

## North Road bridge to be dedicated to fallen Marine

Marine Lance Corporal Andrew J. Zaleski, a young hero who died May 21, 2004, in Iraq while saving his country, will be permanently remembered in his home town of Chelmsford when the North Road Bridge over Route 495 is dedicated in his honor in the spring. State Rep. Geoffrey D. Hall, D-Westford, stated.

Hall, who several months ago sponsored legislation to honor Chelmsford's son with the Chelmsford designation, co-sponsoring, reported that the bill was enacted Christmas week by both the House of Representatives and the Senate and was signed by Governor Romney, making it official. Moving the legislation

through the State House, joined with Representative Hall were Reps. Cory Atkins, Thomas A. Golden Jr. and David M. Stangle, and Senators Susan Fargo and Dan Rosen. Senator Rosen, who represents Littleton, joined in the petition to honor the late young hero, to recognize the loss of Zaleski's family members who reside in that community.

"I will together wanted to participate in this memorial as a sign of not only our sympathy for the Zaleski family in their profound loss," Hall said, "but also to express the gratitude of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the sacrifice by the benefit of his loved, neighbors and his whole country."

Hall said that memorializing the bridge on North Road, one of Chelmsford's main traffic arteries, will, hopefully, cause those who drive or walk over the bridge to reflect that the price of their freedom comes high and can never be taken for granted.

Sen. Fargo added, "The dedication of the bridge is a wonderful way for the community of honor." Corporal Zaleski and his family."

The official bridge dedication is expected to take place sometime in the spring when the Massachusetts Highway Department will install a memorial plaque with appropriate public ceremonies.

### BRIEFS

#### Blood drive set for January 26

The next Chelmsford Community Blood Drive sponsored by the Chelmsford Branch and hosted by St. Mary's Church, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 26 from 5 to 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 28 North Road.

Appointments are not necessary. For additional information call 978-256-3603.

For a confidential answer about a medical condition at eligibility, call the Red Cross at 1-800-254-8075.

#### Celtic musician to perform Jan. 21

Local Celtic musician and award-winning Gaelic singer Gera will play a concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at St. Mary's and Healing Arts Center, 11 School St., Chelmsford.

Gera has been performing and teaching both locally and nationally for about two years now. She will bring two full-

length CDs, "Through Misty Air" and "Water the Dragon," available at the concert.

Gera is a singer, harpist and writer, who is very passionate about the music, language, and history of her Gaelic ancestry. She plays a classical, a fiddle-string harp modeled after traditional harps from Ireland and sings in all three Gaelic language forms, Scottish, and Manx as well as other languages.

Tickets to the concert are \$10, and are available from St. Mary's and Healing Arts Center at 978-256-1001. Free, legal, short samples of Gera's music are available from [www.geraceltic.com](http://www.geraceltic.com).

Information about Gera's music is also available at [www.geraceltic.com](http://www.geraceltic.com), and at [www.geraceltic.com](http://www.geraceltic.com).

#### Pet adoptions set for Jan. 22

It is one of your New Year's resolutions to make a difference? You can be adopting a pet on Saturday, Jan. 22, from

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Hallowell, N.H.

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Just as in this month are: Greenhead Pet of America, Salem Animal Rescue League, Lily's Haven for Senior Cats, Lab Rescue, Texas Rescue and George Washington Rescue.

For more information, contact Animal Rescue Network of New England by phone at 603-635-2211, or visit our Web site at [www.anrn.org](http://www.anrn.org).

### MEETINGS

Thursday, Jan. 13  
South Row School Council, 4 p.m., South Row School Library  
Official Council, 7 p.m., Old Town Hall  
Reviewing Committee, 7:15 p.m., Town Office Building Room 100  
Finance Committee budget hearing, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building Room 203

Thursday, Jan. 18  
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Town Office Building Room 203  
Committee on Disabilities, 7 p.m., Town Office Building

Thursday, Jan. 20  
Finance Committee budget hearing, 7:30 p.m., Town Office Building Room 203

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#### 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

School registration for all children entering kindergarten next year and all first graders not currently enrolled in a Chelmsford kindergarten will take place on **January 25 and 26, 2005**, at each elementary school office from 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.

Children entering kindergarten must be **5 years of age on or before October 1, 2005**. Students entering first grade must be **6 years of age on or before October 1, 2005**. Birth dates that fall between October 1, 2005 and November 30, 2005 will be considered for exception under policy guidelines available from the Superintendent's Office.

At the time of registration, parents should present written documentation of **proof of residency, i.e., proof of home ownership, rental agreement, purchase and sale agreement, etc.** Also needed is a copy of the child's birth certificate, certificate of legal possession, test and immunizations covering the following: **diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, mumps, polio, measles, polio, varicella and hepatitis B**. If any certificate is not available at the time of registration, the parent may forward it to the school principal as soon as the certificate is issued prior to the beginning of school next year.

All parents are encouraged to register their child according to the above guidelines on **January 25 or 26, 2005**.



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