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Melmark helps autistic adults thrive in pandemic

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LAWRENCE — Just after noontime this past Tuesday, Caitlin Torrisi, 22, was hard at work in redeveloped mill space in the city's Riverwalk complex off Interstate 495.

Wearing a mask, gloves and noise-cancelling headphones, Torrisi rolled three pieces of plastic silverware into a napkin and then placed the set into a glassine baggy.

She happily hummed as she completed the task, over and over. She aims to finish 100 sets each workday.

In the next room, several other young men folded letters from a local dentist, placed them in envelopes and

affixed stamps. They all took a very short break to greet visitors.

Three dozen adults with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities go to the Cancro Center at 280 Merrimack St. every weekday, many of them enrolled in vocational programs.

Managed by the Andover-based Melmark New England, the center and its staffers worked diligently during the past year to overcome challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Melmark is considered a leader in educational, clinical and residential services for children and adults with intellectual and

developmental disabilities.

Those with disabilities can be more susceptible to severe COVID-19 infection and death, noted Rita Gardner, Melmark president and CEO.

Gardner and Stacey Williams, the Cancro Center's program director, offered a tour of the facility recently, during Autism Awareness Month.

Gardner described the staff's work — which could not be done remotely and involved some of the most vulnerable people in the community — as nothing short of heroic. As she talked about Melmark workers and their efforts, tears welled up in Gardner's eyes.

"Suddenly our staff were

frontline workers. They were heroes but they have been doing this kind of work for decades," she said.

Staff worked throughout the pandemic in a manner that was both "invisible" to many and "invincible" for their clients, Gardner said.

Roughly 30% of Melmark's 400 staffers developed COVID-19, were involved in contact tracing, or lost their own children's educational or childcare services while Melmark's residential programs remained open.

In March 2020, the Cancro Center closed due to pandemic shutdowns.

Then, in August 2020, as state guidelines relaxed



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Sporting his favorite blue superhero mask, Albert carefully adds a label to a letter during an adult day program at Melmark New England. The program located in Lawrence's Riverwalk complex is specifically designed to address the unique needs of adults severely affected by autism and others with challenging behaviors.

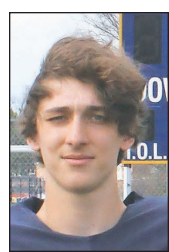
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Tackling grief

Football, family, friends a driving force for boys who suddenly lost dad

By BILL BURT
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The Fall 2 football season, which spanned from late February through this past Thursday, has been different. Disjointed seems an apt description for a year with no pre-season workouts,



Connor Sheehan

sparingly attended stadiums, and no championships at stake due to the shortened schedule.

But for two Andover boys, no matter the

upheaval, being a part of the team has buoyed them through the most difficult times.

In mid-February, as they anticipated the start of the season, Connor and Will Sheehan suddenly and unexpectedly lost their father, Tom, at age 55.

It seemed like COVID-19, his wife Karyn Sheehan said, with its hallmark chills, body aches, grogginess and exhaustion. So Tom got a test



Courtesy photo

The Sheehan family celebrates a youth football championship in Andover a few years ago. In the photo, from left, are eldest son Sam, mom Karyn, son Will, dad Tom, who died in February from leukemia, and son Connor, currently a senior at Andover High.

and some blood work.

While he was negative for the virus, a few days later his primary care doctor called for an immediate meeting to discuss the other results.

He was diagnosed with leukemia, eventually going to a Boston hospital. Four days later he was dead.

"It was just so quick,

everything," said Karyn.

Even as they grieved, Connor, 17, a senior, and Will, 15, a sophomore, were on the Andover High football field as the season began seven days later.

"Football has been a really good distraction for the boys," Karyn said. "They've been home so much and remote

for school. Getting outside with fresh air playing their favorite sport with tons of friends on the team has been a blessing."

Looking back at the day of Tom's wake, Andover High football coach E.J. Perry recalls being struck by two things in particular.

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Andover will not seek waiver for high school return date

By MADELINE HUGHES
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Andover High School students will be returning to five-day in-person learning this May, according to district officials.

State Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley said Tuesday that public high schools in Massachusetts should resume full-time, in-person learning by May 17. Elementary students returned to classrooms full-time earlier this month and middle schoolers returned this week.

In Andover, high school students remain in a hybrid learning model, attending in-person class two days per week and learning remotely from home for three days to accommodate for distancing measures put in place due to the pandemic.

Superintendent Claudia Bach and Principal Caitlin Brown said in a joint statement the district would not seek a waiver to delay bringing everyone back.

"Today's announcement requiring in-person learning for Massachusetts high schools was not a surprise. There are no current plans

to apply for a waiver," they wrote.

Most Andover High School classrooms can only accommodate 15 desks when they're spaced 3-feet apart, as per recommendation from the state and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

District administrators have previously said many classes have 20 to 25 students, and it remains unclear how the students will be accommodated.

Andover district officials did not respond to further questions on the matter.

Two weeks ago district officials presented a variety of options to the School Committee of how they could accommodate all of the students.

One option was transforming the school's field house and Collins Center into large learning areas. There, students would sit at desks and remotely join their classrooms, which are elsewhere in the school.

The district has ordered more than 800 desks to implement this option, said Shannon Scully, the School Committee Chair.

"District administrators, staff and teachers have

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Educational center moves to Andover

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A new nonprofit has moved to Andover with help from the state.

The Collaborative for Regional Educational Services and Training, a nonprofit that provides educational, vocational, and therapeutic programs for children with developmental disabilities used \$17 million of state money to buy a newly renovated building at 20 Shattuck Road. The organization moved to Andover from Methuen.

The 127,000 square-foot facility, which was recently converted from an office building,



Courtesy photo

CREST recently moved its school to a renovated office building at 20 Shattuck Road.

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Town Meeting slated for June 5

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The town of Andover is partnering up with the school district to ensure voters are covered, rain or shine, for Town Meeting.

The Andover Town Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on June 5 outdoors in the field

behind West Middle School on Shawsheen Road. That following Monday, June 7, the high school will host graduation under the same tent.

This Town Meeting will decide on issues including the 2022 budget, construction of a new elementary school, and the funding of the town's

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MELMARK

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and permitted, the site was reopened. By March 2021, all 36 clients had returned, staffers said.

These days, the adults are grouped in different rooms at the center, largely due to their residential settings. Plexiglass barriers have been installed, mask wearing is required at all times and the adults are all socially distanced as they perform a variety of tasks.

At one point, Gardner said a Melmark student, 14, and a staff member, 29, were both on ventilators at the same time due to the disease. As they recovered, Gardner closely monitored their care, including that of the staff member whose family does not live in the area.

Gardner stressed that staff members were not only careful on the job, but also vigilant outside of work so they would not contract and spread infection, she said.

Melmark clients and staff were eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations early on, in phase 1A, as they either work



In center, Melmark staff member Connor walks with Greg and James as they take care of a recycling task during an adult day program at Melmark New England.

in or are enrolled in congregate care.

Gardner herself lead “Town Hall” style virtual meetings on Zoom to discuss vaccines, their efficacy and “all the fallacies.” The result was a 98% vaccination rate, she said.

The adult services center at the Riverwalk was

dedicated in 2017 to the Cancro family of Andover, who first brought their daughter, Lisa, to Melmark in 2001.

The family was searching for a solution as other public and private educational programs had failed to help Lisa. She became a happy and engaged member of the

school’s student and adult communities.

Gardner noted that Melmark serves a population with severe needs. And for many families, the “road to Melmark is paved with failures.”

But once they arrive, they find success.

“We celebrate the progress



Adam, seated, adds a label to a letter as Melmark staff member Meghan looks after him.

of individuals who work really hard to learn,” Gardner said.

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GRIEF

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There was the nostalgia of seeing the 1988 Andover High prom photo of Tom and Karyn, who were high school sweethearts going off to college before getting married and eventually settling back

home.

And there was the impact of witnessing Will and Connor’s resolve to remain committed to football.

“Coach, we can’t wait for Monday,” Perry said they told him, referring to the first day of practice.

Given their father’s career in Andover as an athlete, and

later a coach, it’s easy to draw a line to the boys’ dedication.

“I have lived in Andover for 56 years and played and coached in Andover, so townies have a special place in my heart,” Perry said. “He played for the same coaches that I did: the Great Dick Collins and the insurmountable Wil Hixon.”

For his sons, his support for the team when he was alive — he used to video the junior varsity games and put them on YouTube for fans and players to view — and the legacy left in his wake are an inspiration.

“I always wanted to make (my dad) proud, try my hardest, give it my all,” said Connor, a senior linebacker, whose season took off immediately when in his second game against Lowell he made two big plays by recovering a fumble that turned into a quick touchdown and tackling the Lowell quarterback in the end zone for a safety. And that performance remained strong, with Connor finishing off the season as the second leading tackler.

“I’d see him in the stands and could hear him screaming when I make a



Andover football player Will Sheehan, 15, who lost his father in February, and along with his brother Connor pressed forward with the season soon afterward.

tackle,” Connor said. “There were times I’d make a big hit and I knew he was smiling up above.”

On Senior Night in early April, the couple’s oldest son, Sam, a freshman at Northeastern University, represented their father and walked his mother onto the field when Connor’s name was called.

It was an emotional moment, Karyn noted, one of many that come with adjusting to a sudden, traumatic loss.

Tom, for instance, had been the primary parent involved in researching college options for Connor.

“His dad did all that stuff,” Karyn said. “It’s been difficult for Connor, in the throes of trying to decide where to go. He was accepted everywhere except one school, and that threw us for a loop.”

Friends stepped in to fill gaps, also. When Connor went on a two-day visit to Purdue University in Indiana last month, an Andover family took him and his older brother, Sam.

“Connor loved the trip and the school,” Karyn said. “He was beaming when he returned. It was nice to see the campus even though his father couldn’t take him.”

Karyn recalls a time when soon after she and Tom were married, she wanted to leave the Merrimack Valley and blaze their own trail elsewhere. Tom, however, said he had to go back to Andover.

Reflecting on their life in Andover and the response the family has been met with in these difficult times, she knows it was the right decision.

“It hasn’t been easy,” she

said. “But the town has been great. The support from everyone at the school has meant a lot to our family. I don’t know where we’d be without it.”

Perry said he has marveled watching and coaching the boys nearly every day.

The fact the Connor had probably his greatest game as a Golden Warrior on Thursday night’s finale over Chelmsford, 38-0, with 14 tackles, three sacks and a fumble recovery was not a surprise.

“Covid has brought many changes to football, but one benefit has been the daily temperature check,” Perry said. “While it is a pain in the neck, it gives a coach a chance to talk to each boy individually and they have to take off their helmets and look in your eyes.”

And he added, “I’ve marveled at their steely blue eyes that stare back at me with a sparkle and a kindness. I’ve been perplexed by their focus and steadiness that they have managed through the death of their father. I know Tom is proud.”

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consists of 62 classrooms, 10 conference rooms, 55 private offices, a gymnasium, a cafeteria and several workshops — including art, music, computer, and wood shops, an auto repair facility, group restrooms and a kitchen area.

“Helping CREST own a new home for the important educational, vocational, and therapeutic programs it runs for children with developmental disabilities is at the core of our mission at MassDevelopment,” said Dan Rivera, president and CEO of MassDevelopment. “Imagine the look on the students’ faces as they play in the gymnasium or learn in one

of the 62 classrooms, all while experiencing art, music, and computer classes — this funding will help CREST create those experiences for those children.”

MassDevelopment worked with TD Bank of North Andover to allow CREST to purchase the \$17 million tax-exempt bond to fund the move.

“Trying to move an entire school during a pandemic with multiple moving parts was beyond challenging,” said Kim Oliveira, CREST executive director. “Throughout it all, MassDevelopment, in partnership with TD Bank, provided support and assistance every step of the way. We cannot thank you enough for your guidance and assistance in making this long-time dream a reality for our students

and staff. Our new home has allowed us to move all of our programs to one campus and capitalize on the strength of our entire community. This new facility will allow for greater growth opportunities in the coming years and provide our member districts with a strong asset well into the future.”

CREST is comprised of sixteen member school districts — Amesbury, Andover, Dracut, Georgetown, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Haverhill, Ipswich, Lawrence, Lowell, Masconomet Regional, Methuen, Newburyport, North Andover, Pentucket Regional, Triton, and Tri-Town Regional. The organization offers educational programs and services to supplement and strengthen

existing school programs and services that otherwise would be neither affordable nor accessible to each local school district on its own for students with developmental disabilities

“Nonprofits like CREST help ensure students of all abilities have access to high-quality educational programming in a safe and welcoming environment,” said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy, who serves as chair of MassDevelopment’s Board of Directors. “We’re proud that MassDevelopment’s tax-exempt bonds can serve as important tools to help organizations finance new facilities and better meet the needs of their clients.”

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been working hard for many months to find a way to fully return students to in-person

learning, including at Andover High School,” Bach and Brown wrote in their statement. “The work is ongoing, and we appreciate the intense focus on finding the best solution for our high school students.”

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ACE kicks off new fundraiser

By MADELINE HUGHES
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Andover Coalition for Education is hosting an event in May meant to get people moving and honor teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week.

May 1 to 8 will be a Race for ACE, a movement challenge to raise money for schools.

Participants are asked to do an activity for 30 minutes a day. Run, walk, hike, bike, dance, skip or jump – anything that promotes 30 minutes of movement counts. Participants are asked to post a photo or video on social media and tag it with #raceforace2021.

“My kid’s teachers have worked so hard this year to make sure my kids are learning, but more importantly, the teachers and staff want to make sure my kids are okay,” said Kristine Naughton, the mother of three students in fifth grade through high school. “We have never had a year like this past year and when I saw ACE’s new event, I thought this would be a great way for us to give back to the schools and also recognize our teachers.”

The Race for ACE is taking place during Teacher Appreciation Week, making it an opportunity to dedicate race activity in honor of a favorite educator or staff member in the schools. ACE will then send an e-card to teachers to inform them of the tribute gift.

“I reached out to my son’s fifth-grade class at Bancroft and encouraged everyone to join the Race for ACE in honor of our teacher. It is a great way for us to say ‘thank you’ to him, while also supporting our schools,” Naughton said.

Participants are encouraged to post a favorite photo or video on social media to win prizes and swag from ACE and local businesses. Each day during the first week of May, a winner will be selected from those that tagged #raceforace2021. Participants are encouraged to post often and spread the fun among friends in the Andover community.

“I really hope that our entire community comes together to support our schools and recognize our teachers. This is such an easy and fun way for



COURTESY PHOTO
Rowan (left), Grayson and Orla Naughton are participating in Race for ACE in honor of their teachers.

everyone to get involved. If everyone gave a little, we will have a lot to invest in our schools next year. And what a great feeling for our teachers to know that we are making a difference in their name,” said Naughton.

The event costs \$25 for an individual, \$40 for a family and \$100 for a team, which can be a sports team or organization. Everyone who participates will receive Race for ACE gifts. To register visit give.mybooster.com/raceforace.



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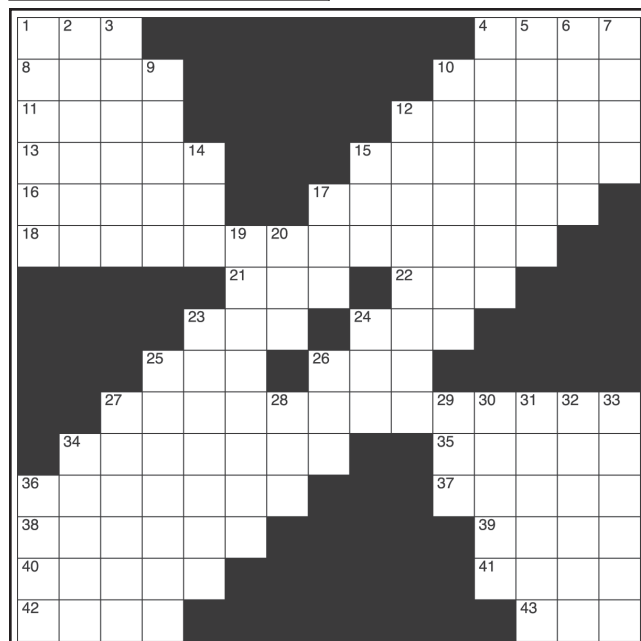
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16. Intestinal
17. Qualities of being religious
18. Live up to a standard
21. Seize
22. Go quickly
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4. Self-governing Netherlands territory
5. Shared one’s view
6. Tailless amphibians
7. Charge passengers must pay
9. Sound sheep make
10. Known for sure
12. Filled with unexpressed anger
14. Student (abbr.)
15. Criticize
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34. Makes cash register rolls
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36. Make more cheerful
37. Manicurist
38. Consents
39. Network of nerves
40. Mocking smile
41. It covers the body
42. Partner to pans
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20. One’s mother (British)
23. Landholder
24. Peter’s last name
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26. Title of respect
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Opinion

Junk is accumulating out of sight

We are often encouraged to pause on Earth Day, as we were last week, to appreciate the natural world that surrounds us.

Here in the Merrimack Valley and North of Boston regions, we are fortunate to be constantly reminded of that bounty in the sandy expanse of Crane Beach, the deep, dark woods of Dogtown and the slow, strong pull of the Merrimack River.

Seeing such beauty every day compels us to protect it. We limit access to fragile parts of the beach, push to protect the woods from development and pass laws aimed at reducing the flow of sewage into our waterways. But there is so much more we can't see.

Take, for instance the growing problem of plastics in the ocean, where we see only the tip of the proverbial iceberg. For every plastic bag or bottle we see bobbing along coastal waters, there are thousands deep below the surface, slowly disintegrating and polluting the entire marine ecosystem.

"The majority of plastic debris that (ends) up in the ocean (is) missing," Ryota Nakajima, a marine biology researcher at the Japan Agency for Marine Earth-Science and Technology, told *The Academic Times*.

Between 4.8 million and 12.7 million tons of plastic makes its way into the ocean every year. The stuff you see floating on the surface is only a few percentage points of the total. If that pace continues, by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish by weight.

Massive accumulations of plastic have been found in some of the deepest places on Earth, more than six miles beneath the ocean surface.

"The abundance of plastic debris leaking into the ocean continues to increase, but the floating plastic debris on the surface of the ocean eventually is transported into the deeper water," Nakajima said. "This will foster illusions in your mind that debris is not increasing. But the truth is, plastic debris accumulates on the deep-sea floor as undying garbage."

It's not just the ocean. We are also increasingly treating space as a bottomless landfill. And as the pace of exploration and commercial expansion grows, we are learning that's not the case.

Research from the Italian National Research Council's Institute of Information Science and Technologies has found that so much trash from past space missions has accumulated in Earth's low orbit that a third to half of the zone's space for future activities has already been filled.

The research council estimated there are millions of pieces of space junk -- parts of rockets and satellites and other chunks of machinery in orbit around the Earth.

Some of those pieces are very small -- think a fleck of paint less than a half inch long. And they are very far apart. But they travel very fast -- more than 22,000 miles per hour -- and can disassemble a satellite in a collision. A four-inch piece of space junk can destroy a spacecraft.

"Today, with the impetuous flowering of the so-called New Space Economy, characterized by the deployment of countless satellites and mega-constellations, the problem is becoming really urgent, because some wrong decisions or actions taken now may have lasting adverse consequences on space operations, in particular in low Earth orbit," said Carmen Pardini, a co-author of the study.

So what can be done?

"Any true progress in the field of space debris will be the result of a deep and wide amount of international cooperation," co-author Luciano Anselmo told *The Academic Times*. "But countries, governments and international organizations alone are not enough anymore. Private companies must be involved in the loop as soon as possible."

Closer to home, almost 80% of the plastic found in the ocean is made up of drink bottles, plastic bags, food packaging and the like. It's obvious efforts to eliminate such single-use plastics need to be stepped up.

We may not be able to see the problem. But we cannot pretend it doesn't exist.



Gail Ralston

ANDOVER CENTER FOR HISTORY AND CULTURE

Andover's John Cornell Fund committee occasionally has vacancies. When that happens, the town is asked to vote for a new member.

But how many people know the purpose of the fund and, most importantly, who Cornell was?

Cornell almost was a townie; he was born in Wilmington, Massachusetts and came to Andover at age 2.

His obituary said he had a "limited" education, and if that is correct, he sure made up for it.

He was employed at the store of John Derby, at the site now known as the Simeone Building (corner of Main Street and Post Office Avenue).

At about 22 years of age, he formed a co-partnership with a Mr. Mayberry and bought out "Mr. Richardson's Stable," which stood near the present site of Memorial Hall Library.

Cornell and Mayberry carried on the stable and lumber business for about four years, when they were burned out in the great Elm Square fire of 1870. (See *Nova*, 19, 2020, *Townsmen* story).

West Elementary and Shawsheen project worthy of support

Editor, *Townsmen*:

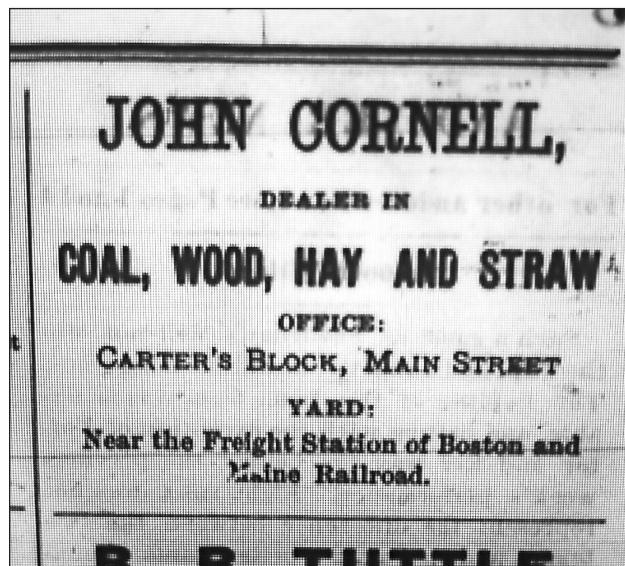
I am the chair of the West Elementary/Shawsheen Preschool Building Committee. I and the committee have been working with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, the architects and Andover residents for 2 1/2 years to develop a cost effective approach for addressing numerous problems with one solution.

I am writing in support of the West Elementary/Shawsheen Preschool building project and ask that my fellow citizens join me in voting for the project at our annual Town Meeting on June 5 and at the Ballot Box on June 15.

In a 2016 town facility study, both schools were rated poor or unsuitable in four critical areas -- existing building conditions, educational suitability, grounds condition and technology readiness.

In addition, given the age of the two schools, both are inefficient, resulting in a large carbon footprint and high energy costs for the town.

West Elementary was built in the 1950s, and Shawsheen



An advertisement placed by John Cornell in an 1888 edition of the *Andover Townsmen* promises "coal, wood, hay and straw."

story).

Cornell moved his stock to the Elm House stables, site of today's Musgrove Building. Having purchased Mr. Mayberry's share in the business, he in turn sold his stable effects to George Bean.

Prior to his death, his most recent office was located in Carter's Block, 1 Main St. Cornell was one of the oldest businessmen on the street, if not the oldest.

He represented this district in the state Legislature in 1878, and at the time of his death he was a trustee of the Memorial Hall Library and Spring Grove Cemetery; a director of both the National and Savings banks; and a director of the Andover Press.

He was deeply interested in town affairs, and he was a constant attendant at all town meetings, even serving as moderator for one year. In politics, he upheld strongly the principles of the Republican Party.

After his death, the town learned of his generous bequests.

On Jan. 10, 1893, the library trustees announced his bequest to the library in a resolution. In part, it said:

"We record with sadness the recent death of Mr. John Cornell, whose excellent judgment and public spirit made him a specially valuable member of our board. He supplemented this long period of faithful service in the interests of the library by making to it the generous

bequest from his will."

This bequest of \$5,000 stipulated that it be "expended in the purchase of a collection of historical articles and such works of art as they may deem expedient."

An additional \$5,000 was given "to be expended in the care and preservation of the collection previously mentioned."

At Town Meeting in March 1893, the warrant asked voters: "To see if the town will accept the following bequest of the late John Cornell, and choose a board of trustees as specified in said will:

"To the inhabitants of Andover, aforesaid, \$5,000 in trust, the income therefrom to be used in the purchase of wood and coal for the worthy poor of said Andover; said fund to be held by a board of trustees chosen at a meeting of said inhabitants, and said trustees to appropriate said wood and coal."

The motion was accepted, thereby creating the John Cornell Fuel Assistance Fund. The first trustees were Frank Gleason, Joseph Smart and Charles Greene.

The fund exists to this day for the same purpose as originally intended, with the caveat modified in 1995 by the Probate Court of Massachusetts to include all types of fuel -- not limited to wood and coal -- for heating, cooking or electrical purposes.

Trustees in 2021 include Richard J. Bowen, Kenneth B. Ozoonian and Calvin Perry.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School was built in the 1920s. The buildings are way past their useful lives.

For these multiple problems we have devised one solution: Partner with MSBA to build a new academic campus colocating the schools on the existing West Elementary School site.

The new school will create inclusive, flexible and adaptable learning environments that enable access for all through universal design for learning. The new school will be LEED Silver certified with a net-zero energy ready design and will host new turf playing fields to benefit the entire community.

The new school is being designed to address capacity issues across the district. And since West Elementary hosts our districtwide Bridge and Excel special education programs, with Shawsheen hosting our multi-sensory pre-K programs, this academic campus will allow Andover to appropriately serve all of our children at these grade levels.

The total cost of the project is \$151,661,968, with a maximum MSBA grant of \$38,442,820.

In order to take advantage of the large grant, we must approve the project by a two-thirds vote at Town meeting and a majority vote at the ballot box. I am asking

my fellow citizens to please vote yes.

PAULA COLBY-CLEMENTS
Andover

All households should make green energy plans

Editor, *Townsmen*:

On Earth Day I celebrated the passage of Massachusetts' landmark climate bill, "An Act Creating a Next Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy," signed recently into law by Gov. Charlie Baker.

I hope other states will follow suit.

It's time for us, as individuals, to create our own road map to reduce our carbon footprints and become better stewards of the planet.

My goal is to put my own life and lifestyle on the road to becoming fossil fuel free.

I began this process a few years ago with the installation of solar panels on the roof of my house. National Grid sends me a check every few months to pay for using the extra electricity my panels produce.

I also gave up my gas-powered lawnmower and now use a quiet, light and far less-toxic electric mower.

My next car will be electric. However, I will need to phase in that expense with the help of financial

incentives that should be rolled out in the near future.

I live in an old house with aging appliances. As each appliance fails, I will replace it with the most energy efficient make and model on the market.

For example, my refrigerator is on its last legs. This is an opportunity for me to buy a new HFC-free refrigerator with the new refrigerator R600a, which is far more energy efficient and will save me money. (Refrigerators are now being switched to R600a from R-134a refrigerator because R-134a is 3,710 times more potent than carbon dioxide at warming the planet.)

Next up will be switching my oil furnace-linked water heater over to an electric heat pump water heater. A family of four can save approximately \$350 per year on its electric bill compared to a standard water heater.

It makes sense. Energy efficient appliances use fewer kilowatt hours of energy consumption, which translates into savings in my wallet.

It's time to go electric. I hope others consider putting their households on a 10-year transition plan.

For information and tips, go to andoverwecan.org.

MARY PRITCHARD
Andover

WEB QUESTION

Is it getting any easier to book an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination?

The state last week broadened the criteria of those eligible to get the vaccine to include anyone age 16 and older, regardless of health status. But as health officials urge patience in booking a vaccine visit, others are reporting a slowdown in demand for appointments.

Are you still waiting in line?

INFUSED WITH FRUSTRATION: I'm still trying to make an appointment, and I'm still bouncing from one website to the next. When will this ever end?

MADE MY APPOINTMENT: It might've been difficult for people to do at first, but at this point I've got either my first or second appointment, and I'm counting the days until my

rendezvous with a shot of Pfizer, Moderna or the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

PROTECTED: All my shots are in the past, and when this spring weather gets raw, I don't mind asking for a table inside a local restaurant.

STILL WARY: The pandemic has been terrible, but I'm still concerned about the potential side effects of these new vaccines. I have yet to make my appointment.

Last week's question

Should Massachusetts follow New Hampshire's lead and lift its "mask mandate"?

The New Hampshire mandate, in effect since Nov. 20, was allowed to expire as of last Friday. An announcement by

Gov. Chris Sununu's office cited a reduction in the number of deaths and hospitalizations due to COVID-19. It also noted that businesses and some communities may still require mask wearing.

Is it time for Massachusetts to follow suit?

YES, LET'S END IT: The pandemic is winding down, and it should be left to people and their good judgement as to whether to wear masks. A mandate, especially now, is draconian and unnecessary. (30 votes)

NO, NOT YET: The threat of COVID-19 transmission has been higher in the Bay State since the start of the pandemic. Masks keep us safe, and lifting the statewide order would almost certainly lead to the spread of the coronavirus. (40 votes)

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Law firm refreshes Lazarus House to celebrate Earth Day

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To celebrate Earth Day, Andover-based Touchstone Closing, a real estate closing law firm, planted flowers and cleaned up Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence.

"The Earth Day refresh for the Lazarus House Shelter was a breath of fresh air," said Carmen Vega, shelter director. "I'm so excited to see the faces of our guests as they come home and see what our faithful friends from Touchstone did for them. They truly blessed us."

The law firm has been partnering with Lazarus House since December when employees helped clean up and decorate the shelter.

"Being back at the shelter to provide outdoor spring cleanup services this week was something that many of our staff wanted to be a part of," said Christine Bernardini, a partner at Touchstone Closing.

"Since Touchstone Closing focuses on real estate transactions, we see the value and natural connection in helping the shelter families at Lazarus House Ministries," Bernardini said. "Our team was happy to volunteer their time on Earth Day to help brighten up the outside of the shelter for the families."

The law firm has also hosted a do-it-yourself pizza party night and an ice cream "Sundae Funday" party on another occasion, she added.

"We look forward to continuing to build this special relationship with such an important organization in the Merrimack Valley region," Bernardini said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Staff members from Touchstone Closing, an Andover-based real estate closing law firm, planted flowers and cleaned up Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence in honor of Earth Day. From left, Lauren O'Shea, the marketing and communications director; Holly Post, a paralegal; Ryan Corey, a paralegal; Gita Brazelis, an associate attorney; and Christine Bernardini, a partner.



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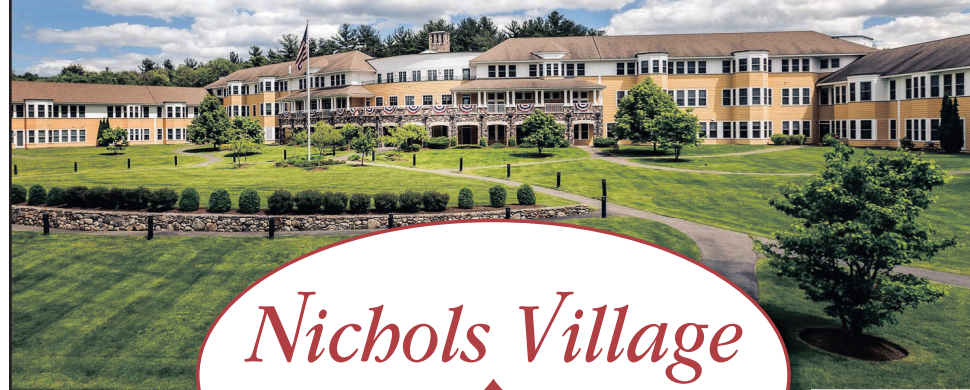


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Sports

DIVING IN

Pitts uses gymnastics background to help her star as diver for Andover High

BY DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

For Andover High senior Emme Pitts, a perfectly-executed dive is close to an out-of-body experience. "Diving is so much fun for me because, just for a few seconds, you are completely defying gravity," said Pitts. "There is nothing better than feeling like you're flying perfectly through the air and going into the water with a perfect entry. The adrenaline rush that you get from diving and gymnastics is addicting, even if you're putting yourself in danger."

As a freshman, Pitts was inspired to draw on her skill and bravery from a lifetime as gymnast to try diving for the perennial powerhouse Andover High.

Earlier this month, senior Pitts wrapped up her fourth season as a top diver for the Golden Warriors, who competed in the "Fall 2" season after the regular fall was postponed.

"Emma is an amazing leader," said Andover swim coach Patty Barrett. "She broke the 200 (score) mark for the first time this season."

Pitts scored a career-best 216 at a meet during the season, and finished sixth at the virtual Merrimack Valley Conference Meet.

"This 'Fall 2' season was definitely different from what I originally had in mind," Pitts said. "But I was still so glad we could have a season. I love my teammates, and I love the energy that the team had, so I was really excited to have the chance to lead our team to another successful season, even though it was shorter than usual."

GYMNASTICS AND DIVING

It was gymnastics that led Pitts to give diving a shot. "I've been a gymnast for as long as I can remember," said Pitts, who was a gymnastics captain for Andover High. "In the summer leading up to my freshman



Andover's Emme Pitts prepares for a dive. The senior tri-captain delivered an outstanding season in the pool and as a leader.

Courtesy photos



Emme Pitts (middle) excelled as a diver for Andover High this winter. Here, she poses with gymnastics teammates Colleen Carzo (left) and Amanda Morin (right).



Andover's Emme Pitts hits the water during a dive for Andover High.



Andover's Emme Pitts flies through the air mid-dive while competing for the Golden Warriors.

STAR STUDENT

Andover diver/gymnast Emme Pitts is a star in the classroom. A straight-A student, she has received just one B-plus in her high school career. She has a weighted GPA of 4.47 and has taken five Advanced Placement classes.

Pitts is headed to George Washington University (D.C.), and plans to study international affairs. Last summer, she interned with state representative Tram Nguyen of Andover.

Pitts has also worked at a preschool gymnastics instructor at Wilkey's Gymnastics and for a courier business.

"Since Emme stepped foot on the diving board her freshman year, she has been focused on being the best she can be," said Pierce. "She works hard each and every day, while also being a great support to her teammates."

CAPTAIN IN A PANDEMIC

Pitts, along with fellow tri-captains Emily Chen and Polina Malinovskaya, faced a unique challenge leading the Golden Warriors during the unprecedented Fall 2 season.

"There were a lot of unique challenges of the Fall 2 season," she said. "The team has millions of traditions that we couldn't do because of COVID. I just wanted to give the new swimmers and divers the same amazing experience that I had my freshman year."

"Since all of our meets were virtual, there was a massive change in how meet days had to be conducted. I'm not a swimmer, but I would think that without someone next to you

year, one of my neighbors who was also a gymnast and a diver convinced me that gymnasts make naturally good divers and that I should try out for the team. I signed up on a whim after debating it for a few weeks. I can't even imagine what my life would be like now if I had chosen not to try out."

Her gymnastics background helped and hindered her in ways.

"The No. 1 thing that you are taught as a gymnast is to never land on your head," Pitts said. "This safety precaution was so ingrained in me that the idea of landing on my head (in diving), even in water, seemed an impossibility. I still distinctly remember

the first time I was asked to do a back line-up (fall backwards off of the board and land on my head) and thinking 'are these people crazy?'"

"Additionally, though I was still flipping and twisting in diving, I had to completely relearn how to control my body in the air. In gymnastics, you would never get as much height as you would off of the board, so you are used to flipping way faster to make it around than you need to when diving. It took me quite a few faceplants to figure that one out."

Longtime Andover diving coach Becky Pierce said Pitts impressed from the start.

coaching you, you might not go as fast. Additionally, it was difficult to replicate the same high energy environment that we are normally able to create at meets."

But Pitts remained positive, and ended up embracing the season.

"I think that one memorable moments came from the MVC meet," she said. "I was backup timing, and standing there with Patty (Barrett) and (diving

coach) Kelly (Simard), I was amazed by how much time every single girl was able to drop from the times.

"I felt like seeing these great improvements was really a testament to how much work everyone put into this season, despite the fact that it was not necessarily what we had originally anticipated. Also, though not everyone liked them, I grew to love the morning practices!"

Seniors rule the day for Andover in football finale

BY DAVE DYER
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — The sophomores scored almost all of the points, but it was the seniors who ruled the day Thursday afternoon. **Andover.....38** **Chelmsford.....0** for the Andover High football team.

In what was likely the last game of their careers, the seniors put on quite a show as the Golden Warriors crushed Chelmsford 38-0 to complete a successful 5-2 season.

"It really was a great season, winning five of the last six games and playing so well the last six games," said Andover coach E.J. Perry. "I couldn't be prouder of these seniors. They worked hard and developed a great reputation at school for the kind of kids they are."

Perry certainly had a lot to be proud last Thursday, especially regarding his defense, with senior line-backers Connor Sheehan and Zach Dutton highlighting a performance. The visiting Lions could rush for only 3 yards total and couldn't sustain a strong passing attack long enough to put points on the board.

Sheehan, likely playing in his last-ever football game (he's evering UMass Amherst and Purdue), was all over the field, making 14 tackles that included three quarterback sacks and recovering a fumble.

Dutton, meanwhile, had a 65-yard interception return in the second quarter that



Andover senior Connor Sheehan, making a tackle against North Andover last week, was superb on defense Thursday.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

set up a 31-yard field goal by Andrew Wetterwald on the last play before intermission. Dutton missed last year with a broken back and wasn't even sure he could play this year.

"It (the interception) was awesome and something to remember for a long time," said Dutton. "This season was a bonus for me."

Sheehan's performance was bittersweet.

"It's really sad that this is my last game," said Sheehan. "But it was fun to go out like this. We went out with a bang."

For their efforts, Perry gave Sheehan and Sutton some time in the offensive backfield in the second half and they both carried the ball twice.

Referring to Sheehan, Perry said: "He's a very good player and I couldn't

have done what he did this year, playing after his dad died and playing so well. He's one of the best line-backers around."

Offensively, it was largely the Lincoln Beal show. The sophomore back rushed for 166 yards on 12 carries and scored three touchdowns, one on a 45-yard pass from sophomore classmate Scott Brown.

Beal showed that he

meant business from the start. On Andover's first possession, he opened the game with a 17-yard run and, two plays later, burst through the middle of the line for a 67-yard scoring run.

After Brown scored on a 1-yard run on Andover's next possession, he connected with Beal on the 45-yarder on a flea flicker. Beal added a 1-yard plunge



Seniors Ben Entner, left, and Connor Sheehan had big games for the Golden Warriors.

to make it 28-0 before Wetterwald, who is also a sophomore, made it 31-0 at halftime.

Among those providing stalwart blocking for Beal and Brown were senior linemen Charlie Baillargeon, bruising Brown recruit AJ Heitke, Parker Rankin and Ben Entner. For Entner, it was just his second game since recovering from mononucleosis.

Another senior, Andrew Layman, scored Andover's final touchdown in the third quarter on a 6-yard run.

Andover 38, Chelmsford 0

Chelmsford (2-5): 0 0 0 0 — 0
Andover (5-2): 7 24 7 0 — 38

First Quarter

Lincoln Beal 67 run (Andrew Wetterwald kick), 6:52

Second Quarter

Scott Brown 1 run (Wetterwald kick), 11:55
Beal 45 pass from Brown (Wetterwald kick), 10:19

Beal 1 run (Wetterwald kick), 6:31
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Third Quarter

Andrew Layman 6 run (Wetterwald kick), 7:24

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING: Andover (33-231) — Lincoln Beal 12-166, Scott Brown 10-51, Tomas Loureiro 1-1, Andrew Layman 4-13, Connor Sheehan 2-8, Zach Dutton 2-0, Andrew Salowe 2-(-8), Manas Joshi 1-0

PASSING: Andover — Brown 2-5-0, 55; Chelmsford — Baker 12-26-1108

RECEIVING: Andover — Beal 1-45, Tomas Loureiro 1-10, Mike Lupoli 1-18

Crafts in the Park postponed until Oct. 2

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Andover's popular Mother's Day weekend event has been postponed until October. The Crafts in the Park

Committee has announced that their signature event is postponed from Saturday, May 8 until Saturday, Oct. 2. Traditionally held the day before Mother's Day, organizers said the COVID-19

pandemic, coupled with the event location in The Park and the large size of the event, made it impossible to hold the event this spring. "The availability and wide distribution of vaccine in the

coming months will make it more likely that we can comply with any mandated state and local requirements in October. Vendor applications will be accepted starting in June, 2021. All applicants will be juried," said Karen Van Welden-Herman, Crafts in the Park, Event Coordinator.

The committee is offering a slice of the event — geraniums, which are a top-seller at Crafts in the Park, are available for sale.

"Our beautiful geraniums, annually provided by Konjoian's Greenhouses and Landscaping in Andover, are now available for sale," Van Welden-Herman said. For ordering information

go to www.christchurchandover.org and click on the link for the geranium sale. Colors available are red, pink and white, all in 4.5" pots. Orders must be received with payment by Friday, May 7. Pick up is Tuesday-Thursday, May 11-13 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Konjoian's Greenhouses, 221 Chandler Road.

Crafts in the Park updates are available on craftsinthepark.com, and on Facebook.

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Sponsors are welcome to take their flags & poles on Sunday, June 13th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The EXCHANGE CLUB of Lawrence and the Andovers is proud to host the Field of Honor.

Flags may be sponsored online at xcflags.com or by calling 508-523-3086 or 978-375-6217.

All proceeds support local families, Youth Programs, Community Service, Child Abuse Prevention and Scholarships.



Courtesy photo

Crafts in the Park has been postponed until October.

ANDOVER NEWS IN BRIEF

Seeking technology tutors

Andover Elder Services is seeking technology tutors to help teach people how to use iPads and other equipment. Volunteers can be any age, but must be comfortable using technology. Anyone interested can contact Kelly Mackay at kelly.mackay@andoverma.us or by calling (978)623-8320

Chronic illness virtual talk

On Monday, May 3 at 2:30 p.m. Andover Public Library is hosting a talk to help people understand chronic illnesses and those who have them. Julie Morgenlender, editor of the recently published "The Things We Don't Say: An Anthology of Chronic Illness Truths," and someone who has lived with chronic illness herself, will speak about how we define chronic

illnesses, how they differ and overlap with disabilities and the realities of people's experiences.

This program is hosted by Wilmington Memorial Library in collaboration with Memorial Hall Library, Flint Memorial Library and Tewksbury Public Library. To sign up visit mhl.org/events.

Help foster children

Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley is collecting summer toys at a drive-thru event between 10 a.m. and noon on May 22 at Sons of Italy Hall, 459 Merrimack Street in Methuen.

They will collect hula hoops, jump ropes, sand tables/boxes, water tables, splash pads, water sprinklers, lawn games, sports equipment, slip'n slides, sidewalk chalk, bathing suits, towels, sunblock, garden tool sets, walkie talkies and other fun summer items. No water guns accepted.

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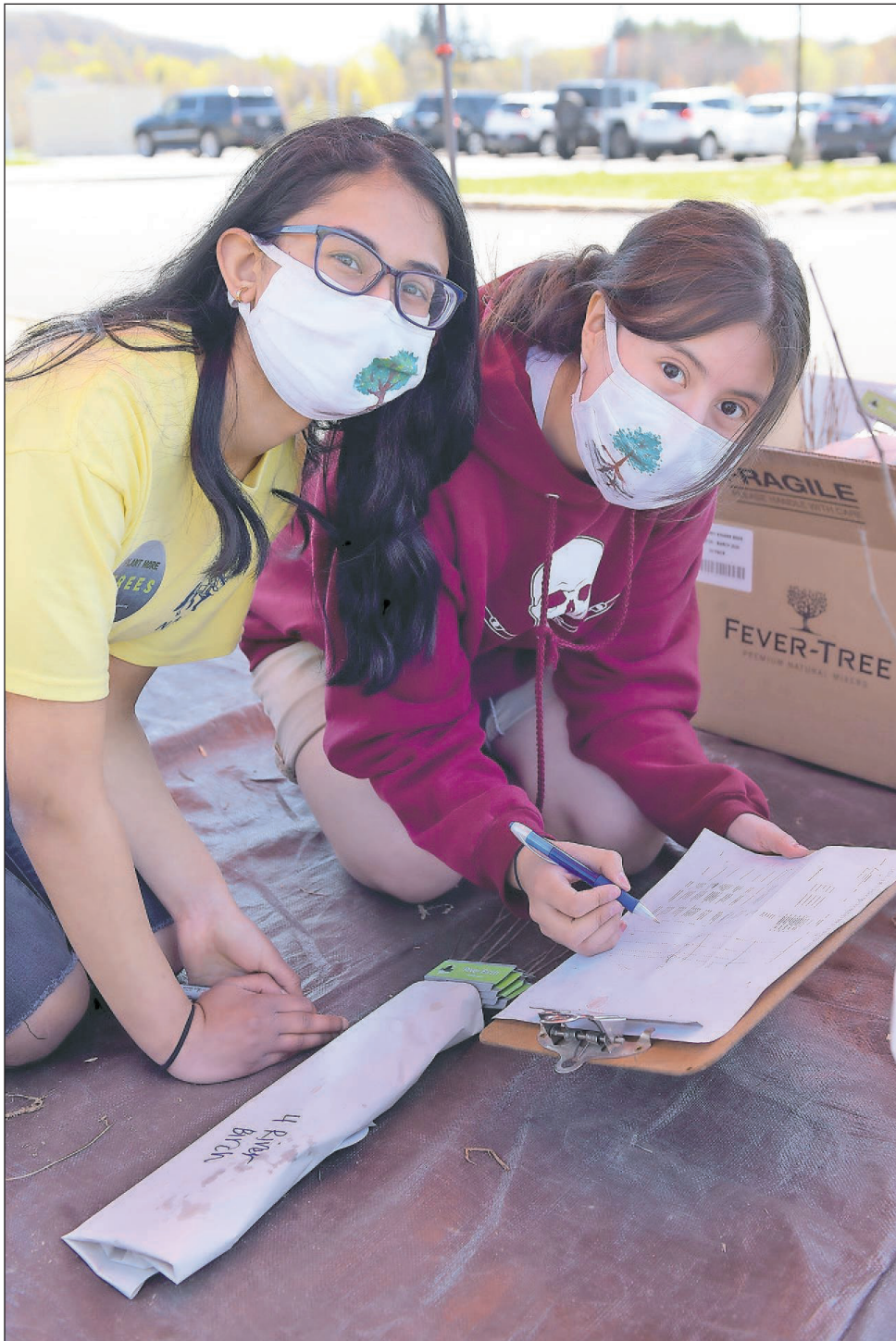
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Planting the seed of sustainability

North Andover students offset school printing by planting trees



Pranali Ashara, left, and Elizabeth Yumiguani, organizers of the North Andover High School's Interact Club, make sure everyone on their list gets a tree on Saturday morning.

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NORTH ANDOVER — High school students spent Saturday selling and planting trees to offset their school's printer use, in honor of Earth Day.

"If we start making a difference by making our town more sustainable it will hopefully move more people to think about how they can make their lives more sustainable," said Elizabeth Yumiguani, a senior who co-lead the Interact Club's tree planting efforts.

"We are basically planting twigs, but you will see them grow older," Yumiguani said. "And as you watch time pass by, you will see things getting better."

The club sold 342 trees said Pranali Ashara, a senior who co-lead the project. Their original goal was 245 saplings which would replace about 75% of the school's paper usage — 2.5 million sheets. Instead they offset more than 100% of the school's usage.

"I would hope that this event is merely the beginning of influencing the people around us to try to make strides in making the planet a greener place," Ashara, who plans to study environmental science in college, said. "We both want to live in a place with greener and fresher air. It all begins with our hands."

Of the 342 saplings sold, 220 went to North Andover residents' homes and the remaining 122 were donated and planted at public areas like Harold Parker state forest and the North Andover schools, Ashara said. The trees chosen — eastern red-buds, red maples and river birch — are all native to North America.



State Rep. Tram Nguyen, left, snaps a selfie with state Rep. Christina Minicucci, state Senator Bruce Tarr along with members of North Andover High School's Interact Club as they pass out trees on Saturday morning.



Jennifer Roberts, left, picks up trees from members of the North Andover High School's Interact Club from left to right, Ashley Layne, Evelyn Wang, Hannah Connolly, and Emma Ballerini on Saturday morning.

There were 40 volunteers, including students and other residents, like state Rep. Christina Minicucci, D-North Andover, who planted the trees in public spaces.

"It was a great idea because young people are so passionate about the environment and civic engagement. This was an innovative way to do both," Minicucci said. "It helps us recognize we do use a lot of paper. And paper comes from trees, so this is an intentional way to pay it forward."

"It's good to see civic

engagement and to see kids excited about making a difference," Minicucci said.

This was one of many events going on in the area Saturday in observance of Earth Day earlier in the week. Also in North Andover the Boy Scouts were doing a trash cleanup. In Andover groups of people organized for the town's annual Earth Day trail and neighborhood clean-up.

"It's important because our Earth has given so much to us it's important to give back to it," Ashara said.

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