



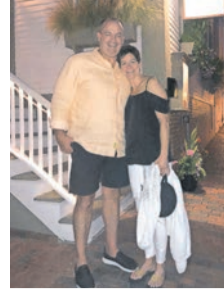
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Coaching flap strikes Little League

By KELSEY BODE
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Controversy again has erupted in town over actions and comments reportedly made by a well-known coach, this time involving the Andover Little League and Coach Adam Beck, who is also the

league's president. Two former members of the league's board of directors — including one assigned to resolve issues concerning players — confirmed that the league fielded complaints about Beck's language when some players refused to enter a batting cage because the

pitching machine was set to its maximum speed of 70 mph. Those parent complaints led to a contentious board meeting, after which a number of board members resigned, according to the former directors, Josh Entner and Jason Piscatelli. Beck, who remains league

president and a coach, did not return several calls and emails seeking comment. But Entner said players were never in danger in the batting cage, and he thought the whole issue had been addressed and resolved — until things boiled over late last month. "My interpretation was

that it was over," he said. "I don't know what happened. I was comfortable that the players were safe based on the feedback I got. Assistant coaches were monitoring the situation, and still were at the end of the season and reported back to me. We were keeping an eye on it. "I think Adam genuinely

cares about the kids," he added. "Or why would he deal with this?"
Coaches under fire
The controversy comes on the heels of two other, high-profile incidents involving coaches in town. Over the winter, the See LEAGUE, Page 2

Any way you slice it



Jim Arhelger, director of Culinary Services at Atria Marland Place, shows off the garnish of fennel fronds on his lobster-stuffed tomatoes.

Tomatoes are focus at chef throwdown

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street was transformed into a bistro of sorts last week as it celebrated National Culinary Arts Month by hosting a friendly competition using tomatoes.

Not throwing them, but finding new and interesting ways to serve them up to an appreciative audience.

"We celebrated by having our chef in a friendly competition face off featuring the tomato," said Mary Mazza, Engage Life Director at the senior home. "All recipes had to be original. It is really a fun event that residents and their families look forward to every year."

Mazza said that every year for the annual event Atria's corporate office suggests an ingredient for the showdown's original recipes.

This year it was the



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Three different liqueurs go into the glaze of Andover Country Club chef Elaine Chirichiello's strawberry, Mandarin orange and grape tomato sticks, along with brown sugar and butter, which she's lit on fire with assistant Lourdes Torres, right.

tomato and chef contestants had to show off their skills by coming up with an original recipe featuring a tomato.

Atria's Culinary Director James Arhelger competed against Elaine Chirichiello, the executive chef at the Andover Country Club.

A number of residents and their family members, along with special See CHEFS, Page 3



Jim Arhelger's lobster-stuffed tomato, with lightly sauteed shallots, fennel, lemon zest using beefsteak tomatoes.



File photo

Ellen Townson stands at an access point to Dug Pond. Townson, a member of the Conservation Commission, co-authored the 2018 open space plan.

ConCom pens new recreation, open space plan

By KELSEY BODE
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The Conservation Commission presented its Open Space and Recreation Plan to selectmen July 9.

The commission creates an Open Space and Recreation Plan every seven years. The 350 page 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan, co-authored by Alex Driscoll and Ellen Townson, will help the commission

obtain grant funding and revise its goals.

"Every seven years we do this so we can get grants," Driscoll said. "The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) likes us to look at the condition of our open space every seven years and to have goals and to update goals."

"We strongly believe in open space," she added. "We will help the commission See PLAN, Page 3

Land swap would give town river access

By KELSEY BODE
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A possible land swap between the town and Greater Lawrence Technical School could open up new possibilities for boating, fishing, and safety on the Merrimack River.

According to Alex Vispoli, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the town is currently negotiating with Greater Lawrence Technical School to swap small pieces of land so that the town will have access to the Merrimack Preservation,

"It's a great opportunity."

Selectman Alex Vispoli

a piece of land along the Merrimack River the town purchased in the 1970s for \$7,500, according to Director of Conservation Bob Douglas. A land swap with Greater Lawrence Technical would allow the town to access a path to the waterfront preservation. Residents would be able to boat and fish on the land.

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Town used as 'poster child' for affordable housing

By KELSEY BODE
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As baby boomers age and a younger workforce begins to move into the commonwealth, it's no secret that Massachusetts is combating a housing shortage.

Massachusetts is short 44,000 housing units today while Essex County is short about 4,900 units, according to a presentation given by the executive director of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC), Karen Sawyer Conard, and MVPC Comprehensive Planning Manager Mike Parquette to the Board of Selectmen July 9.

Andover, however, has successfully created affordable,

diverse housing options in recent years. According to Conard, approximately 13.3 percent of housing in Andover is considered affordable, comfortably above the 10 percent encouraged by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B. Andover will need to work to maintain its reputation for affordable, diverse housing, however. According to Conard, Andover's population is growing and is anticipated to have a population of 39,000 by 2035.

Andover's population is becoming more diverse, with a growing Asian population in particular, and single-person households in Andover are increasing as more See HOUSING, Page 2



Courtesy photo

Avalon Andover on River Road rents 115 apartments, six of which are rented at 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) and 23 of which are rented at 80 percent of AMI. The rest are market-rate units. According to Avalon's website, the rent for a one-bedroom ranges from \$1,815 to \$2,200; two-bedrooms rent for \$2,400 to \$2,700.

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The town nearly purchased land from Phillips Academy several years ago, but that deal fell through when the town put in a low bid on the property. The 10-acre site ended up being sold to Andover Companies, which is adjacent to the former Phillips property.

Access to the river offers more than recreational benefits, however. Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said discussions on obtaining access to the river have been going on in town for about a decade.

"Currently we don't have good access when

responding to incidents specifically on the Merrimack River," Mansfield said. "Anything the town leadership can do that would provide us access to the Merrimack River I would see as a great step in the right direction for the safety of those who utilize the Merrimack River as a recreational resource."

Mansfield said without access to the river in Andover, fire officials have to get on a boat in Lawrence or Methuen to respond to emergency calls on the river. The department does receive calls for injuries and drownings and is also occasionally called on to assist other municipalities in body recoveries or for help locating someone who has jumped into the river,

either to avoid arrest or take their own life. Mansfield said if the department had access to the river in town, it would take around six minutes to get a boat in the water. Traveling to Lawrence and Methuen adds 14 minutes onto the department's response time. The town can also call on mutual aid, but it's not always available, he said.

"We are talking about a very small land swap," Vispoli explained, noting that a small piece of Greater Lawrence Technical School's driveway area is town land, and would be traded for land the school owns that would provide the town full access to the Merrimack Preservation and the river adjacent to it. Vispoli said

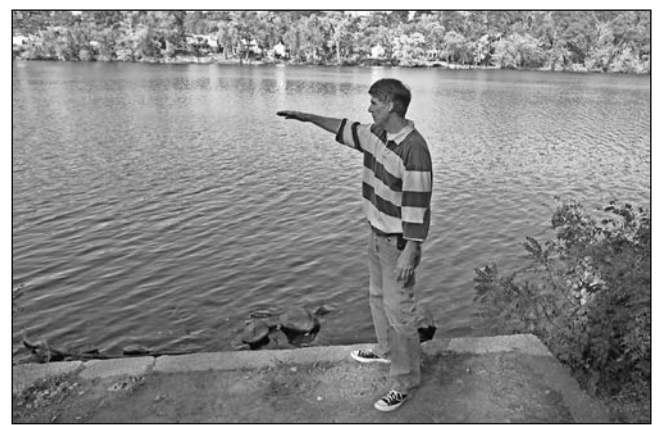
the town is also negotiating an easement with the school regarding another piece of property.

He said the town has been in active negotiations with the school for around two years.

"It's a great opportunity," Vispoli said. "It's a piece of property, a resource that I think provides a tremendous opportunity for conservation and recreation. Working closely with Greater Lawrence Technical School, we have a great partnership with them. This benefits the town as well as the school."

Vispoli said the town hopes to finish negotiations as soon as possible.

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File photo

In 2014, when the town was considering buying the former Phillips Academy boathouse property, the Andover Rowing Club had hoped to be able to use the property to launch their boats. The deal fell through, however, after Phillips sold the property to the Andover Companies for more than the town was willing to spend. Here, rowing club member Steven Anthony points to where floating docks would have been installed if the town had purchased the land.

LEAGUE

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veteran coach of the Andover High School boys varsity team, Chris Kuchar, was the target of parent complaints. Separate investigations cleared him and an assistant coach.

In another case, E.J. Perry, the high school's boys volleyball coach, was the target of complaints that he'd used inappropriate language around players. He also remained in his position after an investigation.

While the Andover Little League case doesn't have anything to do with Andover Public Schools, it is similar in that parents raised concerns about coaching practices and comments.

Indeed, there have been similar stories nationally about conflicts between parents and coaches.

At a Connecticut public school, a longtime football and lacrosse coach resigned after he was warned that a vocal group of parents was looking for "regime change," according to USA Today.

Batting simulation

Entner, the former Andover Little League vice president and player agent, who was one of several board members to resign, confirmed that an incident was reported this spring between two players and Beck.

According to Entner, Beck turned up the speed of the batting machine but the boys refused to enter the cage because they felt unsafe.

The boys were wearing batting helmets, Entner said.

"Adam was trying to simulate the pitching of a pitcher who throws the ball around 70 miles an hour — that's a rough number," he said. "Adam decided to go to a controlled environment and let the kids simulate what it would be like."

"The kids were never in danger in the batting cage," he added. Unlike a human pitcher, the machine always throws the ball straight, Entner said.

Entner said he could not confirm what Beck said specifically, but Entner said he did receive a complaint from parents. As the player agent, it was Entner's role to resolve any issues that arose during the season.

Entner said he was able to work out a compromise between Beck and the parents of the boys. The parents sat in the dugout at each game for the rest of the season and observed Beck's coaching. Two assistant coaches also monitored the situation and reported back to Entner.

Beck also took an online sensitivity training class, said Entner, though parents were not made aware of that at the time.

"Adam's behavior was fantastic after that," he said. "Not that it wasn't before."

Entner said the issue didn't come up again for about a month after that.

Parents complain

Then, after the spring season was over, about a dozen parents informed the Little League that they didn't want their children playing on Beck's summer league team, Entner said. Their children were instead assigned to Entner's summer league team. Entner claims the majority of those

"All I want is the facts to come forward. ... All I care about is that these kids have a good experience and enjoy themselves on the field. When I felt like all the politics was too much for me to take, I resigned so I could focus on the kids."

Josh Entner, former member of the Little League Board of Directors

players had never actually played for Beck.

"This thing has taken on a life of its own and has certainly affected the Little League experience for everyone involved," he said.

Former Little League Umpire in Chief Jason Piscatelli, who has also resigned from the board, said he was playing catch with his son at Blanchard fields the day of the batting practice.

He wasn't aware of what was happening until later, he said, when parents approached him and other members of the board asking what had happened.

Piscatelli said he wished the board had addressed the encounter publicly, as parents were discussing it and wanted answers.

Reaching out

He decided to send a text to Beck to ask what happened.

"I specifically asked him, could you call me and help me understand what happened with the situation? And then Adam asked, 'What situation?' He was denying that there was any situation."

Piscatelli said when he clarified that he was asking about what happened at the batting cage, Beck said there wasn't a situation.

"I believe the exact wording was that 'the parents are

on a witch hunt and there was nothing to talk about," he said. "Adam didn't want to talk to anybody about the situation that happened, which was concerning."

"I'm not a threat to Adam," Piscatelli added. "I'm a friend and I hope he considers me a friend. I was just approaching him so I could understand what happened so I could project that to parents asking questions."

Piscatelli said he again approached Beck to discuss what happened, and when he refused, Piscatelli asked that his son be assigned to a different team.

"He didn't want to take ownership of the situation," Piscatelli said. "He didn't want to be humbled by his actions or say sorry. There was nothing going on on his end that led me to believe my son should be on any team with him."

"I never saw Adam as being a bad coach, as any type of threat to any children, but with this situation it was so obvious something went on that it bothered me," he added.

Contentious meeting

Parents met with the board of directors on June 21 to discuss Beck's coaching practices.

Earlier this month the Townsman received an unsigned statement

purporting to be from parents who sought Beck's reprimand for the batting cage incident. According to the statement, the parents also wanted the board to clarify Andover Little League's policies regarding player safety and emotional well being.

Other parents and board members talked off the record or made emails available to the Townsman regarding the incident.

Piscatelli said he was embarrassed by the way the meeting unfolded.

"There were many antics that happened at the board meeting that were unbecoming of the way a board should conduct themselves," he said. "We heard in detail exactly what happened. The rest of the parents were there for nothing more other than to show there's a pattern of this type of activity that Adam displays. I was very surprised to see there were so many other complaints that showed a similar pattern of inappropriate behavior with the kids."

Piscatelli said he was "totally embarrassed about being a board member" after watching Adam address the parents who had complained.

"He didn't even answer to any of the grievances parents had with their sons," he said. "He went on the attack. He singled out maybe 10 different people in the public audience that had come forward, and publicly embarrassed each one of those people by stating that they had trouble in the past with the league."

"It was obvious to me at that point the battle was between him personally and the parents in general," he said.

Resignations

The board asked parents for time to digest information shared at the meeting. A conference call was planned for Sunday, June 24.

When board members postponed the meeting, Piscatelli decided the board was so "dysfunctional" that he no longer wanted to serve as a member, despite the fact that he had enjoyed volunteering. So he resigned.

"We made a decision to have the meeting Sunday, to suddenly change it didn't settle well with me," he said. "It just further solidified to me that the board was dysfunctional and this was not heading in the right direction."

The board did gather again the next day, on June 25, but what happened during that meeting remains a mystery.

According to Entner, the board met on Blanchard field. Police arrived and asked the board to turn the lights out.

Entner said after that, the group scattered. No vote had been taken on how to handle the situation.

Entner stepped down from the board on June 26.

After Entner and Piscatelli left the board, several others stepped down as well.

"I'm glad to no longer be a part of this," said Entner, who had served on the board for several years. "All I want is the facts to come forward. ... All I care about is that these kids have a good experience and enjoy themselves on the field. When I felt like all the politics was too much for me to take, I resigned so I could focus on the kids."

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seniors live alone, Conard said. As a result, senior housing is a growing need in town, and support services as well as various housing options will need to be available as demographics change. She also said more families with children have been moving to Andover in recent years, although this trend is projected to drop off.

On July 9, the Board of Selectmen accepted the housing plan created by the MVPC. In 2017, the MVPC received funding from the Commonwealth Community Compact Cabinet and Mass-Housing to create housing plans for the 15 communities in the Merrimack Valley. The plans provide strategies for creating affordable, diverse housing options to meet the needs of current and future residents.

Communities that accept the plan are not bound to follow it. Rather, Conard said, the plan is intended to serve as a guideline for communities as they navigate what types of housing they want,

and where they want it.

"There is a real shortage of housing throughout the Commonwealth," Conard said. "Baby boomers are retiring, but they're not going anywhere. We need to bring in a whole new workforce. They need somewhere to live. We've got a situation that we have to deal with."

Conard said Andover is used as an example by the MVPC for its diverse, affordable housing options.

"We use you as a poster child for how to do housing correctly," she said. "You have a variety of types which reach a variety of incomes. We want to help you keep up the good work. This is a blueprint for how you keep going."

Conard said the housing plan could be used by the town in future master plans.

"It really is just a way to compile thoughts, things that have worked," she said. "What we've hoped to achieve throughout this 19-month practice is to compile a list of best practices."

Suggested strategies for addressing changing housing needs in Andover include staffing and creating committees or housing trusts, making changes to zoning or municipal policies, working to create housing through partnerships with both non-profit and for-profit developers, buying land, converting old buildings, preserving affordable housing options that already exist, identifying places where affordable housing can be created, educating the community about the need for affordable housing, finding ways to help seniors stay in their current homes, offering assistance to low-income homeowners and renters in need, creating housing that encourages open space recreation such as walking or biking, and building new housing that meets standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Alex Vispoli expressed concern that, as baby boomers age and retire in coming years, large businesses in Andover could leave if a younger workforce does not move in.

"We've seen two of our large employers are moving out of town," Vispoli said. "Primarily moving toward the Somerville area, you've heard this 1,000 times. It has come up in many different meetings on what can Andover do? What can we put in place?"

The MVPC has recently put out an economic development plan to retrain and attract employment in the valley. Conard said the plan seeks to improve transportation, and pointed out that while Andover does have two train stations, their scheduling isn't always ideal for commuters.

"If we can make Andover hipper and cooler and easier to get to for the people that want to work here, that will work," she said.

"My sense is that housing is so connected to that," Selectman Paul Salafia said. "We have good housing — cool housing, 'hip' housing. We have opportunities here in Andover to build that type of housing. We would be more likely to retain some of the businesses looking for younger, more educated employees."

Selectmen also discussed the potential for new housing in the Historic Mill District, which will place residents near downtown Andover and the train station.

"I went to a couple of the presentations on the Historic Mill District," said Selectman Chris Huntress. "We did focus on a variety of housing types — smaller units, hipper, cooler housing. There is a significant housing component in that district that provides a type of housing that makes us more diverse than we are now."

Selectman Annie Gilbert stressed the importance of community education on the need for diverse, affordable housing options.

"Community education is really critical," Gilbert said. "I think there is a sense developments just come and here they are. It's an issue that has to be dealt with. I don't think people are aware."

CHEFS

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judges, enjoyed the fine fare dreamed up by the local chefs.

Arhelger created lobster-stuffed tomatoes with all kinds of spices and trimmings while Chirichiello created tomato and strawberry flambe, which consisted of the two, main ingredients along with a host of sweeteners and alcoholic beverages including rum, Grand Marnier and strawberry liqueur.

The general consensus was that both tasted great but that Chirichiello's original dessert featuring a diced tomato mix poured over vanilla ice cream, topped with strawberries and flame-finished with a splash of Grand Marnier was the winner.

Arhelger's Lobster Fennel Stuffed Beefsteak Tomatoes were also a big hit, of course.

The judging panel included Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Andover town financial analyst Patrick Lawlor as well as John Felci of Patriot Ambulance, Derek Marchand of Prescott House in North Andover, Andover Veterans Administrator Alicia Reddin and a host of family members of Atria's 136 residents.

"It was a very slim win as both entries were absolutely delicious," Mazza said. "The voting was so close. It was a very fun morning for us."



Jim Arhelger, director of culinary services at Atria Marland Place, hands out samples of his creation to residents.



Judges John Felci, director of marketing for Patriot Ambulance, and Diane Coletta of Haverhill sample the lobster-stuffed tomatoes.



Three liqueurs go into the glaze of chef Elaine Chirichiello's strawberry, Mandarin orange and grape tomato sticks, along with brown sugar and butter.



Andover Country Club chef Elaine Chirichiello's strawberry, Mandarin orange and grape tomato sticks glazed with white rum, Grand Marnier, strawberry liqueur with brown sugar and butter.

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believe for every dollar spent on open space, four dollars are saved or reaped by the town not needing housing, roads, police, fire, those sorts of things."

Townson told the committee that about 1,500 people were surveyed for the 2018 plan.

"I was pretty happy with the results," she said. "Our citizens in town, they're looking for more programs, more cultural opportunities, opportunities to access

"The main goal [is] ... access to the Merrimack Valley reservation which has been landlocked for so long. I know many of you are working hard on getting access to this reservation, which will be a jewel in the crown."

Alex Driscoll

our space with structured programs."

Townson added that the survey revealed that the majority of people aren't aware of the open space Andover has to offer, however.

"Unfortunately the one thing we discovered in the

survey which was not good is, when asked how familiar our citizens are with the locations and offerings of our open space, only 25 percent were familiar," she said. "That wasn't acceptable for us."

Townson said the commission will be working to raise

awareness through programming, social media and possibly an app. She also told the committee that residents would like to see more bike paths around town.

"Our goals are similar to what they were seven years ago," Driscoll said. "The main goal being access to the Merrimack Valley reservation which has been landlocked for so long. I know many of you are working hard on getting access to this reservation, which will be a jewel in the crown."

The reservation will be accessible to people of all ages and conditions, will

allow public safety officials to access the river in an emergency, and will provide a place for boating and fishing.

According to Driscoll, earlier this summer the town also received a \$29,000 grant for a municipal vulnerability protection study to assess how the town can respond to global weather changes and river rising. She also recognized the town's yearly initiative to update a park in the community and add accessible features for children with disabilities.

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Preksha Munot graduated from the Academy of Notre Dame in Tyngsboro, on June 2, during its 164th upper school commencement ceremony.

Throughout her time at the academy, Munot was involved in the 1804 Society, the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Newspaper Club, and the cultural exchange program, "Bridges Across the Ocean." She was also a member of the tennis team.

In addition, Munot received the president's award during the academy's Baccalaureate ceremony on May 31.

Munot will attend Boston University in the fall, where she plans to major in computer science.

Dana E. Mandell graduated from the University of Delaware with a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising.

She was recognized for scholastic excellence and was named to the dean's list throughout her junior and senior semesters.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Mandell of Andover. She is a 2014 graduate of Andover High School.

The following Merrimack College students achieved dean's list status for the spring 2018 semester: Alyssa Casey, Sarah Casey, Amanda Devine, Kate Dillon, Rachel Donovan, Mackenzie Dugas, Calvin Evans, Timothy Kalantzakos, Madison Lawler, Fiona Martin, Elysha McMahon, Sudha Michaels, Quinn

O'Toole, Mikayla Panneton, Joseph Pennace, Kimberly Santos, Sarah Seero, Evan Sermos, Samuel Tanke, Meagan Wolfe, Maxwell Yelle, Bradley Zucchini and Francesca Zucco.

Addison F. Kennedy was named to the president's list for the spring 2018 term at the University of Alabama.

Madison L. Moulden was named to the dean's list for the spring 2018 term at the University of Alabama.

Maximilian Krinsky was named to the dean's list at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, for the spring 2018 semester.

Julia Rose Spagnuolo was named to the president's list at Clemson University for the spring 2018 semester.

Mackenzie Skwierczynski has graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with an ACT in project management.

Hannah Byron and Laura O'Brien were named to the dean's list for the spring 2018 semester at Ithaca College.

Mora Cunningham graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in clinical health studies from Ithaca College.

The following local students were named to the Marist College dean's list for the spring 2018 semester: Grace Kelly, a sophomore,

is majoring in computer science; Carter Schuh, a sophomore, is majoring in environmental science and policy; and Jacob Ruthazer, a freshman, is majoring in business administration.

The following local students were named to the fourth-quarter honor roll at Austin Preparatory School in Reading:

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Two local residents received degrees from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont, at the May 12 commencement ceremony held in the university's Shapiro Field House: Eamon Patrick Thomas Callahan graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in computer security - information assurance with a minor in mathematics and a concentration in forensics; and Paul Lawrence Dunbar Russell III graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in communications.

Michaela Verrette was named to the Plymouth State University president's list for the spring 2018 semester.

Kate Prentiss, a freshman at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, was named a distinguished scholar during the spring term.

Ilana Mack earned high honors on the dean's list for the spring 2018 semester at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mack is in the university's School of Human Ecology.

The following local residents were among the largest graduating class in UMass Lowell's history: Evan Wynn, Associate of Science in management; Connor Stuart, Bachelor of Arts in psychology; Emma Keefe, Bachelor of Arts in English; Lauren LeBlanc, Bachelor of Arts in political science; Chloe-Marie Cabaret-Salameh, Bachelor of Arts in history; Tommy Tran, Bachelor of Science in information technology; Christopher Primes, Bachelor of Science in computer science; Jennifer Green, Bachelor of Science in computer science; Alexander Buchanan, Bachelor of Science in computer science; Christina Johnson, Bachelor of Science in criminal justice; David Barber, Bachelor of Science in information technology; Hannah Senior, Bachelor of Science in biology; Jacob Donovan, Bachelor of Science in public health; Christopher Sarno, Bachelor of Science in civil engineering; Anna Montgomery, Bachelor of Science in business administration; Kathleen Galvin, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering; Sara Hurchik, Bachelor of Science in business administration; Aleksandr Chongris, Bachelor of Science in civil engineering; Abinaya Shine, Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering; Ryan Tjalsma, Bachelor of Science in business administration; Michael Sharrjo, Bachelor of Science in business administration; Kevin Roberge, Bachelor of Science in business administration; Devin Burke, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering; Sean Watson, bachelor's degree in liberal arts; Junhee Cho, Doctor of Science in work environment; Kerry Gauthier, Master of Arts in community social psychology; Rosemary Greeley, Master of Science in mathematics; Evan Batterman, Master of Science in mechanical engineering; and Guodong Li, master's degree in public health.

At the end of every academic year, the Carleton College community gathers at Honors Convocation to recognize faculty and students for their accomplishments and service.

During the ceremony, Rachel Harris received the Carleton Toni Award in the Arts and Honors in Music Performance.

Established in 1996 to honor dance instructor Antoinette (Toni) Sostek, this prize is awarded to juniors

or seniors who embody the spirit of Sostek's teachings through artistic expression. Honors in Music Performance celebrates music students, both majors and non-majors, for excellence in performance and significant contributions as performers.

Rachel Harris graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, with a Bachelor of Arts in history at its 144th commencement exercises, held on Saturday, June 9.

The following students have been named to the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2018 semester: Jenna Bortolussi, highest honors; Alivia Fazio, high honors; Shelby Ganem, honors; Katherine Holden, high honors; Katherine Hunt, highest honors; Madeline Karlberg, highest honors; Alison McCarron, high honors; Donald Minor, high honors; Mary Mullins, highest honors; Lydia Rankin, high honors; Caleigh Reming, high honors; Carissa Reming, high honors; Katherine Rex, highest honors; Hannah Roos, high honors; Maureen Tyner, honors; Rachel Pruyne, high honors.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the fourth quarter at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers:

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Michael Barrett, Yohaana Batlivala, Evan Cavanaugh, John Curtin, John Donovan, Andrew Fietze, John Fietze, Matthew Garesche, Kyle Hackett, Richard Hart, Jacob Katz, Andrew Kennefick, Sean Lang, Kyle Lattanzio, Seamus O'Connor, Luke Poirier, Amol Raisingani, Jack Sullivan, Christopher Wall, Thomas Yakita

Western Governors University (WGU), an online, nonprofit university, held its commencement ceremonies earlier this year to celebrate the graduation of more than 15,000 students from across the country.

Two local graduates were: Somvung Vongpunswad, who received a Master of Business Administration and Kevin Reyes, who received a Master of Science in nursing - education (RN to MSN).

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Kids embrace annual Where's Waldo activities downtown

By KELSEY BODE
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Andover's annual quest to find Waldo is well underway, and local businesses say children and adults of all ages have been traversing Main Street to find the popular children's book character.

For years, the Andover Bookstore has organized a "Where's Waldo" themed scavenger hunt in July. Children of any age can get a "passport" from one of 17 participating Andover businesses. Once they find the 6-inch tall Waldo figure hidden at a participating business, an employee will stamp or sign the child's passport. Once children have 15 stamps, they will receive a coupon for a "Where's Waldo" book, an "I found Waldo" pin, and are also entered into a raffle to win a deluxe "Where's Waldo" set, a classic "Where's Waldo" book, or a Waldo-themed coloring book.

Children can also earn stamps for finding Waldo's girlfriend, Wenda, at the Andover Bookstore. One of five items belonging to Waldo can also be found for a stamp at the bookstore, including a scroll, a key, binoculars, a camera, and a dog bone. Waldo's canine companion, Woof, can also be found for a stamp at the Campus Collection at 40 Main St.

Children aren't the only ones joining in on the "Where's Waldo" fun, however. Adults and teens have set about to fill their passports with Waldo sightings on Main Street as well.

"There are even adults that come in," said Andover Bookstore Manager Megan Keefe. "Waldo is a big part of a kid's childhood. For adults it was a bit part of their childhood, too."

Participating businesses include Andover Bookstore, Campus Collection, Les Fluters, Sweet Mimi's Chocolates, D'Agostino's Deli, King's Subs, Kokee Flowers, Starbucks, Memorial Hall



Sweet Mimi's owner Mimi Queen has participated in the Andover Bookstore's "Where's Waldo" July scavenger hunt for years.



A Waldo figurine hides on a shelf in a corner at King's Subs and Pizza on Bartlet Street Monday. Employees at King's Subs and Pizza on Bartlet Street let children who find their Waldo figurine move him to a new hiding place.

Rachel Nardone, a cashier at King's Subs and Pizza, said children are very invested in finding Waldo. According to Nardone, one boy came to King's dressed up from head to toe like Waldo.

"It's so much fun," she said. "Kids get very into it. We get all ages. Some need hints and some do it on their own."

Children who find Waldo at King's and at Campus Collection can also hide Waldo in a new hiding spot — a practice employees say is a lot of fun. "I love interacting with the kids," said Olga Barros, Campus Collection manager. "They're just adorable."

"It gives them something to do," Barros added. "I think it's fun for them to explore downtown and a good activity for parents. It gives kids a way to stay occupied and get rid of some energy."

Raffle winners will be announced on July 28 at 2 p.m. at a "Where's Waldo" party at the Andover Bookstore at 74 Main St. There will be games and "Where's Waldo" trivia at the party.

Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey_Bode.



Waldo and Wenda figurines have been hidden at the Andover Bookstore this July.

Library, Andover Center for History and Culture, Learning Express, Circles of Wisdom, Ultimate Perk, Bueno Malo, Perry's Plate, Verizon Wireless and Dunkin Donuts. "It brings a lot of people into the store, which is great," said Mimi Queen, owner of Sweet Mimi's.



A Waldo figurine is hidden at Campus Collection on Main Street.

"They get very excited," Queen added of the children who find the Waldo figurine hidden in her shop. "Parents say it's hard to find Waldo in this store because there's so much color, but they do find him." Queen said she gives younger children guiding clues to find Waldo, such as "you're getting warmer" or "look up."



ABOVE: A Waldo figure is hidden at Campus Collection on Main Street.

RIGHT: Waldo and Wenda figures have been hidden at the Andover Bookstore this July.



Waldo's canine companion, Woof, can be found hiding at Campus Collection on Main Street.



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Opinion

Uncertain future for public records project

In less than five months, a special Beacon Hill committee is due to put out a report on whether to draw the curtain that veils the Legislature, governor's office and courts from doing much of their business in public view. Any reforms that committee proposes would be welcome and long overdue.

Maybe it's skeptical to say as much, but if a hearing on Beacon Hill this past week was any indicator, that report will be mighty thin.

This week's was just the fourth hearing for the committee — itself a sad commentary given the fact the group was conceived back when the Legislature updated the state's public records law in 2016. The group was initially given until the end of last year to explore these broad areas of government that are now given wide latitude to work in secret; it got nearly a year's extension.

Despite all of that extra time to build interest and anticipation, this week's hearing was a dud. The attorney general's office was invited to attend, as well as the secretary of administration and finance. A number of advocacy groups were invited to appear as well.

The only taker — an intern from the Pioneer Institute. Which prompted this tweet from Pioneer: "Many groups were invited to speak at a public hearing to make the state government more transparent to citizens. Why was the Pioneer Institute the only group that showed up to testify?" It's a good question.

If you're shrugging at this, consider the stakes: Try getting to the bottom of the annual rite of the Legislature that crams into the state budget hundreds of pet projects and local expenses. This year there were nearly 1,400 proposals in the House, which would have added \$3 billion to the budget. They were winnowed and threshed into a final list in a process that, unless you're a member of legislative leadership, you'd be hard pressed to see or understand. That's in large part because most of bargaining and negotiating happens in secret.

And what about the judiciary, which also gets a pass from the state's government transparency laws? This is not so much about court proceedings — most are open to the public — as it is the way judges and employees are assigned and held accountable. The last thing our state's courts need is a perception of secrecy in light of controversies such as the one surrounding Superior Court Judge Timothy Feeley over his lenient rulings.

The bottom line is that the Legislature, governor's office and courts are not held to the same standards of public disclosure as your town's selectmen or your city's councilors. Extracting all three from shadowy territory on the fringes of open records and public meetings laws would be a good step toward restoring public confidence in state government.

A number of groups including the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association have offered suggestions for ways to do that. For example, the Legislature should disclose the votes its members take in committee meetings, and make public the documents considered by those panels. That should be a minimum target.

Several advocates say they are working on other ideas to deliver to the committee before its next hearing this fall. Let's hope the committee can assemble a meaningful plan.

Until then, give the Pioneer Institute credit for fighting this cause. It has argued against the public records exemptions for the Legislature and governor's office, and it has suggested that it may press its case in court.

In a letter to lawmakers this spring, Mary Connaughton and John Sivoletta at Pioneer noted the state's abysmal reputation for open government, created largely because we've walled off the highest layers of government from the intrusion of public oversight. These special exceptions also allow our top leaders to shirk accountability.

Writing about the Legislature, though much the same could be said of the judiciary and executive, they wrote: "Accountability cannot be a reality if the Legislature exercises its authority behind closed doors, with its books and records shielded from public oversight."

We deserve to see those records and hear how our lawmakers have voted. It is astonishing that we cannot expect that much.

WEB QUESTION

Editor's note: Due to a production error, the web question of last week was not updated online. It will be updated online this week. As a result, the same question is being published this week.

This week's question:

The Board of Selectmen approved the paying of nearly a half-million in salaries at its last meeting for four position in town hall, including deputy town manager, an IT manager, a town clerk and a new position set to focus on arts, culture and business development. That post alone carries a nearly \$92,000 salary. **Given that athletic fees, not to mention taxes and food service fees, all continue to rise, was it wise for selectmen to OK these expenditures as sought by Town Manager Andrew Flanagan?**

Yes. We need all those positions. The new job of culture and arts director will bring new business to town.

No. The new arts/culture czar should not make \$92,000, which is as much as a department head. Her success is unmeasurable, as Selectman Chairman Alex Vispoli pointed out.

Maybe. We shall see. If nothing good happens in the next 6-12 months as far as economic development, that position should be eliminated next year.

Last week's question:

Superintendent Sheldon Berman admittedly had a rough 2017-18 school year. School Committee members cited the coaching controversies as well as lack of financial transparency. Still, they gave him a 2 percent raise. **Do you think Berman deserved a raise this year?**

Yes. Despite some problems of his own making, he has learned from them and is doing a lot of other good work in the district. **106 votes.**

No. He should not have been given a raise. In fact, he should have been fired for releasing a personnel document to the newspaper and writing a scathing letter about the hockey coach's treatment of his son. **229 votes.**

FOOTBALL ALREADY?



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Hayden Waugh, 11, dashes with the ball at the Warrior Football School at West Elementary School in Andover on Monday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lyons ineffective; vote for Tram Nguyen

Editor, Townsman:

I write this letter to highlight the importance of the upcoming election for the State Representative for the MA-18 Essex District on November 6, 2018. The incumbent, James Lyons has been serving as the state representative for this district since 2010, yet has not passed a single piece of legislation in the Statehouse.

Representative Lyons has an abysmal voting record against the will of the people in our district. His challenger, attorney Tram Nguyen, is an immigration lawyer who believes the 18th Essex District needs improved health care including reproductive health care services and an integrative strategy that addresses the opioid crisis.

Lyons has favored the extremely harmful and inhumane practice of "conversion therapy" for the LGBTQ members of our communities. Specifically, Lyons voted against the bill S. 62/H.1190 "An Act Relative to Abusive Practices to Change Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Minors." The bill bans the fraudulent practices of "Conversion Therapy" that can lead to depression, substance abuse, and suicide, as reported by the American Psychiatric Association.

It is designed to protect minors from harmful practices, and does not infringe First Amendment rights as opined by two federal Circuit Courts of Appeals that have ruled on the issue. As the nation's leader in marriage equality, our LGBTQ community members, especially minors, need protection against the extremist agenda pursued by the likes of James Lyons at every level of public office. Nguyen will work tirelessly to preserve the marriage equality and equal protection of the law for the LGBTQ members of our district.

Lyons is an absent representative who has not helped push the interests of our district in the past decade in the Statehouse. It's time to change that and have a voice for our district whose views line up better with the constituents. I hope my fellow constituents in MA-18 Essex District vote for attorney Tram Nguyen this November.

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New position is about economic development

Editor, Townsman:

Clarifying some misconceptions about Andover's new Director of Business, Arts, and Culture (Editorial, Thursday, July 12): The primary focus of this position is economic development. We all know that Andover faces serious fiscal problems. Economic development — the carefully planned recruiting and siting of new businesses and industrial establishments — is absolutely essential for our community to avoid placing intolerable pressures on already overburdened taxpayers.

Attracting new businesses is not just a matter of available land and good schools. The extra ingredient is in fact arts and culture, sites and events that attract families, provide entertainment, offer recreation, and stimulate the intellect, all of which are appealing to new corporations and their employees.

This new position is neither an Arts Director nor a "Culture Czar." It is a position that other communities — Haverhill, Amesbury, Newburyport, Lowell — have already implemented to assure well-planned development. Andover is playing catch-up in the game of making the town a "destination." Think of what it would mean to existing businesses on Main Street if, through the amenities that art and culture can provide, Andover became a place that regularly attracts people from other communities to its business district.

Economic development directors in nearby communities earn between \$80,000 and \$100,000. Our salary is just above midpoint. This position does not add to our headcount (replacing a position being phased out because of more strategic use of technology), or increase our health insurance costs. The actual annual increase to the town is a little over \$4,000.

The individual in this position, Ms. Ormond, is a seasoned economic developer with an impressive track record. How will we judge her accomplishments a year from now? In five years? By her involvement — building strong relations with the business community, by becoming the go-to person the business community looks to when they need the attention of the town, by stimulating Andover

residents to plan and participate in events and activities that make Andover a family-friendly and business-friendly community.

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Lyons has 'done nothing' for constituents

Editor, Townsman:

While summer is not usually the most auspicious time to talk politics, there is an exciting candidate for state representative in the 18th Essex District, and her name is Tram Nguyen.

Why Tram Nguyen? You only need to know her background, understanding the challenges she's overcome, and what she's already accomplished.

She exemplifies the American Dream, immigrating to the United States at the age of 5, excelling in school, graduating from college and law school. She works on behalf of those in need as an attorney for Greater Boston Legal Services and as a project coordinator within the Civil Legal Aid for Victims of Crime unit. She is an effective advocate for working families, civil rights and education issues. She will bring that energy and passion to the Statehouse. This district deserves a representative that reflects its values and the values of the Commonwealth. Tram Nguyen is that person.

Tram is running against Jim Lyons, of whom it is not unfair to say, has done nothing for the constituency he serves. Failed to serve, really. In eight years, Jim has not introduced a single piece of legislation that has passed into law. He ran as a "reformer," but has settled into his seat, opposing the will of his district in almost everything he proposes. He is simply angling for that 10-year lifetime pension the state awards, and we must not allow that to happen.

His conservatism does not reflect the day-to-day cares of the constituents of the 18th District. It doesn't even reflect the day-to-day cares of his fellow Statehouse Republicans. In his time in office, there have been 14 occasions where the vote on the matter at hand was one vote short of unanimity. Jim was that one vote 11 times. He is an embarrassment to his colleagues as well as to all of us.

Tram Nguyen's approach is that of a coalition-builder, who values inclusion and

collaboration. We must elect Tram Nguyen.

GERRY GUSTUS
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Stop quest for revenue; just cut spending

Editor, Townsman:

I couldn't agree more with Richard Hart (Letter to the Editor, July 12). It is time for all levels of government to stop their endless quest for more revenue and start to reduce spending.

That's what the American people have to do.

STEVE LEET
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Love him or not, Lyons responds to constituents

Editor, Townsman:

The letter to the editor last week (July 12) by Ms. Judy Howe was correct.

Not everyone loves state Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover. But then again, and this may be hard to believe, not everyone loves President Donald Trump.

Just recently in late June I was introduced to a Vietnam veteran who was being delayed treatment by the Veterans Affairs here in Massachusetts. He was told that the treatment he needed could not begin until sometime in August.

After hearing his story, I contacted Rep. Lyons, who made a phone call right then to the veterans' representative for this veteran. A meeting was set up that Friday morning where I could speak to the veterans representative and explain the situation this veteran was in.

We met Friday morning, June 8, in the library of the town where the veteran lived. That very afternoon the veteran received a phone call from the VA that his treatment would begin the following week, not in August.

I want to thank Rep. Jim Lyons for his positive response to my request and I'm happy not only to vote for Rep. Jim Lyons but to contribute to his campaign. He has proved himself to represent all his constituents whether they love him or not. I have found that he is quick to respond to any needs of those he represents.

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TownsBeat

Operation wedding gown

Brides Across America celebrates grand opening with dress giveaway

STAFF REPORT

Brides Across America hosted the grand opening of its first charity shop at 342 N. Main St. last Thursday.

The day started off with opening ceremonies and the celebration was kicked off with Operation Wedding Gown.

From noon to 7 p.m. Brides Across America gave away free wedding gowns to hometown heroes.

Local brides were welcome to come and view hundreds of wedding dresses and enjoy refreshments.

To help fund Operation Wedding Gown, Brides Across America's new store will be open to the general public. The charity shop features designer wedding gowns, formals, and accessories in its new 2,500-square-foot location.

Dresses range in price from \$99 to \$999. All proceeds support Brides Across America's mission.

Heidi Janson, founder of Brides Across America, said: "Every bride deserves to have that fairytale wedding especially our first-responders and military that serve us on a daily basis. I felt compelled to give back and make a difference for our heroes sacrificing their lives."

Brides Across America, founded in 2008, originated Operation Wedding Gown to help defray wedding costs for military service members and their brides. Since that time, Brides Across America, its partner salons, designers and individual donations have made it possible to give back by providing more than 22,000 wedding gowns and 22 full weddings across the country.



Naomi McCormack, of York, Maine, models one of several gowns to her family during a grand opening of Brides Across America new full services location on North Main Street in Andover.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



The Rev. Brian Bethke, left, of Free Christian Church speaks after a blessing of the new business as Heidi Janson, right, owner of Tulle Bridal and founder of Brides Across America listens during a grand opening ceremony.



Cutting a ceremonial ribbon are from left: Terry Brumley, mother of the owner; Heidi Janson, owner of Tulle Bridal and founder of Brides Across America; Alex Vispoli, Andover selectman; and Wil Carpenter, vice president of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce.



Brides are treated like royalty as they enter the new shop as Andover's American Legion Post 8 honor guard welcomes them during a grand opening of Brides Across America new full services location.

ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY THURSDAY, JULY 19

ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR, hosted by Phillips Academy, 6 to 7 p.m., Case Memorial Cage, 5 Highland Road. Representatives from more than 100 schools from across the country will be available to meet with students and parents beginning the college search process; the event provides an ideal opportunity for students and their families to learn about a wide range of colleges and universities of various sizes, geographic locations, and programmatic emphases; representatives will have literature to distribute and will be available to answer questions; admission is free and open to all; the fair is sponsored by the Phillips Academy Summer Session and (MS)2 (Math and Science for Minority Students Program).

JULY 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.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

DOG WASH FUNDRAISER, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wingate at Andover, 80 Andover St. Wingate at Andover is hosting the event in honor of K9

Sergeant Sean Gannon of the Yarmouth Police Department and his dog, Nero; all proceeds will go to the Yarmouth Police Foundation and the Sergeant Sean Gannon Memorial K9 and Police Training Center; there will be washing stations for dogs, face painting for kids and police cruiser tours; 978-470-3434, email ldescheneau@wingatehealthcare.com.

JULY 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.

JULY 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 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.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

CANDIDATE FORUM, 6:30 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St. Indivisible Andover invites the public to meet Jay Gonzalez, democratic candidate

for governor and Quentin Palfrey, democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, both of whom are running in the Tuesday, Sept. 4 primary.

BOOK SIGNING EVENT, 6 to 9 p.m., Helen Thomas Simply Smashing, 90 Main St. Join Beth Daigle, author of "Musing Mediterranean," for a travel-inspired evening that will also include travel fashion tips from stylist Lysa Pelletier-Gibbs and travel photo inspiration from decor coach Lisa DiAntonio; Yella Grille Mediterranean Cuisine will provide the refreshments; in addition, those who purchase a copy of Daigle's book will be entered to win a travel-themed Lola necklace; 978-475-7981.

JULY 26, AUG. 10 AND 15

OFF-BEAT TOURS, Andover Center for History & Culture, 97 Main St. These walking tours will highlight Andover's architecture, its sometimes quirky and unexpected history, and fun facts about Main Street in a fast-paced, and highly participatory way; interactive games and humorous challenges will also be part of these family-friendly tours; participants are encouraged to take photos, bring a sense of humor, and share their experiences via social media; tours will set out at 6:30 p.m. on July 26, 7 p.m. on Aug. 10 and

6:30 p.m. on Aug. 15; \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers; registration requested; 978-475-2236, email info@andoverhistoryandculture.org, www.andoverhistoryandculture.org.

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

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Piglets and bunnies and chicks — oh my

Farm Day draws families to The Park

BY KELSEY BODE
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Children squealed and giggled as they played with and patted piglets, chicks, bunnies and lambs at Andover's annual Farm Day last week.

Hosted by the Recreation Department, the July 12 Farm Day was one of a series of events the town is hosting at The Park this summer for families.

Animal Kraze, a New England-based traveling petting zoo and farm, set up small pens for the children to enter to get closer to the farm animals. Children at the event were also able to get their faces painted and temporary tattoos. Games set up around the park included a bean-toss game, mini-golf and parachute games.

"It's for the community, to get the kids involved," said Recreation Department Event Instructor Kourtney Grampton. "Farm Day is always a big hit. It's something for the community to do."

According to Grampton, 60 children pre-registered for the event, and the department was expecting between 100 and 200

children to attend. Grampton said that counselors in training from Recreation Department Summer camps volunteered to oversee games and run the event.

"It's a great experience for them to get involved in the community and they do such a great job," she said.

"They loved the animals and the games," Stefania Bishop of Andover said as her children played mini-golf.

Martha Simpson of Haverhill brought her two grandchildren, who live in Andover, to the event.

"They love animals," Simpson said as her grandchildren patted the piglets and a lamb. "It's wonderful. It's the perfect thing to do."

"I think it's great," agreed Lindsey Chatterton of Andover. "It's beautiful out and the kids are having a lot of fun. It's good for them to have something to do with kids in town their age."

The Recreation Department is holding a Fire Engine Day for children in The Park on July 9, a Truck Day on July 26, and a Super Hero Day on Aug. 2.

For more information, go to www.andoverrec.com.

Follow Kelsey Bode on Twitter @Kelsey_Bode.



Youngsters took turns in the fencing to pet the farm animals.

BRYAN EATON/Staff photos



Kenney Robinson, 5, of Andover throws hay to a baby goat and young black sheep at Farm Day at the park. The event was sponsored by the Andover Recreation Department.



Max Traub, 3, of Andover does his best to get bubbles out of the wand.



Madeline Carucci, 2, of Andover takes aim on the putting green.

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- Rated horsepower (abbr.)
- What a cow says
- Snake-like fish
- Spiritual leader
- Catch
- Car part
- Extremely small amount
- Nucleic acid
- The Greatest of All Time
- Lustrous
- India's least populated district
- Muckraking journalist Jacob
- Medicine
- S. American plant
- Small amount
- Dry or withered

- Where construction takes place
- Russian river
- Supervises flying
- "City of Brotherly Love" native
- Greeting at meeting
- Common gibbon
- Type of TV
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Scottish port
- Computer company
- One from Asia
- Former significant others
- Woven fabrics or garments
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- The Science Guy
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- "The Leftovers" actress King
- Epic
- Missouri county
- Chinese revolutionary
- Get
- Ancient Greek coin
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- Part of the human eye
- A fisherman's accessory
- Brazilian state
- Of a wedding
- Prosecutor
- The main constituent of chromosomes
- Advice
- Principles of right and wrong
- Decorate a cake with frosting

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- Lilly, drug company
- Car mechanics group
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- Crop of a bird
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- Autonomic nervous system
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CALENDAR

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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; www.andoverhistoryandculture.org/farmers-market.

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, under-eating, 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@merimack-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 recognition and awards throughout New England and beyond for decades; the club, which meets almost every Wednesday evening, holds frequent hands-on workshops, field trips, photo-related activities, presentations and competitions, most of which are open to the public; www.mvccameraclub.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://andovervt.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, tcnmanager@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.

SPECTRUM CHILDREN'S CHORUS, rehearses on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Andover North Boston Korean United Methodist Church, 244 Lowell St. The mission of the church's multicultural chorus is to reflect on the diversity of the world, widen students' perspectives, and instill cross cultural understandings and harmonization through music and dancing; all children are welcome; registration, auditioning and rehearsal dates are available at www.spectrum-childrenschorus.org, email spectrumchildrenschorus@gmail.com, 978-269-4198.

KARMA, live band music, Thursday through Saturday; 209 N. Main St. (Shawsheen Plaza); 978-809-3075, www.karmaandover.com.

ADDISON GALLERY OF AMERICAN ART, free admission to the gallery and all programs; located on the Phillips Academy campus, 3 Chapel Ave.; 978-749-4015, www.addison-gallery.org.

GELB GALLERY, located in George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy campus, 7 Chapel Ave.; open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; parking is available on Chapel Avenue and in the lot next to the Andover Inn; www.andover.edu.

ALPERS FINE ART, located at 96 Main St.; 978-760-1829, www.alpersfineartonline.com.



Owen Beeny, 11, dashes with the football after making a catch.

Zack Goldman, 11, readies a pass.

Hayden Waugh, 11, runs with the ball.

SUMMER (FOOT) BALL

STAFF REPORT

Down, set, hut-hut!
The sounds of fall are invading the fields of summer as the town Recreation Department brings Warrior Football School to West Elementary on Beacon Street.

The annual camp, for ages 7 through 15, "teaches the fundamentals of each specific football skill and position so that players will better comprehend and appreciate this fun and exciting sport," according to the department's web site.

The camp runs this week from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs \$240 with a limit of 60 participants.

The program is run by former Andover High School football coach Ken Maglio and town staff.

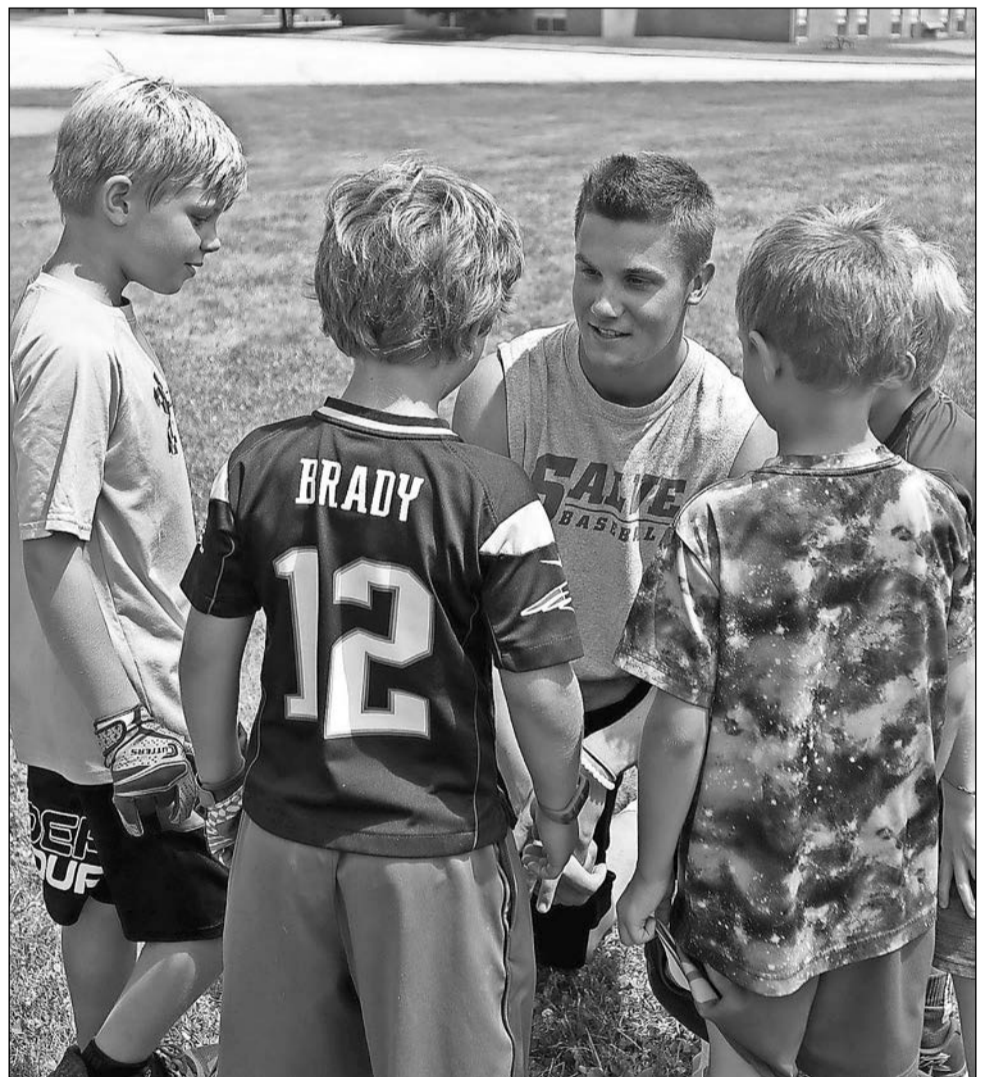


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Kids scrimmage at the Warrior Football School at West Elementary School in Andover on Monday.



Jack Cooper, 11, makes a leaping catch.



Pat Dennehy gives out the play in a huddle.



John Stadler, 9, readies a catch at the Warrior Football School at West Elementary School in Andover on Monday.

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20 Bobby Jones Drive, Unit 20: James G. and Elizabeth Angelakis to David Prater and Cynthia J. Bogatka, \$849,900

5 Donna Road: Jian Wang and Yingxia Fei to Xiaoyan Yu and Saijun Zhang, \$660,000

24-26 Duffton Road: Stephen R. Pangione and Michael Oster to Alan L. Simao and Dori L. Howe, \$530,000

1 Fern Road: Benjamin L. and Erin A. Gibson to Brandon G. Bell and Jennifer Averill-Bell, \$556,750

1 Francis Drive, Unit 204: Pulte Homes of New England to Sandra M. and Nicholas E. Mastas, \$339,630

168 Greenwood Road: Rkaco LLC to Dipankar and Sonal Biswas, \$815,815

69 Harold Parker Road: Doris M. Squibb T. and Lee A. Squibb to Gregory Jones, \$525,000

10 Hartford Circle: Christopher A. and Susan J. Rocca to Jeremy D. and Lisa G. Cohen, \$650,000

174 Haverhill St., Unit 319: Linda K. Topjian to Hao Chang and Yu Chen, \$425,900

276 Highland Road: Cynthia P. and Paul H. Hollenbeck to Brian and Stephanie Sweet, \$685,000

12 Ivy Lane: Paul and Elizabeth Farnham to Joby and Sreeletha Eldo, \$615,000

5 Knollcrest Drive: Borruso FT 2015 and Kathleen M. Borruso to Erik A. and Emily M. Martin, \$835,000

14 Knollcrest Drive: John M. and Michele M. O'Donnell to Richard Choi, \$1,245,000

10 Longwood Drive: Jeanette M.

Prince to Tian G. Lin, \$169,900

100 Main St., Unit M: Daniel H. Kowalski to Matthew W. and Cristina M. Addesa, \$242,500

1 Midland Circle: Robert M. Cook and Therese Reed-Cook to Edward D. and Shannon Plowey, \$769,900

19 Ravens Bluff: 106 Ravens Bluff LLC to Daniel Sawl and Jenna Shedd-Sawl, \$752,500

7 Regency Ridge: Lot 88 RT and Samuel H. Nork to Robert J. and Angela T. Brown, \$2,450,000

13 Rennie Drive: JHC VFC RT and Virginia F. Caswell to Benjamin L. and Erin Gibson, \$610,000

87 Salem St.: Frank E. and Paula D. Zavri to Warren and Laura Empey, \$2,488,000

362 Salem St.: Lawrence K. and Gail B. Wangerin to James A. and Thyra S. Sherman, \$700,000

7 Scotland Drive: Kathryn M. Feinberg to Brian P. and Kathleen A. Linder, \$1,217,750

30 Shawsheen Road: Stephen R. Martin and Susana F. Ferreira to Michael L. and Sharon J. Belcher, \$635,000

5 Stratford Road: Byron E. and Kristi L. Bride to Xi Cai, \$563,900

14 Timothy Drive: John and Theresa Colonna to Daniel and Amanda Gryzywacz, \$815,000

9 W. Knoll Road: Kirby Lewis and Janelle Klann to Diran A. and Diana S. Balekian, \$725,000

42 Walnut Ave.: Mark E. Elledge and Amy M. Earl to William G. and Karen K. Carey, \$631,000

10 Washington Park Drive, Unit 9: Amy Sullivan to Daniel Silva, \$170,000

25 Wethersfield Drive: James A. and Thyra S. Sherman to Brandon and Lauren E. McKenzie, \$1,045,000

Controlling taxes in retirement

Financially Speaking

John Spoto



Taxes take a big bite out of investment earnings. An important goal of successful investing,

therefore, is maximizing after-tax returns. This involves both assembling the correct mix of assets and placing them in the right types of accounts. Since different investments and different types of accounts are taxed at different rates, how investors allocate assets between taxable and tax-advantaged accounts can considerably affect the growth of their portfolio.

The guiding principle of "keeping more of what you earn" by minimizing unnecessary taxes becomes more complicated for those retirees who depend upon portfolio withdrawals to support living expenses. They face the dual challenges of investing and withdrawing their assets tax-efficiently.

Most retirees have accounts that are taxable, tax-deferred (traditional retirement), and tax-free (Roth retirement). If these accounts were taxed the

same, an investor should be indifferent to the order in which they would be drawn down, because any order would produce the same results. However, because these accounts are subject to different tax rates and rules, a sensible withdrawal sequence can help reduce taxes and lengthen the portfolio's life.

The guideline most often recommended is: First, withdraw from accounts where required minimum distributions (RMDs) are mandated. Second, spend cash flows (interest, dividends, and capital gains) from taxable accounts. Third, tap tax-deferred accounts. Finally, withdraw from tax-free (Roth) accounts. The rationale behind this approach is to allow tax-advantaged accounts to grow for as long as possible. Simulations conducted by academic and financial institutions generally support the notion that "all things being equal," this spending order will usually produce a lower current tax bill, allow for more tax-deferred growth, and enable investors to achieve greater portfolio longevity.

However, in life, all things are rarely equal, and retirees should avoid using this "one size fits all" approach before examining their situation. Each investor has unique personal and financial circumstances including: the type, size and cost basis of each investment

account, estate planning goals, and current versus future tax rate expectations. All of these have significant tax implications and therefore impact the preferred account withdrawal sequence. Let's consider when an alternative approach may be warranted.

Capitalize on a temporary drop in income tax bracket. This often occurs during early retirement before required minimum distributions begin. This can provide an opportunity for the retiree to withdraw sufficient funds from tax-deferred accounts to fill up the lowest tax brackets, which under normal circumstances would be unavailable to the investor.

Reduce the future tax impact of a large IRA or employer retirement plan. Those fortunate enough to have accumulated substantial tax-deferred balances may find these accounts lose some of their luster when they begin taking withdrawals under IRS distribution rules. They are fully taxable at ordinary income tax rates.

Avoid paying capital gains taxes in taxable accounts. Investors who have amassed sizeable taxable accounts with low-cost basis (large built-in gains) and do not need to tap them may choose to hold them and pass them on to beneficiaries. Doing so allows beneficiaries to receive

them in a tax-efficient manner under current estate tax laws.

Exploit differences between current and future tax rates. Accurately predicting future tax rates is a long shot at best. However, if an investor expects that their (or their heir's) tax rate will be higher in future years than it is now, spending from tax-deferred accounts before tax-free Roth accounts may make more sense.

For most retirees generating a sustainable income while preserving the portfolio for themselves and their heirs is one of their highest financial priorities. Achieving this goal is challenging enough and is further complicated when the impact of taxes is introduced. However, employing a flexible, "tax-smart" strategy for drawing down the portfolio can go a long way toward helping retirees reach that important goal.

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.sentryfinancial-planning.com.

■ BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Jeffery recognized by Chambers and Partners

Attorney Ethan Jeffery, Andover resident and shareholder of Boston-based law firm Murphy & King, P.C., has once again received acclaim from Chambers USA for his expertise in the areas of bankruptcy and financial restructuring.

Atty. Jeffery is described as "a great lawyer and



Ethan Jeffery

critical component of the Murphy & King practice." Chambers added that he acts for a broad range of clients and that his areas of expertise encompass workout, Chapter 11 and restructuring disputes.

Chambers recognized Murphy & King's Bankruptcy and

Financial Restructuring Practice as outstanding among its peers in the region. Chambers, which has ranked lawyers and law firms for more than 20 years, placed Murphy & King in "Band 1," the highest ranking among Boston law firms that have a bankruptcy practice, along with one of the largest law firms in Boston. As part of the Band 1 designation, Chambers noted that the firm is known for having "standout bankruptcy specialists active

in numerous sectors."

Merrimack Valley networking meetings

Merrimack Valley Networking Group, a free business networking group, meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Atria Marland Place, 15 Steven St., Andover. Bring business cards to hand out.

For details, call Paul Lambert at 978-609-6420 or email PDLLAW@comcast.net.

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Townspeople

Concerts in The Park kick off with '60s Invasion

For the first time this summer, The Park was invaded by a marauding band of musical maestros.

The Long Island, New York-based band 60s Invasion opened up the annual concert series on a picture-perfect summer night last Wednesday, July 11.

Children danced, spectators tapped their toes and the music drifted across the grass and out into the neighborhood surrounding The Park, located at the intersection of Chestnut and Bartlett streets.

The concert was sponsored by Peggy Patenaude.

This week's concert, sponsored by Andover TV, was scheduled to be the Katrina Marie Band, weather-permitting.

On July 25, it's Good Stuff, sponsored by Reading Coop Bank; Aug. 1 brings the Joe Hanley Trio, sponsored by AndoverLaw, P.C.; Aug. 8 it's Ben Rudnick & Friends; Aug. 15, the final show, is Jazz Disciples.

The Wednesday concerts start at 6 p.m. In the case of inclement weather, cancellations will be made by 2 p.m. on the date of the show. Check AndoverRec.com for cancellation/rescheduling information.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

60s Invasion, a classic rock group playing music from the '60s and '70s, performs for the crowd at The Park.



Heather Green and her daughter Gertie, 3, have pizza at the concert.



Anna Zytkevich, 9, makes herself comfortable for the concert.



Dozens of people sat in lawn chairs listening to the band at the first concert at The Park this summer.

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.lawrencecedeeds.com for more information.

Cultivating a good relationship with teenagers

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.

Let's talk about music

Meander through the library's extensive music collection with Jesse Light, reference librarian and music buff, on Tuesday, July 31, at 7 p.m. in Alcove 1, Level G.

Light will discuss how he chooses what to buy, his personal favorite genres, and how to request a purchase.

Sign up at www.mhl.org/calendar.

Local resident to host Death Café

Join Richard Davis of Andover and other adults at the Death Café, an open, lively and insightful discussion about death, on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m.

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. Come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to share thoughts, feelings and questions.

Socializing and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Registration is requested as seating is limited. Visit www.deathcafe.com for details or go to www.mhl.org/eventcalendar to register.

Need ideas about what to read next?

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

accessible to all library visitors and from home by MHL cardholders.

BookBrowse offers in-depth reviews that help readers decide if a book is right for them. "Beyond the Book" articles explore factual aspects relevant to each book. The site features more than 200 recommended reading lists, by genre, time period, setting, award winners, and a wide range of themes. There are hand-picked "if you liked this, try these" recommendations for over 3,000 books and 2,000 authors.

Book clubs will find rich information and guidance, including advice on starting and running a club, recommended books, reading guides, interviews with book clubs, and online book discussions. The site offers fun quizzes, book news, polls, author interviews and book giveaways, and all books link

directly to the library catalog so patrons can check availability with one click.

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

Other events at the library include:

Make Rock Art, Thursday, July 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the new Makerspace on Level G. Create a work of art with rocks, sticks, glue and sharpies. Register at www.mhl.org/calendar. Space is limited.

Tech Drop-in, Wednesday, July 25, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Get help with the basics for cellphones, tablets and e-readers.

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

TOWN BRIEFS

School supplies sought

Memorial Hall Library is once again collecting school supplies for the Community Giving Tree, which provided more than 2,000 backpacks to local children last year.

Residents are encouraged to drop off backpacks, notebooks, markers, crayons, folders, pencils, pens, erasers and glue sticks in the box in the library's Children's Room.

For more information, visit www.communitygivingtree.org.

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 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 only disease among the top 10 causes that cannot be cured, prevented or even slowed. Additionally, more than 15 million family 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.

Conservation Commission volunteers needed

The Andover Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to help with the

Retelle Reservation Interpretive Project. The goal is to create a self-guided tour of the property to highlight its history, flora and fauna, and wildlife relationships through numbered stations, QR codes and descriptive/interpretive panels.

The commission is seeking volunteers with skills in graphic design and art to create maps and interpretive panels; mapping and GIS; historical research; naturalists to help identify the flora and fauna and their interrelationships; and QR coding.

The project is the initiative of Kevin Porter, the commission's vice chairman and overseer coordinator, and Wilow Cheeley, a conservation overseer, is the project leader.

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

Join the Andover Chess Club

The Andover Chess Club

meets on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Augustine's Center for Education and Ministry, 35 Essex St., Andover.

Email inquiries to andoverchessclub@gmail.com or call club adviser Mike Henroid of Andover at 781-790-6461.

Andover preschool screenings

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

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

Andover Community Trust seeks support for recycling program

Through its partner FundingFactory, residents' recyclables can be turned into affordable homes in Andover for Andover Community Trust. The funds raised will go toward building homes that people can afford.

Andover Community Trust projects create opportunities, train students and change lives in the community.

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

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

To submit an item for the Town Briefs, email townsmen@andovertownsmen.com.



Courtesy photos

St. Augustine's Parish Youth Ministry members volunteer for the Clean River Project on the Merrimack River. They are, from left: Emily Abbott, Matt Ros, Bri Jean-Laurent, Mia Hemme, John Boyle, Kayla DiBenedetto, Sarah Kelly, Alexandra Papazian and Adi Muscat.

St. A's youth serve the community

BY KELSEY BODE
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St. Augustine Parish's Youth Ministry completed about 1,000 hours of community service in one week this summer.

From June 28 through July 2, more than 30 teens and 15 adult volunteers took part in a Unitas Service Experience. In Latin, Unitas translates to "unity." The service program focused on promoting living in a community, living simply, reflection, and service. The Unitas experience also focuses on a theme of social justice. Throughout the retreat teens and adults prayed in the morning and at night, and took part in activities that encouraged social justice.

The trip was led by Youth Ministry Coordinator Katie Scanlon LeBlanc, who started leading several Unitas trips about five years ago that last between one and seven days.

"The teens were

amazing," LeBlanc said. "I think it can be hard sometimes as a teen. When you're serving, you're not looking at each other. Who is cool, who is not cool, who is in sports, who is not. ... When you're serving you're all the same."

LeBlanc said Unitas is about seeing everyone as equal. Volunteers in her program help local nonprofits accomplish everyday tasks that they aren't able to finish because of their busy schedules, like cleaning.

"If we look at those we serve without labels like we're helping the poor — we're helping people just like us," she said. "It's regular stuff like washing toilets and floors, but part of it is that they are helping nonprofits that work every single day. They don't have time to do everything. We're about helping those helping others."

During the five-day program, teens volunteered at local Merrimack Valley

nonprofits including Lazarus House, Mary Immaculate Health Care, Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School, Cor Unum, Vacation Bible School, Community Giving Tree, Ironstone Farm, Creative Living, the Giving Garden, the Paul Center, Hands to Help, and the Clean River Project.

For a lot of teens, LeBlanc said service can be seen as something to bolster a college resume or fulfill some sort of requirement, but through the Unitas program, service becomes a way of life for teens. LeBlanc said teens come back to the program year after year. About half the teens this year had participated previously.

The Unitas Service Experience is also immersive. Teens and adult volunteers were able to board at St. Basil's Retreat Center in Methuen during their Unitas Service Experience. Those on the trip had time to serve, but also reflect, according to LeBlanc.

"The teens were able to work in some places of real poverty," LeBlanc said. "It opened their eyes two miles from home. At night we were able to look into different social issues and how Unitas gives them a lens to look through."

LeBlanc said local nonprofits need more help, however, and that she needs more adult volunteers to support more Unitas service days.

"All these different nonprofits are like, when are you coming back?" she said. "I need more adults to help me. I need more adults that can say, 'I can help you on this day.'"

LeBlanc said she is trying to schedule more single-day service events. She also said about six of the adult volunteers this summer were college students, and she hopes to encourage more college-aged adults to volunteer to serve as role models for teens in the program.

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St. Augustine's Youth Ministry members help create props for Vacation Bible School. From left: Cassie Ferreira, Addie Jaromin, MaryCate Pawlus, Ellie Pendleton and Gavin Collins.



From left: Alex Furry, Cam Marcou, Luke Vaccaro, Emily Abbott, Ash Hardock, Brooke Hardock, and Regan Grygiel participate in the summer 2018 Unitas Service Experience.

All Those Years Ago

Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History & Culture

100 Years Ago July 19, 1918

Yesterday afternoon at about 3:30 o'clock, as John Stewart, in the employ of T.A. Holt Company, was riding across the street in front of Crowley's drug store, he collided with an auto owned by C.D. Lilly, 89 Gardner St., Allston. There seemed to be no fault attributable to the owner of the auto as he was going very slowly and brought his car to a standstill in a very few feet. The boy's injuries consisted of a bruised ankle, and some minor scratches on his head.

Dr. Walker attended to the injuries, which were slight.

Last evening the Tyer Rubber baseball team played a game with the P.A. R.O.T.C. team on Brothers Field, which resulted in a score of 9-2 in favor of the Tyer team.

A.H. Gray of Main Street has donated ten gallons of ice cream for the band concert on the park this evening.

75 Years Ago July 29, 1943

The police have received complaints from several West Parish residents about rubbish being dropped or thrown on their property by persons on their way to the town dump. Last Thursday, a town truck picked up nearly a full load of rubbish

along the most frequently used routes. Some violators are known and have been warned. The police will resort to court action if the nuisance continues.

Once again the Ballardvale playground's popular baby contest was a success, with an exceptionally large attendance. The most popular children were chosen by the applause given each. The winner of the "playground's most popular baby" title was Carol Ann Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaw of Marland road. She was entered by Anne Morton.

50 Years Ago July 25, 1968

Forms for the use of Andover residents eligible for the state bonus for

servicemen in uniform during the Vietnam War are expected to be available at the Veteran's Service Office here in from two to three weeks. Servicemen with overseas service will be eligible to receive \$300 while those with state-side service will be entitled to \$200.

Camp Merrymeeting, the Girl Scout day camp in Andover, directed by Mrs. G. Earle Camber, has started its second session with additional registrations since June 1.

Photo Caption: "Cooling off while enjoying Sunday's Get-Acquainted outing at the Recreation Center Park were, Carmine DiAdamo and son Billy, 17 Alderbrook Road, Thea Finnagan, Cuba Street, and Ray

Yancy and daughter Dawn, Beacon Avenue, Lawrence.

The Patriots football squad is now working out at Phillips Academy. They arrived on campus Sunday and Monday and began field work early in the week.

25 Years Ago July 22, 1993

"I love to play the carillon in Andover but I don't love to play the Andover carillon." The bell tower, located on the Phillips Academy campus on Main Street, was "built as a memorial and to house a musical instrument," explained veteran carillon player Sally Slade Warner. However, according to Ms. Warner who has played the bronzed bells for 18 years,

if \$500,000 in funding isn't raised for renovations, the tower's music will remain only a memory.

Mark DiSalvo, of North Andover, a candidate for State Representative from North Andover, part of south Lawrence, and Middleton, this week donated portions of proceeds from a campaign fund-raiser to flood victims in Andover, Iowa. Andover, Iowa, is three miles from, and about 150 feet above the Mississippi. Mr. Gilbert Bott, fire chief in Andover, Iowa told Mr. DiSalvo that the 100 residents of Andover were trying to help the neighboring town of Sebula, population 700, which is right on the Mississippi and which was completely underwater.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

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

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.

Reading with Annie

Annie, a therapy dog, loves to sit and listen to children who are able to read on their own and may need a little bit of practice.

Annie will visit the library on Tuesday, July 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.

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.

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.

Other events in the Children's Room:

Book Bingo, Thursday, July 26, 2:30 p.m. Play four to five rounds of bingo to win books. Open to ages 8 to 11. Sign up online.

Around the World in 30 Minutes, Friday, July 27, 9:30 a.m. Infants to age 5 and their adult caregivers can explore

different languages through songs, rhymes, stories and games. For native speakers and those who want to expose their child to different languages and cultures at an early age. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

Dads and Doughnuts, Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m. This story time targets dads and children ages 2 to 5, although all are welcome. Take part in stories, songs, rhymes and a craft, and then have some coffee, juice and doughnuts. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

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

Room. Online registration is requested.

Peace Out! Mindful Story Time, Monday, July 30, 9:30 a.m. Stories, mindfulness, gentle movement and fun, calming activities are in store for ages 4 to 7. Kids should wear comfortable clothes. Sign up online.

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

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

Town seeks volunteers for various committees

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Andrew Flanagan

The town is seeking volunteers for a variety of committees this month.

According to Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, the town is seeking volunteers for the Zoning Bylaw Study Committee, the Revenue and Expenditure Task Force and the Planning Board.

The Zoning Bylaw Study Committee and the Revenue and Expenditure Task Force

are new groups. The town needs four resident volunteers to serve on the Zoning Bylaw Study Committee, which will review proposed zoning changes made by anyone, from residents to town officials. The Zoning Bylaw Study Committee will also review existing bylaws

and create a "zoning scorecard" to unify their evaluation process. According to Flanagan, the Revenue and Expenditure Task Force is looking to appoint five resident volunteers. Two liaisons from the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and School Committee will also serve on the task force.

The Revenue and Expenditure Task force will review the assumptions the town has based its long-range

financial plan on, Flanagan said.

"The Revenue and Expenditure committee will review those assumptions and the town manager's recommendations for balancing the budget," he said.

Flanagan put together a long-range financial plan for the town in August 2016. He said the plan has evolved since then, but the town is facing structural deficits in the near future.

"The town will have a

structural deficit," he said. "The town will have to make decisions in order to address that over time. It's my expectation that this group will help advise and craft how those decisions are made."

Flanagan is also looking to appoint a new member to the Planning Board. After being hired as the new Town Clerk and Chief Strategy Officer earlier this summer, Austin Simko announced he would be

stepping down from his role as chairman of the Planning Board, leaving a vacancy. The Planning Board will elect a new chairman after the new member is appointed.

Flanagan said the town hopes to appoint volunteers to the Zoning Bylaw Study Committee, Revenue and Expenditure Task Force and Planning Board by the end of July.

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Police warn residents to be wary of phone scams

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After an increase of reported scam calls in Andover, police are warning residents to be wary.

According to a press release issued by the Andover Police Department on July 11, residents have been getting calls from people claiming to

work for a well known company, like National Grid, the Internal Revenue Service, or a computer company. The caller then demands money for overdue bills or taxes. According to the press release, scam callers may also offer "illegitimate repair services" for money.

The caller will then attempt to get a person's "payment"

for overdue bills, taxes, or "illegitimate services" through an electronic money order or pre-paid debit card.

"This should be an immediate red flag," the press release reads. "No legitimate company or agency will ever demand money via these means. The IRS will never call you by phone to collect unpaid taxes."

"These types of unsolicited calls are an attempt by criminals to take advantage of people by threatening them with legal action or by being misleading about their true identities," Police Chief Patrick Keefe said. "Anyone who receives these types of calls should ignore them."

Keefe stressed that residents should, under no

circumstances, share personal information, Social Security numbers, or credit card numbers to callers.

The release stated that common scams target the elderly, and are often IRS Impostors, scammers pretending to be a kidnapped relative, a caller threatening that you may be arrested if you do not pay a fee, utility

company imposters threatening to shut off service without payment, fake sweepstakes, and callers claiming your computer needs repairs and/or has malware that can be fixed for a fee.

Residents with questions or who may have been a victim of a phone scam can contact the Andover Police Department at 978 475 0411.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: HAROLD PARKER STATE FOREST

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

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

Creature Catch: Fridays, July 20 and 27, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meet at Frye Pond Beach to discover what lives in New England ponds. Nets and buckets will be provided. This activity can be wet and muddy, so wear appropriate clothing and shoes. All ages

are invited to participate.

Gone Fishin': Saturdays, July 21 and 28, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Families can learn the basics of pond fishing in New England at Frye Pond Beach. Rods and bait will be provided or participants can bring their own. All ages are welcome and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Owl Power: Saturdays, July 21 and 28, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Find out what makes owls such unique creatures at the Campground Nature Center. This program will include a short

demonstration of owl adaptations and owl pellet dissection. Appropriate for ages 6 and up.

Birding for Beginners: Sundays, July 22 and 29, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Learn about the local bird population from the park interpreter while enjoying some amateur bird watching; meet at the Campground Nature Center. Bring binoculars if possible. Appropriate for children 6 and up.

Pond Hike: Sunday, July 22, 2 to 4 p.m. Take an easy to moderate guided hike to a different pond each week. Learn

about the park's history and resources while getting some exercise; meet at the Campground Nature Center. Appropriate for children 6 and up.

We Walk the Woods: Wednesday, July 25, 10 a.m. to noon. Join the park interpreter and the Friends of Harold Parker for a slow-paced walk through the forest while enjoying nature at its finest. Hike to a different part of the forest each week for a series of 12 hikes; meet at headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. Appropriate for children 6 and up.

L'Italian promotes environmental funding for two rivers

By KELSEY BODE
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Barbara L'Italien

State Sen. Barbara L'Italien advocated on behalf of funding clean river and environmental preservation initiatives

July has been a good month for the Shawsheen and Merrimack rivers.

On July 12, the Massachusetts Senate approved \$2 billion in bonds to fund climate change adaptation, environmental preservation, and energy asset improvement projects. The bill will next be considered by the House of Representatives.

The bill appropriates \$1 million to the Merrimack and Shawsheen River Access Project in Andover, and \$250,000 for the Merrimack Valley Clean River Project. The \$250,000 will fund a new boat skimmer to clean the Merrimack River. The bill also allocates \$500,000 to remove contaminated needles and sharp objects from public places.

for the Shawsheen and Merrimack rivers.

"These initiatives, if funded, will do a lot to improve our waterways and quality of life," L'Italien said. "The Clean River Project does so much to clean up the Merrimack — truly the heart of our area — and I'm glad to assist their mission. Ensuring public health and clean rivers were important priorities of mine and I'm proud that I was able to deliver on them in this bill."

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ON CAMPUS

The following local students have qualified for the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2018 semester: Dillon Samuel Aisenberg, Leila Margaret Aruri, Sami Aruri, Jonathan Kyle Bailey, Sophia Lynn Boyd, Mark Bullwinkel Campbell, Ryan Michael Case, Angelo Josep Cerbone, Cassidy Amber Chapman, Amy Wing Yi Chen, Timothy Chen, Amar Chunduru, Nicholas James Conti, Olivia Anne Couto, Shannon

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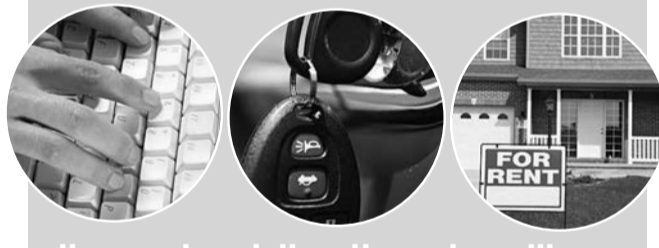
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Sports

The calm before the NFL storm

Texans coach and Andover native relishes the month-long respite with wife and family

By BILL BURT
Staff Writer

According to Andover's Bill O'Brien, there's a lot to like about his job as head coach of the NFL's Houston Texans.

Here are a few: Walking in the locker room after a win, the preparation and coaching a legend like J.J. Watt and an up-and-coming one like Deshaun Watson. There's running onto the field for the start of a game, seeing a player "get it" and competing against the likes of Bill Belichick.

"I got the best job in the world," said O'Brien, who lives in Houston now but who still has family in Andover, now in his fifth season with the Texans.

Those aforementioned exhilarating experiences, though, are easy pickings. Any fan could predict most of those.

O'Brien adds another to the list:

The month between mandatory mini-camp and when he and his other Texans coaches reported for duty this week to prepare for the coming season.

"The best thing about the NFL is the month off," said O'Brien, who was scheduled to be back at work this week to prepare for the Texans' opener against the Patriots on Sept. 9. "Not many occupations do that. For coaches, all of us, it allows us to reconnect with our families."

For the O'Briens, that began at the end of the baseball season for son Michael, who threw a no-hitter at the famous Cooperstown Tournament in mid-June.

"It's his favorite sport," said O'Brien. "Mine was football growing up. I love watching him play. He's tough."



Courtesy photo

Andover native and Houston Texans head coach Bill O'Brien and his wife Colleen had the chance for valuable family time before Bill dove fully into the NFL season.

Andover native and Houston Texans head coach Bill O'Brien just had the chance to enjoy a month off with his family in Massachusetts before returning to start preparing for the NFL season.

Associated Press

O'BRIEN ON HIGH EXPECTATIONS

The expectations are different for Andover native Bill O'Brien's Houston Texans. After three consecutive 9-7 seasons, which included a pair of AFC South division titles and playoff appearances, the Texans fell to 4-12 in 2017.

There were extenuating circumstances: Injuries. Lots and lots of key injuries (see J.J. Watt, Deshaun Watson etc.).

Las Vegas bookmakers believe the Texans could be a force in 2018.

The Texans are listed as tied for sixth overall at several casinos and on-line bookmakers with 18-to-1 odds to win the Super Bowl (The Pats are No. 1 at 5-to-1).

A big year for you and your team, Mr. O'Brien?

"People always say that," said O'Brien. "Every year is different. Every game is different. The odds don't matter. This is a very challenging league. To be honest, that's what makes it fun."

"You are challenged every week, against different players and coaches," said O'Brien. "We have a great bunch of guys on our team like J.J. Watt, (Benadrick) McKinney, Deshaun (Watson) and (Whitney) Mercilus. And we have some new guys who have been great, like (Tyrann) Mathieu. The bottom line is we have to get better. We know that. That's our goal."

The Texans open against the New England Patriots at Foxboro Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 1 p.m.

And the last two weeks of his month off were spent in Dennisport, Mass., where they have a summer home.

"My family had a place in

Harwich when we were growing up," said O'Brien. "(My wife) Colleen and I decided we wanted a place, too, and we both love the Cape. It's beautiful."

But this month, uninterrupted, with family is really what makes it special.

Bill and Colleen's eldest son, Jack, is severely disabled. This month is a time to bond with him, too.

"It means a lot to be around Jack so much," said O'Brien.

This "month" had a little extra special sauce on it. It was the 20th wedding anniversary for O'Brien and his wife on July 11. They spent a night in Boston, at the Boston Harbor Hotel, the place of their rehearsal dinner.

In fact, extra, uninterrupted, time with Mrs. O'Brien is mandatory.

"I realize how lucky I am to have Colleen," said O'Brien.

"This is not an easy life, especially for the wife, who bears most of the load at home.

"Young coaches ask me about the balance of coaching and having a family, and I tell them you've got to find the right wife,"

said O'Brien. "Not only one who understands football, but sports. I was texting my two brothers that Wednesday was mine and Colleen's twentieth anniversary and each texted me back immediately with the same message: 'Thank God for Colleen.'"

O'Brien's month ended on Monday. He went back to Boston and then on Houston to star preparing for the season.

Colleen and the boys remain in Dennisport until mid-August before heading back for the start of school on Aug. 20. Her parents spend a lot of time there, too.

"I won't see them for about a month, which is never easy," said O'Brien. "But I talk to them everyday. That'll never change. But we really have had a great time the last month. Colleen likes to call say 'It's the time daddy re-enters the family.' She's right."

You can email Bill Burt at bburt@eagletribune.com.

Dennehy, Legion continue to dominate

SUMMER BASEBALL

Andover Legion Post 8 remained on a tear with a 10-0 win over Haverhill Post 4 on Saturday.

Dan Gracia started and picked up the win for Andover (13-2), allowing two hits over five innings while striking out six.

Patrick Dennehy and Michael Reilly pitched the final two innings, allowing one hit.

Timmy Kalantzakos and Caeden Dillman both had three hits for Andover and combined for five RBIs. Phil LeBlanc and Matt DeBenedetto both had two hits with LeBlanc driving in a pair of runs.

Patrick Dennehy, Timmy Kalantzakos and Pat Davis all had three hits as Andover Legion rolled over Saugus 13-2 on Friday.

Michael Reilly added a two-run double and Phil LeBlanc chipped in with a pair of hits for Post 8. Andrew Theriault picked up the win with 3.1 innings of shutout relief. Post 8 improved to 12-2 with the victory.

Cedric Gillette and reliever Andrew Theriault carried to Andover Legion Post 8 to a 2-1 victory over Haverhill Post 4 last



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Stephen Shaw, here taking a shot last winter, had a big day as the Golden Warriors held off Pentucket in Hoops for Hope action last week.

Wednesday.

Gillette was throwing smoke, striking out 10 and allowing four hits over 6 1/3 innings. Theriault struck out the only two batters he faced.

Andover scored in the first when Patrick Dennehy led off with a single, stole second and scored on a Michael Reilly single. Post 8 got the winning run in the bottom of the sixth when Timmy Kalantzakos singled, stole second and scored

on a Ryan Neal single.

Caeden Dillman had a single and a double to lead the Andover offense.

The Andover Legion Post 8 blasted Newburyport 9-3 last Monday.

Timmy Kalantzakos started and got the win, striking out 10, allowing just two hits over 4 2/3 innings and also helped his own cause once again with two hits and two RBIs. Andrew Theriault retired all seven batters he faced in relief.

Andover collected 16 hits, led by Michael Reilly's three hits and two RBIs. Also with two hits for Post 8 were Patrick Dennehy, Ryan Neal, Caeden Dillman and Dan Gracia.

BOYS HOOPS FOR HOPE

Stephen Shaw scored a team-high 21 points as Andover held off Pentucket 81-74 in Hoops for Hope summer league action last Thursday.

GIRLS HOOPS FOR HOPE

Tatum Shaw scored a game-high 12 points but Andover lost to Cape Ann power Pentucket 31-28 last Wednesday.

Title takers



Courtesy photo

The Andover Major Angels baseball team won Andover Little League's Majors Division Championship. The team won three playoff games to take the crown, and beat a tough Major Braves team, 9-5, to win the championship at Deyermund Blanchard Field on Friday, June 22. The team includes, bottom row, left to right: Jed Gallaudet, Brandon Falzone, Will Norris, Brian Pierni, Caleb Wooster; and, back row, left to right: Co-Manager Vic Pierni, Jacob Duval, Coach Steve Norris, Simon Green, Spencer Belson, Ryan LaChance, Alex Berman, Co-Manager Aaron Green and Quinn Gregoire.

League champs



Courtesy photo

Andover's Junior Gold Baseball Team came from behind to edge out South Lawrence West 10-8 to win the Merrimack Valley Spring Baseball League championship. Pictured, from left are Tim Boese, Ryan Mittelman, Chase Lembo, Mike Bourgeois, assistant coach John Boese, Nick Leonard, Jack Clements, assistant coach Nick Lembo, Nil Castro-Rovira, Neel Metlapalli, coach Joel Mittelman, Patrick Flanagan, Duncan McBrien, Ustav Gambhir, James Reagan and Conor Rea. Not shown are Zack Burns, assistant coaches Cathy Boese and Rob Castro.

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

We're asking coaches, players, parents and fans to send us photos as well as highlights from all the week's sporting games and events. Items can range from a shout-out for a top player or team, a spectacular play or sports milestone or even some candid shots from a game or practice.

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MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEENS

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Upcoming events at the library include:

Songwriting bootcamp

Teens can participate in the library's Songwriting Bootcamp, held in partnership with the Andover Real School of Music, on Monday, July 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. This program will teach teens some of the basics of

songwriting and give them a chance to write their own.

Registration is required. Visit www.mhl.org/calendar to sign up or call 978-623-8432 for more information.

Ukulele workshop

Musician Julie Stepanek will teach teens the basics of the ukulele on Monday, July 30, at 1 p.m. Teens will learn some core chords that will allow them

to play many different songs. Ukuleles will be provided.

Registration is required for this workshop. Sign up at www.mhl.org/calendar or call 978-623-8432 for details.

Hogwarts orientation

Teens can get ready for their first year at Hogwarts on Tuesday, July 31, at 3 p.m. Attendees will get sorted by the Sorting Hat, learn basic potions, and more to

prepare them for their wizarding journey.

Registration is required. Go to www.mhl.org/calendar to sign up or call 978-623-8432 for more information.

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.

Other events at the library include:

Free Form Fridays: July 20 and 27, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Play Super Smash Brothers in the Activity Room.

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