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Family-friendly Town Day returns Sunday, Oct. 3

NORTH READING — Town Day is finally here! This Sunday, October 3, the community will come together to celebrate everything good about the town of North Reading.

The family-friendly event returns to Ipswich River Park after being sidelined by COVID-19 last year.

The day's events, hosted by the Reading-North Reading Chamber of Commerce, features four hours of fun from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., all at Ipswich River Park, 15 Central St., North Reading.

Nationally known singer and songwriter Annie Brobst is the headline act in the center of all the action, from noon to 2 p.m. North Reading High School's own a cappella singers, NOTEorious, will open for Brobst at 11:30 a.m.

"We're excited to bring back local artist Annie Brobst to IRP for North Reading Town Day," commented Chamber President Josh Harrington. The last time Town Day was at IRP was June 2019.

"Come on down and meet your neighbors and friends! We have a

fun day full of free events, games and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Our outdoor festival feature so many family-friendly attractions," Harrington added, like pony rides, inflatables. Everyone is welcome to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a picnic lunch.

Over 70 vendors signed up

There will be over 70 vendors at Town Day, according to Chamber Executive Director Lisa Egan, who was meeting with them at press time to discuss last-minute logistics. Among the food vendors will be favorites by the Horseshoe Grille, Drew's Stews, fried dough by Noonan Concessions; Kona Ice (shaved ice in all flavors) and Kids Stuff fresh lemonade and kettle corn, Egan said.

They will utilize both the front meadow — for games, sports activities and inflatables — and the back meadow for the stage and picnic area to ensure everyone will get a great view of the entertainment area.

Shuttle bus service from NRHS lot

Since the parking lot will be utilized

as well, on-site parking will be limited. However, continuous shuttle bus service will be provided from NRHS to Ipswich River Park.

"Sponsors include our Signature Event Sponsor The Savings Bank and our three Platinum Sponsors — Winter Hill Bank, Amazon Robotics and Austin Prep," added Egan.

Activities for the kids!

Activities in addition to Brobst and NOTEorious provided by sponsors include the following:

- Baseball and Softball Speed Pitch sponsored by Team Boston Academy
- Inflatables sponsored by Little Treasures Schoolhouse, Reading Coop, Service Pumping and Drain, and Winchester Hospital/Lahey Health
- Pony Rides sponsored by Royal Air
- Spin Art sponsored by Little Treasures School House.

"We look forward to seeing everyone at Town Day on Sunday!" added Harrington.

Team "Toss Out Cancer" aims to raise \$17,000 in Jimmy Fund Walk Sunday



WALKING for the seventh year, Team Toss Out Cancer features seven members from town who will participate in this year's virtual Jimmy Fund "Walk Your Way" fundraiser on local streets Sunday rather than the Boston Marathon route due to Covid-19. From left: Sheri Burgholzer, supporter Katrina Collins and her son Tyler, who is a team member, Kathy McGreal, Penny Esposito, Christine O'Toole, "Walk Hero" Joyce DiGiantommaso and Colleen Kelleher. (Courtesy Photo)

By ALLIE HASTINGS

NORTH READING — Seven North Reading residents from team "Toss Out Cancer" will choose to walk their own route on Sunday, October 3 in support of the annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund: *Walk Your Way*.

North Reading resident and Walk Hero Joyce DiGiantommaso will be leading the way and guiding her team as they participate in this virtual programming, which aims to unite community members in the fight against all cancers.

DiGiantommaso is a breast

cancer survivor who was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008 and later diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 2014. She originally participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Boston with friends and family to raise money for cancer research but

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NOTICE TOWN OF NORTH READING FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



MONDAY,
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Girl scouts are back in action



LITTLE SCHOOL second grade Troop 70416 earned their first aid badge with the help of MassPort Firefighter Tim Allison. Allison went over how to handle emergencies, when to call 911 and how to make a first aid kit. Pictured here in the front row are Maddison Moran, Evelyn Davis, Mia Rosabianca, Layla Roy, Hailey Cannell, Samantha Cambray, Josi Atsalis and Maya Biagiotti. From the back row are Emme Sawyer, Kara Turcott, Francesca Girodano, Charlotte Callahan, Eva Mendell, Kathryn Cambray, Winter Fritz and Willow Allison. (Courtesy photo)

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What's the Buzz?



NORTH READING — Have you heard the latest buzz? Sharing your must-go-to North Reading event or virtual meeting with our readers is easy. Email the pertinent details to: NRTranscript@RCN.com. Deadline: Mondays at 5 p.m.

Update on virtual meetings: Meeting agendas of public boards are posted 48 hours in advance on the town website, under "calendar tab" (www.northreadingma.gov). An extension of COVID emergency rules has enabled virtual meetings without violating the Open Meeting Law. Boards may choose to hold virtual, in-person or a combination through early next year. Check online meeting calendar for applicable links, passcodes, and phone numbers for virtual options.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

• **Bd. of Assessors** virtual meeting, 9:30 a.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/2XVD8cE>

Meeting ID: 820 7052 0681. Passcode: 128651 or by phone: 1-301-715-8592.

• **Virtual public meeting at 4 p.m.** via Zoom to update town's 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan re: natural hazards and climate change. Citizen participation essential. Question? Contact Fire Chief Don Stats, dstats@northreadingma.gov or 978-357-5100.

• **Finance Com. virtual meeting, 7 p.m.:** Discuss and vote on Town Meeting warrant articles where appropriate. Join Zoom meeting: us02web.zoom.us/j/88521515978 — Meeting ID: 885-2151-5978 or by phone: 1-646-558-8656.

• **Community Planning Commission (CPC) virtual meeting, 7:30**

p.m.: Discussion of three Oct. Town Meeting warrant articles. Join Zoom meeting with video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9854300926> or by phone: 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 985 430 0926.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

• **Forest Committee in-person meeting, 8 a.m.,** Room 14, Town Hall, 235 North St. Agenda: Discuss seminar notes, funding options, findings on possible consultants. Review draft of master plan white paper.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

• **COVID-19 and Flu Clinic, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.,** Town Hall gym, 235 North St. Ages 3+ eligible for flu vaccine. Ages 12+ eligible for COVID-19 vaccine. 3rd dose mRNA boosters for immunocompromised residents at least 28 days after 2nd dose. Pre-register: appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2180061935?schedule=northreadingfluclinic

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

• **North Reading Town Day, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** at Ipswich River Park hosted by RNR Chamber of Commerce. Family-friendly free events, games, pony rides, inflatables, activities plus Annie Brobst concert from 12-2 p.m., all compliments of multiple sponsors. Visit 70 vendor tables too.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

• **School Committee meeting, 6:45 p.m.,** NRHS gym: Review of Town Meeting articles; participate in Town Meeting.

• **October Town Meeting, 7 p.m.,** NRHS in-person. Anticipate being held in the gymnasium with social distancing rules and masking in effect. Warrants were mailed to all residences last week or view it online:

northreadingma.gov.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

• **NRRTC meeting, 7 p.m.,** North Reading Rifle Club, 242 Central St. Topics include honoring soldiers who served or died in the Afghanistan War.

• **Community Planning Commission (CPC) virtual meeting, 7:30 p.m.** Agenda includes: Definitive subdivision public hearing at 8 p.m. for Crestview Estates at 38 Chestnut St. & Flint Street. Join Zoom meeting with video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9854300926> or by phone: 1-301-715-8592. Meeting ID: 985 430 0926.

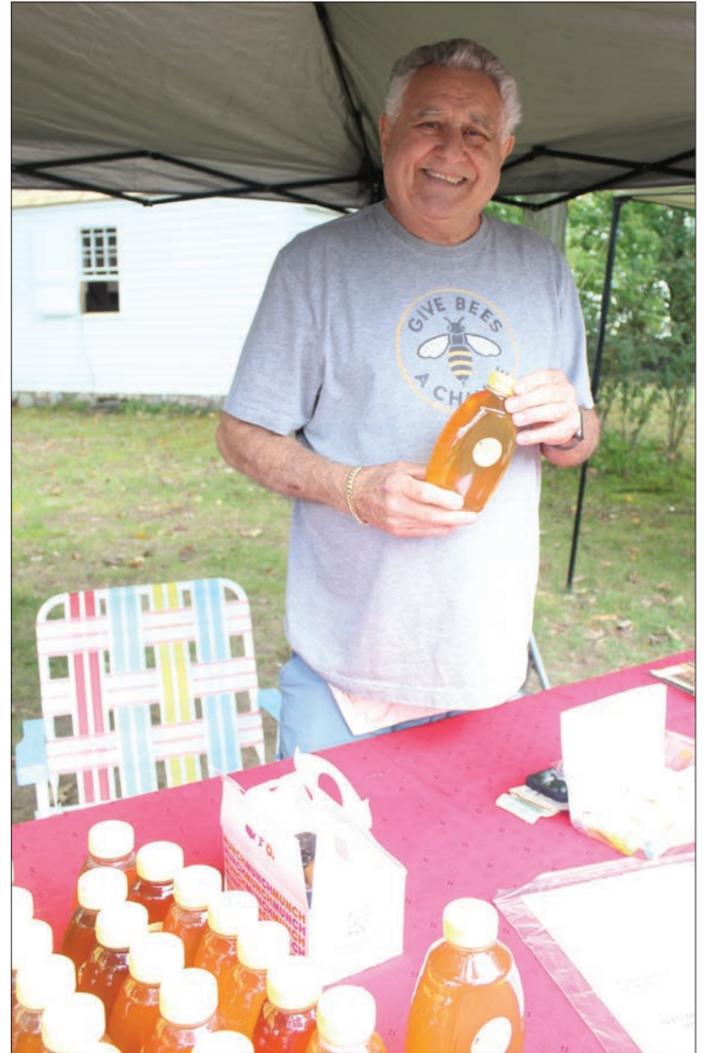
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

• **Guiding Good Choices,** first of five-part series on consecutive Wednesday nights, 6:30-8 p.m., at Hood School. Offered free to any parent or caregiver of children ages 9-14 willing to commit to all five sessions. Offered by NR Community Impact Team's Youth Substance Use Prevention Coalition. Register at: www.northreadingma.gov/CIT; click on EVENTS. Contact Christie Perrone: northreadingCIT@gmail.com, or call 978-357-5054.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

• **Parks & Rec's Annual Pumpkin Festival,** pavilion at IRP. Three 45-minute sessions to allow social distancing start at noon, 12:45 p.m. or 1:30 p.m., \$8 per child. Must pre-register: 988-664-6016 or northreadingma.gov/parks-recreation.

Give bees a chance!



A SWEET FIND at the Apple Festival on Saturday was Gus Lamont's own honey and creamed honey. At 80 years young, the retired police sergeant has been a beekeeper and making honey for decades. (Maureen Doherty Photo)

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Mystic Valley Elder Services CEO Daniel J. O'Leary to retire

MALDEN – After 35 years of service, Daniel J. O'Leary, chief executive officer of Mystic Valley Elder Services, has announced his intent to retire at the end of the year.

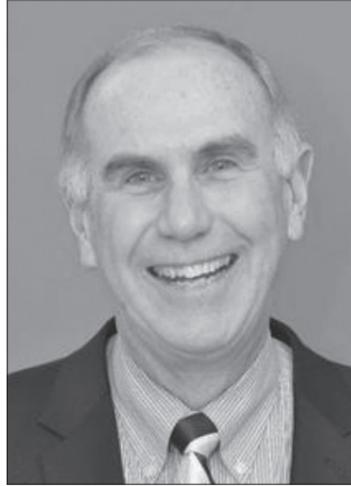
"It has been a privilege and an honor to have worked at Mystic Valley Elder Services for the last 35 years," said O'Leary. "I am thankful for the opportunities I have had to work with an extraordinary team of people who make such a difference in the lives of our consumers. We live our mission every day at Mystic Valley Elder Services, providing older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers with quality choices so they can live with dignity and independence."

North Reading is among the 11 north of Boston communities

served by Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES).

O'Leary started with MVES as assistant director in 1980. When the director moved out of state in 1983, O'Leary was selected by the board of directors to lead the agency. In 1992, the Alzheimer's Association of Massachusetts invited him to join them as their executive director.

In January of 1998, the MVES board of directors invited O'Leary to return to his roots to take the helm once again as executive director. While his title may have changed – executive director to chief executive officer as the organization grew under his leadership – his job has remained the same: stay mission-focused, provide person-centered care to con-



sumers in the best possible ways, help recruit and retain the very best staff and volunteers, be forward-thinking, and act honorably and intelligently in keeping with Mystic Valley Elder Services' cul-

ture and purpose.

Among his many accomplishments, O'Leary steered the agency from a \$12.6M budget in FY1998 to an \$80M budget in FY22; with the board led the establishment of the Gap Endowment Fund that now exceeds \$6 million; developed and expanded the range of home care and community-based program options to include a wide array of services that go above and beyond the basic State Home Care program; and successfully merged two elder care agencies in 2015.

"It has been a pleasure to work with Dan and see the changes and growth he has brought to Mystic Valley Elder Services over the years, especially during times of enormous change and challenge," said Janice Houghton, president

of the board of directors for MVES. "His leadership championed the importance of elder care within our communities and with our staff."

O'Leary expressed his confidence in the board of directors and leadership team of MVES and their thoughtful succession planning, further noting that the agency, staff, volunteers and community are in excellent hands.

"Mystic Valley Elder Services is now starting its next chapter as a vibrant and strong elder services agency delivering essential services to those in need within our communities. It is time for new leadership and for me to pass the baton to a new, highly-qualified chief executive officer," concluded O'Leary.

Annual children's concert Sunday, Oct. 3

WAKEFIELD – Children who learn music at an early age have been shown to perform better in most other areas of development. Hoping to help ignite that creative spark in our local youth, the Middlesex Concert Band presents its annual children's concert on Sunday, October 3 at 2 p.m., outdoors at the Dolbeare Elementary School Athletic Fields in Wakefield. The rain date for this concert is Sunday, October 17 at the same location.

Each year, this free concert, which is geared toward children 4 to 9 years of age, focuses on a different aspect of music—demonstrating for the audience how tempos, rhythms, instruments, etc. are combined to bring a composer's vision to life. This year's theme is "A History of Music," which explores people who have inspired or composed the most important pieces over the years. The featured music spans a time period from 1560 to 2010. Music selected for each time period represents musicality from that period.

Music Director Mark Olson has put to-

gether a thoughtful program that will stir the imagination of listeners of all ages. The concert will explore a brief history of music composed and arranged for the wind band. Also featured are works composed for the military band in the early 1900s such as the Ralph Vaughan Williams Folk Song Suite, as well as music composed for other instruments and transcribed for the wind band, such as the "William Byrd Suite" by Gordon Jacob and Johann Sebastian Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor." The Shaker tune "Simple Gifts" has been a popular tune in American history and has been used by many composers. The band will perform an arrangement of that tune composed by John Zedeclik.

Featured music that was popular in movies and pays tribute to one of history's great jazz composers, Duke Ellington, is also included. And, as the Middlesex Concert Band always does at its children's concert, the famous "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa will be played.

The setting of this concert, presented in

the athletic fields of Dolbeare Elementary School, puts the children on the same level as the band where they can get a unique, up-close perspective. Children may play in the field while the band is playing.

Halfway through the program, the children will be invited to participate in a parade of flags, which gives them a chance to burn off a little energy while they march around the band to the well-known strains of the "Stars and Stripes Forever" march. Continuing a popular tradition, one lucky child from the audience will win the honor of conducting the band during this march.

Chat with the musicians

Children are also invited to stay after the music stops to visit with the musicians for a question-and-answer session during which everyone can further investigate the various instruments of the band. Due to recent developments regarding Covid, the public can be assured that all band members are fully vaccinated. The instrument "petting zoo" will not be held, however.

The Middlesex Concert Band is a non-

profit community band based in Wakefield that regularly performs concerts in Wakefield and surrounding communities, striving to bring affordable entertainment to all. Originally founded in the 1950s as a marching band, the group later evolved into a concert band which gave its first performance in the spring of 1975 at Memorial Hall in Melrose. Since then, it has become one of the area's outstanding community musical organizations, performing in various indoor venues from September through June and presenting a number of free outdoor concerts during the summer months.

A History of Music —A Free Children's Concert, takes place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at the Dolbeare Elementary School Athletic fields, with a rain date of October 17. Funding for this concert is provided in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, as administered locally by the Wakefield Arts Council. For more information about the Middlesex Concert Band, go to www.mcbconcertband.org.

Sign up for free SHINE counseling service during Medicare open enrollment

MALDEN – If you have a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO, PPO), you will be receiving or should have received information from your plan regarding open enrollment. This information explains changes in your plan for 2022.

During Medicare Open Enrollment (October 15 to December 7, 2021), you will have a chance to change your plan for next year.

Trained SHINE Counselors can

help you understand your plan, changes and options you may have. SHINE counselors offer free, confidential counseling on all aspects of Medicare and related health insurance programs.

Call the Edith O'Leary Senior Center in North Reading at 978-664-5600 or Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) at 781-388-4845 to schedule a phone consultation appointment. For your convenience, counselors will be available

for in-person or remote counseling over the telephone. It is important to have your Medicare and insurance cards along with a complete list of your medications when speaking to the SHINE counselor. Seniors are advised to call early to get a SHINE appointment during the limited Open Enrollment period.

Mystic Valley Elder Services SHINE program serves older adults in North Reading as well as those living in the communities of Chel-

sea, Danvers, Everett, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Marblehead, Medford, Melrose, Middleton, Nahant, Peabody, Reading, Revere, Salem, Saugus, Stoneham, Swampscott, Wakefield and Winthrop.

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Critical need for blood: Please donate!

We need to get our priorities straightened out in our society, pronto!

While we squabble over whether to put on a mask for 20 minutes during a trip to the grocery store, hospital beds across the nation are filling up with COVID-positive patients during the ongoing Delta variant surge, and the Red Cross is reporting that there is less than a one-half day's supply of the most commonly needed blood types – Type O positive and Type O negative. Just half a day!

To put this in perspective, a five-day supply of Type O blood is considered ideal for hospitals to have on hand for critically ill patients and those who have suffered massive traumas, such as auto accident, gunshot and stabbing victims.

Blood supplies have sunk to their lowest levels since 2015, therefore, the Red Cross MUST collect 10,000 units of blood in the next 30 days to replenish the supply to optimum levels.

While all blood types are needed, Type O blood is transfused most often, especially when the blood type of the trauma victim is unknown. Did you know that a car accident victim may need to be transfused with up to 100 units of O-negative blood? According to the Red Cross, while only 7% of the population has O-negative blood, it is considered to be the “universal blood type” because anyone can receive it. However, a person with O-negative blood can only receive O-negative blood. It is also the first type of blood to run out during a shortage because of its universality.

Type O-positive blood is the second most commonly transfused blood. Since 38% of the population is O-positive, it the most common blood type. Those with O-positive blood can only receive O-positive or O-negative blood transfusions. But O-positive blood is compatible to any red blood cells that are positive (A+, B+, O+, AB+), therefore 80% of the population can receive O-positive blood, making it absolutely critical in trauma care.

Because the risk of a reaction is “much lower in ongoing blood loss situations and O-positive is more available than O-negative, many hospitals will transfuse O-positive blood when the patient's blood type is unknown,” according to the Red Cross.

Thankfully, our society is opening up and many of us are enjoying a return to some of our pre-pandemic socializing where masking up outdoors remains optional. This is a relief to many. Indeed, it is a pleasant sight to see children on school playgrounds at recess enjoying well-deserved mask breaks as they run and play together.

While the needle is moving (mostly) in the right direction, many non-COVID patients with other types of critical illnesses also require hospital treatment and procedures such as heart surgeries and cancer treatments may require blood transfusions. The same can be said for those patients undergoing necessary elective surgeries to improve their quality of life, such as knee and hip replacements.

If you are healthy and able, please consider rolling up your sleeve for an hour within the next month to give the gift of life to others. Part of our social compact in a modern, civilized society means relying on the generosity of strangers willing to help maintain a robust supply of blood products in our hospitals. You can be part of this life-giving critical supply chain!

A list of area blood drives is printed elsewhere in today's Transcript. Or contact the Red Cross directly to make an appointment and complete the pre-screening process to reduce the time you'll need to spend at a blood drive by visiting RedCrossBlood or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Those Were The Days

On being politically correct

For quite a while now, I've been aware of “trigger warnings” ... warnings that a particular book or film or some such might offend or upset someone; and I've known that these warnings seem to be used a lot in college classrooms. Then recently I read that Brandeis University has told its faculty not to use the term “trigger warning” because the term “trigger” might have gun associations that would upset someone. Faculty were also discouraged from using terms such as “killing it” to refer to doing well, or “give it a shot” to mean to try something.

Then I read somewhere else that the Entomological Society of America was looking for a new name for the gypsy moth, because the Romani people were offended that a harmful, invasive pest carried their name. They saw it as an ethnic slur.

Wow, I thought. This is getting serious! Someone needs to take a good look at our everyday language, at the words we use without even thinking, and eradicate all words that might offend. We can't have people being upset as they go about their daily living. It's bad enough that we have to deal with masks and fist bumps and supermarket robots that beep all the time. So I set out to become



By VIRGINIA MCNEIL SLEP

more aware of the words I was using, to be more politically correct. I mean, we just can't go around offending people all the time, can we?

The first word that jumped out at me was “cantaloupe.” What a negative term! How can we put a food on the table that instantly tells a person that they “can't”? On the other hand, “can-aloupe” wouldn't be good either. There are some things one really shouldn't do, and we'd be telling them that they can. I suggest we simply refer to it as “orange melon,” and let it go at that.

Then, I started thinking about other foods that might offend. The word “shrimp” is a major offender. Think how short people must feel every time they walk past the

fish counter in the grocery store and are reminded that they're not very tall. Not good. Very offensive. We need to be more sensitive, to eradicate the word “shrimp” from the shopping experience. I suggest we call them “round pink shellfish.” Just walk into a restaurant and order a Round Pink Shellfish Cocktail and your server will know immediately what you want... and will appreciate how politically correct you are. And this change will apply to round pink shellfisherpeople (we can't call them fishermen anymore) and round pink shellfish boats. I'm not sure how the fisherpeople will react to being called round and pink... but we can deal with that another time.

And while we're at the fish counter, let's do something about the term “swordfish.” How violent-sounding! Nobody needs to be reminded of fighting and violence while they're eating. Let's call them “long, pointy-nosed fish” instead. Invite your politically correct friends over for some long pointy-nosed fish on the grill and watch how fast they accept your invitation!

While we're on the subject of food, we need to eradicate the

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Letters to the Editor

More questions than answers on Oct. Town Meeting Article No. 10

Dear Editor:

The presentation on the town website which justifies spending \$2.9M while opening the door to spend over \$100M in total on wastewater capability for commercial property located on Concord, Main, and North Streets as well as Lowell Road is inadequate for any decision-making. Bear in mind we are talking about potentially spending \$116M on little facts.

This project, if it reaches completion, will result in an enormous investment that will benefit a small number of North Reading citizens while improving the land values of those landowners along the project area. The presentation uses the following terms to justify the initial investment. Here some of the points the presentation makes:

- The town believes that making available a wastewater collection utility (public sewer) in commercial areas will promote economic development by making more land area usable for development and by allowing for more dense development in our commercial/industrial areas.

- Believing is one thing but where is the study that gives us an eco-

nomc development assessment as to the anticipated financial benefit and payback to the town?

- This project benefits the commercial areas by making land more valuable and usable which is great if you're a landowner. What will the tax benefit be to North Reading homeowners?

- It will allow for more dense development in our commercial/industrial areas. More demand on town services, more traffic, more disruption, etc.

- Increased economic development will provide more local services and more local job opportunities for the region.

- This is a wish list. Where are the numbers that support this wish list?

- What region are we talking about here? You can't be suggesting this project will be funded by the citizens of North Reading but for the benefit of the region (whoever and wherever they are).

- A wastewater collection system will also make possible more multi-family housing construction along Main Street, creating population density to support new businesses.

- Are we talking about changing the fabric of our town by promoting multi-family housing construction?

- What evidence is there that multi-family housing will create support for new businesses? Are these words or is there a study you can share?

- The demand on town services (Police, Fire, School, etc.) may require additional funding.

- Will there be a requirement for all current properties on the wastewater system to hook up and at what cost?

- Establishing sewer service for future commercial/industrial/residential base

- This bullet is a key one. There may be a day when the town will demand residents to “hook up” to the sewer service this project will introduce. This is a latent cost to each homeowner not identified by the project leadership.

I think there are more questions than answers that cause me to pause in supporting this project phase. Perhaps the Town Waste Water System people can answer the questions I have that may change my mind.

Jim Kieran

Judge turns down State Troopers request to delay Baker's vaccine mandate

BOSTON (AP) — A Superior Court judge has turned down a request by the union that represents 1,800 Massachusetts State Police troopers to delay Gov. Charlie Baker's state employee coronavirus vaccine mandate.

The State Police Association of Massachusetts filed a lawsuit last week saying the Oct. 17 deadline would cause troopers "irreparable harm" and they wanted more time to "negotiate the terms and conditions of their employment." However, a delay in implementation of the mandate would not serve the public interest, Judge Jackie Cowin ruled in her decision Thursday.

"Specifically, the public interest is, unquestionably, best served by stopping the spread of the virus, in order to protect people from becoming ill, ensure adequate supply of medical services, and curtail the emergence of new, deadlier variants of the virus," Cowin's decision stated.

The union also asked that troopers who choose not to get vaccinated, or who have already had

COVID-19, be allowed to instead wear a mask on the job and undergo weekly coronavirus testing.

Union President Michael Cherven in a statement on its website said he was disappointed in the ruling and that "dozens of troopers have already submitted their resignation paperwork," and intend to work for police agencies "offering reasonable alternatives such as mask wearing and regular testing."

"Throughout COVID, we have been on the front lines protecting the citizens of Massachusetts and beyond," he said. "Simply put, all we are asking for are the same basic accommodations that countless other departments have provided to their first responders, and to treat a COVID-related illness as a line of duty injury."

A department spokesperson said no resignations had been received Friday.

Baker announced last month that 42,000 state workers and contractors in the executive branch are required to be vaccinated, or be granted a legitimate exemption,

by Oct. 17 or face disciplinary action, including possible termination.

VIRUS BY THE NUMBERS

- The number of new daily cases of COVID-19 increased by nearly 1,800 as of last Friday while the number of newly confirmed coronavirus deaths in Massachusetts rose by 13.

- The new numbers pushed the state's confirmed COVID-19 death toll to 18,154 since the start of the pandemic, while its confirmed caseload rose to more than 749,000.

- There were more than 600 people reported hospitalized because of confirmed cases of COVID-19, with more than 160 in intensive care units.

- The average age of those who have died from COVID-19 was 73.

- The true number of cases is likely higher because studies suggest some people can be infected and not feel sick.

- More than 4.6 million people in Massachusetts have been fully immunized against COVID-19.

Jones votes against House vaccine mandate

By MATT MURPHY
State House News Service

BOSTON — The House voted to require all members and staff to be fully vaccinated if they want to work out of the State House, agreeing to strict new COVID-19 health protocols that will put it mostly in line with the Senate and Gov. Charlie Baker's policies on employee vaccination.

The measure, voted last Wednesday, Sept. 23 (after press time) is intended to be the first step toward reopening the State House to all legislators, staff and eventually lobbyists, advocates and the general public.

The 131-28 vote came after about two hours of debate during which Democratic leaders in the House described the vaccine mandate as an "essential step to protecting the health of legislators and the more than 450 employees who work in the House."

"As an employer, we have a duty to our employees to maintain a workplace free of recognized hazards, including COVID-19," said Rep. William Galvin, chair of the House Rules Committee.

Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante, who is fighting pancreatic cancer, also made a personal plea, describing herself as "deeply disappointed" that some of her colleagues would value "political showmanship" over her health.

But Republicans were almost unanimous in their opposition to the new rules, describing them as hastily put together and lacking in detail. House Minority Leader Brad Jones said the plan specifically lacked clear metrics for how the House would move through the four proposed phases of reopening, or the details of a new universal mask policy.

"How will we handle those who refuse to get vaccinated? How will it be enforced?" Jones asked.

Rep. Michael Soter, a Bellingham Republican, said he was immunocompromised like Ferrante and understood her predicament, but he said "punishment over education" was the wrong approach. Instead of threatening to take away State House access, Soter suggested House leaders educate employees on the efficacy of the vaccine.

Rep. Sheila Harrington of Groton

was the only House Republican to support the rules.

House Working Group on COVID-19 created

Many of the details, including the deadline to be vaccinated, must now be established by a new House Working Group on COVID-19, which was also created by the order adopted on Sept. 23. The working group is expected to mirror the make-up of the panel that developed the House reopening strategy, and Speaker Pro Tempore Kate Hogan said the expectation is that the deadline to show proof of vaccination will be Nov. 1.

Hogan, who will lead the new working group, also said masks will be required in all House-controlled spaces in the State House, including offices, and that accommodations will be available for anyone with a medical issue or sincerely held religious belief preventing them from being vaccinated.

The vote also declared a COVID-19 state of emergency in the House, triggering a set of rules that would allow any member, including those who don't want to get vaccinated or show proof of vaccination, to continue to vote and participate in House business remotely.

Jones: "Too much power" given to working group

Jones said the House was giving this working group, which does not meet publicly, too much power, and Rep. Kim Ferguson, the only Republican to serve on the reopening group, said the order lacked clarity.

"I want to get behind a good reopening plan," Ferguson said. "What we have before us here is a vague document with no clear parameters. We have a document that gives the eight members of the working group the ultimate final say of all future policy on COVID-19 in the House, and that concerns me."

Hogan, Rep. William Driscoll and other Democrats who helped develop the plan defended the efforts of the reopening working group, noting that Republicans had a chance to weigh in earlier in the process or file amendments.

Despite Republican opposition to the order, only five amendments were filed, all by Democrats. Some

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Around the Schoolyard

By Cynthia Conant, Director of Student Services

Welcome to Student Services

Welcome back to the 2021-22 school year! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the team in the Student Services Office, as well as provide some guidance to families on whom to contact with concerns that are handled in our department. It is my hope that this will help facilitate collaborative communication, and assist you in addressing questions and concerns in a more efficient manner.

The Office of Student Services is responsible for oversight in the following departments: special education/504, guidance counselors and related services, nursing, and coordinating educational services for homeless students. Your building-based staff should always serve as your first point of contact as these individuals work directly with your child. For example, if you have a special education/504 question, you would contact your child's building-based liaison; if you have a medical question, you would contact the building nurse. Similarly, if you have a question re-

lated to counseling, you would start with the building-based counselor. If you have a safety concern, or other related type of question, you would contact the building principal.

We learned last year, through our collaboration with the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), that there were questions from parents in the community regarding who serves as the special education liaison. As a result of learning this information, this year liaisons across the district emailed their assigned families to identify themselves in this role so it will be clear where families should be directing their questions and concerns. Our collaboration with the SEPAC often helps us to better understand the questions and/or concerns that parents have, and this helps us to improve our communication and sharing of information.

As we work with various stakeholders in the student services department, we have members of the team who serve as points of contact for each of these areas.

The following team members are leaders within the department who can be contacted if you are not able to resolve your question or concern after consulting with the building-based staff.

- Mrs. Gina Sacco: Assistant Director of Special Education, District
- Mrs. Allison Oduaran: Secondary Coordinator of Special Education, Middle School and High School
- Mr. Michael Rosa: Coordinator of School Counselors, District
- Mrs. Coleen Reska: Lead Nurse, District

It is important to our team that as a parent you know where to bring concerns or questions as it relates to your child's educational experience. This is especially important in light of the current pandemic, and the implications and challenges this has created in education.

It is our hope that through this collaboration we can work together to ensure questions and concerns are addressed efficiently to ensure a positive learning experience for your child.

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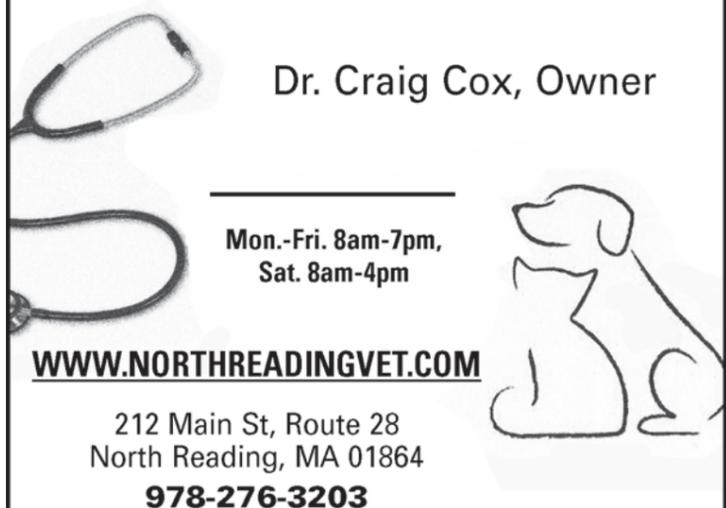
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Linden Tree Coffeehouse welcomes Alastair Moock Oct. 9

WAKEFIELD — The Linden Tree Coffeehouse, along with the Ivy Chord Coffeehouse, will continue its 37th season of acoustic music concerts with a new hybrid format featuring singer-songwriter Alastair Moock on Saturday, Oct. 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Boston Globe called Moock “one of the town’s best and most adventurous songwriters” and The Washington Post said, “Every song is a gem.”

Moock, a Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, has made a name for himself on the folk and Americana circuit, touring throughout the U.S. and Europe and playing renowned events like the Newport Folk Festival. When Moock’s twins were born in 2006, he turned his focus to children’s music and released five award-winning albums for kids and families, including a 2013 Grammy nomination, three Parents’ Choice Gold Medals and ASCAP’s coveted Joe Raposo Chil-

dren’s Music Award.

In 2016, Moock returned to “grownup music” when he released a new self-titled album produced by Mark Erelli with the end result of 11 shimmering new tracks that evoke a wide breadth of American musical textures – early Nashville, country blues, Western swing and a tinge of gospel that featured an intimate storyteller’s approach at which Moock excels. On the album’s release, Rich Warren of the nationally syndicated “Midnight Special” proclaimed, “Moock reemerges as the best new, old singer-songwriter on the scene.”

Moock is now performing shows for adults, kids and everyone in between. Like the folk and blues heroes to whom he often pays tribute in his shows – Woody Guthrie, Lead Belly, Mississippi John Hurt and Pete Seeger – Moock makes little distinction between his audiences.

“Music is music, people are people,” said Moock. “I just want to tell

stories.”

Due to COVID restrictions, Linden Tree Coffeehouse spokeswoman Liz Freeman said, “a limited number of interested folks will be invited to be part of the in-person audience.”

“Viewers can tune in to watch on Linden Tree’s shows with easy clicks to the concerts found on our webpage for YouTube and Facebook,” said Freeman. “We hope that those watching will donate to the Linden Tree performers. When not able to get to live gigs, they still need to pay rent and other living expenses. Our usual at-the-door admission is \$20 per person thanks to partial support from Wakefield’s Art Council of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Ivy Chord Coffeehouse in Reading.”

Freeman noted that Linden Tree’s previous streaming shows are still available for viewing on YouTube and on its Facebook page.

“Enjoy the show and pay what you are able,” said Freeman. “There

will be a link to PayPal or checks may be mailed to Linden Tree Coffeehouse, 8 Dexter Lane, Wakefield, MA 01880 (note artist’s name in memo line). For more information

about the Linden Tree Coffeehouse check out Linden Tree’s Facebook and webpage at LindenTreeCoffeehouse.org or call 781-246-2836.”

Free first-time homebuyers webinar by TSB

WAKEFIELD — The Savings Bank (TSB) is offering a free online webinar for first-time homebuyers on Thursday, October 14 from 7 - 9:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

TSB welcomes you, your family and your friends to join them virtually for a free and informational presentation and discussion with local area experts. Presenters will be available for questions during the webinar.

The Savings Bank will take an additional \$100 off on top of their already reduced closing costs for first-time homebuyers, for any attendee.

Please go to <https://conta.cc/3m4lKe5> to register.

TSB has a local branch at 6 Washington St., North Reading.

Town flu, Covid-19 vaccine and booster clinics in October

NORTH READING — The town of North Reading Health Department is hosting influenza and COVID-19 vaccination and booster clinics during the month of October.

Clinic dates are subject to change due to vaccine availability and are scheduled for the following dates at North Reading Town Hall, 235 North St.:

- Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Flu vaccine will be available for those ages 3 and up while

COVID-19 vaccines will be available for those ages 12 and up.

Third-dose COVID vaccines will be available for immunocompromised residents at least 28 days after their last dose of an mRNA vaccine.

Pfizer and Moderna third-dose boosters will be available at the clinic pending FDA/CDC guidance and eligibility at the time of clinic.

To register, go to the following link: appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2180061935?schedule=northreadingfluandcovid19.

After registering you will receive an email with a link to the consent form for vaccination. Please fill out,

print and bring the form to the clinic for your vaccination.

For children under the age of 18 a parent does not need to be present, but the child must bring a consent form signed by a parent/guardian to receive a vaccine.

Please bring your medical insurance and COVID-19 vaccination cards to the clinic. COVID vaccines are free for all regardless of insurance coverage.

Flu vaccines are covered at no charge by most insurance. To determine eligibility to receive a flu shot at no charge insurance cards must be presented at the time of the clinic.

Uninsured/underinsured residents can get the flu vaccine at a discounted rate of \$47 for regular vaccine and \$80 for the high dose/adjuvanted vaccine for those age 65 or older.

North Reading residents may also get an influenza, COVID-19 and COVID-19 booster shots at the following North Reading pharmacies:

- CVS Pharmacy, 18 Main St.
- Walmart, 72 Main St.
- Walgreens, 158 Main St.

All registration forms will be available at all clinic sites and online at the following link: <https://vaxinaterx.com/forms>.

NRYP registration, travel team tryout dates

NORTH READING — Fall registration for North Reading Youth Basketball continues online at NRYP.net. The program is open to boys and girls in the first through eighth grades and the league sponsors both in-town and travel teams. In-town teams practice once a week and play one game a week.

The registration fee is \$175 per individual with a \$370 cap per family; first- and second-grade players’ fee is \$120. Travel teams are not picked in advance. Players must earn a spot.

Boys travel team tryout dates are as follows:

- 8th grade boys – Tuesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. at the High School gym

- 7th grade boys – Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m. at the High School gym

- 6th grade boys – Friday, October 1 at 7 p.m. at the High School gym

- 5th grade boys – Friday, October 15 at 7 p.m. at the High School gym

- 4th grade boys – Tuesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. at the High School gym

Coaches are needed in all age groups; individuals wishing to volunteer prior to registration should contact Bob Ramsdell at 978-505-8891 for the boys’ program. Early sign-ups are encouraged by the Board of Directors, as registration will be limited. Numbered shirts should be worn to all tryouts.

NRRTC to honor soldiers who served in Afghanistan War

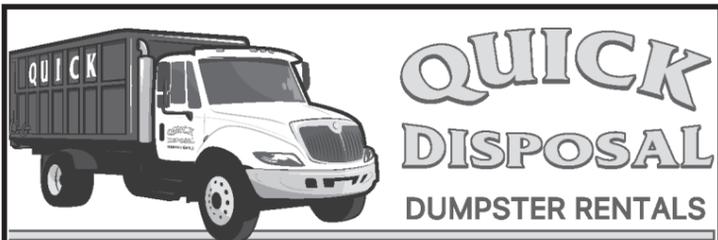
NORTH READING — On Tuesday, October 5, the North Reading Republican Town Committee (NRRTC) will honor those who served and survived their wounds in the Afghanistan War along with those who have died in service to our

beloved America. The meeting will be held at the North Reading Rifle Club, 242 Central Street, at 7 p.m.

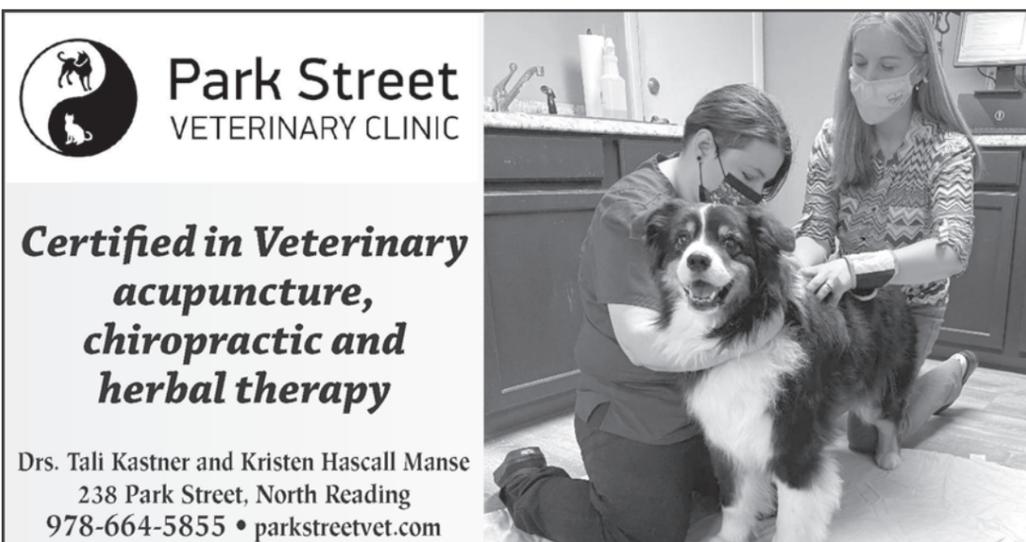
“It is important for the people of North Reading to hear the perspective of those who have been directly affected by the abrupt withdrawal from Afghanistan,” stated Jeff Yull, Chairman of the NRRTC.

Other topics will include, but not be limited to, the benefits of registering as a Republican, the MassGOP initiatives drive; Voter ID, Newborn Protection, and the Mass. Fiscal Alliance Transportation Climate ‘Recall’ Initiative, he said.

“These are issues that affect all North Reading families, your children, senior citizens, and small local businesses. Come, listen and learn; become informed,” added Yull.



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Police keep the peace during landlord-tenant dispute

NORTH READING — A Lakeside Boulevard property owner requested police assistance in dealing with a renter at 10:58 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 13. According to police, the landlord was fighting with the tenant over past due rent as well as the tenant's move-out date. A police officer kept the peace during the dispute, which was civil, not criminal, in nature.



A Martins Landing woman was targeted in the ongoing gift card scam on Friday, Sept. 17.

The woman came into the police station at 7:02 p.m. to report the scam attempt. She told police that she received a pop up message on her computer that indicated it got a virus. The message also instructed her that she had to grant remote access to a scammer, and she had to go to Walmart to purchase \$500 worth of gift cards to pay the unknown individual. She did not do as instructed by the scammer and therefore did not lose any money.

Police and firefighters went to Ipswich River Park at 10:52 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19 after a child got stuck in a swing.

Firefighters were able to free the child, and police informed the Parks Dept. that the swing needed repaired.

Police also responded to the following calls:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

While conducting patrols of Ocean State Job Lot at 5:45 a.m. a police officer came across trash bags that appeared to contain hazardous waste.

Police went to Gordon Road at 6:15 a.m. after a tree fell into the middle of the street. A private tree company removed it and RMLD repaired utilities that were damaged after it fell down.

Police were given a missing wallet found on Lowell Road at 3:33 p.m. The wallet belonged to a Martins Landing resident who was in Florida at the time. His daughter picked it up at the station.

A caller reported at 6:11 p.m. that a large red metal object was creating a hazard on Elm Street by the Thomson Country Club. A police officer moved the object to the side of the road. It was later retrieved by the DPW.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Police moved along a tree company truck that was blocking a lane on Burroughs Road at 12:44 p.m.

Police responded to a motor vehicle accident at 156 North St. at 2:24 p.m. Two cars were towed from the scene.

A Wilmington resident informed police at 7:30 p.m. that he believed

A caller told police at 1:40 p.m. that overgrown brush was creating a hazard on Flint Street. The DPW was notified.

Police assisted a Lynn man whose car broke down in front of Eastgate Liquors, 20 Main St., at 4:34 p.m. The car was towed.

A caller told police that a mechanic was working in a Main Street garage after hours at 9:28 p.m. A police officer spoke with the mechanic, who was getting ready to leave, about the complaint and the restrictions placed on the business.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

A disabled motor vehicle was reported on Park Street at 8:31 a.m. AAA towed it.

Unemployment fraud was reported by a Laurel Road resident at 9:21 a.m. He reported the incident to the state in addition to police.

A Hickory Lane resident told police at 12:28 p.m. that a man in a white van knocked on his front door and said he was there to spray his lawn.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

A Wells, Maine woman informed police at 4:05 a.m. that she struck a deer on Central Street. The deer fled into the woods after it was hit. Police estimated that the damage to her vehicle was valued under \$1,000.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Police went to Walmart's parking lot, 72 Main St., at 3:06 a.m. after a Wellesley man said two men dressed in black allegedly threw rocks at his car. The men fled the scene on foot, and police were unable to locate them.

In partnership with the community, the North Reading Police Department offers an anonymous crime and drug tip line. Call 978-357-5151, download the free P3 Tips (blue) app, submit a tip at www.nrpdp.org or use the NRPS app and click "anonymous tip." All information is kept strictly confidential. For emergencies, call 911.

he lost his wallet at Christopher's Market, 6 Washington St.

Police responded to a minor motor vehicle accident near The Dancing School, 276 Park St., at 7:40 p.m. There were no injuries.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

A caller informed police at 1:28 p.m. that a dog was locked in a pickup truck parked at Kitty's. According to police, the truck's windows were a third of the way down and the dog was not in distress. Police also informed the dog's owner about the complaint.

Police went to an Elm Street property at 3 p.m. after the owner reported a man was removing construction materials that were scrap. Police spoke with the man, who stated that subcontractors allegedly told him he was allowed to take scrap wood that he could use for fire wood. Police told him about the property owner's complaint about the removal.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

A Central Street resident informed police at 7:38 a.m. that her son lost his iPhone at Stop & Shop on Sept. 14. She wanted the information logged in case someone turned it in.

Police went to The Jewelry Vault, 4 Lowell Rd., after receiving a report of a suspicious man who asked to enter the store and use the phone at 9:20 a.m. Police spoke with the man, who stated he was trying to connect his phone to a Wi-Fi hotspot so he could find his job location in Andover. According to police, the man checked out okay.

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Fire Dept. Log



NORTH READING — During the week of Sunday, Sept. 19 through Saturday, Sept. 25, the North Reading Fire Department responded to 45 calls.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:51 a.m., 15 Central St., extrication, rescue, other; 12:02 p.m., 2 Elm St., EMS call, transport person basic life support (BLS).

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:49 a.m., 48 Lowell Rd., EMS call, investigate; 1:08 p.m., 400 Riverpark Dr., EMS call, transport person advance life support (ALS); 7:04 p.m., 134 North St., Royal Meadowview, EMS call, transport person BLS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:58 a.m., 60 West Prescott St., Westford, hazardous condition, other, Hazmat detection, monitoring, sampling and analysis; 10:35 a.m., Park Street, motor vehicle accident, provide first aid and check for injuries; 11:52 a.m., 400 Riverpark Dr.,

smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional; 2:08 p.m., 35 Peabody Ct., public service; 6:28 p.m., 152 Park St. (Fire Station), walk-in: ring or jewelry removal; 8:45 p.m., 9 Gould St., North Andover, EMS call, transport person ALS.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:10 a.m., 55 Concord St., Unit 111, EMS call, transport person BLS; 10:55 a.m., 56 Brassie Way, alarm system sounded due to malfunction; 12:56 p.m., 9 Lindor Rd., water or steam leak; 2:35 p.m., 197 Main St., alarm system sounded due to malfunction; 5:23 p.m., 4 Lake St., Middleton, cover assignment, stand by, move up; 10:13 p.m., 134 North St., Royal Meadowview, EMS call, transport person ALS.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:51 a.m., 126 Forest St., Unit A, Middleton, EMS call, transport per-

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Cultural Council accepting grant applications, survey responses

NORTH READING — The North Reading Cultural Council, a group comprised of committee members that aim to enhance, elevate, and enrich cultural life within the community, will be awarding funds to local groups and organizations for the 2022 Fiscal Year in October.

The NRCC funds projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences that expand access to cultural activities and events happening locally. The NRCC has received \$7,200 in funds to award in FY22, and the deadline to apply is Friday, October 15; those applying for a grant can visit <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/> to learn more about the process, or visit <https://massculturalcouncil.org/documents/lccguidelines.pdf?x48884> to learn about program eligibility, types of grants, and criteria. Users must click the “register” button to create a login and access the application via https://massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp

The NRCC has also created a brief survey to assess the town’s funding priorities over the next few years. To participate in the survey, visit: <https://bit.ly/3APucUP>

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decided to switch gears in 2014 to walk for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, which is how her team Toss Out Cancer was launched.

The Jimmy Fund Walk functions to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute – Boston’s cutting-edge cancer treatment and research establishment and a leader in cancer research in the nation.

The *Walk Your Way* event in which DiGiantommaso’s team is participating has raised more than \$150 million for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 30-plus year history.

Virtual walk throughout town

When the Jimmy Fund Walk became virtual last year due to the pandemic, DiGiantommaso’s team walked the streets of North Reading in lieu of the traditional Boston Marathon route. Half of her team walked 13 miles, while the other half completed the entire 26-mile journey.

“We walked the streets of North Reading starting at my house, winding through neighborhoods, passing the North Reading Food Pantry, walking up and around the Batchelder School, around the North Reading High School track and back to our starting point,” DiGiantommaso recalled.

Even though the 13-milers and 26-milers endured a temporary separation, all of last year’s walkers came together again at team member Tyler Collins’s home, where his parents, Katrina and Scott Collins, had recreated a finish line.

“They created this huge balloon arch with all the Jimmy Fund colors just like the one we would have crossed in Boston, and it was truly amazing!” DiGiantommaso said.

This year marks Toss Out Cancer’s seventh year of participation in the Jimmy Fund Walk, and seven North Reading residents, including DiGiantommaso, are set to represent the team this Sunday. In town, DiGiantommaso will be joined by her sister, Christine O’Toole, as well as Kathy McGreal, Penny Esposito, Sheri Burgholzer, Colleen Kelleher, and Tyler Collins.

Four individuals from other towns will be representing team Toss Out Cancer as well, she said.

According to the team’s fundraising page, each member of Toss Out Cancer walks for a personal reason – whether it’s in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone currently battling the disease.

First year as a designated “Walk Hero”

This year’s event is also a special one for DiGiantommaso as she was asked to be part of the Hero Program and help inspire her teammates to raise critical funds for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber.

In the past, when the Jimmy Fund Walk took place in Boston, Walk Heroes were acknowledged at each mile marker along the marathon route. Now that the event is continuing in a virtual fashion, there was a “Virtual Hero Unveil” during the Jimmy Fund September Walk Town Hall

on Sept. 22, and a Jimmy Fund Celebration Broadcast on Sept. 26 when listeners heard from patients, doctors, and fellow walkers about their efforts to walk together as a community in the continuing fight against all forms of the disease.

When asked how it felt to receive this Walk Hero acknowledgment, DiGiantommaso responded with humility and gratitude.

“I don’t think that I’m a hero but I’m honored to be chosen. Our team is amazing and they have always put so much effort into fundraising, and they are my heroes,” she reflected.

Hope to raise \$17,000

Amazingly, team Toss Out Cancer has already surpassed their original goal of raising \$15,000 for the Jimmy Fund Walk and recently bumped their goal up to \$17,000. Donations are always encouraged and appreciated. Those who are able and willing to make a contribution to the team can visit the Toss Out Cancer fundraising page at <http://dana-farber.jimmyfund.org/goto/tossoutcancer>.

The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002. To register to walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call 1-866-531-9255. All Jimmy Fund Walk participants are invited to utilize the Charity Miles App to help with both training and fundraising as well as engage with Dana-Farber patient stories and podcasts.

Less than a half-day’s supply of Type O blood available to hospitals

MEDFORD — The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood and platelet shortage and must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week over the next month for the blood supply to recover and meet hospital and patient needs.

Donors of all blood types – especially Type O and platelet donors – are urged to make an appointment to give now or in the weeks ahead to overcome this current shortage.

Blood donor turnout has reached the lowest levels of the year as many delayed giving amid a return to the workplace and in-person learning, as well as a recent surge in COVID-19 cases across the country due to the Delta variant. As cases spiked in August, blood donor participation decreased about 10%, but blood product distributions to hospitals have remained strong, significantly outpacing blood donations in recent weeks.

Historically low inventory levels

The national Red Cross blood inventory is the lowest it’s been at this time of year since 2015, with less than a day’s supply of certain blood types in recent weeks. The supply of Types O positive and O negative blood – the most needed blood types by hospitals – dropped to less than a half-day supply at times over the last month which is well below the ideal five-day supply.

To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank you, all those who come to donate through Sept. 30 will receive a limited-edition football-inspired T-shirt, while supplies last, plus a coupon for a free haircut via email from Sport Clips Haircuts.

All those who come to donate in October will receive a link by email to claim a free Zaxby’s Signature Sandwich reward or a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.

Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Blood drives Sept. 27 - Oct. 15

Andover
10/3: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St.

North Andover
10/13: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., North Andover Masonic Lodge, 19 Johnson St.

Reading
10/8: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn St.

Wakefield
10/1: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Wakefield Masonic Building, 370 Salem St.

10/4: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Crystal Community Club, 77 Preston St.

Wilmington
10/14/2021: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Congregational Church, 220 Middlesex Ave.

Tewksbury
10/1/2021: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Masonic Hall, 70 Victor Dr.

10/9: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Masonic Hall, 70 Victor Dr.

Peabody

10/5: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bridgewell, 10 Dearborn Rd.

Danvers
9/30: 1 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Ctr., 99 Rosewood Dr.

10/1 to 10/3: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Center, 99 Rosewood Dr.

10/4 to 10/7: 1 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Center, 99 Rosewood Dr.

10/8 to 10/10: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Center, 99 Rosewood Dr.

10/11 to 10/14: 1 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Center, 99 Rosewood Dr.

10/15: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Center, 99 Rosewood Dr.

10/15: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Amity Mosaic Lodge, 30 High Street

Lynn
9/30 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Greater Lynn YMCA, 40 Neptune Blvd.

Salem
9/30: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Mayor Jean A Levesque Community Life Center, 401 Bridge St.

10/6: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Salem State Univ Campus Center Veteran’s Hall, 352 Lafayette St.

10/8: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Mayor Jean A Levesque Community Life Center, 401 Bridge Street

Burlington
10/5: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Anchor Health, 67 South Bedford St.

10/5: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Burlington American Legion Post, 162 Winn St.

10/7: 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Burlington American Legion Post, 162 Winn St.

10/11: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Burlington Church of Christ, 344 Cambridge St.

10/12: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Burlington American Legion Post, 162 Winn St.

10/15: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, 41 Mall Rd.

Medford
10/5: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Station Landing Red Cross, 101 Station Landing, Suite 510

10/12: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Station Landing Red Cross, 101 Station Landing, Suite 510

Winchester
10/6: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., The Jenks Center, 109 Skillings Rd.

Billerica
10/10: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Billerica Town Hall, 365 Boston Rd.(Route 3A)

North Billerica
10/5 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Solomon Post 8819, 12 Phiney St.

Lowell: 10/8 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 79 Dutton St.

10/13 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 79 Dutton St.

Cambridge
10/9: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Reservoir Church, 170 Rindge Ave.

10/14: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harvard University, 52 Oxford St.

East Cambridge
10/8: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Cambridge-Side, 100 CambridgeSide Place

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.



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Over \$50,000 raised in Jimmy Fund Horseshoe Grille Golf Tourney

NORTH READING — The 36th Annual Jimmy Fund Horseshoe Grille Golf Tournament was a huge success. The Hillview golf course was in great shape thanks to Golf Pro Chris Carter and his staff, which led to some low scores.

Close to full field of players enjoyed the great weather, excellent course conditions and post-tournament celebration.

Thanks to a very generous donation from the Adam Family Trust, this year's total topped \$50,000.

"A big thank you goes out to our generous sponsors. Please consider patronizing the businesses listed on the adjoining page. These people have given donations for up to decades supporting the Jimmy Fund," said Pat Lee owner of the Horseshoe Grille.

This year's donation will be split up between the Jimmy Fund and the Burbank YMCA. The Jimmy Fund portion will be dedicated to 16-month-old Freddie Kuehnel, a young boy battling a rare form of cancer called JMML.

"Our young hero is currently at home recuperating well from his recent transplant. His grandparents and parents are from North Reading and we were happy to be able to help him through our Jimmy Fund tournament," Lee added.

In addition to the decades-long support from numerous sponsors, many of the golfers have also participated in Horseshoe Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament for decades.

"They were very generous in our fund-raising efforts on and off the course," said Lee, who gratefully acknowledged their continued support.

Golf Tournament winning groups

This year's top three winning groups were as follows:

- First place at minus 11: the foursome of Kevin Bridges, John Bridges, Kyle Donovan and Matt Pisapia.

- Second place at minus 10: Hornets Dave Lee, Scott Ellis, Tim Haynes and their ace, Kevin Brennan (a perfect example of what retirement can do for your game!).

- Third place: the team of Anthony Martignetti, Tieg Bean, Dan Hettler and Morgan Blum.

Individual winners

- Longest Drive Men's Division: Chris Hayter (cranking one out there for Freddie)

- Longest Drive Women's Division: Jill Heinstrom.

- Straightest Drive Women's Division: Jill Heinstrom.

- Straightest Drive Men's Division: Anthony Fuccillo.



Freddie's Team rocks! THE FOURSOME of (l-r): Roger Batchelder, Chuck Hayter, Ross Batchelder and Chris Hayter dedicated their golf game to Freddie Kuehnel, 16-month-old son of Paul and Caroline Kuehnel, who was diagnosed with JMML and is recuperating at home. (Kathi Lee Photo)

Anderson, Erin Anderson, Andy Pat Lee added.

- Closest To The Pin: Kevin Lambie, Jackie Arsenault, Kim McKenna, Penni Mullarky and Carol Marenholz.

A successful day could not be achieved without a great team of volunteers: Kevin Lee, Brian T.F. Lee, Brian Lee, Kathi Lee, Donna

Anderson, Erin Anderson, Andy Pat Lee added. The Lee family plans to keep the tradition going with the 37th Annual Jimmy Fund Horseshoe Grille Golf Tournament on June 20, 2022, so be sure to save the date!

"It was a welcome relief to get back to normal after the COVID-adjusted format of 2020,"

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Hornets move to 3-0 with 20-0 win over Pentucket

NORTH READING — In stark contrast to the first two weeks of the football season, which featured the North Reading Hornets steamrolling a pair of struggling non-league opponents, Cape Ann League foe Pentucket paid a visit Friday night and as advertised, proved to be a worthy adversary.

Where North Reading required only 16 offensive plays to defeat Greater Lawrence in Week two, Pentucket did an admirable job keeping the Hornets at bay, at least until senior Ryan McCullough returned a punt 43-yards for a go-ahead TD. That tally, which is fast becoming the senior wide receiver's trademark, would be all the Hornets would need to eventually lock up a 20-0 win and improve to 3-0 (CAL, 1-0)

North Reading's offense added a pair of second half scores, one off a takeaway, while the punishing Hornet defense held Pentucket to 53-yards rushing, handing them their first loss (2-1).

"Cape Ann teams are well-coached and they're tough," said North Reading head coach Ed Blum. "And Pentucket is exactly that. They had some good drives but our defense battled."

Battling was Hornet junior Anthony Pino, who is an imposing figure in the middle of the defensive line. Lacking a prolific tailback, Pentucket executed a game plan that featured QB Chase Dwight running, time and again, into the strength of the defense. Equal in size with the burly Pino, Dwight was nonetheless frequently stopped in his tracks.

"Anthony Pino has been a beast



THE HORNET sideline celebrates Ryan McCullough's 43-yard punt return TD against Pentucket on Friday night. (Adele Vittozzi Photo)

for us," said Blum. "He has been working hard ever since the summer. He made the commitment and you see in the way he plays that he is getting more and more confident. He is a dominant force on the defensive line."

Pino was asked to explain the secret of his success. A man of few words, he said, "I just have to stay low, keep working and keep driving forward."

North Reading won the opening possession and began their first offensive series from the 17. Eleven plays and 74-yards later, they relinquished the ball on downs, unable to complete a 4th-and-5 pass inside the red zone.

Pentucket, quickly three-and-out, set up to punt and hand the Hornets what would likely be a short field. Instead, it was McCullough taking it for a ride and a 7-0 lead.

Pentucket, which is still in search of a team mascot after recently retiring the Sachems moniker, nearly answered as the first half wound down. Mired on their own 7 to

start, Dwight found favorite receiver Johnny Igoe in North Reading territory with a 41-yarder. After several rushes, Dwight exploited the secondary for three straight completions, including a 14-yarder to Che Condon, marking the first Pentucket trip to the red zone. The Hornets shored up the coverage, as well as the pass rush, forcing inaccurate throws. A 4th-and-10 Dwight toss had potential but was foiled when McCullough and Matt Guidebeck combined to break up the play.

Pentucket started the second half by marching from their own 20 to the North Reading 32 on eight plays. Dwight was again throwing well but his one wayward pass of the night proved costly as Hornet senior Aidan Smith came down with the ball in a crowd and returned it to the 1. On the next play, sophomore



ANTHONY PINO (79) set the tone on the defensive line for the NR defense who shut out visiting Pentucket 20-0 on Friday night. Also in on the tackle is Aidan Smith (17) who later had an interception that he returned to the 1-yard line to set up a TD. (Adele Vittozzi Photo)

tailback Will Batten polished off the gift to add insurance, 14-0.

"Aidan is one of our best practice players," said Blum, when asked about Smith's pickoff which changed the complexion of the game. "Plays like that, we practice all the time and you're just hoping that come game day, they make the play. Aidan did exactly that. It represented such a big momentum shift after Pentucket drove it to the red zone."

Early in the final frame, QB Alex Carucci leaned in from the 1-yard-line to wrap up the scoring, 20-0. McCullough contributed with a 32-yarder on the ground, coupled with junior Craig Rubino, who had key rushes along with a 10-yard reception to add to his five catches on

the night.

The North Reading defense would have the final say, dismantling a Pentucket red zone threat in the waning minutes. Linebacker Sam Morelli wrapped up Dwight on a last ditch attempt to snap the shutout.

"We're going on the road now for three straight and to face three tough teams – Ipswich, Amesbury and Triton," outlined Blum. "Sometimes when you face adversity at home, you have the crowd to get your energy going. But with away games, you don't have that benefit and we may have to overcome adversity from within."

North Reading travels to face Ipswich Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Girls soccer beats Amesbury, ties Ipswich



THE HORNETS celebrate Bella Cannalonga's (1) goal against Ipswich. (Courtesy Photo)

By DAN NUNN

NORTH READING — Ellie Janasiewicz and Maddie DiNapoli scored two goals apiece to power the NRHS girls' soccer team past the Amesbury Indians 4-0 on September 15.

Janasiewicz got the scoring started in the 6th minute. The score remained 1-0 until the 30th minute when DiNapoli entered the score-sheet.

It looked like the half would end at 2-0 but with a little over two minutes

until the break, Janasiewicz struck again. In the 46th minute, DiNapoli ended the scoring spree.

The Hornets hosted their home opener on September 20 and earned a 2-2 draw with the Ipswich Tigers.

Sophomore Bella Cannalonga and Maddie DiNapoli scored for NRHS.

The Tigers struck first in the 9th minute but the lead proved to be short-lived as DiNapoli tied it up one minute later. In the 20th minute, Cannalonga got on the board to give

NRHS the lead. Unfortunately, in the 47th minute, Ipswich potted the tying tally to salvage a point.

The Hornets and Triton Vikings battled to a scoreless draw on Sept. 22. Jackie Magner and Maggie Schulz combined for their third shut-out of the season.

North Reading had an identical scoreless draw against Newburyport at home on Monday, bringing their record to 2-0-4 overall. They host Hamilton-Wenham on Thursday at 4:45 p.m.

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Hornets of the Week

Congratulations to the Hornets of the Week: seniors Annie MacLellan, Samantha Magner, Alyssa Demetri, juniors Kiera O's-terlind,

Kayla Budny and sophomore Maddy Vant. All members of the girls' varsity soccer team, this group playing defense for the Hornets has only allowed 3 goals in 6 games leading North Reading to a 2-0-4 start to the season in the CAL. Congratulations to Annie, Samantha, Alyssa, Kiera, Kayla, Maddy and all your teammates!



Boys' soccer rolls to 3-2-1 record



KIERNAN SCHULZ scored a hat trick to lead the Hornets 6-0 over Triton on Sept. 22. (File Photo)

By DAN NUNN

NORTH READING — The NRHS boys' soccer team got off the snide as they picked up their first victory of the young season on September 15th by a 2-0 margin over the Amesbury Indians. Brady Miller and senior captain Kiernan Schulz scored for NRHS.

Right off the opening kick-off, The Hornets started out hot; in the 6th minute freshman Max Gulino, in his first varsity start, got behind the defense on the left wing and slid a perfect pass across the face of the goal to Brady Miller who tapped in the goal.

In the 52nd minute, Junior defend-

er Liam Rodger placed a perfect free kick into the penalty area 40 yards from the Indians goal. Senior captain Kiernan Schulz beat the goalkeeper to the ball and volleyed home the final goal of the game. NR kept control of the ball and the game the rest of the way.

The NR defense played its best game of the year so far. Senior captains Cody Cannalunga and Landon Phillips led a back line that only allowed one shot on goal for the entire game.

Gulino and junior midfielder Jason

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Spikers fall to tough opponent

By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI

NORTH READING — The North Reading High volleyball team lost on Monday evening at home to Triton by a final score of 3-0. The Vikings won the three sets, 25-15, 25-17 and 29-27.

"We started out terrible and didn't wake up until the third set," acknowledged Hornets head coach Mike Milone.

The defeat was the sixth-straight as North Reading fell to 1-6 overall and in the Cape Ann League. Triton, meanwhile, improved to 4-4 overall and 3-4 in the CAL.

Senior captain, Rose Morelli had a team-high 11 digs and two service aces. Fellow senior Lily Joyce had six kills while junior captain Abby Gerber had a team-high 14 assists.

On Sept. 23, the Hornets lost, 3-0, at Ipswich. The Tigers won the three sets, 25-13, 25-17 and 25-13.

"They are the best all-around team we have played this year," said Milone. "They have one of the best hitters in the league."

Morelli led the team in digs with 12 and she also had a perfect receive rating. She also had one kill. Gerber led the squad in assists (six) and kills (four).

On Sept. 30, the Hornets look for the season sweep at Georgetown with that match starting at 5:30 pm. North Reading beat the Royals in the season opener back on Sept. 8 3-2 at home.

They then have a week off. Their next match is Oct. 7 home against non-league Marblehead, 6 pm.

Field hockey loses to Newburyport 4-1

By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI

NEWBURYPORT — On a rainy, windy day Tuesday afternoon, the North Reading High field hockey team lost at Newburyport 4-1. With the defeat, the Hornets record dipped to 2-4-1 overall and 1-4-1 in the Cape Ann League as they lost their third-consecutive game.

The Clippers, meanwhile, won their first game of the year as they went to 1-5-1 overall and 1-4 in the CAL.

Newburyport got off to a great start as they scored twice in the first quarter and once in the second for a commanding, 3-0, halftime advantage.

They then scored their fourth goal in the third quarter.

North Reading was able to avoid the shutout with 10:30 left in the game as sophomore Charlotte McLoughlin scored her first-varsity goal assisted by the team's top-point getter, Mary Majeski.

Emma Mini made six saves in net as her record fell to 2-4-1.

"We have to work on our fundamental skills," said Hornets head coach Andrea Slaven. "Our younger players are used to the 7-on-7 we played last year due to Covid. With it now being back to 11-on-11 we are

turning the ball over too much."

On Sept. 23, the Hornets lost at Triton, 2-0, in a night game as the Vikings had their Senior Night.

Triton scored their first goal off a corner with 11:44 left in the first quarter. Their other tally came with 12:39 left in the third quarter.

"We have to try to set a tone and be the team that scores early," pointed out Slaven. "We play well in pockets but we have to be able to put a full 60-minutes in."

Mini had eight stops in net that

game.

Slaven was pleased with the play of junior Karleigh Budny and sophomore Keely Hannon that game.

"They both did a good job of carrying and distributing the ball," said Slaven.

North Reading returns to action on Oct. 1 as they go to Hamilton-Wenham. They then welcome Triton trying to get a split of the season series on Oct. 5.

Both of those games will start at 4:30 p.m.

Hornet XC opens up new course with strong results

NORTH READING — The North Reading High School cross country teams ushered in a new era in team history as they ran their first official race on a new 5k course at Harold Parker State Forest on September 15 against Newburyport. The new course replaces the old 2.74 mile course and adds more of the trails in the forest to the course which will enhance the overall experience.

"We are really excited about the new route at Harold Parker," said Hornets Head Coach Ryan Spinney. "Our kids did some trail maintenance this summer to get the course ready

and that adds an extra layer of pride when we get to compete at home."

The Hornets opened their regular season campaign with a tough test as the Newburyport Clippers came to Harold Parker State Forest. The Clippers proved to be too strong and the Hornets fell 20-43 in the boys race and 19-44 in the girls race. Cross country has the lowest score winning based on the placement of the top 5 finishers for the team. A major bright spot for the Hornets was Senior Captain Aidan Nadeau who took home

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NRHS varsity sports schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Golf: at Lynnfield, 3 p.m.

Boys' Soccer: at Hamilton-Wenham, 4:30 p.m.

Girls' Soccer: vs. Hamilton-Wenham, 4:45 p.m.

Volleyball: at Georgetown, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Field Hockey: at Hamilton-Wenham, 4:30 p.m.

Football: at Ipswich, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

Boys' Soccer: at Austin Prep, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Girls' Soccer: at Triton, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' Soccer: vs. Triton, 4:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Golf: at Hamilton-Wenham, 3:30 p.m.

Field Hockey: vs. Triton, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Golf: vs. Rockport, 3:30 p.m.

Girls' Soccer: vs. Whittier Tech, 4:45 p.m.

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TRYOUTS

2022 TEAM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Tryouts to be held at the Hood School

Peter Cain's pastels on exhibit at Flint Memorial Library



SELF-PORTRAIT of Peter Cain in pastels is included in the exhibit of the artist's works at the library through October 30. (Cambia Davis Photo)



"THE DOOR" stands out among artist Peter Cain's many landscapes and still lifes in pastels on exhibit at the library now through October 30. (Cambia Davis Photo)

By CAMBIA DAVIS

NORTH READING — Peter Cain began his artistic endeavors after he retired from social work at age 76. His mother and aunt were artists, so he had exposure to art and art museums in New York City at an early age. His long-time dream to paint pictures was realized when he discovered the medium of pastels at a demo and classes with Jeanne Rosier Smith. Peter liked pastels because they are a direct medium: fingers use chalk to put color on paper, no brushes or solvent needed, no canvas has to be stretched. They are relatively non-toxic with minimal preparation and clean-up.

As for what to do with the pastels, Peter says that a lesson he took from his mother and aunt was that he should strive to be precise

and do it "just right." But he appreciates the philosophy of his teachers, Smith and Cindy Crimmin, to "relax and enjoy the art-making, that perfection is not the goal." He seems to have found a happy medium between precision and enjoyment.

Peter's pastels are on exhibit at the Flint Memorial Library now through the end of October. His striking portraits of himself,

his wife Marty and their son Joel all hang on the right-hand wall of the hallway leading to the Reading Room. They are not only good likenesses, they are lively and colorful.

There are many landscapes and still-lifes in the hallway and throughout the Reading Room. "The Door" stands out, with its John Singer Sargent-like shadows cast on a plain white wall. The light colors, minimal foliage and clear structural lines of walls and doorway draw the viewer in to explore the dark interior.

"Ipswich River, Late Winter" captures the light of early spring in the yellow tips of marsh grass, reflections in the glassy water and the pale blue of distant sky. Though fairly small, both of these pastels demonstrate skillful use of the medium. Perhaps in the future, Peter will stretch his talent to work in a larger format.

The Flint Memorial Library is open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Public hearing on subdivision at Chestnut and Flint Oct. 5

NORTH READING — The Community Planning Commission (CPC) will hold its next virtual meeting on Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 985 430 0926. For audio only call: 1-301-715-8592; for video: go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9854300926>. (Link on town website under calendar tab)

Meeting materials available at: <https://www.northreadingma.gov/community-planning/pages/meeting-materials>.

I. Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

II. Minutes

III. Business:

- Crestview Estates (39 Chestnut St. & Flint St.), 8 p.m.— Definitive Subdivision public hearing

IV. Other Business - Old & New

- Zoning Boards of Appeals
- Planning Administrator updates

V. Adjourn:

Pumpkin festival, chess, archery, ballet, and more at Parks & Rec.



COME OUT AND PLAY!

NORTH READING — North Reading Parks and Recreation has openings offering the following fall programs in ballet, archery and chess as well as the classic pumpkin decorating festival, an annual favorite event!

Please go online or give them a call for more information on these and other programs.

Parks and Rec encourages participation by children and adults of all abilities. Do you see a program of interest that is currently full? Add your name to the wait list and we will do our best to accommodate! If you do not have an account with Recreation but would like to receive emails, simply go online at www.northreadingma.gov/parks-recreation to create an account or give NRPR a call at 978-664-6016 and we will do it for you.

Creative Movement with NR School of Ballet

***New start date**

Ages: 3-5

Dates: Saturdays, *10/2 - 11/6

Times: 9 - 9:45 a.m.

Cost: \$60 / six weeks

Location: NRSB 52 Main St., Suite 210

Creative Movement is a joyful way for children to explore movement through music and dance. Your child will work on developing physical and social skills, channel energy, stimulate imagination, and creativity all while having fun and making new friends! NRSB is up to date with all State and local guidelines. Masks are required.

Suggested attire: leotard, tights and ballet slippers

Archery with OSA

Ages: 9-17

Dates: Thursdays, 10/7 - 11/4

Times: S(1) 3 - 4 p.m. S(2) 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Cost: \$130 / five weeks

Location: Town Hall Field, 235 North St.

Programs led by certified instructors from On Site Archery. Learn the fundamentals of target archery, including proper shooting form, range safety, range procedures, scoring and much more in a safe, relaxing, fun environment. All equipment provided!

Annual Pumpkin Festival

Ages: All ages welcome w/adult

Date: Friday, October 8

Times: S(1) 12 - 12:45 p.m.

S(2) 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

S(3) 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Cost: \$8

Location: Pavilion at Ipswich River Park, 15 Central St.

Join Parks & Recreation for a day of fall festivities. Kids will enjoy pumpkin decorating, fun games, crafts and more! If program gets rained out, each registrant can pick up their pumpkin and decorating kit at the P&R office between 10/12 and 10/15.

This year we're doing a smaller program with assigned time slots to help with social distancing.

Event generously sponsored by: Farrelly Realty Group.

***New* Chess Hero**

Ages: 7-13

Dates: Thursdays, 10/14 - 12/16

Time: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$170 / eight weeks

Location: Virtual

Taught by USCF Expert and Class A rated coaches with more than 20 years of experience in teaching and playing competitive chess! Lesson time will be set up to cover a different aspect of the game every week or two and based first and foremost around problem solving. Problem solving is the best way to study as this is the main skill you need as a chess player. Some of the other areas we will cover during the course are opening principles of the game, middle game planning, and positional play.

TOWN OF NORTH READING



SELECT BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, a Public Hearing will be held by the Select Board on **Monday, October 18, 2021 via virtual technology at 8:00 p.m.** on the application of Dos Lobos, LLC d/b/a/ Hopothecary Ale's Brewery & Kitchen for an Alteration of Premises for the Common Victualler/All Alcoholic Beverages License exercised at 303 Main Street, North Reading, Massachusetts. License to be exercised in an area of approximately 6,039 square feet in the interior with three season porch area, two bars, 6 means of egress, kitchen and storage on west side of the building; and approximately 977 square feet of outdoor patio area. The hearing may also potentially be held in person in Room 14, Town Hall, 235 North Street, North Reading, Massachusetts. Please refer to the calendar on the Town web site when the Select Board agenda for this meeting is posted for further information. The calendar may be found at the following address: <https://www.northreadingma.gov/node/166/events>

The virtual hearing may be accessed as follows:

Via the Internet:

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Parish of Christ Church

ANDOVER — The Parish of Christ Church is a welcoming 185-year-old Episcopal church located at 33 Central St. in Andover. During the pandemic, please check our website at www.christchurchandover.org for the most up-to-date information about our services.

We say, "All are welcome at God's table!"

We offer the service of Holy Eucharist every Sunday during our live-streamed 10 a.m. service on YouTube. To sign on go to: <https://bit.ly/2IOcr1O> The live-stream

begins by 9:50 a.m. to allow time for viewers to connect. The organ prelude begins at 9:55 a.m., and the service begins immediately following the prelude. The service is also available to view later. Visit our website to obtain the weekly service leaflet.

Christ Church Children's Center offers many flexible options for parents of preschoolers. The Andover Thrift Shop, located at 10 Park St. in downtown Andover, is a ministry of Christ Church that is open to the public.

Congregation Beth Israel

ANDOVER— Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) of the Merrimack Valley, located at 6 Dundee Park, Suite 301, Andover, is holding an Open House prior to the High Holy Days whenever it works for you. Your safety is important to us, so schedule a personalized in-person (safety precautions in place) or virtual visit at your convenience.

Rabbi Howard Mandell; Cantorial Soloist Mindy Harris; in-house musicians Bashert and Kol Nidre, cellist.

Contact Amy for more information and to schedule a visit: amy@BethIsraelMV.org or call 978-474-0540.

Shabbat Morning Services are held weekly at 9:30 a.m. Thursday Night Minyan is held every other week at 6:30 p.m. All services and social/educational events are currently being held virtually via Zoom.

Temple Emmanuel

WAKEFIELD — Rabbi Greg Hersh serves members of Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield, 120 Chestnut Street, a Jewish Reconstructionist Synagogue. Current information is available on the website: www.WakefieldTemple.org; by phone: 781-245-1886; or by email info@WakefieldTemple.org.

Virtual programs: Contact the temple to obtain the Zoom sign-in information for those programs and services being held via Zoom. Questions can be sent to Rabbi Greg Hersh or President Evan Pressman at 781-245-1886 or info@WakefieldTemple.org. Staying aware and vigilant with our health and well-being is para-

mount as we get through this together.

COVID-19: After the state of emergency is lifted, weekly Shabbat celebrations will be held on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The first and third Saturdays of the month include with Torah services; second Saturday is a Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Greg; fourth Saturday is a prayer-free alternative with Rabbi Greg.

Hebrew School: The temple's Hebrew School runs September to June. Classes with Rabbi Greg. Contact the temple for more information.

U.U. Church of Reading

READING — The Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading is located at 239 Woburn St., Reading. Rev. Hank Peirce, Minister. The church office can be reached at 781-944-0494 or visit the church website at www.uureading.org for more information.

All services will premiere at 10 a.m. on Sundays on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/UUChurchofReadingMA>

Please visit our website and subscribe to our newsletter for other events and fellowship opportunities.

All are welcome. Come, nurture your spirit.

Trinity Evangelical

NORTH READING — Trinity Evangelical Church is located at 105 Haverhill St., 978-664-2416; info@trinitynr.org; www.TrinityNR.org.

Trinity Sunday Worship Service: Join us this Sunday, September 26. Watch live at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. or anytime later on our Facebook page, YouTube channel or through our website, TrinityNR.org.

We also offer an in-person service at Trinity at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. each Sunday. All children's and youth activities will take place at the 10:45 a.m. service time. For more information, please email info@TrinityNR.org or call 978-664-2416.

Havurat Shalom

ANDOVER — Havurat Shalom is an open and welcoming Reconstructionist Jewish community congregation and a member of Welcoming Faiths of the Merrimack Valley. The Rabbi is Karen Landry, Temple President is Ben Kellman, the Chazzan is David Hastings, and the Musical Director Elliott Jacobowitz.

Havurat Shalom is a community of families committed to providing a Jewish identity and education for its members in a manner that is relevant to contemporary lives. It is an

inclusive community regardless of marital status, race, national origin, gender identity, economic condition, disability or sexual orientation and offers an environment that welcomes families of mixed heritage.

Families who have been, or are members of any other Jewish congregation, or have not recently or, in fact, ever, practiced Judaism in a structured way are also welcome. Havurat Shalom is a diverse and vibrant congregation focused on the spiritual and cultural development of its members.

Please refer to the website for updates at www.havuratshalom.org or by email: info@havuratshalom.org or by phone: 978-494-2042 for more information.

The temple offers Tot Shabbat and has active Tzedakah and Social Justice Committees. For membership information contact us at info@havuratshalom.org. For Hebrew School information contact Dena O'Neil at denasjoy@hotmail.com. For Sisterhood information, contact Gail Ellis at gailellis49@comcast.net.

International Family Church

NORTH READING — International Family Church (IFC), located at 99 Concord St. in North Reading, holds three Sunday services at 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Led by Pastor Jonathan DelTurco, IFC ministers to the entire family.

For more information on virtual church services during the COVID-19 pandemic please visit www.intlfamilychurch.com, call 978-276-6400 or email us at info@intlfamilychurch.com.

IFC is a community of people joined together with God and each other in a journey of discovery. Life is a team event. Our team is made stronger by our differences: we are a multi-cultural, cross-generational, economically diverse family doing life together. Everyone belongs.

Each week, it's our top priority that everyone feel welcomed, connected and loved.

IFC has something uniquely designed for everyone in your family. Kids World reaches our VIP attendees ages nursery through fifth grade with age-appropriate, engaging and fun classrooms and material.

Legacy Youth Center equips and empowers teenagers, covering all the current issues in methods relevant and effective for this next generation. IFC's Young Adults Group connects college and career-age individuals through exciting social events and powerful times of prayer and Bible study. Our Young at Heart ministry services the honored senior citizens of our congregation.

In addition to weekly services

and regular family events, IFC has over 70 life groups throughout the Greater Boston area. Whatever your age, stage of life or interests, there's something for you. Check out our directory at intlfamilychurch.com/lifegroups.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive to be hosted by the International Family Church will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Save time by scheduling your appointment to give blood or platelets in advance via any of the following methods: using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

NORTH READING — Aldersgate United Methodist Church is located at 235 Park St., Rte. 62, 978-664-2951 or www.aldersgateumcncr.org. The Pastor is Rachel Fisher. Worship starts at 10:30 a.m. September through June. Aldersgate is part of the Welcoming Faiths Network, which welcomes and fully includes the LGBTQ community.

Mission Statement: We are a community in pursuit of a deeper relationship with God in Christ through the ministries of warm fellowship, joyful worship, faith-filled discipleship, compassionate missions and enthusiastic outreach.

Joys and concerns prayer re-

quests: Please submit by Saturday at noon or any time by emailing aumcprays@gmail.com.

Sunday Worship — 8 a.m. emails will provide all links to worship, etc.; 10:30 a.m. online via the Facebook live-stream from the Aldersgate Facebook page. You are welcome to experience the broadcast from your home or live in person following all local and state guidelines. Your RSVP helps us keep required attendance records and ensure building occupancy.

Recurring events:

- Sundays 10:30 a.m.: Worship at the church and online
- Mondays and Wednesdays: 7 p.m.: Encouragement on FB live

with Pastor Rachel and Sam

- Mondays 8 p.m.: Virtual Connection Team 3 (Adam)
- Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.: Virtual Connection Team 4 (Shirley)
- Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.: Virtual Connection Team 2 (Beth)

Committee Meetings — via conference call or video/Zoom call on the church's new Zoom account.

Coffee Hour — 11:30 a.m.: Sunday Coffee Hour via video call or telephone. The Meeting ID number is # 417 295 695. To phone-in dial 1-646-558-8656. When prompted enter Meeting ID: 417 295 695 followed by the pound sign (#). We'll "go around the circle" to update how we are doing.

Church of the Good Shepherd

READING — Church of the Good Shepherd is a warm, welcoming, multi-generational Episcopal Church located at 95 Woburn Street in Reading. All are welcome to worship.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are live-streaming our Sunday Eucharist on Facebook at 10 a.m.: www.facebook.com/cgsreading/live/. The Sunday Bulletin is available on our parish website: www.GoodShepherdReading.org.

For those who do not have Facebook or have trouble finding the live

video on Sundays, you can go to our website and watch it there. Our Sunday service is also aired on RCTV and NORCAM. You can find the broadcast on the following channels: RCTV Studio (Reading): Comcast Channel 9, Verizon Channel 31, NORCAM (North Reading): Comcast Channel 8, Verizon Channel 26 and WCTV (Wilmington): Comcast Channel 99, Verizon Channel 39.

As we move through these uncertain times, it is important to remember that the Lord walks with us to protect us and lead us forward,

despite the challenges we face. It is essential that each of us take time every day to pray and ask for God's help. We are a strong community and will get through this together! Let us continue to pray for one another.

In service of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. Brian Raiche; Rector; Jane Farrar, Senior Warden; and Bob Newton Junior Warden. Contact: phone: 781-944-1572, website: www.goodshepherdreading.org, email: office@goodshepherdreading.org.

First Baptist of Reading

READING — The First Baptist Church of Reading is located at 45 Woburn St., 781-944-3876. Email: office@fbcreading.org. The Lead Pastor is Pastor Joseph Young. Rev. Lorrie Comeford is the associate pastor, Mr. Noah Thomas is the youth director and Mrs. Jessica Binns is the children's director. Our worship director is Dr. Kellie Tropeano.

Sunday worship: Live Stream Worship – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.; In-person worship – Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Facebook: fbcreading.org/facebook and YouTube: fbcreading.org/youtube.

Sign up Thursday through Saturday on our website at fbcreading.org or call the church office at 781-944-3876, press 1, and leave a message with your name, phone number and the number of attendees from your immediate family. Church office email: office@fbcreading.org.

Check our website for more information and what we have to offer virtually for our Children's Ministry, Youth Group, GriefShare, Hymn Sing, Small Group Bible Studies, Prayer meetings and more.

Grace Chapel

WILMINGTON — Grace Chapel of Wilmington is located at 128 West St. and is a non-denominational, multicultural church. The church is open weekly for in-person services every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. We also have an outdoor space set up for those who aren't yet ready to attend service indoors.

Online worship services are available every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and on demand after that on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/gracechapel>

Visit the website at <https://www.grace.org/wilmington/> to learn more about what the church has to offer.

Martins Pond Union Baptist Church

NORTH READING — Martins Pond Union Baptist Church is a small, family-centered church located at the corner of Main Street (Rte. 28) and 4 Cogswell Road. Pastor Kevin Mickel.

Sunday services begin with an Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. followed by our Worship Service at

10:30 a.m. We may be reached by telephone at 978-664-4926. Everyone welcome.

COVID-19 update

In an effort to encourage social distancing to slow down the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, please call in advance of any visits to the church.

Abundant Life Church

WILMINGTON — Abundant Life Church, a member of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC), is located at 173 Church St., Route 62, 978-658-8584. Pastor Ron Grimley. Visit www.ablfechurch.org or mail info@ablfechurch.org for further information.

Union Congregational Church

NORTH READING — The Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill Street, is a grace-filled, forward-looking community of faith where differences are embraced as a reflection of God's wisdom and grace. This Sunday we will gather to rejoice and follow the light...together during our 10 a.m. worship service. You can tune in or drive in to join us. The service will be live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel, NRUCC. Those who attend in person are asked to wear masks since children 12 and under still cannot be vaccinated.

Joys and concerns that you would like to have included in the Prayers of the Faithful can be emailed in advance to the church's pastor, the Rev. Dr. Richard Hughes, at pastor@nruc.org. Other events this coming week:

- The Middle School Young Disciples will meet on Friday in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

- The Senior High Youth Ministry will meet in Putnam Hall at 6 p.m. for a Fellowship Night.

- The Young Adults will gather at noon on Sunday to go apple picking at Smolak's Farm in North Andover.

- Online Bible Study is held every Tuesday evening from 7 to 7:45 p.m. on the church's YouTube channel NRUCC.

LYNNFIELD — Messiah Lutheran Church, 708 Lowell Street, Lynnfield (corner of Lowell and Chestnut streets) is currently open for in-person worship Sunday mornings at

NORTH READING — St. Theresa Church, 63 Winter St., Route 62. Pastor: Bishop Mark O'Connell; Parochial Vicar Rev. Agustin Anda Gomez; Deacon: Tam Tran; Pastoral Associate: Mary Ann Thomas. Office telephone: 978-664-3412 or visit www.sttheresanreading.org.

Save the date! Father Anda is inviting all the youth of the parish to a special Mass – for them! It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Following the Mass, join other young Catholics for a pizza party, hosted by Father Anda in the Parish

Hall!
Mass information: Join us for Mass on our Facebook page, 4 p.m., Saturdays (live) or you can watch during your usual Mass time, or any convenient time. The 4 p.m. Mass will be recorded and available to watch after 6 p.m. that day on our website live-stream video page. You do not need a Facebook account to view the live Mass. Visit our website for step-by-step instructions on how to view the Mass: www.sttheresanreading.org.

Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday):

9 a.m., held in the Parish Hall during construction. Live-streaming of daily Mass will not be available during construction of the new HVAC system in the church. Currently, the church is not open from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. for private prayer due to the HVAC project.

Weekend Mass: Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. No sign-up required to attend Mass. Weekend Mass seating is first-come/first-served.

Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

St. Theresa Church

Wakefield-Lynnfield UMC

WAKEFIELD — The Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church is located at 273 Vernon St., Wakefield and the pastor is Rev. Glenn M. Mortimer.

Each Sunday, Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. during which we offer Sunday School for infants and toddlers through high school students. Pastor Mortimer, and his wife Elizabeth are trained

musicians who incorporate their music into special church services for all to enjoy. Following the service, we enjoy Fellowship at our Coffee and Conversation time.

For more information, call 781-245-1359; email: WLUMC273@gmail.com; or visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/methodistchurchwakefield.

Popsicle or push-up?



SO MANY CHOICES! A little boy patiently waits for his turn to select a treat from the ice cream truck on the eve of a new school year. Farrelly Realty Group sponsors this tradition every year, sending ice cream trucks into neighborhoods throughout town of the last day of summer vacation to pass out free ice cream. (Courtesy Photo)

Recycle electronics, appliances, bikes

NORTH READING — North Reading Order of the Eastern Star, Mount Carmel Chapter No. 230, a charitable organization, is holding a Recycling Day for electronics, appliances and bicycles on Saturday, October 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 283 Park St.

The following items will be accepted:

- Free: cables, keyboards, car batteries and cell phones
- \$5 each — Anything with a plug: computer towers, scanners, VCRs, copiers, DVD, stereo equipment,

lighting, vacuums, answering and fax machines, speakers, compact discs, circuit boards, radios, modems, word processors, fans, video equipment, tape players, typewriters, laptops, game consoles, Xboxes, etc. \$10 each — microwaves, lawn mowers, small engine items, etc.

\$10 each — small copiers; \$20 each — large copiers

\$15 each — dishwashers, dryers, stoves, exercise equipment, glass monitors, flat panel monitors, air conditioners

\$20 to \$30 each — dehumidifiers,

refrigerators

\$10 small load of scrap/junk metal or empty propane tank

\$20 car load of scrap/junk metal \$40 each — TVs (15"-35") and large projection TVs

Free Bicycle Recycle Day

Bring your unwanted old or new bicycle and drop it off; it will be reused again. All types accepted: mountain, toad, BMX, cruiser, old/new, kids, etc.

For questions please call Kim Bauer of Eastern Star at 978-979-0378.

Messiah Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m. Worship services will also be streamed live on Facebook. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/Messiah-Lutheran-Church.

Worship times: Sunday morn-

ings at 9:30 a.m., Sunday evening devotion on Facebook Live at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer time at 7:01 p.m. on Facebook Live. Call 781-334-4111 or contact

pastor@mlcspirit.org for more information.

Messiah Lutheran Church is served by Rev. Dr. Jeremy Pekari and Rev. David Brezina.

Obituaries

Aris O'Callaghan, 65

A family-centered woman who was always there for her children



Aris was a beloved mother, wife, sister, aunt, daughter and friend. She was always there for her children who she adored more than anything. She was married to the love of her life, Mark, who she considered one of her best friends as well.

She was an artist who passed this skill along to her youngest daughter, Hayley. She shared a love of cars with her son Andrew. Aris also enjoyed watching and gossiping/discussing shows she and her oldest Deandra would watch.

STONEHAM — Aris O'Callaghan, 65, of Stoneham and formerly of North Reading, died unexpectedly at her home on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Born in Stoneham on February 13, 1956, she was the daughter of the late John A. and Mary (Curuby) Kourbetsos. She was a graduate of North Reading High School, Class of 1974.

Aris spent many years serving the public at Christopher's Restaurant in Wakefield and later at the Christopher's location in Reading. She worked for over 20 years in the insurance business, most recently with Physicians Insurance Agency. She had been a resident of Stoneham for the past 14 years.

Family members include her loving husband of 34 years, Mark O'Callaghan; her son, Andrew O'Callaghan of Stoneham; her daughters, Deandra O'Callaghan of Winchester and Hayley O'Callaghan of Stoneham; and her sisters, Collette Carbone of Wilmington and Margie Braccio of Medway.

Visitation was held at the Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading on Friday, Sept. 24 from 1 to 5 p.m. A brief service was held at 4:50 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in her memory to the charity of one's choice.

To send an online message of condolence, please visit www.croswellfuneralhome.com.

Dorlores E. Parks, 86

Beloved wife, mother and Sittoo



NORTH READING — Dolores E. (Akel) Parks of North Reading, passed away on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at the age of 86.

Born on April 19, 1935, she was the daughter of the late John and Najla Akel. Dolores was the beloved wife of the late Milton Parks. She was the devoted mother of five children, Stephen Parks and his wife, Kathy, of Shrewsbury; Michelle Faugno and her husband, Wayne, of North Andover; Kenneth Parks and his wife, Laura, of North Andover; Janine Parks of North Reading; and the late Denise Parks. She was the loving Sittoo of five grandchildren, Trina, Jenna, Kira,

Kaitlyn and Erica. The sister of the late May Hashem and Mitchell Akel, Dolores is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends paid their respects at the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., North Reading, on Wednesday evening, September 29. At the request of the family interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dolores' name to Comunitas (formerly EMARC), 60 D. Audubon Rd., Wakefield, MA 01880. To send an online message of condolence please visit www.cotafuneralhomes.com.

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son BLS; 12:14 p.m., 40 Fordham Rd., EMS call, transport person ALS; 1:59 p.m., 155 Park St., electrical wiring/equipment problem, other; 3:27 p.m., 246 Main St., EMS call, transport person ALS; 6:07 p.m., 1364 Main St., Reading, EMS call, transport person ALS; 7:25 p.m., 160 Main St., smoke detector activation due to malfunction; 10:19 p.m., 42 Main St., gas leak (natural gas or LPG), removed hazard; 10:48 p.m., 160 Main St., smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:32 a.m., 76 Pleasant St., Reading, EMS call, transport person ALS; 7:41 a.m., 12 Mid Iron Dr., alarm system sounded due to malfunction; 10:15 a.m., 160 Main St., system malfunction, other; 12:41 p.m., 2 Ladyslipper Ln., assist occupant; 12:57 p.m., 7 Millstone Cir., Andover, dispatched and canceled en route; 3:19 p.m., 265 Main St., lock-out; 6:43 p.m., 14 Somerset Place, Wilmington,

dispatched and canceled en route; 11:26 p.m., 5 Tower Hill Rd., alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

3:53 a.m., Main Street, dispatched and canceled en route; 11:23 a.m., 3 James Millen Rd., alarm system sounded due to malfunction; 11:34 a.m., 1 Country Club Rd., EMS call, provide BLS; 2:27 p.m., River Street, Middleton, motor vehicle accident; 4:19 p.m., 33 Peabody Ct., EMS call, transport person BLS; 6:15 p.m., 22 Haverhill St., smoke detector activation due to malfunction; 6:21 p.m., 13 Pomeroy Rd., EMS call, transport person BLS; 6:46 p.m., 72 Main St., Walmart Plaza, EMS call, obtained patient refusal; 8:50 p.m., 220 North St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 9:07 p.m., 34 Southwick Rd., motor vehicle accident, transport person BLS; 9:57 p.m., 13 Anthony Rd., EMS call, transport person ALS; 10:26 p.m., 36 Main St., unit 14, EMS call, transport person ALS.

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Republicans, such as Rep. Alyson Sullivan, asked that the order be sent back to the working group for more work, questioning why it was safe for schools to resume without a vaccine mandate for teachers and children, but not for the House.

Rather than take them up one-by-one, the House adopted one bulk amendment that, among other things, made clear that members could participate remotely in informal sessions, as well as formals.

The amendment also empowered the new working group to develop procedures to expand testing options for those working at the State House, implement contact tracing, and use daily logs in offices, hearing rooms and other spaces to record lawmakers and staff working at the building.

"Though unlikely, it is still possible for those who are fully vaccinated to get COVID-19," said Rep. Carlos Gonzalez, who filed the amendment to make rapid COVID-19 test available to anyone in State House experience symptoms.

Disciplinary procedures for violators

The amendment also directed the COVID-19 Working Group to develop disciplinary procedures for any member found to be in violation of the order, including the possible loss of access to personal and committee staff. That staff would be reassigned to another legislator. The speaker's office stated that measure was meant to target any legislator who might show up to the building or chamber unvaccinated, not to punish someone for not getting the shot.

"I am very uncomfortable with the institution giving that power to the working group," Jones said, explaining his opposition, despite being vaccinated himself.

Rep. Michael Day, the co-chair of Judiciary Committee, gave a lengthy legal defense of the order, walking through the state's Constitution and the legal precedents established during the smallpox epidemic for the Legislature to require vaccines and to set its own rules for itself.

Day, who contracted the COVID-19 virus early in the pandemic, criticized those who said legislators like Ferrante with underlying health risks should simply stay home. He com-

pared those statements to Marie Antoinette saying, "Let them eat cake."

"If you believe your sense of individual freedom requires you to vote against this, that is your prerogative, but it tells your friends, our colleagues and our collective staff that you value their health less than your political talking point," Day said.

Rep. Peter Durant, a Spencer Republican who made some of those comments last week, said the political attacks were not necessary, describing the House as a family that should be able to disagree.

"It's okay to ask questions without grandstanding or pretending that we're being altruistic," Durant said. He went on to contrast the response to COVID-19 with the public safety measures put in place to protect people from smoking or obesity, which are also deadly. He noted that studies have shown vaccinated people to be able to transmit the virus, and said that exempting someone for a medical reason or a religious belief would negate the whole policy.

"There are clearly holes here," he said, adding, "We have personal responsibility."

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word "chicken." It certainly stirs up unpleasant memories of being called "chicken" as a kid. Not a pleasant association, to be sure. I suggest we simply call them "bird bodies." And while we're at it, the terms "breasts, legs, thighs" are sure to upset a lot of people. I suggest we simply call them bird body parts. "Bird Body Parts Pot Pie" is a bit of a mouthful, but we'll get used to it as we become more PC.

And the name "duck" is full of negative connotations too. Think of all those people who used to

have to "duck" under their desks when everybody worried about the Russians sending atomic bombs to this country! Perhaps it would be better to call them "quacking birds" instead... and then change the name of duck sauce to "quacking bird sauce."

We also need to change the name of **sour cream**. Such a negative connotation. "Congealed cream" has a nice ring to it. Certainly my grandkids will still enjoy helping me make Congealed Cream Coffee Cake. That has a nice alliteration to it, doesn't it?

I felt sort of badly to think of all the hundreds — perhaps thousands — of cookbooks and restaurant menus that will have to be reprinted now that we'll be using all these politically correct terms, and all the bottles of duck sauce that will have to be re-labeled... but my husband Gary pointed out how it will stimulate the economy... so much work for all those printing firms, so many more jobs available ...and I felt better. And more PC.

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On-stage high jinks carries 'The 39 Steps' in welcome return to live theater

By GAIL LOWE

STONEHAM—Four talented actors came to the stage of the Greater Boston Stage Company last weekend to tickle the funny bones of people in desperate need of a good laugh. The production—"The 39 Steps"—based on the Alfred Hitchcock movie and John Buchan novel and adapted by Patrick Barlow, kicked off the theater's return to live performances. Four others are scheduled for the 2021-2022 season, including "Miss Holmes Returns" and "Ain't Misbe-

havin'." Ticket-holders didn't leave disappointed last Saturday night, nor did "The 39 Steps" disappoint. Under the expert direction of Ilyse Robbins, the whodunit production was non-stop fun throughout. The play is a Drama Desk and two-time Tony award winner, both well earned.

The energetic cast included Grace Experience (Pamela, Annabella, Margaret), Russell Garrett (Clown 1), Paul Melendy (Richard Hanney) and K.P. Powell (Clown 2). Each actor played 100 roles to great strength.

Melendy plays a debonair and handsome Brit who finds himself trapped in a comedy of errors and is left to solve the murder of a mysterious woman while on the run from police. But the plot doesn't carry the weight of the show. The on-stage high jinks do.

The story opens in a London theater where Mr. Memory is called upon by audience members to answer questions a la "Jeopardy!" When gunshot rings out, the plot takes off in madcap fashion as Hanney becomes involved with the fe-

male shooter, international intrigue and secrets. When she is discovered dead in his apartment, a police chase is set in motion to capture the "wrong man" all the way to Scotland.

During the two-act performance, tribute was paid to the "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" theme and a few other Hitchcock films like "Strangers on a Train" and "North by Northwest." The clever, imaginative use of movable doors kept the action going. If there was one flaw, it was in the British dialogue. Sitting in the balcony did not lend itself to understanding every spoken word. Even so, the comedy and timing of delivery was nothing to sniff at.

An enthusiastic nod to Shelley Barish, scenic designer; Daisy Long, lighting designer; Rachel Padula-Shufelt, costume designer; Andrew Duncan Will, sound designer; Emme Shaw, properties master and

MisFit Toys Theatrical LLC, scenery construction.

Director Robbins said she was honored and "thrilled" to direct this first main stage show on the theater's road to recovery. "What better way to come back to the theater than to enjoy a good old-fashioned comedy/whodunit/romance," she said. "The actors give new meaning to the words, 'We wear many hats.'"

Theatergoers must show their vaccination cards and wear masks before being admitted to the theater. Ticket prices range from \$20-\$67 (adults), \$57-\$62 (seniors) and \$20 (students). Box office: 781-279-2200; hours Monday-Friday noon to 6 p.m. Performances run through Oct. 10. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.greaterbostonstage.org.

Public input sought today on town's hazard mitigation plan

NORTH READING — The town of North Reading is developing an update to its 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan that identifies and prioritizes actions the town can take to mitigate the impacts of natural hazards and climate change. Citizen participation is essential.

A virtual public meeting will be held today, Thursday, September 30, at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

To participate on your computer or mobile app, follow this link to join the meeting: <https://bit.ly/3m5yyBa>
Meeting ID: 839 5490 8968
Passcode: 161834

Phone: 301-715-8592 (audio only; have passcode available).

At the meeting, you will have an opportunity to contribute your ideas

for making the town more resilient to natural hazards such as flooding, snowstorms, high winds and extreme temperatures. This plan is being developed by a core team of town officials and local stakeholders. Jamie Caplan Consulting LLC, a Northampton, Massachusetts-based firm, is leading this effort.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approval and town adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update allows the town to apply for pre- and post-disaster hazard

mitigation grant funds.

North Reading developed a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) plan in 2018 that also identified possible actions to mitigate risks to natural hazards and climate change. The Hazard Mitigation Plan Update will include all of those identified actions still relevant today.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Don Stats, Fire Chief, Town of North Reading, by phone: 978-357-5100 or email: dstats@northreadingma.gov.

TOWN OF NORTH READING



BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING NOTICE

A Virtual Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. on the petition of Vincent J. Ragucci, III, 167 North Street, North Reading, MA, map 27, parcel 47 for a home occupation special permit for a consulting business, per Article 200-42, North Reading Zoning Bylaws.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2822139365>
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COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the North Reading Community Planning Commission will hold a virtual Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 8:00 PM on the application of Francine Coughlin for a Site Plan Review for the property located at 72 Main Street, North Reading, MA 01864 (Map 23-29, Parcels 23-29). You may participate in this hearing online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9854300926>; by phone: +1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID: 985 430 0926.

This hearing will also be broadcast live by NORCAM on their local Government Access Channels (Channel 22 on Comcast and 24 on Verizon) and on their streaming channel online: <http://norcam.org/vod.htm>.

Comments to be considered at the hearing may be sent by mail to the CPC, 235 North Street, North Reading MA 01864, or email to planning@northreadingma.gov, while the hearing remains open. The requirement for public participation ends at the close of the Public Hearing.

A COPY OF THIS PLAN MAY BE VIEWED BY VISITING THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION WEBSITE: <https://www.northreadingma.gov/community-planning/pages/projects-under-review>.

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TOWN OF NORTH READING



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Dear Taxpayer:

The Town of North Reading Assessor's Office has been working on the Fiscal Year 2022 Quinquennial Revaluation as required by Massachusetts State Law. This update of values ensures that all property is assessed at full and fair market value as of January 1, 2021. The Assessor's Office has received preliminary certification of Real and Personal Property values. The purpose of a Certification of Real and Personal Property are to ensure all real property and personal property is assessed fair and equitable. Part of this process is called a public disclosure of the proposed values. These values have been given preliminary certification by the Department of Revenue.

The market trends may indicate that different property types may change in value more or less than other property types. Single Family = 7% , Residential Condo = 14%, Multifamily = 11%, Commercial = 9%, Industrial = 14%.

The Board of Assessors encourages you to view these proposed values for Fiscal 2022 beginning October 4, 2021 through October 8, 2021 at the following locations:

- www.northreadingma.gov - Go to Departments = Choose **Assessors** - "News & Announcements" choose the Fiscal 2022 Values or on the Left Side of the Options you will see Fiscal 2022 Values. Click on this and the PDF will open.
- Town Hall 235 North St.-Monday-Thursday 8 A.M-4 P.M. & Friday 8 A.M-1 P.M.
- Flint Memorial Library @ 147 Park St. The values will be available during Library hours.

Should you have any questions please contact our office
Email: DCarbone@northreadingma.gov
Phone: 978-357-5221 Monday- Thursday 8 A.M- 4 P.M. & Friday 8 A.M-1 P.M.

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TOWN OF NORTH READING



BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING NOTICE

A Virtual Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. on the petition of Fitz Eagle, 86 Main St. llc./Thomas Fitzpatrick for a special permit to run a landscaping/tree business and storage of trucks & equipment, along with wood and work associated with the wood on the property, located at 86 Main Street, North Reading, MA, map 24, parcel 2.

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TOWN OF NORTH READING



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Fall 2021 Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The North Reading Water Department, as part of the maintenance of the water distribution system, began the annual fire hydrant flushing program on September 20, 2021, and this program will continue until late in October.

Hydrant flushing is used to remove any fine iron or manganese sediment from the water mains in the streets. Iron and manganese are naturally occurring minerals found in the soils near the Town's water supply wells. As precipitation passes down through these soils, iron and manganese dissolve into the water. While the Water Department treats the well water specifically to remove iron and manganese, trace amounts of these minerals remain in the water leaving our water treatment plants. This remaining dissolved iron and manganese combine with oxygen in the water to form fine particles that settle out of the water in the water distribution system.

Iron and manganese do not present health risks, but can cause a number of aesthetic problems, such as discolored water and staining of plumbing fixtures or laundry. The fine particles of iron and manganese in the water mains can easily become re-suspended whenever there is a change in flow in the water system, such as during a fire or other periods of high water usage. By creating the high flow conditions through hydrant flushing, the Water Department attempts to remove the color-causing particles in a systematic manner.

The flushing program begins in the area of the water supply sources and moves progressively across the town, using areas that have already been cleaned to provide the water to areas yet to be flushed.

Flushing will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, typically between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Residents and business owners are cautioned that they may experience discolored water during the hours of flushing in their area.

For additional information on the flushing program, please contact the Department of Public Works at (978) 664-6060.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule - Fall, 2021

Day 9 - Monday, October 4

Cedar Street	Haverhill Street	Railroad Avenue
Central Street	(from Reading Town Line to Park Street)	Scotland Heights
(from Park Street to Chestnut Street)	Park Street	Upton Avenue
Chestnut Street	(from Haverhill Street to Oakdale Road)	Ipswich River Park
(from Park Street to Haverhill Street)		

Day 10 - Wednesday, October 6

Devons Road	Park Street	Winterberry Lane
Dodge Road	(from Central Street to Oakdale Road)	North Reading
Juniper Road	Sherman Road	Middle School
Lee Road	Tamarack Road	North Reading
Meade Road	Taylor Road	High School
Oakdale Road		

Night 1 - Wednesday, October 6

Concord Street	Miles/AGFA Industrial Park
Hallberg Park	(35 Concord Street)
Riverpark Drive	

Day 11 - Thursday, October 7

Belmont Lane	(from North Street to Park Street)	School Hill Lane
Burnham Drive	Hill Street	Tower Hill Road
Eisenhaure Lane	Oscars' Way	Batchelder School
Gowing Lane	Peabody Street	
Haverhill Street		

Day 12 - Friday, October 8

Amber Lane	Janice Avenue	Stonecleave Road
Barbie Lane	Lloyd Road	Sunset Avenue
First Street	North Street	Wagon Drive
George Root Lane	(from Pine Ridge Road to Haverhill Street)	Wyoming Avenue
Haverhill Street		
(from Charles Street to North Street)		

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the victory in the boys race with a course record time of 17:36.

"Aidan has been working extremely hard over the last year to develop into one of the toughest runners in the league, as well as, the state," said Spinney. "This race was a great tone setter for the season and he knows that he has a lot more in the tank to get faster and faster."

Following Nadeau, the Hornets second runner was Junior Nick Fabrizio who took 10th overall in a time of 19:38.

"Nick is rapidly establishing his potential to be a future front runner in the league," said Spinney. "He is getting stronger each race and is developing into a very reliable top finisher for the program."

The Hornets had a number of strong performances across the board despite the loss. Senior Captain Anthony Petrosino (14th overall, 20:15), Junior Rocco Tammaro (18th overall, 22:04), Junior Ben Meier (20th overall, 22:21), Junior Captain Christian DaCosta (23rd overall, 22:43), Junior Shane Hanson (25th overall, 22:52), Sophomore Dylan Zecher (26th overall, 23:04), Sophomore Brendan Rooney (32nd overall, 25:04), Freshman Alex Mitasev (33rd overall, 25:09), Freshman Michael Mahoney (37th overall, 27:07), Junior Matthew Lombardo (39th overall, 27:42), Freshman David Wyatt (41st overall, 29:54) and Freshman Kaio Pancini (42nd overall, 30:11) rounded out the Hornet competitors for the day.

Butler takes 2nd, Clippers take home the win

Led by Junior Captain Annalise Butler, the Hornets fell 19-44 in the girls race to a very talented Clipper squad. Butler set the new NR school record for the course in a time of 22:16, which placed her 2nd overall in the meet.

"Annalise is emerging as a top talent in the Cape Ann League," said Spinney. "She is very dedicated to being the best she can be and has made tremendous improvement in her training and racing strategy over the last 2+ years. She will only continue to get better because of the hard work she puts in."

Following Butler as second Hornet was Freshman Hayden MacLellan who took 9th overall in a time of 24:05. "Hayden has potential to become a very good distance runner at the high school level," said Spinney. "She has the drive, she has talent but also hates to lose so she will continue to emerge as a strong runner for years to come."

Following the top two, the Hornet squad featured some strong performances as Senior Captain Nicole Steinmeyer (15th overall, 26:22), Sophomore Allison Koenig (21st overall, 28:15), Senior Allie Taylor (24th overall, 28:45), Freshman Vanessa Steinmeyer (25th overall, 28:46), Senior Kayla Imbriano (26th overall, 28:57), Senior Riley Cullen (32nd overall, 31:23), Senior Captain Abigail McLaughlin (33rd overall, 33:52), Senior Lauren Dee (36th overall, 35:10) and Senior Kaila Griffin (37th overall, 35:10).

Hornet Harriers Fall in Tough Contest with Pentucket

On Wednesday, September 22, the Hornet Cross Country team took on a tough Pentucket squad at Pipestave Recreation Center in West Newbury. Pentucket was able to best both Hornet squads as the boys meet was 25-34 and the girls finished with a score of 18-45. The losses dropped both

Hornet squads to 0-2 on the season.

"We definitely had some positives to take away from the meet today but we know we have a lot to work to do," said Spinney. "Hats off to Pentucket, they earned the victories today."

Nadeau and Fabrizio take 1st and 2nd, Pentucket's depth too much for Hornets

Senior Captain Aidan Nadeau and Junior Nick Fabrizio took the top 2 places against Pentucket but Pentucket took places 3-7 and 9-10 which sealed their victory of 25-34. Nadeau continued his strong Senior campaign as he won the race in a time of 17:35. Fabrizio fought off Pentucket's top runners to take 2nd in a time of 18:38.

"Aidan and Nick ran very well today," said Spinney. "Both pushed through the hills and really made it hard on the competition to keep up with them." However, after the first two runners, Pentucket was able to dominate the meet. "When a team is able to put in 5 runners among the top group of finishers, it is hard to beat them. We know we have some work to do to help close the gap between our 1st and 2nd runners and the rest of our pack," said Spinney.

The Hornets who also competed in the race were Senior Captain Anthony Petrosino (8th overall, 19:34), Junior Rocco Tammaro (11th, 19:57), Sophomore Dylan Zecher (25th, 22:11), Junior Captain Christian DaCosta (26th, 22:36), Junior Shane Hanson (27th, 22:59), Freshman Alex Mitasev (28th, 23:06), Sophomore Brendan Rooney (29th, 23:23), Junior Matthew Lombardo (35th, 24:21), Freshman Michael Mahoney (36th, 25:09), Freshman David Wyatt (40th, 26:56) and Freshman Kaio Pancini (41st, 27:09).

Pentucket takes 10 out of 11 top spots, Hornets fall in tough match-up

Led by Junior Captain Annalise Butler who placed 3rd overall in a time of 20:55, the Hornets fell 18-45 to a very deep and talented Pentucket squad.

Both Hornet squads were back in action on Wednesday after press time at Harold Parker State Forest against Triton.



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Emerson each had a good scoring chance in the second half, but it was turned away by the Amesbury 'keeper.

Senior captain Kiernan Schulz broke a 1-1 deadlock in the in final two minutes to snatch a victory for the Hornets first away tilt of the season at Ipswich on September 20. Junior Brady Miller also scored for NR.

The Hornets came off the bus a bit sluggish and slogged through a scoreless first half.

The Hornets came out of halftime on fire and scored 1:23 into the half. Senior Jake Mikulski made a great turn and slid a pass through to junior Jason Emerson. Emerson then slipped a pass through to Miller for his third goal of the season.

Ipswich was still without a shot on

goal when with less than 3 minutes from the final whistle the Tigers were awarded a penalty kick. Ipswich converted on the PK and It looked like they had snatched back a point but the Hornets weren't finished yet. Immediately following the kick-off, they won a throw-in 35 yards from the goal. Schulz played a pass to Miller who crossed the ball to Mikulski who hit the crossbar with a half volley. The rebound came to Schulz who buried the left footed full volley to secure the win.

Schulz scored a hat trick to lead the Hornets to their 6-0 blowout victory over the Triton Vikings on September 22. Senior captain Alex Carpenter and Juniors Brodie Mann and Jason Emerson all added one goal apiece.

In the 6th minute, Carpenter got the

scoring barrage started when he buried a long-range shot. Schulz closed the half with his first two goals and NRHS was off and running.

The second half was more of the same and 7 minutes into the second half, Schulz completed his hat trick on a free kick. The next chance that found the back of the net came from Mann in the 50th minute. The midfielder scored his first varsity goal on a well-placed shot in the top right corner of the goal. The final goal of the game was scored by Emerson who took a pass from Max Gulino beat a defender and slid the ball under the diving goalkeeper.

North Reading lost to Newburyport 1-0 on Monday. They play at Hamilton-Wenham today at 4:30 p.m.

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