

AROUND TOWN

# Going the distance



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After months of intense training, thousands of dedicated and determined runners will soon participate in that historical race from Hopkinton to Boston: the 117th Boston Marathon. I thought I'd shine the spotlight on two Marshfield residents running the "Big Run" on Monday, April 15: **Katharine Kaplan** and **Daniel Curtin**.

**Katharine Kaplan** has enjoyed running ever since she was a child trying to keep up with her marathon-loving dad. The Plymouth native and Marshfield resident will run her first full marathon as a representative of her employer, the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP), an affordable housing and homelessness prevention organization serving Greater Boston. She currently works as a program manager at MBHP.

Kaplan is one of four runners that make up Team MBHP, all running the 26.2 miles to support the organization's programs. Kaplan and her teammates will run the marathon while drawing attention to and supporting affordable housing and services for those most at risk of homelessness.

For Kaplan, this experience has combined two of her passions: running and her work assisting some of the region's more vulnerable residents. "I'm really grateful to have the opportunity to make a personal goal of mine a reality while raising money and awareness for MBHP, an organization that I have been a part of for over 7 years," says Kaplan.

To date, Kaplan has reached the midway point of her fundraising goal of \$5,000. To learn more about Team MBHP, and to contribute to this cause and help Katharine reach her goal, go

to the 2013 Marathon page under the "How to Help" button on MBHP's website [www.mbhp.org](http://www.mbhp.org), or go directly to the team's fundraising site at [www.crowdrise.com/Team-MetroHousingPartnership](http://www.crowdrise.com/Team-MetroHousingPartnership).

**Daniel Curtin** will run the Boston Marathon as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team. Curtin, along with more than 550 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, will run with a goal of raising \$4.6 million for cancer research.

One-hundred-percent of the funds raised will benefit Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports cornerstone science research in its earliest stages, providing researchers with critical resources to test their leading-edge ideas.

Since its inception in 1990, the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$56 million for the Barr Program. To support Daniel's team and contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit [www.RunDFMC.org](http://www.RunDFMC.org) or call 617-632-1970.

**Would you like to share your marathon story with our readers? Please send it to [aroundmarshfield@gmail.com](mailto:aroundmarshfield@gmail.com). Thank you!**

## Boston Harbor lecture

If running the Boston Marathon is not your thing, then how about relaxing in a comfy chair while learning about the Boston Harbor Islands? On Tuesday, April 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., the Ventress Memorial Library Cultural Series welcomes author and researcher Christopher Klein. Klein will speak about his book "Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands: A Guide to the City's Hidden Shores." Take this virtual tour and hear tales of ghosts, shipwrecks, prisoners of war, and Revolutionary War battles that took place on "the real Shutter Islands."

The program, funded by the Friends of the Ventress Library, is free and open to the public. No tickets required. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase. For event information, call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit [www.ventresslibrary.org](http://www.ventresslibrary.org). For information on the author, visit [www.christopherklein.com](http://www.christopherklein.com).

## Nature program

This is one of the most popular children's programs in town. Mass Audubon's Little Naturalists program is back at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary, the second Tuesday of each month, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Children learn about animals through nature walks, stories, songs and crafts. Each session focuses on a different theme: snakes (April 9), baby songbirds (May 14), and turtles (June 11). Appropriate for children ages 3-5 with adult. \$5 per member child, \$7 nonmember. Please preregister at [www.massaudubon.org/southshore](http://www.massaudubon.org/southshore) or call 781-837-9400.

## Dean's list

**Emmanuel College** in Boston recently announced that Marshfield resident **Abby G. Forsyth** earned placement on the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. Students with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are awarded this distinction. Excellent.

The following Marshfield students were named to the Fall 2012 Dean's List at **Syracuse University** in New York. Congratulations to **Melissa Tilley**, College of Visual and Performing Arts, **Andrew Scott**, L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science, **Brian Spittler**, Martin J. Whitman School of Management and **Jillian Comoletti** and **Michele Riley**, both at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

**Rachel Redfearn** of Marshfield, a fourth-year student at **Rochester Institute of Technology's College**



**Katharine Kaplan is running the Boston Marathon later this month.** COURTESY PHOTO

of **Imaging Arts and Sciences** in New York, achieved Dean's List for the Winter 2013 quarter. Great work.

## Honor roll

**Nicholas Craig**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Craig of Marshfield, was recently named to the High Honors List at **Tabor Academy**. Nicholas, a member of the class of 2013, earned an overall average of 90 or above to achieve this honor. Impressive.

Marshfield resident **Patrick McCarthy** achieved honor roll for the second marking period of the 2012-2013 school year at **Xaverian Brothers High School**. Patrick is a member of the class of 2013 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin P. McCarthy. Good job.

## Share your news

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