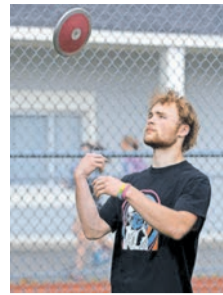




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Phillips Academy Class of 2018 co-president Eastlyn Frankel flashes a big smile as she takes the podium to give her remarks during the school's graduation ceremony on Sunday.

Despite vague threat of violence, Phillips commencement goes on without incident

By KELSEY BODE
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Despite an increased police presence due to a vague threat of violence against Phillips Academy last week, graduates and their families were all smiles as the class of 2018 took its next step toward the future under a bright sky on the hilltop campus Sunday morning.

The graduating class of 330 was watched over by scores of fellow students, family, friends, faculty, staff and administrators in front of Samuel Phillips Hall. The commencement ceremony began promptly at 10 a.m. as a procession of the Clan McPherson Pipes and Drums, along with trustees, faculty and the graduates — the girls wearing white dresses and boys in blue blazers — took their seats. Student co-presidents Eastlyn Frankel and Samuel Bird spoke at the



Diva Harsoor, center, walks with her fellow Phillips Academy seniors at the start of Sunday's commencement ceremony.

ceremony, thanking those who helped them succeed, reflecting on their time at Phillips Academy, sharing lessons they had learned, and imparting their hopes

for the future. "I know the ride was long and exhausting at times, but it was one I am proud to have completed with all of you," Frankel said. "On

my very first day, my father dragged me up these very steps to take a picture in front of Samuel Phillips. I was struck with dual

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Town closes in on search for deputy town manager

John Mangiaratti to leave Andover June 15, start as Acton town manager July 1

By KELSEY BODE
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Deputy Town Manager John Mangiaratti's last day in Andover is just a week away, and the town is zeroing in on candidates to fill his shoes.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said the town is in the final stages of the hiring process, and expects



John Mangiaratti

ing to Flanagan, 70 people from around the state and New England applied to

to have a final candidate to present to the Board of Selectmen at the June 18 meeting. Accord-

become Andover's next deputy town manager. The starting salary for the position will range between \$110,000 and \$140,000. "We have really had the opportunity to assess candidates in a number of areas, which we wanted to do in order to present a candidate that is complete and the best fit for Andover," Flanagan said.

Candidates for the position went through several interviews by a variety of panels, officials and stakeholders, Flanagan said.

"The successful candidate will have big shoes to fill," Flanagan said. "I appreciate John's willingness to help during the transition. I am hopeful we will have someone that

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No. Reading water deal finally OK'd

By KELSEY BODE
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After several years of negotiations, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the North Reading Water agreement Monday night.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan estimates the deal will net the town \$14.6 million in revenue during the first 10 years. Over 99 years he projects the deal will net a revenue of \$585 million.

"This is an important agreement for Andover as it will provide long-term financial stability to our water enterprise, support capital investments and maintain our water rate structure," Flanagan said. "I look forward to a collaborative partnership with North Reading and I am pleased both communities were able to come to an agreement."

Alex Vispoli, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, agreed.

"It is a positive agreement," he said. "There are very few things in government where you can keep the cost down and not impact the service. This is one of them."

"It's good to see it come to fruition," Vispoli added.

"It has been an interesting journey, I'll put it that way, to hammer out an agreement that is in the best interest of both communities. Any time you do that, both communities are looking out for their own. There were certain things important to us, like that we are the exclusive water provider to North Reading and that the agreement took effect once we had approval of the legislature."

Vispoli also said it was important to selectmen that the final contract mirrored the final term sheet presented to residents on April 4.

Residents had expressed concern at the Jan. 29 special town meeting that the agreement did not have an exit clause. The agreement includes a force majeure clause, however, that ensures Andover would not have to provide water to North Reading if an unforeseen "act of God," like a drought in the Merrimack River, made it impossible to.

"I think it's a historic See WATER, Page 3

Selectman Salafia cleared of violating state ethics rules

By KELSEY BODE
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Selectman Paul Salafia has been cleared of an ethics complaint filed with the state this fall.

Joe Albuquerque of 197 Greenwood Road filed a complaint with the State Ethics Commission in October 2017 stating that he believed Salafia had violated conflict of interest rules. The complaint was filed after it became public knowledge that Salafia had received donations during his 2016 campaign from three employees of Lupoli Companies. The daughter of one of those employees also donated. In all, the four donated \$2,500 to Salafia's 2016 campaign.

"As you are aware, elected and appointed officials are required to follow the applicable laws and ethical standards to avoid even the appearance of impropriety, regarding to his/her official duties or position," Albuquerque wrote in his complaint. "One would expect more from this elected

official to show restraint as well as caution as to not be construed as conflict of interest."

Seven months after Albuquerque filed his claim, the state sent Salafia a letter on May 22 stating that "we are satisfied that this matter does not require any further action on our part."

The investigation into Albuquerque's claim involved an interview with Salafia, a review of the complaint, and an examination of videos and documents related to the case.

"The Ethics Commission completed a nearly eight-month long investigation of the facts, meeting videos, documents, a review of the initial complaint, and a detailed personal interview with me and their conclusion was no wrongdoing," Salafia See SALAFIA, Page 2



Selectman Paul Salafia

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From Krit Classic



Pam Sheehy is surrounded by her grandchildren before the start of the 10th and final Krit Classic 5k memorial race on Sunday. The race honors the memory of Sheehy's daughter, Kristin 'Krit' Kearins.

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STUDENTS

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excitement and fear. Excitement of who I would become and fear about how I would get there. Looking back I am reminded of the community that supported me.”

Bird encouraged his peers to serve their communities in their futures.

“I have looked forward to the pomp and circumstance of this day,” Bird said. “I have also spent a great deal of time considering what comes after. I came to the realization several months ago this day does not matter. Consider devoting your life at least in part to service of a community. I lay this task of leadership not out of misplaced elitism, but because we are some of the brightest minds. No doubt you will all be extremely successful in what you do. It has been an honor and a privilege to attend this institution.”

In addition to some potentially lingering fears over the threat of violence, the ceremony was also tinged with sadness, as students and faculty remembered Daniel Nakajima, a senior who committed suicide in the fall.

“We as a class carry with us memories of Dan Nakajima,” Bird said, his voice wavering. “Dan will never be forgotten and always be missed.”

Head of School John Palfrey, who asked that Nakajima be remembered with a moment of silence, noted: “We are all aware we are not a complete class. Our year began in tragedy.”

Nobody mentioned last week’s incident, when classes were canceled Thursday after an administrator received an email containing a screenshot of a social media conversation that made a threat of violence against a non-specific school, according to Andover Police spokesman Lt. Edward Guy.

Police continue investigating and do have a lead, he said.

“Hopefully we will have some sort of resolution in the near future,” Guy said, adding that the threat could have been a “spoofing incident.”

Regardless, because the threat was sent to an administrator, Andover police increased their presence at the school for the rest of the week and during graduation.

“In an abundance of caution Phillips Academy made the decision they would like some armed officers assigned,” Guy said.

The armed officers remained discreet, however, and the graduates and their families seemed unfazed by the incident.

Frankel kept her speech light, and caused her peers to break out in laughter when she referenced the class of 2018’s apparent nickname.

“Despite being named the ‘ugly grade,’ I have never



RYAN HUTTON/ Staff photo

The graduates of the Phillips Academy Class of 2018 run toward each other on the school’s Great Lawn at the closing of the graduation ceremony on Sunday.

seen anything more beautiful than your faces today,” Frankel said as her peers cheered and chuckled.

Frankel said she discovered herself at Phillips Academy, recounting a memory when her roommate during her first year at the school asked her what her experience had been as a black woman on campus.

“I thanked her because I had never been asked that question before,” Frankel said. “At Andover I was forced to ask that question. The class of 2018 is full of curious, hungry young minds like my roommate. I have watched so many grow into themselves in different ways.”

The ceremony finished after the 330 graduates created a large circle a few hundred feet away from Samuel Phillips hall on the lush, green lawn of the academy. As per tradition, the names of graduates were called out in no particular order as students passed diplomas along the circle to their correct recipients, all the while cheering for one another.

Palfrey, in his final speech to students, shared his hopes and confidence in their future success.

“You are all good people, I know that first-hand,” Palfrey said. “If there is something you would like to see changed or preserved in this world, I hope you take time. If you become a CEO I hope you will create jobs. If elected to public office I hope you will act with dignity, humility and kindness. I hope a few of you will choose to spend your lives teaching. I know you will make this world a better place.”

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Phillips Academy Class of 2018 co-president Samuel Bird speaks at the school’s commencement ceremony on Sunday.



Miriam Feldman, left, was the first student to have her name called to receive a diploma from Head of School John Palfrey on Sunday.

SALAFIA

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wrote in a letter to the editor sent to the Andover Townsman. “I am very grateful for closure on this matter, but I am not at all surprised at the

outcome. I have honorably served this community for nearly 28 years. Every decision and vote I make, I use, ‘What is best for the town,’ as my deciding criteria. That, and that alone, is my personal agenda.”

Salafia said the complaint

weighed heavily on him during the past seven months.

“This attack on my ethical behavior gave me many a sleepless night,” Salafia wrote. “More importantly, it was an unrelenting distraction from my responsibilities as a selectman. The relentless tension filtered down to other town departments, boards and committees making the past year much less productive than it should have been.”

Albuquerque has no regrets in submitting his complaint, however.

“I am disappointed in the outcome based on the amount of information furnished to the commission for this complaint,” Albuquerque wrote. “Based on the information

that I provided to the commission that spanned over a two-year time frame, I would still file the complaint. As a resident, I am able to exercise my right as a citizen to question our government and hold it accountable as it must be open, honest and transparent.”

Salafia claims the complaint was a misuse of the state ethics complaint process.

“The most pertinent thing of all here is that the frivolous use of the ethics violation complaint really does undermine the whole process,” Salafia said. “It made no sense and now his credibility and (former Selectman Bob) Landry’s credibility throughout the last eight months is really shot.”

Salafia said Albuquerque

and Landry used the ethics complaint process as a political tool to garner disapproval for the Lupoli Companies Dascomb Road development project.

“They used it for their own purposes,” Salafia said. “They were opposed to Dascomb Road and they used it for that. They had a personal agenda and they hurt the project and they hurt me.”

Salafia claims Albuquerque and Landry spearheaded a “campaign to discredit” him after filing the complaint. Landry brought up the complaint at multiple Board of Selectmen meetings and

the topic exploded on social media.

Albuquerque said he and Landry did not embark on any such campaign.

“This claim is false,” Albuquerque wrote. “I can actually prove that I have been collecting data to support my claim as far back as June 2015 when I began to question this official’s actions and behavior during various public meetings that he attended.”

The State Ethics Commission was unable to comment on the case and Landry could not be reached for comment.

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Clarification: A story in last week’s Townsman may have implied that Andover resident Betsy Streeter thinks school Supt. Sheldon Berman purposely sent a memo to The Eagle-Tribune detailing allegations of wrongdoing against boys’ volleyball coach E.J. Perry. Neither Betsy, nor her husband, Ben, believe Berman purposely sent the memo to the Tribune. They believe he is guilty of incompetence which is why they are working to have him removed from his current position.

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WATER

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agreement in the big picture," Vispoli said. "It's a very good agreement for Andover and Andover's ratepayers."

North Reading will make up about 30 percent of Andover's water revenue. Vispoli said this means North Reading will pay 30 percent of any infrastructure projects for Andover's water system, as such projects are paid for from water revenue.

"Out of that any infrastructure improvements we make in our entire system will be subsidized by 30 percent from North Reading," he added. "They will be buying more water so margins will go up for Andover. It's a good deal. It's a really great deal for both communities. This expands the partnership we have had for the past 44 years."

North Reading will bear the cost of any infrastructure improvements needed in their municipality.

The deal is not completely sealed, however. Both towns are still awaiting approval from the state Legislature. If the state does not approve the deal by Aug. 15 the deal will terminate.

Vispoli said the towns could also extend the deal at the Aug. 15 deadline, however.

"Both towns would have to get together and either extend it or decide not to pursue it, but from all indications we have legislators from both delegations," he said. "It's moving fast."

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MANAGER

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will build upon John's good work and help lead our efforts moving Andover forward."

Hired by Town Manager Andrew Flanagan in 2016, Mangiaratti has had a hand in several significant town projects including the new town website, negotiations for the North Reading Water deal, online permitting, the Historic Mill District, and the new "town yard."

Mangiaratti received an offer to become the town manager in Acton this April. His last day working in Andover is scheduled to be June 15.

"It has been my career goal to be a Town Manager since I started working in municipal government," Mangiaratti wrote in an email. "As the Deputy Town Manager in Andover, it has been great to work closely with Town Manager Flanagan to introduce many exciting new initiatives and to help implement his vision for a successful

municipal organization."

"I would like to thank the Andover Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Flanagan for giving me the opportunity to serve the town of Andover as deputy town manager," Mangiaratti added. "It has been a great pleasure. I also want to thank all of the department heads, division heads, and employees that work every day to make Andover a special place."

Mangiaratti will begin his new role as Acton town manager July 1.

"When the Acton position became available, I was excited because it is a community with a great reputation, and I felt that I would be a good fit given my experience in Andover and in Westford," Mangiaratti wrote. "If the opportunity did not become available,

Everyone in Community Development and Planning is committed to improving the way we serve the public through streamlining permitting processes, increasing information available on the website, and finding new ways to engage the community on important projects

I would have been happy to continue working in Andover as it is a great place to work with very impressive professionals throughout all levels of the organization."

Mangiaratti lives in Westford, one town over from Acton. He said he plans to continue living there.

"I hope to bring my experience in all aspects of local government and

particularly my technology and communications skills," he said. "I am excited for the opportunity to continue the successes of Town Manager (Steven) Ledoux and look forward to working with the department heads and employees to implement the goals of the Acton Board of Selectmen."

He also said he greatly enjoyed working with the Andover town staff.

"Everyone in Community Development and Planning is committed to improving the way we serve the public through streamlining permitting processes, increasing information available on the website, and finding new ways to engage the community on important projects," Mangiaratti said.

"John has been a great deputy town manager," said Andover Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli. "We hate to see him leave, but someone like John is definitely destined to be a town manager and we wish him the best. I think Acton is getting an excellent Town Manager."

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ABC Andover gets \$100K from Cummings Foundation

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A Better Chance of Andover received a hefty \$100,000 grant in May.

The local nonprofit received the grant from the Cummings Foundation's \$100K for 100 program, which donated \$20 million in grants to charities in Greater Boston this spring.

Nearly 600 local charities applied for the program.

"We are thrilled to be chosen for the Cummings Foundation grant which will significantly impact the lives of many motivated young women in our college-preparation program," said A Better Chance of Andover

(ABC) President Susan Connolly. "Over our 50 year history, alumni have entered high-level colleges and universities and gone on to be leaders in their professions, communities, and families. Many of our alumni have shared that the ABC experience considerably shaped their life."

ABC of Andover was founded in 1967 in the middle of the Civil Rights Movement. Since then, the nonprofit has worked to reduce education inequalities for students of color in the United States by taking in students from across the country annually. Students accepted into the ABC of Andover program stay in a Main Street home

and attend Andover High. Since the \$100K for 100 program began, the Cummings Foundation has awarded \$220 million to local nonprofits.

ABC of Andover expects to use the grant to help fund enrichment programs, build alumni programming and partially fund room and board.

"We are indebted to the nonprofit organizations like A Better Chance of Andover that have a meaningful positive impact on the local communities where our colleagues and clients live and work," said Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation executive director. "We are delighted to invest in their important programs and services."

ON CAMPUS

Jackson Berry, a freshman at Wheaton College in Norton, maintained dean's list status throughout the year, along with winning the Award for Excellence in Hispanic Studies.

Meaghan Murtagh, a junior at Miami University of Ohio, was elected president of the student body.

Murtagh, a 2015 graduate of Andover High School, is a marketing major in the Farmer School of Business.

Some 3,055 students were awarded degrees during the University of Vermont's 217th commencement ceremonies. Local graduates included: **Rae Bronenkant**, Bachelor of Science in environmental studies; **Shreya Kontham**, Bachelor of Arts in political science; **Emily Masterson**, Bachelor of Science in professional nursing; **Alexandra Ritchie**, Bachelor of Arts in biology; and **Jonathan Tetreault**, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Cara Cahill, Daniel Combs, Lila Dolan and Abby Goldman were named to the spring 2018 dean's list at the University of Vermont.

Cassidy Mulkern was named to the spring 2018 dean's honor roll at Oklahoma City University.

Ann Goodwin, Abigail Huntress and Robert McDougall were named to the dean's list for the spring 2018 semester at Curry College in Milton.

Sydney Alepa, a junior majoring in art history at the University of Rochester, is spending the spring semester in Milan, Italy.

Alepa is a graduate of Phillips Academy.



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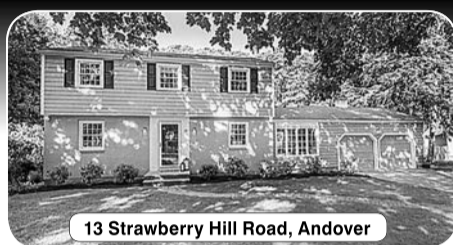
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18 Summer Street - Unit 2, Andover

ANDOVER - In-town living at its best! The first floor has an open feel with a fireplaced living room, large eat-in kitchen with granite counters, maple cabinets and stainless steel appliances, a half bath and sliders that open to a private deck. The second floor features new wall-to-wall carpeting in both the master bedroom and second bedroom. Plenty of closet space throughout, potential to finish the lower level, 2 car detached garage and 2 additional parking spaces with storage. **\$629,000**

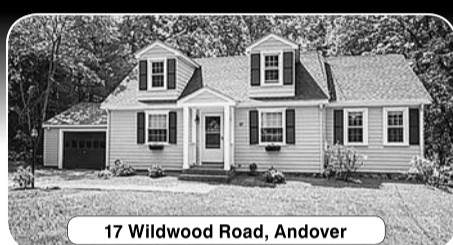
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13 Strawberry Hill Road, Andover

ANDOVER - Be prepared to fall in love with this charming 3 bedroom Colonial! The first floor includes a front-to-back living room with fireplace and built-ins, a modern and warm dining room with wooden beams which opens to the kitchen both with wide plank pine flooring. The family room finishes out the first floor with a cathedral ceiling and so much natural light! Sliders from the family room lead to the deck and patio overlooking a large backyard! **\$609,900**

Jackie Pitts



17 Wildwood Road, Andover

ANDOVER - Quintessential Cape set on just over an acre in a convenient location to the center of Andover. Character and charm throughout the home with a first floor home office and cozy living room featuring a masonry fireplace! Updated kitchen complete with stainless appliances including gas range and hood fan for cook enthusiasts. Dining room features a beautiful bow window. The screened porch opens to a newer deck and patio with fire pit overlooking the private backyard. **\$569,900**

Maureen Keller



189 Highland Road, Andover

ANDOVER - Pristine 3 bedroom Village Colonial sited on a lovely wooded lot with mature shrubs and plantings. Gleaming hardwood flooring showcased by light and bright spacious rooms. Pride of ownership shows in the recent additions and upgrades. The back deck with roll out awning offers views of the surrounding wooded lot and the front porch is perfect on those warm summer nights! **\$510,000**

Johanna Webster



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OBITUARIES

Stephanie J. Maguire

OCEANSIDE, CA — Stephanie was born in Guberville, town of Hawick, Mass.

At the age of 4 her parents, Stanley and Julia Lekarczyk, moved the family to the greater Lawrence area. She graduated from Lawrence High School. She also took commercial courses at the Andover School of Business. Early on in their marriage of 52 years, she supported her husband, Vincent J. Maguire with her accounting and secretarial services as he worked 30 years for the Boston & Maine Railroad and simultaneously owned several businesses, a taxi company, party rental company, restaurant, and the local Irish American Club.

When her sons were old enough to attend school Stephanie worked for 16 years for the American Red Cross where she collected thousands of pints of blood for the Boston Regional Center and also volunteered, working with the blind and handicapped.

In 1961 Stephanie and her family moved to Andover where she worked as a Realtor® for the Howe Company for 20 years as a top performing agent.

Later, in retirement, Stephanie and her husband Vinny



moved to Palm Springs, Calif. and later to Oceanside. Her favorite pastimes were taking care of her boys, traveling, playing bridge with friends, and enjoying the planet.

Mrs. Maguire was predeceased by her husband, Vincent; son, Vincent Jr., and her brothers; Lee, Walter, and Eddie. She is survived by her son John and grandchildren Vincent II and Kaitlin of San Diego, Calif.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were held at Eternal Hills in Oceanside on April 3, and burial was at the Desert Memorial Cemetery in Palm Springs, Calif. on April 5, 2018.

Father's Day events at Ironstone Farm

STAFF REPORT

Ironstone Farm in Andover is hosting an action-packed charity event on Father's Day, which is next Sunday, June 17.

The main event is the Ironstone Derby 5K and Father's

Day Fun, complete with 5K race with prizes for the top finishers.

There will also be food at the event, along with a Pine-wood Derby, a stick-horse fun run, music, games and a horse-and-rider performance. All runners and walkers

will receive a free hamburger and hotdog, or vegetarian option. Beer and other drinks will be available for purchase.

Money raised goes to the nonprofit programs at Ironstone Farm, 450 Lowell St., which supports children with

special needs, veterans and others.

To register for the Ironstone Derby 5K race or kids stick-horse fun run, or to buy a food-and-fun pass to the post-race entertainment, visit <https://register.chrono-track.com/r/37756>.

DEP hits Andover company with \$33K fine

STAFF REPORT

A local trucking company was fined \$33,000 — the maximum amount allowed under state law — for failing to take action after one of their vehicles spilled 100 gallons of diesel fuel following an accident on Interstate 495 two years ago.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) fined Airfreight Express Corp. for not reporting the spill and then failing to clean it up after it happened, said Ed Coletta, spokesman for the DEP. They were also cited for failing to turn in the required paperwork regarding the spill, he said.

On Aug. 22, 2016 at 6:20 a.m., the Massachusetts State Police notified DEP

that a sudden release of diesel fuel had occurred on Interstate 495 northbound at the Massachusetts Turnpike exit ramp. An estimated 100 gallons of diesel fuel leaked from a tractor-trailer unit owned and operated by Airfreight Express following a motor vehicle accident. The diesel spilled onto the roadway and soil at the site.

Under state law, companies are required to notify DEP within two hours of spill. Airfreight Express "failed to do so," according to a press release from the DEP. The company was also responsible for hiring a cleanup contractor to address the spill, but indicated it was unable to do so. As a result, DEP had to hire a state contractor to complete the cleanup.

Over the next 18 months, the company also missed a number of required deadlines to file reports with DEP concerning the spill, its classification, and its eventual assessment and final remediation status.

"Operators of commercial vehicles involved in motor vehicle accidents must take prompt action to address releases of fuel oils that are released to the environment," said Mary Jude Pigsley, director of DEP's Central Regional Office in Worcester. "This includes filing all necessary plans and documents to ensure proper cleanup of any spilled fuel or oils in the interest of public health, safety, welfare and the environment."

Coletta said the company lists its address as 345

River Road, Andover, on documents filed with the Secretary of State's office. A Google maps search for that address shows what looks like a large, single-family home. A web search of the company shows it has a P.O. Box in Andover and a company address in Woburn.

A call to the company was not returned.

Coletta said the company was fined the maximum amount allowed for this kind of spill because the company never responded to requests for a negotiated settlement. He said most of the time, if a company negotiates, the fine is lowered to around \$5,000 or \$10,000 for this kind of spill.

If the fine isn't paid, it could be tripled or go into collection, he added.

Police respond to drug incidents at Andover High, Greater Lawrence Tech

BY KELSEY BODE

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Police received two calls at two separate high schools last week about students carrying drugs.

Andover Police Department spokesman Lt. Edward Guy said that since September 2017, the police department has responded to Andover High School for 10 incidents involving drugs. Police received three calls for drug-related incidents at Greater Lawrence Technical School all year.

On Thursday, May 31, police responded to a call at 8:59 a.m. from Greater Lawrence Tech on River Road that a parent had brought baggies of a white substance found in a shoe box owned by a student at their home in Lawrence, Guy said. According to Guy, an officer at the scene believed the substance was possibly fentanyl.

Guy said the substance was taken into the custody of Andover police. The Lawrence Police Department was contacted to follow up on the incident and the Andover Police Department did not file charges.

Police also responded to an incident involving marijuana on Friday, June 1 at Andover High School at 9:08 a.m., Guy said.

According to Guy, Andover High School administrators searched a student who had THC oil. When the student's vehicle was searched, a small amount of marijuana was also found. Two students involved were given by-law violations and the parents of the students were contacted, Guy said.

Further repercussions for the incident will be determined by Andover High School administrators, Guy added.

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Owls in a Tree



PHOTO BY MOLLY DUVAL

A family of owls is nesting in a tree on Pasho Street. It is the second time in 5 years owls have nested in the same tree hole, according to Molly Dasho, whose daughter, also Molly, age 14, took the picture.

Andover woman faces charge following Triton high school graduation

BY DAVE ROGERS

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NEWBURY — Two women accused of disrupting Saturday's graduation exercises at Triton Regional High School will be heading to Newburyport District Court in the near future to answer disturbing the peace charges.

Newbury police said they believe Amanda L. Bernard, 40, of 73 Memorial Circle, Andover, and Kathryn Tracy Cronin, 36, of 803 Haverhill St., No. 9, Rowley, were under the influence of liquor when they caused a lengthy disturbance during the ceremony.

According to Newbury Deputy Police Chief John Lucey Jr., people at the graduation alerted police about the behavior of the two women following the ceremony. Officers quickly spotted the pair and noticed they looked unsteady on their feet.

"They were very disruptive to the people around them," Lucey said.

Lucey said it appears Bernard and Cronin were there to support a graduate. As a precaution, an ambulance was

called to the scene and one of the women was transported to Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport for evaluation.

"They're fine," Lucey said. The pair were then summonsed on a charge of disturbing the peace around 12:30 p.m., according to police records.

Per procedure, Triton Regional High School staff were notified of the incident.

Triton Regional School Superintendent Brian Forget confirmed school officials were notified after the ceremony had ended but added that the disruptions did not alter the graduation.

"There was no stoppage," Forget said.

Forget added that he was disappointed to hear there were two people in a crowd of about 1,500 who behaved in a way that disrupted those attending a once-in-a-lifetime event.

"It's unfortunate to behave in a way that takes away from that for everyone else," Forget said.

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Tsongas to speak at ACT annual dinner

STAFF REPORT

U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell, will be the featured speaker at the Andover Community Trust (ACT) "Build the Dream" annual dinner and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Andover Town House, 20 Main St.

Being honored at the dinner will be Candy Dann, former chairwoman of the Trustees of South Church, and John Lavoie, superintendent and director of the Greater Lawrence Technical School (GLTS).

Dann, who will receive the Fred Stott Award, advocated for over six years

for South Church's sale of land on Lupine Road as a site for decent, safe, affordable homes built in partnership with ACT and Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Lavoie, who will receive the Opening Doors to Affordable Housing Award, has been instrumental in

giving GLTS students the opportunity to build homes, including two ACT homes, as well as ACT's first duplex to be built on Lupine Road.

For more information about the dinner contact Denise Johnson, executive director of ACT, at 978-276-9228 or info@AndoverCLT.org.

POLICE LOG

BY KELSEY BODE

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Tuesday, May 29

A motor vehicle was hit while parked on Main Street. The hit and run was reported to police at 12:19 p.m.

Sean Fenton, 32, of 102 Salem St., Lawrence, was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and no inspection sticker. Fenton was stopped by police on Route 495 at 1:07 p.m.

Thursday, May 31

Police served Valter Iria, 40, of 19 Lyon St., Lowell, with an outstanding warrant on Federal Street at 1:51 p.m.

Three people were taken

to Lawrence General Hospital after a crash between two motor vehicles on Union Street at 5 p.m. Both vehicles were towed.

Friday, June 1

A single motor vehicle crash on Shawsheen Road resulted in injury. Police responded to the crash at 7:14 a.m.

A vehicle drove onto the JV baseball field at the high school on Shawsheen Road, damaging the playing field overnight. The Department of Public Works reported the incident at 7:51 a.m.

Shamil Lopez, 25, of 1044 Essex St., Lawrence, was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, no inspection sticker, and failure to

wear a seat belt. Lopez was stopped by police on North Main Street at 10:17 a.m. One vehicle was towed.

Monday, June 4

A Brickstone Square building was broken into over the weekend. The break was reported at 6:54 a.m. and detectives were notified.

A North Main Street building was broken into over the weekend. The break was reported at 6:57 a.m. and detectives were notified.

A hit and run on North Main Street was reported to police at 7:04 a.m. One person with back and back pain was taken to Lawrence General Hospital. The second vehicle was located.

It was reported at 7:47 a.m. that a Riverina Road motor vehicle was broken into overnight.

A motor vehicle crash resulting in injury on Shawsheen Road was reported at 2:22 p.m. One vehicle was towed.

Cathleen Gatej, 27, of 17 Landmark Drive, Methuen, was charged with possession of a class B substance believed to be cocaine and two outstanding warrants. Gatej was stopped by detectives on River Road at 7:22 p.m.

Police responded to an ORA optical trailer that was broken into and wide open on Brickstone Square at 9:39 p.m. Security also responded.

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Head of marijuana commission details impact of pot sales

By KELSEY BODE
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Recreational marijuana could significantly boost tourism in communities that allow shops to open up, according to the head of the state's Cannabis Control Commission, which was set up to craft regulations for the fledgling industry.

Last Wednesday, Cannabis Control Commissioner Britte McBride spoke to about 60 people, mostly from the tourism industry, about how the industry has sparked tourism in states that have already legalized it.

Recreational marijuana has been legal in Colorado since January 2014, prompting a boom in cannabis tourism,

she said. Legal marijuana shops in Colorado posted \$365 million in sales in the first quarter of 2018, up 6 percent over the previous year, according to the Colorado Department of Revenue.

Marijuana sales will begin as soon as July 1 in Massachusetts. Within the first year, the Mass. Department of Revenue is estimating the industry will bring in \$63 million to Massachusetts, McBride said.

"While we do not expect Massachusetts is going to wake up July 1 and be Colorado, we are the first state on the East Coast that is going to have this," she said.

"My hope is the discussion here can leave you a little more comfortable about what

the future can hold," McBride said. "I also hope I can correct some misinformation. It is really imperative the information people are using to make decisions is based on fact and there is an understanding of the regulatory system the state has in place."

In addition to tourism, other topics of discussion included banking regulations, seed-to-sale tracking and security.

Impact on tourism

Numerous people at the luncheon were from Salem, where city officials said between four and six applications have been filed for recreational marijuana establishments. Salem City Councilor Lisa Peterson said her ward has received three or four applications alone.

"Salem is a very tourism-focused community," Peterson said. "The Destination Salem board is spending time thinking about what



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photo

Cannabis Control Commissioner Britte McBride speaks during a luncheon in Andover to discuss the impact of the legalization of recreational marijuana.

cannabis tourism will look like." Several people at the luncheon said they were simply curious and wanted to learn more about how

recreational marijuana may impact tourism.

"We are interested in how it is going to impact our visitors and how tourism is going to change," said Bethany Groff Dorau, the regional site manager at Historic New England.

"I am really just here to listen," said Kate Fox of Destination Salem. "It is a new topic for all of us so we are interested in learning the state's perspective and what is next."

Salem City Councilor Christine Madore also saw the luncheon as an educational opportunity.

"This is an education process for myself," Madore said. "Salem, we're in the process of reviewing special permit applications for cannabis retailers. I am here to learn about the potential impact and benefits to downtown Salem."

The event, held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Boston Andover on Old River Road Wednesday, was primarily for members of the North of Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Merrimack Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Banking questions

Rinus Oosthoek, a member of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, came to the luncheon specifically wondering how the state plans to address federal banking regulations.

"The banking question is major," Oosthoek said. "Where will money be processed from the recreational stores?"

It was a tough question for McBride to answer, as federal regulations discourage banks from working with recreational marijuana establishments. Keeping large quantities of cash in a business is dangerous, however.

"Because of the nature of keeping cash in a business, like any business you are going to have risks," McBride said, stating that the commission put in place strict security protocols. "It's concerning."

McBride said she believes once banks see the industry is operating credibly and up to commission standards, they will see "this is an industry worth taking a risk on."

"I think there are a lot of challenges folks in this industry have about preconceived notions," McBride said. "We hope banks will become more comfortable with having relationships with the industry."

McBride acknowledged that there is "federal tension" surrounding the issue, but said it is being worked on at the state level.

Impact on children

McBride said the state is also crafting regulations that help protect public health. The state will "tag" marijuana plants using seed-to-sale tracking to ensure the drug is being properly taxed and is not being diverted to the black market. She added that marijuana will be carefully marketed to audiences 21 and older. For example, edible marijuana will not come in the form of gummy bears. Marijuana will also be labeled: "This product contains THC," and "Not safe for children."

Servings in a package will also be clearly labeled to prevent overconsumption.

"We want to make sure people are using it safely," McBride said. "It has been said no one has died from overconsumption, but emergency room visits in jurisdictions that have it have increased."

McBride also said the application process to obtain a recreational marijuana permit is extensive, and that a lot of power is in the hands of municipalities to mold what they want the industry to look like in their communities. Each establishment has to hold a community outreach meeting and reach a host community agreement before the commission will issue a license.

"Communities are taking different approaches," McBride said. "That is how it was intended and why we adopted nine different types of licenses. There may be towns that don't want retail, but will host an independent testing lab."

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The importance of risk management

John Spoto

Financially Speaking



We face risks in every area of our lives, and the realm of personal finance is no exception. Successfully managing financial risk is key to achieving a comfortable and secure lifestyle. At its core, managing these risks starts with identifying them, determining what could go wrong and how bad it could get. Only then can we construct a risk management plan to protect against potentially catastrophic events. Sensible people learn to take calculated risks that propel them toward their most important life goals while protecting against those whose consequences are too great to bear.

Most commentary on financial risk focuses on the

ones individuals face in the capital markets, primarily losing money on their investments. However, the decades-long process of working, spending, and saving, is fraught with an array of non-investment risks that pose greater threats to a household's financial security. Still, few personal plans take them into account.

The theory, known as "lifecycle finance," explains how individuals and families can maximize their standard of living by making smart financial decisions during the various phases of their lives. It also offers an excellent framework for developing a sensible risk management program. A central concept of lifecycle finance is the distinction between two types of wealth, human capital, and financial capital. In simple terms, human capital is our future earning potential. Financial capital, on the other hand, represents the amount of net assets, after paying off debts, that we have already accumulated

and are available to support us in the future.

At the start of our careers, we have lots of human capital and little financial capital. In theory, and hopefully in practice, as our human capital (remaining years in the workforce) steadily declines, it is converted into wages. Those wages are used for current living expenses, paying down debt and saving. The savings becomes the financial capital, and when properly invested, grows to generate the assets and investment income needed to fund future goals, and ultimately, a comfortable retirement.

A well-conceived risk management plan should protect against perils to a household's human capital (cash flows) and financial capital (net worth). Next week we will talk about protecting our human capital.

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TownsBeat



Caleb Harrington, 2, of North Andover, reaches into the cage to pet a baby goat during a garden party for kids at the West Parish Garden Cemetery's Children's Garden on Saturday.



Nikko Statures, 1, of Andover takes a close look at a bunny rabbit during the garden party.



Kids enjoy working on crafts during the garden party.



Aubriana Daher, 5, of Andover and Sophia Lopez, 6, of Lawrence show off the fairy houses they made during the event.

AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos



Kristina Korn, 3, of Andover takes a pony ride.

It's a Garden Party

STAFF REPORT

West Parish Garden Cemetery invited youngsters to a Children's Garden Party on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Little ones spent the morning petting baby farm animals from Enchanted Animal Parties and enjoyed arts and crafts and other spring activities in the Children's Garden at West Parish, 129 Reservation Road.

The free event was aimed at children ages 8 and under. Refreshments were served.

The Children's Garden is a memorial to the late Gwen Hedrick, a 40-year resident of Andover who served as a past chairwoman of the cemetery. Hedrick, who was known as "Grammy Gwen," was founding owner of Cuddle Care Day Care, a day care and education center for area children in Andover.

The interactive, hands-on garden area encourages children to use their imaginations and enjoy nature. It includes a fairy garden area, sunken garden, fountain, nature center, performance stage and shaded pergola. George the Tortoise sculpture greets visitors.



Maya Papadopoulos, 5, of Andover gets ready to plant a sunflower during the garden party for kids.



Andover resident Rosa Pichardo reads a book to her son Julio, 4, who is getting ready to blow bubbles.



Mason Richards, 4, of Andover, gets ready to hold a baby bird during the event at the West Parish Garden Cemetery's Children's Garden.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

JUNE 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 AND 28

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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

FAMILY LANTERN FESTIVAL, 7 to 9 p.m., West Parish chapel grounds, 129 Reservation Road. The community is welcome to experience this spectacular lighting event based on an ancient Asian ritual; participants will decorate lanterns to send messages of faith, hope, love and peace, or in memory of a loved one, and then launch the lanterns on the pond; entertainment,

popcorn and lemonade will also be part of the event; admission is free and the cost to decorate and launch a lantern is \$10; donations to the cemetery will be gratefully accepted; www.westparish-gardencemetery.org.

JUNE 9, 16, 23 AND 30

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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

SPRING ADULT EDUCATION SERIES: "THE MUSIC OF JEWISH LIFE," 3 p.m., Congregation Shalom, 87 Richardson Road, North Chelmsford. Cantor Rosalie Toubes will lead participants in exploring the intersection of music

and social justice; the presentation will include the music of Jewish heritage — Israeli pioneer songs, songs of early Jewish Day camps and current compositions, as well as secular music by Jewish composers that address issues of social justice; there will be a chance to ask questions and share experiences as to how they relate to social action; the series is offered through the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation; \$20 per person; 978-688-0466, www.mvjf.org.

PAINT THE GARDENS, 1 to 3 p.m., The Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North Andover. Instructors Ana Smyth and Francisco Colom will provide expert step-by-step instruction on painting en plein air to all participants, novice and seasoned alike; by the end of the

class, participants will have created beautiful paintings to take home, inspired by The Stevens-Coolidge Place and its expansive gardens; weather permitting, the class will be held outside; in case of inclement weather, the class will meet in the greenhouse or in the historic estate; art supplies and aprons will be provided; suitable for all skill levels; recommended for ages 14 and up; \$36 for Trustees members, \$36 for nonmembers; space is limited; preregistration is required; www.facebook.com/stevenscoolidgeplace.

RESTORE VINTAGE TOOL DAY SALE, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity, 647 Andover St., Lawrence. Hundreds of hand woodworking tools, such as hand planes, files, saws, drill

bits, chisels, clamps, hand-made tool boxes, some rare and all lovingly maintained, will all be for sale; www.mvrestore.org.

JUNE 10, 17 AND 24

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.

JUNE 11, 18 AND 25

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.

JUNE 12 AND 26

NATURE PLAYGROUP, 9:30 to 11 a.m., The Stevens-Coolidge Place, 137 Andover St., North

Andover. Children and their caregivers can peek under rocks, inspect tree bark for hiding bugs, jump in puddles and have fun together in flower-filled fields and a shady apple orchard; recommended for ages 2 to 5, but babies in backpacks are welcome; free for children of Trustees members, \$5 for nonmember children, free for adults; registration is not required; www.facebook.com/stevenscoolidgeplace.

JUNE 13 AND 16

NEW HABITAT HOMEOWNER INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS, Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St. Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity is looking to partner with four qualifying families to build in Andover by the end of the year. See **CALENDAR**, Page 10

Townspeople

Final Krit Classic - 'A Perfect 10'

STAFF REPORT

Pam Sheehy, organizer of the Krit Classic 5K race and kids fun-run held Sunday, called this year's race, the 10th and final one, "A Perfect 10."

Hundreds of runners and walkers attended the event, which Sheehy started in 2008 to honor her daughter, Kristin Lee "Krit" Kearins, an Andover High School graduate who died tragically in a bicycling accident in Boston in 2008.

"My heart is full and there are no words to describe what this race has meant to me and my family," Sheehy said. "The overwhelming support we have received for the past decade has been beyond what we ever imagined. It took a village, made up of family, the runners,

the walkers, the sponsors, the committee, Krit's circle of friends, the countless number of volunteers, and the entire Andover community. We never could've done it without all of them."

She said the scholarship fund will be endowed for years to come. This year's recipients, announced at the race, are Zachary Beucier, going to Connecticut College, and Katarina Babcock Connors, who will be heading to Norwich.

"The first Sunday in June will always be a special day," Sheehy said. "The spirit and legacy of Krit will remain near and dear to all of us."

The overall male winner was Mike Watson and the overall female was Elin Anderson, both from North Andover.



Jared Charney photos

Caroline and Chrissy Catino sing the National Anthem before the start of the 10th and last Krit Classic 5k memorial race to remember Krit Kearins in Andover.



Addyson Hunt catches her breath after the race.



Samuel Cruz pushes Angel Robles across the finish line at the 10th and last Krit Classic 5k memorial race to remember Krit Kearins.



Erica Newcomer pushes Eva Beausolei across the finish line on Sunday.



Runners head out across the starting line of the race, held at Andover High School Sunday morning.



Graham, Mike, Avery and Max Conway pose for a group photo before the start of the race.



In a race tradition, 'Remembering Krit' is spelled using red cups put in the fencing surrounding the tennis courts.



Images of Krit and her friends were displayed on an electronic screen at the 10th and last Krit Classic 5k memorial race on Sunday.



Runners head down the course, which started at Andover High School.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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

Musical morning with Peter Sheridan

Children's performer Peter Sheridan will perform songs for the preschool set on Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m.

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

This program is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. 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 activities related to nature and gardening on Saturday, June 16, at 10:30 a.m.

This program is hosted by the Andover Jr. Garden Club, in collaboration with the Children's Room.

Online registration is requested, as space is limited.

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 visit the library on Tuesday, June 19, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., to meet with four different children for a period of 15 minutes each.

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.

Decorate rocks for summer reading

Children, ages 5 and up, are invited to decorate a rock to keep or give to someone on Wednesday, June 27, from 4 to 4:30 p.m. This summer's theme is "Libraries Rock!"

Online registration is required for this program, as space is limited.

Rock 'n' roll and read with Steve Blunt, Marty Kelley

Kick off summer vacation and summer reading with a family concert on Saturday, June 30, at 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley will perform their folk-rockin' tunes for all ages on

guitar, harmonica, congas, spoons and more. And Kelley, a children's author, will read from some of his books, which include "The Rules" and "Summer Stinks."

The award-winning musician and best-selling author/illustrator will get everyone moving and grooving and geared up for a fun summer of reading.

The concert is sponsored by the Friends of MHL. Sign up online.

Other events in the Children's Room:

Yoga for Kids, Sunday, June 17. 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.

Pajama Party, Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m. The 45-minute session will include bedtime stories, quiet songs and games, and a short film. Designed for ages 3 to 5 and their adult caregiver. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Around the World in 30 Minutes, Friday, June 29, 9:30 a.m. Infants to age 5 and their adult caregivers can explore different languages through songs, rhymes, stories and games. For native speakers and those who want to expose their child to different languages and cultures at an early age. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Dads and Doughnuts, Saturday, June 30, 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.

Legomania, Saturday, June 30, 2 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.

All events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library; registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit www.mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.



Courtesy photos

Yi Ding, a guzheng teacher at the Chinese School of Andover, performs wearing a traditional Chinese dress.

Andover celebrates Chinese culture day

By SERENA LI
Special to the Townsman

The top floor of the Memorial Hall Library was full of festivities on Sunday, May 5, when the Chinese American Association of the Andovers (CAAA) organized a Chinese Cultural Celebration in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The event attracted many visitors who enjoyed the cultural presentations and fun activities.

In the library, the CAAA laid out all sorts of Chinese cultural items and information about them. Along with traditional teapots, Chinese chess sets, silk fans and posters about Chinese geography, there were also Chinese painting and professional calligraphy.

Among the items displayed were Chinese instruments,

including a guzheng, also known as the Chinese zither. Yi Ding, a guzheng teacher at Chinese School of Andover, taught kids how to play simple songs on the instrument. He said the guzheng is “a very beautiful instrument,” and that he “loves the sound it makes.”

The most popular part of the celebrations were the activities run by volunteer students from Andover High School’s Chinese classes. There were activities that helped kids create their own red envelope for good luck and learn how to blow ink through straws to create cherry blossom paintings. There were also games that let kids have a try at paper folding and calligraphy.

“I feel it’s a very meaningful activity, to let the whole community to learn more about Chinese culture

and learn some hands on activities,” said Lin Wu, the Chinese teacher at AHS who organized many of the games.

One of the most enjoyed games was the chopstick game, which tested kids’ abilities to pick up small objects with chopsticks while racing against the clock. Chad Cao, a 7th grader, said that he thought it was a great game because “it allows people who don’t know how to use chopsticks to be able to use them,” while also learning a different aspect of Chinese culture.

James Chen, a sophomore at Andover High School, thought the event was “a really great opportunity to ... help teach the town of Andover about Chinese culture.”

John Zhuang, the chairman of the CAAA, said that



Tao Yu shows off her collection of Chinese cultural artifacts.

he really appreciated how much the library supported them in hosting the event.

He thought that “the hosts of each booth and the audiences of all ages had a great time,” and he hopes that they host more events like this in the future.

Farmers Market opens June 23

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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The Andover Center for History & Culture, formerly known as the Andover Historical Society, has just announced its 12th season of the Andover Farmers’ Market will start June 23.

Back in 2007, the Andover Farmers’ Market took its first few steps out into the world, inspired by a farmers’ market at the Detroit Institute of Arts. It has grown tremendously since then.

The 2018 season will run Saturdays from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m., rain or shine, June 23 through Oct. 20 on the South Lawn of the Blanchard House at 97 Main St.

The market will welcome back many returning vendors including, Gouette Farm of North Andover, Farmer Dave’s of Dracut, Honey Pot Maple Farm of Wilmington, Willow Spring Vineyard of Haverhill and Swissbakers of Reading.

This season the market will host new vendors including Zen Bear Foods of Whitinsville, Beckah’s Bangin’ Butter of Beverly, The Wine Lab of North Andover and a variety

of other craft artisans.

“We love that our 200-year-old barn is the backdrop to our unique farmers’ market,” said Director of Programs and Farmers’ Market Coordinator Lauren Kosy-Stamm. “The Blanchard Barn provides shoppers with a look back at Andover’s agricultural history while

the intimate setting of our South Lawn allows the community to socialize with one another and get to know the vendors.”

For more information about the Andover Farmers’ Market visit: andoverhistoryandculture.org and the Andover Farmers’ Market Facebook page.



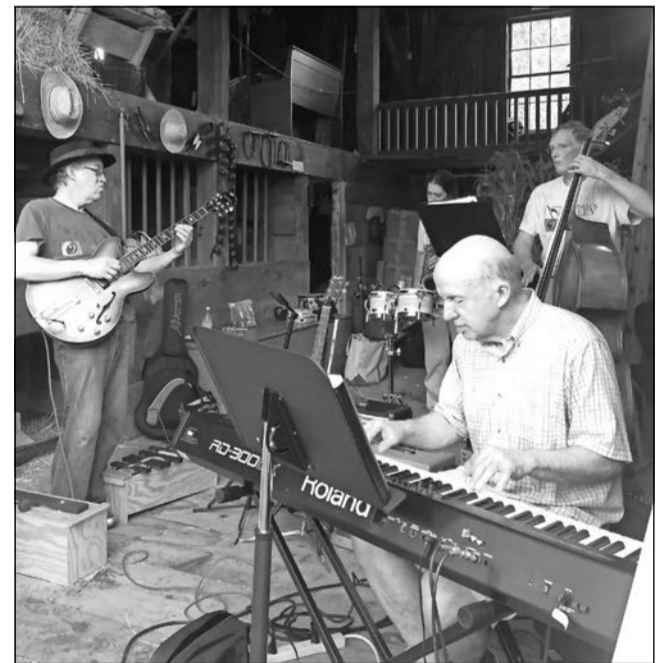
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Freshly picked strawberries from Gouette Farm in North Andover at the Andover Farmers Market last year. The market is held on Saturday mornings on the south end of Main Street.



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Maple syrup is a big hit with kids and adults alike.



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Live music is frequently part of the farmers’ market.



Courtesy photo

Nuthin’ but peaches. Oh yeah!

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:

Pub Trivia at Andolini’s

Bring a team, or join one, to compete against MHL librarians at Pub Trivia night on Tuesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at Andolini’s Restaurant, 19 Essex St. A \$50 cash prize will

be awarded to the winning team, courtesy of the Friends of MHL.

Looking for recommendations about what to read next?

Andover library cardholders now have free access to BookBrowse, a leading book recommendation and review website. Some of BookBrowse’s content is publicly available, but many premium features are now accessible to all library visitors and from

home by MHL cardholders.

BookBrowse offers in-depth reviews that help readers decide if a book is right for them. “Beyond the Book” articles explore factual aspects relevant to each book. The site features more than 200 recommended reading lists, by genre, time period, setting, award winners, and a wide range of themes. There are handpicked “if you liked this, try these” recommendations

for over 3,000 books and 2,000 authors.

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so patrons can check availability with one click.

Check out the site at www.bookbrowse.com/mhl.

Other events at the library include:

Discover Your Past Genealogy Club, Thursday, June 14, 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

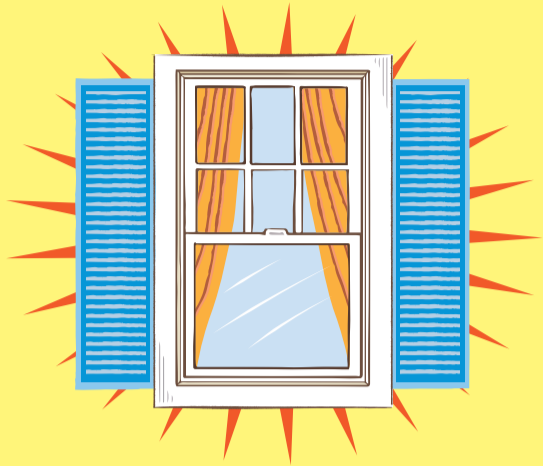
Tech @ MHL Drop-ins, Wednesday, June 20, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Get help with the basics for cellphones, tablets and e-readers on June 6, and learn

how to download ebooks and digital audiobooks on June 20. Attendees are asked to bring their devices.

All events take place at the library, 2 N. Main St., Andover, and are sponsored in conjunction with the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit www.mhl.org/eventcalendar, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.



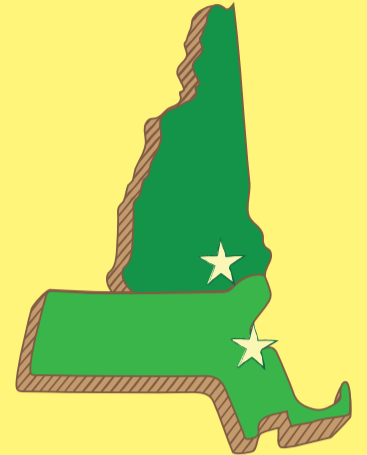
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Sports

OUTDOING DAD

Andover's Matt McDermott has eclipsed his legendary father ... and he's far from satisfied

By MICHAEL MULDOON
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When Matt McDermott was just an undersized, unknown, unremarkable sophomore, he made a curious mark on his discus.

He wrote the number "180."
Fast-forward two years. The Andover High senior is still very undersized and still, at least prior to today, relatively unknown locally. But now he is by no means unremarkable.

And we can now reveal what that 180 means.

It's 180 feet ... a bigtime throw, to say the least, for any high school discus thrower.

He said, "It was the farthest goal I could imagine. It's just to remind myself. Once I hit 180, I feel I can call myself an elite thrower."

McDermott again showed his dominance over the weekend, winning the All-State title. He also took the EMass. Division 1 crown last week, a year after a disappointing effort (three straight fouls).



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Andover High's Matt McDermott readies a throw of the discus during the Merrimack Valley Conference meet. McDermott owns the school record in the discus.

Anonymous superstar

McDermott hit 170 feet on the money a few weeks ago at Lowell.

Certainly the historic throw was cause for great celebration? Few actually heard about the accomplishment.

"Personally, it didn't make me that upset," said McDermott, a senior who will be throwing next year for UMass Amherst. "But I definitely noticed it."

If he were a football quarterback throwing for 2,000 yards or a basketball star scoring 20-plus points a game, he'd be a household name. But like the great swimmer, tennis player, gymnast, etc., sometimes the world doesn't seem fair

if you aren't in one of the "glamorous" sports.

"It's a known fact track doesn't get the exposure it should," said McDermott, whose first love was football, but a scary concussion sophomore year led to him giving up the sport.

His father, Andover throws coach Art McDermott, said, "Football rules the roost, we get it. Track is the lonely stepchild."

But sometimes lonely stepchildren are so special, they force you to take notice. Matt McDermott forces you to take notice.

He's thrown 170, but these next few weeks could be special.

He vowed, "It will go up, I guarantee it."

Wings are on dad

Prior to the April 25 meet against Lowell High, Matt felt like something special could happen. It did, on his final throw of the day.

"I just added more explosion. I knew it was a good one. It felt perfect," he said. Dad was the picture of understated glee.

"He just said, 'Yup,'" recalled Matt. "He promised he'd buy me dinner if I broke his record that day."

Those wings at the 99 Restaurant tasted good! McDermott recalled the

Lowell head coach saying after that huge throw, "You're going to like this. And he said 170 feet."

Dad said, "I was way out in the landing area. I couldn't hear."

He sprinted out to me and gave me a high 5."

Few things can match a son getting bragging rights on the old man ... particularly one as accomplished as Art McDermott.

Art, 56, a Medford native, threw 165-0 feet in the discus and 59-4 in the shot put at Malden Catholic.

Art was a six-time Division 1 All-American at Boston University. He continued to throw after

college and became a world-class thrower with career bests of 67-4 in the shot put and 210-4 in the discus.

He'll keep the shot put mark (Matt is a bit of a novice but has thrown 48-7.5). The family discus record was now Matt's.

"He's very happy to remind me!" said Art. Matt's best throw last year was 156-6 but this year he's regularly been over 160-0: 170-0, 164-10, 163-5, 159-11.

He also exorcised some demons by winning the EMass. Division 1 crown with a 159-9.

McDermott explained, "Last season I didn't lose

a meet. But the one time I did, it was at Division 1s. I had the highest PR (personal record) by about 15 feet but on all three throws I fouled. One foul was like 160."

So that meant his regular season was over. No EMass. title, no All-State title, no New England title, no special medals to show the kids and grandkids some day.

This season he won that title, then took All-State gold with a 169-1.

Undersized superstar

The first thing you notice about McDermott, is how physically average he is. It's hard to believe this 6-0, 187-pounder with the beard and scraggly hair can hurl the 3.5-pound high school discus such eye-popping distances.

His father said, "You'd never pick him out of a crowd. He looks like a sprinter or a high jumper."

Wearing a black Andover Youth Services T-shirt during the meet, he easily won the MVC Championships title with a 155-9 throw in the rain last weekend.

It was typical McDermott. He was dwarfed by some of the discus-football stars from Central Catholic and Lowell, but nobody could hang with McDermott.

He's all business, without the high-decibel screams many throwers are known for.

When asked about being a Lilliputian among Goliaths, McDermott broke out into laughter.

He said, "A lot of times at meets I'll get, 'How can you do it?' I'm always the skinniest."

It doesn't faze me. Normally, there are pretty big dudes."

His father said, "Now they know."

They stop and watch. It's kind of fun as a father and a coach."

Andover's Anna O'Sullivan, left, is called safe at home against Methuen earlier this season. O'Sullivan had a big day at the plate in the Warriors' upset of Lowell.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

► Roundup

Freshman Folan stars in softball upset over Lowell

SOFTBALL

Andover freshman Sara Folan tossed three innings of relief and allowed just one hit to close the door in a 9-7 win over Lowell (14-6) last Thursday. She also had a key two-run hit. Anna O'Sullivan added four hits and three RBIs in the win.

GIRLS TRACK

Relay takes gold

Andover's 4x100 relay of Hope Joel, Hannah Lansberry, Delia Barbanti and Ally Bennett ran to victory in 48.01 to lead the Golden Warriors at All-States on Saturday.

Barbanti added a sixth in the 200 (25.36), Kassie Brink took eighth in the triple jump (36-8) and the 4x800 of Nicole Major, Emma Griffin, Ava Trapp and Julianna Kennedy took sixth (9:23.28).

BOYS TRACK

McDermott keeps dominating

Matt McDermott continued his dominant spring, winning the discus with a 169-1 at All-States on Saturday.

Perennial Golden Warrior standout Devin Connell placed third in the 800 (1:55.71). Alec Pascoe continued to star, taking fifth in the 400 hurdles (55.57) and sixth in the 110 hurdles (14.89). Michael Rushton added a fifth in the pole vault (12-9).

BASEBALL

Gillette takes MVP

Cedric Gillette pitched a complete-game three-hitter, striking out six to earn tourney MVP honors as Andover beat Peabody 4-0 to win the Peabody Tournament last Sunday. Michael Reilly was 3 for 4 with an RBI for the Warriors.

Andover fell to Lawrence 3-2 last Tuesday.

Cedric Gillette had one of three Andover hits in a 7-0 loss to Lowell on Friday.

Andover managed just two hits against Central Catholic superstar Steven Hajjar, falling to the Raiders 4-0 on Saturday.

BOYS LACROSSE

Puglisi's effort for naught

C.J. Puglisi made 10 saves, but Andover lost to archrival North Andover 8-5 last Tuesday. Sager Florio had a goal and an assist and four other Warriors scored once.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Torres tallies three

Despite three goals for Jordan Torres, Andover lost to Newburyport 16-6 last Tuesday. Emma Farnham scored twice and Mackenzie Evans tallied the final Warrior goals.

Ex-Merrimack coach takes ECHL job in West Virginia

By MIKE McMAHON
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Mark Dennehy said it was time to take a chance.

The former Merrimack coach, who was let go by the college at the end of this past season, is taking a new direction with his career after accepting a job as the head coach and director of hockey operations with the Wheeling Nailers, a minor-league affiliate of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Dennehy, 50, was introduced as the team's new coach on Wednesday at a press conference.

"I'm at a point in my career where I'm going to take a chance on me," said Dennehy, who is entering professional hockey after spending 24 years in the college ranks, the last 13 as the head coach of the Warriors.

The Nailers are traditionally one of the top teams in the ECHL, but have missed the playoffs the last two seasons (although the team has had a winning record in both seasons). Wheeling, a blue-collar town in West Virginia, is just 44 miles from the Penguins' home base in Pittsburgh.

"It's really the perfect setup," Dennehy said. "This is the system that other NHL organizations are trying to emulate. Wheeling has sent more players to the NHL than any other team in the ECHL."

The Penguins organization sends coaches to the NHL, too.

Mike Sullivan, the current Penguins bench boss, was coaching the organization's AHL affiliate in Wilkes-Barre before getting promoted in



Mark Dennehy

2015 and winning the last two Stanley Cups. John Hynes, who preceded Sullivan, is currently the head coach of the New Jersey Devils. When Sullivan was promoted to the NHL, Clark Donatelli, who was with Wheeling at the time, was promoted to the AHL.

"Everything is streamlined," said Dennehy.

The Nailers and Penguins also have plenty of college connections. Sullivan played at Boston University and was a teammate of Dennehy's at B.C. High. Pittsburgh's assistant GM, Bill Guerin, was a teammate of Dennehy's at Boston College. Scott Young, a former BU player and assistant coach, is the Penguins' director of player development.

"It's a very college-friendly organization," Dennehy said. "I think they had a lot of respect for what we were able to do at Merrimack. They had an appreciation for what we had to do there."

Guerin, who said there were more than 50 qualified candidates who applied, described hiring Dennehy as a "no-brainer."

"His reputation in the hockey world is impeccable," said Guerin. "He brought that (Merrimack) program to a whole new level, and like Don (Rigby) said, 'The most important thing along with the hockey is the type of person Mark is.'"

A recon mission

When Dennehy was let go

by Merrimack, the Wheeling job wasn't open. But, Jeff Christian's contract wasn't renewed a few weeks later.

"Bill Guerin sent me a note shortly after my termination," Dennehy said, "and we exchanged some messages then. But it had nothing to do with this job. Then a few weeks later the job opened up and we talked some more."

From there, Dennehy flew himself to Pittsburgh during the NHL playoffs to get some more information and tour the Wheeling facilities.

"I did a little bit of a recon mission on my own," he said. "I came down when Pittsburgh was still in the playoffs. I went to one of their games — I'm sitting in Mike Sullivan's office after a playoff game with Bill Guerin and Mark Recchi thinking to myself, 'this isn't bad.'"

"While I was down here I drove out to Wheeling to get a feel for the town and the facilities here."

After he decided he was interested in the position, the Nailers flew him down for a formal interview and he met with the team's ownership and Guerin.

"It's really an amazing opportunity," Dennehy said. "The fact that we're 44 miles from Pittsburgh means on off days, I can go and watch the Penguins practice or watch a game and really learn from the entire organization. Not many teams in the league have that, but we're so close to our NHL team. Then you factor in everything else, how the facilities are here, how the organization is run, and it's something I couldn't pass up."

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