



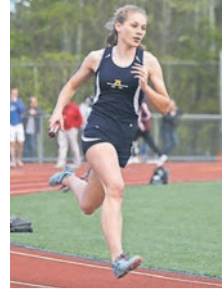
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Phone banks, 'hope for change' drives record turnout

BY KELSEY BODE
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ANDOVER — Turnout for last week's election, spurred by an aggressive get-out-the-vote campaign and an empowered electorate, may have broken town voting records, according to Town Clerk Larry Murphy.

ceremony of newly elected officials, Murphy said the 4,729 residents who voted in Tuesday's election represented approximately 20 percent of registered voters.

While that may seem small in comparison to national elections, when 80 percent of registered voters turn out, compared to previous local elections it's pretty good.

Last year, 16 percent of voters participated. "I think we broke a record," Murphy told those at the March 28 swearing-in ceremony. "As far as I can tell (it was) a record for the total number of ballots cast in a local election in Andover."

The 4,729 residents who voted in Tuesday's election represented approximately 20 percent of registered voters — breaking a record.

Candidates interviewed Monday had different theories about why the turnout was as high as it was.

'Time for change'

Incumbent Town Moderator Sheila Doherty defeated her opponent, Keith Saxon, 2,633 to 1,922, a difference of 711 votes. Doherty garnered about 58 percent of the vote to Saxon's 42 percent.

"I knew it would be a tough race," Doherty said. "There were a number of people who supported Keith, there were a number of people that felt maybe for no other reason than change it was the time for change, and there were people who supported me and I appreciated that."

Doherty said she heard See **TURNOUT**, Page 3

Boutique Blowout slated for April 6-8

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When Gia Cyrier found out that the Business Association wasn't holding the annual Boutique Blowout this year, she took matters into her own hands.

Cyrier, owner of Mini Emporium, a mobile child boutique, banded together with other downtown businesses to make the event happen even without the Business Association.

"The purpose of it is to drive people downtown," Cyrier said. "And to get people to take advantage of some good sales as we get into spring."

"Shopping local is important," Cyrier added. "It improves the local economy, you know your local people behind their products, it keeps our community unique, and you get amazing customer service and much more personalized service."

Cyrier also says shopping local helps support local jobs, celebrate the uniqueness of the community, and helps the environment.

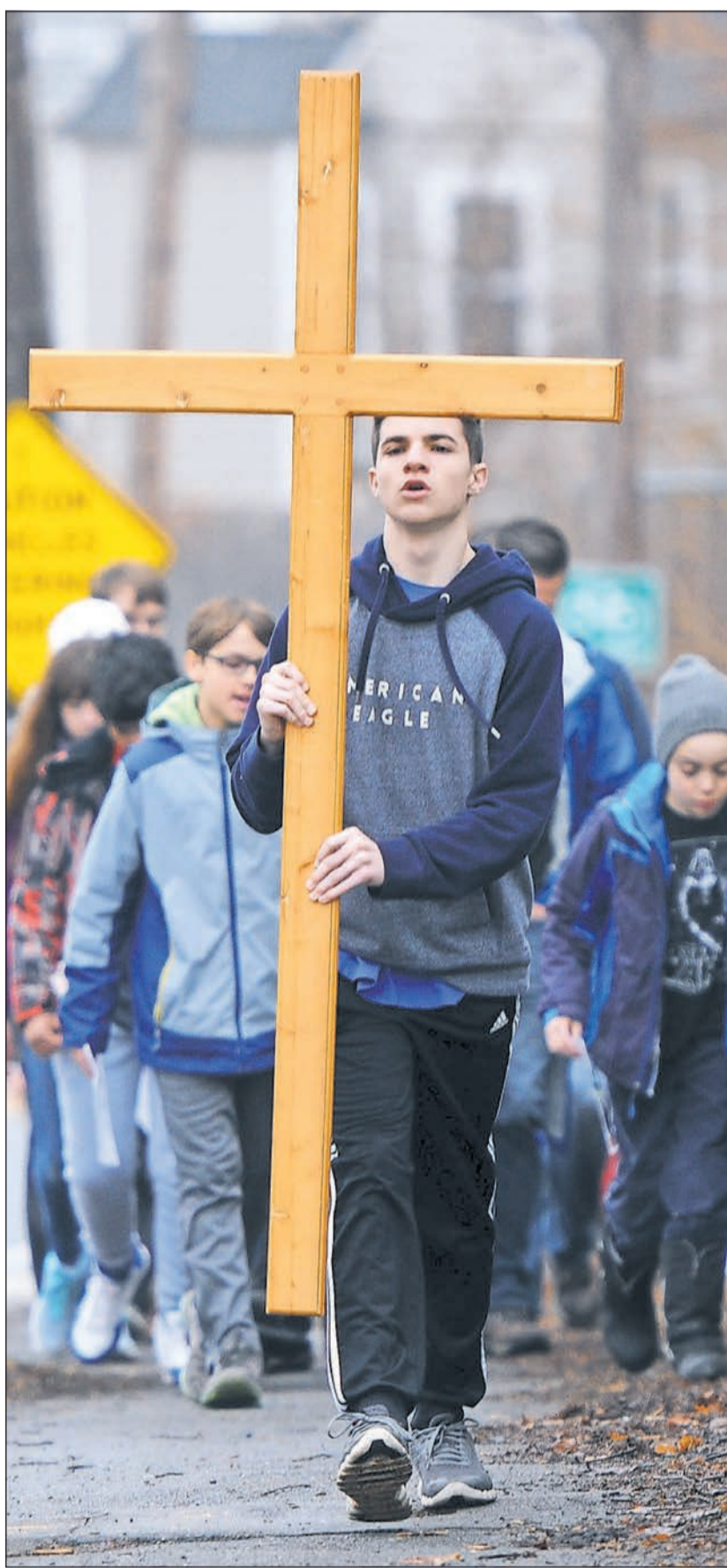
Several businesses are offering sales during the April 6-8 event. Max & Riley of 2 Elm Square will have their winter items 75 percent off, winter clothes for infants and children under eight years old will be nearly 80 percent off at Mini Emporium, Izzy's Emporium of 21 Bernard St. will have a sale on jeans, and Dovetail of 44 Main St. will have mineral water and discounts.

Each business participating See **BLOWOUT**, Page 2

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Boutique Blowout
- **Where:** Downtown Andover
- **When:** April 6-8
- **Why:** Discounts and sales. Plus, you will be supporting local business.

Carrying His cross



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Jerry Caruso, 16, carries the cross up Shawsheen Road during the St. Augustine Church annual Good Friday Prayer Walk in Andover. The Greek Orthodox Church celebrates Easter this Sunday, April 8. More photos and story about St. Augustine Easter traditions on page 14.

Snow days option KO'd

School Committee refuses to go for state offer of extra half-hour per day

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The Andover School Committee decided to hold Saturday make-up days despite an alternative option to extend each school day by a half-hour — an option supported by teachers, staff and even the school superintendent.

And when Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Administration Paul Szymanski tried to present the cost of going to school on Saturdays, he was shut down by the School Committee and not allowed to reveal those numbers.

Now, Szymanski is refusing to reveal the true cost of going to school on Saturdays

to the Andover Townsman. Despite repeated requests, Szymanski told the Townsman: "I acknowledge your request. However, I am treating it as a Public Records Request. I have other deadlines that I must meet."

10 days out

Andover Public Schools have had 10 days of cancelled classes this winter due to snow storms and power outages. Coupled with a late start to the school year, the last day of school is scheduled for June 29, and students are expected to go to class on Saturday April 28 and Saturday May 12.

On March 23, however, See **SCHOOL**, Page 2

School Committee, Selectmen choose new leadership

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The Board of Selectmen wasted little time after the swearing-in of two new members last week. Less than an hour after Annie Gilbert and Chris Huntress were sworn in, they participated in their first Board of Selectmen meeting on March 28. Their first order of business was to elect new leadership for the board.

Veteran Selectman Alex Vispoli was elected to be the new chairman, which will become effective April 30. Selectman Laura Gregory was elected to serve as the vice chairman, and Huntress was chosen to be the new secretary.

Vispoli has served as a



Shannon Scully, School Committee chairwoman



Alex Vispoli, Selectmen chairman

selectmen since 2004. This will be his fifth time as chairman. He says he expects the board will turn their attention to Town Manager Andrew Flanagan after annual Town Meeting on April 30.

"The first thing and foremost is to come together on See **LEADERS**, Page 2

Wellness Wednesdays offer food, music and self-care

Cody Nilsen of Wilmington on guitar, and singer Renee Marcou of Andover, perform a song together during the inaugural Andover Community Support Services Wellness Wednesday event held last week at Old Town Hall. The events promote mental, physical and spiritual health among adults.



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Those looking for an outlet to strengthen their mind, body, and spiritual health need look no more.

Andover's Community Support Director Sobhan Namvar is leading the charge on a new opportunity for adults in town to focus on self care: Wellness Wednesdays.

Wellness Wednesdays began on March 28 with a "coffee house" style event with music and food. Food was donated by Jenn Mosher and there was an open mic as well.

Each Wellness Wednesday

will take place at the Drop-In Center at the Old Town Hall at 20 Main St. from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"We put together Wellness Wednesdays to have a healthy offering for adults in town and surrounding towns," Namvar said. "It can provide an outlet for people in recovery, and an outlet for people looking for a healthy connection and healthy activities, free. The premise of Wellness Wednesday is around food, music, self care, and activity. Every week of the month we will cover one of those."

Members of the committee that helped create Wellness See **WELLNESS**, Page 2

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Acting Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Jeff Wulfson offered an alternative to schools across the commonwealth.

"I know this winter's extreme weather and associated power outages have created challenges for some districts in scheduling make-up days," Wulfson wrote in a letter to Massachusetts Superintendents and Charter School Leaders. "For this year only, I will consider requests from districts that wish to add instructional time to previously-scheduled school days in lieu of scheduling additional days."

Superintendent Sheldon Berman presented the news to the School Committee on March 29. The committee had the option to send an application to extend school days to the state.

"It's a horrible situation to be in no matter what," Berman

said. "I think that we will look at the calendar a bit differently in reviewing the next calendar. Closing five days to power outages and an additional five days to weather, this has not been a good year."

There are several athletic events that conflict with the April 28 and May 12 make-up days, including the Andover High girls Ultimate Frisbee team, the Andover High track team, and the Andover High boys lacrosse varsity team.

Extra half-hour supported

Berman said the administration believed the extended days would be more beneficial educationally.

"The question that came up for administrators as we looked at it, we felt in terms of the value of educational time that the extended day provided more value, more continuity," Berman said. "We wouldn't lose as many kids, we wouldn't lose as many teachers."

Kerry Costello, president of the Andover Education

Association, the union representing most of the teachers and staff in the schools, said a straw poll taken of the union membership indicated overwhelmingly that they favored lengthened school days over Saturday make-up days.

The Student Government Liaison to the School Committee, Andover High senior Noah Colby, said students felt the same way.

"I think attendance would be very low," Colby said of the Saturday classes, adding that a lot of students are saying their parents won't even make them attend class on a Saturday. He said many Andover High seniors wouldn't attend Saturday classes simply because "they thought it was ridiculous."

Colby also said that Saturday make-up days got in the way of some students' work schedules.

"I work on Saturdays all day," Colby said. "I don't know what I would do. I think that's the case for a lot

of people. Either way some obligation is being compromised, but I think it would be a lesser compromise with the extension just because it is distributed over more days."

School Committee rejection

The School Committee did not favor the option to hold longer days of classes, however.

School Committee member Joel Blumstein said he didn't like the idea of reversing the decision they had made earlier this winter to hold make-up days on Saturdays.

"There are pros and cons to each of the options," Blumstein said. "At the end of the day, I feel like we made a decision in January. We announced it again earlier this month. People have made decisions for their families based the announcements we made. I just feel like it is going to be very unfair to them who relied in good faith to announce, 'Never mind, you have to re-adjust your life to have extended school days

for 20 to 30 days."

School Committee member Shannon Scully said she thought it would be more disruptive to extend the school day.

"The disruption to parents and after school activities, it is not trivial," she said. "As loudly as these Saturdays are, I think we made the best decision we could at the time. We all have to suck it up. At the end of the day there is no overwhelming evidence that we should overturn a decision we already made."

Cost of Saturdays?

Meanwhile, an attempt to ascertain the cost of going to school on Saturdays was thwarted by School Committee member Blumstein.

Szymanski, the head of finance for the schools, attempted to inform the committee of the cost of Saturday classes at their March 29 meeting, but was interrupted by Blumstein, who expressed frustration that the cost of Saturday classes had not

been shared with the committee earlier this winter when they debated holding classes during April break instead.

After Blumstein's outburst, Szymanski never shared the cost implications of Saturday make-up days.

Despite the fact that Szymanski was ready to share the costs associated with Saturday make-up days at the Thursday, March 29, School Committee meeting, he did not share that information with the Andover Townsman, after receiving two phone calls and two email inquiries.

When asked repeatedly about it by the Townsman, Szymanski refused to reveal the information even though the document was discussed in public. According to the state public records and open meeting law, if a document is discussed in open session, it is automatically considered a public document.

The Townsman will be filing a grievance with the state to make that document public.

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Wednesdays include Namvar, Police Chief Patrick Keefe, an Andover Cares representative, yoga specialists, people in recovery, and the owners of Brady's Foundation, a non-profit that supports recovery.

"Planning of it has gone from the past few months through over the past year to figure out how we can make stuff happen in town for a targeted population of adults and people in recovery that is not sit down talking, is more movement based," Namvar said. "Whole mind, body, spirit based."

Namvar stressed that Wellness Wednesdays are open to everyone interested in developing a healthier mindset.

"It's just a cool social opportunity that is healthy for adults downtown," Namvar added. "We thought, what does it take to be a healthy individual? Community connections, healthy activities, and feeling good



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover police officer Dan Vining, left, and his son Asher, 6 months old, pose for a photo with Sobhan Namvar, community support coordinator for Andover. Andover's Community Support Services has put together a series of Wellness Wednesdays events in Old Town Hall this spring to promote mental, physical and spiritual health.

happen for young people. We saw a gap for having something for adults that's healthy and free."

The hope, Namvar says, is that Wellness Wednesdays might open up a door for people to pursue a healthy activity like yoga or meet new people and make supportive connections.

"The hope is that people will come to an event and build connections outside of Town Hall, and can go to a yoga studio or have someone to go to meetings with," Namvar said.

Namvar says there has been interest from a variety of people in the community already, and that he thinks everyone could benefit.

"If you're an adult in the community it is a great option," Namvar said. "This definitely could be a great opportunity for people in recovery, a great option for veterans, a great option for seniors."

Non-profit Andover Cares, the Andover Police department, and Serenity at Summit of Haverhill, a drug and alcohol detox and residential treatment facility, have provided funding to get Wellness Wednesdays up and running, Namvar says.

"It's not a secret that we live pretty stressful lives," Namvar said. "And it's not a secret that often living those stressful lives the solution to that is around drugs, alcohol, and unhealthy habits."

For more information, go to the Andover Community Support Services Facebook page, visit the Drop-In Center at Old Town Hall at 20 Main St., or follow CCS Andover on Twitter or Instagram.

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Courtesy photo

Local business owners participating in the April 6-8 Boutique Blowout include: Mae Doherty of Chic Consignment, Jen Ginty of Izzy Emporium, Lisa Duffy of Savoir Faire, Hope and Susan Roussilhes of Max and Riley, Sophia Alexander of Dovetail, and Lisa Nardone of Helen Tocco. Missing from the photo are business owners from Cocom Collection, Soleamour, Learning Express, Acorn Home, Quiet Pleasure, Sweet Mimi, Cervizzia, Irresistible and La Mia Moda.

BLOWOUT

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in the blowout paid \$100 to fund advertising for the event.

"We need to promote each other," Cyrier said, explaining that local businesses in Andover often recommend other Andover businesses to their customers in need of different services and items.

Cyrier also noted that a lot of downtown business owners are female entrepreneurs and mothers.

"It's a group of pretty amazing women that are bringing their entrepreneurship to our community," Cyrier said. "And uniqueness. All of

us sell things you can't find really anywhere else and we try to do it at a value price. Obviously we can't compete with Amazon and Target, but we care about our community. We want to drive people downtown. We want you to shop downtown. We want you to be excited to shop downtown."

The downtown area is a little quieter than usual this spring, however, with remodeling underway on Main Street.

"It's a little empty downtown," Cyrier said. "It's not going to be like this forever. Come and shop with us."

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an agreement of the large goals and objectives for this coming year together

with the town manager and stay focused on those goals and objectives throughout the year," Vispoli said. "Some of these will include a better way to be responsive to residents when they

have questions and concerns through the town manager's office, something I mentioned in my review of the town manager. I think it is important for the board to come together on those goals and have checkpoints throughout the year on the progress of those goals."

Vispoli also says he expects focusing on budget and the tax rate will be important in the coming year.

"I'm glad to do it," Vispoli said of his chairmanship. "I'm glad the board had the confidence in me to lead the board. I was honored to do that."

Vispoli also acknowledged that, with two new members, the board in many ways has begun a new chapter.

"In recent memory no one can remember when we've had two new members at the same time," Vispoli said. "New members bring certain

things to the table. We have two new members that have a lot of experience and will hit the ground running. It is important for us to come together as a group."

On Thursday, March 29, the School Committee also voted in new leaders of their board. The committee unanimously chose Shannon Scully to be the new School Committee chairwoman after the Annual Town Meeting at the end of April, and Paul Murphy was voted unanimously to be the new vice chairman.

Scully was first elected to the School Committee in 2016 and this will be her first time serving as chairwoman.

"I'm humbled by the support of the other four School Committee members," Scully wrote in an email. "The chair works for the other members — not the other way around — and I hope to do a good job reflecting the priorities of our team, and helping us through constructive public discussions that lead to well-reasoned decisions."

She added, "The Committee has a lot of important issues to face in the next year, including what the Town Manager recently called more than \$300 million worth of unfunded liabilities in town and school building projects. I expect this to remain a focus of the Committee over the next year, along with ongoing efforts toward greater fiscal transparency and improving communications."

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Town Moderator Sheila Doherty



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Resident Rob Ciampa



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Selectman Annie Gilbert

TURNOUT

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the voters and does intend to make some changes in the near future to improve Town Meeting proceedings.

"I would like to look at how we can modernize town meeting," Doherty said, citing electronic voting as an example. "I'm looking to appoint a committee that will look at some of the issues Saxon brought up and issues of my own. I would like to move forward with how we would keep the integrity of town meeting, but bring some improvements to the process."

She also said she plans on forming a committee to implement reforms and will be asking residents during the April 4 Special Town Meeting if they would like to volunteer for it.

Saxon could not be reached for comment.

Phone calls, social media

"I'm not surprised it was a large turnout for a local election," said newly elected Selectman Annie Gilbert. "People turnout and vote when they have strong feelings and I think a lot of people had strong feelings about this election. I saw so much energy among the people who were engaged with this election."

Near the end of her campaign, Gilbert says she and her supporters began making phone calls to voters

to remind them when the election would take place, and she thinks the phone calls helped.

"The calls seemed to make a difference," Gilbert said. "People really wanted to talk."

Gilbert also says a lot of people volunteered to help her campaign as well.

"This year there were a lot of people I had not met and hadn't necessarily been involved before who came forward to help out," Gilbert said. "I think they were just people who cared about the issues and were reading about it and felt like taking action."

Gilbert also said the Andover Solidarity Group posted on their Facebook page when the election would be held and links to the candidates' websites.

"I think those groups were formed in part because of a recognition that you may not be able to affect things on a national level, but you can have a big impact on the local level," Gilbert said. "Their focus was really around helping to encourage people to engage."

Another local group that

encouraged voter participation was the Andover Neighborhood Association, a group of residents living near recent development sites including those on Elm Street, Strawberry Hill, and Dascomb Road.

"Keith had an impressive performance, even Joe Albuquerque was up against two fairly well known town people," said Rob Ciampa, a member of the association and resident of Pine Street. "I don't think we have seen the last of Keith and Joe. We are disappointed they were not elected yes, but I don't think this was their last run."

"We are encouraged by what we saw in the election," Ciampa added. "This is the start of a broader effort on our part."

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Greater Lawrence Technical talent show wows

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Education Notebook



Twenty-five acts competed in Greater Lawrence Technical School's annual talent show

last month. On March 23, performers in the talent show competed to win first, second, or third place in three categories: Got Talent, Singers, and Overall Winner. Those performing were judged by a group of students, teachers, and alumni.

"These nights are always fun for student artists because it gives them the opportunity to showcase their talents," said Superintendent John Lavoie. "We have some truly gifted singers and musicians here at GLTS that put on a fantastic show."

The winner of the talent show was senior Christine Gonzalez, of North Andover, who sang and played guitar in a performance of "Ain't No Rest For the Wicked."

Seniors Solange Burgos of Lawrence and Zarais German of Methuen won first place in the "Got Talent" category for their choreographed dance to three songs. Sophomore Jahmo Chavez of Lawrence was awarded second place for a performance singing and playing the guitar. Seniors Greg

Ovalles of Lawrence and Erika Rivera, also of Lawrence, received third place for a duet. Ovalles also played the guitar during the number.

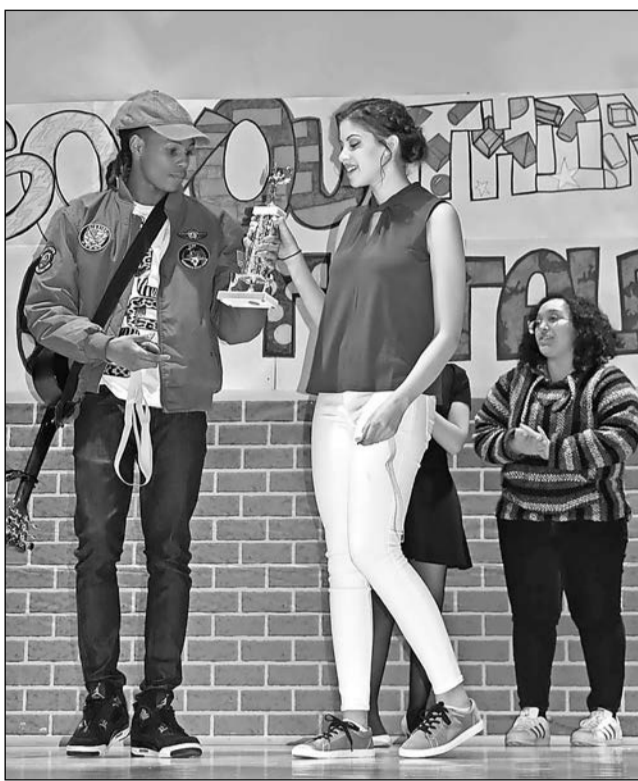
In the "Singers" category junior Jozmeleny Garcia-Batista of Methuen received first place for a performance of "When We Were Young," sophomore Jahmo Chavez of Lawrence and Ariana Peroza of Methuen received second place for a performance of "Best Part," and third place was a tie between sophomore Jahmo Chavez for a performance of "Until the End of Time" and a rendition of "Flashlight" performed by Jozmeleny Garcia of Methuen and Nankmary Delgado of Lawrence.

Educators to plan home visits, foster bonds

Social Work Program Coordinator Joseph Yarid announced last week that Andover teachers will begin planning home visits with willing students and families.

Andover Public School District is partnering with the Parent Teacher Home Visit Project to begin the home visit program.

"In support of APS' Theory of Action to "create safe, caring, and culturally responsive classrooms and schools, and partner with families and the community to support students' academic growth and their social, physical and emotional well-being, we are very excited to announce our partnership with the



From left, sophomore Jahmo Chavez of Lawrence and junior Ariana Peroza of Methuen won second place in the Singers category for their duet, "Best Part."



Seniors Erika River and Greg Ovalles, both of Lawrence, earned third place in the Got Talent category for their duet "All I Know."

Parent Teacher Home Visit Project (pthvp.org)," Yarid wrote in an email to parents. "This family and community outreach project aims to help educators and families increase the development of sustaining and meaningful relationships through the vehicle of home visits."

More than 60 Andover Public school educators were trained by representatives of the Parent Teacher Home Visit Project on March 21.

Parents may soon receive calls from teachers inquiring if they would be willing to schedule a home visit.

"We hope you would consider allowing us the honor of coming to your home and discussing together the hopes and dreams you have for your children," Yarid wrote. "Please know this is strictly voluntary for both staff and families, and no one should feel obligated or pressured to participate. We thank you for your consideration."



Enjoying the Andover Portal during the ACE event at the Lanam Club are, from left, John Chiesa, Molly Foley and Kristen and Steve Chinosi. The Portal enabled folks at the ACE event to communicate live with people in Panama City, Panama.



From left, AHS staffer Rebecca D'Alise, ACE board member and newly elected member of the Board of Selectmen Annie Gilbert; and Gina Murray, West Middle School PAC president and school supporter take in the evening's festivities.



Lenore Price, ACE president; and Andrew Flanagan, town manager, enjoy the evening.

ACE March Madness event raises \$45,000

Andover Coalition for Education raised approximately \$45,000 at their annual March Madness event at the Lanam Club at 260 N.

Main St. on Saturday, March 24. Approximately 150 people attended the fourth annual ACE March Madness gathering. The March Madness fundraiser involved an online auction in addition to the Lanam Club event.

The Andover Portal was present at the event for people to experience. ACE is funding the portal for six months at Andover Public Schools.

The portal uses superior video technology to allow users to feel like they are in the same room with people from around the world.

At the March Madness event the portal connected attendees to people in Panama City.

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ON CAMPUS

Quinn Hickey was named to the second-trimester honor roll at Abundant Life Christian School in Wilmington.

The following local residents graduated from Boston University in January: Michelle A. Pirro, Master of Business Administration in business administration and management; Kevin D. Yazhari, Bachelor of Science in journalism; and Morgan K. Manning, Bachelor of Arts in psychology, cum laude.

James Seman won first place in the ninth annual Graduate Fellows Poster Session for his poster, "Nuclear Barcode." A graduate student at the Missouri University of Science and Technology, Seman is studying explosives engineering.

Courtney Chan, Samuel Landay, Meghan Tao and Charlie Ziegenbein were named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at Washington

University in St. Louis.

Courtney Plati, a student at Salem State University, received the Stage Directors and Choreographers Directing Initiative Award at the Northeast regional Kennedy Center's American College Theater Festival (KCACTF), held at Western Connecticut State University.

KCACTF is a national theater program involving 20,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide. The annual competition is sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Of the eight KCACTF regions, each region sends its winning students in acting, directing, playwriting, and technical theatre to the

national festival. As the winner of the directing award for region 1, Plati will attend the national competition at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C. this April.

Christopher Gerrior, a junior at Westfield State University, was inducted into the internationally acclaimed Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society during a ceremony on March 22. Gerrior is majoring in movement science.

Talia Shuman was inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society, during a ceremony at the University of Tampa.

Cameron Burton, Zachary Ciampa, Summer Erickson, Evan Igoe and Ryan O'Connell were named to the dean's list at Suffolk University in Boston for the fall 2017 semester.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEENS

There's a ton of fun in store for teens at MHL. Upcoming events at the library include:

Writing great college essays

Abby Van Geldern, from CollegeWise, will give a presentation on writing college essays on Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p.m.

Teens will learn about the top five most over-used college essay topics, tips on how to start and end essays, and more.

Call 978-623-8432 for more information.

Take a practice SAT exam

Princeton Review will administer a free, full-length

practice SAT test on Saturday, April 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Teens should bring a pencil and a calculator that is not a phone, and a snack if needed. Scores will be sent by email.

Registration for this practice test is required. Visit <https://mhl.org/SAT> april2018 or call 978-623-8432 for more information.

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ANDOVER TOWNSMAN OBITUARIES

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OBITUARIES

James J. Reagan III, 48

August 20, 1969 - April 1, 2018

ANDOVER — James J. “Jim” Reagan III, 48, of Andover, passed away on April 1, 2018, of cancer. Forever loved by his devoted fiancée Kara (Simko) Valin; children, Hanna and James Reagan; stepsons, Max and Ryan Valin of Andover; parents, Irene and James Reagan of N.H.; brother, Brian and his wife, Sarah (Allen) Reagan and their children, Bryce and Mya of Bedford, N.H.



Jim was an amazing person who was best known for his great sense of humor, which made it only fitting that he passed on April Fool’s Day and Easter Sunday.

His favorite things to do were to spend time at Loon with his family and dogs, and attend his children’s activities.

He was an avid Boston sports fan, and loved swimming, golfing, playing tennis as well as playing ball with his kids. Jim always enjoyed concerts, vacations, a great steakhouse, and guys get-aways with his best friends, Mick, Pete, Laz, Mike, and the late Proch.

Jim spent most of his working life at the Café Escadrille in Burlington, Mass.

Jim was surrounded by the love of his amazing family and friends, and wanted to thank them for their support.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flow-

ers or casseroles, contributions in Jim’s memory may be made to Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc., P.O. Box 8638, Lowell, MA 01853, or the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Avenue, Salem, MA 01970.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, April 5, 2018, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018, at St. Augustine’s Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. The family requests that those attending the funeral Mass to please go directly to the church. Burial will be private. For directions or to send condolences, please visit www.cataudellafh.com.

Joan Clarke , 86

May 31, 1931 - March 25, 2018

KENSINGTON, MD — Joan Clarke (nee Sheil) died on March 25, 2018 in Kensington, Md. Joan was the beloved wife for 57 years of William T. Clarke, who preceded her in death in 2013.

She is survived by her four loving children, Noreen Paul of Bethesda, MD, Patricia Lukens of Hampton, NJ, Barbara McCurdy of Bethesda, MD and William Clarke, Jr. of Garden City, NY and their spouses John Paul, Roby Lukens, Jeffrey McCurdy and Betsy Clarke.

Born and raised in The Bronx, N.Y., the eldest daughter of Irish immigrants and the first in her family to attend college, Joan graduated from the Academy of Mount St. Ursula in the Bronx in 1949 and the College of New Rochelle in 1953. She raised her family in Huntington, NY where she taught elementary school, and in Andover, where she served as a marketing officer of Bay Bank. Joan and Bill retired to Ocean Pines, Md. where they had many friends and interests, including co-founding the community’s New York Club, participating in the Questers, volunteering at the local hospital, actively participating in their church, and enjoyed golf, bridge, the Assateague National Seashore and regular



visits from their children and grandchildren.

Joan was adored “Seana” to ten grandchildren: Matthew McCurdy, Billy Clarke, Mike McCurdy, Tommy Lukens, Jane McCurdy, Bobby Clarke, Jack Lukens, Catherine Paul, Emily Clarke and John Paul.

Joan will be remembered for her devotion to family, focus on education and lifelong love of the beach.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral arrangements were private. Donations in Joan’s memory may be made to: Academy of Mount St. Ursula, 330 Bedford Park Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10458. Attn: Adopt a Student Program, in memory of Joan Sheil Clarke ‘49.

Lois Gallo (Watkinson)

CHELSEA, MA — Lois Gallo, (Watkinson), of Chelsea, Beverly, Andover, and Jupiter, FL, beloved wife of the late Frank Gallo and George Peters passed away peacefully March 22, 2018.

Born and raised in Mt. Vernon, NY the daughter of the late Henry and Veronica (O’Grady) Watkinson. Lois, who lived with intention and courage for 81 years, her love of God and family, brought transcendence to her life and relationships. Her passions for motherhood, children, mental health, wellness, and 12 Step Recovery fueled her indomitable spirit. A gifted artist, Lois found solace and wisdom through reading, writing, poetry, painting, religion and spirituality.

A lifelong liberal democrat with a commitment to learning, peace and equality, Lois walked her talk by receiving her undergraduate degree from Merrimack College, her Master’s degree in Religious Education and Pastoral Care from Boston College, and her Masters Degree in Social Work from Boston University.

She is survived by her sons Mark Peters and his wife Siane, Kevin Peters and his wife Aileen, Christopher Pe-

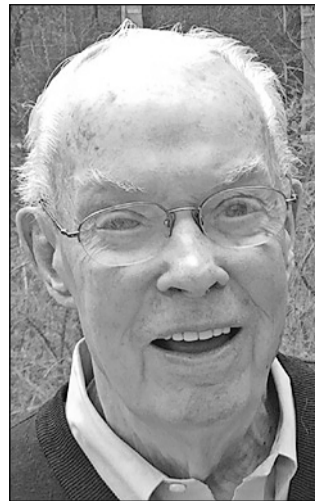
ters and his wife Cheryl, Brian Peters and his wife Charity and daughter Laurie Paskavitz and her husband Mike; grandchildren Matthew, Aaron, Christie, Danny, Jacob, Hannah, Adam, Ryan, Justin, Taylor, Derek, Lindsey, Joshua, Carl, Breanne, Brendan, Alison, and Magnolia; and great-grandchildren, Wanda, Madison, Luke, and Lily, her brother, Robert Watkinson and his wife, Helen. She is also survived by many beloved step-children and grandchildren of the Sanford family as well as cousins, nieces, dear friends, and caregivers too numerous to mention.

Warm and loving to the end, Lois taught everyone she met how powerful a smile can be.

ARRANGEMENTS: Memorial services will be held at Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church, 201 Washington Ave. in Chelsea, on April 7, at 2 p.m. Assisting the family with arrangements is the Nadworny Funeral Home 798 Western Ave., Lynn. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Chelsea Jewish Lifecare (<https://chelseajewish.org/donate/>) or Cure CMT4J - Advancing Gene Therapy for Rare Diseases (<http://www.curecmt4j.org/>) For guest book please visit www.nadwornyfuneralhome.com.

Dr. James W. Skillings

BEDFORD, NH — James William Skillings, a long-time resident of Andover, Mass., Vero Beach, Fla., Naples, Maine, and Bedford, N.H., passed away in Bedford on March 14. He was 86 years old.



Born in Sharon, Mass., on January 14, 1932, to Carleton and Doris (Rydin) Skillings, Jim lived in Methuen, Mass. Following the death of his mother at a young age, he was lovingly raised by Carleton and Barbara (Anderson) Skillings. He went on to obtain a B.A. in Bacteriology from the University of New Hampshire in 1953. After graduation, Jim served proudly as a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Following his military service, he went on to study dentistry at the McGill University Dental School in Montreal, Quebec. While in Montreal, Jim met the love of his life, Mette, where they became engaged. After graduating from McGill, Jim and Mette married and moved to Andover, Mass., where Jim established a successful dental practice. During his dental career Jim served as a Clinical Instructor in Dentistry at Tufts University and was also a member of the Massachusetts Dental Society; a Fellow of the American College of Dentists; a member of the American Academy of Dental Science; a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and an alumnus of the L.D. Pankey Dental Institute.

Jim was known for his dry humor and valued as a down-to-earth, compassionate person who was always there for anyone who needed help or advice. He was an avid reader, enjoyed being outdoors on the lakes fishing for salmon and an upland bird hunter. Also known for believing most dogs are the only people on earth who can do no wrong, Jim was seldom found without the family’s beloved Gordon Setter, Jazz, by his side. Above all, he enjoyed traveling with Mette and at any time they could be found anywhere, from a simple drive around town, an excursion to the Maine seacoast and lakes or Scandinavia.

Jim is survived by his daughter Anne-Mette Halvorson and her husband Eric

Halvorson of Minneapolis, Minn.; son James William Skillings Jr. and his wife Wendy Skillings of Bedford, N.H.; son John Skillings of Charlestown, Mass; his three adoring grandchildren Alex Skillings, Alden Skillings and Lily Halvorson; cousins Lorraine Rydin; Craig and his wife Linda Rydin; John-David and his wife Linda Rydin; Gary and his wife Kathy Rydin; Casey Wolcott, Nancy, Karen and Charles Wolcott; brother-in-law Hans Sundorph and wife Ulla Sundorph; his nephew and niece, Christian Sundorph and Bolette (Sundorph) Andresen ; niece Christine Telting; and many grand nieces and nephews. Last, but not least, his loving and loyal Gordon Setter, Jazz.

The family would like to send their gratitude to the kind and compassionate staff at Amedisys Hospice New Hampshire and Visiting Angels for their steadfast and loving care. They would also like to send their gratitude to the wonderful friends and extended family for being a part of his wonderful life.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are invited to gather Saturday, April 14th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, NH. The funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers kindly send a donation to Amedisys Hospice Foundation, 3854 American Way, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at www.douglasandjohnson.com.

James Bateson, Jr., 89

ANDOVER — James Bateson Jr, 89, longtime resident of Andover, passed away April 2, 2018, at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill.

James, born at home on June 24, 1928, to his hardworking immigrant parents, the late James Sr. and Eliza (Smith) Bateson, attended Andover schools his entire life. He graduated from Punchard High School with the Class of 1946. Several years after graduating from high school, James served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After his discharge from the service, he married the love of his life, Mary, on April 18, 1954, in St. Lawrence’s Church in Lawrence. He and his wife settled in Andover to raise their family. A very selfless and generous man, James believed wholeheartedly in doing three good deeds a day. Jim had a love for swimming, gardening, and building things with his hands. He built his parents a home from the ground up and built things to surprise his children, such as homemade sleighs or lawn ornaments for the holidays. He was a Freemason who belonged to the St. Matthew’s Lodge. James founded Bateson Enterprises, Inc. and worked as a general contractor until his retirement. He touched many lives in many different circles and was a much loved man who will be surely missed by all who knew him.

James is survived by his beloved bride, Mary K. (O’Donnell) Bateson, with whom he celebrated 64 years of marriage. He is also survived by his six devoted children: his son, Neil Bateson and his wife, Cindy; his daughter, Maureen Barenboim and her



husband Jim, his daughter Laurie Bateson; his son, Todd Bateson and his wife, Pat; his daughter, Tammy Barry and her husband, Steve, and his son, Shaun Bateson. James was the proud grandfather to his 10 grandchildren and great-grandfather to 7. He is survived by his brother-in-law, Loring Batchelder; his sister-in-law, Teresa O’Donnell and several nieces and nephews. James was predeceased by his sister Eleanor Batchelder.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visitation for James will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen. Friends and family are cordially invited to attend. A funeral service for James will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. The funeral service will conclude with military honors. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in James’ memory to the Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Avenue, Haverhill. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.pollardfuneralhome.com. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is proud to serve the Bateson family.

Mrs. Evelyn Rose (Skapley) Sendecke, 89

October 29, 1928 - March 25, 2018
Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother

ANDOVER, MA — Mrs. Evelyn Rose (Skapley) Sendecke, a resident of Andover, and beloved wife of the late Paul Sendecke, passed away at the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill on Sunday morning, March 25, 2018. She was 89 years old.

Born in New York City, NY, she was the beloved daughter of the late Anthony and Frieda (Hobletzal) Skapley. Mrs. Sendecke was a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, and earned her master’s degree from Columbia University.

In her spare time, Evelyn enjoyed playing bridge and volunteering. She also enjoyed traveling the world with her husband, friends, and family. She will be dearly missed.

Evelyn is survived by her loving children, Gail C. Sendecke and her husband, Thomas A. McLaughlin of Andover; Anne C. Sendecke of Winchester, Virginia, and Donald J. Sendecke of Lantana, Fla.; dear grandchildren, Paul McLaughlin of Andover, and Emily McLaughlin of Falls Church, Virginia; and her



Mrs. Evelyn Rose Sendecke

cherished cat, Stewie.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her memorial service will be celebrated in the First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover, on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at a time to be announced. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Donations in Evelyn’s memory may be made to the MSPCA Nevis Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. For additional information, please visit www.burkemaglozzi.com.

Voter registration deadline is April 10

By KELSEY BODE
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The annual Town Meeting is just a few weeks away.

Residents must register to vote by next Tuesday, April 10, to be eligible to take part in the town meeting. The town clerk’s office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on April 10 for last-minute registration.

Meanwhile, for people with disabilities, sign-language interpreters, material on tape, and other services and aides are available upon request through the town’s Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, at 978-623-8500. The request must be made by April 11.

Annual Town Meeting will take place on April 30 and May 1 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center for

the Performing Arts Auditorium at Andover High School at 100 Shawshen Road. If additional dates are needed, Annual Town Meeting will continue the following week, on May 7 and May 8.

A shuttle bus will transport voters starting at 6:15 p.m. on April 30 and May 1 to and from parking lots to the Collins Center.

Voters must check in at annual Town Meeting in the lobby of the Collins Center by visiting their precinct table. Information on the town precincts can be found at www.andoverma.gov on the town clerk’s page.

The Finance Committee report will be mailed to residents by April 20.

Further questions about Annual Town Meeting can be answered by the town clerk’s office at 978-623-8230.

POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Kendra Pedraza, 19, of 95 Sunset Ave., Lawrence, was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Police responded to a fight in a kitchen on Andover Street at 8:29 a.m. A 26-year-old female was taken to Saints Memorial Hospital for lacerations to her hand.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Amanda Bernard, 40, of 73 Memorial Circle, Andover, was charged with disturbing the peace after police responded to a call at 1:18 a.m. on Memorial Circle that a neighbor was trying to kick down a woman’s door.

A summons was issued on River Road at 4:42 p.m. for possession of a class A substance. One vehicle was towed.

Police responded to a crash that resulted in injury on Lowell Street at 6:14 p.m. One person involved in the crash complained of stomach pain, and the Fire Department also responded.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Wesley Cuevas, 22, of 118 Genesee St., Lawrence, was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license and a miscellaneous motor vehicle violation after

being stopped by police on River Road at 11:26 a.m. One vehicle was towed.

A hit-and-run crash on North Main Street was reported to police at 2:31 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

A breaking and entering incident was reported to police on Reservation Road at 7:30 a.m.

A Pine Brook Drive resident reported a group of kids were smoking and throwing snowballs at his house at 10:02 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

A minor dressed in a Green North Face jacket and black leggings was reported missing on Preston Circle at 12:57 a.m. The minor was found on Essex Street and taken to Lawrence General Hospital for an evaluation. The parents of the minor were notified.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

A Minuteman Road guest reported that his medication had been stolen at 10:55 a.m.

Police received a report from the town Youth Director that a young male was missing at 10:38 p.m. on Colonial Drive.

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Eric Dentino, 38, of 211 Old Meetinghouse Road, Townsend, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and a marked lanes violation. Dentino was stopped by police on Old River Road at 2:29 p.m. One vehicle was towed.

Forum on zoning, planning is April 12

STAFF REPORT

After months of residents’ complaints on town zoning and planning, it appears the Planning Board is all ears.

The board is hosting a community forum on zoning and planning on April 12 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, third floor.

At the forum, the Planning Board will give a short informational presentation on planning and zoning in Andover, and then residents will break into groups to discuss and share their concerns.

“The idea behind the forum is to facilitate a constructive conversation about a controversial

subject area and to give residents a chance to openly speak their minds,” said Planning Board Chairman Austin Simko.

Simko said the input the board receives at the forum will be considered while town zoning practices and procedures are reviewed.

“The ‘hook’ is that the input shared at this forum

will inform a comprehensive review of zoning,” Simko said.

The forum will also be broadcast live on Comcast 22 and Verizon 45.

Questions about the forum can be answered by Simko at Austin.Simko@andoverma.us.

Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey_Bode.

Building your retirement nest egg

John Spoto

Financially Speaking



In previous articles I explained how to estimate the amount you'll spend each year once you

stop working, and the size of the nest egg required to support that spending. The next step is to calculate how much you'll need to save each year to reach that goal. There are many interactive tools available to help you arrive at this savings number, including one accessible through the

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission website. Find the one that you are most comfortable using.

Reaching your retirement goal, however, depends not only on how much you save, but also how you save. The challenge is determining which combination of options will yield the greatest benefit. Here are a few suggestions:

Start now. Leverage the power of compounding. Compounding occurs when investment earnings generate their own earnings. To work it requires saving, re-investing the earnings and time. The more you save and the more time your money has to grow, the better. Make use of

tax-advantaged accounts. Employer retirement plans (e.g. 401k, 403b) and IRAs are powerful wealth building tools because of the special tax treatment they receive. Contributions and earnings grow tax-deferred or even tax-free for years, increasing your chances of building a substantial retirement nest egg. These accounts come in two versions, traditional and Roth. Typically, contributions to traditional accounts can reduce taxable income and, therefore, your tax bill. Furthermore, investment earnings are tax-deferred until withdrawn. Roth contributions, on the other hand, are not tax deductible, but earnings and withdrawals during retirement are

tax-free, provided you meet some basic requirements.

Prioritize how you use your savings. If your employer plan offers a matching contribution, save at least the amount your employer will match. This is "free" money and it will grow tax-deferred. You will not get a better deal anywhere. If you do not get an employer match or have already taken full advantage of one and still have additional savings, pay down any high interest debt next. Unpaid interest and finance charges are continuously added to your balance, so the power of compounding works against you, creating a snowball effect. After an employer match, eliminating

this debt will provide a great return on your investment.

For any additional savings, think about further funding your tax-advantaged retirement accounts. Whether you add to your employer's plan or an IRA depends upon what you qualify for and your individual circumstances. If you are eligible to contribute to either, consider funding your IRA first. This gives you the benefits of tax-advantaged growth and a larger menu of inexpensive investment options than most employer plans offer. If you decide to fund your IRA to the limit, and still have more savings, continue funding your 401(k) up to the maximum allowed. After that, direct any retirement

savings into a taxable brokerage account.

There are lots of great ways to save for retirement. Now that you have a sensible plan in place, it's time to put that plan into action!

This article is for general information purposes only and is not intended to provide specific advice on individual financial, tax, or legal matters. Please consult the appropriate professional concerning your specific situation before making any decisions.

John Spoto is the founder of Sentry Financial Planning in Andover and Danvers. For more information, call 978-475-2533 or visit www.sentryfinancialplanning.com.

House Doctors of Andover earns Franchise of the Year recognition

STAFF REPORT

House Doctors, the national handyman services franchise, recently announced that Doug Coyle, the owner of House Doctors of Andover, has been recognized as the company's Franchise of the Year.

The award was presented during the company's national conference on Feb. 24.

"Doug has been with House Doctors for 16 years and, during this time, he has been recognized as a leader within the organization," House Doctors

President Jim Hunter said. "We recognized Doug this year because of his franchise's continued growth, his undoubted leadership skills and the business experience and knowledge he openly shares with both new and existing franchisees. Doug and his team are truly focused on continuing to be the most professional handyman and home improvement company in their community. Their excellent work has helped build a strong customer base."

House Doctors of Andover serves the Merrimack Valley. "We've always been focused on providing the best service available, which all starts with treating people the way you'd want to be treated," Coyle said. "That means we respect people's time and their homes, we do great work, we always follow up with the client and we ask for honest reviews so we can make sure our customers are happy. We've been recognized a few times over the last 16 years, but Franchise of the Year is a special one,

both for me and for my team. It's a big honor as it verifies that we are doing things right and it motivates us to be even better moving forward."

House Doctors specialize in projects that take from one hour to two days to complete, such as light remodeling and repairs of decks, doors, bathrooms and kitchens; repairing drywall; painting; exterior repairs; making home modifications and more. House Doctors of Andover and their technicians are licensed, bonded

and insured. "In 2018, we are going to continue that commitment to our customers while expanding our services to include things like flooring, windows, doors, custom closets and masonry," Coyle said. "We do some of that work now, but we're looking forward to expanding those services across our market."

To learn more about House Doctors of Andover call 978-474-0788, or email HD395@HouseDoctors.com or visit HouseDoctors.com/Andover.



Courtesy photo

Doug Coyle, left, with House Doctors President Jim Hunter.

BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Houzz honors Andover Landscape with awards

Andover Landscape Design and Construction has been awarded Houzz's 2018 Best of Houzz Design and 2018 Best of Houzz Service. Andover Landscape, which has carried the Houzz Service distinction for three years, can now add the highly-coveted Houzz Design award to its list of accolades this year.

The design/build firm was also named Boston Magazine's Best of Boston Home

2018 Landscape Design/Build Company.

For more information, visit www.andoverlandscape.com.

Care Dimensions celebrates national social work month, recognizes Fanikos

Care Dimensions joins with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) to celebrate National Social Work Month this March. In addition, Care Dimensions recognizes the efforts of Kathleen Fanikos, LCSW, an Andover

resident and social worker.

"Working within an interdisciplinary team, our social workers provide assistance to patients and families as they grapple with the emotional and practical issues that invariably arise during their end-of-life journey," said Sandra Yudilevich Espinoza, director of psychosocial support services for the nonprofit organization.

All of the social workers at Care Dimensions have earned a master's degree in social work, and have achieved one or two levels of licensure (LCSW or LICSW). And over half of these social workers have earned an advanced certification in hospice and palliative care through the NASW.

GLFHC gala honors Rivera

Gov. Charlie Baker and First Lady Lauren Baker will serve as co-chairs of an event honoring Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera for his commitment to accessible, quality community health care for Massachusetts residents. Greater Lawrence Family Health Center (GLFHC) will present Rivera with the Making a Difference Award at the organization's 13th annual Making a Difference Gala on Thursday, April 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.

This year's theme is "Creating Access to Quality Health Care," which represents a crucial part of its mission to improve and maintain the health of individuals and families in the Merrimack Valley. Creating and maintaining access to care is a particularly

challenging task in a city like Lawrence, where citizens face significantly poorer results when it comes to major health status indicators than those in nearby communities, and where nearly 60 percent of the population is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

"Since his initial election in 2013, Mayor Rivera has become an invaluable asset to the health center's efforts to solve health care problems in the city of Lawrence and its surrounding communities," said John Silva, president and CEO of GLFHC. "He is a great advocate for the community health center model of care, and makes sure we face as clear a path as possible to meeting our goals as an organization. Given all he's done for health care in the Greater Lawrence area, he was an easy choice for our Making a Difference Award."

GLFHC provides a network of high quality, comprehensive health care services and trains health care professionals to respond to the needs of a culturally diverse population. Nearly 60,000 patients depend on GLFHC for their primary health care needs at locations in Lawrence and Methuen. For more information, visit www.glfhc.org.

The Professional Center to host spring gala

Join The Professional Center for Child Development for its Passport to Possibilities Gala, on Friday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. Guests can take a journey around the world through food and drink pairings.

Hosted by Kendra Petrone, of WMJX (MAGIC 106.7), the evening will feature a silent auction, raffles and live music.

In addition, this year's event will honor several local community members. Enzo Fossella, Service Club of Andover, will receive the Community Service Award; Linda Zimmerman, Neighbors in Need, will receive the Children First Award; and Ron Benham, Department of Public Health, will receive the Veryl D. Anderson Legacy Award.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the thousands of children and families served annually through The Professional Center's programs and services.

Individual tickets are \$100 and tables of 10 are \$950. Tickets purchased by April 6 will be entered in a raffle to win a stay at an Elite Island Resorts destination in the Caribbean. For tickets or more information, email info@theprofessionalcenter.org or visit www.theprofessionalcenter.org.

Russell recognized for contributions to cybersecurity research

The Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) announces that Alison Lawlor Russell, Ph.D., is one of seven recipients of the 2018 INSA Achievement Awards. Russell, an associate professor of political science and international relations at Merrimack College, was recognized for her research on cybersecurity.

The INSA board of directors established the Achievement Awards in 2010 to heighten public recognition and awareness of professionals who have served U.S. intelligence, national security, and homeland security missions with distinction. Each award is named for a recipient of the William Oliver Baker Award, which INSA presents annually to an individual for their sustained contributions to U.S. intelligence and national security affairs.

Russell, who received the Sidney D. Drell Academic Award, has contributed extensively to the interdisciplinary study of cybersecurity and championed cybersecurity as a public education issue central to national wellbeing. Her research provides critical contributions to the discussion of how the U.S. operates within cyberspace and the development of cyberspace rules, expectations, and international norms and laws.

She recently published her second book, "Strategic A2/AD in Cyberspace," which provides the first comprehensive analysis of anti-access/area denial (A2/AD) operations in cyberspace. Her first book, "Cyber Blockades," was the first to examine whether and how to conduct cyber blockade operations. Her publications and presentations have been of great assistance to the U.S. Navy as it strives to leverage and defend cyberspace as an operation domain. She is also developing an interdisciplinary cybersecurity minor as director of Merrimack's International Studies Program and contributing to ongoing research on cyber and artificial intelligence at the Center for Naval Analyses.

Ossoff presents at Merrimack Valley Conveyancers Association meeting

Daniel J. Ossoff, chair of Boston-based Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster's Real Estate Department, presented on the topic of "Appellate Work that Dirt Lawyers Never See,"

at the Merrimack Valley Conveyancers Association meeting on March 22 at the Lanam Club in Andover. Ossoff spoke about recent cases in which amicus briefs have been submitted by the Joint Amicus Committee of the Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts (REBA) and the Abstract Club, including how and why cases are selected.

Ossoff is a past president of REBA and the current co-chair of the Joint Amicus Committee of REBA and the Abstract Club. He is an experienced transactional lawyer handling all aspects of commercial real estate ownership, development and finance, with an emphasis on land acquisition and disposition, leasing, and title matters. His clients include national corporations, nonprofit institutions, private developers and individual property owners.

REBA is a nonprofit organization that aims to advance the practice of real estate law by creating and sponsoring professional standards, actively participating in the legislative process, creating educational programs and materials, and demonstrating and promoting fair dealing and good fellowship among members of the real estate bar.

SERVPRO named top franchise opportunity in restoration services

SERVPRO continues to dominate its segment of Entrepreneur magazine's Franchise 500 list, receiving top ranking in the restoration services industry for the 15th consecutive year.

Sue Steen, Servpro Industries, Inc., chief executive officer, said the company also achieved the number 12 spot overall in the prestigious rankings, standing out in a record-breaking group of more than 1,020 franchises that qualified for the 2018 list.

The purpose of the list is to use objective and quantifiable measures of a franchise operation to help would-be entrepreneurs identify franchise investment opportunities.

"SERVPRO's financial strength and stability, growth rate, and system size all contribute to the company's success, and by extension to the success of its franchisees," said Steen. "The commitment to excellence starts at the top and carries through to the service each franchisee provides to each and every customer."

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Opinion

Memo to MLB: What's the rush?

Finally, after what seemed to be an interminable winter, baseball is back. Fans were able to enjoy a long weekend's full of games from coast to coast.

If you happened to be watching the games on television, however, you might notice the announcers, and by extension those who run Major League Baseball, have a new obsession — pace of play. Every visit to the mound by a catcher, pitching coach or manager was put under the microscope, and the time between pitches was tracked as closely as the final seconds of Sunday night's NCAA Women's Basketball championship.

What's the rush?

The average major league baseball game took 3 hours and 8 minutes last season. That's up from 2 hours and 56 minutes in 2016, and 2 hours and 46 minutes in 2005. Those who run the pro game are worried their fan base is aging, and the younger crowd won't sit around for games that proceed at a stately pace. So they've instituted a handful of changes aimed at speeding things up. Some make sense, while others seem, well, fussy.

Take, for instance, the new rule that limits the number of trips to the mound by coaches, managers and other players to six per nine innings. While it dominated the discussion over the weekend, there was little evidence it shortened games. And it certainly made play-by-play calls less interesting.

At least the majors didn't adopt the dubious tactic to be introduced in the minors this year. Extra innings at all levels of the minors will start with a runner already on second base, a gimmick that sounds better suited for Saturday morning T-ball games. Who knows, maybe hitting off a tee is next — no need to worry about whether pitchers are taking 15 seconds or 20 before they deliver the ball to the plate.

To be sure, there are some good ideas, chief among them cutting down the time between innings to a little more than two minutes. By some estimates, that move alone can cut up to 10 minutes from the average game. Local stations such as NECN, home of the Red Sox, have already adapted well to the shorter commercial breaks with an on-screen countdown clock and a stream of updates to keep viewers from switching the channel.

Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred called shortening the length of games "first and foremost a fan issue." Turning baseball into a timed sport like basketball or football (where the average game last year lasted more than three hours) isn't the answer.

That said, we, as fans, have a few suggestions:

- Get rid of video replay. It is by far the biggest factor in the increasing length of games. Each replay can take as long as five minutes and turn a barely questionable swipe tag at second in an August afternoon game into a replaying of the Zapruder film. What fan asked for that?

- Start playoff games earlier. Too often, the first pitch of the World Series isn't thrown until close to 9 p.m. It's tough to attract a new generation of fans when they're already in bed by the start of the second inning.

- Put the focus on the players. This is truly exciting time for Major League Baseball, with an impressive array of young stars in their 20s. Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve, the reigning American League MVP, is 27. Mike Trout, the all-world Anaheim outfielder, is 26. His closest comparison in the National League, Bryce Harper of the Washington Nationals, is 25. Shohei Ohtani, the Japanese baseball star hoping to follow in the footsteps of Babe Ruth by pitching and hitting, is a baby-faced 23 and won his first game with the Angels Sunday. The Yankees have a new murderer's row with 28-year-old Giancarlo Stanton and Aaron Judge and Gary Sanchez, both 25.

And with opening day coming Thursday, let's not forget our Red Sox and their own youth movement. Mookie Betts and Xander Bogaerts (who was tearing the cover off the ball all weekend) are 25. Andrew Benintendi is 23. And last year's savior at third base, Rafael Devers, is a mere 21.

There's plenty to look forward to this season, no matter how long the games are.

WEB QUESTION

This week's web question:

The state education department recently said they would allow schools to lengthen the school day by 30 minutes rather than go to school on Saturdays and/or holidays as a way to handle all the snow days. The School Committee dismissed the idea of extending the school despite widespread support for the idea from teachers, parents and students. **What do you think?**

The School Committee should have extended the school day by 30 minutes. **9 votes**

I think it's OK to go to school on Saturdays.

Last week's web question:

This week the town is holding a Special Town Meeting to take a re-vote on a 99-year water supply deal with North Reading. The neighboring town wants a guarantee that its water supply will be there for them permanently. The voters at the Jan. 29 special town meeting voted for an opt-out amendment that more or less killed the deal for North Reading. **Do you think the town should enter into a 99-year deal with North Reading, with no opt-out clause?**

Yes. It's a good deal for residents, as our water rates will remain lower than neighboring towns thanks to the revenue from North Reading. **9 votes**

No. Things can go bad after 1 year much less 99 years. We need to be able to get out of the deal. Let North Reading go to the MWRA if they want to. **4 votes**

Not sure. I don't feel like I've been informed enough about the issue. I need more information. **4 votes**

Surprise party



Reba Saldanha photo

Andover Recreation Director Kim Stamas, left, enters her surprise retirement party at Old Town Hall on March 22. Stamas, 61, retired effective March 23 after working for the town her whole career. She started working for the town in high school, then got hired in the playground department, followed by an appointment as recreation coordinator in 1984. Eventually she worked her way up to head the whole department, a job she got in 2014.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plastic bags convenient but deadly

Editor, Townsman:

Each year Americans discard more than 100 billion single-use plastic bags. In addition to killing our wildlife and destroying our oceans, the plastic bag industry is collecting more than \$4 billion annually from US retailers — costs which are being passed along to us, the consumers.

So what are we getting for \$4 billion? Trash. We are literally paying for garbage. Even when disposed of properly, bags end up in trees, gutters, roadsides and waterways. 800 million metric tons of plastic enter our oceans each year. At this rate, by 2050 our oceans will contain more plastic than fish — plastic which will entangle marine wildlife and displace plankton in the marine food-chain, ultimately contaminating the fish and seafood we eat.

Perhaps the most concerning impact of plastic bag use is its permanency — a bag used today can take up to 1,000 years to break down, and it is unknown whether the particles ever fully decompose.

I encourage my neighbors and friends to vote in favor of Article 55 to help reduce the distribution of single-use plastic bags in Andover. More than 60 towns in Massachusetts have already passed similar laws, which have proven incredibly effective in helping people in those towns embrace the switch to reusable bags. Keep in mind that each single-use plastic bag provides, on average, 12 minutes of convenience — from the store, to our homes, and into our trash. Let's not trade a momentary convenience for a permanent problem.

JEANNIE SULLIVAN
West Hollow
Andover

Town manager held accountable by selectmen, FinCom

Editor, Townsman:

I would respectfully disagree with last week's

LETTERS POLICY

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letter-writer who believes we do not hold the town manager accountable for the budget process. On the contrary, both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee are deeply involved in reviewing the budget process and the town's spending priorities.

In addition, both boards hold frequent public meetings at which citizen input is welcomed.

Any of us can argue for or against a specific budget allocation, but very few citizens have the time or the expertise to delve into budget decisions as deeply as does the Finance Committee. In regard to specific positions described as "unnecessary," I would cite two factors in rebuttal. First of all, those positions do not represent an increase in the town work force; they are replacements for positions no longer needed.

Second, each of those positions has a specific goal in mind: the Director of Community Services to streamline and make more efficient what were three separate departments. The result has been increased services at no increase in costs or new positions. I have worked closely with this individual over the last couple of years and have seen first-hand the results of his work.

The Business/Arts/Cultural Liaison is an essential position, created by eliminating another position, in the town's effort to attract new business development as an additional revenue source

to help relieve the pressure on residential property tax rates. We've had this individual available on a part-time basis recently, and again I can attest to the increased involvement between town officials, citizens, and the business community.

The Management Analyst position is one which is crucial to data-driven decisions, a direction which this town is only beginning to implement. It is a vital piece in developing sensible and reliable long-range planning, which we must do if we are to prevent a fiscal crisis in the near future. Data provided by the Management Analyst was, I know, extremely valuable to the work of the Dascomb Road Task Force; in fact if that task force and those data had been utilized earlier, we might well have avoided the unfortunate experiences that this project entailed.

This is not to say that an additional firefighter or youth coordinator or any number of other positions in any number of town departments would not be welcome. As our town population has grown steadily, our number of staff positions have not kept pace. Except in our schools, we are providing more services to more people with almost no increase in staff. That in itself is a credit to our town's management.

DON ROBB
36 York St.
Andover

The wolves are at taxpayers' doors

Editor, Townsman:

I have only lived in Andover since 2011, but it is quickly apparent by the usual voting and election cycles an old axiom applies: "Democracy is two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner."

I have looked at town employee stats:

- Town employees: 380-plus earn over \$20,000 annually;

- School Department: 813 earn over \$30,000 annually

Plus there more employees than that.

In each election cycle, the numbers are always within

the same parameters. An incumbent will capture between 2,500 to 3,000 votes; the challenger will generally fall below 2,000 votes.

In most cases, the incumbent has a history providing regular increases to the town and school department employees, while the challenger is generally running on issues of transparency and holding the line on expenditures and property taxes. One does not need to be a genius to understand what happens in Andover. It is seen regularly in Town Meetings, election cycles and events such as the recent Sal Lupoli-based projects and Strawberry Hill. Those with a vested interest, generally those making a living off the town taxes, have the numbers to determine town elections, dominate Town Meetings and find ways to help individuals like Sal Lupoli get what they want.

Once again, Andover becomes a beacon to: "Democracy is two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner."

ALFRED FALCO
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Thank you, voters

Editor, Townsman:

A message to Andover voters: Nearly 24 hours later, I am still very humbled by those who have re-elected me to another term as the town moderator. Thank you. I promise you that I will continue to work to maintain our Open Town Meeting as a place for the exchange of civil and respectful dialogue as the voters of Andover legislate the business of our town.

To those who did not vote for me, (and I realize perhaps some of you never will vote for me), but to others who have become disenfranchised, I hear you, and I will do everything I can to earn your future vote. Each election brings Andover to new opportunities. I look forward to continuing to serve this wonderful town we call home.

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MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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

Reading with Annie

Annie, a therapy dog, loves to sit and listen to children who are able to read on their own and may need a little bit of practice. Annie will meet with four different children at the library, for a period of 15 minutes each, on Tuesdays, April 10 and 24, at 3:30 p.m.

Only the child who is reading to Annie and Annie's handler are allowed in

the room during the session. Participants should plan to arrive 10 minutes before their time slot to pick out a book.

Register the name of the child who will read to Annie online.

Spring fling with the Junior Friends

Celebrate spring with the Junior Friends on Wednesday, April 11, at 3:45 p.m.

Children ages 3 and up and a favorite adult are invited to enjoy games and crafts to

welcome the new season.

The spring fling is sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

Junior Detectives

Young readers who love mystery and detective stories are invited to join the Junior Detectives on Wednesday, April 18, at 3 p.m.

Kids, ages 9 to 11, will look at some classic and newer mystery books and make a detective kit. A surprise mystery guest will make an appearance as well.

Space is limited and online registration is needed.

Friday morning music

Children's performer Peter Sheridan will visit the library on Friday, April 20, at 10 a.m.

Sheridan will perform songs for the preschool set. His show features guitar, accordion, harmonica and a variety of other instruments, along with puppets and books.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Registration is required. Register the name of each person attending at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Jr. Green Gathering planned

Children, ages 4 to 7, can enjoy books and a garden-related craft in the Children's Room on Saturday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Sponsored by the Andover Jr. Garden Club, this month's theme is "Bulbs and Seeds."

Online registration is requested for this program.

Other events in the Children's Room:

AlphaBuddies, Thursday, April 5, 1:30 p.m. Share

stories and activities that center around a single letter of the alphabet. For ages 4 and 5 and a favorite adult. Sign up online.

Thinking Thursday, April 5, 3:45 p.m. Kids, ages 5 to 8, can share a story, do simple experiments and a craft. Online registration is requested.

Legomania, Saturday, April 7, 3 p.m. This program is for 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.

Pajama Party, Tuesdays, April 10 and 24, 6:30 p.m. The 45-minute sessions include bedtime stories, quiet songs and games, and a short film.

Designed for ages 3 to 5 and their adult caregiver. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

In-Be-Tweens: Spring Bean Butterflies, Thursday, April 12, 4 p.m. This activity is open

to fourth- and fifth-graders. Online registration is

requested as space is limited.

Dads and Doughnuts, Saturdays, April 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.

Book Bingo, Tuesday, April 17, 2:30 p.m. Students in grades two to five can play four to five rounds of bingo to win books. Online registration is needed.

Kids Coloring Craze, Thursday, April 19, 3 p.m. Students in grades three to five can stop by for some coloring fun. Coloring pages, colored pencils, markers and gel pens will be provided. Online registration is required.

Yoga for Kids, Sunday, April 22. Offered by Stand Tall Family Yoga, ages 5 to 9 can come to Bigger Yoga at 2 p.m. and walkers to age 5, with a parent or caregiver, can attend Little Yoga at 3 p.m. Space is limited and online registration is required.

SEE WHAT'S IN STORE AT BOOMERVENTURE

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

appointment only; \$1 per minute, in 15-minute intervals. Kapp will massage pressure points that correlate to Qi in the body, offering a refreshing, healing therapy for hands or feet. Must register by the day before to hold a spot.

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

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

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Andover High senior Michaela Spampinato received a gold key for her photo "Across the Continents."



Andover High senior Charlotte Guterma received a silver key in the 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for her painting "Playing Telephone."



Andover High senior Jessica Siu received a silver key for her photo "Awaiting Change."

25 students receive art, writing awards

BY KELSEY BODE
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Twenty-five Andover students were recognized in the 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Award National awards this spring. In all, 53 awards were given.

Two students, Andover High junior Audrey Gallacher and senior Charlotte Guterma, are being recognized nationally by the 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. According to the Arts in Andover Schools newsletter, less than 1 percent of students that enter receive such national recognition.

National awardees are invited to a June 7 ceremony at Carnegie Hall. They are also invited to partake in exhibition events at the Parsons School for Design at the New School and Pratt Institute's Pratt Manhattan Gallery in New York City.

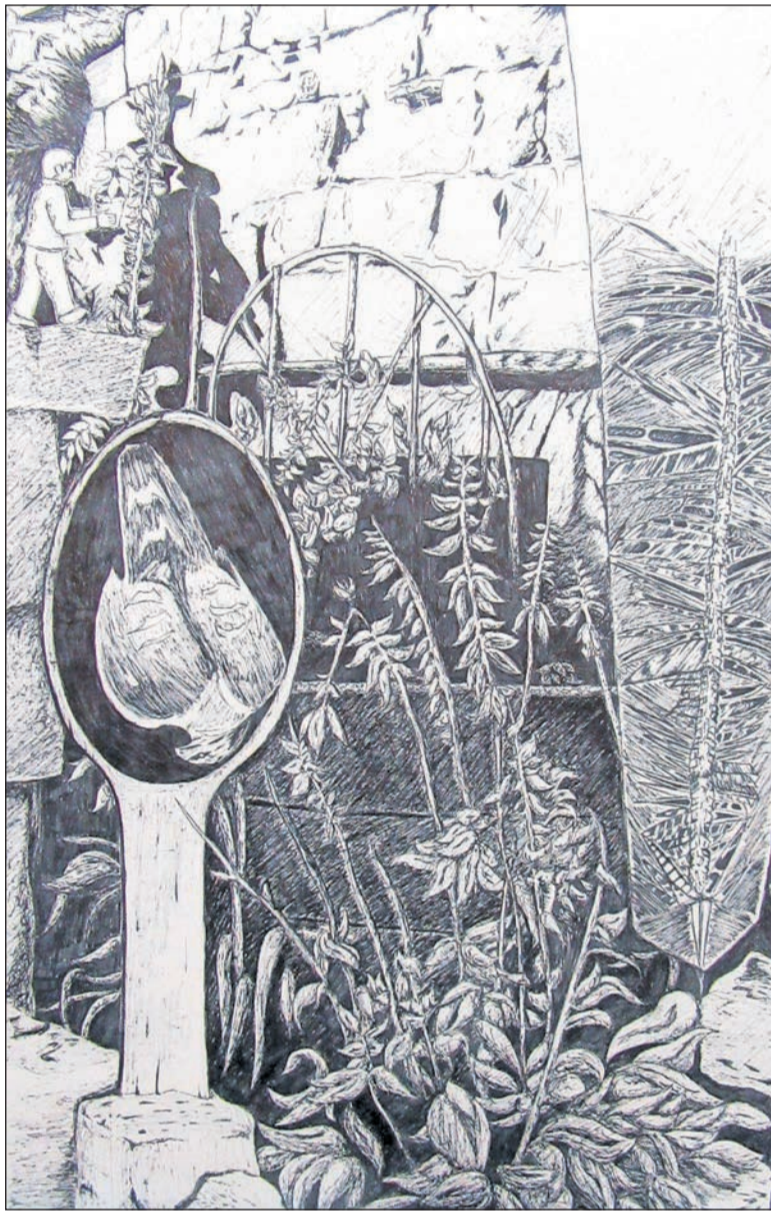
The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are held by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, a non-profit that seeks to recognize students with significant artistic and literary abilities. Through the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, students receive scholarships, along with the potential to be published, have their piece put on exhibition, and be recognized for their talent. According to the group's website, approximately 350,000 pieces were submitted to be considered for awards this year in 29 categories of art and writing.

"This is an incredible honor for our students and for the teachers who have supported them in developing their talents," said Andover schools Superintendent Sheldon Berman. "I'm very proud of this special achievement and the recognition it brings to our district."

In all, nine students across the district were given gold key awards. Twelve were given silver key awards.

From Doherty Middle School, seventh-grader Rachel Chen received a Gold Key for her illustration "Lilypad," and eighth-grader William Chen received a silver key for his illustration "Colorful Interest."

At Wood Hill Middle School, eighth-grader Tessa Barcelo received a gold key for her short



Andover High senior Ayanna Vasquez received a silver key in the 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for the illustration "Surrealist Garden."

story, "If I Ever Get to See Tomorrow." Seventh-grader Meiling Chen received a gold key for the illustration "Lost." Seventh-grader Bori Kim received a silver key for the illustration "Rowing off into the Caribbean." Seventh-grader Madeline Shin received a silver key for her science fiction/fantasy piece, "The Creator."

At Andover High, several students received multiple gold and/or silver key awards.

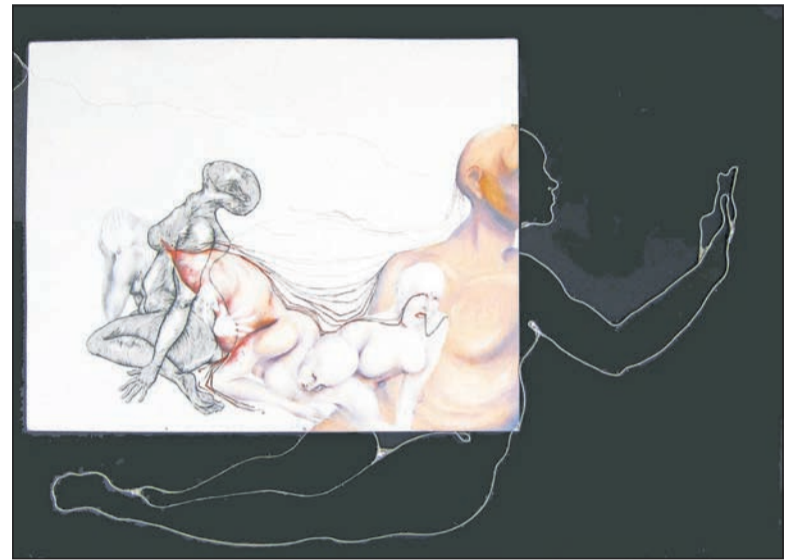
Senior Charlotte Guterma received a gold key in mixed media for "Laundry Days," a gold key for the poem, "Why my Mother Thinks Hebrew is Sexy," and a silver key for the painting,

"Playing Telephone."

Senior Isabelle Mellor received a gold key for her illustration, "Eye," and a silver key for her painting, "Moving."

Junior Megan Chen received a gold key for the poem, "You, Who Found the Sea," a silver key for the poem, "You, Who Caught the Moon," and a silver key for the poem, "You, Who Dreamed of Clouds."

Freshman Katherine Budinger was awarded a gold key for her flash fiction piece "Gasoline," Junior Audrey Gallacher received a gold key for the mixed media piece "Happy Birthday," sophomore Serena



Andover High Junior Audrey Gallacher received a gold key for the mixed media piece "Happy Birthday."



Seventh-grade Wood Hill Middle School student Meiling Chen received a gold key for the illustration "Lost."

Li received a silver key for the illustration "Eggs on Newspaper," senior Annalane Saker received a silver key for the illustration "Half Round," freshman Alicia Wang received a silver key for the painting "Trees by the pond," senior Ayanna Vasquez received a silver key for the illustration "Surrealist Garden," senior Michaela Spampinato received a gold key for her photo "Across the Continents," and senior Jessica Siu received a silver key for her photo "Awaiting Change."

Thirty-two students from across the district also received honorable mentions from the

2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

The Scholastic Art and Writing awards have a list of notable alumni as well.

"For 95 years, the Awards have identified the creative promise of visionaries like Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Stephen King, Kay WalkingStick, and Zac Posen," said Virginia McEnerney, Executive Director of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. "The students being recognized today join a legacy of teens facilitating important dialogue through their art and writing. We celebrate these innovative teens as members of the next generation of great American artists and writers."

"Faculty members often note how exceptionally creative and talented our students are," said Andover High English teacher Dr. Mary Ellen Janeiro. "This national recognition of so many various works, both written and visual, reinforces what we are fortunate enough to witness and nurture each day in so many of our young people."

Andover High Principal Philip Conrad agreed.

"The nice thing is those students, not only do they excel in the arts, the excel in academia and they are really, really, nice young people," Conrad said. "We have some young people doing really great things. These are some of those people."

Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey_Bode.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL THURSDAY, APRIL 5

FLORAL ARRANGING WORKSHOP: FLOWER CROWNS, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Bancroft Elementary School cafeteria, 15 Bancroft Road. Offered through Andover Recreation; Heather Allen, from Alice's Table, will be the instructor; students will be led step-by-step through the process of arranging, including how to choose flowers, buy supplies, prep flowers, placement and how to make them last; all supplies are included in the fee; the cost is \$90; limited to 20; registration is required; 978-623-8340, www.andoverrec.com.

BEGINNING APRIL 5

YOUTH YOGA AND MINDFULNESS, Andover High School Yoga Room, 80 Shawshen Road. Using a combination of yoga, aromatherapy, music, meditation, restoration and creative play, this program will touch on many aspects of holistic health; the goal is to build a secure sense of inner wellness and confidence with tools the children can use in everyday life; offered through Andover Recreation, this program is for students in kindergarten through grade five; participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel; sessions will run from 4 to 5 p.m. for kindergarten

to grade two and 5 to 6 p.m. for grades three to five; total of five classes; \$55; limited to 12; registration is required; www.andoverrec.com.

APRIL 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 AND 26

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 4:30 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church, 196 Main St., North Andover. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help; 781-641-2303.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

BOSTON POST CANE CELEBRATION, Town House, 20 Main St. The event will honor Andover's oldest resident and oldest veteran; hosted by Andover Senior Community Friends; cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m.; \$50; tickets available at The Center at Punched, Whittier Court, and Andover Bookstore, Main Street; 978-623-8321.

SENIOR RECITAL, 7:30 p.m., Timken Room at Graves Hall, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. Marie Latham, voice, will perform works by Scarlatti, Puccini, Ravel, Webber, Barber, ABBA, Judy Collins, Sondheim and Richard Rogers; Latham will be joined by members of the Fidelio Society to perform two movements of Kevin Siegfried's "Songs for the Journey"; she will be accompanied by Cara Latham; admission is free and open to the public; 978-749-4260,

email music@andover.edu.
YOM HASHOAH: HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND CONCERT, 6:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. Essex Chamber Music Players will collaborate with Temple Emanuel to present the program; the service, led by Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein, will include music by Viktor Ullmann, Gideon Klein and Erwin Schulhoff, composers who perished in the Holocaust; a selection from Verdi's "Requiem," sung in the Terezin camp, John William's theme song to "Schindler's List," and music selections by Temple Emanuel's cantor Idan Irelander and Gitit Shoval will also be performed; members of the Essex Chamber Music Players include Adriana Repetto (soprano), Michael Finegold (flute/artistic director), Daniel Kurganov (violin), Sebastian Baverstam (cello), and Constantine Finehouse (piano); free and open to the public; 978-470-1356, email info@templemanuel.net, www.templemanuel.net.

APRIL 6 TO 8

SALTBOX GALLERY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW AND SALE, Coolidge Hall, Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston Road, (Route 1 North), Topsfield. Over 300 stunning oils, acrylics, watercolors, quilts, photography, painted

fashion and sculpture will be grouped beside their artists who will share insightful stories throughout the weekend; photographer Joe Frio of Andover is participating as a guest artist; offerings from current Saltbox members include works by Michael Milczarek of Danvers, Laura Stover of Topsfield, Candy Way of Ipswich, Margie Florini of Beverly, Karyl Hayes of South Hamilton, Priscilla Brown of Groveland, Karen Nastuk of Danvers, Robert Hahn of Haverhill and Debbie Frio of Ipswich; offerings from past members returning for this show include Charles Hahn of Melrose, Ernee Way of Boxford, Susana Weber of Boxford, Cynthia Keefe of Plum Island and Newbury; the opening reception will be held on Friday, from 7 to 9 p.m., with entertainment provided by The Bob Kramer Trio; the art show and sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; admission and parking are free; handicapped-accessible; 978-927-4897, www.saltbox-gallery.net.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

NEW ENGLAND VINTAGE FISHING TACKLE SHOW, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fellowship Hall, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road. Presented by the National Fishing Lure Collectors Club (NFLCC), this show is one of the only

all vintage tackle shows in New England; the show will feature freshwater and saltwater vintage fishing gear, including fishing lures, rods, reels, decoys, flies, bobbers, tackle boxes and many other fishing related items; attendees are encouraged to bring old lures, rods or reels and questions to ask the experts; collectors from Maine to New York will be on hand with their old tackle to answer questions; \$5; email drwt247@gmail.com, www.nflcc.org.

NOW THROUGH JULY 31

SPRING EXHIBITIONS, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. "Gun Country," on view now, explores the representation of firearms in the Addison's collection in order to examine the historical underpinnings of the United States' fixation with guns; these objects will be exhibited together for the first time in the Museum Learning Center, providing a focused look for teachers, students, and the community to discuss the pervasive cultural iconography of the gun in America; "Photographers Among Us," opening April 7, examines American documentary practice and its role in recording history, illuminating social movements, and catalyzing change, and aims to provide context and

insight into documentary practice today; the exhibition focuses on early social reform and Depression-era photography, magazine photo-essays, images of war, and extended looks at communities and changing landscapes; additionally, three current exhibitions will remain on view through July 31: "Convergence: Anila Quayyum Agha, Lalla Essaydi, Yun-Fei Ji, and Fred Han Chang Liang"; "Sumi Ink Club"; and "Eye on the Collection"; www.addisongallery.org.

APRIL 7, 14, 21 AND 28

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 8 a.m., North Andover Senior Center, 120R Main St. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help; 781-641-2303.

APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28, MAY 5 AND 12

BRIDGES BY EPOCH BOOK CLUB, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Bridges by EPOCH, Andover Welcome Center, 10 Main St., Unit L-2. Members will meet to discuss "On Pluto: Inside the Mind of Alzheimer's" by Greg O'Brien; the award-winning bestseller tells an inspiring personal story of hope, faith and early-onset Alzheimer's; learn about O'Brien's journey with the disease and his family's fight against Alzheimer's as well as their push for a cure and

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Local music series focuses on Jewish life



Courtesy image

George Gershwin, pictured here on the cover of Time magazine, was an influential Jewish musician. His work and contributions will be the focus of one of three workshops being held over the next three months focusing on Jewish culture and music.

JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

The music of Jewish life gets special attention starting this month as three local temples are taking part in a music education series that features music professionals discussing and performing the history of Jewish music.

The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation just announced its Spring Adult Education series that will start on April 15.

"The series will consist of a trio of programs that explore music in a Jewish life through different lenses," the group said in a press release. "Participants will learn about the evolution of Jewish music in religious and secular settings and hear how it can express communal and personal values and experience."

"Music is the language of the soul," added Rabbi Robert Goldstein

of Temple Emanuel Andover. "We sing when we are happy; we chant prayers of lamentation when we mourn. Words cannot reach the deepest recesses of our soul, the way music can."

First up in the series is Congregation Beth Israel, 360 Merrimack St., The Riverwalk, Lawrence, which will hold a session divided into two mini-sessions. The first, "A Yiddish Meydel," led by Merle Roesler and Elaine Winic, will explore women's life through Yiddish folk songs. The second half of the afternoon Bob Moverman will explore George Gershwin's magical melodies and how they have influenced life in America. The session will be held on Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m. "Mayn Yiddish Meydele," translated from Yiddish as "My Jewish Girl," is a popular Yiddish song composed by Sholom Secunda and Anshel Shora in 1922. The lyrics say: "How lovely she is! Search the world over and

you'll never discover another like her and with her charm."

The second installment in the series will take place at Temple Emanuel Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, during which Cantor Idan Irelander will present a workshop on the History of Jewish Music. Participants will explore a variety of Jewish music cultures and sing some Jewish music favorites. This session will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 2 p.m.

Finally, Congregation Shalom, 87 Richardson Road, North Chelmsford, hosts the last in the series on Sunday, June 10 at 3 p.m. The session will explore Jewish Music and Social Justice. Cantor Rosalie Toubes will lead participants in exploring the intersection of music and social justice.

The cost of the program is \$50 for all three sessions, or \$20 per session. For payment or more information, visit www.mvjf.org or call the office at 978-688-0466.



Courtesy image

A Yiddish Meydel, translated as A Yiddish Girl, is the title of one of three workshops on Jewish music and culture to be held over the next three months.

Temple Emanuel to host fine arts and crafts fair

STAFF REPORT

On Sunday, April 8, the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold its first-ever fine arts and craft show.

The event was sparked by two temple members, Judy Eskin and Laurie Cox-Schreiber, who wanted to highlight the talent within the local community, and the Sisterhood agreed it would be a new way for members of the community to connect with the temple.

The Sisterhood tries to include a charitable component to each of its events, and as such will hold a raffle to benefit YWCA art programs for survivors of domestic abuse and school-age girls.

Artists have been recruited from throughout Andover, North Andover and surrounding towns.

Mediums include: photography, jewelry, chocolates, beauty products, paintings, floor mats, greeting cards and pottery among many others.

Admission is free, and food will be available for purchase. The event will include a craft table for children

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Fine Arts and Craft Show and raffle
- **Where:** Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road
- **When:** Sunday, April 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Cost:** Free
- **For more information:** Contact Judy Eskin at judyeskin@gmail.com.
- **For more information about the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel:** Contact Jillian Dubman at jillian.dubman@yahoo.com.

while parents browse. Each participating artist has donated an item or gift card for the raffle.

Since April is Domestic Violence Awareness month, proceeds from the raffle will help fund the national Clothesline Project. This project brings together survivors of domestic violence to create T-shirts that are displayed in public spaces such as libraries and police stations to raise awareness about domestic abuse. Proceeds will also help fund after-school art programs at the YWCA by providing funding for art supplies.

Mindfulness expert to give free talk at Phillips

STAFF REPORT

Phillips Academy welcomes meditation and mindfulness expert Alexis Santos on Friday, April 13.

Santos will give a talk titled "Meditation and Mindfulness: Practices for Authentic Living."

In his presentation, Santos



Alexis Santos

will discuss ways to incorporate mindfulness and meditation into everyday life.

A former Buddhist monk, Santos is trained in a

number of meditative styles and traditions. He teaches at retreat centers throughout the United States, is a featured teacher in the 10% Happier meditation app, and has developed guided mindfulness exercises for Lumosity, a brain-training website.

Santos will describe his

life's journey and discuss ways to use meditation and mindfulness to live a happier, calmer, healthier, and more authentic life.

Sponsored by the office of the head of school and the Tang Institute, this free, public event will take place at 7 p.m. in Kemper Auditorium, 5 Chapel Ave., Andover.

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better care for future generations; all are welcome to join the discussion; registration is requested; 978-775-1070.

APRIL 8, 15, 22 AND 29

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road, Andover. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help; 781-641-2303.

APRIL 9, 16, 23 AND 30

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 6 p.m., North Andover Senior Center, 120R Main St. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help; 781-641-2303.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

"HOW TO GO TO COLLEGE...WITHOUT GOING BROKE!" SEMINAR, 6:30 to 8 p.m., The Chateau, 131 River Road. College Planning Services will present this free college financial planning dinner seminar; attendees will learn how to qualify for the most financial aid, reduce college tuition bills, save money, and reduce stress and anxiety; reservations are required; 978-462-1666, www.collegeplanningservices.org.

"SIGNS AND STAGES," Christ Church, 33 Central St. Bridges by EPOCH at Andover will host the complimentary presentation; attendees can choose between two sessions, 2 or 6 p.m.; forgetting a time, place or face is often a sign of normal aging; during this informative presentation, led by Alicia Seaver, attendees will learn how to identify the signs and stages of dementia; Seaver is a certified memory impairment specialist and the vice president of memory care operations at Bridges by EPOCH; registration is requested; 978-775-1070.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

YOM HASHOAH: HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM, Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley at Riverwalk, 360 Merrimack St., Building 5, third floor, Lawrence. Dr. Tammy Bottner, a Newburyport pediatrician and author, will give a talk on her family's experiences during the Holocaust; in her memoir, "Among the Reeds: The True Story of How a Family Survived the Holocaust," Dr. Bottner not only delves into stories of hardship and resilience in the face of tragedy, but also explores how these tragedies affect later generations; all are welcome to attend this riveting discussion on history and science; dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m., the program will start at 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Bottner will sign copies of her book after the program; donations gratefully accepted; reservations are appreciated by Monday, April 9, although walk-ins are welcome; 978-474-0540, email office@bethisraelmv.org, www.bethisraelmv.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

MEDIATION AND MINDFULNESS: PRACTICES FOR AUTHENTIC LIVING, 7 p.m., Kemper

Auditorium, Phillips Academy, 5 Chapel Ave. Alexis Santos will discuss ways to incorporate mindfulness and meditation into everyday life; a former Buddhist monk, Santos is trained in a number of meditative styles and traditions; he teaches at retreat centers throughout the U.S., is a featured teacher in the 10% Happier meditation app, and has developed guided mindfulness exercises for Lumosity; Santos will describe his life's journey and discuss ways to use meditation and mindfulness to live a happier, calmer, healthier, and more authentic life; free admission; register at bit.ly/AlexisSantosatPA.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

SENIOR RECITAL, 7:30 p.m., Timken Room at Graves Hall, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. Aditi Kannan, violin, will perform works by Mozart, Brahms, Paganini, Gershwin, and Provoost; the concert is free and open to the public; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

APRIL 17 TO 20

SPORTACULAR, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., South Elementary School gymnasium, 55 Woburn St. Open to students in kindergarten through grade five, this program caters to kids who are on the move; the fun-filled morning will include gym games and outside play; participants should bring water and a snack and wear comfortable clothes and sneakers; coach Dave Giribaldi will be the instructor; sign up by the day or for the whole week; \$30 per day, \$100 for the week; limited to 40 participants; registration is required; www.andoverrec.com.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

DIVORCE BOOTCAMP, 6 to 8:30 p.m., 10 Post Office Ave. Learn the ABCs of divorce; listen to presentations and get free advice from attorneys, financial and real estate advisers, as well as a divorce coach; refreshments will be provided.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

APRIL VACATION FAMILY DROP-IN, 2 to 4 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Stop by the Blanchard House to explore the war effort activities of Andover residents during World War I; visitors will learn about war gardens, the care packages that were sent to servicemen abroad, and the community groups that formed in town to help the war effort; attendees can also plant seeds for their own gardens with the help of the historical society's community partner Andover Community Gardens; admission is free and registration is not needed; www.andoverhistorical.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

"ONE NEIGHBORHOOD, TWO TOWNS," 1 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Join the Andover Historical Society and members of the Lawrence History Center to

explore an area of Andover that was purchased in the 1840s by the Essex Company and became part of what is now South Lawrence; attendees will learn about the sale of property in the mid-19th century and how Andover and South Lawrence were affected by the construction of Interstate 495; Lawrence City Councilor Marc LaPlante, and former Lawrence resident and longtime Lawrence History Center volunteer Rick Wentmore will be on hand for this new collaborative neighborhood program; free; registration is required; www.andoverhistorical.org/under-the-stars-and-stripes.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR, 5 to 7 p.m., Case Memorial Cage, Phillips Academy campus, 5 Highland Road. Area students and parents are invited to attend and meet representatives from more than 140 colleges and universities from around the world; high school students and their families will be able to familiarize themselves with a wide range of colleges and universities; representatives from participating institutions will be available to answer individual questions and to distribute informational literature about their schools; admission is free; among the colleges and universities scheduled to attend are: American University, Bates, Case Western Reserve University, University of Chicago, Claremont McKenna College, Dickinson, Grinnell College, High Point University, University of Michigan, Northwestern, Penn State, Pomona College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rice, Stanford, Swarthmore College, Texas Christian, Union, Villanova University, Wake Forest University, and Wesleyan University; international-based schools include The American University of Paris, University College Dublin, and University of St Andrews; 978-749-4155, email knorris1@andover.edu.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

"CHALLENGES OF SUNDOWNING," Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. Join Alicia Seaver, a certified memory impairment specialist and the vice president of memory care operations at Bridges by EPOCH, for this complimentary presentation; sundowning is a dementia-related symptom that refers to increased agitation, confusion and hyperactivity that begins in the late afternoon and builds throughout the evening; attendees will learn how to reduce the incidence of sundowning and cope with it when it does occur; attendees can choose between two sessions, 2 or 6 p.m.; registration is requested; 978-775-1070.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN OF 1917, 7 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. Take a look back through the Andover Townsman of

1917 with Susan McKeliget, Andover Historical Society board president; see what life was like in Andover in the months leading up to and after the U.S. entered World War I through articles, advertisements and announcements printed in the Andover Townsman in 1917; free for members, \$5 for nonmembers; www.andoverhistorical.org/under-the-stars-and-stripes.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

WELCOME SPRING BALL, 6 to 10 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Presented by the Andover Senior Community Friends; dance to the music of DB's Orchestra from 7 to 10 p.m.; dance instruction will be provided by Tom Webster of Dance New England from 6 to 7 p.m.; tickets are \$15 per person, \$25 per couple and may be purchased at The Center at Punchard, Andover Bookstore and at the door; sponsored by Ashland Farm at North Andover, Brightview North Andover and Atria Marland Place; free parking is available behind Old Town Hall; 978-623-8321.

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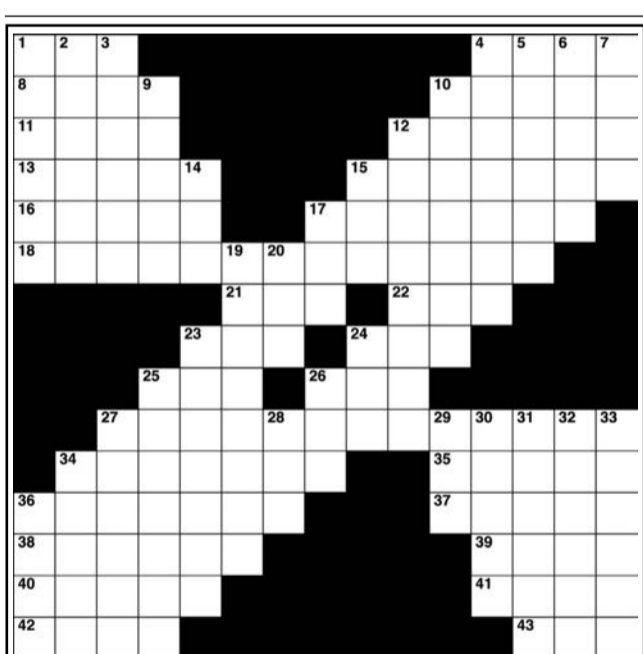
SUNDAY, MAY 6

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT, 3 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 50 Bartlet St. The chorus will perform "Songs of World War I," to commemorate America's entrance into the First World War; the concert, which will feature a professional orchestra and soloists, is presented in partnership with the Andover Historical Society; the first half of the program will tell the story of the war's impact through popular song, featuring arrangements written by Jerry Noble; the second half will include contemporary settings of John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields," and Siegfried Sassoon's poem, "Everyone Sang," which was written shortly after the end of the war; Mack Wilberg's arrangement of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," which features words penned in 1832 by Samuel F. Smith, an Andover Theological Seminary student, will also be part of the program; in addition, the audience can view images from Andover Historical Society's World War I era collection; www.andoverchoralsociety.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

ART LECTURE, 10:30 a.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. Judith Dolkart, Mary Stripp and R. Crosby Kemper director of the Addison Gallery of American Art, will discuss "Early Morning on the Avenue in May 1917," painted by American artist Frederick Childe Hassam; it is one of a series of flag paintings he created during World War I, between 1916 and 1919; the lecture is free and open to the public; www.andoverhistorical.org/under-the-stars-and-stripes.

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- Perfected
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- Finnish lake
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- Political action committee
- Oxygen reduction system

- Part of a circle
- Italian monk's title
- Kidney problem (abbr.)
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- Mollusk
- Large nest of a bird of prey
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- Profoundly
- Fools
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Eagle Scout builds secure lockers for Lazarus House guests

STAFF REPORT

As a Boy Scout in Troop 76 chartered to Ballardvale United Church in Andover, Nicholas Storz reached a lifetime goal by achieving the Eagle Scout rank.

For the final capstone - his Eagle project — he coordinated community donations and led his scouting team to build secure storage lockers for Lazarus House Emergency Shelter guests in Lawrence. Under Storz's leadership, community businesses, organizations and individuals donated funds and materials and volunteered over 400 hours to construct guest lockers in the Merrimack Valley's only private homeless shelter.

According to Marcy Furse, coordinator of Volunteers at Lazarus House, guests often arrive at the shelter with winter boots or coats but have no place to store them in their rooms. Storage lockers in a common area will secure guest belongings and provide guests with peace of mind while they work to rebuild their lives.

Raising over \$4,000 from his community, Storz led fellow Scouting youth and adults in constructing 32 lockable storage units. He personally contributed 190 hours designing, managing and constructing the project. By using custom templates and carpentry jigs he employed a process that would allow younger Scouts without basic carpentry skills

to reproduce square doors with precision.

Generous community donations poured in to support the project from Tewksbury-based lumber supplier Holt and Bugbee and retailers Home Depot of Methuen, Jackson Lumber of Lawrence, O'Connor Hardware of Billerica, Dunkin' Donuts (the Marino organization) of Lowell, and Whole Foods of Andover. Storz also secured a project grant from the Fleeting Charitable Foundation Trust, providing Lazarus House with additional funds for organizing shelter supplies in the common area.

Storz's Court of Honor takes place May 27 at 5 p.m. at Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Road, Andover.



Nicholas Storz achieved the rank of Eagle Scout by coordinating community donations and leading his Scouting team in building secure storage lockers for Lazarus House Emergency Shelter guests in Lawrence. Here, he shakes hands with Pete Leblanc of Jackson Lumber, which helped with the project.

Courtesy photo

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:

'Under the Stars and Stripes: Andover During World War I'

Memorial Hall Library will host two events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

Lawrence City Councilor Marc Laplante will lead a book discussion of Richard Rubin's "Back Over There" on Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the Activity Room. Laplante will also discuss his own fascinating journey researching World War I veterans from Lawrence.

Kathleen Dolan, a former educator, will lead a discussion of the novel, "All Quiet on the Western Front" by Erich Maria Remarque, on Sunday, April 8, at 2 p.m. Readings of selected poetry from those who were profoundly influenced by their experiences fighting in World War I will also be shared.

Online registration is required for these programs. Sign up at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Planning Board 101

The Planning Board invites the public to an open discussion on Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The open meeting will explore the board's process, role, discretion and commitment to community input.

The Planning Board is a quasi-judicial body tasked with applying the zoning passed by Town Meeting in accordance with law.

For more information, visit www.andoverma.gov/182/Planning-Board.

Gardening in small spaces

Garden expert Betsy Williams will share how small space gardening can be fun, easy and very satisfying during a presentation on Saturday, April 14, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

Attendees will learn the best soil for raised beds and containers, seeds and plants that work well in containers, as well as watering techniques and vertical gardening ideas. Catalogues and handouts will be provided.

This presentation is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Visit www.mhl.org/calendar to sign up.

The joy of herbs

Learn about the wonderful world of herbs with Rita Wollmering on Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Topics will include organic growing conditions (sunlight, soil, fertilizer, water), harvesting techniques and preserving one's herbal bounty (vinegars, oils, honeys, cleaning products) and so much more.

This presentation is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Sign up at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Quilt exhibit on display

Joined by Stitch is comprised of seven artists who came together to form a critique group to support each other in their individual artistic journeys.

Members include Betsy Abbott, Tarja Cockell, Sue Colozzi, Janis Doucette, Anne Kimball, Madalene

Axford Murphy and Alanna Nelson. Each member uses fiber in creating their work but each has also developed a unique voice ranging from the abstract to the representational.

Their work will be on display for the whole month of April in the library's hanging exhibit area and in the display case in the Reference Room. The artists will be on hand on Tuesday, April 17, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Circulation Area to answer questions and talk about their work.

The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular library hours.

Author of 'The Last Warlord' to visit MHL

Prof. Brian Glyn Williams will discuss his latest book on Wednesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall. "The Last Warlord" details how the CIA contacted a mysterious Afghan-Mongol warrior to help U.S. Special Forces wage a covert war against the Taliban after 9/11.

Williams, a professor of Islamic history at UMass Dartmouth, served as an adviser to the Hollywood film, "12 Strong: The Declassified Story of the Horse Soldiers."

In addition to his fieldwork in the Islamic world, he has tracked suicide bombers for the CIA, trained Marines deployed to Afghanistan on tribal history, and lectured at Special Operations Command, MacDill Airbase and U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command.

Copies of his book will be available for purchase. This program is sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

To reserve a seat, go to www.mhl.org/calendar. Check out www.brianglyn-williams.com for more information about the author.

Power of Flowers to host workshop

The Power of Flowers Project will lead an arranging workshop on Thursday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in the Activity Room.

Each participant will make a small flower arrangement to take home.

The all-volunteer, non-profit organization spreads joy by recycling gently used flowers from events where they would otherwise be left behind or thrown out.

Quota International of Andover is sponsoring this program. Space is limited. Sign up at www.mhl.org/calendar.

'alterNATIVE History of the Merrimack Valley'

The Andover Conservation Commission will hold its annual overseer meeting on Thursday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Lindsay Randall, curator of education and outreach at the Peabody Institute at Phillips Academy, and an expert on prehistoric Native American life in New England, will be the keynote speaker.

The Merrimack Valley has a rich native history that spans thousands of years from the first people in the Americas to today. Randall's talk will discuss this history and how the geographical landscape played into the importance of the area for native people.

The public is invited to attend.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos

Abigail Blaustein, 4, takes a break from drawing to have a powdered doughnut during the annual Andover Recreation Department's Morning Tea with My Doll and Me at Old Town Hall.

Tea for kids and their dolls

STAFF REPORT

It was tea time at Old Town Hall last month for a group

of children and their dolls.

The event, titled "Tea With My Doll & Me," was put on March 26 by the Andover

Recreation Department as a way for youngsters to pamper their doll-friends with a formal tea ceremony.

Kids dressed up in their "tea party finest," and enjoyed treats, snacks and tea.



Ellen, 2, left, and her mom, Katy Barry, draw pictures.



Layl Bishop, 3, adjusts her self-decorated hat.




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Professional Center for Child Development in Andover invited legislators, local elected officials and the parents of children in the program to its Andover facility recently to talk about the challenges it faces getting state funding for some of its programs. Attending the event included, front row, from left: Methuen parent Deanna Usher, Mary Ann Mulligan of Governmental Strategies Inc., state Sen. Barbara L'Italien, parent Lynette Elam and Richard Curran from state Sen. Bruce Tarr's office; back row, from left: Methuen City Councilor Jessica Finocchiaro, MAAPS director of Government Affairs and Communications James Dauite, PCCD board member Brian Latina, PCCD Board Member Mark Pascarella of Andover, PCCD Executive Director Chris Hunt, Lawrence City Councilor Pavel Payano, PCCD board member Mike Rzeszutek and state Rep. Diana DiZoglio.

Professional Center hosts 'Legislator Day'

STAFF REPORT

Students and staff at Professional Center for Child Development in Andover welcomed local legislators on March 23 to highlight the organization's programming and successes and to heighten lawmakers' awareness of the funding challenges faced by the Center's Early Intervention program and the Developmental Day School, a state-approved Chapter 766 school that educates learners with special needs.

The event was hosted by Professional Center for Child Development and MAAPS, the Massachusetts Association of 766 Approved Private Schools.

The Professional Center, located at 32 Osgood St., offers a variety of programs for children ages birth to 10 who have complex health care needs or developmental delays.

Following welcome remarks by Executive Director Chris Hunt, a number of others spoke about how the program has helped their children.

Lynette Elam of Andover spoke of the progress and care her son, Andy, receives through center's Early Intervention and Regional Consultation programs.



Lawrence City Councilor Pavel Payano, left, with PCCD Board Member Mark Pascarella of Andover, center, and PCCD Early Intervention Program Director Cheryl Bruk of Merrimac.

Mary Anne Mulligan of Governmental Strategies, Inc., representing Early Intervention, spoke about the value, importance and cost effectiveness of Early Intervention programs in the

state. Deanna Usher of Wilmington spoke about the success her son, Dustin, had at the Center. Dustin is a young learner in the Developmental Day School.

James Dauite, MAAPS director of Government Affairs and Communications, spoke about the success of Chapter 766 schools in providing high-quality, cost-effective education to students with special needs and asked legislators for their support of the schools in fiscal year 2019 state budget.

Legislators attending included Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover; Rep. Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen; Kate Machel, senior regional director for U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass.; Richard Curran, constituent services and community outreach coordinator for Sen. Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester; Christina Ascolillo, communications and constituent service director for Rep. Linda Dean Campbell, D-Methuen; Lawrence City Councilor Pavel Payano; and, Methuen City Councilor Jessica Finocchiaro.

Staff, parents and legislators engaged in a question-and-answer session, posed for photos and toured the newly renovated toddler and preschool classrooms.

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: 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.

Bereavement Support Group: Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend once or monthly to learn new ways together to carry on traditional ways of doing things and how to commemorate days that can trigger a lot of emotions. To register, call Lois Marra, Home Health VNA Hospice, at 978-552-4537.

Pain Management Support Group: This intimate and confidential group meets on the second Monday of the month, September through June. Open to anyone dealing with chronic

pain management issues, the group is facilitated by Gerry Rainville, RN, MSN. Newcomers are always welcome. Call to register.

Council on Aging board meetings: The COA meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

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

Brown Bag: Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Boston Food Bank and The Center at Punchard, 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. It must be picked up by 10:15 a.m. Call Annmary Connor or Kristine Arakelian to check eligibility or to sign up.

Computer Users Group: Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, from September through June, at Memorial Hall Library. Weekly classes are also offered in aerobics (seated to very vigorous), strength training, beginner and intermediate yoga, basic and performance tap dancing, beginning and intermediate tai chi as well as line dancing.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required; sign up at www.myactivecenter.net.

The Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check The Center's newsletter or visit www.andoverseniorcenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8320.

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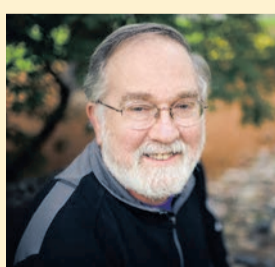
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Townspeople



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Sean Lang, with the St. Augustine Parish Youth Ministry, portrays Jesus during the Andover church's annual Stations of the Cross.

Religious traditions

Stations of the Cross and Prayer Walk draw the faithful

BY PAUL TENNANT
Staff Writer

It was a busy holiday week last week for parishioners of St. Augustine Church and other Christian churches throughout the area.

Last Monday, nearly three dozen teenagers did much more than recite the Stations of the Cross at St. Augustine Church during a performance.

They vividly re-enacted Jesus' last steps as he carried the cross on the way to his execution.

And then, on Good Friday, the annual prayer march led believers from all area churches through the streets of Andover.

Stations of the Cross

Sean Lang, a senior at St. John's Prep, played the part of Jesus. He has participated in the Stations of the Cross several times, but this was the first time he portrayed Christ.

He called the assignment a "great experience" and said it brought him to a better understanding of himself and Jesus. Lang will be attending Skidmore College next fall and will play baseball for that school.

He'll be studying neuroscience, he said.

Jesus meets his mother at the Fourth Station. Jade Martinez, a senior at Essex Technical High School, portrayed Mary.

"I was immensely honored," she said, to play the part of Mary.

Martinez is studying veterinary science at Essex Tech and expects to pursue a career in medicine, either for humans or animals.

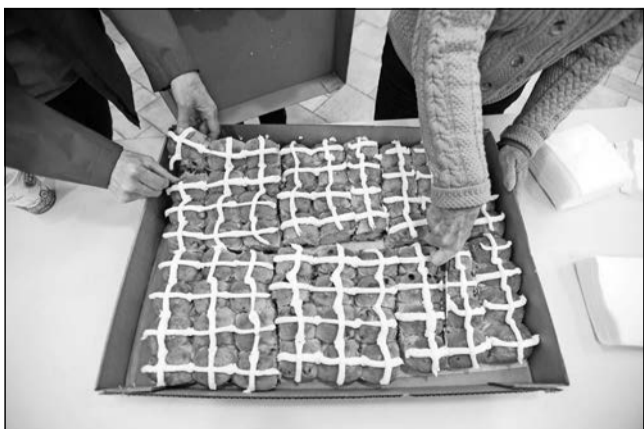
Emily Nearing, a North Reading High School senior who is headed for Boston College in a few months, was one of the narrators for the Stations.

She called it "an amazing experience." Nearing, who serves as a lector at St. Augustine, said she left the Stations of the Cross with a



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

St. Augustine parishioner Steven Sohigian pauses with the cross on the steps of St. Augustine's during the Good Friday Prayer Walk.



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Hot cross buns are divided up at the parish center prior to the Prayer Walk.

"deeper appreciation" for her faith.

Nearing plans to major in accounting at BC and minor in French. She said she is looking forward to obtaining a solid, Catholic education.

David O'Leary, another narrator, is a junior at North Andover High School.

"I thought it was so special," he said.

Taking part in the re-enactment gave him a "deeper



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Walkers pray in front of St. Augustine Church during the Prayer Walk.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Led by Tom Schauer, right, people sing at the West Middle School during the St. Augustine Church annual Good Friday Prayer Walk in Andover.

understanding" of his faith, he said.

O'Leary, who was recently confirmed, said he has been praying and attending Mass more often.

After graduating from high school, he intends to study chemical engineering.

"It's very spiritual," Andover High School sophomore Gabriella Rickards said of the 14 Stations, which

begin with Jesus being condemned to death and conclude with his body being placed in the tomb.

She read some reflections during the re-enactment and said it made her think about how people should be treated.

"This is my fifth year (of participating in the Stations of the Cross)," said Cassie Ferreira, an Andover High School senior. "It's a great

way to get a break from your day-to-day life and take a look at what you are doing."

Prayer Walk

The 28th annual Good Friday Walk is sponsored by the Christian churches in Andover. All walkers started at 8:15 a.m., taking about two hours total, making 10 stops along the way for prayer and song.



Town Clerk Larry Murphy swears in Melissa Danisch, Punchard Free School trustee.



Murphy congratulates new School Committee member Tracey Spruce, left, and incumbent member Susan McCready after swearing them in.



Murphy swears in Town Moderator Sheila Doherty, who was re-elected despite a strong challenge from Keith Saxon.

Elected officials sworn into service

BY KELSEY BODE
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There was little pomp and not much circumstance for the annual post-election swearing-in ceremony last Wednesday.

The 5 p.m. event took place on the third floor of Town Offices on 36 Bartlet St. Family, friends, supporters and multiple town officials crowded the room to watch, encourage and congratulate those sworn in.

Newly elected Selectmen Annie Gilbert and Chris Huntress were sworn into service for three-year terms and quickly went to work as their first meeting began at 6:15 p.m. that same day. The pair replaces former Selectmen Bob Landry and Dan Kowalski, both of whom said they didn't want to serve another term.

Both Gilbert and Huntress touted promises throughout their campaigns that they would seek to restore "civil discourse" and respect to the board.

"Hopefully it's going to be an exciting year," said Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Paul Salafia, who will step down as chairman



Andover's new Board of Selectmen, from left, are: Annie Gilbert, Laura Gregory, Paul Salafia, Christian Huntress and Alex Vispoli.

in May to make way for the new chairman, Alex Vispoli (see related story). "The citizens of Andover are

really thirsty for a board that is functional and works together. I think yesterday's election was pretty clear

that the town wants a board that can agree and disagree with respect."

Susan McCready, current

chairwoman of the School Committee, also was sworn in Wednesday, along with newcomer Tracey Spruce

for three-year terms. Spruce takes the place of former School Committee member Ted Teichert, who declined to run again after one term.

Murphy also swore in Sheila Doherty for a yearlong term as town moderator.

For the first time ever, Doherty faced an opponent, who won with 58 percent of the vote over challenger Keith Saxon, who took in 42 percent.

While unopposed, Marilyn Fitzgerald was elected to a three-year term on the Greater Lawrence Technical School District Committee.

Also unopposed were Melissa Danisch and Eric Stubenhaus, both of whom were elected to three-year terms as Trustees of the Punchard Free School.

It was Murphy's last time swearing in newly elected officials. He plans to retire this summer after 10 years as town clerk in Andover.

"It's kind of bittersweet," Murphy said. "I thoroughly enjoyed the time I have been in Andover. It was a hard decision and I gave it a lot of thought, but it was the right time."

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Murphy swears in Christian Huntress and Annie Gilbert as new members of the Board of Selectmen.



Murphy swears in Greater Lawrence Technical School District Committee member Marilyn Fitzgerald.

Andover health division offers cholesterol screenings

BY KELSEY BODE
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It's National Public Health Week, and the Andover Health Division is celebrating alongside the American Public Health Association.

National Public Health week began on April 2 and will run through April 8.

The Andover Public Health Division is responsible for supervising and regulating numerous facets of the community's health.

A few of the division's duties include licensing camps, making sure that landlords are in compliance with state sanitation codes when renting properties, educating the community about health concerns, providing immunizations, helping the community recover from an emergency situation, and inspecting local swimming pools at hotels, athletic clubs, and condominium complexes.

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Andover Public Health Director Thomas Carbone

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The Andover Public Health Division is participating in National Public Health week in several ways.

The division will hold a cholesterol and glucose screening clinic Thursday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. No fasting is necessary, but all screenings must be scheduled by an appointment and will cost \$10.

Residents who wish to make an appointment can do so by calling the Health Division at 978-623-8640. The Andover Public

Health Division will also share a short video pertaining to a public health issue each day of the week.

On Monday, a video about reducing your carbon footprint was released. Tuesday's video discussed the five "R's" of recycling. Wednesday's video focused on eating and buying locally.

Thursday's video will focus on exercise, and Friday's video will be about National Walk to Work day.

Residents will be able to view the videos on the Andover Health Division's Facebook and Twitter account pages.

More information about National Public Health week can be found at nphw.org.

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TOWN BRIEFS

Get involved with the Andover Trails Committee

The Andover Trails Committee is making it easier than ever for people to join in the fun.

Five sub-groups have been created, each with its own purpose, for people to participate in. Members of the Bay Circuit Trail help maintain and promote Andover's section of this amazing 200-mile walking trail. The Trail Maintenance and Projects group takes care of everything great and small. Those involved with the Communications group handle the website, social media, email and more. Volunteers with the Hikes & Events group show all that nature has to offer. And the Community Paths group is in charge of maintaining and promoting the neighborhood trails.

Sign up for one or more of the groups at www.andover-trails.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 Wilow Cheeley, a conservation overseer, is the project leader.

Anyone willing to volunteer their time and skills is encouraged to email cheleyw@gmail.com for more information.

Join the 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 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.

Andover Community Trust seeks support for recycling program

Through its partner FundingFactory, residents' recyclables can be turned into affordable homes in Andover for Andover Community Trust. The funds raised will go toward building homes that people can afford. Andover Community Trust projects create opportunities, train students and change lives in the community.

Andover Community Trust's recycling program is easy to implement and entirely free. Simply encourage colleagues, friends and family to drop off their used name-brand toner (Brother, Canon, HP and Lexmark) and inkjet printer cartridges (Canon, HP and Lexmark) at 2 Dundee Park, Suite B02A.

Businesses can register as official "Business Supporters" of Andover Community Trust. FundingFactory provides Business Supporters everything they need for free, including prepaid shipping labels and/or boxes. The volume and value of business-related toner cartridges can give a tremendous boost to Andover Community Trust's fundraising balance. Business owners can go to www.fundingfactory.com/register/support.aspx for more information.

Working toward King's dream

Diverse Andover congregation lives its faith

By KIERA BLESSING
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ANDOVER — Displayed proudly around the sun-drenched room of Andover Baptist Church are country flags — one to represent each of the cultures represented in the congregation — beginning with America's stars and stripes and continuing with banners from Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and beyond.

Andover Baptist Church is a center of community for its members, who come from a variety of cultural identities and backgrounds.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said that "the most segregated hour in Christian America is 11 a.m. on Sunday," referencing the extreme segregation in churches in the 1960s. In many churches across the country, that is still the same today — but some, like Andover Baptist, are actively working to change that.

King was assassinated at a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. Fifty years after his death, Andover Baptist, led by Pastor Lyndon Myers, is carrying King's dream for a just world forward by attempting to look beyond race, socioeconomic status and denomination to create a diverse and multicultural congregation. But church members said that while the country has come a long way since King's time, there is much to be done.

Colloquially referred to as the "black church," Andover Baptist has had a primarily black congregation since the early 2000s, but it also has a white and Latino contingent. Myers said that while he doesn't take offense at the label, he refutes it — and hopes for a future society where "we will appreciate people for who they are, and not the differences or likenesses they bring to the relationship."

The "black church" label is not offensive, but misplaced, congregants said. As Carlo Cadet of Andover put it, to speak about King's legacy in terms of only race is to oversimplify the issue.

"I think sometimes this conversation perhaps is overly simplified and does not actually address the individuality that the pastor was just addressing," Cadet said. "Dr. King was about more than just race. He was about injustice. ... It's not about the externality of light skin, dark skin, whatever you want to call it. ... I feel that's just, it's just so wrong."

Myers came to Andover about 14 years ago, when the church was looking for a new leader. He preached to a small crowd — back when the church books were down to about 20 families — but blew the congregation away, according to Deacon John Morgan, a white man who has been a member of the church since 1980. Since, the

congregation has blossomed and taken on a majority minority composition.

While the members noted that the community is a "safe haven" for their families for several reasons — among them, seeing others of their own race in a predominantly white region — they emphasized that was mainly due to the spirit of the place and of the people inside, regardless of race, economic background, age or gender.

"The first time I came, I'm going, 'there's something about this church that I really like,'" said Earline Mango. "You get that good feeling — at least I do — as far as the right church, the right place, the right people that you can relate to."

Tesha Myers, the pastor's wife, became emotional recalling the familial bonds she developed with white members of the congregation when she and her family arrived at Andover Baptist years ago.



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Andover Baptist Church pastor Reverend Lyndon Myers preaches during Easter Sunday service at Andover Baptist Church.

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IFB No. 034/04-18/650
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OPENING
May 24, 2018
10:00 AM
Bid Documents and bid forms may be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA, or on the Central Purchasing Department webpage located at www.andoverma.gov/bids.
There is no Security required on this Proposal.
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The right is reserved by all Massachusetts School Buying Group members to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality in the bids, if it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
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AT - 4/5/18

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
(SEAL) **18SM001693**
ORDER OF NOTICE
To:
Michael J. Devitto; Leonor C. Devitto
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.:
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered **6 Penni Lane**, given by **Michael J. Devitto and Leonor C. Devitto to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Patriot Funding, LLC**, dated November 4, 2005, recorded with the **Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds** at Book **90722**, as noted on Certificate of title Number **8668**, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
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Witness, **JUDITH C. CUTLER** Chief Justice of said Court on March 27, 2018.
Attest:
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. ES 18P0828EA
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: Domenic Mariano
Date of Death: **02/06/2018**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **David Mariano of Methuen MA and Stephen Espinola of Parrish FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: **David Mariano of Methuen MA and Stephen Espinola of Parrish FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 04/30/2018.**
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.
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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: March 16, 2018
Pamela A Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate
AT - 4/5/18

PUBLIC NOTICES
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Essex Probate and Family Court
36 Federal Street
Salem, MA 01970
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405
Docket No. ES18P0662PM
In the matter of: John R.D. McClintock Of: Andover, MA RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Stella M McClintock of North Andover, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **John R.D. McClintock** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that she (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **04/23/2018.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Jennifer M R Ulwick, First Justice of this Court.
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Sports

ANDOVER'S ANCHOR

Lansberry an ace for Golden Warriors' champion relays

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

Hannah Lansberry remembers the moment that track really clicked. With the 2015 Division 1 spring track EMass. Division 1 title on the line, the then-Andover High freshman suddenly found herself center stage.



Hannah Lansberry

"I somehow ended up running the anchor leg for the 4x400 relay (the final event)," she remembered. "We needed to place at least eighth in the relay to win the meet because it was the last event of the day. "I got the baton and ran my heart out and we got third in second heat. After that coach (Peter) Comeau came over and told me I was his hero. "Our time gave us eighth overall and we won the championship. That's when my love of track started." Three years later, Lansberry is now an established star, who is dreaming of a fourth straight EMass. Division 1 title. This year it's on May 27 at her home, Eugene V. Lovely Field. "I am so excited for the spring season," said Lansberry, a member of the

National Honor Society. "I think we exceeded everyone's expectations this winter (placing third at Division 1 States), and we are an outdoor track team, so the sky is the limit. We have so many amazing girls coming back." Lansberry was an Eagle-Tribune All-Star last spring. She ran the area's best 400 meters (58.38 seconds, to place third at Division 1s), was a member of the 4x400 team that won the All-State title and ran on the MVC champion 4x100 relay team. She followed it up this winter by running on the 4x200 that took gold at New Englands and the 4x400 that was second at New Englands. "Hannah has really had a storied career," said Comeau. "She's not only a great runner, but the leader of those great relays. She comes to practice with ideas on workouts and relay strategy. She knows the girls and tells me when something's wrong. She has been a huge part of our success the last four years." Like many, it was another sport that led Lansberry to track. For her, it was soccer. "I started track the winter of my freshman year," she said. "I wanted to stay in shape, and also hang out with my friends. I did alright at the JV meets. I liked it enough to run in the spring." She began to impress that spring, and Comeau still



Andover's Hannah Lansberry makes a handoff. Lansberry said she loves the team aspect of running relays, and the Golden Warriors have dominated opponents.

Courtesy photo

remembers her relay performance at Division 1s. "She was this little ball of nerves," remembered Comeau. "I decided to switch up the relay at the last minute, and she looked at me and said, 'I'm not an anchor!' But she took off, held off the Acton-Boxboro runner and surged to the finish. And

from there, she has been amazing." Lansberry has become an ace in the relays. She is also a standout in the 400, winning the MVC title last spring. Her 58.36 at Division 1s ranks her 12th in area history. "I love relays," she said. "I think the key to success is trusting each other. Whether

it is a good day or a bad day, we all pull together for the relays. I love the team dynamic." "I also love running the 400. I like the challenge, because it's an all-out sprint, but you also have to be methodical. If you go out too fast, you'll die. If you go out too slow, you'll be too far back. You have to plan and have a strategy." Now, Lansberry is hoping to end her high school career on top. "We have a lot of big things coming," she said. "We have amazing relays, great sprinters and so many talented athletes in the field events. I think it will be a great spring." **Star student, too** Lansberry, a member of the National Honor Society, scored a 34 on her ACTs (the equivalent of a 1,500 on the two-tiered SATs) and has been high honors every semester of her high school career. She is enrolled in Advanced Placement biology and physics. Lansberry will run track at Emory University in Atlanta, the No. 21 university overall in the country by US News. She is considering studying neuroscience and behavioral biology on a premed track. "I fell in love with Emory for the track and amazing academics," she said. "I

'THEY CHANGED MY LIFE'

Andover's Hannah Lansberry is a star in track, in the classroom and on the soccer pitch. But possibly her greatest achievement has been the dance classes she runs for the disabled. "I'm the director of Happy Feet, a dance class for children with disabilities," she said. "And I love it with all my heart. We are open to the whole range of disabilities, and we welcome ages 8-18. They love it and I love it. It has been a very special experience." Lansberry began helping a neighbor who started the program three years ago, and has found it a life-changing experience. "I was so scared and so awkward at first," she said. "I was so worried I would do something wrong. But then I realized it wasn't about me. It was about the kids and making them happy. "We just want to have a fun time and help them have the best life possible. The kids blow me away with their dance moves every week, and I know it means a lot to them and their families. And they have changed my life."

wanted to run, but have my main focus be on school. And I wanted to be in a warm location. I visited Emory and just loved it from the start." *Contact David Willis at @DWillisET.*

Spring Warriors, Part 1

Volleyball, softball and boys lacrosse ready to surprise

Here is a look at three of Andover's 2018 spring sports teams. More previews will run in next week's Townsman

VOLLEYBALL

2017 season: 22-2, lost in North finals
Returning starters (3): Yanchen Zhan, 6-2, Sr., OH; Alex Shih 5-10, Sr., libero; Steven Crowley, 6-4, Jr., MH
Returning lettermen: Matt Gunthrie, 6-2, Sr., MH; Alex Durham, 6-3, Jr., Setter RSH; Timothy Liu, 6-0, Sr., MH; Jason Zhang, 6-0, Sr., OH; Aaron Roberts, 5-9, Jr., defensive specialist; Troy Kennedy, 5-8, Soph., Setter; Ethan Gasse, 6-1, Soph., MH; Justin Qiau, 6-1, Soph., DS; Andre Pinto, 5-11, Soph., Setter; Eric Qu, 5-9, Soph., defensive specialist; Ethan Gasse, 5-9, Soph., OH; Michael Ruggere, 5-8, Soph., defensive specialist; Matt Sacco, 5-8, Soph., defensive specialist
Promising newcomers: Jacob Dalimonte, 6-3, Sr., MH; Niloy Neogi, 5-10, Soph., DS; Connor Nusky, 6-1, Soph., OH; Aidan Foley, 6-2, Soph., OH; Bryant Krouger, 6-0, Soph., OH; Jyles Amirault, 6-0, Frosh., setter
Candidates: 51
Captains: Matt Gunthrie, Yanchen Zhan, Alex Shih, Steven Crowley
Fast facts: The 22 wins last fall equalled the most in the program's 28-year history. ... **Jyles Amirault** will be the first freshman to start in his opening game since **Devin Dean** and **Jeff Hunt** in 2014.



Andover's Jill Powers powers a ball. Powers is one of the many dangerous hitters back for the Golden Warriors softball team.

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... **Calvin Fumicello**, an MVC All-Star last year, did not come out. **Matt Guthrie** will likely fill in for him as a middle hitter. ... **Yanchen Zhan** will play on the Cornell Club team next season, joining recent grads **Devin and Alec Dean**.
Assistants: Cori Matthews
Coach E.J. Perry: (6th year, 70-38)

SOFTBALL

2017 season: 8-12, didn't make tourney
Returning starters (8): Katherine Powers, Sr., OF/1B; Jill Powers, Sr., OF/2B; Anna O'Sullivan, Sr. C/OF/1B; Kathleen Hartnett, Jr. P; Ashley Cocchiaro, Jr. P/3B; Callie Wiley, Jr. OF/SS/2B; Alexa Pacy, Jr. SS/OF; Anna Zduunczyk Jr., INF/OF
Returning lettermen: Sophie Bardetti, Sr., 1B/OF; Alicia Valeri, Sr. 3B/1B; Maddy Wagner, Sr. SS/3B; Scarlet Gillette Jr. INF/OF; Emily Abbott, Jr. INF/OF
Promising newcomers: Mikayla Goodwin Sr., INF/OF; Maggie Livingston, Sr., P; Sam Biederwolf, Jr., OF; Alex Keenan, Jr., OF/1B; Megan Zalanskas, Jr., C/1B;

Anneliese Ziegenbein, Jr., 3B; Julianna Barbaro, Soph., INF/OF; Sara Folan, Frosh., P/OF; Paige Gillette, Frosh., INF/OF
Captains: Emily Abbott, Jill Powers, Katherine Powers, Anna O'Sullivan
Candidates: 52
Returning leaders: Anna Zduunczyk .516, Callie Wiley .426, Alexa Pacy .406, Kathleen Hartnett .400, Anna O'Sullivan .326
Fast facts: Callie Wiley scored nine goals for the ice hockey team this winter. ... **Alexa Pacy** started for the basketball team and also played volleyball. ... **Anna Zduunczyk** was a staunch defender for the state championship field hockey team. ... **Rachel Garabedian**, a PE teacher in the district, joins the staff to replace **Ben Gibson**. ... **Kathleen Hartnett** is coming back from a shoulder injury, meaning that **Ashley Cocchiaro** will be the No. 1 pitcher as she was at the end of last season.
Assistants: Rachel Garabedian JV, Ann Gubellini Frosh, Bruce Farmer, Jim Dziadosz, Jeanette Doucette, Al Cataldo volunteers
Coach Steve Tisbert (9th year, 67-100)

BOYS LACROSSE

2017 season: 16-5, lost in D1 North quarters
Returning starters (5): Alex Trottier, Jr., attack; Bret Miller, Sr., midfield; Colby Agostino, Sr., midfield; Matt Belluche, Sr., defense; Kevin Flowers, Sr., defense
Returning lettermen: Sager Florio, Sr., attack; Matt Meagher, Sr., midfield; Jon Marshall, Soph., defense; Liam Murphy, Sr., defense; Greysen Mitchell, Sr., attack; C.J. Puglisi, Jr., goalie; Matt Schuhwerk, Jr., midfield
Promising newcomers: Joe Hoar, Jr., attack; Shamus Florio, Soph., midfield; Donald Alois, Sr., midfield; AJ Clark, Jr., defense; Carter Brezinski, Jr., defense; Nick Zalanskas, Jr., defense; Peter Stylos, Sr., defense; Jeremy Morganstern, Jr., goalie; Ian Auleach, Soph., goalie; Brendon Moody, Jr., midfield
Captains: Bret Miller, Colby Agostino, Matt Meagher, Matt Belluche, Kevin Flowers
Candidates: 75
Returning goal leaders: Bret Miller 22
Returning honorees: Bret Miller All-MVC, Matt Belluche MVC All-Star, Kevin Flowers MVC All-Star
Fast facts: Matt Belluche was an Eagle-Tribune hockey All-Star. He led the Golden Warriors in goals (9) as a defenseman. ... Varsity newcomer Shamus Florio was the kicker for the varsity football team (7 field goals) in the fall, and Peter Stylos (2 PATs) was his backup. ... Andover will play only 18 games after having to drop two non-league games. ... Matt Meagher was second on the Warriors in tackles (56) in the fall and was an Eagle-Tribune All-Star Honorable Mention as a 160-pound wrestler.
Assistants: Chris Burns, Tom Gardner, Mike Votto, Kyle Rillahan
Coach Wayne Puglisi: (19th year, 222-127)

THE WEEK AHEAD

BASEBALL		
Date	Time	Opponent
4/6	4 p.m.	Lowell
4/10	4 p.m.	Billerica
4/12	4 p.m.	Methuen
SOFTBALL		
Date	Time	Opponent
4/6	4 p.m.	at Lowell
4/10	3 p.m.	at Billerica
4/12	3 p.m.	at Methuen
BOYS LACROSSE		
Date	Time	Opponent
4/5	7 p.m.	Central Catholic
4/07	11 a.m.	Reading
4/10	7 p.m.	Haverhill
4/12	4 p.m.	at Dracut
GIRLS LACROSSE		
Date	Time	Opponent
4/5	6 p.m.	at Central Catholic
4/9	7 p.m.	Wayland
4/10	3 p.m.	at Haverhill
4/12	3 p.m.	Dracut
TRACK		
Date	Time	Opponent
4/11	3 p.m.	Haverhill
BOYS TENNIS		
Date	Time	Opponent
4/5	3 p.m.	at Westford Academy
4/6	3 p.m.	Billerica
4/11	3 p.m.	at Phillips
4/12	4 p.m.	at Lawrence
GIRLS TENNIS		
Date	Time	Opponent
4/6	3 p.m.	at Billerica
4/10	3 p.m.	at Methuen
4/12	4 p.m.	Lawrence
VOLLEYBALL		
Date	Time	Opponent
4/6	5 p.m.	North Andover
4/9	6 p.m.	at Chelmsford
4/11	5 p.m.	Lawrence
4/12	4 p.m.	Lexington

Mission accomplished



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The Andover Hockey Association's U10-2 girls and coaches recently won the Mass. Tier IV state championship. They defeated Duxbury, 2-0, to seal the championship. U10-2 Girls hockey champs are, bottom row, left to right: Caroline Dennehy, Shirley Whitmore, Maeve Bucci and Mia Giaimo; back row, left to right: Catie Edwards, Luci Grappone, Kate Hillson, Mollie Bedard, Victoria Hosmer, Michele Caiazzo, Gabrielle Rose-Johnson, Annabelle Joyner and Cecilia Riiff. Coaches are Craig Edwards, Bill Loveland and Marc Bedard. Missing from the photo is Riley Loveland.

We are the champions



Courtesy photo

The Andover Hockey Association U12-2 girls' team program triumphed in Canton recently when they captured the Mass. Tier IV title. The team went undefeated for the tournament and left little doubt in the championship game, bullying their way to 4-0 victory over KPW. It is the second year in a row that the Andover U12-2s won states. The coaches are Doug Batchelder, Scott Hamilton, Erik Svendsen and Bruce Whitehouse. Players include Abby Arpin, Allie Batchelder, Mia Batchelder, Frankie Blake, Kailey Hamilton, Ella Hoffenberg, Morgan Jones, Gianna Lynch, Maddie Noury, Amy Pinkham, Bridget Rinklin, Mia Svendsen, Chloe Tarshia and Ashley Whitehouse.

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