in Andover and are expected to use the town as a base to run.

State Sen. Barbara L'Italien, a Democrat who grew up in Andover, is among them. She lives in an Andover precinct just outside the congressional district but represents other communities in the district, including Lawrence and Dracont.

Dan Koh, a former chief of staff for Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, and Nadeem Mazen, a Cambridge city councilor, also have formed exploratory committees.

**■ GARDEN CLUBS NEWS**

STAFF REPORT

Two, upcoming garden club events promise to offer interesting and informative talks about beekeeping and Japanese flower-arranging.

On Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Library, 2 No. Main St., the Spade and Trowel Garden Club is sponsoring Barbara McPhee, beekeeper, to give a live presentation. She will bring a demonstration hive to help illustrate her talk on the importance of bees for gardens and agriculture in general.

Then, on Thursday, Oct. 12, the Village Garden Club of Andover invites everyone to attend a horticultural event called Ikebana Japanese Flower Arranging, which will include a presentation by Rita DeLollis. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center at Punchard, 36 Bartlet St.

Ikebana is an art form in which the arrangement is a living thing, where nature and humanity are brought together. DeLollis has studied the method in the U.S. and Japan. She successfully completed her studies and is now qualified to teach Ikebana. The program is free to the public. Light refreshments will be served. There is plenty of convenient parking available.

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# Opinion

## A busy summer/fall for town officials

Things tend to pick up in Andover after Labor Day. This year was no exception.

Anyone browsing Facebook, reading their emails, watching AndoverTV or perusing the pages of the Townsman over the last several months could certainly be entertained, maddened or both.

Much of the action has centered around the town manager and the Board of Selectmen, where a number of highly contentious issues have played out amid a backdrop of some full-contact political maneuvering.

In no particular order, the issues include the slowly evolving North Reading water deal; the Retirement Board non-appointments; the construction (or lack thereof) of a handicapped-access ramp at the High Plain/Wood Hill school complex; and, of course, the apparent disappearance and reappearance of Youth Services Director Bill Fahey.

Lost in the news avalanche is last week's raise for school Superintendent Sheldon Berman, bringing his salary, bonus included, to nearly \$240,000, making him the highest paid schools chief in the region.

And, lest we forget, the monopolies debacle that consumed much energy and led the headlines for weeks over the summer before the entire project was scratched by the MBTA.

To start, the North Reading water deal seems to have been around for ever. Four years ago, amid confusion and a poor attempt at a poker game played by Andover town officials, the town appeared to be on the losing end.

When North Reading started to make good on its threat to get its water supply from the regional Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Andover officials realized that water rates would likely skyrocket. Newly appointed Town Manager Andrew Flanagan stepped in, offered North Reading some money to stick around, and even offered to fix the pipes and gauges that link the two towns.

North Reading has all but severed its ties to the MWRA since then, so now Andover has to come through for a long-term deal.

It could be worth a lot of money for the town. As it is, Andover sells about \$1.5 million worth of water to its neighbor every year. That amount would likely go up, as would the revenue, under a proposed 99-year deal that still needs approval from Town Meeting.

What's in it for Andover ratepayers? Lower costs. More will be coming out about this issue soon.

The Retirement Board issue has a long back-story, but suffice it to say, some in town want to trim retirement benefits to save taxpayers millions of dollars. Others, specifically the unions and retirees, want to maintain or even increase benefits so their retirements will be more comfortable.

When the Retirement Board failed to approve a fifth member because of disagreements over the direction of the board, the appointment power shifted to selectmen. They, of course, were heavily lobbied, and three of them either sat on their hands or voted against anyone who could be called a reformer. The result is that the appointments failed, and the Retirement Board is still without a fifth member.

Selectmen Bob Landry and Alex Vispoli were clearly pushing for reform, as Selectmen Dan Kowalski, Paul Salafia and Laura Gregory — along with Flanagan — were doing the bidding of the unions and retirees.

Now, however, it doesn't look like anything's going to change. That's too bad.

The handicapped ramp project for disabled students at the High Plain/Wood Hill schools has been delayed for years. One local mother finally stood up and called out town and school officials for the delay.

Town Meeting voted to appropriate the money. The town failed to spend it. Now the ramp will be delayed nearly another year. Shameful.

Finally, Bill Fahey is back.

After more than a month's absence, the popular youth leader who spearheaded construction of the long-awaited Cormier Teen Center returned to work amid questions about his abilities as a manager.

He'd been taken to task by Flanagan for failing to adequately oversee a member of his staff who was accused of engaging in "highly inappropriate" but not illegal activities with either a student or a camper.

Let's see if Fahey can work more collaboratively with town officials going forward. Kids in this town need people like him.

## WEB QUESTION

### This week's question:

Another massacre brought on by gun violence has hit the U.S. again. This time it was a lone gunman spraying bullets on concertgoers in Las Vegas. It is being called the worst mass-shooting in U.S. history. **Is it time to take stricter action on gun control?**

**Yes.** We need to get high-powered, automatic and semi-automatic weapons off the streets once and for all.

**No.** The Second Amendment says: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

**Not sure.** It's OK to have some guns, but not any kind of gun.

### Last week's question:

Much has been made this week of Pres. Donald Trump's statements regarding NFL players taking a knee during the playing of the national anthem. Trump said those players should be fired. On Sunday, scores of players took a knee to show they disagree with the president and to show solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. **Do you think NFL players should be allowed to take a knee?**

**Yes.** It's a matter of free speech. They have every right to express themselves. **174 votes.**

**No.** This is the wrong venue for them to express their political views. Let's leave football to football. **47 votes.**

**Not sure.** I can see both sides. It's a complicated issue. **3 votes.**

## Trying to avoid bias in Retirement Board appointment

Editor, Townsman:

The appointment of the next Andover Retirement Board Member has drawn much interest and criticism, and for that reason I feel it is critical that the appointee live up to higher than usual standards.

As of late, every Retirement Board vote has been strongly debated and there is deep division. It is not enough for the new member to be simply qualified. He or she must be, above all, impartial and completely independent.

If a group of retirees intensely supported any one candidate I would consider that a strong signal that he or she may be influenced and would likely not be an independent thinker. The exact same standard should be used on the other side. Selectman Bob Landry's intense support of Davud Workman caused me to feel uncomfortable about his future objectivity and his ability to think independently.

I know I am being very careful (maybe overly so) but I have seen board members over the years who are very qualified but didn't have the strength to be independent, or the people skills to be collaborative with other board members. Maybe this person doesn't exist but in good conscience, I feel we need to try.

This is a Board of Selectmen decision not a decision of any one individual or group. The Board of Selectmen have reopened the process, will seek additional candidates, reconsider existing candidates and will make a decision in a timely manner that is right for the community.

My votes are always what I believe to be in the best interest of the town not to further any personal agenda or in the interest of any special group. When a candidate can show me that he or she can be completely independent and will stand up to the intense lobbying that they will get on both sides of every issue, then, and only then, will they earn my vote.

**PAUL SALAFIA**  
Chairman, Andover Board of Selectmen

## Property taxes about to go up 33 percent

Editor, Townsman:

The just-announced GOP plan to rewrite the tax code that solely benefits the 1 percenters is about to be a reveal of the property tax con that elected town officials, on both the town and school department sides, have conducted over the years and which will hit just about every household in Andover like a financial tsunami as the full impact of Andover's property tax three-card-monte con gets exposed.

This con is our elected town and school officials camouflaging the explosion of Andover's property taxes they've foisted on us over the past few years via property taxes being deductible at the federal income tax level, reducing the impact of the explosion in Andover's property taxes by approximately 25 percent, the marginal tax rate of most Andover homeowners.

Under the GOP plan designed to benefit the few at the expense of the many, local property taxes are to be eliminated as a deduction resulting in homeowners in uber-high property tax communities — and Andover is near the top — seeing their total tax burden go up, big time, with the loss of this deduction.

What this means is that Andover homeowners will now be paying the actual cost of our exploding property tax bills, not the subsidized, reduced amount where deducting property taxes from federal taxes has effectively had taxpayers in low property tax communities subsidizing Andover homeowners' property tax bills by, on average, 25 percent. (Through the tax code, we've effectively shifted a big chunk of Andover's exploding property tax burden onto the shoulders of residents of low property tax communities who have, unlike Andover, controlled their municipal spending since, all other things being equal, those homeowners pay more in federal taxes than we do.)

So the Andover homeowner with an average Andover annual property tax bill now hovering around \$10,000 (and projected to substantially increase in the near-term due to elected town and school department officials having run up a tab of almost half a billion dollars in unfunded liabilities from poorly negotiated union contracts and budget shell games that now need to be paid off) and at the 25 percent marginal tax rate that most Andover households are at, will see that reduction of \$2,500 in federal taxes, which has effectively made Andover property taxes seem like only \$7,500, go away immediately. Overall federal plus property taxes for this typical Andover homeowner will immediately increase by \$2,500 due to eliminating the totally unjustified subsidy of Andover's high property taxes by homeowners in low property tax communities.

With the elimination of this tax subsidy under the GOP plan, we will be levied with an immediate 33 percent increase in property taxes being sucked out of every homeowner's pocket since bearing the full cost of Andover's property taxes will now be each homeowner's responsibility. And that's before our elected town and school department officials try to hit everyone up, as they very much plan to, for another big increase in their spending with their next budget.

These are the cold facts that elected town officials on both sides of town hall don't want Andover residents to realize as the subsidy of our local property taxes by people in other communities goes away because these facts stand in the way of our officials' entitlement attitude toward how much they take out of our pockets and their repeated failure to keep town and school department spending under control.

So the big con by elected town and school officials who have allowed property taxes to spiral out of control is about to end. Like our Colonial-era ancestors here in Massachusetts, let the local property tax revolt start here, start now. As the iconic line from that great 1970s movie "Network" goes, we Andover residents ought to be mad as hell and not willing to take it anymore.

**BOB POKRIS**  
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Andover

## Selectmen 'shameful' for not filling seat on Retirement Board

Editor, Townsman:

Three candidates for the open Retirement Board position came before the Board of Selectman on Sept. 18. Two of them had extensive financial qualifications. At last Tuesday's meeting a vote

for one of the qualified candidates was taken and three members of the board voted 'no,' with no explanation.

Selectman Dan Kowalski stated that it was a fair process, yet he voted 'no,' and then suggested different processes to get it done. If it was fair, why do we need another process? Selectman Laura Gregory said that people with no financial background should apply.

So, the people in charge of keeping Andover out of bankruptcy don't need to really know how finances work? That's the type of perspective that has gotten us in the mess we're in. Chairman Paul Salafia voted 'no' and gave no reason for it even though he too said the process was fair. Do these people actually listen to themselves?

Decisions are made to benefit the 700 voting, town employees and retirees while the other 23,500 voters are left to pick up the pieces. Who is going to buy my house in 15 years if the taxes are ridiculously high? Who's going to move to Andover if our schools are failing because we can't even afford to maintain services? It won't matter how many deals the BOS makes with developers, it still won't cover the unfunded liabilities. Cities everywhere are going bankrupt for this exact reason. Our retirement board has been making questionable financial decisions for years and the BOS had a chance to change that. But, unions talk, LOUDLY. Selectman Gregory was surrounded by union members during her campaign so it's pretty clear who her priority is. Selectman Kowalski stated, lots of things go on behind the scenes that the taxpayers don't hear. That statement should make people lose confidence in this board.

If the same candidates re-apply the next time what will the board do? Just keep posting it until they get what they want? Chairman Salafia likes to take his time with things. Unless of course he's working with Mr. Lupoli, apparently, then we need to get it moving.

I'm not anti-retiree, these people were made promises in their contracts that the town couldn't keep. It's not their fault, but it's not the taxpayer's fault either. It's pretty simple, if you spend more than you have in your bank account, eventually you run out of money. This is shameful.

**HEATHER FERRO**  
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## Lupoli's Dascomb Road project needs 'open and thorough' review

Editor, Townsman:

Mr. (Sal) Lupoli recently indicated that he was approached by the town of Andover to develop the property on Dascomb Road. I believe that the town of Andover quietly changed the zoning regulations to the ID2 designation at the conclusion of a previous town meeting at the request of Mr. Lupoli.

Mr. Lupoli then wanted the town to change the zoning regulations to also permit housing units to be included as part of a new ID3 zoning designation that was approved by the town. It is apparent that the town and Mr. Lupoli were working very closely together.

Mr. Lupoli was forced to withdraw his warrant request at the last town meeting because of the opposition raised by town members resulting from a lack of information.

The town is now creating a task force to evaluate the impact that adding housing units will have on the proposed development before a new warrant is presented for approval at a special town meeting on Jan. 29, 2018.

The task force will consist of four resident from the Dascomb Road neighborhood, two residents from the town at large, a liaison from the Board of Selectmen, a liaison from the Finance Committee, a designee from the town manager's office, a member of a local business firm, the planning director, the police chief and the Municipal Services director. It is very likely the town representatives will once again be in favor of the proposed ID3 zone change based on the Town's previous endorsement of the project.

In response to my question at the Sept. 26 selectman's meeting, the town manager indicated that he will be starting his interviews to select the resident members of the task force. He did not indicate how the six town representatives would be selected.

It is extremely important that the six selected residents represent a cross-section of the town residents that attended the spring town meeting that both expressed support and also voiced many concerns about the project. Failure to do that will cast doubt on the task force's recommendations.

The Task Force's evaluation must be conducted in an open and thorough basis to give Andover's voters the necessary information to make a sound decision on this important project.

**CONNIE BASSILAKIS**  
33 Dascomb Road

## Fahey a great asset to the community

Editor, Townsman:

On a daily basis for over 23 years, Bill Fahey has been positively impacting kids and families in this town each and every day, arguably more than any other individual this town has ever seen.

He built a program from a few hundred young people to now servicing thousands. He never gave up the fight for a youth center and now Andover has an unbelievable building all because Bill Fahey rallied the community to believe.

Over the past 23 years, Bill has helped many young people by spending many hours working with families, by developing programs that are inspired by our young people, by giving those young people the opportunity to learn leadership skills, civic responsibility, and social awareness.

Bill and AYS have orchestrated countless events including the Telethon.

AYS and Bill Fahey have raised money to support the programs they offer by giving their time to do things like the Annual Tree Lot which has become a cherished tradition in Andover.

The group has worked hundreds of hours of overtime trying to meet the needs of the young people in the community. In addition, Bill Fahey has made many personal sacrifices to make sure every young person has a voice. We want to express our gratitude for the special gifts Bill Fahey and youth services have given to this community and know that our young people will benefit from all the great things they will do in the future.

**BRIAN LYNCH**  
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Andover

*This letter was also signed by 32 other people.*

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# Nursing Medicare back to health

**John Spoto**  
Financially Speaking



Medicare is our nation's largest and most important health insurance program. It is the primary source of healthcare coverage for more than 55 million elderly and disabled Americans. Before its enactment in 1965 under Lyndon Johnson, almost half of the nation's seniors lacked basic health insurance, and most of them lived in poverty. After enduring two world wars, the worst economic depression in the country's history and a lifetime of work, most seniors lived one illness or accident away from financial ruin.

Just as employer-sponsored health plans serve as the primary source of subsidized health coverage for working households, Medicare fills that role for retirees. It

provides benefits to those who would otherwise be uninsured while at the same time ensuring a steady income stream to the hospitals and doctors who treat them. Medicare, in effect, transformed the elderly into paying customers which in turn supported the finances of health care providers.

Medicare spending. Since its inception, Medicare outlays have grown steadily and rapidly. In 2016 Medicare benefit payments totaled nearly \$700 billion, almost double the amount spent just 10 years ago, accounting for 15 percent of our federal budget and 20 percent of total national health spending. Over the next 30 years, Medicare spending is expected to grow faster than the economy, the federal budget, wages, inflation, and tax revenues that support the program.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a non-partisan, highly regarded source of economic and budgetary information, projects that total Medicare spending will again double over the

next 10 years to \$1.4 trillion. The estimates reflect several factors, but the key determinants are the general rise in health care costs and shifting demographics. Demographic changes affect the program in two ways. At the same time as the aging population will increase Medicare enrollment, there will be a decrease in the number of workers contributing taxes to pay retiree benefits. In other words, fewer workers will be covering costs for more beneficiaries.

The rapidly mounting costs terrify policy experts and health care providers and, absent major reform, pose a threat to workers, retirees, and the program itself.


Next week, we will talk about how Medicare is financed.

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# Townspeople

## Pets blessed indeed

STAFF REPORT

It was bring your dog or cat to church day on Sunday, as parishioners and animal owners flocked to the Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street for the Blessing of the Animals.

It was the first time Faith Lutheran held the Blessing of the Animals. Other churches have been conducting such services for years.

The day the event was held is close to the celebration of the patron saint of animals, St. Francis of Assisi, which occurs on Oct. 4.

"Blessing of the animals services are opportunities for us to give thanks to God for the animals that are apart of our lives and to affirm God's care for ALL creations," said a press release from the church.



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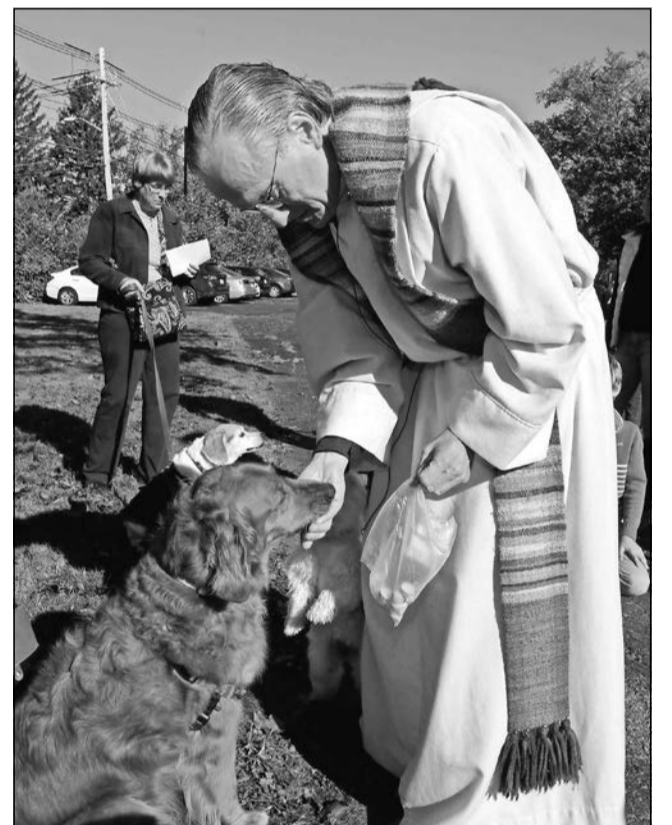
Pastor Jon Heydenreich, right, of the Faith Lutheran Church in Andover leads a blessing of pets at the church on Sunday.



Colby Levebtal, 5, holds her pet fish, Ariel, in a mason jar full of water.



Gracie the dog waits with her owner Dave Crest as Pastor Jon Heydenreich of the Faith Lutheran Church in Andover leads a blessing of pets at the church on Sunday.



Pastor Jon Heydenreich gives a treat to Bellamae, a golden retriever, as he blesses her.

## ACE sells DIY scarecrow kits, gears up for festival

BY KELSEY BODE  
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The Andover Coalition for Education will be holding the fifth annual scarecrow festival this fall.

The festival will be held in downtown Andover from Oct. 14 through Oct. 28. Last year 76 scarecrows were displayed during the festival on Main Street and in downtown Andover. Over \$16,000 was raised by ACE through the festival for Andover Public Schools.

"We are hoping to have that many participants, if not more, this year," said Jennifer Srivastava, ACE director.

Interested organizations and non profits can enter a scarecrow in the festival to be displayed on Main Street or downtown for \$50. The entry fee also covers the cost of wood and hay for a scarecrow.

For the third year, the Andover Coalition for

*"This community event is a wonderful opportunity to share ACE's mission with the greater Andover community, to celebrate our schools and to bring a festive fall excitement to the Andover business district."*

ACE President Lenore Price

Education (ACE) is selling "make your own scarecrow" kits to Andover residents seeking to display their own scarecrow in their yard or neighborhood. The kit includes a wood frame and hay and costs \$30. Neighborhoods and families across town are known to participate annually in the festival.

Proceeds from the

Scarecrow festival and other ACE events support and fund different educational initiatives at Andover Public Schools for all grade levels.

"ACE is thrilled to be celebrating our fifth anniversary of the Scarecrow Festival. This community event is a wonderful opportunity to share ACE's mission with the greater Andover community, to celebrate our schools and to bring a festive fall excitement to the Andover business district," said ACE President Lenore Price.

Every year, the scarecrow festival is centered on a theme. This year, ACE partnered with the Andover Historical Society, and the theme is focused on places in Andover. The theme was inspired by the Andover Historical Society's art exhibit, PLACES: A juried art show inspired by Andover's special places. Participates are not required to incorporate the

theme to "highlight a favorite place in Andover," but it is encouraged.

Scarecrow Kits are available for pick up at locations around Andover. To reserve your scarecrow kit today, you can contact jsrivastava@aceandover.org to arrange a pick-up date and location. Kits will also be sold at the Andover Farmer's Market on Oct. 7 and Oct. 14.

The kickoff for the Scarecrow Festival will be Oct. 14. Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey\_Bode.

Kimberly Peterson, 6, reaches to poke the fake corn cob nose of a scarecrow built by Salvatore's of Andover as part of the Andover Coalition for Education (ACE) Scarecrow Festival on Main Street in Andover last year.

File photo



## American Training expands rapidly

BY KELSEY BODE  
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American Training has exploded in growth since their 2013 move from Lawrence to 6 Campanelli Drive, Andover.

"We're already having growing pains," said Steven Pellerin, vice president and director of Day Services. The organization has opened several new programs, increased their revenue by \$4.5 million, increased their staff by between 13 and 14 percent, added dozens of new vans to their operation, and more since their move to Andover four years ago.

About 1,000 people benefit from American Training's services at their Andover location. Pellerin attributes American Training's success to their WOW! Magic philosophy, an approach the organization takes to their business that seeks to inspire enthusiasm and positivity to bring out the best in their clients and, ultimately, to ensure that every life matters by fostering independence.

"We take something that's sort of ordinary and mundane," added Pellerin. "We teach people financial skills, and budgeting, and things like that, and we turn it into a wow. We put our own unique twist on it and people remember it. You come in contact with other services but nothing is like coming to American Training."

"With a lot of our programs we are trying to get people more independent, being on their own," said Tom Connors, president and CEO. "We want to make people's lives matter as much as we can. One way to do that is to make them as independent as possible. There are two ways to do that—through their living situation and their financial situation. That's why we put the emphasis on having livable group homes or apartments they can live in and also making sure that they get to work in some form or fashion. We honestly believe that without that financial picture involved they're truly not going to be able to have a life that matters

for them, especially out in the community."

This July the organization opened a mobile Community Based Day Supports Program (CBDS), a workforce program for people with intellectual challenges. Program participants are out in the community the whole time they are being trained and placed into jobs, and can use hot-spot American Training vans to access Wi-Fi.

"Our colleagues and our guests are doing work tours, interviews, cultural enrichment, some fitness activities, all in preparation to be ready to be out in the work force," Pellerin said. The Andover facility has 44 people in the mobilized CBDS program, and American Training's Wakefield and Lowell locations serve even more clients.

Since moving to Andover, the organization has also opened three new, specialized residential homes for trauma informed care. One of the homes is in Andover and opened one year ago this fall. The program focuses on

assisting young women who have severe trauma and helps them overcome some of their challenges and reintegrate back into the community.

In the last year and a half, American Training also opened a brain injury program for people with traumatic brain injuries after adulthood. The service is focused on employment and assesses, trains, and places clients into new workforce roles with newly acquired skill sets. Their brain injury program also provides services for individuals with traumatic brain injuries after adulthood that cannot go back into the work force but require rehabilitative services.

American Training is currently working to have a new respite program up and running within the next several months. It will center on a respite facility for people in-between housing that need a place to stay temporarily that provides clinical, nursing, and occupational services.

"There's a real need in the immediate area for this kind of program," Pellerin said.

## Andover Fire and Rescue to be given award

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The Andover Fire and Rescue Department is being awarded the Life Matters Award at this year's American Training Life Matters Gala. The award honors an organization that embodies and shares American Training's mission to make every life matter.

In addition to receiving the award, a short tribute video will be played at the gala to honor Andover Fire and Rescue.

It's the first time in recent years that a single Andover organization has been singled out for the award.

"Every year American Training does a Life Matters Gala and for that gala we select an award recipient," said Steve Pellerin, director of day services at American Training. "What we try to do is select someone who mirrors our values. We work with a pretty tricky

population sometimes. We work with folks with mental health issues, folks with intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, so they have complicated medical issues, they may have psychiatric or behavioral issues and we do that here in this facility as well as in our residential facilities. We rely on community providers such as fire departments, police departments to come and assist us if there are emergency situations."

"We have found Andover Fire and Rescue to be incredibly responsive," added Pellerin. "Their dedication to customer service mirrors our own. When they come here they are incredible with the guests, they are great with the colleagues. They help work through a tough situation in a compassionate way and we've really come to rely on them as a partner."

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## AWARD

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necessarily be aware of all that they do," said Tom Connors, president and CEO of American Training. "As first responders are concerned, we only see the fire department aspect of things, but

they are involved in so much more than that—their rescue operation, they tend to people that really have emergency life situations, those are the sorts of things people really don't see and they go so far and above in the community. That's what we want to recognize and show people through this particular award—how much they

really make life matter for the community in general. "The Andover Fire and Rescue Department was unable to be reached to comment on the 2017 Life Matters award. This year's gala is Gatsby themed, so attendees can expect a glamorous 1920s atmosphere at the event, which will be held at Andover Country Club on

Canterbury Street. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, go to <http://www.americantraininginc.com/event/gatsbygala/>. The event is being held Oct. 27 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover.

## TOWN BRIEFS

### Charity boxing fundraiser slated

Rebecca Beraldi of Andover is one of 32 women selected to participate in the charity boxing fundraiser "Belles of the Brawl." The Haymakers for Hope event will be held Thursday, Oct. 5, at the House of Blues in Boston. Proceeds will benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Beraldi, 46, trains at the Jim McNally Boxing facility in North Reading. She is committed to raising a minimum of \$5,000 for the event. To make a donation or for more information, visit [www.haymakersforhope.org/profiles/rebecca-beraldi](http://www.haymakersforhope.org/profiles/rebecca-beraldi).

### Vendors, crafters sought for fair

The Greater Lawrence Technical School will host its annual Reggie Autumn Craft/Vendor Fair on Saturday, Oct. 21. Interested crafters and vendors are encouraged to participate. The fair is a fundraiser for the school, located at 57 River Road in Andover. For more information and an application form, email [SOUellette@glts.net](mailto:SOUellette@glts.net).

### GLCAC offers home safety repair program for seniors

The Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. is accepting applications for Project SENIOR, a free home safety repair program for residents 60 years and older living in Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover. Project SENIOR helps senior citizens live safely in their homes by fixing common safety problems that can lead to injury. Examples include broken steps, decks and ramps; missing or loose handrails; no shower or bathroom grab bars; clutter that poses a trip hazard or blocks an exit; and malfunctioning bathroom fans.

Operated by GLCAC and funded by Wells Fargo, the program was founded as a collaboration between GLCAC and the Lawrence Community Development Department. More than 100 seniors have been helped by the program since 2005. The deadline to apply for assistance is Sunday, Dec. 31. For more information or to apply, call 978-681-4956 or visit [glcac.org](http://glcac.org).

### Conservation Commission volunteers needed

The Andover Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to help with the Retelle Reservation Interpretive Project. The goal is to create a self-guided tour of the property to highlight its history, flora and fauna, and wildlife relationships through numbered stations, QR codes and descriptive/interpretive panels. The commission is seeking volunteers with skills in graphic design and art to create maps and interpretive panels; mapping and GIS; historical research; naturalists to help identify the flora and fauna and their interrelationships; and QR coding.

The project is the initiative of Kevin Porter, the commission's vice chairman and overseer coordinator, and Willow Cheeley, a conservation overseer, is the project leader. Anyone willing to volunteer their time and skills is encouraged to email [cheeleyw@gmail.com](mailto:cheeleyw@gmail.com) for more information.

### Second Sundays at Historical Society

Andover Historical Society's research library and archives are open to the public on the second Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m., except July and August.

Follow the walkway to the library entrance at 97 Main St., near the barn, to explore Andover's history, family genealogy and more. Volunteer staff will be on hand to help guide researchers and answer questions. For more information, call 978-475-2236 or visit [www.andoverhistorical.org](http://www.andoverhistorical.org).

### Andover Chess Club

The Andover Chess Club meets on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Augustine's Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex St., Andover. Email inquiries to [andoverchessclub@gmail.com](mailto:andoverchessclub@gmail.com) or call club adviser Mike Henroid of Andover at 781-790-6461.

### Andover preschool screenings

The Special Education staff conducts screenings for 3- and 4-year-olds on the third Friday of every month.

Parents who have concerns about their child's development may call Mary Kay at 978-247-8200 to schedule an appointment.

# Melmark Mudders conquer the BEAST

STAFF REPORT

On Sept. 16-17, 2017, the Melmark Mudders of Melmark New England (MNE) celebrated their 5th anniversary running at Killington, Vermont, the birthplace of the Spartan Race, led by MNE parent Jerry Hegarty of Reading.

He led a team of family members and friends from Reading, Stoneham, Belmont and Andover to raise funds to support the programs and services of Melmark New England. This year's Vermont BEAST featured more than 30 obstacles along the 12 to 14 mile course. For individuals that really wanted a challenge, there was a 26-plus mile Ultra BEAST with more than 50 obstacles that took an estimated 7 hours to finish.

According to recent findings of the CDC, an estimated 1 in 68 children have an autism spectrum disorder, including 1 in 42 boys. Established in 1998, MNE is a human services provider offering evidence-based educational, clinical, vocational and residential programs and services to children, adolescents and adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), acquired brain injury, developmental and intellectual disorders and severe challenging behaviors. A hallmark of Melmark's services is the utilization of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) as the clinical basis for all of its programs and services.

In addition to the students and individuals served by the school and adult day program, more than 1,000 children benefit from outreach, home-based and school Consultation Services each year. Thanks to a successful capital campaign, professional development including staff training and graduate education programs and the Expert Speakers Series are now held in a state-of-the-art lecture hall - The Clavin Center



From left, Donny Kerry, Colin Kerr and Jerry Hegarty raised money for the Melmark School at a race in Killington, Vt.



Jerry Hegarty, left, behind the smoke, Colin Kerry and Donny Kerry of the team Melmark Mudders compete in a grueling race at Killington Ski Area in Vermont.

for Professional Development. This outreach affects thousands more educators and children annually. Also as a result of the Promises to Keep campaign, four new children's residences have been built adjacent to the school and a commercial kitchen and dining hall is under construction in the school. Melmark's adult

day program and vocational classrooms for students ages 18 to 22 are located in The Canero Center for Adult Services at the Riverwalk in Lawrence, MA. Proceeds raised by the Melmark Mudders will be used to support recreational activities and outings for all students. To learn more about

Melmark New England please contact Ellen Kallman, Director of Advancement at [ekallman@melmarkne.org](mailto:ekallman@melmarkne.org) or 978-654-4371. To make a gift in support of the "Melmark Mudders" please visit [www.melmarkne.org](http://www.melmarkne.org). Melmark New England, 461 River Road, Andover, MA 01810, 978.654.4300.

## 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:

### Create a garden for honey bees

Join Barbara MacPhee, master gardener, on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. to learn how to help save the honey bees in your garden by including plants that provide nectar and pollen for them. You'll see honey bees in action in a demonstration hive.

Named 2009 Beekeeper of the Year, MacPhee has been a beekeeper for 36 years.

This presentation is sponsored by the Friends of MHL and the Spade and Trowel Garden Club.

Sign up online at [www.mhl.org/calendar](http://www.mhl.org/calendar).

### Interactive retirement forum planned

John Spoto, a registered investment adviser and fee-only financial planner with Sentry Financial Planning, LLC, will lead "The Retirement Town Hall: An Interactive Forum," on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m.

Anyone who is currently saving for retirement, approaching retirement, or already retired, will benefit from Spoto's informative presentation.

Spoto will discuss the right strategies to use when constructing and spending from portfolios; how to stay on track for a secure retirement; how much money to save to retire comfortably; how much can be safely withdrawn from investments in retirement; and what changes should be made to one's investment plan to reduce the risk of running out of money.

Bring questions or come to listen and learn. Spoto is the "Financially Speaking" columnist for the Andover Townsman, The Eagle-Tribune and the Lowell Sun.

Go to [www.mhl.org/calendar](http://www.mhl.org/calendar) to register.

### Join the garden roundtable discussion

MassHort's Hannah Traggis, and local gardener, Betsy Williams, will lead a garden roundtable and answer questions on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 9:30 a.m.

Share successes and lessons learned, and get tips for saving seeds and what crops to plant in the fall and spring.

Bring questions, leftover seeds and pick up catalogs and other handouts. Attendees can also participate in a drawing for door prizes.

To register for the roundtable, visit [www.mhl.org/calendar](http://www.mhl.org/calendar).

### Afternoon of opera with The Boston Opera Guy

The Friends' Concert Series, held on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 2:30 p.m., will feature Marshall Richards, a talented 32-year-old tenor who performs with opera companies, and on the streets of Boston.

Richards' program will include well-known and beloved classical masterpieces and popular songs, from Verdi's "Rigoletto" to Andrea Bocelli's "Time to Say Goodbye."

He's been featured on local media and studies voice with a teacher at Harvard University. Find The Boston Opera Guy on Facebook to hear his music.

Visit [www.mhl.org/calendar](http://www.mhl.org/calendar) to reserve a seat.

### Pub Trivia at Andolini's

Bring a team and test your knowledge against MHL librarians at Pub Trivia night on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at Andolini's Restaurant, 19 Essex St. A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the winning team, courtesy of the Friends of MHL.

### Design your life

Andover resident, entrepreneur, business owner and busy mother, Jennessa Durrani, will

present a two-hour interactive workshop titled, "Design Your Life," Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Durrani will help put the pieces together to help attendees set their sights on living a life by design. Attendees will be asked to consider:

Are you living a life by your own conscious design? Has everything been placed just right to give you the balance, space and time needed to help you flourish? Would you say you are thriving, or surviving?

The evening will include fun exercises and guided meditation with the goal of leaving with a clear view of how the future should look — what should be avoided — and what should be added.

Registration is recommended as space is limited. Reserve a seat at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar).

### Courageous Conversations film screening and discussion

The conversation series will continue on Monday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m., with a screening of "I Am Not Your Negro," a film by master documentary filmmaker, Raoul Peck. The film, which envisions the book James Baldwin never finished, is a radical, up-to-the-minute examination of race in America. Using Baldwin's original words and a flood of rich archival material, it's a journey into black history that connects the past of the Civil Rights movement to the present of #BlackLivesMatter.

A facilitated discussion will follow the screening. This program is sponsored by Courageous Conversations and Showing Up for Racial Justice Merrimack Valley, and Memorial Hall Library.

Sign up at [www.mhl.org/calendar](http://www.mhl.org/calendar).

### Witch Andover, Which Andover

Explore the history and lasting consequences of the Salem Witch Trials, and how they shaped Andover as it is known today, with local historian, Char Lyons, on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Presented as part of the Bewitched in Andover series to commemorate the 325th anniversary, this event is a collaboration between the Andover Historical Society and North Andover Historical Society, in partnership with Memorial Hall Library.

Visit [andoverhistorical.org/bewitched-in-andover](http://andoverhistorical.org/bewitched-in-andover) to register or for more information.

### The Golden Age of Boston Television

"Chet and Natalie," "Liz, Jack and Lobel" and TV showman Tom Ellis were all part of a historic era in television when, of the 200 TV markets in the country, only Boston was the site of a Golden Age in news and programming.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m., longtime TV critic and seasoned journalist, Terry Ann Knopf, will share stories from her lively insider account, The Golden Age of Boston Television, which traces its origins in the 1970s through its decline in the early 1990s. She also deals with pivotal events such as TV coverage of the 1986 Challenger space shuttle disaster and Gov. Mike Dukakis' 1988 run for president.

Books will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Andover Bookstore.

This presentation is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Register online at [www.mhl.org/calendar](http://www.mhl.org/calendar).

### You can eat greener, too

Christine Burns Rudalevige, journalist, food writer and cook, will share how people can transition their plates to be greener

during a presentation on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 10 a.m.

Attendees will learn how to transform a much loved recipe into one that still holds the flavor of the original, but has incorporated sourcing, energy conservation and food and water waste reduction principals to make the dish more sustainable. Bring favorite recipes to rework.

In addition to being a journalist, Rudalevige trained as a chef and was a lead culinary instructor at Stonewall Kitchen and founder of the Family Fish Project.

Books will be available for purchase. Sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

To register for Rudalevige's presentation, visit [www.mhl.org/calendar](http://www.mhl.org/calendar).

### Enter the world of Laura Ingalls Wilder

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Laura Ingalls Wilder's birthday. Her classic coming-of-age story, told through the beloved Little House books, still resonates today as an iconic story of American identity. The inspiration for Wilder's books was born from a life lived in partnership with the land, on homesteads she and her family settled across the Midwest.

Marta McDowell's book, "The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder," is a revealing exploration of the pioneer writer's deep connection with the natural world. On Monday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m., McDowell will share fascinating and intimate details about Wilder and the plants, creatures and landscapes that are so integral to her stories.

McDowell's other books include "Beatrice Potter's Gardening Life," "Emily Dickinson's Gardens," and "All the Presidents' Gardens." Books will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Andover Bookstore.

This presentation is sponsored by Memorial Hall Library. Sign up at [www.mhl.org/calendar](http://www.mhl.org/calendar).



# Sports

## TEXAS TERRIFIC

Recovered from surgery, Andover's Mancha displaying skills honed in Texas

By DAVE DYER  
Staff Writer

Alexis Mancha is one of the hidden athletic gems of the Merrimack Valley.

Andover volleyball coach Jane Bergin raves about the all-around skills and athleticism of her junior standout, a 5-foot-7 marvel as both an outside hitter and setter.

But why isn't Mancha's name better known?

For one thing, Mancha missed almost her entire sophomore season after tearing her ACL. More important, perhaps, Mancha focuses on volleyball year-round.

Not that she couldn't be successful at another sport. As a youngster, she did ballet and karate and became quite good at tennis. It's just that, like many youngsters growing up in Texas, it wasn't in her mind-set to focus on more than volleyball.

"It's very competitive and sports-oriented in Texas, much more than here," said Mancha, a tri-captain who moved to Andover prior to her freshman year. "You almost have to pick one sport and work at it year-round. It's much more intense there."

Mancha began playing volleyball in the sixth grade in Pearland, a city located slightly south of Houston,

and quickly displayed talent on the court. By the time, her parents planned to move to the Merrimack Valley when her father secured a job in Groveland, they were focused on helping her continue to develop.

"We moved to Andover because of volleyball," said Mancha. "My parents wanted me to go to a strong volleyball school. We were considering North Andover but we decided on Andover."

"It was a good move. We had a great team my freshman year (Andover was 23-1 and Division 1 state runner-up) and they welcomed me here with open arms."

At first, however, the move up north was not easy for Mancha, who hopes to help lead the Golden Warriors to their ninth straight Division 1 North finals appearance this fall.

She had mixed feelings about it in the first place, saying that she "was excited to meet new people and go somewhere new because I had never been anywhere else. But I was sad to leave my friends and that area."

When she began settling in, Mancha realized how different Andover was from Pearland, a city of 113,000.

"It's really different, like moving to a whole new country," said Mancha, who is a big fan of the University of Texas. "The sports are so much more intense there and here a lot of kids play two or three sports."



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Andover star Alexis Mancha works on passing drills. After missing last season with a torn ACL, she is back leading the powerhouse Golden Warriors this fall.



Alexis Mancha, who moved from Pearland, Texas, to Andover as a freshman, is still a big fan of the Texas Longhorns.

It was weird when I came here — everyone played soccer but it's too hot for soccer in Texas. Hardly anyone plays it.

"But the academics is much tougher here — I'm still getting used to it. I think academics is on a low spectrum in Texas ... and here I have to study so much more."

But volleyball and her Andover teammates helped Mancha adjust to the move and she did her part by adding an extra dimension to

an already formidable team that included standouts like Maddy Reppucci, Wylie Boughton and Mackenzie Kennedy.

"She was like the missing link we needed," said Bergin. "She did a nice job on the outside and she played great defense."

As one of only two returning starters as a sophomore, Mancha was starting to claim the spotlight when, in the fifth match of the season, she tore her ACL and damaged her meniscus.

Her season ended and her athletic skills faded from the memory of those who were just beginning to appreciate them.

### Inspiring comeback

Obviously crushed by this development, Mancha doggedly began the slow road of rehabilitation while deciding to coach a 12-year-old club team. It was a decision that proved to be a wise one.

"Teaching the kids was incredible and it helped me get back to the basics," said Mancha. "I really feel that my skill sets have improved because of it. In a way, I felt like I was coaching myself."

At the same time, Mancha worked so hard at rehab that she's convinced that her leg strength is better than ever.

Bergin, for one, doesn't doubt it. "What's most inspiring about Alexis is her comeback from major knee surgery," said Bergin. "She worked so hard and she continues to work hard in the weight room to

improve all of her physical attributes.

"She has to wear a knee brace, which I think was difficult at first. But now she's back almost 100 percent. In one game, she went up at 10 feet and palmed the ball, which is unheard of."

"She's just such a fantastic athlete. I don't even think she realizes how talented she is. She can do it all on the court, and plus her volleyball IQ is so high."

Although Mancha does it all for Andover, which is unbeaten at 8-0 and currently ranked No. 5 in Eastern Mass., she realizes that she'll need to be more of a specialist in college.

Bergin agrees. "She could be a setter in college but she'll probably play libero," said Bergin. "She can serve and she's great in the back row. She'd be perfect there."

For now, though, Mancha will continue to do a little bit of everything for the Warriors as one of the best high school athletes who, up until now, you probably haven't heard of.

## Resnik does it all, boys soccer takes two

### BOYS SOCCER

Normally an outside defender, Jeff Resnik decided to get into the offense. He stepped up to win a ball at the 30-yard-line, dribbled to the 18 and delivered a pretty left-footed shot to the far post to lift the Warriors to a 2-1 win over Dracut last Thursday. Eoin Stack scored the other goal for the winners, and Clay Hallee made seven saves.

Connor Nusky scored 25 minutes into the second half to give Andover a 1-0 win over Haverhill last Tuesday. Dario Tagliaferri stopped 9 shots and when he went out with cramps Clay Hallee (5 saves) stepped up.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Mucher scores winner Maddie Mucher's second-half goal sent Andover to a 1-0 win over Haverhill last Tuesday. Olivia Schwinn-Clanpon assisted on the score.

Izzy Shih made five saves for the shutout as Andover beat Dracut 2-0 last Thursday. Sara Dever and Taylor Landry each scored a goal for the winners.

### GOLF

Lee keeps dazzling It was a big day for Andover sophomore Mac Lee, who fired a 1-under 35 to help his team split a tri-meet with Lowell and Billerica last Monday. Lefty Josh Gruenberg came in with a 40, and both Chris Nyhan and Stephen Ingram

fired a 41.

Matt Anton won 3-2 and Cade Dillman took a 2-up victory as Andover downed Tewksbury 13.5-6.5 last Tuesday.

Andover's Mac Lee took medalist honors with a 31, but the Golden Warriors lost to Central Catholic 11-9 last Thursday. Tyler Trapp (40) and Teddy Gorrie (47) were the next best for the Warriors.

### VOLLEYBALL

Hunt on the hunt Meredith Hunt scored 22 service points and eight aces to help Andover beat Dracut 3-0 on Friday. Sarah Shattuck added nine kills and four blocks and Sophia Wang had 13 digs.

Alexis Mancha came through in the final two games for Andover, leading the Warriors to a 25-20 win in Game 4 then a convincing 15-6 win in Game 5 to close out a 3-2 win over Central Catholic last Monday. She finished with 14 assists, 16 digs and five aces.

### FIELD HOCKEY

Hat trick for Carzo Julia Carzo recorded a hat trick as Andover cruised past Chelmsford 5-1 to improve to 9-0 on the season last Thursday. Kate Gregory and Katherine Furry each added a goal and Maddie Mucher had two assists.

Jordan Torres scored twice and Andover rolled past Lowell 6-0 last Monday. Hannah Medwar, Julia Carzo, Kate Gregory

and Emma Farnham each scored once.

### SWIMMING

Jordy dominates Jordy Clements won the 200 IM (2:13.90), 100 freestyle (57.16) and 100 breaststroke and swam on the winning 200 medley relay and 500 freestyle relay as Andover beat Haverhill 98-83 last Tuesday. Vic Ambrose added wins in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly and Mia Galat took the 500 freestyle.

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

McCarthy leads the way Charlie McCarthy (16:45) and Devin Connell (16:46) placed sixth and seventh overall as Andover beat Dracut (19-43) and Haverhill (20-40) but fell to Billerica 21-35 last

Wednesday.

T.J. Jaysinghe placed 30th overall in the 5K in 18:10.02 to highlight Andover's effort at the Frank Kelley Invitational.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

O'Hara on fire Grace O'Hara was second overall in 17:52 and Sarah Cain was right behind in third (18:03) as Andover beat Dracut (19-43) and Haverhill (20-40) but lost to Billerica (23-35).

Grace O'Hara took ninth overall in the championship race in 19:48.73 as Andover placed sixth as a team at the Frank Kelley Invitational. Sarah Cain (14th) was next best for the Warriors while Emma Griffin was No. 37.

### ANDOVER HIGH SPORTS THIS WEEK

#### FOOTBALL

Date ..... Time ..... Opponent  
Oct. 6 ..... 7 p.m. .... at Methuen

#### BOYS SOCCER

Date ..... Time ..... Opponent  
Oct. 5 ..... 6 p.m. ... at Lowell High School  
Oct. 10 ..... 7 p.m. .... Tewksbury  
Oct. 12 ..... 7 p.m. .... at Methuen

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Date ..... Time ..... Opponent  
Oct. 5 ..... 7 p.m. .... Lowell  
Oct. 10 ..... 3 p.m. .... at Tewksbury  
Oct. 12 ..... 7 p.m. .... Methuen

#### FIELD HOCKEY

Date ..... Time ..... Opponent  
Oct. 6 ..... 4 p.m. .... at Beverly  
Oct. 9 ..... 11:30 a.m. .... Walpole  
Oct. 11 ..... 7 p.m. .... Chelmsford

#### VOLLEYBALL

Date ..... Time ..... Opponent  
Oct. 6 ..... 5 p.m. .... Reading  
Oct. 11 ..... 6 p.m. .... at Tewksbury

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Date ..... Time ..... Opponent  
Oct. 7 ..... 10 a.m. .... Battle of the Border  
Oct. 11 ..... 4 p.m. .... Lawrence High

#### GOLF

Date ..... Time ..... Opponent  
Oct. 16 ..... 3 p.m. .... Central Catholic

#### SWIMMING

Date ..... Time ..... Opponent  
Oct. 7 ..... 2 p.m. .... North Andover

## Andover rallies then loses on game's last play

By DAVE DYER  
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Cedric Gillette should have been the hero in a dramatic victory for Andover Friday night.

Gillette outfoight a defender for a 23-yard TD reception with 1:16 to play Friday night, capping what seemed like a stunning fourth-quarter rally which saw the Golden Warriors rally from a 45-20 hole to take a 48-45 lead.

There was only one problem. Andover left unbeaten Lowell a few seconds too many on the clock and, despite being pinned back on their 1-yard line, the Red Raiders drove down the field 99 yards to score with no time left on the clock for a dramatic, heart-stopping 51-48 victory.

"That's as good a 2-minute drill as you'll ever see," said Lowell coach John Florence. "We always have great games against Andover and this was another one."

On that final drive, Lowell quarterback Curtis Gentles was 5 for 6, which included a 44-yard bomb, and four completions wound up with the receiver running out of bounds. After a pass completion to the Andover 1-yard line with three seconds left, Justin Villanueva went the final yard as the game ended.

"That's a tough one to lose, but you have to give them credit for that (last drive)," said Andover coach E.J. Perry. "Until

	Lowell 51,	Andover 48
Lowell (4-0):	13	20 12 6 — 51
Andover (2-2):	14	6 14 14 — 48
<b>First Quarter</b>		
L — Anthony Duong 72 run (Michael Menezes), 10:38		
L — Curtis Gentles 52 run (pass failed), 8:19		
A — Tommy Duncan 5 run (Shamus Florio kick), 1:54		
A — Duncan 3 run (Flores kick), 1:16		
<b>Second Quarter</b>		
L — Zachary Ahern 10 pass from Gentles (kick failed), 8:08		
L — Brendan Tighe 41 pass from Gentles (AJ Diamantopoulos pass from Gentles), 4:54		
L — Duong 2 run (kick blocked), 1:54		
A — Brendon Moody 25 pass from Nick Dellatto (run failed), 0:00		
<b>Third Quarter</b>		
L — David Schecter 40 pass from Gentles (kick blocked), 6:10		
L — Duong 5 run (kick failed), 3:52		
A — Gillette 38 pass from Dellatto (Flores kick), 2:45		
A — Dellatto 1 run (Flores kick), 9:39		
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>		
A — Dellatto 1 run (Flores kick), 9:39		
A — Duncan 11 run (run failed), 6:12		
A — Gillette 23 pass from Dellatto (Duncan run), 1:16		
L — Justin Villanueva 1 run, 0:00		
<b>INDIVIDUAL LEADERS</b>		
<b>RUSHING: ANDOVER (27-64)</b> — Tommy Duncan 18-53, Nick Dellatto 9-11; <b>LOWELL (34-30)</b> — Anthony Duong 17-192; Curtis Gentles 14-93, Justin Villanueva 3-16		
<b>PASSING: ANDOVER</b> — Dellatto 22-42-1, 348; <b>LOWELL</b> — Gentles 11-191, 194		
<b>RECEIVING: ANDOVER</b> — Gillette 14-247, Patrick Dennehy 2-47, Brendon Moody 1-16, Duncan 5-38; <b>LOWELL</b> — Brendon Tighe 4-103, Anquintise Byard 4-30, Zach Ahern 2-21, Schecter 1-40		

that), we played as good a fourth quarter as you can play."

The game started poorly for Andover. Lowell's Anthony Duong ran 72 yards for a TD on the first play of the game and a 52-yard sprint by quarterback Curtis Gentle on the Red Raiders' third offensive play

quickly made it 13-0 with less than three minutes gone in the game.

Andover rallied for two TDs on short runs by Tommy Duncan, the second set up by a 25-yard interception return by Micah White, to take a 14-13 lead.

But Lowell then scored three straight TDs to take a 33-14 lead before a 25-yard pass from Nick Dellatto to Brendon Moody on the last play of the first half made it 39-20.

Lowell scored twice to open the third quarter to take a seemingly safe 45-20 lead. Then the Warriors rallied with five straight touchdowns. Duncan had an 11-yard scoring run, Dellatto ran it in twice from the 1-yard line and Gillette hauled in two TD passes.

After a slow first half, Dellatto was 10 of 15 for 228 yards through the air in the second half with Gillette catching seven for 128 yards, finishing with 14 catches for a stunning 247 yards.

Patrick Dennehy, who also had two booming punts, had two receptions for 47 yards.

Overall, the Golden Warriors passed for 348 yards and had 412 total yards while Lowell rushed for 301 yards and had 495 total yards, meaning that there were 907 total yards of offense in the game.

"Gillette was just unbelievable," said Perry. "He made some great catches for us."

It was just too bad that it wasn't in a winning cause.



■ BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

**Ton new owner of Jillian's Nail Spa**

Jillian's Nail Spa, located at 140 Main St. in North Andover, has recently changed ownership and is now in the capable hands of Victor Ton.

Building on more than a decade of experience and commitment, Ton brings his own fresh perspective. Upon entering, the client immediately notices the chic updated interior highlighted by a large tropical aquarium with vibrant colors designed by Ton himself.

The peaceful environment is accentuated by fresh paint, new mirrors, lighting and unique, leaf-shaped sinks. The atmosphere is enhanced by soothing music and a new flat screen TV.

One cannot help but relax in such tranquility, which is second only to the quality of service. In addition to the traditional manicure, among other options (eyebrow and eyelash services are offered as well), the standard pedicure now includes a leg massage and hot rock treatment.

An experienced staff accommodates the client's every need, as Ton is committed to Jillian's five-star reputation of superior service. Bridal and birthday parties are welcome by reservation and Ton is particularly interested in serving walk-in clients. To encourage this, additional employees are now on board to promote a no-wait policy as

often as possible. Jillian's Nail Spa is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jillian's now accepts Visa and Mastercard. Call 978-685-0121 to schedule an appointment and for information on special offers.

**Gatsby-themed gala planned**

The Andover Country Club will be turned into the Gatsby Mansion on Friday, Oct. 27, for American Training's 17th annual Life Matters Awards Gala. Join Gatsby and his dapper friends for an evening filled with live entertainment, a silent auction, decorations, characters and stars from the 1920s and more.

During the gala, Andover Fire Rescue and Chief Michael B. Mansfield will be presented with the agency's prestigious Life Matters Award for their values and extraordinary customer service. The recipients of Company of the Year, Vendor of the Year and Outstanding Partner Awards will be recognized as well.

The evening will begin with cocktails and entertainment at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m., and the awards presentation at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$75 each or \$500 for a table of eight.

The Andover Country Club is located at 60 Canterbury St. For tickets or more information, visit [americatraininginc.com/event/GatsbyGala](http://americatraininginc.com/event/GatsbyGala).

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# TownsBeat



Koko Bositis, 10, gets some height on a swing as her sister Moriah, 6, looks on.



Kids climb and jump all over the new fake logs, leaves, and acorns during the grand opening of the new Andover Center Playground next to the Doherty Middle School.



Kelvin Hogan, 19 months, plans his next move after mounting a fake rock as his mom Trish looks on.

## New playground opens on old soccer field

STAFF REPORT

A celebration to commemorate the grand opening of the Andover Center Playground was held on the afternoon of Sept. 27.

Five years in the making, the Andover Center Playground project was sparked by the desire to have a playground in the downtown vicinity for children to play. Construction of the playground was completed this August. The playground is located across the parking lot at the Doherty Middle School, 50 Bartlet St.

The Andover Center Playground Initiative was a driving force in the creation of the playground.

"It seems to be accomplishing exactly what we hoped, especially for the preschool aged children," said Andover Playground Initiative member Susan Stott. "It's a place where people downtown can walk to with their children. Kids seem to be enjoying everything from the ropes to the beaver to the logs."

The playground was built on Stowe field. The Andover Soccer Association used to use the field for games, which will now be held at the Bancroft school.

The Andover Center Playground Initiative also had significant support from the town. Funds from the 2016 town meeting allocated \$120,000 for the playground.



Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, center right, removes the covering from the sign during the grand opening of the new Andover Center Playground next to the Doherty Middle School on Wednesday.

RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos



Moriah Bositis, 6, tries to run in place as the merry-go-round moves around her.



ABOVE: A group of children ride on and spin the merry-go-round as fast as they can.

LEFT: Maelyn Hogan, 3, jumps from a fake log to a fake leaf as her mom Trish and brother Kelvin, 19 months, play behind her.

### ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER THURSDAY, OCT. 5

**FLU VACCINE FOR SENIORS**, 9 a.m. to noon, Cormier Youth Center, 40 Whittier Court. The "High-Dose" Flu Clinic is for seniors, 65 years and older and by appointment only; call the Health Department at 978-623-8640 to schedule an appointment, or email health@andoverma.gov; consent forms will be available at the health department, Town Offices, senior center, library and on the Andover website, www.andover.ma/health.

#### FRIDAYS BEGINNING OCT. 6

**INTRODUCTION TO FILMMAKING**, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Offered through Andover Recreation, Filmmakers Collaborative will provide the instruction; students (ages 10 to 14) will learn about scriptwriting, storyboard sketching, character development, improvisation and camera skills; collectively, the group will write, shoot and edit a film in a genre of their choosing; students will also learn to edit their films using professional editing software like Final Cut Pro; all films will be made eligible to be

screened at the Boston International Kids Film Festival at the Somerville Theater in February; limited to 18 participants; \$285 for eight classes; www.andoverrec.com.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 7

**ANDOVER CARES COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**, 3 to 9 p.m., Cormier Youth Center, 40 Whittier Court. Organized by the Rotary Club of Andover and Andover's Department of Community Services, the community rally and fundraiser supports substance abuse intervention, education and wellness; live music, Battle of the Bands, food, family fun, health kiosks; every dollar raised will support grants to address Andover's education, prevention, intervention and enforcement plans; email AndoverCaresInfo@gmail.com for information about sponsorship opportunities, donations, buttons and caps; www.andovercaresfestival.eventbrite.com.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

**"HOW TO GO TO COLLEGE... WITHOUT GOING BROKE,"** 6:30 to 8 p.m., The Chateau Restaurant, 131 River Road. College Planning Services will

present the college planning workshop and free dinner seminar; learn how to qualify for the most financial aid, reduce college tuition bills, and reduce stress and anxiety; reservations are required; 978-462-1666, www.collegeplanningservices.org.

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 13

**FASHION PASSION**, 6:30 p.m., Stevens Estate, 723 Osgood St., North Andover. The fashion show, presented by the North Andover Women's Club, will feature garments from Chico's, Dino's, Izzy's and Jos. A. Bank; enjoy cocktails and a cash bar; tickets are \$50 each and include refreshments; the event is a fundraiser for the club; tickets will not be sold at the door; purchased tickets must be presented for admission; email linda.mchugh@comcast.net, 978-258-2700.

**SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL:** Horton, the Whos, and the Cat in the Hat! Seussical: The Musical. 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 13, 14, 20, and 21; 1 p.m. on Oct. 14 and 21. At Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road. \$20/\$18 www.SpotlightPlayhouse.org, tickets@SpotlightPlayhouse.org, 617-470-2175.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 14

**AN EVENING WITH ONNIK DINKJIAN**, 7 p.m. to midnight, DoubleTree by Hilton, 123 Old River Road. Armenian Friends of America, Inc. (AFA) will present Hye Kek 5, a five-hour dance; Onnik Dinkjian will be joined by John Berberian on oud, Mal Barsamian on clarinet, Ara Dinkjian on keyboard and Ron Tutunjan on dumbeg; enjoy dancing, a buffet dinner from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with coffee and dessert to follow, and a cash bar; tickets are \$65 for adults, \$50 for students 21 and under; proceeds will benefit the Armenian Churches of the Merrimack Valley, St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of North Andover, the Armenian Apostolic Church at Hye Pointe in Haverhill, Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church of Chelmsford, and Ararat Armenian Congregational Church of Salem, New Hampshire; tickets must be purchased in advance and all sales are final; tickets will not be sold at the door; 603-560-3826, 978-683-9121, 978-375-1616, 978-808-0598, www.armenianfriendsofamerica.org.

**ITALIAN BUFFET NIGHT**, 5-7 p.m., West Parish Church. Come and enjoy this annual Italian dinner featuring eggplant, lasagna (meat and vegetarian), chicken cacciatore, spaghetti and meatballs, garden salad, Italian bread, cake, coffee/tea. Adults \$15, Child (12 and under) \$5. West Parish Church is located at 129 Reservation Road, Andover, MA.

#### SUNDAY, OCT. 15

**WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION**, 3:30 p.m., Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St. The Rev. Liz Walker, of Roxbury Presbyterian Church, will be the guest preacher; focusing on women's prayer life, themes will include "Holy Women Standing in Prayer" and "Lord Teach Me to Pray"; 978-475-0166, www.andoverbaptist-church.org.

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 20

**"RAISING STARS" CHARITABLE GALA**, 6 to 9:30 p.m., DoubleTree by Hilton, 123 Old River Road. Hosted by Blueskies Wellness, the evening will feature a silent auction, live music, raffles, networking, food and a cash bar; proceeds will benefit Blueskies' bullying prevention/treatment programs; 978-655-1823.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 21

**ANNUAL REGGIE AUTUMN CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR**, Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road. Interested crafters and vendors are encouraged to participate; email SOuellette@glts.net.

#### SATURDAYS THROUGH OCT. 21

**ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET**, south lawn, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Familiar favorites such as Gaouette Farms, Swiss Bakers, White Gates Farm, Honey Pot Maple Farm and Deano's Pasta will return again this year; new vendors this year include Tenuta San Pietro-Olive Oil, Tea is the Way and a variety of craft artisans; products are locally grown and made in New England, allowing consumers to purchase healthier alternatives to the manufactured foods and products used in many foods today; the market will also feature local community nonprofits, entertainment and children's activities; http://andoverhistorical.org/farmer-s-market-2017.

#### THROUGH OCT. 21

**"SHAPESHIFTING" EXHIBITION**, Gelb Gallery, George See CALENDAR, Page 14



# Andover persecuted more witches than Salem

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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As the Salem Witch Trials mark their 325th anniversary this year, the Andover connection to those trials by no means going unnoticed. Rather, some grisly details about that connection are appropriately being remembered during this Halloween season with a slew of witchy events being hosted by the Andover Historical Society.

Most notable is an inside tour the of the 17th-century home of Benjamin Abbot, located at 9 Andover St. It was Abbot who accused Martha Carrier of Andover of being a witch in 1692. Her haunting story became a bestseller, "The Heretic's Daughter," by Kathleen Kent, who is a 10th generation descendant of Carrier.

Kent paints a haunting portrait, not just of Puritan New England, but also of one family's deep and abiding love in the face of fear and persecution. The book is described on Amazon as follows: "Martha Carrier was one of the first women to be accused, tried and hanged as a witch in Salem, Massachusetts. Like her mother, young Sarah Carrier is bright and willful, openly challenging the small, brutal world in which they live. Often at odds with one another, mother and daughter are forced to stand together against the escalating hysteria of the trials and the superstitious tyranny that led to the torture

and imprisonment of more than 200 people accused of witchcraft. This is the story of Martha's courageous defiance and ultimate death, as told by the daughter who survived."

Guests are sure to have chills up their spines at this house tour, set for Saturday, Oct. 28, at 10:30 a.m.

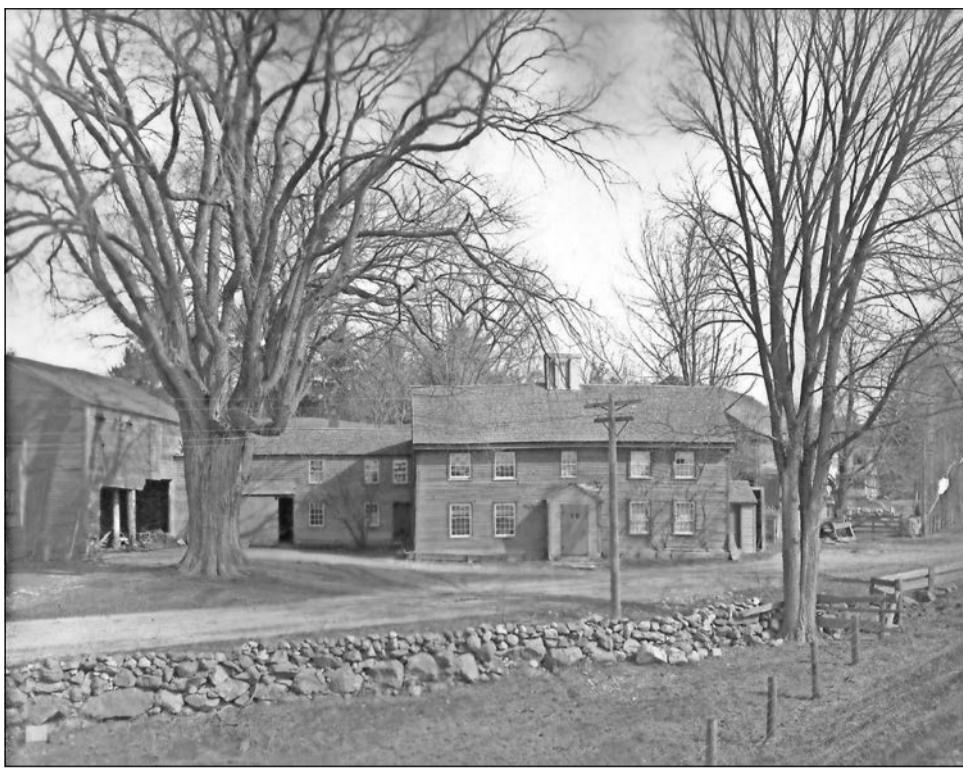
Martha Carrier was certainly not alone as there were a lot of accused witches in town back in the day. In fact, Andover is notorious for its witch connections.

"Andover has the unfortunate distinction of being the town with the most accused witches," said Lauren Kosky-Stamm, director of Programs and Social Media at the Andover Historical Society.

She said 48 Andover residents were arrested for witchcraft; four were condemned, three of those were hanged at Proctor's Ledge in Salem; and one died in prison awaiting execution.

"The grisly details of the witch trials in 1692 are well researched and documented, but often Andover's unique role in the events is overshadowed. We want to provide an opportunity to learn more about the early colonial period in Andover, the variety of circumstances that contributed to the events of 1692, and what it can teach us about community," Kosky-Stamm said.

Partnering with the North Andover Historical Society and Memorial Hall Library for some events, there are



Courtesy image

The Benjamin Abbot House was the scene of the witchcraft hysteria that swept through Andover.

seven spooky-themed events throughout the month happening in town including "Tales from the Crypt" at Spring Grove Cemetery. Guests will share ghost stories in the cemetery's crypt and surely will enjoy the perfectly creepy ambiance.

Here is the schedule of events:

■ **Puddin'Heads: Childhood in Colonial America**, Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., Andover Historical Society teacher and author Velya Jancz-Urban provides a lively presentation with hands-on demonstrations about the

unique aspects of childhood between the late 16th and late 18th centuries. Jancz-Urban will explore themes including birthing and child rearing practices, parenting, children's health and education, naming, gender, play, and rites of passage that are funny, sad, sweet, and shocking.

■ **No Cause to Judge Them: A narrated hike through Baker's Meadow**, Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 p.m. Meet at Baker's Meadow for a narrated history hike through land once owned by Rev. Francis Dane and his family, in commemoration

of his October 1692 petition that helped to end the witch hunt. This event is co-sponsored by the Andover Trails Committee.

■ **Witch Andover, Which Andover?** Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St. Local Historian Char Lyons will explore the history and lasting consequences of the Witch Trials and how they shaped Andover as we know it today. This event is a collaboration between the Andover Historical Society and the North Andover Historical Society.

■ **Tales from the Crypt**,

Saturday, Oct. 21, 4:30 p.m., Spring Grove Cemetery, 124 Abbot St. Gather in the old crypt at Spring Grove Cemetery to hear favorite ghost stories, led by Gail Ralston, cemetery trustee, and share one of your own. Due to the "scariness factor," attendees must be 18 or older.

■ **Witch Trial Descendants tour of South Church Cemetery**, Sunday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m., South Church Cemetery, 41 Central St. South Church cemetery historian Char Lyons will highlight and discuss the graves of descendants of both the accused witches and accusers from Andover.

■ **A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials and the American Experience**, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. An engaging presentation by Professor Emerson Baker, who will discuss his most recent book, *A Storm of Witchcraft*, that sets the Salem Witch Trials in the broader context of American history from the 17th century to the present.

■ **Tour of the Benjamin Abbot House**, Saturday, Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m., 9 Andover St. Tour the interior of the 17th century home of Benjamin Abbot, who accused Martha Carrier of being a witch in 1692. Learn more about the ten generations of Abbot residents, witch trial history, and additions made to this property.

To learn more about this Bewitched series, including event admission prices, visit <http://andoverhistorical.org/bewitched-in-andover>.

## CALENDAR

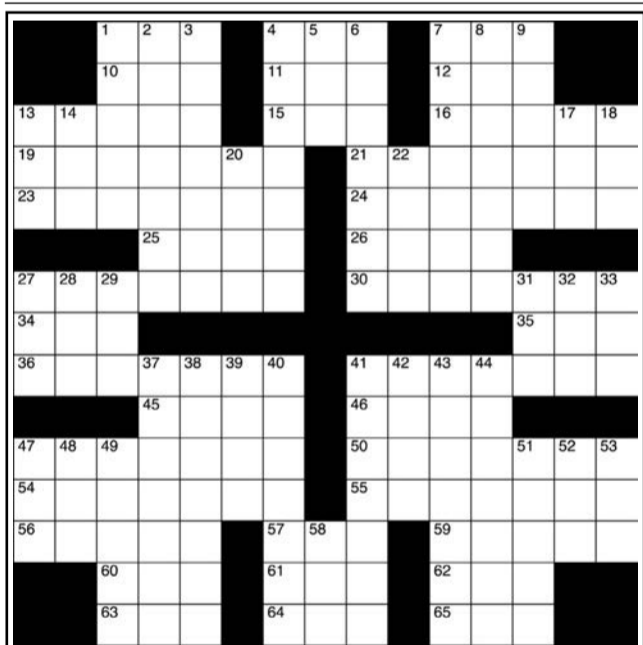
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Washington Hall, Phillips Academy, Chapel Avenue. New sculptural work by Meg Lipke is now on view; Lipke's installation creates dialogues between: framed paintings, textiles, objects and sculptures; between ideas of authorship, as some work is Lipke's, some is her grandmother's and some is found; and between time periods when pieces refer to industrialization and mill work that ended in the 20th century; the gallery is open during school business hours and is handicapped accessible; a closing reception for the artist is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, in the gallery, from 2 to 4 p.m.; the public is welcome; [www.meglipkestudio.com](http://www.meglipkestudio.com), [www.andover.edu](http://www.andover.edu).

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### SUNDAY, OCT. 22

**NORTHEAST SCHOOL OF BALLET'S FALL SERIES**, 2 to 4 p.m., J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Shawsheen Road. The performance will showcase the pre-professional students of The Conservatory at NSB; the advanced dancers, ages 13 to 17, will demonstrate their versatility and passion presenting the classical and contemporary repertoire; the ballets on the program include the classic, "Swan Lake" (Act II) and three new works by NSB faculty, Joseph Jefferies' "All That Is," Jeremy Ruth Howes' "Out(side) In" and Carmella Tomeny's "Celestial"; tickets are \$20; [www.northeastschoolofballet.org](http://www.northeastschoolofballet.org).



### CLUES ACROSS

- Current unit
- 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- Confederate soldier
- Car mechanics group
- Australian TV station
- Trouble
- Getting up there
- Cool!
- Adventurous English aristocrat Jane
- Glow
- A way to appear like
- Absence of bacteria
- Type of water
- Cool Hand
- German river
- Partial paralysis
- Immobile
- Federal savings bank

### Solution in Classified Section

- Swiss river
- The Windy City
- Female's genitals
- German courtesy title
- Matter
- Exonerated
- Danced
- Act destructively
- Baked an egg
- 140-character missive
- NYC museum (abbr.)
- Christmas carols
- No (Scottish)
- Heartbeat display (abbr.)
- Rum
- Flop
- Cease to live
- Small Arkansas city

### CLUES DOWN

- For future use
- Church garb
- Winged horse
- Muscular weaknesses
- Helps little firms
- Directories
- Bases
- They clean up manuscripts
- S. Wales river
- Small constellation
- Fuel
- British thermal unit
- Thus far
- One of football's Barber twins
- Manner in which something occurs
- Beginning military rank
- Powdery residue
- Baseball stat

- 007's creator
- Fellow
- A distinct period
- Cap
- Treated a lawn
- Bryant Gumbel's brother
- Mandated
- A route
- Home to the Utes
- Sunday (Span.)
- Involve
- Television tube
- Order's partner
- Make improvements to
- Home to rockers and athletes alike
- Snake-like fish
- Tooth caregiver
- Defunct phone company

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Courtesy photos

The focal point of an auction being held in Arizona is the 1924 apothecary from Hartigan's Drug Store on Main Street of Andover. It was operational for over 50 years. Its massive body has granite counters, chrome fixtures, mahogany paneling, a mirrored back bar and is completed with what once was a state-of-the-art soda fountain.

## Auction features interior of Hartigan's

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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Just as they do today, Andover's middle schoolers hung out on Main Street after school years ago. But there was no CVS parking lot to make those very important middle school social plans. Rather, it was Hartigan's Pharmacy, located where CVS is now, serving as the popular middle school hang out space.

"I was in middle school at East Junior High, now the Town Offices, and we'd go to Hartigan's after school and get vanilla Cokes for 25 cents. They would stir them up right in front of us and those Cokes were so good," said town native Ted Teichert, currently a school committee member.

Teichert remembers the fancy marble counter at Hartigan's along with its weight machine which kids loved to step on and their stock of Charms lollipops that sold for a nickel.

"Mr. Hartigan was a nice guy. Quiet, ran an old time business and there is a street named after him — Hartigan Court, off High Street. Hartigan's is a great memory for many," Teichert said.

Now, an auction house in Arizona is selling the contents of the former Hartigan's Pharmacy and hoping to earn thousands of dollars that the consignor is donating to charity.

It's dubbed a "1-day Americana auction" that features a 1924 apothecary, more commonly referred to as a pharmacy. The prized



Hartigan's Apothecary was situated on the corner where CVS is now located. It was once a popular hangout for teens. The interior of the pharmacy is going up for sale at an auction house in Arizona.

operational for over 50 years. The pharmacy's contents were glorious. It had granite counters, chrome fixtures, mahogany paneling, a mirrored back bar and what once was a state-of-the-art soda fountain. Levine wrote that it is one of the few remaining memories of idyllic, simpler times.

"Although a niche item, just pieces of apothecaries such as the cabinets, back bar and counter displays, have been known to fetch tens of thousands of dollars each at auction. The history and nostalgia of the items delight those who yearn for the days of yore," Levine wrote.

There is no record of the Hartigan family on file at Andover Historical Society,

according to Executive Director Elaine Clements. There are photographs of the pharmacy dating back to the early 1940s. At one time, Andover had three pharmacies downtown — Hartigan's, Dalton's and Simeone's.

Proceeds from the auction benefit Hearts of Stone Charity based in Phoenix, Arizona, which combines resources with various humanitarian organizations to positively impact the Phoenix community.

In addition to the pieces from Hartigan's, the Americana auction will offer an original carousel horse, art, automatons, signage and hundreds of other Americana items.



**MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM**

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

**What Will We Dewey**, Tuesdays, Oct. 10 and 24, 3:30 p.m. Second- and third-graders will explore numbers through stories and activities, using groups of numbers from the Dewey Decimal System. Register online for this program.

**Junior Friends of MHL**, Wednesdays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25, 3:30 p.m. The group, whose members range in age from 8 to 11, plan programs and do small projects to help the Children's Room. For more information, contact Kate Belczyk at 978-623-8401, ext. 39 or at kbelczyk@mhl.org.

**Alpha-Buddies**, Thursdays, Oct. 12 and 26, 1:30 p.m. Celebrate a single letter of the alphabet through stories, songs, games and activities. For ages 4 to 5 and an adult. Register online.

**Dads and Doughnuts**, Saturdays, Oct. 14 and 28, 10 a.m. This story time targets

dads and children ages 2 to 5, although all are welcome. Take part in stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, and then have some coffee, juice and doughnuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

**Pajama Party**, Tuesdays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31, 6:30 p.m. The 45-minute sessions will include bedtime stories, quiet songs and games, and a short film. Designed for ages 3 to 5 and their adult caregiver. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

**Thinking Thursday**, Thursday, Oct. 19, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 8 can share a story, do some simple experiments and make a craft. Space is limited. Register online.

**Family Story Time**, Thursday, Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m. Kids, ages 4 to 7, can come dressed in their pajamas to read stories, sing songs and make a craft. Pick up a token in the Children's Room beginning at 6 p.m.

**Musical Morning with Peter Sheridan**, Friday, Oct. 20, 10

a.m. For preschoolers and their families. Online registration is requested.

**Around the World in 30 Minutes**, Friday, Oct. 27, 9:30 a.m. Infants to age 5 and their adult caregivers can explore different languages through songs, rhymes, stories and games. For native speakers and those who want to expose their child to different languages and cultures at an early age. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

**Legomania**, Saturday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. This program is for children ages 5 and up who love to build with Legos. Each child will build on their own base and then share their creation with the group before putting it on display in the Children's Room. Online registration is requested.

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# Grants fund two new Andover trails

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The Andover Conservation Commission and the Trustees of Reservations both received hefty grants from the Governor's office last week.

Governor Charlie Baker announced in June that the Recreational Trail Project (RTP) budget would be increased 60 percent for such projects. On Sept. 19 Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito revealed that \$1.8 million in RTP grants was distributed to 49 projects statewide. The RTP grants will help fund the creation and maintenance of hiking trails, bike paths, as well as snowmobile and off-road vehicle trails across the state.

The Andover Conservation Commission received a \$19,688 grant and \$11,610 in matching funds to create a new trail, a 450-foot-long boardwalk. The new trail will cross wetlands and allow visitors to cross areas of land that they previously could not.

"This is part of the Bay Circuit trail, a trail that surrounds the greater Boston area," said Bob Douglas, director of conservation. "You can hike from the North Shore all the way to the South Shore on those trails. We are very lucky to have some of it here in Andover and this boardwalk will be part of that system."

The grant is going to fund the second part of a two part project for a trail that follows an old 1840s rail line and will connect Andover's trails to Tewksbury's trails, according to Bob Decelle, Construction and Bay Circuit Trail Coordinator. The first part of the project is another 600 foot trail that the Conservation is currently building. Together the trails will be about 1,150 feet long, not including a piece of land in between the



Courtesy image

The state gave a grant to the town to build a boardwalk for the Bay Circuit Trail, which goes through the Ward Reservation in Andover.

two parts of the trail. The Conservation Commission hopes to start building the new 450 foot trail early this spring. Construction of the trail is expected to last through next fall.

The boardwalk will be elevated in order to cross the wetland areas and will also include railings, making it a slightly more complicated project.

"The nice part is that we'll be connecting with another town's trail system," Decelle said. "Building a boardwalk through a wetland area gives the public an opportunity to walk through an area they'd never see. You see birds and wildlife you'd never see otherwise. It's a totally different environment."

The Trustees of Reservations also received a \$26,438 grant and \$16,290 in matching funds to develop a new 700 foot accessible trail at the Ward Reservation in Andover which will connect a trail head to Bog Trail.

The path will be flat and made out of stone dust,

which means there will not be roots or stones in the path that could trip a person or block wheelchair access.

"It will be a universally accessible trail down to the quaking bog," said Kevin Block, superintendent of the Trustees of Reservations for Andover and North Andover. "It allows for people of all abilities to access the bog, which is a really unique habitat, one of the few in Mass. We just wanted to allow for all people to be able to experience that."

The key feature of the trail is that it leads to a quaking bog.

"It's a quaking bog so it's all kind of one big organism in a way," Block said. "There are some really interesting plants out there. You don't really find anywhere else. There's a pitcher plant, which is a carnivorous plant. There's also a type of orchid you only see in those areas, as well as wetland species you only really see in that habitat."

The Trustees intend to begin the project during the summer of 2017 and

complete it by the fall or early winter of 2018.

A total of \$1,736,278 was also given to RTP projects across the state in matching funds.

"With these awards, the Baker-Polito Administration has prioritized responsible construction projects that will conserve our natural resources while enhancing the enjoyment of hikers, cyclists, snowmobilers and others who benefit from these trails," said Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Matthew Beaton. "I'm excited to support the work of our local officials and organizations who have presented us with excellent ideas for increasing outdoor recreation, and I congratulate them on receiving this year's awards."

Over 150 trails across the state will benefit from the grants. Grants for RTP projects were supported by funds from the motor fuel excise tax on off-road vehicles, such as AVT's and snowmobiles.

Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey\_Bode.

# \$400M fundraising campaign underway

Phillips Academy has just launched a \$400 million fundraising campaign, the largest fundraising campaign in the history of independent schools.

Already, nearly \$140 million has been pledged. The money raised will secure scholarships, fund new wellness, academic and athletic facilities and revitalize the library.

Called Knowledge & Goodness: The Andover Campaign, it was unveiled by Trustee President Peter L.S. Currie '74 at a recent campus gala. Alumna and Emmy

award-winner Dana Delany '74 emceed the event, which also included a performance by alumnus and Grammy award-winner Kevin Olusola '06, of Pentatonix. International figure in human rights, alumna Hafsat Abiola '92, shared a personal story of tragedy-turned-hope that led to the founding of KIND (Kudirat Initiative for Democracy) in her native Nigeria.

Head of School John G. Palfrey said securing the school's admission policy, which admits students solely on merit, will ensure that no student is ever turned away

from Andover for financial reasons.

"Today, when nearly half of our students rely on financial aid, this guarantee is more essential than ever," Palfrey said in a press release. "The school's need-blind admission, now in its 11th consecutive year at Andover, is one of the most generous and comprehensive programs in the country."

Progress is evident in new campus facilities, including the Rebecca M. Sykes Wellness Center and the Snyder Center, which will open this winter as a new home for

athletics. The Tang Institute has helped Andover's "ideas lab" flourish into a catalyst for global partnerships and new learning paradigms for a digital age.

Andover has also seen increased support for financial aid and Learning in the World programs. Once fully funded, every student will have the opportunity to travel and experience a new culture.

As fundraising continues, Andover has plans for a new aquatics center, a renovated library and a new building dedicated to the study and performance of music.

# Foreign official visits Temple Emanuel

STAFF REPORT

Prize-winning journalist and inspirational speaker Barbara Sofer recently spoke about women working in hospitals in Israel at Temple Emanuel in Andover.

Sofer is from Israel and is the director of public relations for Hadassah, the largest women's organization in the U.S., as well as being the largest Jewish

membership organization. She spoke about "Israel's Wonder Women; the Inside Story," at the Merrimack Valley Hadassah event held at Temple Emanuel Andover.

"Those of us who attended were privileged to hear Barbara speak to us about the medical miracles coming from Hadassah Hospitals in Jerusalem. Patients that would not have survived had they not been cared for

by the outstanding medical professionals at Hadassah," said Rhonda Saunders, president of the Northern New England Hadassah.

Sofer is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with an MA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Sofer's byline has appeared in The New York Times, Woman's Day, Reader's Digest, Parents, The Boston Globe and many other publications.

She has written six books and contributed to others. She writes a popular weekend column for The Jerusalem Post that deals with the challenges and miracles of everyday life in Israel, where she moved to from the United States 40 years ago.

All proceeds from the event will support Hadassah programs in Israel and the U.S., including the world-renowned Hadassah Medical Organization.

# All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

Andover Historical Society

100 Years Ago—Oct. 5, 1917

The people of Andover turned out en masse this morning to witness the departure of its second contingent. Long before the scheduled time the Square was filled with citizens and friends of the boys. The stores, manufacturing firms, schools, academies, were all closed, to permit every person to participate in the celebration.

Both sons of President Wood of the American Woolen Company are now enrolled in the United States Navy. Cornelius A. Wood is an ensign. William M. Wood is a plain seaman, and awaits the call to active service. It was recently incorrectly reported that he had been exempted from the selected draft for industrial reasons.

Buchan and McNally are handsomely domiciled in their new store on Park Street, Nos. 22 and 24. They invite an

inspection of store and stock.

75 Years Ago—Oct. 8, 1942

The Andover School Committee at its Tuesday night meeting, granted leaves of absence to two more local teachers who are entering the service, Milton C. Blanchard, principal of the junior high school, in the Naval Reserve, and Miss Gwen Armitage, teacher at Punchedard High School, in the WAVES.

Possibly never in the history of Andover was there such a demonstration of mass cooperation on the part of school children as there was Tuesday, when all the youngsters got together to pile up nearly 50 tons of scrap in the school yards. More than 100 tons are needed in all during the present campaign, which reaches its climax Sunday.

Members of the Andover Historical Society and their guests visited the Benjamin Abbot homestead Saturday afternoon hearing in detail the history of the ancient building. There was a large attendance, and many took the opportunity to visit

the old Abbot-Baker house nearby, now being renovated by Sidney P. White.

50 Years Ago—Oct. 5, 1967

Over the weekend a resident in the River Road area came across a human skull as he walked his dog through an area recently bulldozed for a housing development in West Andover. It has since been estimated that the skull is 200 or more years old and that it may have belonged to a female Indian. Archaeologist Douglas Byers of Phillips Academy and the Robert S. Peabody foundation, said the skull was so badly disturbed by the bulldozer that it is almost impossible to say anything conclusive about it. Walter Winwood, 35 Juliette St., is the first man on a Civil Service list of three who are eligible for promotion to deputy chief of the fire department.

Andover public school enrollment has hit 5,239, just short of the superintendent's estimate of 5,243 for 1967 enrollment. Paul W. Cronin of Andover

will be joining Reps. William Longworth of Methuen and James Hurrell of North Andover on Capitol Hill in Boston to represent the 12th Essex District as soon as the results of Tuesday's special election are certified by the Secretary of State and forwarded to the House.

25 Years Ago—Oct. 8, 1992

A 19th-century cast iron urn valued at \$4,000 was stolen from in front of Old Town Hall over the weekend.

The urn was one of two purchased, restored and maintained by the Andover Garden Club, and displayed one on either side of the stairs at the Main Street entrance of Old Town Hall.

Frank Paul, the school's business manager, will retire in January after 12 years with the Andover public schools.

Residents will decide next month whether the town should borrow \$2.4 million to fix the schools, and whether to spend \$400,000 to speed up building additional elementary school space.

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167 BATCHELDER RD SEABROOK, NH

Henkel located at 167 Batchelder Road Seabrook, NH will be hosting a Job Fair for immediate Temp to Hire Production Workers for our 1st, 2nd and 3rd shift operations on Tuesday, October 3rd from 3pm - 5pm.

Ideal candidates should have a good work history. These are entry level positions that require a willingness to learn and grow. Currently all 3 shift opportunities are available and we will be holding on-the-spot interviews for all qualified candidates. All shifts are Monday - Friday. All positions require a pre-employment drug screening and background check.

Wages start at \$13.50 with \$1.10 Shift differential for 2nd and 3rd shift.

For questions or more information please text Heather at 603.427.0465.

### Westaff

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Pamela A. Toohey to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated November 30, 2006 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10517, Page 243, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation acting in its receivership capacity as receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated December 28, 2015 and recorded with said registry on January 5, 2016 at Book 14496 Page 270 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC dated June 29, 2016 and recorded with said registry on July 6, 2016 at Book 14696 Page 189, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on October 25, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 60 CENTER STREET, UNIT 4, 60 CENTER STREET CONDOMINIUM, ANDOVER, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Unit Number 4 (the "Unit") in 60 Center Street Condominium, a condominium located in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, created by Master Deed dated May 18, 2006 and recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds on May 19, 2006 in Book 10190, Page 22, as amended. See also revised Site Plan recorded as Instrument #15459, which amends Site Plan #15385, together with (a) an 15.23% undivided interest in both the common areas and facilities of the Condominium and the organization of unit owners through which the Condominium is managed and regulated, (b) the exclusive right to use the two (2) parking spaces assigned to the Unit and (c) such other rights and easements appurtenant to the Unit as may be set forth in any document governing the operation of the Condominium, including without limitation the Master Deed, the By-Laws of the organization of unit owner, and any administrative rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto (all of which are hereinafter referred to as the "Condominium Documents").

The Unit is conveyed with the benefit of and subject to:

(a) the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, as the same may now or hereafter be amended; (b) the Master Deed and any amendments thereto, and all matters of record stated or referred to therein, as completely as if each were fully set forth herein, including, but not limited to, the phasing rights and easements reserved to the Grantor in the Master Deed; (c) the terms and conditions of 60 Center Street Condominium Trust, the By-Laws contained therein and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; (d) subject to real estate taxes attributable to the Unit for the current year which are not now due and payable.

The Unit is laid out as shown on the plan recorded with said Unit Deed, which is a copy of the portion of the plans filed with the Master Deed, and amendments thereto, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, Section 9, and the Unit contains the approximate area shown on said plan.

Said premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of any and all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of Anthony J. Mottolo, Janice Mottolo and Marilyn Whittier by deed recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds immediately prior hereto.

For mortgagor(s)'s title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10517, Page 240.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California Street  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617) 558-0500  
201612-0314 - PRP

AT - 9/28, 10/5, 10/12/17

### GENERAL HELP WANTED

### First Run

### MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### IMMEDIATE OPENING DISTRICT AFTER-SCHOOL MONITORS

2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. - Monday-Friday - \$12.00 per hour  
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Daily - Monday-Friday - \$12.00 per hour

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

### First Run

### LEGAL SECRETARY

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### JOB WANTED

Ads In This Classification Are WORK WANTED NOT HELP WANTED

### PUBLIC NOTICES

### MEDICAL

### First Run

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Lynn: 25 YR/old with GT  
Medford: 16 YR/old with Trach  
Methuen: 16 YR/old with Trach/Vent  
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### MEDICAL

### IMMEDIATE OPENING!

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A POSITION AS A CARE GIVER PLEASE CHECK OUT THE ADULT CARE SECTION IN THE BUSINESS AND SERVICE DIRECTORY. PEOPLE LOOKING FOR PCAS, HEALTH AIDES, CNAS HAVE ADS RUNNING AND COULD USE YOUR HELP

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### PROFESSIONAL

### ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlett Street, on an application submitted by TD Bank, N.A., 61 Main Street, Andover, MA 01810 for a Special Permit for A Change in Parking Space Requirements, pursuant to Section 5.1.12 of the Andover Zoning By-Law. The application is to reduce the number of required parking spaces from 62 to the existing 16 parking spaces located directly in the rear of the TD Bank Building located at 61 Main Street, more specifically identified as Assessors Map 55, Lot 91.

The application and associated documents may be examined in the Planning Department Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD  
Austin Simko, Chairman  
ET - 10/5/17, 10/12/17

**TOWN OF ANDOVER CABLE TELEVISION LICENSE RENEWAL PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Andover, Massachusetts, being the Town's Cable License Franchising Authority, hereby gives notice that on October 16, 2017 at 7:15 PM the Selectmen will hold a public hearing pursuant to 207 CMR 3.05 in Conference Room A, 3rd Floor, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, on the cable television license renewal proposal of Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC. The purpose of the proceeding is to accept public comment, formally consider and possibly take final action on approval of the proposed license, a copy of which is available for public inspection and copying c/o of the Town Clerk. Public comment is invited. For further information and copies of the proposed license and Comcast's License Application (Form 100), contact d hn Mangiaratti, Deputy Town Manager, c/o Town Administrator's Office.

By order of the Board of Selectmen as Cable Television License Franchising Authority,  
Lawrence J. Murphy  
Town Clerk

AT - 10/5/17  
ET - 10/6/17

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT**

Docket No. : ES16P0224PM  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Essex Probate and Family Court  
36 Federal Street  
Salem MA, 01970

In the matter of: Margaret M Hughes  
Of: Andover, MA  
Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the First account(s) of Kathleen A. Hughes of Wayland, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/30/2017. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Jennifer M R Ulwick, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 14, 2017  
Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate

AT - 10/5/17

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**NOTICE**

Andover Home for Aged People  
The Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be held at the Andover Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St, Andover, MA on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 commencing at 7:30 P.M.  
Attest: Louise McKallagat  
Secretary of the Corporation  
AT - 10/5/17

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Docket No. ES17P2577EA  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Essex Probate and Family Court  
36 Federal Street  
Salem, MA 01970  
(978)744-1020

**Estate of: Sandra P. Durling**  
Date of Death: 07/18/2017

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Arthur S. Durling of Andover MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Arthur S. Durling of Andover MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/16/2017.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Jennifer M R Ulwick, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 17, 2017  
Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate

AT - 10/5/17

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Full Size for 2 Desirable location Section N11  
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**GARAGE SALE**

AMESBURY: LONVALE GARDEN APARTMENTS, 2 Lonvale Lane Sat. 10/7, 8am-2pm  
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DEALERS WANTED contact 978-683-6875

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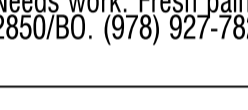
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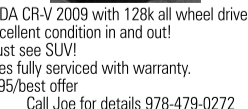


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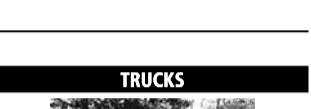


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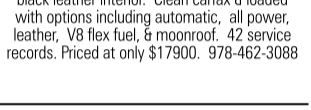


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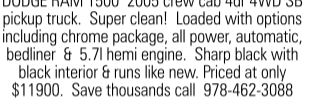
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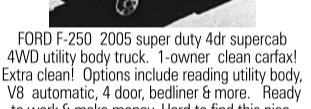
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Page Layout Coordinator North Andover, MA

Full-time. The primary responsibilities of this position are to layout classified, retail and special sections advertising using layout software. Excellent organizational and analytical skills required. The ability to work well under deadline pressure is essential. Candidates must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent. You must be computer literate with both Mac and PC.

Advertising Sales Professionals North Andover & Beverly, MA

Full-time. In this role you will develop and nurture long-term relationships with existing and new clients by providing well rounded solutions and market expertise. This position requires customer focus with comprehensive verbal and written communication skills. You must be a strategic thinker, inquisitive, innovative, and creative in order to build relationships, network, link resources and apply business practices. Must be goal driven and have good organization skills. Must be able to meet and exceed sales performance goals and execute good time and territory management. Recent college grads or those looking to change careers are encouraged to apply. Background in sales is helpful but not necessary. Please only apply if you are willing to commit to the time and effort necessary to succeed. Candidates must have a valid driver's license with a good driving record, reliable transportation and current auto insurance.

Sales Assistant North Andover, MA

Full time. Responsibilities include providing sales and administrative support to our advertising department; creating reports and analyzing data; assisting customers with advertising sales questions and requests. High school diploma or GED required; some college helpful. Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel and Access necessary. Qualified candidates must have excellent organizational, accuracy and analytical skills and be able to communicate effectively.

Digital Sales Manager North Andover, MA

Can you sell digital advertising? North of Boston Media Group offers businesses multiple print and digital advertising platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, local search, online video and online display ads. We are seeking a Digital Sales Manager that can connect advertisers' goals to our suite of digital products and services. Candidate must have a strong knowledge of social media and digital advertising solutions. Candidate should possess two or more years of sales experience with proven success selling/managing the latest in digital solutions (SEO, SEM, social media, mobile and other digital). Candidates must have a valid driver's license with a good driving record, reliable transportation and current auto insurance. Compensation package includes a competitive base salary plus commission; a comprehensive benefits package; and opportunities for advancement.

Staff Accountant North Andover, MA

Full-time. Primary responsibilities will include, but are not limited to general ledger, journal entries, annual budget preparation, financial analyses, bank account and various inventory reconciliations. Bachelor's degree and 1-2 years basic accounting experience preferred. The ideal candidate must have excellent communication, customer service and organization skills, an attention to detail, have the ability to work independently as well as being a team player, exhibit a willingness to assist where needed and have proficiency with Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word.

Material Handler North Andover, MA

Part-time. Come work in our state-of-the-art packaging center to load fliers into machines for distribution in the newspaper. Entry level position. Some moderate lifting is involved. Training is provided. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age. The hours are Wednesday night 9:00 p.m. to finish, Friday night 9:30 p.m. to finish and Saturday night 10:00 p.m. to finish, approximately 24 hours per week.

Truck Driver North Andover, MA

Full-time. The position involves loading and driving a 24 foot non-cdl box truck from our North Andover location to our Newburyport location. Duties also include handing out newspaper bundles. Hours: 12:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Monday to Friday; 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. on Friday nights. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and prior box truck driving experience. Applicants must be at least 21 years old, have a safe driving record and be able to pass a physical exam including a drug test. Some moderate lifting is involved.

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Partly sunny	A passing shower	Variable cloudiness	A morning shower	Rain possible	Partly sunny	Rain
<b>High: 79°</b> <b>Low: 55°</b>	<b>High: 73°</b> <b>Low: 55°</b>	<b>High: 72°</b> <b>Low: 64°</b>	<b>High: 80°</b> <b>Low: 65°</b>	<b>High: 74°</b> <b>Low: 61°</b>	<b>High: 72°</b> <b>Low: 54°</b>	<b>High: 70°</b> <b>Low: 47°</b>

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING: HAROLD PARKER STATE FOREST**

Harold Parker State Forest in Andover has plenty of activities in store, from nature walks and quarry hikes to animal tracking.

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

**Creature Catch:** Friday, Oct. 6, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Meet at Frye Pond Beach to discover what lives in New England ponds. Nets and buckets will be provided. This activity can be wet and muddy, so wear

appropriate clothing and shoes. All ages are invited to participate.

**Gone Fishin':** Saturday, Oct. 7, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Discover what lives in tranquil New England ponds at Frye Pond Beach. All ages are welcome and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Birding for Beginners:** Sunday, Oct. 8, 10 to 11 a.m. Learn about the local bird population from the park interpreter while enjoying

some amateur bird watching; meet at the Campground Nature Center. Bring binoculars if possible. Appropriate for children 6 and up.

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

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

**29 Canterbury St.:** Sargent MA RET and Charles T. Sargent to Ann Olga Dibona RET and Ann O. Dibona, \$950,000  
**36 Central St., Unit 6:** Carlo Esidore to Joan H. Westbrook, \$298,000  
**11 Dascomb Road:** Robert F. Conard and Karen Sawyer-Conard to Srikanth Thiagarajan and Nandhini B. Rao, \$576,000

**203 High St.:** Hart RET and William I. Hart to Andrew Meckel, \$390,000  
**4 Highland Ave.:** Austin Chadwick-Stern and Carolyn Quigley-Stern to Aaron Pawelek and Susan Diachisin, \$500,000  
**69 Maple Ave.:** Mark C. and Joanne Lightbown to Leo and Meghan Lamontagne, \$629,900  
**354 N. Main St., Unit 310:** Paul B. Pothier-Greystone to Michael S. and Jennifer

Hart, \$235,000  
**201 River Road:** Michael G. Reed to Colin J. and Kristen S. Sullivan, \$529,900  
**75-R River St.:** Max A. Mueller to Daud Sharif, \$350,000  
**29 Stevens St.:** Michael Ellis and V. Trocki-Alipovaite to Eric and Elaine Gray, \$398,000  
**36 Sunset Rock Road:** Scott and Laurie G. Hylton to Pike School, \$1,200,000  
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SALE PENDING

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**\$1,299,900**

**ANDOVER**

SALE PENDING

Custom designed reproduction Colonial offers every feature demanded by the discerning buyer of an estate property. Exquisite architecture & 2.88 acres of total privacy. Gourmet kitchen w/ custom cherry cabinetry, granite counters, upscale appliances & butler's pantry. Family room with floor to ceiling stone fireplace, formal Living & Dining rooms, study & Sunroom. 5 spacious bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, den & a master suite with attached exercise rm. Finished lower level, new utilities & ample storage.

**\$1,499,900**

**ANDOVER**

SALE PENDING

Updated 5 bedroom Split Entry home on attractive lot. Main level with hardwood floors throughout features fireplace living room, dining room, new eat in kitchen with granite counter-tops, upscale appliances & gorgeous tile floors. Four nicely sized bedrooms, including master suite with vaulted ceiling, updated master bath with soaking tub & fully tiled walk-in shower. Finished walkout lower level with family room, game room, 5th bedroom & third updated full bath. Spacious private and level backyard, 2 car garage and desirable patio with fire pit.

**\$589,900**

**NORTH ANDOVER**

SALE PENDING

Custom "Post and Beam" home on acre + lot on cul-de-sac! Desirable open floor plan boasts recently updated kitchen w/stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors & full pantry. Fireplaced family room, living & dining rooms and private home office complete the first level. Upstairs find three spacious bedrooms, ample closet space & 2 full updated baths. Master suite w/cathedral ceilings & private balcony. Walkout lower level with 4th bedroom, full bath and game room w/wet-bar. Updates include new exterior paint, new lower level carpeting & 2013 roof.

**\$699,900**

**ANDOVER**

SALE PENDING

Classic Andover Colonial on corner lot abutting cul-de-sac neighborhood! This well maintained home features hardwood flooring throughout, updated kitchen with granite counter-tops, spacious pantry and center island. Family room with fireplace and bay window for lots of natural lighting. The dining room and front to back living complete the first floor. Upstairs find 4 spacious bedrooms with hardwood floors and ample closet space plus 2 full updated baths. The lower level is finished with playroom/office and access to 2 car garage. Additional features include central A/C (2010), fresh interior paint, and screened porch overlooking backyard.

**\$579,900**

**ANDOVER**

SALE PENDING

Well maintained Charlie Carroll built Colonial on cul-de-sac in the much desired Andover Country Club neighborhood! This lovely home features an oversized eat in kitchen, first floor private home office, living room and family room with fireplace, gracious dining room and 4 season sunroom with access to a large deck overlooking Hussey's Pond. 4 spacious bedrooms, including a master bedroom suite with fireplace, gorgeous bath and private deck. Convenient 2nd floor laundry. Finished lower level with access to 3 car garage and private backyard.

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NEW LISTING

ANDOVER \$699,900

Beautiful In-Town gem! Gracious Colonial with welcoming foyer, wide archways leading to LR & DR, French doors, and hardwood floors throughout. Front-to-back LR with marble FRPL & mirrored mantle; DR enhanced with Swarovski chandelier & built in corner cabinet. Updated kitchen is cook's delight: high-end granite, soft close cabinet drawers, Viking range. And guests will love the remodeled powder room. 2nd FL offers 3 BRs & full BA including Master BR with his-and-her closets & built in window seat, plus luxurious marble bath with jetted soaking tub. 3rd FL offers 2 spacious BRs, one of which could be used as a private office. Impeccably maintained over the years; additional updates include 2-car attached garage addition w/walk-up loft 24x24(expansion potential), Harvey windows, Burnham boiler, architectural shingle roof, stone walkways & huge patio, landscaped yard with privacy fence, freshly painted exterior. Short distance to town, perfect to enjoy all that Andover offers!

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