



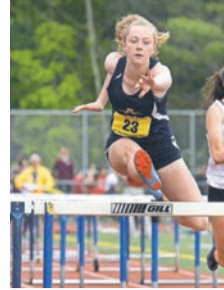
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Eisai leaving Andover, 59 people to lose jobs

BY KELSEY BODE
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Nadeem Sarwar

In the latest blow to Andover's foothold in the health care industry, Eisai Inc. will be moving to Cambridge next year.

The Japan-based pharmaceutical health care company announced earlier this month it will be closing its Andover site and moving to

Cambridge in early 2019. Of the Andover location's 129 employees, 59 will lose their jobs.

"Eisai is deeply grateful to our employees for their dedication and many contributions to the business, and is keenly

aware of the impact this organization change will have on them and their families," Eisai Corporate Communications Manager Kipp Clark wrote in an email. "Eisai will work to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for those who are displaced."

Clark added that the Cambridge location will eventually offer new jobs.

"After the Cambridge site

opens in 2019, we are anticipating the need to add new skill sets to build upon our core focus areas of data sciences, immunodementia, discovery technologies and precision chemistry," Clark wrote. "We will look to leverage local scientific talent in the Cambridge/Boston area, including from academic institutes, through our new collaborative models to

further enhance our talent pool."

Biopharm flight?

Eisai's presence in Andover has been dwindling over the last decade or so. In December 2013 the company laid off 72 of its then 240 employees. In 2014, the company sold its 100 Federal St. research lab for \$25 million. Since then, Eisai Inc. has consolidated

its Andover employees at its 4 Corporate Drive facility.

"We are disappointed to hear about Eisai's decision," said Town Manager Andrew Flanagan. "The town will look into the factors that played into their decision and continue to explore options to strengthen our commercial districts and position Andover to

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Calm before the storm



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Lifeguards and recreation workers wait for more people to show up at Poms Pond in Andover on June 24. The threat of rain later in the day kept most people away from Poms Pond in Andover on Sunday. See more photos on Page 2.

Activity expected to increase with 2,000 kids registered for Poms programs

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Poms Pond opened last weekend with more lifeguards than swimmers and boaters on Sunday as the forecast of cloudy and drizzly weather, which turned to warm and sunny, probably kept beachgoers at bay.

But "just wait" is what the

Recreation Department staff and its 25 lifeguards are thinking. School ends this week, hot weather arrives this weekend and numerous Poms Pond summer programs officially start Monday, July 2.

"The number of participants for the summer is always fluctuating, but I will give you an idea on how busy we will be: Around 3,500 youth participants were

in our weekly/full summer programs last summer," said Recreation Coordinator Janice Wall. "We are currently at around 2,000 registered participants for this summer, but that number will increase drastically as summer progresses. We anticipate as many, if not more registrations to last year's numbers by the end of summer."

About 350 beach stickers have already been sold, 80 youngsters are taking swimming lessons and the "Beach Buddies" program, which is the biggest program for 4- to 7-year-olds, is anticipated to have about 275 kids.

"Our Outer Limits program is strictly for grades 6 to 8 and we can accommodate 280 kids," Wall said. "That program is currently full and at capacity."

Flanagan makes 2 new hires

BY KELSEY BODE
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Austin Simko is trading his seat on the Planning Board for a full-time job in town hall.

Town Manger Andrew Flanagan has chosen Simko, 32, to be the new town clerk and chief strategy officer with a starting annual salary of \$120,000. Simko will begin July 31.

As chief strategy officer, Simko will help implement the town's strategic planning initiatives, Flanagan said.

Simko replaces Larry Murphy, who served as Andover's town clerk for about eight years.

"Having had all the roles I have had in my professional life, there is nothing I have found as meaningful as the work I have done working in town," Simko said. "I jumped at the chance to do that work on a full-time basis. I'm very grateful for the opportunity."

On Monday, Flanagan brought Simko before the Board of Selectmen along with new Deputy Town Manager Michael Lindstrom, 40, the current Director of City Operations and Community Services for the City of Melrose.

Simko, who must resign from his post on the Planning Board, said that it was a "no-brainer" to take the clerk's job.

"I love Andover," he told Selectmen Monday night. "It's where my wife began our marriage. It's where we want to raise a family. I'm just immensely honored

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Michael Lindstrom



Austin Simko

In light of recycling crisis, Andover prepares for change

BY KELSEY BODE
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As the world struggles to come to terms with China's extended, growing ban on recycled goods, changes are underway in Andover.

"China's extended ban on recycled goods hit the global recycling community hard," said Director of Municipal Services Chris Cronin. "China announced this spring it would accept even less recycling."

Cronin met with the Board of Selectmen on June 18



Chris Cronin

to update them about the town's recycling program.

"China was taking about 40 percent of the United States market," Cronin told selectmen. "Andover is not alone in this, therefore we cannot solve the problem on our own. It really is a national issue."

Cronin said there are issues within Andover's

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Director of Municipal Services Chris Cronin

current recycling system, and the town will have to stop accepting recycled pizza boxes. The grease from pizza contaminates the cardboard and makes it unable to be recycled.

"We are having con-

tamination within the recyclables," Cronin said. "Unfortunately we do not have any good news for you in this. What we are going to be doing in the near future is restricting some of the things that are recyclable to ensure that our recycling program and what we

do recycle continues to be recyclable."

Meanwhile, Cronin said, the town is about to begin discussing whether to renew its current waste and recycling contract with Republic Services or move to a different vendor.

"We are satisfied with the work Republic has done, but we are interested in what other companies have to offer," Cronin said.

The contract is set to expire June 30, 2019.

Cronin said he is

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Town remains unsure if polystyrene ban will cost schools

BY KELSEY BODE
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Questions are being raised about the impact of the annual Town Meeting vote to ban the use of polystyrene by restaurants or any other food service outlet.

Town Health Agent Tom Carbone is appointing a task force to look into the implications of the ban, set to go into effect next January.

"We are going to take



Tom Carbone

the summer to assess the impact of this and whether or not any changes to the bylaw need to happen," Carbone said. "My personal hope would be that we will have that done by Sept. 1."

Carbone said part of the challenge is interpreting the

language in the article itself. "I have got to take some time and look at what some of the similar bylaws are in other communities," Carbone said. "The good news is it does not go into effect until January. I think the Board of Health is on board with the idea — let's take our time and do it right, and if we are going to have to delay implementation we do that."

The ban requires "the

Tom Carbone said his plan is to have a task force of municipal employees begin analyzing the bylaw next month.

use and distribution of biodegradable, compostable, reusable or recyclable products or materials" in place of

polystyrene.

Michael Melvin, an employee of Arrow Paper Corporation, first sounded the alarm about the ban during the spring town meeting. He said he was concerned that the language about polystyrene substitutes were restricted to "recyclable, compostable, or reusable" materials that would force the Andover Public Schools Nutrition Program to use

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concerned that eventually the town won't be able to recycle glass, either, because when recycled glass breaks, the shards contaminate paper recyclables and make them unusable.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Alex Vispoli said he'd like to see the town look into partnership opportunities with neighboring communities.

"I'd love to see us work together," Vispoli said.

Cronin said he's had "very, very light discussion" on the topic with representatives of North Reading, North Andover, Lawrence and Methuen.

"We are all facing some very hard challenges," Cronin said. "We are looking at what we can do to keep good loads and keep them as least costly as possible."

Cronin said he believes part of the answer will be further educating the public. He stressed the importance of reducing.

"We have some

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Alex Vispoli said he'd like to see the town look into partnership opportunities with neighboring communities.

well-educated, passionate residents," Cronin said. "I think our next challenge is getting back to residents and reducing. They put it in the recycling, they think it is all getting recycled. It's disappointing. It's not an Andover problem, it's a world-wide problem. We want to make sure we are as successful as we can be keeping the loads as clean as we can."

Cronin said he expects to give a follow up presentation to the Board of Selectmen in the coming months, and that changes made to Andover's recycling program will be reflected in an updated town recycling guide.

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pricier cutlery that could cost taxpayers thousands of dollars.

He moved to amend the article, but his amendment failed and the ban on polystyrene stood as proposed.

In the weeks after Annual Town Meeting, Melvin emailed town officials, trying to explain his concerns.

"They're forcing the hand of the schools to go to compostable cutlery," Melvin said. "They're not allowing them to use recyclables."

Melvin also expressed concern the ban would also include pizza boxes because of the requirement that items be recyclable through Andover's recycling service. Carbone explained that, in his current interpretation, that is not the case.

"The way the working is right now, it does not say you have to recycle it," Carbone said. "It just says it must be recyclable. Pizza

boxes in their natural state are recyclable. If they are dirty from grease they need to be thrown away. In my interpretation the bylaw doesn't prohibit pizza shops from using pizza boxes they are using now."

He added, however, "I'm not sure if some of the assumptions I am making are accurate. We have just got to see where it takes us."

He noted that Town Meeting may have to take up the matter again.

"We are going to try to do an internal group meeting with some staff members to talk about the impact," Carbone said. "If there is going to be a need to make any changes to the bylaw, we want to be able to have those ready for the next town meeting. Whether it is a special town meeting in the fall or the annual, we've got questions."

Carbone said his plan is to have a task force of municipal employees begin analyzing the bylaw next month.

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Opening weekend at Poms



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

Rein Donohue, 6, left, and Hannah Paterson, 13, swim together in Poms Pond in Andover on Sunday afternoon.



Lena Brown, 4, left, splashes with her dad David in Poms Pond in Andover on Sunday afternoon.



Laurie Hartwick, left, and Alice Friedenson, right, kayak in Poms Pond in Andover on Sunday afternoon.

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remain competitive."

Eisai is not the only company in the health care industry in recent months diminishing its Andover presence.

This January, Philips Healthcare announced that the majority of employees at its Andover site, about 1,900, would be moved to Nashville, Tennessee or Cambridge. Approximately 300 manufacturing jobs were to remain in Andover.

About 100 Andover employees were also expected to lose their jobs this year after pharmaceutical conglomerate Pfizer announced it was cutting certain programs from its Andover site in January.

Cambridge move

The 50,000-square-foot Eisai Cambridge site will focus on creating medicine for Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia by focusing on data sciences, immunodementia, discovery technologies and precision chemistry. The center

is being built in the Alewife Research Center at 35 Cambridgepark Drive.

President of the Andover Innovative Medicines (AiM) Institute Nadeem Sarwar will lead the new Cambridge Eisai site.

"Innovations in human genetics and related sciences enable the discovery and development of novel therapeutics with increased odds of success," Sarwar said. "Over the last two years we have focused not only on how human genetics can help identify and validate therapeutic targets

and their biomarkers, but also guide novel chemistry approaches to drug such targets."

Eisai is expected to spend over \$100 million on the new Cambridge site in its first three years.

According to a press release issued by Eisai Inc. on June 12, the Cambridge area was chosen to help the company create new business relationships and allow more "flexibility" and "greater access" with current partnerships.

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by this position and really excited to do this kind of work if given the chance."

Lindstrom, meanwhile, replaces former Deputy Town Manager John Mangiaratti, who was recently hired as Town Manager in Acton.

He will be paid an annual salary of \$130,000 and will begin on July 10, Flanagan said.

"It is a very unique opportunity from a municipal standpoint," Lindstrom said. "Andover is considered the gold standard. I am excited to take on the position and learn about the community. There are a lot of similarities between Melrose and Andover that made this job so attractive. I'm very excited to be part of it."

Previously, Lindstrom served as chief of staff to the mayor of Melrose. He grew up in Stoneham and today lives with his wife and four-year-old child in Derry, New Hampshire.

Selectmen will officially vote on whether to appoint



CARL RUSSO/staff photo.

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan introduced the new Town Clerk/Chief Strategy Officer, Austin Simko, right; and new Deputy Town Manager Michael Lindstrom to selectmen Monday night.

Simko and Lindstrom on July 9.

"This is an exciting time for our town as we are faced with a unique opportunity to fill our immediate leadership

needs while looking into the future of Andover," Flanagan said. "These new appointments will represent a fresh approach to municipal management and clearly

establish functional areas of focus that include operations, finance, community services and strategy."

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TOWN BRIEFS

Join the fight against Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association invites local residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, Sept. 16, at Brickstone Square.

Participants will complete a 3-mile walk and learn

about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical studies enrollment and support programs and services from the Alzheimer's Association. Walk participants may also honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease during the poignant Promise Garden Ceremony.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Promise Garden Ceremony at 9:40 a.m., and the walk at 10 a.m.

In Massachusetts alone, there are more than 120,000 people living with the disease and over 330,000 caregivers. In the United States, more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, the sixth-leading cause of death and the top 10 causes that cannot be cured, prevented or

even slowed. Additionally, more than 15 million families and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Sign up as a team captain, join a team or register to walk as an individual at www.alz.org/walk.

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.andovertrails.org.

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.

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State Legislature amends, approves North Reading water deal

By KELSEY BODE
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Two special town meetings and years of negotiations later, the North Reading water deal has been passed by the state Legislature.

Just weeks after selectmen approved and signed the deal earlier this month, the intermunicipal agreement, or IMA, has been approved by the Legislature on the contingency that selectmen from both Andover and North Reading approve an amendment to the agreement.

According to Town Manager Andrew Flanagan and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Alex Vispoli, the amendment simply clarified language within the agreement.

Intermunicipal agreements longer than 25 years need approval from the state Legislature through a Home Rule petition. Since the towns negotiated a 99-year deal, both were

forced to seek state approval. “The senate just changed a little bit of language,” Flanagan said. “All it does is amend the agreement to reflect that change.”

The amendment says: “Pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Acts of 2018, upon ratification by the Boards of Selectmen of both towns, this agreement shall be in full force and effect for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from the date first written above, unless sooner terminated.”

According to Vispoli, the change doesn’t affect the final agreement.

“It just made sure that what was passed, the laws were documented in the agreement so that there were terms and conditions in the agreement,” Vispoli said. “The change didn’t affect the agreement at all, but we wanted to make sure the final vote reflected the exact act that was passed.”

The amendment was

approved by the Andover Board of Selectmen Monday, June 19. The North Reading Board of Selectmen had already signed the amendment before Monday’s meeting.

The agreement was approved by the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the governor, according to Flanagan.

“It moved very quickly,” Flanagan said of the Home Rule Petition process. “We were very pleased.”

The North Reading Water agreement takes effect July 1. North Reading will receive a credit for water rates they have paid since July 2017 that are above the rates approved in the new deal.

“After many months of negotiations and working together with North Reading, we have got an agreement that is good for Andover and our ratepayers,” Vispoli said. “We are

excited about it.”

Flanagan estimates the deal will net Andover \$14.6

million in revenue during the first 10 years. Over 99 years he projects the deal will net a

revenue of \$585 million. Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey_Bode.

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:

Northern Essex Registry of Deeds to hold office hours

Representatives from the Northern Essex Registry of Deeds will be on hand to provide information and services on Monday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the lower level Activity Room.

Residents can order a copy of their current deed, declaration of homestead and other documents, pick up information about the Massachusetts Homestead Act, as well as information about consumer protection and property fraud information. Free notary services are also available and appointments are not necessary.

Visit www.lawrencedeeds.com for more information.

Cultivating a good relationship with teens

Parents are invited to attend a presentation by Jennifer Dryden, CPC, of Jump-Start Life, Health & Wellness

Coaching, on Wednesday, July 25, at 7 p.m. in the Activity Room.

Dryden will help parents explore simple ways to improve communication and connection with their teens. Through this informal and interactive session, parents will learn how to meet their teenagers where they are, with compassion, humor and empathy, to help create a loving and trusting relationship to last a lifetime.

Registration is requested, as space is limited. Go to www.mhl.org/calendar to sign up.

Learn how to become a foster parent

The library will host an information session on Tuesday, July 10, at 7 p.m., about the critical need for foster care in the area.

Attendees will learn how Foster Parenting, a service that allows people to assist needy children during times of crisis, affects children in the throes of difficult times, and how they can make a significant, positive influence in their lives.

The Massachusetts Department of Children & Families serves children of all ages — from infants to

adolescents — from every community — who need a home. Foster parents can be single, married, partnered, divorced, or widowed, and can rent or own a home.

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The information session is sponsored by Memorial Hall Library and the Massachusetts Department of Children & Families.

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Rep. Lyons holds re-election cookout

BY KELSEY BODE
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ANDOVER — Family, friends, supporters, and fellow Republican candidates gathered last Thursday night to kick off the re-election campaign of Republican state Rep. Jim Lyons.



Jim Lyons

About 150 people attended the 8th annual cookout at Lyons' home, filling the legislator's backyard as his sons and neighbors grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

Lyons is running for his fourth term in the state House of Representatives. He represents the 18th Essex District, which comprises parts of Andover, North Andover, Boxford and Tewksbury.

He is running against Democrat Tram Nguyen, also of Andover, who held her campaign kick-off event earlier this month at Palmer's. She has garnered the support of many local Democrats.

Lyons told those at the cookout the story of how he found himself creating a bill seeking to impeach Judge Timothy Q. Feeley after the judge made a controversial decision to release a heroin dealer. According to Lyons, his wife Bernadette woke him one morning and told him he had to do something about Feeley's actions.

"We can't be afraid when we recognize things as bad as that to stand up and fight," Lyons said. "There has to be a few of us who stand up to the status quo and move this state in a new direction."

Lyons stressed that Republicans needed to continue to push to be heard in the commonwealth.

"Everyone has heard of this blue wave," Lyons said of the coming election cycle. "The only way you stop a blue wave is by having a red wave pushing against it."

He also stressed that there needs to be reform on Beacon Hill.

"Our number one priority



State Rep. James Lyons, left, speaks during the annual Summer Campaign Cookout at his home in Andover. Lyons is running for re-election to the 18th Essex District.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



Tyler Lyons, 23, cooks hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill during his father's annual Summer Campaign Cookout in Andover.



Above and below, State Rep. James Lyons speak to supporters.



is to protect the taxpayer," Lyons said.

State Rep. Geoff Diehl, R-Whitman, also spoke at the cookout. Diehl is running for U.S. Senate against incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren.

"There is no one who doesn't love Jim Lyons,"

Diehl said. "If you guys don't keep him in office as long as you can you are fools because this guy is a voice for the working people of Massachusetts."

Several other Republican candidates attended the cookout, including Jay McMahon, who is running

against Maura Healey for attorney general, Erin Buckley, who is running to represent the 19th Middlesex District, Rick Green, who is running to represent the 3rd District of Massachusetts in Congress, and Rich Baker, who is running for governor's council.

"Jim has been a great state rep.," said Andover Town Republican Committee Chairman John Moffitt. "I'm looking forward to doing everything I can to get him re-elected."

Lyons said he and his family enjoy holding the annual cookout and thanking supporters.

"We love doing this," Lyons said. "It's our annual event.

We love having people come. It's our way of thanking them for all they do. We've got a great group of supporters."

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L'Italien endorses Nguyen, takes shot at former foe Lyons

BY KELSEY BODE
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Tram Nguyen, who is running against Republican Jim Lyons for state representative, was endorsed last week by state Sen. Barbara L'Italien.

Nguyen, a Democrat and newcomer to politics, announced her decision to challenge incumbent Republican Jim Lyons this April. She came to the United States with her family as political refugees from Vietnam at the age of five. While campaigning, Nguyen has taken time off from her job as an attorney at nonprofit Greater Boston Legal Service, where she has represented survivors of domestic violence, workers, seniors, veterans, immigrants and children.

"Senator L'Italien has been a strong advocate for working families, and I have shared that advocacy in my career as an attorney working for legal services," Nguyen said. "I will fight

for common sense gun safety and access to healthcare to ensure our community is safe and healthy. I am thankful for Sen. L'Italien's support in my bid for state representative."

L'Italien represented the 18th Essex District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 2003 to 2011. She hasn't endorsed a candidate since she herself filled the seat.

"I am proud to endorse Tram, a smart and bold advocate who will be a fantastic public servant for this district, and an ally to working families and those least fortunate," L'Italien said. "We will be well-served with the skills, life experience, and bright vision for the future that Tram brings to the table."

L'Italien's senatorial district overlaps the 18th

district in both Andover and Tewksbury.

"Women need to stand together," L'Italien said. "Tram has a great shot at winning this seat. It's time to replace the Legislature's most notorious conservative with an experienced woman with fresh ideas."

L'Italien expressed her frustration at Lyons' work as a state representative.

"Since Jim Lyons was elected he has shown us his inability to pass a single bill in his eight years in office," L'Italien said. "He has shown us how committed he is to advancing policies that hurt working families and civil rights. Lyons' days of fear-mongering to a small, far-right base are numbered."

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Tram Nguyen



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\$1,425,000

28 Hidden Way, Andover
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ANDOVER - Grand shingled style residence, tucked away on a private lot in the Academy area. As you enter the long driveway perfectly framed by mature shrubbery you get your first glimpse of the home! A home that is classic yet informal. A home that is as architecturally pleasing today as it was in 1898. The rooms are spacious with beamed ceilings and abundant detail. The master suite has generous closets, a dressing room and sliders to the secluded pool.
\$1,075,000

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Jackie Pitts

ANDOVER - Welcome home to this meticulously maintained 4 bedroom Colonial! This home offers gracious sized rooms, 9' ceilings, lots of light and an open floor plan. The kitchen has rich cherry cabinets, stainless steel appliances, granite counters and a very large dining area, great for entertaining! The cathedral ceiling family room with gas fireplace are just steps away. The elegant dining room and living room as well as a spacious office complete the 1st floor. Many updates have been made. Outside, enjoy the privacy of approximately 1.3 acres abutting AVIS land. Just in time for summer!
\$985,000

14 Blueberry Hill Road, Andover
E.J. Perdigao

ANDOVER - Spacious 4 bedroom Gambrel Colonial features a gracious foyer, an updated kitchen, family room with fireplace and French doors leading to the bi-level decks. Adjoining great room with pellet stove, heated sunroom for year round enjoyment! The master suite features an updated master bath and walk-in closet. The second floor includes 3 additional bedrooms and updated bath. Finished third floor with walk-in closet and skylight. Large unfinished basement. Lovely yard with above ground pool.
\$949,900

18 Algonquin Avenue, Andover
Donna Shay

ANDOVER - Opportunity knocks! This custom built 9 room center entrance Colonial is set on almost an acre level lot. As you enter, the foyer opens to the entertaining size dining room and the fireplaced formal living room which leads to the home office overlooking the picturesque backyard. Other features include a fireplaced family room with cathedral ceiling that opens to a sunny eat-in kitchen. Upstairs is a full bath, 4 bedrooms including the master bedroom suite and bath. Close to town and great access to commuter routes.
\$719,900

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OBITUARIES

Mr. John "Jack" Phillip Sloan, 86 Years

February 13, 1932 - June 20, 2018
Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather

ANDOVER — John "Jack" Phillip Sloan of Andover, formerly of Lowell, was born February 13, 1932 in Lowell. Jack passed after a long and courageous battle with cancer on June 20, 2018 at the age of eighty-six surrounded by his family. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth (Saganich) Sloan.



Mr. John "Jack" Phillip Sloan

Raised in the Irish neighborhood known as The Acre, Jack was the son of the late Philip and Mary (Ginivan) Sloan. Jack attended St. Patrick's Grammar School and attended Keith Academy in Lowell before graduating from Lowell High School with the Class of 1951. Jack was an amazing athlete and played Catholic Youth Organization baseball for St. Patrick's Parish of Lowell where his team won the Boston Archdiocesan championship. Jack also played varsity baseball, where he



years at Coulter Biomedical Research Corporation (now Beckman Coulter). Following their marriage, he and his wife ultimately took up residence in Andover, where they have lived for fifty years.

In his retirement, Jack enjoyed working in reception at Wyeth/Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Andover for almost 24 years where he always had a warm greeting for colleagues and visitors alike and made many special friendships. Jack volunteered for the Special Olympics. He was a regular participant and devotee of the Eucharistic adoration at St. Theresa's Parish in North Reading. Jack was an avid reader and enjoyed the daily newspaper; he was partial to historical fiction and non-fiction. He was a sports fan, and was social and engaging. He loved to watch tennis with his daughter, Kim, and followed many players' careers. With his Irish humor and stellar athleticism, Jack made close friends throughout all stages of his life. He was extremely proud of the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Elizabeth, Jack is survived by his cherished children and grandchildren: a son, John P., a daughter, Kimberley A., and a daughter, Jennifer E. Sloan and her husband, Jeremy Slotnick, and their two children Neil and Jillian Slotnick, all of Andover. Jack is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Jack was preceded in death by his sisters, Phyllis Robinson and Kathleen Sloan.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours was held on Monday, June 25th from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover. His funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26th followed by graveside service's. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory may be made to The Special Olympics, 1133 19th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20036 or to The American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

saw action at first base, and football for both Keith Academy and Lowell High School. Jack played football for the Lowell High Red Raiders as a halfback under the late, great coach Ray Riddick, who once played in the National Football League for the Green Bay Packers. The football team was recognized as a national powerhouse during Jack's time on the team. In 1949, Lowell High football was drawing crowds of 16,000 fans to watch their first undefeated Massachusetts Class A Championship team, capped by a 55-0 thrashing of rival Lawrence. The team later went on to play in the 17th Annual Kiwanis Charity 'Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida, on December 9, 1949, defeating Landon High School. Upon transferring from Keith Academy to Lowell High School, Jack worried that the well-established Lowell football squad might not accept a newcomer. Jack later remarked that his concerns couldn't have been farther from the truth, and that he was honored to play with such a great group of young men.

Jack enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served his country during the years of the Korean Conflict. He was stationed on the U.S.S. Proserpine (ARL-21), an Achilles-class landing craft repair ship built for the United States Navy during World War II, and participated in regular training cruises into the Virginia Capes Operating Areas, and periodic short deployments to the Caribbean. Jack served as a gunner's mate and was later stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Following his service, Jack attended Northeastern University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and worked for many

John W. Donovan III, 42

August 13, 1975 - June 21, 2018

ANDOVER, MA — John W. Donovan III of Andover, passed away on June 21, 2018, surrounded by dear friends and family. He was 42 years young.

John or "Johnny" as many called him, was born in Lawrence, Mass., on August 13, 1975, to John W. and Gale V. (Vaters) Donovan. He attended Andover High School, where he was a member of the varsity basketball team. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island and would go on to work for the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy & Response Division. He later worked for American Student Assistance.

On Christmas Eve, 2004, John proposed to his high school sweetheart, Amy Levesque. They were married on September 30, 2005, at West Parish Chapel in Andover. John and Amy spent their honeymoon in Kauai and would later return to celebrate their tenth anniversary.

John was a devoted husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He loved to travel with his beloved wife. He enjoyed golfing, bike riding, and was a drone and aerial video enthusiast. He was always looking forward to the next game of cards with his friends while watching Sunday football.

He will be remembered for his smile, his kindness, and his warm sense of humor. The courage he displayed during a five-year struggle with cancer was truly inspirational to everyone around him.

John is survived by his



loving wife Amy (Levesque) Donovan of Andover; Devoted mother Gale V. (Vaters) Donovan, and her companion John McCabe of Dennis, Mass.; cherished sister Kathryn Donovan and nephew John "Jack" Smith of Andover; loving mom and dad-in-law Susan and Donald Levesque of Andover; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends. He was predeceased by his father John W. Donovan Jr.

ARRANGEMENTS: The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 29, at the Chapel at West Parish (Garden Chapel), 129 Reservation Road, Andover, MA.

Donations can be made in John's name to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at www.themmr.org.

POLICE LOG

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SUNDAY, JUNE 24

A man on Andover Street reported at 11:14 a.m. that he had been attacked by a dog while walking his own dog. The man sustained a hand injury and police found that the dog belonged to an Andover Street resident.

MONDAY, JUNE 25

Police responded to a call about an unresponsive man in his late 50s on Campanelli Road at 9:21 a.m. According to Police Lt. Frank Fitzpatrick, police continue to investigate his death although no foul play is suspected and it does not appear to be either a suicide or an overdose. The man was not an Andover resident.

A past hit-and-run that occurred on Lowell Street was reported at 11:16 a.m.

Someone found a woman's wallet on Central Street and took it to the police station at 12:45 p.m.

A woman's keys were stolen while she was at a gym on North Main Street. She reported that her purse had been stolen from her vehicle at 2:30 p.m.

Daniel Gitau, 51, of 768 Lakeview Avenue, Apt. 7, Lowell, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and a marked lanes violation after being stopped by police on Route 93 South near Dascomb Road at 10:42 p.m. One vehicle was towed.

Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey_Bode.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

A theft was reported on Stonebrook Circle at 3:58 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

A 53-year-old man died on Sutherland Street. Police and fire rescue officials responded to the scene at 4:24 p.m. According to Andover Police Spokesman Lt. Edward Guy, the death was possibly due to a drug overdose, although the cause of death remains unknown because the man had several other health issues.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Police responded to a crash involving three motor vehicles that resulted in injury on Lowell Street at 2:53 p.m. Two vehicles were towed.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

A Haverhill Street resident reported at 3:01 a.m. that someone wearing a mask and all black clothing tried to break into his apartment. A police sergeant reported finding a back door that was forced open and a blue Honda Accord with New Hampshire plates driving away from the scene.

Stephen McLaughlin, 36, of 7 Tiffany Lane, Andover, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor after he was stopped on Tiffany Lane at 8:02 p.m. One vehicle was towed.

Andover Townsman parent company for sale

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — CNHI LLC, one of the country's leading providers of local news and information, said Monday it is exploring the sale of its newspaper properties in 22 states.

The announcement was made after its parent company, Raycom Media Inc., reported it has signed an agreement to be acquired by Gray Television Group, a public company based in Atlanta.

Among more than 100 newspapers owned by CNHI are The Eagle-Tribune and other North of Boston Media Group publications.

Donna Barrett, CNHI's president and CEO, said the company has retained the newspaper brokerage firm of Dirks, Van Essen, Murray and April to handle the sale.

"We're excited to open the next chapter in our commitment to top-flight community journalism," Barrett

said. "We are looking for a transaction or transactions that will carry on CNHI's rich tradition of public service through award-winning journalism."

CNHI is a 20-year-old company that has grown from a few community newspapers at the outset to more than 100 today. They are located in the Midwest, Southwest, Southeast and Northeast.

Raycom Media Inc., which owns or operates television stations in 65 markets, acquired CNHI nine months ago.

"As we undertake this exploration process, we cannot say that any particular transaction will or will not take place," Barrett said. "What we can say is that we will consider various options as we work to find a partner or partners that share our dedication to community newspapers and the vital journalism they produce to serve local audiences."

Mother-daughter duo fined in strip club dust-up

BY DAVE ROGERS
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SALISBURY — A Saugus mother and her daughter from Andover were ordered to pay \$500 in fines after admitting they caused a disturbance at Ten's Show Club involving shooting videos inside the club, according to court records.

Sherri Diabberri, 44, of Saugus, and Crystal Martinez, 27, of Andover, were charged in September 2016 with assault and battery and disturbing the peace following their arrests outside the North End Boulevard club.

In Newburyport District Court Monday, the two women admitted to sufficient facts on the reduced charge of assault and were ordered to pay \$250 in fines each. The cases against them were continued without a finding for three months meaning if they pay the fines and stay out of trouble with the law, the charges against them

will be dropped. Disturbing the peace charges were dismissed.

The two women were scheduled for a bench trial before Judge Patricia Dowling, but before the trial began they decided to admit to sufficient facts, according to court records.

According to a police report, on Sept. 3, 2016, Salisbury police Officer Patrick Szymkowski was flagged down by a club employee. The employee told him two women driving away in a Cadillac had punched a female bartender in the face. Szymkowski caught up with the car and spoke to the two women, who denied attacking the bartender. They also denied being asked to leave the club after being caught taking photos or a video of a dancer, which is against club rules.

Martinez told Szymkowski that she and her mother decided to go to the club together and while inside were attacked by the



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Signs urging people to call for help if they're thinking about suicide, like this one at the Montserrat train station in Beverly, have been appearing at MBTA stations on the North Shore.

MBTA, Samaritans place signs trying to stop suicide by train

BY PAUL LEIGHTON
Staff Writer

New signs have been posted at area railroad crossings and train stations urging people to call for help if they're contemplating suicide.

"If you or someone you know needs someone to listen, Samaritans is there," the signs read.

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24/7. 1-877-870-HOPE (4673).

The signs are the result of a partnership between the MBTA and Samaritans Inc., a Boston-based suicide prevention organization. They have been installed over the last few weeks at several railroad crossings and train stations across the region.

The MBTA says it plans to put up about 1,500 signs throughout its system at train stations and crossings and other areas near tracks.

"We have enough evidence to say that people are seeing the signs at the train stations and reaching out to us for help," said Steve Mongeau, executive director of Samaritans Inc.

A total of 25 people were killed by trains on the MBTA's commuter rail system in 2017, more than double the 12 fatalities in 2016, according to the agency's April quarterly safety report. Eight people had been killed by trains through April 23 of this year.

The Merrimack Valley has dealt with several incidents on train tracks in the last few years — some fatal, some not.

Phillips Academy student Daniel Nakajima, 17, died in September of 2017 after being struck by a train near 38 Andover St.

Officials ruled his death a suicide.

The MBTA determined that 15 of the 28 incidents of trains striking people last year, including non-fatalities, were intentional on the part of the

"When there's a death by train on the rails, some are accidental and some are with intent. They're trying to address both issues."

Steve Mongeau, executive director at Samaritans Inc.

trespasser, according to the report.

Mongeau said the MBTA has partnered with Samaritans Inc. for years to try to prevent suicides on the tracks, including the installation of digital signs at train and subway stations and billboards on highways. The signs and billboards are paid for by the MBTA as a public service, he said.

"We had someone literally call us from the Fitchburg station after he saw one of the digital signs," Mongeau said. "His intention was to jump in front of train. He stayed on the phone quite a while and we sent emergency services."

Mongeau said a recent survey indicated that the Samaritan signs at MBTA locations in Boston increased awareness of the Samaritans help line by nearly 20 percent. The signs have also helped the organization recruit more volunteers for its crisis center, he said.

In addition to the Samaritan signs, Mongeau said the MBTA is posting other new signs warning people to stay off the tracks.

"When there's a death by train on the rails, some are accidental and some are with intent," he said. "They're trying to address both issues."

The signs are going up at a time when suicide is on the rise in Massachusetts and across the country. Earlier this month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study saying that suicide rates have increased 25 percent in the United States in the last 20 years, and by 35 percent in Massachusetts.

Local student, 12, named finalist in national science challenge

Education Notebook

Kelsey Bode



Anna Du, 12, a sixth-grader at Andover Montessori, is a finalist in a national science competition with her invention, an underwater robot that detects microplastic pollution in the ocean.

Anna Du, a sixth-grader at the Andover School of Montessori, was recently named one of 10 finalists from across the country in the 2018 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge. Students in grades five through eight compete in the annual challenge. This year, Du is one of three girls chosen as finalists in the 12- to 14-year-old age bracket.

All the finalists received \$1,000 and will compete Oct. 15 and 16 at the 3M Innovation Center in St. Paul, Minnesota, for a chance to win \$25,000 and be named "America's Top Young Scientist." For the competition, Du shared her idea to create an underwater device which can find microplastics in the ocean by using infrared light. To enter the competition, Du submitted short videos illustrating her innovation skills and interest in science.

"The Young Scientist Challenge has not only supported students in achieving their dreams, but it has also provided the 3M team with the opportunity to contribute to the future of science in a special way," said Paul Keel, senior vice president of Business Development and Marketing-Sales at 3M. "As we look toward the next chapter of 3M's involvement in youth

development, we are tremendously proud to be a part of shaping our next educators, entrepreneurs and inventors."

With the help of a 3M scientist, Du, 12, will make her invention a reality in a mentorship program this summer in preparation for the fall competition.

"Year after year, we have been honored to witness firsthand the ingenuity and charisma of the nation's youngest generation," said Lori McFarling, senior vice president and chief marketing officer at Discovery Education. "3M shares our unwavering support for children who, no matter their age, seize the opportunity to solve real-world problems and who encourage their peers to explore the power of science."

For more information on the program, Du and the



Greater Lawrence Technical School staff members accepting a \$500,000 grant from Gov. Charlie Baker are, from left: Elizabeth Bennett, director of Grants, Community & Workforce Development at GLTS; Tony McIntosh, Construction Technology Academy supervisor, and David Thompson, metal fabrication instructor.

Courtesy photos

other finalists, check out: youngscientistlab.com.

Camp Invention STEM program coming to area

A national nonprofit summer program that encourages innovation in children is coming to the Andover area. Camp Invention is a program that uses hands-on activities to inspire and educate children about inventing and STEM concepts. The program targets students

in kindergarten through grade 6.

Camp Invention also teaches children problem-solving skills and promotes entrepreneurship.

Open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade, a Camp Invention session is being offered at North Andover Middle School this summer from July 9 to July 12.

More than 1.3 million children have participated in Camp Invention programs since 1990.

Children will have the opportunity to work with a self-driving "Optibot" robot which senses light, nurse a robotic puppy, create a dog park and design a smart home.

Youth Writing Workshop to be held this summer

A Youth Writing Workshop is being offered for students in grades 6 through 10 this summer. The workshop will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., starting July 10 and ending Aug. 18 at the Merrimack Valley Immigrant and Education Center at 439 South Union St., Lawrence.

Registration is open for the workshop.

Writing instructor Robert Largess will teach the youth writing workshop.

Registration for the six-week workshop is \$10 and free for Lawrence residents. For more information go to www.mviec.org or call 978-683-7316.

Greater Lawrence Tech receives \$500,000 grant

Gov. Charlie Baker awarded Greater Lawrence Technical School a \$500,000 Skills Capital grant last week, which will help the school pay for state-of-the-art equipment for its advanced manufacturing program.

Skills Capital Grants are aimed at giving students an advantage in various vocational fields. The program benefits a wide array of areas of study, including construction, engineering, healthcare and hospitality.

On June 21 at Salem High School, Greater Lawrence Tech was awarded the \$500,000 grant, the maximum amount allowed under the program. The grant will pay for machine technology.

"The equipment purchased by high schools and colleges over the past three years through Skills Capital Grants has directly impacted the educational experience for thousands of Massachusetts students to better prepare them for the workforce," Gov. Baker said.

"With this new equipment we will be one of the few schools in the state that is able to provide these tools to our students," said GLTS Superintendent John Lavoie. "It is with the assistance of the Baker-Polito administration that we are able to continuously provide students with 21st-century learning opportunities that will best prepare them for their future education and careers following graduation from GLTS. We are thrilled and so thankful to have received this Skills Capital Grant."

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Opinion

Later school start time worth a look

Crawling out of bed at the crack of dawn and rushing to school before the early bell has long been part of the teenage experience. These days it's anything but an accepted part of adolescent life, however, as more schools reconsider the value of an early start.

Count Shannon Scully among those skeptical of the early-bird approach. The chairwoman of the Andover School Committee recently expressed misgivings about classes that begin at the high school at 7:44 a.m. — middle school homerooms meet around that time, too — in light of growing evidence that teenagers' lack of sleep has serious effects on their health.

Scully and the School Committee haven't rushed into anything — she invites "community discussion" of the school schedule, especially in light of how this might affect the lives of many other people in town.

Still, it's a conversation worth having in Andover, and anywhere else the bells ring before 8 o'clock.

No less an authority than the American Academy of Pediatrics and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have said school shouldn't start earlier than 8:30 a.m. Despite their advice, 4 in 5 high schools and middle schools in the U.S. still begin their days before 8, according to a survey conducted for the CDC three years ago.

Certainly some people see this talk of rescheduling as so much coddling. Speaking of authorities, wasn't it Poor Richard who told us that early risers get a leg up on health, wealth and wisdom? Thing is, medicine and health research in the 283 years since that nugget was printed suggest that early rising isn't always the best thing — particularly when it carves into the sleep schedules of children.

In a presentation last month to the Andover School Committee, Burlington Superintendent Eric Conti described results of a survey in his community that found a number of troublesome patterns among teens — including depression and thoughts of suicide, as well as lack of sleep. A litany of other physical and psychological problems, such as obesity and substance abuse, are associated with too little sleep.

"We were not here to argue the research. The research is clear," said Conti, whose district and a cluster of others all changed their schedules around the same time.

Later schedules aren't novel on the North Shore and Merrimack Valley. Seven years ago North Andover schools rolled back their clocks — high school now starts at 7:43 a.m., instead of 7:15 a.m.

But making the change isn't so straightforward. Myriad logistical issues come into play when one tinkers with the school day. You might not think about how much in this world is patterned after the early bell until you think of all the sports, bus schedules, after-school activities and even parent work schedules that are connected to it.

That's to say nothing for the qualms of faculty for whom starting later means staying at work later.

A number of districts in our area have looked at the idea, only to move along without changing anything. In Newburyport, school officials considered a later start time last fall but dropped the idea. Masconomet Regional Schools have also given the idea some in-depth study. Even in North Andover, officials a couple years ago considered another look at the school schedule and decided against changing it.

What remains are legitimate health concerns about high school students — two-thirds of whom get less than seven hours of sleep a night, far short of the nine or so hours that are recommended, according to a group of educators, health professionals, students and parents called Start School Later Inc.

So noted William Hodges, a Topsfield member of the Masconomet Regional School Committee, when the idea was studied there: "It seems to me the research is pretty strong on the topic. I just think we owe it to our kids to figure out how we can address it."

Pushing back the school clock, even by a half-hour or so, shouldn't require the same force of determination required to get a sluggish teenager out of bed.

WEB QUESTION

Editor's note: Due to a technical glitch, this week's web question is the same as last week's.

Web question:

School Committee Chairwoman Shannon Scully would like to begin a townwide discussion about changing school start times so students can get more sleep. **Do you like the idea of changing school start times?**

Yes. Children need 8-10 hours of sleep in order to function at their highest capacity.

No. It would be too much of an inconvenience to parents and too much of a disruption to after-school activities.

Previous web question:

The School Committee was set to vote on whether to increase athletic fees last Thursday night. Fees are already high. Many communities don't have athletic fees. **Do you think it's fair for Andover to charge more for athletic fees?**

Yes. We need excellence in our athletic programs, and this guarantees it. **44 votes.**

No. The School Committee needs to reset its priorities and make it affordable for everyone to play sports, not just the well-heeled. **169 votes.**

OPENING DAY



RYAN HUTTON/ Staff photo

While last weekend, the crowds were sparse at Poms pond, high temperatures this weekend should increase turnout at the popular swimming hole.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Apology to student with yearbook quote

Editor, Townsman:

On behalf of myself and others I want to sincerely apologize to the student whose yearbook quote prompted the high school principal, Philip Conrad, to demonize him as some sort of insensitive anti-Semite.

The student did nothing wrong. That quote has been cited repeatedly by academics and the media over decades as the first articulation of a "Big Lie" methodology that uses broadcast technology to propagandize to the public.

It was radio first, then TV, then internet, Twitter, etc.

The student was probably thinking and concerned about Big Lie propaganda totally unrelated to the Nazis' use of it.

Some people think Trump is using the Big Lie to demonize immigrants. Some people think the media and democrats are using the Big Lie to demonize Trump about Russian collusion.

There are many people in town who believe principal Philip Conrad and Superintendent Sheldon Berman used the Big Lie to slander coach E.J. Perry.

The student could have felt the quote was relevant to any or all of those. He probably just doesn't like being lied to. The insane overreaction by principal Philip Conrad is dangerously destructive to the well-being of the student in question.

Conrad hides behind the fig leaf of not naming the student knowing full well that everyone knows who he is. Conrad should publicly apologize to the student and his family for slandering their reputation and censoring his freedom of speech and expression. And once again to the student: You did nothing wrong. You simply made a thoughtful observation about our troubled times. You should be commended. I wish you the best now that you're thankfully done with the Andover schools.

SAM WASHBURN
39 Oriole Drive
Andover

Donors are backbone of good works in Andover

Editor, Townsman:

On behalf of the Andover Center for History & Culture I want to thank the Townsman editor for the June 21, 2018 editorial regarding charitable giving matters and take this moment to thank the Andover community for its support.

It's you, the individual and community donors who support local nonprofits, like the Center for History & Culture, A Better Chance, and Ironstone Farm, who are the real heroes of the story.

Without your support, the good work of these local groups would not happen. As the editor wrote: "Everyone who sends in the \$10 check to a local charity, or clicks on a

service organization's online donation button is important." Without you, Andover third-graders would not be discovering the diversity of people who lived and worked in Andover in the early 1800s at the history center.

Without you, generations of ABC students would not have accomplished their dreams.

Without you, a young child born with disabilities might never have gained physical strength by riding a pony. On behalf of all Andover nonprofits, thank you!

I hope we can continue to count on you as a partner and supporter in our missions.

ELAINE CLEMENTS
Executive Director
Andover Center for History & Culture

Lyons understands the meaning of 'no'

Editor, Townsman:

One-party rule in our state Legislature is driving Massachusetts off a cliff. One needs only to look at our state's spending habits to see this. Mass. Health has become 43 percent of our state budget and continues to grow as a percentage every year. We're poised to become an insurance company, not a state government.

In the last 30 days, the Legislature has voted to increase borrowing by nearly \$6 billion dollars with the passage of 3 separate bond bills.

Massachusetts is now the leader of per capita debt in the nation. You wouldn't know it from the way they continue to borrow money, but Massachusetts had its credit rating dropped to AA last June. The reason? Excessive debt. The direct result is that we're now paying more on interest to service that debt.

Furthermore, the Legislature also recently passed a criminal "reform" bill that decreased penalties for heroin dealers in the midst of a heroin epidemic. At the same time this was happening, they passed an environmental bond bill that mandated jail time for fishermen who catch more than their quota. Let that sink in for a moment: jail time for fishermen while those profiteering from the opioid epidemic walk.

The corrupt leaders on Beacon Hill use earmarks to get legislators to vote "yes."

"Vote to lock up the fishermen, (and) we'll fund your gazebo."

Beacon Hill is out of control. We need state representatives like Jim Lyons who are unafraid to stand up to these people and say: "No!"

KEVIN DUBE
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North Andover

Lyons conservative and unresponsive

Editor, Townsman:

My experience has been the opposite of that expressed in last week's letter of support for Rep. Jim Lyons. (Rep. Jim Lyons 'gracious and generous').

Most phone attempts to

contact Lyons' office lead to a voicemail system and most emails go unanswered. When setting up meetings with Mr. Lyons, the appointments are repeatedly rescheduled.

Just one Massachusetts legislator earns the award for conservative excellence (top rating) from the American Conservative Union Foundation — Jim Lyons.

He also earns a top rating from the NRA. Lyons' voting record is clear. His focus on tax-cutting and reducing government "red tape" is at the expense of our most vulnerable citizens.

He cast the only vote against the House fiscal 2018 budget, unwilling to sign on to what Speaker DeLeo described as a healthy balance of key investments that both "protects hard-working men and women of the commonwealth" and "cares for the needy."

I will be supporting Lyons' opponent, Tram Nguyen, in November.

DEB OLANDER
79 Reservation Road
Andover

Lyons doesn't answer calls

Editor, Townsman:

Yesterday I called my state Rep. Jim Lyons at both his office and cell phone numbers.

In each case I was connected to voicemail. I was not surprised, because every time I call him I get voicemail, never Mr. Lyons or a staffer.

Although I have always left my phone number along with my message, I have never received a response.

I believe access to our representatives is important and is indeed a minimum requirement, which Jim Lyons fails to meet.

Change is needed.

NANCY LENNHOF
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Jim Lyons for open and transparent government

Editor, Townsman:

Jim Lyons has demonstrated repeatedly in his service to our district he's a relentless fighter for both the people he represents and all the citizens of Massachusetts. Now he's at it again, this time he's fighting for government transparency and accountability.

Whether it's secret deliberations on the \$41 billion state budget, how much we're spending on health care for illegal immigrants, committee hearings on bills affecting millions of people which are held in secret, requests for information and documentation which are routinely denied, or accountability on how government spends money, there's no transparency on Beacon Hill.

A 2015 report by the Center for Public Integrity gave Massachusetts state government an "F" grade for public access to information.

Massachusetts is the only state where the state

Legislature can claim to be exempt from the state's public records law, which has led open government groups and others to consistently label its First Amendment protections the weakest in the nation.

Rep. Lyons supports opening the Legislature to public scrutiny, and has proposed an amendment to next year's budget to eliminate this exemption. He cites recent scandals involving former House and Senate leaders as reasons for lifting the veil. He's quoted as stating: "They think they can do everything in secret. . . . They talk about being open and transparent, except when it comes to them."

I'm personally thankful Jim Lyons is there. Let's all work together to ensure this November he remains there for all of us.

BILL JOSEPHSON
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Andover

Lyons is closely aligned with Trump on every issue

Editor, Townsman:

Rep. Jim Lyons (Republican from Andover) was recently quoted in the Boston Globe denying how aligned he and Donald Trump are.

"There's no relationship to Donald Trump's positions," he told the reporter. This attempt to distance himself is laughable to anyone familiar with Rep. Lyons' voting record.

Lyons worked as Ted Cruz's 2016 state campaign manager — an effort that resulted in Cruz winning 0 of our 351 cities and towns. After that, Lyons not only voted for Trump, but was in the crowd at the purported "biggest inauguration in history." On paper, Lyons aligns with the president on every issue. Now that he has to fight for votes, Lyons is desperate to glaze over the facts.

Trump attacks judges when he disagrees with their rulings. Just days ago, Lyons held a rally (alongside the co-chair of Trump's 2016 state campaign) to try to get a judge fired over a ruling. Both Trump and Lyons opposed protecting U.S. citizens from warrantless government surveillance.

Both lack concern for preserving the environment and have refused to support a commitment to Paris Climate Accord standards.

Both opposed laws that would protect workers from wage theft.

Both actively work to limit women's access to contraception and basic healthcare.

Both push policies that target immigrant families, and oppose family reunification and protections, despite paying lip service to "family values."

Lyons' unwavering support for Trump's agenda, and his matched unwillingness to deal in facts, is a matter of public record. He's just hoping no one notices.

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14 cops trained to rescue wanderers



By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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There's an elderly woman in town who occasionally wanders from her home without telling her family and they fear for her safety.

The Andover mother of an autistic son knows that feeling all too well as her son has wandered off from home.

And, a school specializing in special needs — Melmark School on River Road — has sought help to find autistic students who have wandered off.

In all three instances, the Andover Police Department was called to help find the wanderers and they did so with help from a high-tech gadget. Local families, schools and many elderly agencies are putting the transmitter on potential wanderers and setting up a monitor. Andover police have connected antennas and those wanderers can be tracked and eventually found.

The gadget is called Project Lifesaver and 14 Andover police officers have been trained to use it.

“Wandering stories with tragic results don't have to happen. Most times those who wander are found in close vicinity. This technology offers a total peace of mind for loved ones.”

Officer Robin Cataldo

“I don't know why more people don't know about this,” said Bernadette Lionetta of Andover whose son, William, has autism and has worn his transmitter, which looks like a watch, for years. “There is such a peace of mind with Project Lifesaver. I feel so much better knowing that Andover police are trained for this.”

Lionetta is a long-time member of Andover's Disability Commission and said two police officers recently met with the group to talk about the benefits of Project Lifesaver. While there are now 15 people in the Lifesaver program, officers Robin Cataldo and Steven Neal want more folks to take part.

The commission strongly supports Andover's involvement in the program and donated \$1,000 to keep it going.

“Wandering stories with tragic results don't have to happen,” Cataldo said. “Most times those who wander are found in close vicinity. This technology offers a total peace of mind for loved ones.”

The monitor chirps loudly when a transmitter-wearing wanderer leaves his or her safety zone — about 100 feet indoors and 300 feet outdoors. Police arrive with a square-shaped antenna and the wanderer is located within an average of about 30 minutes. Project Lifesaver reports the gadget has been used in more than 3,200 rescues around the world and all were successful.

A transmitter costs about \$300 but the police department can assist anyone who wants to sign up for Project Lifesaver.



Courtesy photo
U.S. Army veteran William Haddad Jr., left, receives the first Andover veteran discount program card from Veteran Services Director Alicia Reddin.

Courtesy photo
From left, Andover police officers Steven Neal and Robin Cataldo with Project Lifesaver gear that helps rescue wanderers who may be suffering from Alzheimer's or autism.



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Discounts, deals for veterans at local businesses

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Several restaurants in town are taking part in a new program that gives menu discounts from 10 to 15 percent to veterans.

The veteran-exclusive discount program at restaurants was just started by the town's Director of Veteran Services. And it's not limited to restaurants. So far, 15 businesses in town, from restaurants to eyeglass stores to a law office that handles wills, have signed on.

“It's an effort to honor our veterans while also encouraging patronage at local businesses,” said Veteran Services Director Alicia Reddin. “It's a win-win.”

Reddin said Andover has at least 2,000 veterans living in town. She predicts another 500 veterans live in town but never filled out any veteran forms so an accurate veteran population is tough to gauge. “We just want to reach out to as many veterans as we can and say thank you,” she said. “We are very pleased with the response to this

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- Andover Optical
 - Andover Spa Wine & Spirit
 - Park Street Pub
 - Andover Cosmetic Dental Group
 - Palmer's Restaurant & Tavern
 - Yella Grille
 - Town Market Andover
 - Andolini's
 - Cronin's Ice Cream
 - A Petite Retreat
 - Verc Mobil gas station
 - Dino Furs
 - Shaban's of Andover
 - Align Health
 - WilsonLF

program from local businesses. It's great.”

Veterans must get a military veteran identification card at Reddin's office in Town Offices. Veterans can call Reddin at 978-623-8380 or email her at Alicia.reddin@andoverma.us to set up an appointment to get a card. Drop-ins are also welcome.

Veterans show that ID card to a participating business and the discount is applied.

A “Proud to Support Andover Veterans” pamphlet is distributed to card holders at issuance and the participating businesses are listed.

“And, then, the deals and discounts begin,” Reddin said.

She said 20 ID cards have already been issued.

Participating businesses receive a red, white and blue window decal with a flag that alerts customers to their involvement.

“It's a small but tasteful decal that identifies a business as a supporter of our program,” Reddin said. “This program is off to a great start.”

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Students show off their kindness toolbox during a float parade as part of the Open Circle curriculum at the South Elementary School in Andover.

Everyone welcome at South School float parade

STAFF REPORT

As part of its Open Circle program, the South Elementary at 55 Woburn St. held a parade last week during which students displayed floats that incorporated the ideals of the curriculum.

For example, one float created by students was called the “Kindness Toolbox.”

Other students held signs with sayings such as: “A little bit of kindness can bring a whole lot of sunshine.”

Another sign read: “Everyone is welcome in Room 106.”

According to its website, the Open Circle Curriculum “reinforces and enhances learning across all academic disciplines, is foundational to bullying prevention and intervention, and is integral to nationally recognized

learning standards like the Common Core State Standards and 21st Century Learning Standards for success in a globally competitive workforce.

The curriculum is implemented in a number of ways, including “during twice-weekly, 15-minute Open Circle meetings. Students form a circle of chairs, including an empty seat to symbolize that there is always room for another person, voice or opinion. Open Circle Meetings are also a familiar and safe setting for children to discuss important issues in their classroom, school, local community or the broader world.”

Dozens of students took part in the parade, which was watched by hundreds of parents last Wednesday, June 20.



Students wave and enjoy the music during a float parade.



A first-grade class walks the parade route.



Tully O'Keefe tap dances as she leads her fourth-grade class.



Signs of inspiration are seen during a float parade as part of the Open Circle curriculum at the South Elementary School in Andover.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE THURSDAY, JUNE 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.
JUNE 29 AND 30
“NOISES OFF,” 7 p.m., The Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road. Spotlight Playhouse, now celebrating its 10th anniversary, will present the show; \$20 for general admission, \$18 for seniors and members, and \$15 per person for groups of 10 or more; 617-470-2175, email tickets@spotlightplayhouse.org.
SATURDAY, JUNE 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.

JULY JULY 1, 8, 15, 22 AND 29
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road. Is food a problem for you? Overeaters Anonymous can help; 781-641-2303.
JULY 2, 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.
JULY 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 AND 31
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.
JULY 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.
THROUGH JULY 31
SPRING EXHIBITIONS, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. “Gun Country” 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” examines American documentary practice and its role in recording history, illuminating social movements, 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.addison-gallery.org.
AUGUST FRIDAY, AUG. 3
ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT, Merrimack Valley Golf Club, 210 Howe St., Methuen. Greater Lawrence Technical School will hold its third annual golf tournament and encourages players to register; this year, the GLTS Alumni Association will honor state Rep. Frank Moran, Class of 1989; GLTS will also raise money through a silent

auction, raffle and prizes; individuals can participate by golfing, becoming a sponsor or donating a prize; all proceeds will be used for student programs and scholarships; tournament fees are \$150 per golfer and include greens fee, golf cart, golfer’s gift, coffee and pastries, and buffet lunch; make checks payable to GLTS Alumni Association; registration is at 7 a.m., with a shotgun start at 7:45 a.m.; 978-686-0194, ext. 2074, email lcontreras@glts.net, dbabib@glts.net.
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15
DEATH CAFÉ, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St. Join Richard Davis of Andover and other adults for an open, lively and insightful discussion about death; while not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Café seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject;

socializing, refreshments at 6:30 p.m.; registration is requested as seating is limited; www.mhl.org/eventcalendar; www.deathcafe.com.
SEPTEMBER THROUGH SEPT. 3
AJFL FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING, registration is open to students in grades two through eight for the 2018 season; parents can sign up at www.ajfl.com.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 16
ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S, Brickstone Square. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the Promise Garden Ceremony at 9:40 a.m., and the walk at 10 a.m.; nearly 3,500 people from northeastern Massachusetts are expected at this year’s event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer’s disease; sign up as a team captain, join a team or See **CALENDAR**, Page 10

McAvoy helps raise money for epilepsy at Phillips event

STAFF REPORT

Charlie McAvoy, star defenseman for the Boston Bruins, skated at the Phillips Academy ice rink last Saturday.

He wasn't there to play a game, but he was there for a good cause.

McAvoy, along with Chris Kreider of the New York Rangers, conducted a clinic for players age 7 to 15 as part of the very first "Slap Out Epilepsy" fundraiser.

The event was put on by Kreider's cousin, Julia Higgins, to raise money for the Epilepsy Foundation of New England.

Joining McAvoy and Kreider was U.S. Women's hockey goalie Chanda Gunn, who played in the 2006 Olympics.

The event ran from 9 a.m. until noon.

The clinic was personal for the participants.

Higgins was diagnosed with epilepsy in April 2016 in the midst of squirt hockey playoffs. Since then, each day is different, some more of a struggle than others, yet she never gives in.

Gunn shares a similar story and similar passions. She was diagnosed with epilepsy at an early age, but with medication went on to have a successful hockey career, as a former U.S. Olympic goalie, Northeastern University standout, mentor and advocate. Currently, she leads the Young Leaders Network of the Epilepsy Foundation New England, working to empower kids like Julia to take control of the hand they've been dealt.

In addition, Slap Out Epilepsy held a one-hour session, from noon to 1 p.m., for special hockey, sled hockey and open skate for those not interesting or able to participate in a traditional clinic setting.

The event asked for donations of \$126 for the three-hour clinic and \$26 for the one-hour session. The cost represented the approximately 1 in 26 people in the United States who will develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime. Every cent raised went to the Epilepsy Foundation New England to support their work.



AMANDA SABGA/Staff photos

Boston Bruin Charlie McAvoy runs a drill with young hockey players during the first Slap Out Epilepsy fundraiser hockey clinic at the Phillips Academy Ice Rink in Andover.



New York Ranger Chris Kreider tosses a puck at the goal and a young hockey player.



Boston Bruin Charlie McAvoy runs a drill with young hockey players.

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:

Friday Night Special: Chinese American Association of Andovers and Andover Elder Services host free activities at The Center on Fridays,

from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., including Zumba, yoga, ping pong, Mah Jong, board and card games, and other social activities. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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.

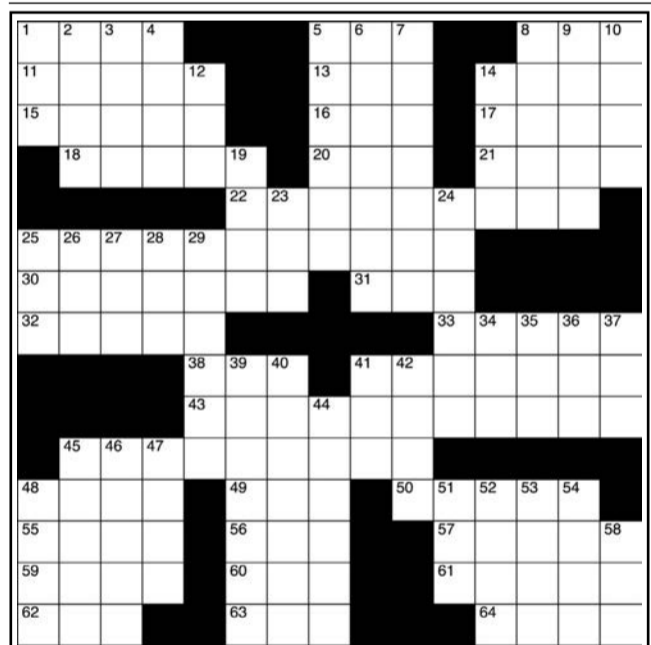
Computer Users Group: Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, from September through June, at Memorial Hall Library.

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 the meetings.

Parkinson's Support Group: Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, 1:30 to 3 p.m., September

through June, and are 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 and must be picked up by 10:15 a.m. Call Annmary Connor or Kristine Arakelian to check eligibility or to sign up.



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register to walk as an individual at www.alz.org/walk.

OCTOBER SATURDAYS THROUGH OCT. 20

ANDOVER FARMERS MARKET, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Amos Blanchard House and Barn, 97 Main St. Since 2007, the Andover Center for History & Culture has welcomed the community to the lawn to socialize while buying fresh, locally grown food.

ONGOING

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS (FA), Saturdays, 8 a.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St. Having trouble controlling the way you eat? FA is a program that addresses binge eating disorder, overeating, obesity, bulimia, undereating, and obsession with body size and exercise; the free meetings are held in the classroom building of the church; www.foodaddicts.org.

MERRIMACK TOASTMASTERS CLUB, second and fourth Thursday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Membership is open to individuals looking to improve their speaking, presentation and leadership skills, and to overcome their fear of public speaking; guests are always welcome; www.merrimack-toastmasters.org, email contact@

merrimack-toastmasters.org.

MEMORY CAFÉ, fourth Monday of the month, Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court. Memory Cafés offer a welcoming, memory-making place for people living with memory changes; they unite people facing similar challenges, provide a much-needed break from routines, and offer ideas, information and connection to other community support mechanisms; snacks will be provided; the free program is offered through grant funding from the Department of Developmental Disabilities; advance registration is requested; 978-623-8320.

THE MERRIMACK VALLEY CAMERA CLUB, based in North Andover and in its 81st year, has 150 members hailing from the Merrimack Valley, North Shore, and Southeastern and Seacoast areas of New Hampshire. The club and its members, ranging from beginners to professionals, have been garnering frequent hands-on workshops, field trips, photo-related activities, presentations and competitions, most of which are open to the public; www.mvcameraclub.org.

BALLROOM DANCING, Sundays, 7:30 to 11 p.m., Relief's In Function Hall, 1 Market St., Lawrence, on the North Andover line. Come Alive After Five has been running

this dance for singles and couples for more than 30 years; live bands are featured along with bar service and door prizes; \$13 admission fee includes dessert and coffee at 8:30 p.m.; 781-451-7872.

ANDOVER CHRONICLERS, see what's in store. Past shows can be viewed on Comcast Channel 8 or Verizon Channel 47 Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 9 a.m.; Wednesday and Saturday at 7 p.m.; and Friday at 6:30 p.m. The show is produced by the Andover Chroniclers, an all volunteer group. For more information, call the Center at Punchard at 978-623-8321. New members welcome. No prior experience needed. Email andvchron2@gmail.com for more information. Past shows may also be accessed at http://andovertv.org/sites/default/files/videos/saa_20160801.mp4.

FA (FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS), Wednesdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the St. Augustine Education Center, 45 Essex St.; and Saturdays, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church, 33 Central Ave. The free, 12-step program is open to anyone who struggles with their weight and/or food; members include men and women who have lost more than 200 lbs., those who turned to bulimia, over-exercising and obsessive dieting, and those who had no weight to lose, but were obsessed with food and/or their weight; all are welcome to share

their stories, from newcomers interested in learning more to people who have maintained steady, healthy weights for decades; www.foodaddicts.org.

FELLOWSHIP/WORSHIP MEETING, Sundays, 5 p.m., North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 244 Lowell St. Hosted by the Mosaic Christian Movement, everyone is welcome to enjoy food, fellowship and a relaxed worship service; registration is requested; email aaronkrue@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY GIVING TREE'S VAN, will be in the Penguin Park parking lot on Burnham Road from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month. Donations of gently used baby gear and in season children's clothing will be collected. All donations will go to children in the Merrimack Valley and North Shore. At this time, there is an urgent need for infant clothing (0 to 3 months) and infant car seats under five years old. For a complete list of acceptable donations, visit www.communitygivingtree.org.

TREBLE CHORUS OF NEW ENGLAND, now welcoming singers ages 6 to 18; the informal auditions are quick and simple; prepared pieces are not required; www.treblechorusne.org, tenmanager@treblechorusne.org.

PALMERS RESTAURANT, live music, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to midnight; no cover charge; 18 Elm St.; 978-470-1606, www.palmers-restaurant.com.

Townspeople

ACT dinner celebrates home ownership project

By KELSEY BODE

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There was much to be celebrated at Andover Community Trust's annual "Build the Dream" dinner earlier this month.

This year, ACT successfully navigated a complex permitting process for a permanently affordable home ownership project on 8 Lupine Road. ACT partnered with Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity to build three duplexes this summer that will house six families in need.

Land for the duplexes was sold to the two nonprofits by South Church, and students from Greater Lawrence Technical School will help build one duplex for ACT this summer. Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity volunteers will build the two other duplexes.

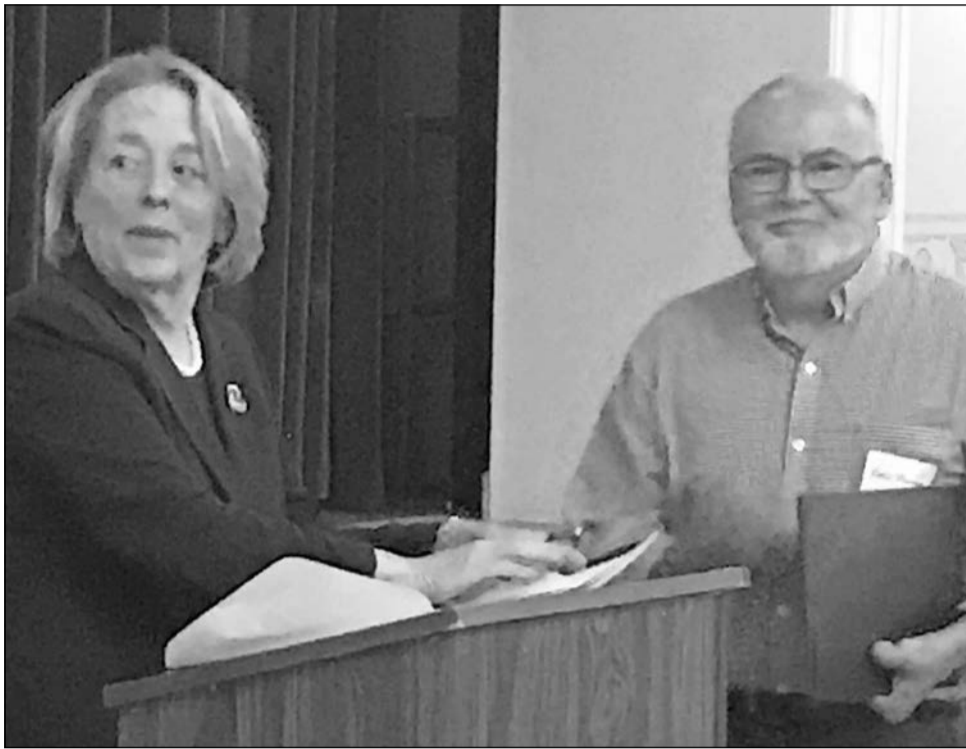
Congresswoman Niki Tsongas addressed those at the dinner about the importance of affordable housing.

"The more inclusive any community is, the stronger it is," said Congresswoman Niki Tsongas at the dinner.

More than 80 people representing Andover Community Trust (ACT), Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity, South Church and Greater Lawrence Technical School attended the June 14 event at the Andover Town House.

"Many programs have been put together over the years," Tsongas noted, referring to affordable housing initiatives in Washington. "It is part of a broader discussion of what government should be."

Sandy Sousa, the owner of the latest of seven homes built to date by ACT, also spoke at the dinner. Sousa moved into a newly finished permanently affordable



Congresswoman Niki Tsongas with Andover Community Trust President John Pearson at ACT's "Build the Dream" Annual Meeting and Dinner.

home on Haverhill Street with her family in September 2017.

"We have always dreamed of living in Andover," Sousa said. She enjoys looking out her back door and seeing woodlands. "Owning our home is a new adventure."

Tsongas awarded Certificates of Congressional Recognition to former chair of the Trustees of South Church Candy Dann and Greater Lawrence Technical School Superintendent John Lavoie at the dinner.

"You don't do this alone," said Dann. "A large number of people at South Church wanted to have this opportunity to do this in our own backyard."

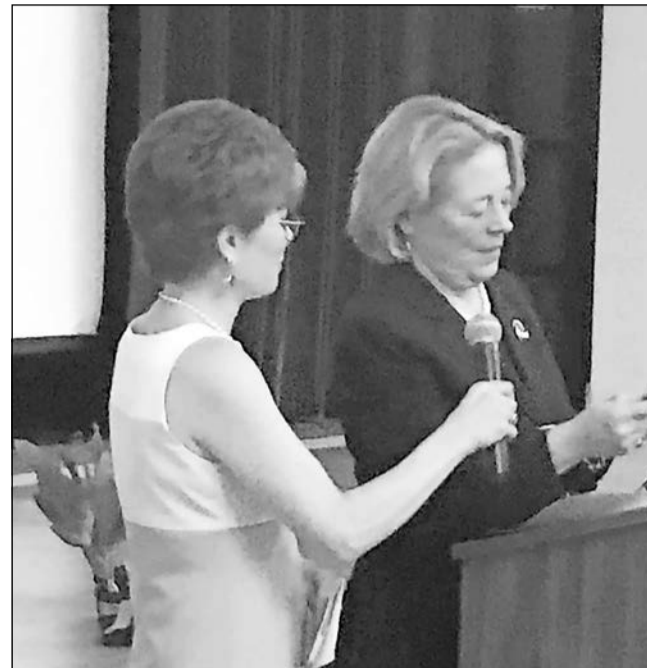
Lavoie said that having his students work with ACT has been a "true collaboration



Sandy Sousa, ACT's newest homeowner, told how she had always dreamed of living in Andover.

to meet goals - improve the lives of our community and provide an opportunity for our students to show their skills to the citizens of Andover. It's been an honor to help and to welcome new citizens to Andover."

President of ACT John Pearson was also honored at



Congressman Niki Tsongas reads Certificates of Congressional Recognition given to the evening's award winners, as ACT Board member Ellen Keller (left) looks on.



Susan Stott (left), ACT founder, presents the Fred Stott Award to Candy Dann, who advocated for South Church's sale of land on Lupine Road for the Combined ACT/Habitat Homeownership Project.

the dinner. Pearson is stepping down from his role after working with the organization since 2001 and designing four homes.

"ACT will continue to be a positive force in our community," he said.

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Shoppers browse stalls during opening day of the Andover Farmers' Market at the Andover Historical Society.



Shoppers line up at White Gates Farm booth during opening day of the Andover Farmers' Market at the Andover Historical Society on Saturday.



Herbs on display at the Rogers Spring Hill Farm booth during opening day of the Andover Farmers' Market at the Andover Historical Society on Saturday.

Farmers' Market opens for 12th season

STAFF REPORT

The Andover Farmers' Market is now open on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and its grand opening last weekend marked its 12th season.

The Andover Center for History & Culture, formerly known as the Andover Historical Society, hosts the Andover Farmers' Market on the lawn of the Blanchard House Museum at 97 Main St. The museum is the Center's home base.

The market welcomed back many returning vendors including Gauette Farm of North Andover, Farmer Dave's of Dracut, Honey Pot Maple Farm of Wilmington, Willow Spring Vineyard of Haverhill and Swissbakers of Reading. New vendors include Zen Bear Foods of Whitinsville, Beckah's Bangin' Butter of Beverly, The Wine Lab of North Andover and a variety of other craft artisans.

A 200-year-old barn is the backdrop to the farmers' market.

"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," Director of Programs and Farmers' Market Coordinator Lauren Kosky-Stamm has said.

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

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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

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 at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Join the Summer Readers

Kids who have completed grades three to five can sign up to read and discuss a book with a summer theme on Monday, July 9, at 3:30 p.m.

The group will also hear about other books to keep them reading all summer long.

This month's selection is "The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy" by Jeanne Birdsall. Participants should request and read the book before the meeting.

Sign up at www.mhl.org/calendar.

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 Tuesdays, July 10 and 24, 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 at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Family dance party set

Children, ages 3 to 7, along with their parents or caregivers, are invited to a dance party in Memorial Hall on Monday, July 16, at 10 a.m.

Families will have fun moving and grooving to the music.

For details and to sign up, go to www.mhl.org/calendar.

It's magic!

Juggler and magician Scott Jameson will perform a show for kids 5 and up on Wednesday, July 18, at 3 p.m.

Don't miss this unforgettable afternoon of juggling, magic and telekinesis.

Jameson's visit is sponsored by the Friends of MHL.

To register, go to www.mhl.org/calendar.

Musical morning with Peter Sheridan

Children's performer Peter Sheridan will perform songs for the preschool set on Friday, July 20, 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.

Annual Vehicle Night planned

On Tuesday, July 24, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., families are invited to stop by the library parking lot with cameras and kids to explore vehicles from the town's public works, police and fire departments.

Attendees can also enter to win a door prize in the Children's Room. The library's parking lot will close at 5 p.m. to make room for the event.

Learn to play the ukulele

Julie Stepanek will lead a ukulele workshop for kids entering grades one to five on Monday, July 30, at 11 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

The workshop is sponsored by the Friends of MHL and instruments are included.

To register, visit www.mhl.org/calendar.

Jungle Jim set to rock the library

Jungle Jim will bring his 1980s tubular balloon magic show, comedy, improvisation and rad elements to Memorial Hall on Tuesday, July 31, at 2:30 p.m.

This will be one righteous show fans won't want to miss.

For details and to sign up, check out www.mhl.org/calendar.



Ariana Rodriguez, 5, right, checks out a stethoscope while her sister Analise, 4, left, sits on a stretcher in the back of a Pride Star EMS ambulance.



Daniel Finn, 8, of Wilmington, gets behind the wheel of an Andover Department of Public Works street sweeper at the touch-a-truck event.



Angelo Zannini, 3, gets behind the wheel of an Andover Department of Public Works dump truck.



Crowds gather at a the event on Sunday.



Arthur Olivera, 2, of Andover, gets his picture taken behind the wheel of a DiTonno Trucking big rig.



T.J. Clawson, 2, sits on his mom Christina's lap in a mail truck at the touch-a-truck event at the Professional Center for Child Development in Andover on Sunday.

Fun Sunday for kids at the 'Touch-a-Truck' event

STAFF REPORT

The Professional Center for Child Development held its annual Touch-a-Truck event this weekend. On June 24, children and their families visited the center at 32 Osgood St.

The center serves children with a variety of conditions including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and autism. The center has adaptive equipment and developmental toys to assist children with a variety of needs, and offers a variety of programs.

On Sunday, children were able to explore a variety of trucks, including an Andover Police Department truck, a mail truck, a dump truck and more. Families were also able to take tours of the Child Development Center and register for the fall.



Walker Woodward, 18 months, gets some help from his mom Megan, both of North Andover, as he walks down the ramp of a moving truck.

RYAN HUTTON/ Staff photo

All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for Culture & History

100 years Ago—June 28, 1918
The graduations of Pynchard High School and the grammar schools took place this week and exercises of a very high standard were rendered. The graduating class of Pynchard numbered 27, with 80 in the grammar grade classes. The class has the distinction of being the first to graduate from the new school building. While the nation was not at war when the class was born in September 1914, yet the world was stirred at the outbreak of the great war during

the fall of the year the class came together.

The Bay State Street Railway have increased the fares so that now patrons pay .10 cents from Andover Square to Lawrence center, and from the top of the hill it is .12 cents.

The Chautauqua Concert Company began to set up the walls of the tent Wednesday. The tent is placed on the quad between the Dove School and the old Pynchard building. The program opens Monday afternoon and closes Friday evening with two sessions each day at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

75 Years Ago—July 8, 1943
Word that their son,

George Thayer Burrige, 28, is a prisoner of war, held by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands, was received this week by Mr. and Mrs. George H. Burrige of Bancroft Road. News of his present status came in a cablegram from the Navy and Red Cross, by way of Geneva, Switzerland.

Before the largest gathering ever to witness one of its games, the Andover Town Team Sunday afternoon at the playstead whitewashed the Haverhill All-Stars by a score of 2-0. Bob Burnham, No. 1 pitcher for the town team, was in exceptionally good form, and held the All-Stars to five hits, four of which were scratch infield singles, one a triple by Marr

of the visitors.

The Servicemen's Fund carnival, which ran into a spell of bad weather Monday and had to remain closed that day, will make up for it by being in full operation again Saturday afternoon and evening and Friday night.

50 Years Ago—July 3, 1968

The Raytheon Company Monday announced its intention to purchase 165 acres of land in Andover for construction of a manufacturing plant at some future date. The land is located on the west side of Route 133 and is bounded by Route 93 and Osgood Street. Purchase of the land, Raytheon said, is contingent upon the voters of Andover

agreeing to re-zone the area for manufacturing and also to provide sewer and water facilities.

Andover will host 41 students from 28 different countries July 5-7. These students are on a bus load of the 3,000 other homeward-bound American Field Service students who are concluding a year studying and living abroad with an American family.

25 Years Ago—July 1, 1993

The Central Street bridge over the Shawsheen River is nearly complete and could be re-opened late this week or early next week, according to Brian Moore, assistant town engineer. The old steel-grate bridge and supporting

abutments have been completely replaced with a steel and cement bridge with a paved surface.

Selectmen Monday night approved a request by Buzz Stapczynski, town manager, to increase water rates by 8 percent effective Aug. 1. Water prices will go from \$2.33 to \$2.52 per 100 cubic feet. The annual bill for the average residence will go up about \$22, according to Tony Torrisi, budget and finance director.

Dana Wilson, the owner of Raspberries Eatery on Main Street, will open a second Raspberries, this one at Brickstone Square, on Aug. 1.

Chicland restaurant on River Road has changed its name to Grill 93.

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Local spot for fro-yo returns next spring

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Missing your local fro-yo fix as Orange Leaf on Park Street closed months ago?

Well, a new ice cream shop is coming to the empty space at 28 Park St. next spring, and the menu includes frozen yogurt. J.P. Licks, which now has 13 stores in greater Boston, is adding Andover to that list.

"It's true! We plan to open in spring of 2019. As for the why, we just thought Andover seemed like a nice community we wanted to be a part of, and we thought that you could use some more ice cream," was the company's response to an email asking if they are coming to the former Orange Leaf location.

The company has four Boston locations and nine other shops, including one at the Marketplace in Lynnfield.

J.P. Licks Homemade Ice Cream launched in 1981 in the founder's Jamaica Plain (hence J.P.) neighborhood of Boston.

"I knew what I was really serving wasn't just a treat, it was love in a cone. I became a man on a mission ... a



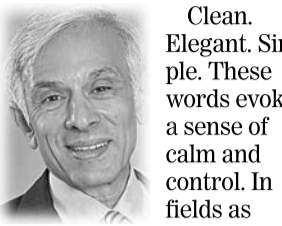
mission to make really good, scratch recipe ice cream and to serve my customers well," company founder and owner Vince Petryk writes on the company's website.

In 1987, J.P. Licks began making hard and soft frozen yogurt from scratch recipes. Frozen yogurt continues to account for a third of the company's sales. And, in 1999, their own roasted coffee was added to the menu.

Orange Leaf on Park Street closed last October after seven years in Andover. Former franchise owner David Pierre has opened a new restaurant in Newburyport. His new restaurant, West Row Cafe & Bar, is located in Market Square, Newburyport, in a former Orange Leaf site.

Keeping things simple

John Spoto
Financially Speaking



Clean. Elegant. Simple. These words evoke a sense of calm and control. In fields as diverse as science, product design and business, simplicity is the holy grail for creators and practitioners. Why? Because simple approaches are easier to understand and execute and often yield better results than complicated ones. We know from our own experience at work and home that regardless of the task, the best plan is the one you will act on and stick with. Complicated solutions can paralyze us, whereas simple ones give us the confidence to move forward.

Achieving simplicity is hard. It often demands the ability to sort through complex information and then skillfully remove the clutter until the solution is distilled to its essence. Perhaps most famously, Apple founder Steve Jobs and chief designer Jonathan Ive relied on the principle of simplicity to create clean and elegant designs across every part of the company, from its brilliantly

engineered products to its retail stores and corporate headquarters. In 1997, in its first marketing brochure, introducing the Apple II personal computer, the headline read: "Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."

Still, complexity sells. A prime example is the diet industry. It rakes in billions of dollars every year exploiting Americans' search for a quick fix for the growing obesity epidemic. However, most health and wellness experts, although they may disagree on the finer points, know the "formula" is simple but not easy: Eat healthy and exercise regularly and vigorously. Michael Pollan, UC Berkeley professor and author of several books on food and culture boils down the eating part to "eat food (meaning real food like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, etc.), not too much, [and] mostly plants."

The exercise part is just as straightforward: Exercise at least three days per week (more is better!) including aerobic, strength and flexibility training, and if you work a desk job, be sure to get out of your chair and move around throughout the day.

The same principles apply to your financial affairs. The next few articles will provide some simple personal finance guidelines that anyone, regardless of age, can use to ensure a more secure

The more complicated something is, the more likely something will go wrong. The financial services industry is notorious for using complexity to hide conflicts of interest designed to transfer money from your pocket to someone else's. If you don't understand it and it can't be explained to you in plain English using grade school arithmetic, pass on it.

life for themselves and their family. These rules will help you focus on what matters most, avoiding unnecessarily complicated analysis and allowing you to make better decisions.

Complexity is not your friend. The more complicated something is, the more likely something will go wrong. The financial services industry is notorious for using complexity to hide conflicts of interest designed to transfer money from your pocket to someone else's. If you don't understand it and

it can't be explained to you in plain English using grade school arithmetic, pass on it.

Invest in yourself. The most important financial asset, especially for young and middle age workers, is the ability to earn a living, pay current expenses and, ideally, to save and invest the balance to help finance a comfortable future. Spending time and money to build valuable skills will increase your earning potential. Just a few thousand dollars a year of extra income and savings can grow into hundreds of thousands of dollars if left to grow over three or more decades of work. It will do wonders for your bank account and your peace of mind, and maybe the best investment you will ever make.

Next week, we will continue to explore additional strategies to help you simplify your financial life.

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.

BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Rosen launches new firm with XY Planning Network

Access Financial Planning, a new financial planning firm founded by Andover resident Tricia Rosen, was launched at the start of National Small Business Week with the help of XY Planning Network (XYPN), a leading organization of fee-only financial planners serving Generation X and Generation Y clients. Access Financial Planning

will specialize in empowering sole proprietors and small business owners to follow their unique financial path with confidence.

"There are so many inspiring small business owners in Andover and the Merrimack Valley who are providing us with high quality products and services which make our lives easier and more enjoyable," said Rosen. "But many of them are so busy running their business that they don't have the time to dedicate to managing their finances the

way they would like. This is where Access Financial Planning can help. Financial services technology has dramatically improved in the past few years and there is also a fundamental shift in how financial services are being offered in the marketplace. Taken together, these changes provide the opportunity to offer comprehensive financial services in an affordable, accessible and convenient manner to clients who may not have had access to a financial adviser before."

Rosen worked for several years in investment management and corporate financial management positions prior to taking a career break to raise her three children. During this time, her passion for helping family and friends with personal financial planning needs led to the founding of Access Financial Planning. She combines her work experience with her formal education in psychology, business management, investments, personal financial planning and income tax planning to help her clients gain clarity around their unique financial goals.

XYPN Network kicked off a movement in 2014 to make financial planning accessible to the Generation X and Generation Y populations by using a monthly subscription model rather than the traditional Assets Under Management (AUM) compensation structure. The novel fee structure

ensures advisers work in the best interest of clients rather than for personal gain. As a member of XYPN, Rosen was required to sign a fiduciary oath, among other stringent membership standards.

XYPN Network offers a virtual community for new and established financial advisers, providing members with invaluable support in areas such as compliance, marketing, and business coaching. Additionally, members benefit from a wide range of technology solutions to support their firms.

To learn more about Access Financial Planning, visit accessfinplan.com.

Huskey, Kukura open Myofascial Release Therapy studio

Sarah Huskey, LMT, and Marya Kukura, LMT, owners of Connective Healing Myofascial Release, have opened a studio at 68-6 Park

St. in Andover. The studio specializes in both Myofascial Release Therapy (MFR), which follows the John F. Barnes method, and sound therapy with gongs and singing bowls, one of the oldest healing techniques known to humankind.

Huskey is an intermediate level JFB-MFR therapist with 13 years' experience as a licensed massage therapist, and Kukura is an expert level JFB-MFR therapist with 12 years of experience as a licensed massage therapist and hundreds of hours of additional training in MFR.

The robust MFR practice focuses on a gamut of methods and techniques designed to help with all levels of pain and discomfort. Appointments are available seven days a week, from morning to mid-evening.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

57 Ballardvale Road: GWE 6 T and Charles Flather to Maguffin Microwave LLC, \$394,000
110 Ballardvale Road: Anne Mattison to Twin Birch Development, \$1,250,000
112 Ballardvale Road: Anne Mattison to Twin Birch Development, \$1,250,000
8 Boardwalk Drive, Unit B: 69 North Street LLC to Amanda Fuentes, \$199,800
60 Center St., Unit 3: Jaimie E. Carleton to Jennifer Samaro, \$190,000
5 Chongris Circle: Lori J. Wanzek to Rick A. Meissner, \$1,180,000
101 Colonial Drive: Allocca FT and Michael Allocca to Eric and Kristen Montplaisir, \$945,000
15 Greymbirch Road: Sashikumar Venkataraman and Gayathri Sashikumar to Kumaran Daksinamurthy and Arthilakshmi Kumaran, \$690,000
130 Hidden Road: Daniel N. and Phyllis I. Beinart to Ari Dumecyian and Bernadette Villas, \$725,000
52 Jenkins Road: Marisa O. Kafantis to Megan L. Cyr and Caitlin O'Neill, \$800,000
23 Kirkland Drive: McLarney Andover RT and Cornelius J. McLarney to Donald H. and

Sarah T. Walsh, \$550,000
14 Longwood Drive, Unit 3: Lawrence Division of Dist. to Andover Gardens Condo T., \$30,000

6 Regis Road: J&P RT and John P. Amboian to Manikandan Santhanaraman and Kamakshi Manikandan, \$590,000

3 Rose Glen Drive: Leyne & Shannon Inc. to Craig and Julie Tucci, \$1,125,000

16 Samos Lane: Ferdinando F. Bruno to Ryan and Ashley McNamara, \$515,000

1000 Spring Valley Drive, Unit G: Mary J. Frongillo to Ashwini and Krushnakant Chavan, \$318,000

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Adam Bloom-Paicopolos graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park on May 20 with a bachelor's degree in government and politics.

Bloom-Paicopolos is a 2014 graduate of Andover High School. He will continue his studies at the University of Maryland, where he plans to pursue a master of public policy.

Owen Focke, a senior at Vanderbilt University, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2018 semester. Focke majored in economics at the College of Arts and Science.

Since 1996, DCU (Digital Federal Credit Union) has provided a scholarship program designed to assist students in pursuit of a higher education with more than \$800,000 in scholarships being awarded.

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Local scholarship winners included **Sana Nadkarni**, who received a \$2,000 scholarship, and **Trisha Meera Ballakur**

and **Michele Cung**, who each received a \$1,500 scholarship.

Recipients were chosen by an impartial panel of college educators who based their decisions on scholastic achievement, community involvement, leadership skills, character and integrity, recommendation letters, as well as an essay submitted by the student.

Timothy Awiszus recently graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University with a bachelor of science from the Rutgers College of Business.

Abigail Rose Marcou, **Marina Andrea Rinaldi** and **Maggie Jean Sakellarios** received dean's list honors for the spring 2018 semester at Fairfield University.

Joseph Carroll graduated from Saint Michael's College with a bachelor of science in accounting on May 13.

Matthew Stephen Stickney graduated from Saint Michael's College with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and accounting on May 13.

Stickney, a graduate of Andover High School, was also named to the spring 2018 dean's list.

Several local residents graduated from Lehigh University during commencement ceremonies on May 21. They include: **Jaime Manjoney**, Bachelor of Science in business and economics; **Jacob Tarricone**, bachelor of science in business and economics; and **Sean Nork**, bachelor of science in electrical engineering.

Local students named to the dean's list for the spring 2018 semester at Hofstra University include: **Thomas Brassi**, **Dena Brody**, **Ashley Mantrana** and **Spencer Wright**.

Ross Bendetson graduated summa cum laude from Tufts University with a bachelor of arts in economics.

Emily Wilson graduated summa cum laude from Tufts University with a bachelor of arts in clinical psychology.

Owen Meech and **Dean Smith** were recently inducted into Quinnipiac University's chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the national communications association's official honor society for four-year colleges and universities.

To qualify for inductions, students must be a junior or a

senior, majoring in the School of Communications, with at least an overall grade-point average of a 3.0 and at least a 3.25 grade-point average in all communication courses.

Local students who earned dean's list honors for the spring 2018 semester at Tufts University include: **Griffin Andersen**, **Ross Bendetson**, **Matthew Daly**, **Courtney Grygiel**, **Katherine Hall**, **Emai Lai**, **Erin Loque**, **Daniel MacDonald**, **Allison MacKenzie**, **Max McCarthy**, **Heather Mei**, **Allison Morgenstern**, **Owen Morrissey**, **Erica Nork**, **Sitara Rao**, **Isabella Silveira**, **Gavin Smith**, **Francis Straccesi**, **Emily Wilson** and **Eliot Zaeder**.

Three local residents were among Bryant University's 788 graduates at the university's 155th commencement ceremony on May 18. They include: **James Imrie**, summa cum laude, bachelor of science business administration in marketing; **Joshua Santos**, bachelor of science in international business; and **Nicholas Valeri**, bachelor of science business administration in marketing.

Local students who were awarded degrees during Salve Regina University's 68th commencement on May

20 include: **Megan Manter**, bachelor of science in nursing; and **Kara Merryfield**, bachelor of science in nursing.

Dylan Ring and **Shaun Merrill** were named to the dean's list for the spring 2018 semester at the University of Hartford.

Rachel Annino received a Master of Occupational Therapy on May 12 from Quinnipiac University.

Emily Lowenstein received a master of business administration on May 12 from Quinnipiac University.

Local students who earned a place on the spring 2018 dean's list at the University of Delaware include: **Daniel Bailey**, **Sylvia Dorros**, **Cooper Hurley**, **Elizabeth Kaufman**, **Dana Mandell**, **Grace Perigaut**, **Hannah Souza** and **Erin Walsh**.

Two local students received degrees from Clark University in Worcester on Sunday, May 20: **Marian Elizabeth Crockett** graduated with a master of science in biology and **John T. Pisacreta** graduated with a bachelor of arts in economics.

Justine Ferrara, **Maxwell Gratton**, **Rachel Manjoney** and **Lindsey**

Surette graduated from Fairfield University on May 20.

Trevor Parvin earned a bachelor of science in management from Keene State College during its commencement ceremony on May 5.

Adrieh Nalbandian graduated from Colby-Sawyer College with an associate degree in liberal arts during its 180th commencement on May 5.

Yanyan Liu earned a master of science in computer science from the Georgia Institute of Technology during the institute's 255th commencement exercises at the McCamish Pavilion in May.

Ryan Payne graduated with a bachelor of science in business administration from Castleton University following the successful completion of the spring semester in May.

Clarence C. Braswell was named to the dean's list for the spring 2018 semester at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee.

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The public hearing will be held on July 9, 2018, in Conference Room A on the third floor of the Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, Massachusetts at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with the General Laws relating thereto.
By Order of the Board of Selectmen
Lawrence J. Murphy
Town Clerk
AT - 6/28/18

PUBLIC NOTICES
NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael J. Devitto, Leonor C. Devitto to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Patriot Funding, LLC, dated November 4, 2005 and registered at the Essex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court as document number 90722, and noted on certificate of title number 8668, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Patriot Funding, LLC., its successors and assigns to Bank of America, N.A., registered on March 1, 2017, Document No. 115751, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 8668
Bank of America, N. A. to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, registered on September 5, 2017, Document No. 116633, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 8668 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 PM on July 30, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 6 Penni Lane, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, and all singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, shown as Lot 25 Penni Lane, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, and all of said boundaries of the aforesaid Lot 25 are determined by the Court to be located on Plan No. 33029G, drawn by Cyr Engineering Services, Inc., 300 Canal Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts, dated June 8, 1979, as modified and approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 8381, Book 56, Page 329.
Together with the right with all others entitled thereto pass and repass over the aforesaid Penni Lane for all purposes for which such ways are commonly used in the Town of Andover, but no fee in the aforesaid Penni Lane is conveyed herewith.
For grantor's title see deed dated January 9, 1981 and recorded with Essex North Registry of Deeds Land Court Division as Document Number 83698, Book 58, Page 277.
For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed registered with Essex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 277, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 58.
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Premises affected are located at 321-325 Lowell St., Andover, MA in an LS District & are shown on Assessor Map 151 as Lot 21. The petition may be viewed at the Board of Appeals office between 7:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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Premises affected are located at 1 Lillian Terr., Andover, MA in an SRB District & are shown on Assessor Map 71 as Lot 110. The petition may be viewed at the Board of Appeals office between 7:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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G.L.C. 190B, § 3-306
Docket No. ES18P1790EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Essex Division Estate of: Carroll W. Bailey Also Known As: Carroll Wesley Bailey
Date of Death: April 9, 2018
To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on **May 22, 2018** that the Petitioner **Nancy McLean Brickley of Rector PA** intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of a Will.
Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve **without surety** on the bond **Nancy McLean Brickley of Rector PA**
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration of the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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Sports

SPRING SUPERSTARS

Looking back at a huge season for Golden Warriors

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

What a spring it was for Andover High athletics. Golden Warrior fans were treated to incredible seasons from the likes of baseball ace Cedric Gillette, softball sluggers Megan Zalanskas and Alexa Pacy, emerging track superstar Delia Barbanti and lacrosse record-setter Jordan Torres.

Speaking of lacrosse, the boys lacrosse team shocked the state by surging to the Division 1 North title game. The girls tennis team also went to the North title, and like the lacrosse team needed a dramatic victory to get there.

So, now that summer has officially arrived, let's take a look back at the Golden Warriors' exploits in the spring of 2018.

Superstar sluggers

Dominating opponents is nothing new to Cedric Gillette. He was, after all, considered by many to be the best receiver in Massachusetts high school football over the past two falls.

But this spring, Gillette was at his dominant best on the baseball diamond.

The senior ace finished the spring at 5-1 with a spectacular 0.57 ERA. He struck out 58 in 57.1 innings and earned a pair of saves.

Oh yeah, and he could hit too. An outfielder when he wasn't pitching, Gillette hit .280 batting average with 10 RBIs and nine runs scored.

Merrimack College has one heck of a recruit coming in.

Leading Andover in hitting was Matt Potts (.362), followed by Michael Reilly (.340) and Phil LeBlanc (.321). Speedy Patrick Dennehy led the Warriors in runs scored (16) while John Metzamaekers led in RBIs (13).

It wasn't just the baseball team that could swing the bats.

Junior catcher/outfielder Megan Zalanskas led the Warrior softball team with an outstanding .475 batting average. Leadoff hitter Alexa Pacy was right behind at .464 and Anna O'Sullivan was third at .403.

In Andover's biggest win of the season, an upset of Lowell, O'Sullivan delivered four hits and drove in three runs.

Goals are wild

Jordan Torres entered her final lacrosse season with lots of hype, and the Brown University recruit delivered in a big way.

Torres finished the spring with a team-high 69 goals, despite being mobbed by defenses throughout the season.

Her biggest performances were six goals in a victory over eventual New Hampshire Division 1 state champion Bishop Guertin and five goals in a victory over archrival Central Catholic. She was not held off the score sheet once all season, and scored at least two goals in all but three contests.

Behind Torres was Emma Farnham (40 goals), Brooke



Andover's Shamus Florio, left, and Bret Miller had plenty to celebrate after advancing to the North title game.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo



No matter the defense, Andover's Jordan Torres could score goals.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Lenes (30 goals) and Mackenzie Evans (26 goals).

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On the boys side, it was Bret Miller who led the Warriors with 45 goals despite battling defenses. Greysen Mitchell added 35 goals and Alex Trottier scored 34. Sophomore Shamus Florio was an emerging star with 22 goals.

Upset specials

It was a magical run for the Andover boys lacrosse team to the Division 1 North final. And nothing was better than the Golden Warriors' North quarterfinal victory over arch nemesis North Andover.

Florio scored four goals and CJ Puglisi was stellar in net with 16 saves as the Warriors handed the Scarlet Knights just their fourth loss of the season, two weeks after the Knights beat Andover.

Andover followed that up with a convincing 14-7



Andover's Cedric Gillette delivered a brilliant season on the mound.

RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

win over Chelmsford in the North semis — led by three

goals each from Greysen Mitchell, Trottier and Sager Florio.

Miller scored twice as the Warriors pushed eventual state champ Acton-Boxboro to the limit before falling 9-4.

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Speaking of dramatic wins, the Andover girls tennis team used one to advance to the Division 1 North finals.

Elia Petros and Anna Higgins rallied for a 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-4 win at No. 2 double to clinch a 3-2 win over Boston Latin in the Division 1 North semis. The two also scored a victory in the North finals.

And how good could the Warrior girls tennis team be next year?

The Warriors return all three top singles players from this year — Corina Muntean, Isabel Zhou and Sidney Conway — and doubles players Higgins, Caroline Yang and Annette Kim will be back.



Kassie Brink, right hurdling, delivered a record-setting season in the triple jump.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Only senior captain Petros has graduated.

Unsung Heros

Andover boys tennis flew under the radar at times, but still finished 16-3 and went to the Division 1 North quarters. And plenty pitched in for that success.

Javier Camino earned 13 victories, mostly out of the No. 1 singles spot. David Grossman added 10 wins, including one in the North quarters loss, Michael Rosen added six victories and Ryan Cadigan had nine wins between singles and to doubles.

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It was a tough spring for the boys volleyball team, but senior three-year starter Yanchen Zhan, was nothing short of brilliant.

He averaged 10.1 kills per game, and regularly contributed in other areas, often leading the team in service points and digs.

In his final high school match, Zhan led in kills (12), aces (2) and digs (11) to lead the Warriors to a 3-0 upset of Billerica.

Track dominance

It's no mystery that Andover is a dominant

presence on the MIAA scene, and this spring was no different.

The Golden Warrior girls took team titles at EMass. Division 1 states, MVCs, Andover Boosters and Division 1 relays.

Delia Barbanti won the Division 1 title in the 200 meter in a school-record 24.85. At the same meet, Kassie Brink set a school record in the triple jump with a 38-1.5.

Then there was the relays. The 4x100 of Hope Joel, Hannah Lansberry, Delia Barbanti and Ally Bennett won the All-State title, while the 4x800 of Emma Griffin, Nicole Major, Ava Trapp, Julianna Kennedy placed first at EMass. Division 1s.

On the boys side, Matt McDermott was spectacular. He won the All-State title with a 169-1, and placed third at New England.

Alec Pascoe won the EMass. Division 1 title in the 400 hurdles in a school-record 54.48. Devin Connell was once again steady as can be, winning the MVC title in the 800.

David Willis is a sports-writer/videographer. Contact him at DWillis@eagletribune.com or @DWillisET.

Rocker, Kim each red hot on the court

BOYS HOOPS FOR HOPE

Kyle Rocker scored 23 points as Andover rolled over Boston English 73-46 last Tuesday in Hoops for Hope summer league action.

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Emmitt Kim tallied 24 points and Andover topped

Westford 74-62 last Monday. Earlier in the day, Kim scored 10 points as the Golden Warriors fell to powerhouse Lawrence 71-52.

SUMMER FOOTBALL

Leading the line

Former Andover High star and Bryant football

recruit Payton Heidtke played offensive line for the North squad, which beat the South squad 25-22 in the 40th annual Shriners All-Star Classic on Friday night.

LEGION BASEBALL

Gillette's effort for naught Cedric Gillette threw a

complete-game, striking out five but Andover fell to Lawrence 2-1 last Wednesday. Post 8 had the bases loaded in the ninth, but could not push the tying run across.

Michael Reilly, Ryan Neal and Caeden Dillman each had a hit for Andover.

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The Townsman wants to spotlight the triumphs, and tragedies, of Andover's local sports teams and athletes.

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MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEENS

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

Summer reading kick-off party slated

All of Memorial Hall Library will celebrate "Libraries Rock" and summer reading on Saturday, June 30. The scavenger hunt, open to all ages, will run all day and

the family concert will start at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by to try to win some prizes and learn more about the Summer Reading programs for all ages. For more information, call 978-623-8432.

Summer reading club is underway

The goal of the Teen Summer Reading Club is to

challenge teens to read five books this summer or for 10 hours. Teens who achieve this goal will receive a prize pack with a free book, a pencil, coupons for local businesses, and a raffle ticket for grand prize drawings. The club will run through Friday, Aug. 17.

To view the required summer reading lists for Andover Public Schools, and for details about the prizes,

visit www.mhlteenroom.tumblr.com/summerreading. Call 978-623-8432 if there are questions.

Another event at the library includes: **Free Form Friday:** June 29, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Play Super Smash Brothers in the Activity Room or do a drop-in craft in the Teen Room. Different activities are held each week. All programs and activities

are at Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. MHL events are for teens in grades six through 12, and are free to attend. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information. Check out the blog for news, events and other fun stuff at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat @mhlteenroom.



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