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Town expects to move quickly in Fahey lawsuit

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Andover is expected to file an answer to Bill Fahey's lawsuit this week, said attorney Leonard Kesten.

"I'm going to do everything I can to get the facts out quickly," said Kesten, who was hired by the town last week. "We are not interested in hiding anything."

Fahey, the former director of Andover Youth Services, was fired in May and filed a lawsuit against the town and Town Manager Andrew Flanagan for wrongful termination and defamation earlier this month. Andover residents have publicly questioned Fahey — who they consider a skilled youth mentor — being fired through public comment, lawn signs

and even T-shirts at Town Meeting which read "is the defamation payout in the budget."

Kesten revealed in an interview that a report produced during an investigation of Fahey by the town referenced alleged misconduct involving a "vulnerable adolescent."

The town's inquiry into Fahey was sparked by an investigation by the Essex

County District Attorney's Office. There was no criminal conduct found during that investigation, and Fahey faces no criminal charges, according to Carrie Kimball, spokesperson for the Essex County District Attorney's Office. The DA's office referred the issue back to the town.

Fahey was then suspended and given a letter stating it

was because the town had "credible information that you may have engaged in improper conduct with a minor," according to documents filed with his lawsuit.

At the time of Fahey's firing, town officials gave no reason other than "misconduct," and that the decision was made to "prioritize safety, education, wellness and respect," Flanagan

wrote in a statement.

Fahey's lawsuit states he was wrongfully terminated for "sexual misconduct."

In the lawsuit, Fahey alleges Flanagan had a personal vendetta against him and that the tension between the two of them resulted in his unwarranted termination May 10.

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Andover's hidden history



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From left, history buffs Cary White, Charlotte Lyons, Amy Janovsky and Marc Fournier stand in the Woodbridge-Jenkins Family Cemetery in Andover.

Family cemetery deeply rooted in the town's past

By TERRY DATE
Staff Writer

Low on the tree trunk, the centuries-old white pine sports an oddity — a massive crooked arm that extends above a historic burial yard, the Woodbridge-Jenkins Family Cemetery.

Below, the tree's roots rise from the ground and fan out toward the leaning headstones.

The name of the nearby street — Douglass Lane, honoring the famous abolitionist Frederick Douglass — and two quiet markers hint at the storied past that predates the neighborhood, an

upscale subdivision.

Its history is tied to Andover's earliest settlers, to Revolutionary War veterans, to fugitive slaves finding refuge, and to ardent abolitionists — including Douglass, Harriet Beecher Stowe, William Lloyd Garrison and the Hutchinson Family Singers (popular troubadours of the 1840s).

The history connects directly to William Jenkins (1796-1878) and his wife, Mary, who lived on the farm in the homestead. He was Andover's foremost abolitionist and would be buried in the family cemetery until

his remains and those of other Jenkins family members were reinterred at the town's Spring Grove Cemetery in 1882.

Over the past few decades, people have taken a keen interest in the Woodbridge-Jenkins Family Cemetery, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The interested parties include South Church of Andover historian Charlotte Lyons; Woodbridge family descendant Cary White; Eagle Scout Jeff Page and Girl Scout (and Silver Award recipient) Rachel Mitchell.

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Town votes 'yes' on schools, pension

By MADELINE HUGHES
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More than 70% of voters cast ballots Tuesday to borrow money to pay for the town's unfunded pension liability and to build a new West Elementary and Shawsheen Preschool.

"Tonight was a good night for Andover, both questions are critical in terms of Andover's future — both schools which will provide a great place to educate generations of Andover children and the pension obligation bond that will bring stability to our budgets," said Town Manager Andrew Flanagan.

Despite the overwhelming majority voting in favor of the two measures that will

cost taxpayers about \$327 million over the next few decades, only about 2,300 people out of the towns nearly 25,000 eligible voters cast ballots Tuesday. Of those ballots 70.3% voted to fund the pension obligation and 78.1% voted in favor of the new schools.

"Thinking about what's at stake it's very low," said Shiva Sheels, an election official at Wood Hill Middle School, said of the turnout.

By about 2 p.m., not even 5% of registered voters in the three precincts voting at the school had voted, he said.

Similarly at Andover High School fewer than 500 people had cast ballots by 1 p.m.,

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Congressman nixes trip to Andover event

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

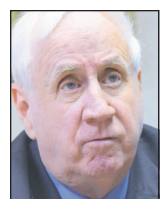
A conservative Texas congressman has canceled plans to speak at a Massachusetts GOP fundraising event amid a fight over a state party official's anti-gay remarks.

U.S. Rep. Dan Crenshaw, R-Texas, was scheduled to speak during a Sunday Father's Day fundraiser at the barn behind the home of MassGOP Chairman Jim Lyons.

But late Monday Lyons abruptly canceled the event, citing the threat that he said would create a "major disturbance" in his Andover neighborhood.

In a statement, Lyons blamed "cancel culture" and said he didn't want to upset his neighbors or let

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Jim Lyons

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Girl who spurred special ed program at school graduates

By MADELINE HUGHES
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There had been a few students with disabilities who went through St. Augustine School, but in 2012 Abigale "Abby" Agudelo was the first with Down syndrome to enroll.

Friday she graduated from

the eighth grade.

Abigale's journey started when her parents sought to find her a parochial education with small classes, which led them to St. Augustine, her mom, Wendy Agudelo, said.

Since Abigale started attending the Andover school, they've

hired a special education director and opened their doors to accommodate more students, according to Principal Mark Daley.

"We're a Catholic school, we are supposed to teach all of God's children," said Paula O'Dea, the admissions director who was principal

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State offers prizes to get vaccinated

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Massachusetts has reached a milestone after vaccinating more than 4 million people for COVID-19, but the state is struggling to reach some who are still reluctant to get their shots.

The number of people seeking vaccines has slowed in recent weeks, and the state has shifted focus from mass-vaccination sites to community health providers and mobile units.

Now it's offering cash and prizes as incentives.

The "VaxMillions Giveaway," which was rolled out by Gov. Charlie Baker on Tuesday, offers Bay Staters who get fully vaccinated the chance to win up to \$1 million in cash or a college scholarship.

"If you have been sitting on the sidelines and thinking about getting vaccinated but for whatever reason haven't, here is another reason for you to come forward, protect yourself, your friends, your co-workers and your neighbors," Baker said

at a briefing. "The vaccine is free, and it now could be your ticket to winning \$1 million."

The contest, which is being overseen by the state Lottery, will offer five \$1 million prizes for fully vaccinated individuals 18 and older and five \$300,000 scholarship grants to a 529 college savings plan, managed by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, for individuals 12 to 17 years old.

Vaccinated residents can enter the contest beginning July 1. The contest is open only to residents who have been fully vaccinated in Massachusetts, regardless of when they received their shots. Drawings will be held once a week for five weeks, beginning July 26 through the end of August.

Massachusetts has one of the highest per-capita vaccination rates in the nation, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. On Tuesday, the state reached a milestone after announcing more than 4 million people have been vaccinated. The state has about 7 million residents.

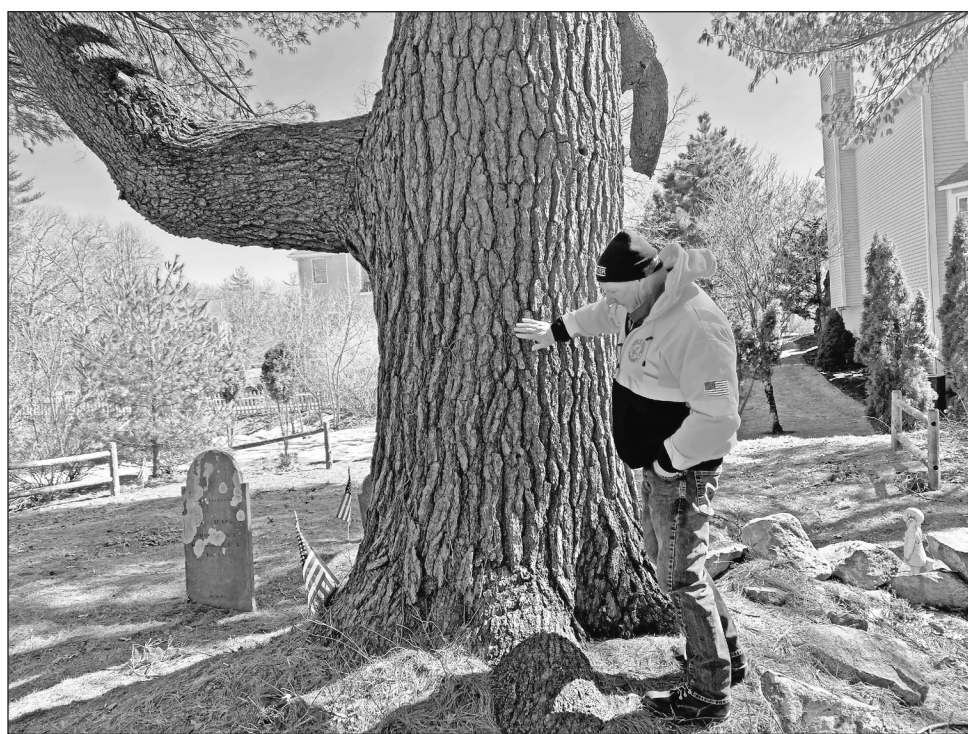
Baker noted that new COVID-19 cases have plummeted by 99% from a peak in January, while hospitalizations are down 93% statewide. The state's positivity rate has also dropped by 95%, he said.

The improving public health metrics have allowed the state to fully reopen the economy and lift remaining restrictions on businesses and gatherings. A state of emergency, signed by Baker more than a year ago, expired Tuesday.

Despite that, Baker said the state needs to reach vaccine hesitant communities to avoid a resurgence of the coronavirus and its increasing mutations.

"The more people we get vaccinated, the better," he said. "The variants make this the kind of thing where we should do everything we can to get as many people vaccinated as we possibly can."

Several other states and cities as well as businesses have offered vaccine prizes, as well, from cash to college savings bonds, concert tickets and subway vouchers.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Paul Sanborn, Andover tree warden and parks and grounds superintendent, checks on the old white pine at the Woodbridge-Jenkins Family Cemetery.

CEMETERY

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whose families live in the neighborhood; town Tree Warden Paul Sanborn, who is also the parks and grounds superintendent; and Andover arborist Marc Fournier.

Lyons has put names to unmarked graves, including three Jenkins children, Joel, Mary and Benjamin — all under the age of 6 — buried on successive days in September 1753; identified or confirmed graves of Revolutionary War veterans Benjamin Woodbridge and Benjamin Jenkins; and established a link between Woodbridges in the cemetery and Andover's first ordained minister and original settler, the Rev. John Woodbridge.

"The deeper I dug, the more interesting it got," Lyons says of the research that left her kitchen table piled with index cards.

Page built a 20-foot bridge that provided crucial access to the cemetery — tucked away in a cove of pines — for visitors and town employees. The town took over cemetery maintenance in 2002.

Mitchell identified a historic Baldwin apple tree by the cemetery and planted two apple saplings to continue the legacy.

Sanborn and his crew maintain the cemetery and path and put flags on graves for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. A spring storm in 2017 almost killed the cemetery's ancient white pine, which is an estimated 300 years old.

"We lost the whole top of it," Sanborn says.

Fournier says that it was common for families to locate cemeteries around an established tree. They represent continuity and stability in a place where the dead rest.

"Trees are emotional, spiritual," he says.

Preserving the stories

The efforts of many people have enriched the cemetery's sense of place, making it easier to access and the visits more informative.

Still, any passerby might be surprised to know that the otherwise typical-looking neighborhood of big homes on abundant lots has such a storied past.

Before home construction started some 20 years ago, there was only one house here, the Jenkins homestead, built in 1765. Over the years, the property and nearby Skug River have supported a farm, quarry and sawmill, among other uses.

In more recent years, starting in 1947, there was a milk farm here.

The Jenkins house, which has been added on to and modified, remains at the end of the cul-de-sac. A sign to the right of the house, when facing it, identifies the historic Jenkins Quarry where stone remnants remain.

Today, Linda Foley and her family live in the house. She can feel the history.

"A lot of good karma," she says.

There's a trap door in the attic that leads to a large room behind the central chimney, a place for runaway slaves to hide.

The house has 10 fireplaces, one of them made

from blue soapstone quarried on the property.

People who lived in the house generations ago were laid to rest in the Woodbridge-Jenkins Cemetery, placed some 100 yards away (now near the entrance of the neighborhood). The cemetery sits by a stone wall and under the shade-giving and distinctive-looking white pine.

The farm land was sold in 1996 for subdivision development. As a condition of approval, and in keeping with legal requirements, the contractor hired an archaeology team, from the University of Massachusetts to locate any unmarked graves and determine the cemetery's dimensions.

The Andover Preservation Commission, Andover Historical Society and Massachusetts Historical Commission worked with the landowners or otherwise saw to the project's respect for historical resources.

'A well-intentioned idealist'

The team of six UMass workers did the cemetery investigation. They dug trenches and identified 17 grave shafts within a 48-foot-by-43-foot area, says one of the project's leaders, Christopher Donta, who now does similar work for SWCA Environmental Consultants in Amherst.

"We look for different soil, both color and texture, from the surrounding naturally developed soils, to identify a grave shaft," Donta says.

Donta researched vital records and local histories to prepare the report that accompanied the cemetery study.

The report states that when William Jenkins' remains were moved to Spring Grove Cemetery in 1882, his grave was marked by a rock that reads: "He lived to see the fulfillment of his great desire, the abolition of slavery in America."

The rock, a blue soapstone monument, came from the quarry on the Jenkins property. In the 1830s, William and two partners ran a quarry business there, providing stone for buildings, monuments and tombstones. When the treasurer absconded with the company funds, the enterprise went to pieces.

According to author Claude Moore Fuess (1885-1963), a Phillips Academy headmaster and historian, Jenkins, a strident abolitionist, was "a well-intentioned idealist, very aggressive and obstinate, not unlike William Lloyd Garrison, whose friend he became."

Garrison and escaped slave, orator and author Douglass were said to have been regular visitors to the Jenkins homestead.

Douglass was a powerful speaker and imposing figure who changed hearts and minds while telling audiences of his years in bondage. He spoke on Feb. 8 and 9, 1842, at the Methodist Meeting House in an address to the Essex County Antislavery Society, according to Tom Dalton, the author of a book about Douglass' years living in Lynn.

"Newspaper writers compared Douglass to the great orators of the century," Dalton says. "He was

self-taught, handsome and as big as a linebacker."

Seeking safety and solace

Other visitors to the Jenkins homestead were fugitive slaves traveling to points north and Canada, according to scholar and Underground Railroad historian Wilbur Henry Siebert (1866-1961).

"From Reading the fugitives traveled some ten miles along the Boston-Haverhill Turnpike, crossing the Essex County line and reaching the estate of William Jenkins, who owned hundreds of acres of farm and woodland," Siebert stated in an article for the American Antiquarian Society. "His large house, surrounded by commodious barns and outbuildings, was the principal Underground station of the countryside, and is said to have been in operation from the 1830s onward."

Fugitive slaves were said to have been living on the Jenkins estate as late as 1863.

A 1975 historical inventory of the Jenkins homestead, by local historian Bessie Goldsmith, states that a large rock in the yard was hollowed out underneath and hid fugitive slaves.

Still others who called upon William Jenkins were Stowe and her husband, Calvin, who lived for 12 years at Phillips Academy, from 1852-64. Calvin was a biblical scholar. Harriet became famous after publishing the anti-slavery novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in 1852. She died at age 85 in 1896 and is buried, with her husband, in a small cemetery at Phillips Academy.

And yet others who visited the Jenkins were America's first widely popular traveling musicians, a family from Milford, New Hampshire, the Hutchinson Family Singers. They sang four-part harmony and songs on behalf of abolitionism, women's suffrage, workers' rights and temperance.

The homestead and cemetery — and those who lived, visited, hid and were buried on the property — exert a pull on people's imaginations.

Andover resident Cary White is a Woodbridge descendant on her mother's side. Her son, Reid, 25, bears the Woodbridge name — Reid Woodbridge White.

Some of her family are buried in the cemetery off Douglass Lane. She learned this in recent years through her friend and genealogist Lyons.

White's happy to know the site's rich history and thinks many people would be surprised by it.

"People pass it regularly and have no idea," she says.

Lyons says that she feels at peace when visiting the cemetery and thinks how the families of yesteryear, who had difficult lives, must have taken solace knowing their loved ones were buried nearby.

In the end, she is fascinated by how the cemetery and site fit into the town history, into American history.

The cemetery and history remain, nestled in a modern subdivision marked by a distinctive and enduring white pine, a silent witness for hundreds of years.

VOTES

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said Randy Hanson, an election official at the school.

Hanson noted the two precincts that had children attending West Elementary had slightly more votes.

The votes Tuesday solidified the overwhelming Town Meeting votes to approve both measures. Because

both require the town to raise taxes above the state-approved levy they needed the second vote to confirm the town's choice.

The West Elementary project will cost Andover taxpayers \$152 million for the \$190 million combined elementary and preschool. Voting to borrow and build the project saved taxpayers \$38 million because the town has secured a grant from the state.

Students will begin classes in the new facility in fall of 2025, according to the town's current project schedule.

Approving paying off the unfunded pension liability will likely cost about \$175 million according to current projections, Flanagan said at Town Meeting. The final amount the town will borrow will be confirmed and voted on by the Select Board in the fall, he said.

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Crenshaw be "subjected to a chaotic and potentially volatile situation."

"The fight against censorship, cancel culture and the far left's obsession with silencing anyone who dares to express their right to free speech and free expression continues," Lyons said. "The threat is real."

It's not exactly clear which groups, if any, planned to protest. Lyons' statement didn't provide more details.

A spokesman for

Crenshaw's office said the congressman personally decided to cancel his appearance amid a growing rift between Massachusetts Republicans over recent anti-gay comments by a state committeewoman.

Deborah Martell, a GOP committeewoman from Ludlow, sparked the intra-party fight when an email she wrote surfaced saying she was "sickened" that Jeffrey Sossa-Paquette, an openly gay Republican challenging Democratic incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern, had adopted children with his husband.

Other leaders in the state

GOP, including Gov. Charlie Baker, called on Martell to resign. But Lyons has refused to call for her resignation, putting himself at the center of the controversy.

Crenshaw, a former U.S. Navy SEAL officer who lost his right eye during a combat mission in Afghanistan, is known for his conservative views. But he has been supportive of gay rights groups such as the Log Cabin Republicans, which represent LGBTQ conservatives. The group has criticized Martell's comments.

"More like congressman Dan Crenshaw didn't want to be affiliated with a chairman not on the GOP's inclusive message and instead defended hate," the group posted on social media on Tuesday, in response to the canceled fundraiser.

"Thank you, congressman, for taking a stand." Crenshaw, a second-term lawmaker, was first elected to represent Texas' 2nd Congressional District in 2018. He won a second term last year.

He has increasingly sought to raise his national political profile, appearing regularly on TV news shows and speaking at fundraising events, which has fueled speculation that he may seek the GOP nomination for president in 2024.

Crenshaw is also scheduled to speak in New Hampshire next month at a GOP-sponsored fundraising event in Concord with Republican Gov. Chris Sununu.

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Employees from John Hancock worked on Habitat for Humanity homes in Andover.

Volunteers return to Habitat site

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People are back to rolling up their sleeves and swinging hammers at the Habitat for Humanity site in Andover. Earlier this month the first larger groups back on site were 10 John Hancock employees, said spokesperson Jessica Heslam in a statement. During the pandemic, restrictions have limited and delayed the construction of the homes.

helped build homes for four local families. The homes are being built for an Air Force veteran and his family, a mother of a disabled and wheelchair-bound son, a mother of three who cares for people in hospice and a mother who currently lives in a small attic with her two children, Heslam said. The John Hancock volunteers were organized by the company's MiLE initiative, which supports members of the military. The volunteers plan to do some landscaping, finish work, drywall installation and other construction on the homes located on Lupine Road.

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John Hancock employees paint a Habitat for Humanity home in Andover.

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Pfizer facility fire didn't affect vaccine production

ANDOVER (AP) — A fire at a Pfizer facility in Massachusetts that makes the coronavirus vaccine did not disrupt production, the company said. The fire in a generator at Pfizer's Andover plant was reported at about 11:30 a.m. June 7, according to an emailed statement from fire Chief Michael Mansfield. "Upon arrival, crews located fire showing from Building D within the

complex and began an initial attack on the building that housed the generator," the statement said. The fire was contained to the building and was knocked down by about 12:30 p.m. Firefighters remained on scene to monitor hot spots in the ductwork. One firefighter was

taken to the hospital with dehydration. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. "No operational or environmental impacts occurred," Pfizer said in a statement. "Production of our COVID-19 vaccine will not be impacted."

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Opinion

Safety net hospitals need urgent relief

Now that COVID-19 is receding, we can clearly see the lingering impact on individuals afflicted with long-term health problems as well as institutions whose business models were damaged along the way. Among the latter are, ironically, healers that are now suffering -- hospitals whose efforts were critical in helping communities survive the pandemic.

The state must quickly set to work stitching up the front-line hospitals counted upon to serve low-income communities. Besides infusions of cash, the hospitals' business models need repair, particularly when it comes to reimbursement from the state's Medicaid program, MassHealth.

"Right now safety-net hospitals like Lawrence General Hospital need our support more than ever," state Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, told colleagues in a speech on the floor of the Senate on Friday, May 31. "If we, as the legislative body of the state of Massachusetts, are not looking out for these hospitals, who will?"

Finegold's prescription is twofold — short-term relief that hospitals serving the most vulnerable haven't seen since last year, as well as "long-term structural reforms to hospital reimbursement rates."

The second of these seeks to close the gap in how much the state's Medicaid program pays for services billed by hospitals. Lawrence General, for example, receives less than three-quarters of what it charges to MassHealth.

That imbalance has an exaggerated effect on so-called safety-net hospitals that serve large numbers of low-income patients. A number of those hospitals are doubly disadvantaged because of lean reimbursement rates set by private, commercial insurers.

The cat-and-mouse game of health care providers setting rates, and insurers shorting them, is a strange fissure in the health care industry. What other business could routinely accept less than what it charges and manage to survive?

Now consider the hospitals in that ecosystem that are committed to serving patients regardless of ability to pay; that lean on the state more than other hospitals due to large numbers of patients insured by MassHealth; and that routinely get shorted by just about everyone, including MassHealth. It's little wonder that a pandemic that pushed those same hospitals into the breach of public health — testing and treating their communities for COVID-19, then administering vaccine to stop its spread — also left them financially gutted.

"Community hospitals aren't mismanaging their finances," Finegold assured his Senate colleagues. "They're suffering because of the short-term COVID crisis and longstanding structural reimbursement inequities."

More galling for a community hospital administrator is that those skimpy reimbursement rates aren't evenly applied. As Finegold noted, citing state data, Lawrence General gets less than four-fifths of the average relative price of services billed to commercial insurers in Massachusetts. In other words, those companies will pay around \$100 for a chest X-ray in Lawrence but spend \$180 on the same X-ray at Massachusetts General Hospital. Nantucket Hospital gets \$700 from commercial insurers for a mammogram. Lawrence General gets \$260 for the same scan.

That's why, besides a cash infusion and rebalancing of MassHealth reimbursements, the state's safety-net hospitals need intervention to ensure they're not getting fleeced. Finegold suggests this inequity is the result of racism and compares it to redlining -- lending practices that steer minority homebuyers away from white neighborhoods. "If these discriminatory practices occurred in the banking industry, the companies would face severe penalties," he said.

Unpacking and addressing these deeply nested problems will take time, which is something that many safety-net hospitals don't have in great supply.

At Lawrence General, President and CEO Deborah Wilson says relief must come quickly, by the end of September and the close of the hospital's fiscal year. Otherwise, the wounds caused by the pandemic, affecting the hospital's services and its long-term viability, will deepen. The hospital has already announced \$6 million in cuts, affecting 57 people. "We need to get this relief in very short order," Wilson said in an interview.

Hospitals serving the state's most vulnerable people need urgent help, in the form of direct relief and more reasonable reimbursement from MassHealth. They may not survive the pandemic without it.

'Great Elm' is a 'tree for all seasons' on Phillips Academy campus



Gail Ralston

Andover Center for History and Culture

Trees are one of the Earth's most valuable resources.

The Cherokee call trees the "Standing People," teaching that trees, and all plants, are the "givers of the Earth, providing for the needs of others."

Native Americans recognized that trees provide healing medicines, shelter, shade, home for small animals, and materials to build homes.

Among the many varieties of trees, the mighty elm stands tall. The First People believe the elm symbolizes "wisdom, strength of will and intuition."

The states of Massachusetts and North Dakota have the elm as their official tree.

And the campus of Phillips Academy understands the value of its Great Elm in representing permanence and longevity, and simply as a thing of beauty to bring joy and inspiration.

This bicentennial elm was so recognized in a 1976

Andover Garden Club survey. Planted sometime between 1720 and 1740, this elm is the oldest on campus and one of the oldest in the country.

Former campus arborist Bill O'Connor called it "a tree for all seasons," pointing to its magnificence every season of the year:

"Our tree is awe inspiring in winter, stripped bare of its foliage and displaying its beautiful structure; brilliant in fall, when its leaves turn a golden hue; and in summer, when its luxuriant foliage is in full bloom and its green boughs encircle a vast expanse."

Trees across campus are a deep part of campus history. In the early 1800s, Treasurer Samuel Farrar was inspired to plant the Elm Arch along the east end of the Great Lawn facing Main Street, and today trees still line this walk.

None of those early trees exist today; most are third and fourth generation. Impacting their life were and still are factors such as storms, road salt, the environment and disease, such as Dutch elm.

Paula Trespas, former campus editorial assistant, described one of these natural disasters — an ice storm the first week of November 1921. Trespas notes "it was



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Phillips Academy's "Great Elm" as seen during the winter.

somewhat of a miracle that of the 772 campus elms standing at the time, only 31 had to be taken town."

The rest, according to the Lawrence Telegram, were saved "by the herculean efforts of Phillips Academy activities" and "no expense was spared."

In the mid-1900s the bark beetle arrived from Europe in crates made from elm wood. The disease spread to nearby trees by insect fungus and through the roots, which was devastating to the elm arch and other areas where the trees had been planted close together.

Storms continue to bring destruction, among them a hurricane in 1954 and a snow and ice storm in 2011.

But the Great Elm still

stands, and preservation efforts remain strong.

Today, Phillips Academy's grounds manager and certified arborist, Kevin Block, described the campus commitment to the health of the Great Elm.

According to Block, the Great Elm has its own management plan. Between Block, the grounds crew and tree company Hartney Greymont, one has eyes on the tree daily. Regular checks are made for potential health issues such as fungus, disease and insect infestation.

Light pruning is done every three years, and also every three years the tree is fertilized and treated for Dutch elm disease. Over the years, numerous cables have been put into its branches to eliminate potential breakage.

In times of drought, the tree will be manually watered to keep up its vigor and strength.

Finally, and most importantly to keeping the tree's health, Block admitted that he hugs the tree most every week. As Block said, "there are a lot of resources, time and love that go into that tree."

The campus Great Elm may be viewed on Salem Street, across from the Admission Center and on the lawn next to the library.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

firefighters who promptly responded. Their actions and knowledge prevented the total loss of the home.

STEVE LEED
Andover

Town's vested interest clouds Fahey investigation

The notion that the town of Andover has conducted an "independent" investigation of Bill Fahey is absurd.

The town has a vested interest in a particular outcome and chose an "independent" investigator to reach that conclusion.

The town also had a vested interest with the "independent" investigation of the off-duty fire lieutenant accosting an Andover resident picking up her own mail, as she was non-white and he was concerned she might be "stealing." The town got its preferred outcome, then used the same investigators for Fahey.

Repeat business is a highly desirable thing for these "independent" investigators, and Andover delivers.

When you have a vested interest in an outcome, you don't get to pick an "independent" investigator, you have to let an outside authority do that.

Town money is wasted on these so-called investigations that residents do not have confidence in.

The town either needs to find a truly independent method, or just admit that it

"investigates" by executive fiat.

If I may propose a method: Find a retired state Supreme Judicial Court justice to either conduct the investigation or recommend a third party to do it.

KATHY GRANT
Andover

Social-emotional learning can improve students' health

Are we doing enough in our schools in Andover to develop social-emotional intelligence?

Public schools in Massachusetts have a mandate to adhere to state requirements in several academic areas: mathematics, English language arts, science, social studies, health and physical education. In addition, students must pass the MCAS exam in grade 10. These requirements have a powerful impact on all public school systems.

Academics are an essential part of our educational system; students need basic mathematics, English and science, and knowledge in social studies.

The question is, how can we include social-emotional learning and character development, without affecting academic priorities?

Establishing an effective after-school program that develops student leaders who work to make the world a better place to live could make a positive difference locally and internationally.

We have such a program in Medford, the Center for Citizenship and Social Responsibility. The center, a district after-school program, aims to develop student leaders who will be positive contributors to society and combat important social issues locally and globally.

The program develops leadership skills by requiring students to address an important school, community or global issue.

We have found the key to the success of this program is the empowerment that students have to work with a teacher/adviser to plan and implement their projects. Given the support of the teacher/adviser, the students create a way to make a difference and help others.

Research has demonstrated that when people do something to help others or improve their quality of life, that giving produces endorphins that provide a mild high.

The "helper's high" concept arose in the 1980s and has been confirmed in various studies. It consists of positive emotions following selfless service to others. Better health and longevity are associated with this state.

Generosity, selflessness and an extended sense of self favor our ability to confront successfully the environmental challenges we face on our planet.

I urge our educational leaders to consider establishing an after-school, social-emotional learning program.

RICHARD TROTTA
Andover

Select Board must do what they know is right

Editor, Townsman:

Town Manager Andrew Flanagan tried once before to remove Bill Fahey from his job by resurrecting an employee supervision issue long after it had been settled.

This year he conducted an investigation into the youth services director that revealed no misconduct.

Flanagan may know how to razzle-dazzle the crowd with a pension plan gamble, but firing a dedicated program director with a record of success and loyalty like Fahey demonstrates a major deficiency in personnel management.

It's easier to find a good number cruncher than it is to find a person the youth of Andover regard as a true champion.

This is on the Select Board to do what they know is right.

CAROLE CHANLER
Andover

Firefighters' quick thinking, actions saved a home

Editor, Townsman:

We are very fortunate to have an extremely responsive and professional fire department in Andover.

The focused firefighting strategy of Deputy Chief Al DelDotto saved a home I own from going up in flames recently. His quick thinking limited the fire to a garage.

My sincere thanks to DelDotto and all the Andover

WEB QUESTION

Is it time for lawmakers to return to Beacon Hill? Legislators in Massachusetts are among the last in the country to continue to hold their meetings remotely, as Statehouse reporter Christian M. Wade recently showed, even as an emergency order for COVID-19 precautions in Massachusetts expires this week.

The situation is drawing the ire of some government watchdogs who say it's time for lawmakers to resume meeting in person. What do you think?

'HYBRID' WORKS: The Legislature has shown its hybrid system of in-person and remote meetings, which keeps down the numbers of people in the Statehouse, is safe and effective.

Many other private workplaces follow a similar model. Let them continue doing it.

BACK TO BEACON HILL: With more people vaccinated, it's time to turn the page on COVID-19, and that means reopening the Statehouse. There's no reason for lawmakers to continue the remote sessions.

Last week's question

Should restaurants be allowed to continue serving to-go cocktails?

Sen. Diana DiZoglio, D-Methuen, pushed for a state budget amendment that would extend the drink deliveries, allowed

as part of the emergency orders issued due to COVID-19. The effort appeared to fizzle — until a Senate committee this week voted to recommend lawmakers make the change. What do you think?

BOTTOM'S UP: By all means allow restaurants to continue selling drinks with take-out and delivery orders. It was a nice pandemic-era convenience that should be continued. (31 votes)

LAST CALL: It's time to resume normal life, and that means putting the cap back on the bottle. Gov. Charlie Baker's state of emergency officially expires in a few days, and drinks-to-go will be gone not long after. They should be retired. (18 votes)

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ANDOVER NEWS IN BRIEF

Krit Kearins Scholarship recipients named

Emme Pitts, Addison Earle and Amanda Morin of Andover each won the Krit Kearins Scholarship of \$10,000.

The award is for Andover seniors who participated in gymnastics, swimming or diving in memory of Krit Kearins who was an alumna of the Andover High School class of 2000.

Each student fills out the application and include a paragraph on how Kearins inspired them. Her family, along with their coach, makes the selection. Kearins was captain of both teams when she graduated in 2000, leading the teams to state championships. For more information about the scholarship visit kritclassic.com.

Juneteenth celebration

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, the Andover Baptist Church and Andover Community Services Department are hosting a celebration with live music, a variety of speakers, performances and games at Andover Park on Bartlett Street.

Guests will be able to learn about the holiday that marks when the last

enslaved people in the United States were freed in Texas after end of the Civil War in 1865.

The rain date is June 20. From 4 to 6 p.m., on Saturday, Merrimack Valley Black and Brown Voices

will sponsor a block party -- with speakers, music, food and dancing -- at the Tucker Family Field behind Doherty

Middle School. Also on Saturday, the Social Justice Coalition of

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Lt. Col. Robert Murgia, 98

July 23, 1922 - June 1, 2021

Retired Head Mass. State Police
Had Landmark U.S. Supreme Court Case

ANDOVER, MA — Robert Delaney Murgia, age 98, died on June 1, 2021 at Bridges by Epoch Assisted living in Andover. Although his time in assisted living was brief, it was a warm and loving environment.

He was born in Lawrence, Mass. on July 23, 1922, to the late Joseph R. Murgia and Veronica (Delaney) Murgia. He was a 1940 graduate of Lawrence High School.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and was a Tech/Sgt in the 407th Antiaircraft Gun Battalion. He served in Belgium, France and Holland. On D-Day, his unit was responsible for a preparatory attack on the beach head. The primary mission of his unit was to counter and destroy the German "Buzz Bombs."

In 1948, he was appointed to the Mass. State Police Academy and was a member of the 33rd Recruit Training Troop. He served in Troops A, B, C, D and GHQ. He was the recipient of five commendations for bravery and outstanding performance of duty. As a Staff Sergeant, he captured the "Shotgun Gang", wanted for several armed robberies. When Captain and A Troop Commander he was wounded in an armed robbery and then again in an armed hostage situation.

In 1964, he was promoted to Major/Adjutant, which was second in command. In 1967, he was promoted to Lt. Col./Executive Officer, the highest rank at the time. He was the youngest person to head the department in his era as well as the longest serving Colonel.

During his command tenure, he saw extensive action. Including prison rioting, anti-war rioting, gambling raids and intensive manhunts. Bob participated in the hunt for Albert DiSalvo and William Gilday. DeSalvo, known as the Boston Strangler, was wanted for the murder of 13 women; Gilday for the murder of Boston Police Officer William Schroeder. At the time, this was the largest manhunt in New England history.

Much to his dismay, state leaders forced Bob to oversee the elimination of the barracks system where officers would live at the barracks only going home on their days off. Instead, each officer was given a take home cruiser. He felt



there would be several disadvantages to this plan. Among them would be a breakdown of discipline as Bob was well known for his strict discipline.

In 1972, facing mandatory retirement at age 50, he filed a civil rights action against the Massachusetts Board of Retirement. After several years of litigation, the case was heard by the U. S. Supreme Court. They ruled 7 to 1 against him, stating that government employment was not a fundamental right.

After forced retirement, he went to work for the former Digital Equipment Co. He was head of security at the Westminster, mfg. plant and later at the Salem, NH plant, retiring at age 71. In retirement, he enjoyed his time with his grandchildren, riding his horse and working in his garden.

He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret (Towler), his brothers, Raymond J. Murgia and Lt. Col. Francis X. Murgia, USAF. He is survived by his two sons, Joseph Murgia and his wife, Marie and his children, Chris, Kathy, Nick, Faith and Hope and, Robert Murgia, Jr. and his children, Dr. Robert Murgia III, Atty. Courtney Murgia and Caitlin Murgia, as well as four great-grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover. Guests are asked to meet directly at the church. Burial will follow in West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Rd., Andover. Memorial contributions in memory of Bob may be sent to Perkins School for the Blind, 175 N. Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472. For a more complete obituary or to send a condolence, please visit: pollard-funeralhome.com.

Doris F. (Logan) Seyfferth, 91

June 13, 1929 - June 6, 2021

Beloved Mother, Grandmother

WINDHAM, NH FORMERLY OF ANDOVER, MA — It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beautiful mother and Nana, Doris Frances Seyfferth at the age of 91. Doris was born in Canada on June 13, 1929, to Rose (Poirier) Logan and Andrew Logan. She came to the United States as a young child and grew up in Lawrence, Mass. She was a graduate of St. Anne's High School and Fazio's Beauty School. Later in life she was employed at Raytheon where she worked as a Group Leader for 27 years. While living in Lawrence, Doris met her husband, Albin Seyfferth. They eventually moved to Andover, Mass., and raised a family. They had a long and loving marriage of 62 years before Al's passing in March of 2019.

Doris is survived by her two loving daughters, Michelle (Seyfferth) Petrycki and her husband Paul of Salem, New Hampshire, and Kelley (Seyfferth) Floyd and her husband Patrick of Chester, New Hampshire. She is also survived by grandchildren, Mikayla Floyd of Phoenix, Arizona, Justin Floyd of Chester, New Hampshire, and Holly Petrycki of Austin, Texas. She



Mrs. Doris F. (Logan) Seyfferth

adored her grandchildren and always spent as much time with them as possible. They were the light of her life. Doris is predeceased by a brother, Andrew Logan and sister Eileen Gavin. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews.

Services are private at the request of the family. She will be laid to rest alongside her husband Albin at the Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. Arrangement have been entrusted to the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home of Andover. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History and Culture

100 Years Ago—June 17, 1921

Public Auction notice for Saturday, June 25th, at 3 p.m. for a large tract of land beginning at the northwesterly corner of Haverhill Street, Burnham Road, thence by the Boston and Main Railroad containing 13 and ½ acres. The property belonging to the Town of Andover is part of what is known as the Town Farm. It will be sold to the highest bidder. \$500 is to be paid in cash at the time and place of sale and the balance to be paid on or before July 15th per order of the Selectmen.

Box 62 rang Wednesday afternoon for a fire in Pillsbury's woods, Blanchard Street. It is believed the fire started from a cigarette carelessly thrown into the dry brush by the roadside. A large amount of cord wood ready for market was destroyed and quite an area of woodland was burned over. On Thursday morning the fire broke out afresh but was soon brought under control.

George Stewart, dealer in second-hand furniture and

antiques, has purchased the building on Essex Street owned and formerly occupied by the Smith and Manning Co.

75 Years Ago—June 20, 1946

The Andover vote for Governor was 144 for Democratic candidate Tobin, and 145 for Republican candidate Bradford

A photo caption reads: "Working in the Junior high school with principal Milton C. Blanchard are two ninth grade graduates, Geraldine Hohlfelder and Russell Doyle. Geraldine of Haverhill Street has been acting as student secretary for the past few weeks and was an honor student at graduation this week. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Doyle of Chandler Road, Russell was presented a cash award for excellence in the mechanical drawing class this year and was also an honor student at graduation.

Alexander Campbell, 23, recently discharged from the Marine Corps after serving four years, was elected as the janitor of the Shawshen school at a salary of \$1900.

The Andover tax rate of \$36 was approved on Tuesday June 18, an increase of \$7 over last year's rate.

ANDOVER POLICE LOG

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Harassment: Lovejoy Road, 5:35 p.m.
Suspicious activity: Person going into mailbox caught on video, Regency Ridge Road, 7:18 p.m.

Theft: Pallets, Andover Street, 9:46 a.m.

Theft: At Planet Fitness, North Main Street, 11:59 a.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Assault: Essex Street, 7:46 a.m.

Vandalism: Car, Harvard Road, 3:04 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

Theft: Bikes, Brookside Drive, 8:22 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Vandalism: Main Street, 9:49 a.m.

Lost property: Wallet, Williams Street, 3:47 p.m.

Mischief activity: Bikes moved, Brookside Drive, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Theft: Flag, Reservation Road, 5:38 p.m.

MASS. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANDOVER

7 Argyle St: Sullivan Argyle LLC to TMI Argyle St Andover LLC, \$3,000,000

18 Burton Farm Dr: Norman G Papazian RET and Norman G. Papazian to Anastasia S. Tacewicz, \$750,000

3 Candlewood Dr: Mehul Kapadia and Mimansa Engineer to Max J. Chaiken and Daniel G. Shapiro, \$845,000

104 Cross St: Michael P. and Heather M. Hartford to John G. Cluverius and Mary E. Peterson, \$858,000

18 Cutler Rd: Cattle Crossing LLC to Michael A. Lipson and Laura E. Babcock, \$899,000

10 Dorset Cir: Christopher and Elizabeth C. Finn to Patrick B. and Claudia P. McDonough, \$60,000

7 Garfield Ln E: Dimitry L. and Luba Haskin to Qingfeng Pan and Zhibin Tian, \$865,000

217 High Plain Rd: David D. Viscosi and Carolyn Norton to Michael D. and Alexandra H. Viscosi, \$530,000

8 Longwood Dr Unit 6: Jayson R. Martin to Kochakorn Treenawong, \$268,000

11 Pomeroy Rd: Samuel H. and Janet M. Nork to Peter and Michele Scavongelli, \$1,100,000

Riverside Woods Condo Unit 3408: Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC

to John J. and Goldie P. Abbott, \$485,715

Riverside Woods Condo Unit 3401: Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC to Robert and Michelle Atchinson, \$500,020

Riverside Woods Condo Unit 3311: Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC to Patricia Simonds, \$343,000

Riverside Woods Condo Unit 3404: Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC to Kathleen T. Lawton, \$196,900

33 Sagamore Dr: Charles W. and Elizabeth R. Wolf to Cameron Wolf and Mariel Colby, \$850,000

376 Salem St: Philip C. Farmer to Christopher E. Lum and Katelyn Crowley-Lum, \$1,425,000

45-47 Union St: Lebel Investments LLC to Narasinga R. Kalagarla and Swapna Gujju, \$665,000

62 Woodlark Rd: Mohan K. Joyappa and Bharathi D. Malachira to Candace B. and Andrew Tebbenkamp, \$788,000

9 Woodcliff Rd: 9 Woodcliff Road RT and Kathleen M. Wallace to Merrimack College, \$545,000

22 Woodhaven Dr: Spur FT and Stacey Spurr to Yuan Lin and Ying Wang, \$901,000

NORTH ANDOVER

50 Beverly St: John D. Mattheson to Andrew V. Arbia, \$486,000

37 Cochichewick Dr Unit 37: Cochichewick Drive RT and Richard A. Kapelson to M E Yameen RET 1996

and Mary E. Yameen, \$600,000

52 Farrwood Ave Unit 3: Juliana Giannusa to Andrew B. and Andrea M. Kerrigan, \$260,000

52 Farrwood Ave Unit 5: Amanda V. Donahue to Michelle Dutton, \$267,000

3 Harvest Dr Unit 213: Eric J. Evans and Kate Looby to Adam Marengi and Myungwon Baek, \$358,000

181 Johnny Cake St: Kimberly A Incampo FT and Kimberly A. Incampo to Camelia Saffarini and Christopher Watt, \$1,085,000

155 Laconia Cir: Jagdish and Suman Garg to Paula and Brian J. Macdonald, \$815,000

95 Leanne Dr: Jeffrey and Lisa K. Zimmerman to Marciana J. Ramos and Nathan A. Didomenico, \$1,050,000

129 Main St: 129 Main Street RT and Elliot M. Goldstein to Na Main Street LLC, \$1,175,000

172 Middlesex St: Brian J. Lebl to William L. Phelan and Kathryn E. Foss-Phelan, \$642,100

32 Surrey Dr: Magdy and Karen L. Shaban to Justin W. Merrifield and S. M. Fahey-Merrifield, \$603,000

290 Webster Woods Ln: Alvin L. and Rebecca L. Lin to 290 Webster Woods Lane RT and Sheri L. Soucy, \$1,250,000

64 White Birch Ln: Kendra and Maximilian Laverty to Adam

Marto and Nadia Chinchilla, \$725,000

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18 Meeting Place Cir: Jon D. and Carolyn H. Schwartz to Marena Hnatdembitz and Gregory White, \$1,350,000

9 Mill Rd: Abigale Magruder and Colby Shields to John H. and Kelsey Gately, \$740,200

2 Tanglewood Rd: Gina Dalelio-Ford and Michael Ford to Melisa and Timothy Hughes, \$867,000

15 Winding Oaks Way: Richard A. Vose to Jody H. Blumberg and Melissa Martin, \$1,475,000

GEORGETOWN

188 E Main St: Marco Mello and Jay Wessell to 28 Vane Revere LLC, \$370,000

2 Raymond Ct Unit 2: Russell and Susan Steeves to Nancy Fleming, \$610,000

70 W Main St: Konstantina Realty LLC to Scarabelli Realty LLC, \$410,000

LAWSUIT

Continued from Page 1

public records request for the report — written by a private investigator — that led to Fahey's firing. The town turned over a nearly 100%

redacted document, save for the employee handbook and a two-page contract, citing personnel reasons for keeping it secret. The request and report are being reviewed by the Massachusetts Secretary of State's office to see what information can be disclosed. "It can be frustrating for a

town manager to not be able to disclose the facts," Kesten said. "But we are working to get the facts out before the court, and the court will decide."

Kesten said there was cause to terminate Fahey, and he will seek to have the case alleging wrongful

termination and defamation dismissed in the coming months.

"Having looked at the evidence and report I urge the citizens of Andover to wait until the facts come out," Kesten said. "Mr. Flanagan acted in the best interest of the people of Andover."

STUDENT

Continued from Page 1 when Abigale was first admitted.

"We decided — let's give it a shot — and her parents were so accommodating," she added.

Abigale was the school's first student with a developmental disability that directly impacted how she learned, O'Dea said. Her teachers and school staff had to navigate educating in new and different ways.

"I'm so thankful to her parents for exploring other options and having enough faith in us," O'Dea said. "There were struggles and times we had to ask, 'will this work?'"

Ongoing meetings including Abigale's teachers and parents navigated the best plan for her to succeed.

"We learned quickly that as a dedicated and progressive administrator — and former teacher — Mrs. O'Dea had



COURTESY PHOTO

Former St. Augustine School Principal Paula O'Dea stands with Abigale Agudelo, the first student with Down syndrome to attend the school. Abigale graduated from eighth grade last week.

a plan to ensure the school population accurately mirrored that of the community at large," Wendy said.

"Her unchartered steps have become a model for other parochial schools within the Archdiocese of

Boston umbrella, and the timing could not be more valuable as many parents, like us, often feel there are limited options for their children with unique needs, often avoiding the path least traveled," she added.

Abigale's attendance at St. Augustine "was the catalyst behind the growth of the special education program," Daley said.

"The challenge of being a Catholic school is that you have fewer resources than a public school in the area. It's about getting the resources, maximizing those resources and training the staff," Daley said.

Now the school has about 30 students on formal Individualized Education Plans and an additional 20 students who receive other accommodations, Daley said.

"We took a leap of faith back then," said O'Dea, who at the time was looking forward to handing Abigale her eighth-grade diploma. "And I'm forever grateful we did."

Marilyn M. "Mandy" Heavey, 82

June 11, 1938 - June 10, 2021

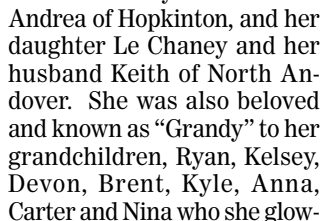
DANVERS, MA — Marilyn M. Heavey, 82, formerly of Natick, passed away on Thursday, June 10, 2021, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Born in San Diego on June 11, 1938, Mandy lived in many places as her family moved with her Navy father from base to base, including Japan, Alaska, Texas, California and Florida. Mandy lived many years in Natick, where she was an active member of the community including as a CCD teacher for multiple years. Mandy received a BS degree with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Microbiology from Texas Tech and was involved in technology at a very early time. She was thought of as a pioneer in women breaking technology companies' glass ceiling as she gained more and more responsibility. She started out as a software programmer for the Navy Tactical Data Systems. Over the years she held positions from individual contributor to senior management in software development, engineering, software applications, operations, IT, Mergers and Acquisitions and Program Management for many types of products/services companies including Beckton-Dickinson, Prime Computer, Apollo Computer, BeFree and HP. In addition to her career accomplishments Mandy was known to many for her kind and caring personality and love of practical jokes. She was always asking "how

could she help?", "what did people need" and was involved in the community to support local causes. Also, there was never an April Fool's Day that passed by that she didn't "fool" someone with a practical joke that would have her laughing for hours. Mandy is survived by her three children and their spouses — her sons, Blair Heavey and his wife Nicolette of Ipswich, Dennis Heavey and his wife Andrea of Hopkinton, and her daughter Le Chaney and her husband Keith of North Andover. She was also beloved and known as "Grandy" to her grandchildren, Ryan, Kelsey, Devon, Brent, Kyle, Anna, Carter and Nina who she glowingly talked about. She also is survived by her brother, Ben Moore III "Mike" and his wife Cynthia of Manlius, NY, and her cousin, Helen Deane Bennett of Winston-Salem, NC. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass on Saturday June 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, 20 Church St., Hopkinton, followed by a reception and celebration of Mandy's life. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in Mandy's name to the local Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Rd., Waltham, MA 02452, act.alz.org/donate. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the George L. Doherty Funeral Service, Somerville. For more information, please visit dohertyfuneralservice.com.

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Parade-goers march with Pride

By MADELINE HUGHES
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Andover's second Pride parade went off without a hitch Sunday.

Residents decked out their cars and wore their most colorful apparel to celebrate the town's second annual Pride parade hosted by South Church.

Last year Eileen Forgue, a member of South Church's Pride Committee, began planning a local parade after Boston city officials canceled the one that was supposed to be held there because of the pandemic.

This year the Boston Pride parade was again postponed because of pandemic restrictions. However, Andover residents were still able to celebrate together.

South Church has "declared that people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are not only welcome but also affirmed



Cars were decked out for Andover's Pride parade hosted by South Church on Sunday.

Courtesy photo

in the full life of our church and its ministries," according to its website. The church also hosts the

Merrimack Valley PFLAG Parents of Transgender Children support group. For more information

on South Church's Pride and LGBTQ+ resources visit southchurch.com/pride/.

Lyons: GOP caving to 'woke cancel culture'

By MATT MURPHY
State House News Service

BOSTON — Under fire for his handling of anti-gay remarks made by a member of the state committee, MassGOP Chairman and former Andover state representative Jim Lyons lashed out Thursday at nearly every elected Republican in the House, accusing them of bowing to "poisonous woke cancel culture groupthink."

Lyons, who served eight years in the House with many of the lawmakers he is now attacking, said the 29 House Republicans who insisted he call for state committeeewoman Deborah Martell to step down had turned their back on Republican values.

The group, including House Minority Leader Brad Jones, signed a letter last Friday saying Lyons

should himself step down if he refused to demand Martell's resignation after Martell told Congressional candidate Jeffrey Sossa-Paquette she was "sickened" by his adoption of children with his husband.

"These elected officials made it clear in a letter demanding my resignation that they'd sooner turn their backs on the bedrock American principles of free speech, free expression, and religious liberty, so long as it meant they could appease the Democrats controlling the state Legislature," Lyons said in an email to party members on Thursday.

The chairman urged party members to sign a petition that would send the elected legislators a message: "Please join us in calling on them to lead, to stand for the First Amendment, and

to push back against the woke cancel culture mentality whose only endgame is to silence Republicans like you into submission."

Lyons' escalation of the turmoil within the Republican Party came a day after a contentious state committee meeting in Marlborough when the chairman gave Martell a platform to defend herself in front of the committee, according to people who attended the meeting.

Despite calls from nearly every elected Republican, including Gov. Charlie Baker, for her to resign, Martell has refused and Lyons has supported that decision, despite calling her remarks offensive.

Rep. Marc Lombardo, of Billerica, was the only House Republican not to sign the letter last Friday giving Lyons an ultimatum. The three Senate

Republicans also said anyone with Martell's views should not serve in a position of party leadership, but stopped short of calling for Lyons to resign if he failed to intervene.

By taking on the House GOP caucus, Lyons is choosing to engage in a fight with nearly every elected Republican in state politics at time when the party has struggled to make inroads on Beacon Hill and actually lost four seats in the Legislature in 2020.

Republicans amount to less than 10 percent of registered voters in Massachusetts, and that share of the electorate has been shrinking. But some conservatives believe starting fresh and solidifying that base instead of trying to appeal to moderate Democrats and independents is the way to build the party.

BRIEFS

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South Church will celebrate Juneteenth at the opening of the farmer's market in the church parking lot on Central Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A booth at the market will feature educational materials and music.

Celebrating cultures

Andover is hosting a movie series on the Town Common at 7 p.m. on Monday nights that feature different cultures. People are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and picnics. Food will be available to order at specific screenings.

On June 19 the movie "Dangal" will be celebrating Indian culture. It's about young girls competing in traditionally male-dominated sports. There will also be henna tattoos available at the screening.

On June 26 the movie "Monster Hunt" will be celebrating Chinese culture. The movie is about humans and monsters coming together to live in harmony.

There will be performances by the Andover Asian Cultural Club, games and activities and food will be available from Karma Andover. Orders must be placed ahead of time by either calling (978)809-3075

or visit karmaandover.com.

'Close encounters'

Discover local history "up close" during the Andover Center for History and Culture's "Close Encounters" virtual programs.

On June 24, the center presents the story of Allen and Mary Hinton. Formerly enslaved, the Hinton family came to Andover for a better life. They started their own ice cream business, which they later passed down to their children. Daughter Alice was a businesswoman in her own right.

The free, online program begins at 7 p.m. and features photos, letters, diaries, objects and clothing from the center's collection. For information and registration, visit www.AndoverHistoryandCulture.org/Close-Encounters; call (978) 475-2236; or email info@andoverhistoryandculture.org

The presentation is one of three "Close Encounters" programs sponsored by MassHumanities, with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

On June 10 the center presented the story of June Carmichael Fitzgerald, a member of the WAVES and parachute rigger during World War II.

On Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m., it will share the story

of architect, jewelry designer and artist Addison B. LeBoutillier (1872-1951).

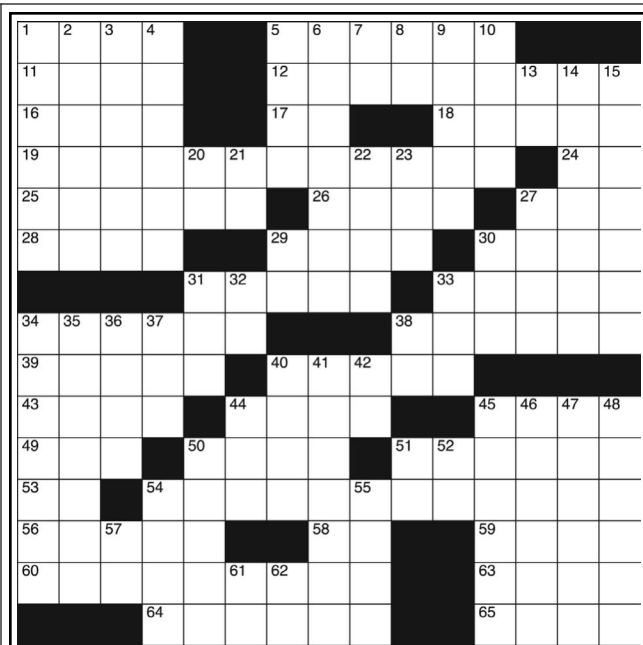
The Longest Day celebration

Between 1 to 3 p.m. on June 21 the Robb Center is hosting a variety of events and there will be snow cones

to celebrate the summer solstice.

Scholarship winner

Andover High School senior Sophia Numan won a \$500 scholarship for the non-profit VHS Learning. She was one of 15 students who received a total of \$6,500 this year.



CLUES ACROSS

1. College group
5. Small morsels of food
11. Actress Dunham
12. Puts a limit on
16. Used for baking or drying
17. Commercial
18. Zookeeper Bindi
19. Walk in one's sleep
24. The Great Lakes State
25. Winter sport
26. A thin layer on something
27. Peacock network
28. Give birth to a lamb or kid
29. "Too Scared to Cry" author
30. Nose
31. Friend
33. Country music legend Haggard
34. Curved

CLUES DOWN

1. Excessively showy
2. Put an end to
3. Blood disorder
4. Ingredient in wine
5. Shellfish
6. Made smaller
7. We
8. The Treasure State
9. ___ Ekland, actress
10. Male parent
13. One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)
14. Dish of minced meat
15. Smothered laugh
20. Article
21. Atomic #12
22. Small parrot
23. Fictional "Star Wars" planet
27. French wine grape
29. Football stat (abbr.)
30. Sound unit
31. Where you sleep
32. University of Dayton

Solution in Classified Section

38. More deformed
39. Bleated
40. Set on its end
43. An aspect of Ra
44. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
45. Harsh, grating noise
49. ___ Francisco
50. Common Japanese surname
51. Punish with an arbitrary penalty
53. Football position (abbr.)
54. Not in the know
56. African antelope
58. Popular tech (abbr.)
59. Baseball teams get three of them
60. Make up one's mind
63. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
64. Martens
65. Susan and Tom are two



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From left, Emme Pitts, Addison Earle and Amanda Morin of Andover each won the Krit Kearins Scholarship for \$10,000.

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Sports

THREE GOLDS

Yates, Foster and DiBenedetto all takes golds at MVC Championship

GIRLS TRACK

Andover athletes earned three individual victories and four more runner-up finishes as the Golden Warriors took third as a team at the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet on Saturday with 99 points. The meet was held at Andover's Eugene V. Lovely Field.

Andover's **Kathleen Yates** won the discus (102-5), **Olivia Foster** won the pole vault (10-0) and **Kayla DiBenedetto** took first in the 800 (2:22.59).

Michaela Buckley added a second-place finish in the 400 hurdles (67.89), **Sara Folan** was second in the javelin (105-6) and **Molly Kiley** took silver in the 2-mile (11:34.84). The 4x100 relay also took second (52.17).

Peyton Leventhal chipped in with a third in the 200 (27.06) while **Shayla Quill** and **Gabby Bresnick** tied for third in the pole vault (9-0). Yates was fourth in the javelin (91-8).

SOFTBALL

Giordano does it all

Freshman pitcher **Jackie Giordano** earned the win while going 4 for 4 at the plate with two runs scored and two RBIs to lead Andover past Haverhill 6-5 on Friday. **Paige Gillette** added two hits and two RBIs and **Morgan Shirley** had two hits, scored a run and drove in one more for the winners.



Alyssa Sellinger was 3 for 3 with an RBI and a run scored as Andover beat Chelmsford 5-2 last Tuesday. **Adelaide Weeden** and **Paige Gillette** each added two hits and an RBI and **Molly Duval** chipped in with two hits of her own for the winners.

BASEBALL

Ritter rules

Winning pitcher **Aidan Ritter** went the first six innings with seven strikeouts and helped his cause with four hits, two RBIs and a run as Andover beat Haverhill 7-3 last Wednesday. **Nolan Schirmer** added two hits and three RBIs and **Scotty Brown** had two hits and scored three runs for the winners.



Nolan Schirmer was 2 for 2 with three RBIs as Andover topped Chelmsford 8-3 last Tuesday. **Anthony Teberio** added two RBIs while **Aidan Ritter** added two hits, scored two runs and drove in one for the winners.



Kayla DiBenedetto poses with her gold medal after winning the 800 at the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet on Saturday. DiBenedetto won in a time of 2:22.59.

Courtesy photos

WRESTLING

Mahesri scored key pin

Hussain Mahesri had a key pin at 170 pounds and **Yasser Maita** get the clinching points with a 7-4 decision at heavyweight despite being outweighed by 60 pounds as Andover rallied from a 27-6 deficit to beat Chelmsford 31-27 on Friday.



Nicholas Archambault needed just 40 seconds to score a pin at 120 pounds, as Andover beat North Andover 45-33 last Tuesday. **Alec O'Brien** (138) toughed out a pin in 3:21, while **Sean Ballou** (182) and **Connor Sheehan** (170) each had a pin in 3:30 and **Jack Osborne** scored an 8-2 decision at heavyweight.

BOYS TENNIS

Stellar debut

In their first match together, **Nate Gellman** and **Abhay Yajurvedi** teamed for a 6-0, 6-2 victory at No. 2 doubles to help Andover beat



Andover's pole vaulters, pictured here, ruled at the MVC Meet on Saturday. Olivia Foster won (10-0), Shayla Quill and Gabby Bresnick (9-0) tied for third and Lily Brown and Sophia Hutchins tied for sixth (8-6).

Chelmsford 5-0 on Friday. The Golden Warriors improved to 11-0.

Reilly O'Brien rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 victory at first singles, and Andover beat Chelmsford 5-0 last Wednesday. **Avi Janarthanan** and **Joe Colocchi** added singles victories for the Warriors.

GIRLS TENNIS

Wang scores No. 1 win

Jennie Wang stepped up for her first victory at No. 1 singles, as Andover beat North Andover 5-0. **Rachel Chen** and **Evie O'Brien** added singles wins for the Warriors, who improved to 12-0.

Eva McKone and **Carol Yu** scored a 6-1, 6-1 win at No. 1 doubles and **Sonika Chaudhary** and **Elysia Yu** took a 6-1, 6-4 win at No. 2 double as Andover beat Chelmsford 5-0 on Friday.

Isabel Zhou, **Jennie Wang** and **Rachel Chen** each scored a singles sweep as Andover topped Chelmsford 5-0 last Wednesday.

VOLLEYBALL

Chanthaboun leads the way

Owen Chanthaboun tallied team-highs in service points (14) and blocks (5) as Andover downed Haverhill 3-1 last Wednesday. **Akshay Godhani** added 37 assists and **Edward Lai** had 16

BOYS TRACK

Maier, Walsh take bronze

Kyran Maier placed took third in the pole vault (11-0) and **DJ Walsh** was third in the mile (4:35.36) to lead Andover at the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet on Saturday. **Conor Moses** (javelin), **Steve Tchouafei** (long jump) and **Colin Kirm** (800) took fifths and **Matt Serrano** (2-mile) was sixth.

BOYS LACROSSE

MacLean nets three

Despite three goals for **Colin MacLean**, Andover lost to Chelmsford 9-6 last Wednesday. **Anton Pace**, **Campbell Allardi** and **Ethan Ruvido** each added a goal for the Warriors.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Farnham, Gobel score two

Lily Farnham and **Tess Gobel** each scored twice, but Andover lost to Chelmsford 12-7 on Friday. **Jack Brussard**, **Hailey Doherty** and **Lauren Adams** each scored once.

Haley Carver scored twice, but Andover fell to Chelmsford 18-4 last Wednesday. **Erica Flowers** and **Vanessa Pierni** each scored one goal.

Andover's Cho a star in squash and in classroom

BY BILL BURT
Staff Writer

Andover resident Chelsea Cho has made a name for herself both in the classroom and on the squash court.

Cho earned All-New England honors in squash, making it all the way to High School Nationals after overcoming serious knee injuries. She is also pursuing a career in medicine.

Here, she talks about juggling sports and academics.

BEST ACCOMPLISHMENT AS A STUDENT: While balancing my responsibilities as a student-athlete, girls varsity squash captain, and day student mentor, I took 12 courses at the AP level or beyond throughout my four years at Phillips Academy. While I plan to pursue medicine in college, I took advanced courses in a variety of subjects including English, US history, economics, Spanish, and philosophy.

FAVORITE SUBJECT: I especially enjoyed a community engagement project that I did in a fall senior elective called "The Neurobiology of Learning, Memory, and Sleep." After learning about how sleep and the different ways we learn affect our memory, I designed a short course for incoming freshmen to help them acquire effective study skills and guide them through their first terms at Andover.

FAVORITE MOMENT AS ATHLETE: Our first match of 2020 US High School Nationals, when I won a very close match that lasted five sets and almost an hour. It felt amazing to help my team win 4-3 and advance onto the quarterfinals of Division 1.

I remember that match as some of the best squash I've



Chelsea Cho attends Phillips Academy.

played so far in my career, and the experience was even more meaningful after having been out for over a year from two knee injuries and a surgery. Since my recovery, I am also proud to have reached top 12 in the country in the span of nine months.

BEST ADVICE FROM A COACH:

At the start of my freshman year season, Coach Elliott told us to write down a list of things we can and cannot control for before, during, and after a match. Since then, I have thought about her advice before every single match and it has helped me develop a strong mental side of the game, whether it is focus,

motivation, emotional control, or confidence.

ON BALANCING THE STUDENT

AND THE ATHLETE: To find balance between academics and squash, I learned how to manage my time. Whether it was trying to get one subject of homework done or going to the courts for a quick solo session in between classes, I kept a clear view of my goals and tried to do everything I could do reach them.

ADVICE FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN: Always be hungry for your goals. Put in everything you have to get one step closer to them each day, whether that means scheduling extra conferences with a teacher or telling yourself that you will retrieve every single ball during a practice or game—whatever it takes.

COLLEGE PLANS: I will be attending Dartmouth College next year. I chose Dartmouth because I loved how tight knit the women's squash team is and the Dartmouth community in general, both throughout college and after graduation. I am also very excited to design my 4-year plan and study medicine.

FAVORITE CHARITY/COMMUNITY SERVICE: SquashBusters introduces squash to urban

youth to promote health and character and assists them with both academics and the college process. Throughout high school, I have loved getting to know and teach squash to middle and high schoolers in the program.

BEST LESSON LEARNED FROM COMMUNITY SERVICE: I have learned the importance of gratitude. I felt grateful for the opportunity to influence other people's lives and for the impact the experience had on me. I learned the importance of maintaining a positive mindset even when facing difficulties.

WHAT BEING A LEADER MEANS: To me, being a leader means leading by example. I try to model the behavior and actions on and off the court that I believe represent strong leadership, whether it is acceptance, kindness, commitment, or grit.

IN 10 YEARS I HOPE TO ... Help those going through orthopedic injuries, like my surgeon, Dr. Mininder Kocher, who operated on my knee and made it possible for me to return to squash. I want to help patients physically and mentally and maintain strong relationships with current friends and mentors as well.

REFERENCE: "Chelsea has been remarkably resilient at balancing her extracurricular commitments with her academic responsibilities. Her work ethic made her one of the most highly recruited athletes in her class, a process she ended early last year (Dartmouth). Her teachers comments are all similar — always prepared; very focused; energetic; ability to write with complexity with clarity." — David Fricke, Phillips Academy sports information director.

SEND US YOUR TOWN SPORTS NEWS

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.

We also want to hear ideas for stories on athletes or a big game that The Townsman should feature in its pages.

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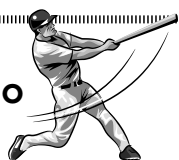
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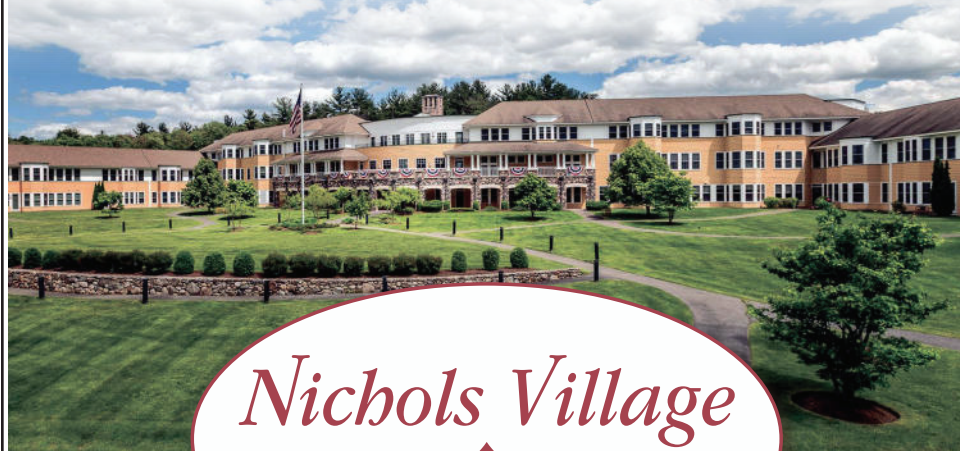
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Delays mean more fundraising for local boy

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The pandemic may have pushed his Bar Mitzvah, but the extra time allowed Drake Tarlow more time to collect birthday presents for children in need.

In total, Tarlow has raised enough money to buy products for more than 170 children's birthday parties via the nonprofit group Birthday Wishes' Birthday Box program.

He was able to raise funds and collect presents with the help of his classmates at The Pike School over his last two years in seventh and eighth grade.

For more information on the nonprofit visit birthdaywishes.org.



Pike School student Drake Tarlow, 12, of Salem, N.H., puts together a Birthday in a Box.

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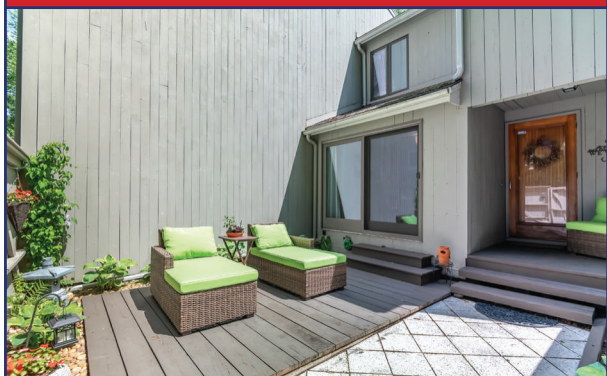
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