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Road shed: 2011 shaping up as time of transportation projects

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The Red Sox had their “bridge year” already. Andover is just beginning its bridge years.

Actually, 2011 will be a year of transportation projects of all kinds with a number of state and local projects planned for Andover’s roads, bridges and railroad beds.

The state recently awarded a contract for redecking of the South Main Street bridge

that travels over Route 125 in Andover, according to Brian Moore, Andover’s chief engineer.

North Main Street, just north of the Public Safety Center, could see the start of significant construction as the state looks to repair the North Main Street bridge that travels over the commuter railroad tracks near Andover station. The state is considering working on one-half of the bridge, allowing one-way-at-a-time traffic on North Main Street (Route 28) to continue,

according to Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski. Moore said it is not certain whether the construction will begin this year or next.

By the end of 2011, residents can expect a second set of train tracks to be added through a significant portion of the town. Andover also will continue to work with surrounding communities to create a plan for a new Interstate 93 interchange into Andover.

Add to that the recent announcement from the state

that all of Massachusetts’ Interstate 93 overpasses will be rebuilt this year — a project that will affect almost all residents who commute to Boston — and you have a busy year for transportation.

But of these projects, the largest for Andover itself seem to be the Lowell Junction effort, the double-tracking plans and the rebuilding of the Main Street bridges.

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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

The bridge on Route 28 just north of downtown will be reconstructed this year or next to make room for two sets of railroad tracks under it.

OUT WITH THE OLD



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover’s Jayan Landry took on her fear of heights by climbing 35 feet and then leaping off a platform with her brother.

New year jump drops fear of heights

Many people take on new year’s resolutions. Andover’s Jayan Landry used new year’s to take on one of her greatest fears — and vanquish it.

Landry went to the Miraval resort in Tucson, Ariz., with her brother, Joe, to face her fear of heights. How? By scaling a 35-foot pole, climbing onto a high diver’s style platform and

Read Jayan Landry’s column about her jump: Page 7

jumping off. She was lowered to the ground with the help of a harness.

As the executive director of the Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimack Valley, Landry says she often must ask volunteers to step well outside

of their comfort zones. (The volunteers are called by police and fire officials to help victims of a trauma.) So Landry figured she could step outside of her comfort zone to grow as a person.

After jumping off the platform Landry said, “I knew that something inside of me on a cellular level had been changed forever.”

— Neil Fater

Fired water worker issued one of 2 subpoenas

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Police have issued subpoenas to a terminated Andover water treatment plant employee and to the records keeper of the North Andover water treatment plant, on behalf of the office of District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett.

The subpoenas have come six months after Andover residents first became aware that Andover police and the district attorney are investigating possible “criminal misconduct” at the Andover water treatment plant on Lowell Street. Police Chief Brian Pattullo this fall was reported as saying that the DA’s office was preparing for a grand jury.

The subpoenas were issued on the morning of Dec. 22 to Cynthia Vaughn, a former Andover treatment-plant employee who lives in West Newbury, and to the keeper of records at the North Andover water treatment plant.

When approached at her home in West Newbury, Vaughn declined to comment at this time. There is no official indication that Vaughn is one of the employees being investigated.

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski confirmed Vaughn is a former employee of the town, who worked at the water treatment plant as a water resource compliance specialist, until her termination in August 2010.

Stapeczynski said the district attorney’s office is in full control of the investigation at the Andover water treatment plant.

“I don’t know anything, no more than what has been reported in the newspapers,” he said.

Police Lt. James Hashem said

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he couldn’t comment on the subpoenas beyond stating “they were issued and delivered by us.” Hashem referred further questions to the district attorney’s office. Steve O’Connell, spokesman for the district attorney’s office, declined to comment.

In June 2010, a report of alleged improprieties by at least one employee of the Andover water treatment plant on Lowell Street led to an investigation run by the Andover Police Department and the district attorney.

Selectmen entered a closed-door session on June 21 “to discuss possible charges of criminal misconduct and the filing of criminal complaints,” Selectman Mary Lyman said that night. In a statement two days later, Stapeczynski said he initiated an internal investigation following “a report of alleged improprieties.”

John Pollano, superintendent of the plant since 1981, retired from his position effective June 30. Pollano, who is in his 60s, had been hired Dec. 7, 1981, according

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will be on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 a.m. at Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover and on Tuesday Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Additionally, newcomers are always welcome at the weekly meetings at these same times and locations. For more information call Maggie at 978-470-2230 or FA's business office at 781-932-6300 or by email, pi@foodaddicts.org, or view the FA website at foodaddicts.org.

SUBPOENAS: Two issued

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to the town's human resources department.

Public Works Director Jack Petkus, Pollano's boss, originally planned to retire in December, 2010, but bumped the date up to Aug. 13 over the summer. He said the decision had nothing to do with the investigation. Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo assumed oversight of the water treatment plant. Pollano's position remains open. In the meantime, Chief of Maintenance Jim McSurdy is now acting as superintendent of the facility, Stapczynski said.

McSurdy is reporting directly to recently-hired interim Public Works Director John Bean, who started working with the town this past Monday, Jan. 3.

The town doesn't plan to fill the vacated superintendent

position until a decision is made regarding "a number of improvements to both DPW and Plant and Facilities. This includes the possibility of combining the two departments' director positions, according to Stapczynski.

In response to residents' concerns, Stapczynski has said the issues at the treatment plant have nothing to do with the quality of town water, which "meets or exceeds state and federal standards for safe drinking water."

Police attempted to issue a third subpoena on the morning of Dec. 22 to a Lowell Street resident three hours after the other two subpoenas were served, but it appears unrelated. The subpoena is a witness summons issued from the York County District Attorney's office in Biddeford, Maine, according to police.



FILE PHOTO

Andover commuters could eventually see the opportunity for more frequent trains, after a second track is built this year, next to the existing track. But to have more trains, Andover will also need more parking.

TRANSPORTATION: Several projects in the works for 2011

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LOWELL JUNCTION PLANNING CONTINUES

Town officials have wanted for decades to add a new interchange to Interstate 93 between exits 41 and 42.

The interchange will allow better access to some large companies on the southeast corner of town that contribute to daily traffic headaches throughout Ballardvale and surrounding areas every morning and evening. It will also allow Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington to utilize a currently undeveloped area of land for commercial and industrial growth.

Federal authorities recently pledged support for the project, saying that funding will help turn planning into building once the three towns agree on a design plan.

"With all the work that the three towns have done, we are finally getting the attention of the federal government on this," Buzz Stapczynski, Andover's town manager, said. "The goal for 2011 is to get the environmental impact sorted out and start dealing with the state and federal government on (traffic) mitigation plans."

To prevent particular uses of the undeveloped land, the three communities working on the project will also work on and agree to a form based code that will restrict particular construction that could negatively impact communities in the future.

NEW TRACK: SEEING DOUBLE

Also coming in 2011 is a second set of railroad tracks running adjacent to the existing line from where current double-tracking ends near Burnham Road to around 2/3 of a mile north of Ballardvale.

The project, which is being handled by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, is financed by recently stimulus funding, Stapczynski said.

"That's probably the only serious stimulus money that Andover will see. In terms of infrastructure projects, most towns don't see any money," Stapczynski said. "It is a huge project for us, and not without some controversy."

Recently, the town received a letter from a local attorney regarding a second set of railroad tracks running a risk of more accidents between pedestrians and trains. In the letter, the attorney described a situation where a jogger, stopped by one train, started moving after the train passed without knowledge that a second train was coming the other way.

Stapczynski said he understands that one train can prevent walkers and runners from seeing, or even hearing, a second train moving through the area.

"I recently knew a runner that was killed in the same way that this gentleman is describing," Stapczynski said. "There is a whole public education effort that must go on once these places are double-tracked, so people are aware that another train could be coming in the opposite direction."



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo.

One set of railroad tracks will become two by the end of 2011, and there will soon be significant reconstruction to the North Main Street bridge at Railroad Street, seen here.

NORTH MAIN STREET BRIDGE GETS FACE-LIFT

The second set of tracks run under the North Main Street bridge at Railroad Street, which needs to be rebuilt. Although safe, the state says the bridge is structurally deficient and requires frequent maintenance and inspections.

To do the work without closing this section of Route 28 during the construction, the town could turn the passage into a one-way road while crews first work on rebuilding one half of the bridge, and then the other over the span of the next two years, said Stapczynski.

Currently, the plan is to have sets of traffic lights on either side of the bridge that will control the direction of one-way traffic over it, he said.

The only other alternative would have been to close the entire stretch of road for the estimated year that it would take to rebuild the whole bridge, Stapczynski said.

"That is not practical, or feasible, with the traffic on Main Street and the need for that bridge," Stapczynski said. "They are not going to close the bridge

and have huge detours around town. There will be a way to get over the bridge."

According to Brian Moore, Andover's chief engineer, it is not certain whether the construction will begin this year or next, as particular steps in project planning - such as a public forum and a presentation of plans - have not yet occurred. "I doubt this will start anytime this year," Moore said. In the meantime, the state recently awarded a contract for redecking the South Main Street bridge at the intersection of Routes 28 and 125. The process, Moore said, will require that the bridge be stripped down to its concrete columns and have its concrete "deck" - the surface that provides the strength support to carry vehicles - completely repoured. Previous plans suggested that the contractor who was awarded the contract would start mobilizing in January, though it seems that it may come a month or two later in the year, with construction set to begin at some point in the spring, according to Moore.

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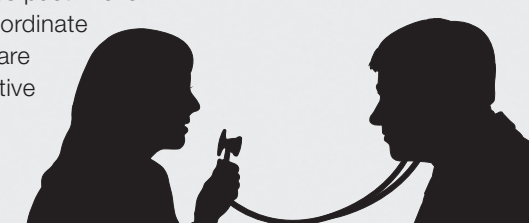
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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: According to the June 7, 1895 edition of the Andover Townsman, Hardy & Cole built the house at 9 Pleasant St. for Samuel H. Boutwell, which was occupied by his son Chester. The Boutwells owned the home from 1895 to 1939 when it was sold to Harry Loosigian and John Asoian. Pictured, circa 1905, are Samuel Boutwell(1838-1919) and his wife Alice. Mr. Boutwell lived in Andover for his entire life and served as selectman for more than 20 years. During his administration, town improvements such as macadam roads, sewer, water, gas, street railways, concrete sidewalks, and electric lighting were made. Mr. Boutwell also served as a trustee of Pynchard High School for more than 25 years.



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Quota presentation: Create a life of joy

Quota International of Andover invites residents to be guests as it presents nationally known motivational speaker Lillian Arleque, at Memorial Hall Library, in Andover, on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. To attend, contact Vena Coco at veccoco@aol.com. "During this empowering, informative and inspirational presentation, Dr. Arleque will teach participants how to create a life that is filled with joy and success. A master presenter and teacher, Lillian utilizes humor, metaphors, anecdotes music and low risk

interaction to engage her audiences and provide a memorable experience. Participants will leave armed with simple but life changing strategies. She has delivered keynote speeches and seminars to leading financial institutions, colleges, and with medical community clients in the Boston Metro and New England region," according to Rotary. Arleque, an Andover resident, earned her doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts, and currently she is working on her first book.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



THERE'S NOTHING [CONTEMPORARY] OUT there that I like to listen to. I like the older stuff.
- Matt Minigell, 16, a guitar-playing Andover High School junior, whose band plays Beach Boys style music. Story in Arts, page 5.

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- Andover Baptist Church Pastor Lyndon Myers on the speaker for the church's annual Martin Luther King Day lunch, retired Air Force Colonel Charles McGee, one of the country's original Tuskegee Airmen.



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Bartlet St., Andover. The workshop, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will feature Jason Tait of the Office of Campaign and Political Finance, Andover's Town Clerk, Lawrence Murphy, and Andover

and North Andover elected officials who have been invited to talk about their experiences running for local office. Interested citizens from surrounding communities are welcome and encouraged to attend. The workshop is free and open to

the public and will be televised live and taped for rebroadcast on local cable channels and online. Contact Stefani Traina at 978-470-3140 or steftraina@verizon.net for more information.

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Lawrence General Hospital is now offering a free, automated text messaging system to its service area. "The new messaging system will allow the hospital to send accurate wait times for their Emergency Room and Trauma Center to their community via cell phone text message," it reports. Lawrence General Hospital said is the only facility in

the Merrimack Valley to offer this service to residents of Andover, Boxford, Dracut, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Merrimac, Methuen, North Andover and Tewksbury, and Atkinson, Derry, Plaistow and Salem, N.H. Emergency Center patients in the Merrimack Valley can immediately access wait times and directions to the ER and

Trauma Center, via their cell phones. The patient only has to text the keyword "LGH" to the phone number 437411 (4ER411) from any cell phone in any of the designated zip codes; within seconds, the text sender will receive a current wait time in return. Lawrence General encourages you to add the number 437411 to the contact list in each of your family's

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Jan. 25 election to decide funding for Bancroft construction

The deadline to register to vote in Andover's Jan. 25 special election on the proposed new Bancroft Elementary School was last night, Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m., for residents not yet registered to vote in Andover. Andover residents who will be 18 years old or older on or before Jan. 25, 2011 can register to vote in the Special Election. Those already registered to vote in

Andover don't need to do anything additional to vote on Jan. 25. At the Special Election voters will be asked to approve the funding of construction of a new Bancroft Elementary School to replace the existing school. If you are unable to vote at your designated polling place on January 25 because of a physical disability, religious belief or

absence from town you can vote by absentee ballot. Ballots cannot be removed from the Town Clerk's Office by voters but voters approved for an absentee ballot can either vote at the counter or request a ballot be mailed to the voter or a family member. Requests for absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk's Office by noon on Monday, Jan. 24, 2011 and

return absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Jan. 25. More information on absentee voting, including a link to the absentee ballot request form, can be found at andoverma.gov/clerk/elections.php. A copy of the ballot question can be viewed in the What's New section of the Town's website at andoverma.gov.

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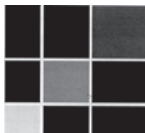
The annual town census for 2011 was mailed to Andover residents Dec. 29, 2010. The 2011 census form will indicate if a resident is a registered voter in the town and the party designation. Residents may not register to vote or change their party designation on their census form. Failing to return the local census form, may affect voters' voting status, according to the

town. Residents are encouraged to complete and return the census form as soon as possible. For convenience, special census boxes are available throughout the Town; locations are listed on the census form. If you do not receive a census form by Jan. 21, call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255, or visit the town's website at andoverma.gov to download a form.

2011 dog license info hits mailboxes

The 2011 dog-license renewal notices have been mailed to Andover dog owners. Dog owners may renew their license by mail or at the Town Clerk's Office. The cost for the annual license is \$14, and all Andover dog owners must renew their necessary licenses before Feb. 28. Residents who aren't able to make it out to Town Offices during business hours, or would prefer to receive their

dog licenses by mail, can alternatively mail a check made out to the Town of Andover to the following address: Town Clerk's Office 36 Bartlet St. Andover, MA 01810. When renewing a license, if a resident's dog has expired rabies certificates, they will also need to submit a new certificate either in person when renewing the license or by mail. Rabies certificates sent by mail will be returned along with the license tags. If dog owners don't renew their dog licenses by the end of February, an administrative fee of \$5 per month will be added to the cost of the license.



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Town gears up for vote, elections, meeting

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The new year is only a few days old, but the ball is already rolling for several key election and meeting dates in town.

Over the next few months, residents will make a final determining vote on a new Bancroft Elementary School, elect new town officials and decide the fates of several warrant articles in April's Town Meeting.

But all three parts are critical to Andover and its residents, according to Kerri Ford, president of the League of Women Voters in Andover and North Andover.

"One of the most important things every voting-age citizen can do is vote, as far as supporting local democracy and getting their voice heard," Ford said.

In the next few months, residents will chase seats on the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, and even the Town Moderator position will open up.

JAN. 25 – BANCROFT VOTE

But the decision-making processes of 2011 will start on Jan. 25, when residents will be tasked with participating in a debt exclusion vote to financially support building a new Bancroft Elementary School that the town approved at December's Special Town Meeting.

The debt exclusion vote will allow town officials to raise taxes beyond levels allowed by proposition 2 1/2 in order to pay for the estimated \$27 million cost of the school.

Polls will be open at the Collins Field House, on the left-most side of Andover High School on Shawsheen Road, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Should a resident not be able to get out to vote, absentee ballots can be obtained at the town clerk's office up until noon on Monday, Jan. 24, according to Town Clerk Larry Murphy. The ballots can be returned by the voter, or somebody delivering it for the voter, up until the closing of polls on the 25th.

Several residents have already taken out absentee ballots and

voted, Murphy said.

MARCH 22 – TOWN ELECTION

Following the debt exclusion vote, residents will then elect officials in four town positions at Andover's town election, scheduled for March 22.

Four races are expected in the election: the Town Moderator position currently occupied by Sheila Doherty, a School Committee seat currently filled by committee Chair Dennis Forgue, and Selectmen seats currently occupied by Mary Lyman, for three years, and recently-appointed John Hess, for two years.

To date, Forgue has pulled papers and returned them to run for his committee seat. Doherty and Lyman have both pulled papers for their positions, but as of Monday, they haven't yet returned them, according to Murphy.

Nobody has sought to run for the remaining two-year balance of a Selectmen seat recently vacated by the resignation of previous Selectman Jerry Stabile.

Any resident seeking to contribute to their community can run for any of the seats. To do so, a candidate is required to pull papers for the position and return them with 50 registered voter signatures by Feb. 1 at 5 p.m.

Because some signatures can be unclear, Murphy said hopeful candidates should aim to get at least 75 signatures, 50 percent more than what is required.

"We recommend 75, because very often we find signatures we can't certify," Murphy said, adding that some signatures can be illegible or not from registered town voters.

To help with the process, the League of Women Voters is also hosting a Running For Office workshop on Jan. 12 in the third-floor conference room of Andover Town Offices, Ford said.

The workshop allows for residents to see what running for office is like, and it allows them to know what is needed to run a campaign, according to Ford.

"There is reporting you have to do for the funds you raise and the other things in the state," Ford

said. The workshop will also be attended by other current public officials, who will share their stories and experiences on their respective campaign trails and offer advice to any would-be candidates, Ford said.

Murphy encourages all hopeful candidates to act fast in pulling papers to run for office.

"Anybody who is interested in any way should pull the papers sooner rather than later," Murphy said, citing the time it takes to gather signatures.

APRIL 27-28, MAY 2-3 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Though the town just wrapped up a Special Town Meeting, another one like it is coming up at the end of April. No warrant articles have been filed for it yet, but anybody wishing to put something on the warrant for town consideration only has until Jan. 28 to do so, Murphy said.

For a resident to get a private article on the warrant, they need 10 signatures from registered-to-vote residents, according to

Murphy. But still, folks should go for 50 percent more and aim for at least 15 signatures in the event that some don't certify.

"Some petitions come in and you can virtually certify all the signatures on them, and some come in not so good," Murphy said.

Town departments submit their public articles directly to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, but residents must send their private articles to Murphy so the signatures can be certified, he said.

The League of Women Voters will also run events prior to Town Meeting to preview the articles coming before residents, in an effort to educate them on the issues, Ford said.

"To be an informed participant, the education piece is very important," Ford said. "If people are educated, they are more comfortable in participating."

For more information on future League of Women Voters events related to local elections and meetings, visit lww-andovers.org/calendar.html.

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA
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The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Dec. 28 through Jan. 3:

ARRESTS

Thursday, Dec. 30 — At 12:34 p.m., Alexander Hernandez, 39, of 8 Fairway Drive, Derry, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle without a license, subsequent offense.

At 3:25 p.m., Pedro Gonzalez, 58, of 42 Fairmont St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, attaching wrong plates to a motor vehicle, operating an uninspected motor vehicle and on warrants for operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, driving an unregistered motor vehicle, larceny of a motor vehicle and forgery.

Friday, Dec. 31 — At 8:34 p.m., Gary Smith, 57, of 500 Winnacunnnet Road, Hampton, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with a red light violation, improper operation of a motor vehicle and operating under the influence of liquor, third offense.

Saturday, Jan. 1 — At 7:03 p.m., Ryan Russell, 25, of 26 Old Warner Road, Bradford, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with possession of a class B drug.

At 7:12 p.m., Lee Sint, 145, of 145 Old Warner Road, Bradford, N.H., was also arrested on River Road. He was charged with possession of a class B drug, subsequent

offense.

Monday, Jan. 3 — At 2:31 p.m., Melvin Perez-Orengo, 26, of 171 Garden St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged on warrants from a drug violation near a school, possession of a drug with intent to distribute and possession of a class A drug.

BREAKS

Friday, Dec. 31 — At 2:43 p.m., a Bellevue Road resident reported a past house break that had occurred sometime that morning or early afternoon.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Dec. 29 — At 12:06 p.m., a case of identity fraud was reported from Colonial Drive.

Friday, Dec. 31 — At 1:46 p.m., a possible theft was reported on Andover Street.

Sunday, Jan. 2 — At 4:14 p.m., a theft of two flat-screen TVs was reported from the lobby area of a Haverhill Street business.

Monday, Jan. 3 — At 5:36 p.m., police were notified of a possible shoplifter at CVS on Main Street.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 28 — Police made several reports throughout the early morning hours of snow drifts developing in streets and particular roads that needed to be widened or cleared by the highway department.

Wednesday, Dec. 29 — At 7:50 a.m., a Forrest Hill Drive resident reported finding a mailbox numbered "7" in her front yard. Police were unable to determine the source of the mailbox, and brought

it back to the station for further investigation.

At 10:41 p.m., police received a call that River Road was difficult to pass through due to cars being parked on both sides of the road. Police responding confirmed the finding and believed there was a gathering at a nearby residence. Finding the gathering, police issued a court summons to one River Road resident for keeping a disorderly house and offering liquor to minors.

Thursday, Dec. 30 — At 2:38 a.m., police were called to Bank of America on Main Street for a burglar alarm from a general interior motion detector. Police found no signs of forced entry, and it appeared that the alarm was triggered by heavy equipment being used in front of the bank for snow removal.

Later on in the day, beginning at around 12:30 p.m., over 30 liquor, or liquor and amusement/entertainment licenses were issued and presented, as reported in police logs.

Friday, Dec. 31 — At 7:02 p.m., police received reports of four male teenagers who were walking on Shawsheen Road and throwing snowballs at passing cars. Police spoke to the teenagers.

Saturday, Jan. 1 — At 12:16 a.m., a Hampton Lane resident called police regarding fireworks that had been going off since just prior to the end of the new year. Police looked for the celebratory individual, but they were unable to find the person.

At 12:50 p.m., Andover police received multiple 911 calls from

state police regarding "a call from a very drunk caller stating he knows where the bombs are on Basel Farm off of North Street in Andover." The call was believed to have been generated from the city of Lawrence. North Andover was also contacted regarding the call, but there is no Basel Farm in North Andover, police reported.

Monday, Jan. 3 — At 7:31 a.m., a Railroad Street resident reported that she thought somebody was actively trying to break into her apartment. Police responding determined that the cause for suspicion was workers in her apartment complex installing handrails, which sounded to the caller like somebody trying to break into her apartment.

At 3:45 p.m., a Bateson Drive resident called police regarding a suspicious male walking around at the end of the street. Detectives on the scene reported that the male in question was standing outside because he had poor cell phone reception.

At 12:41 p.m., a Dec. 29 assault occurring at the high school on Shawsheen Road was reported to police.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 28 — At 1:21 p.m., police received reports of a two-car crash on River Road. One of the vehicles had to be towed.

Wednesday, Dec. 29 — At 8:53 a.m., a caller on Shawsheen Road reported a past hit-and-run at the Andover High School.

At 11:35 a.m., one car had to be towed from a two-car crash on Lowell Street.

Taylor Cove funds review, questioned on earth removal

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A lawyer for a proposed affordable housing project known as Taylor Cove agreed the developer will pay for an engineering peer review, while town conservation officials considered two enforcement orders that might halt the controversial project.

Taylor Cove representatives agreed on Tuesday to pay about \$4,900 for an engineering peer review regarding water resources on the property. The agreement comes after weeks of discussion that almost previously lead to the Conservation Commission turning down the project due to a lack of facts.

Meanwhile town officials are looking into whether the project's developer needs a permit to legally remove earth material from the construction site.

Donald Cooper, Conservation Commission chairman, said the board needed to act immediately to determine whether such a permit is necessary.

"If we have the ability to stop the earth removal, I think we should act quickly," Cooper said.

According to Donald


Borenstein, an attorney representing Taylor Cove developer Todd Wacome, the comprehensive permit extension allowing construction to continue provides a permit for earth removal.

There was discussion of another enforcement order, after Conservation Director Bob Douglas used a recent email from Borenstein to demonstrate that current construction, which is allowed to continue under previously-approved Virginia Place plans, had deviated from those plans. Douglas said that underground piping had been installed in a way that deviated from the original permit currently covered by permit extension.

Borenstein opposed the enforcement order, saying that the evidence being used was being taken out of context. In response, Cooper said an email shouldn't be the only line of evidence to issue an enforcement order against a developer.

Though Borenstein committed to paying for the peer review, the commission continued the public hearing, which has been going on since Sept. 9, meaning Taylor Cove discussion will continue at a future date.


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Black Catholic Choir performs on Sunday

The Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir will perform on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 5 p.m. at Phillips Academy Cochran Chapel, followed at 6:45 p.m. by a musical performance at a Catholic Mass. All are welcome to both events. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass.

This choir was established in 1992 to "enhance liturgies and prayer services and to present concerts throughout the Archdiocese of Boston and beyond

by raising their voices in song to the Lord."

Under the direction of Meyer J. Chambers, the choir director, the choir says it sings uplifting and spiritual music from the Black Catholic perspective.

The 45-member choir, whose members hail from throughout the Archdiocese of Boston, has traveled to Italy, where it sang for his Holiness Pope John Paul II at a general audience.

During that trip, it also performed in Florence and Assisi.

In 2004, the choir went on a Southern Caribbean cruise, where members sang a Mass at the Cathedral of Old San Juan, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and performed at an outdoor concert at Emancipation Gardens, in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

In February of 2008, the choir went on a performance tour of Ireland.

In addition to performing in churches, prisons, homeless shelters and concerts throughout New England and

the eastern seaboard, the choir was one of only three choirs to sing at the National Black Catholic Congress VII, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Phillips Academy performances by the ABBCC are made possible through "Celebrating the Cultural Legacies of Catholicism" project initiated by Elizabeth Oppong '12, with advisor Catholic Chaplain Dr. Mary Kantor. This project is funded by an Abbot Academy Association grant.



COURTESY PHOTO

Operators take calls during last year's Raise the Roof Telethon.

Andover's got talent

AYS hopes people will show it at telethon

The Andover Youth Services Raising the Roof telethon is back, and will air live on the Andover local cable stations on Feb. 10 and 11.

But to put on a show there needs to be talent. So Andover Youth Services reports it is looking for people from the community who would like to participate in this year's show.

"Every penny raised from the telethon will go directly towards AYS programming and raising the roof in a young person's life, by providing opportunities to learn, grow and be a kid," said Afton Cuomo in an e-mail. "The

Andover Youth Services is not looking to put on your regular run of the mill telethon, as we don't put on your regular run of the mill youth programs. AYS is looking for those crazy obscure talents you may have even forgotten you have! To participate and showcase your guitar playing, singing, tap dancing, rhino riding or whatever your talent may be, contact Afton Cuomo, youth program coordinator for the Andover Youth Services at Acuomo@andoverma.gov."

Talent of all kinds and all ages are welcome and encouraged to step forward, she said.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Left Hand Blue band mates Matt Minigell on guitar, vocals, left, Greg Johnson on drums, and Carissa Johnson on bass, right, practice in Greg Johnson's basement in Andover.

Left Hand Blue grabbed by older music

Andover teen band has Cambridge show Saturday

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

"Left Hand Blue" sounds like a directive from the popular game "Twister." Well, it is. And, for a three teen musicians from Andover, it's also a very cool name for their band.

"I just liked it and wrote it down on a chalkboard when I heard it," said Matt Minigell, 16, and a guitar-playing Andover High School junior who chose the name for his band a few years ago.

CHECK OUT "LEFT HAND BLUE"

When: Saturday, Jan. 8, 6 p.m.
Where: All Asia, 334 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge
What: All ages show
Cost: \$6 over 21; \$10 under 21

"I just thought it was a cool name," he laughs. "That's all."

The band's lineup has changed since then, but the name has stayed.

Minigell is the original band member, who writes lyrics and sings. Carissa Johnson also writes songs.

Band mates say they are happy Minigell has stayed true to performing music, regardless of the band's name.

"I didn't even know the band's name when I joined. I just knew he was serious about music and I liked that," said

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The Red Clay Ramblers will play Jan. 15 at Tang Theater at Phillips.

Red Clay Ramblers to play free concert

A Tony Award-winning band will play a free, public concert next weekend at Phillips Academy.

On Saturday, Jan. 15 at 8 p.m., the Red Clay Ramblers will perform in the Tang Theater on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover, courtesy of the Phillips Academy Music Department. Now in their 39th year, Red Clay Ramblers are a North Carolina string band whose repertoire reflects their roots in old-time mountain music, as well as bluegrass, country, rock, New Orleans jazz, gospel and the American musical.

In 1993, the Irwin-Shiner-Ramblers hit Fool Moon on Broadway earned the Ramblers their second Drama Desk nomination for Outstanding Music in a Play, and Fool Moon in Los Angeles set box-office records. Fool Moon went on to run abroad in Vienna

and Munich, returned to Broadway for a second success in late 1995, and had a third Broadway run at the Brooks Atkinson Theater from November 1998 to January 1999. Fool Moon enjoyed a five week run at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in 1999, and received a Special Tony Award, on June 6, 1999.

The Ramblers have been guests numerous times on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" and have appeared nationally with Andover native Jay Leno on NBC-TV "Tonight," Harry Smith, on CBS-TV "This Morning" and Candice Bergen, on ABC-TV "AM-America." They have toured extensively in North America and in Europe, and have made four USIA concert tours, to eastern Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and the Middle East. The Ramblers developed

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EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5

COMMUNITY HIKE, Harold Parker State Forest, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., free, meet at the headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. This is a moderately paced walk appropriate for all ages. Wear walking footwear; bring water and sunscreen; (617) 828-1728, mass.gov/dcr.

EXHIBIT OPENS, "50 Under 50," all about finding joy in the little things. 50 small works of art each priced under \$50 - from photography to jewelry to paintings to mixed media to glass work. The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell, through Jan. 30.

OPEN REHEARSALS, and auditions for Women Choral Singers, WomenSong, a choral group for women from the Massachusetts North Shore and Southern New Hampshire, 7:15-9 p.m.; Frances Burmeister, fburmeister@hotmail.com to set up an audition, womensong.org.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6

SENIOR MOVIE, "Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg," noon-2 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, lunch and a movie; templemanuel.net, 978-470-1356.

LIVE THEATER, Merrimack Repertory Theatre opens with the suspenseful drama, "Tryst," through Jan. 30; MerrimackRep.org, 978.654.4MRT.

FRIDAY, JAN. 7

TOT SHABBAT SABBATH SERVICE, for toddlers, preschool and school-aged children, 5:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover; templemanuel.net, 978-470-1356.

LIVE MUSIC, Carol Leary, an Andover

resident and vocalist, will be performing at the new Buono Bistro Restaurant on 220 Sutton St., North Andover, accompanied by her pianist, John Hyde (also from Andover), 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 8

LIVE MUSIC, Vanessa Torres and We're about 9, Crossroads Coffeehouse, doors open at 7:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m., located on the top floor in the Old Center Hall, directly across the street from the North Parish Church and around the corner from the Top of the Scales restaurant in North Andover; 978-687-3960

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SUNDAY, JAN. 9

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, Family Cooperative Preschool, Inc., 565 Osgood St., on Edgewood Farm in North Andover, 1-2 p.m. Meet the director and teachers, tour school house, and see the rural setting; (978) 682-4012, familycoop.org.

LIVE MUSIC, Carter Creek Revival (Southern Appalachian gospel), 2 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Andover; mhl.org, 978-623-8401, x 31, 32, or text 66746 (start your message with "askmhl").

LIVE MUSIC & DANCING, Upstairs at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover, 7-10 p.m., dance instruction from 6-7 p.m., \$10-20; TAVAH 978-623-0070 (call ahead), Andover Senior Center, 978-623-8321.

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BAND: Andover teen performs on Cambridge stage

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drummer Greg Johnson, 17, and also an AHS junior. "I liked his attitude."
Bass player Carissa Johnson (no relation to Greg), 16, agreed that Minigell's commitment is a bonus, since many teens get diverted to other projects and their bands suffer as a result.
"I had heard them (the band) so I knew they liked to play out and what they sounded like," she said.
It's almost a pop-rock sound

for "Left Hand Blue" as the members are drawn to some old-school music from the 1960s, like the Beach Boys. Think background music for a family "Twister" game. No rap, no heavy metal, no grunge.
"I write songs I want to hear," said Minigell. "There's nothing out there that I like to listen to...I like the older stuff."
That frustration is why the band was initially formed.
The group plays small, coffeehouse-type gigs, including Sad Cafe in Plaistow, N.H., and

All Asia in Cambridge, where it has a concert on Saturday, Jan. 8. Just before Christmas, the band performed at the Collins Center as part of a school-sponsored holiday concert, along with "One Step Away," another popular pop-rock teen band with Andover musicians.
"The experience was great," Carissa Johnson said of the center's stage, acoustics and lights.
Making an EP at a North Reading music studio is the band's next step.

FUN FACTS

- Twister became a success when Eva Gabor played it with Johnny Carson on television's Tonight Show on May 3, 1966.
- Twister was the first popular American game to use human bodies as playing pieces.
- As cited by the Guinness Book of World Records, the record for the largest number of contestants in a game of Twister occurred in 1987 with 4,160 contestants tangling themselves at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Source: Twister.com

CONCERT: Red Clay Ramblers in concert at Tang Theater

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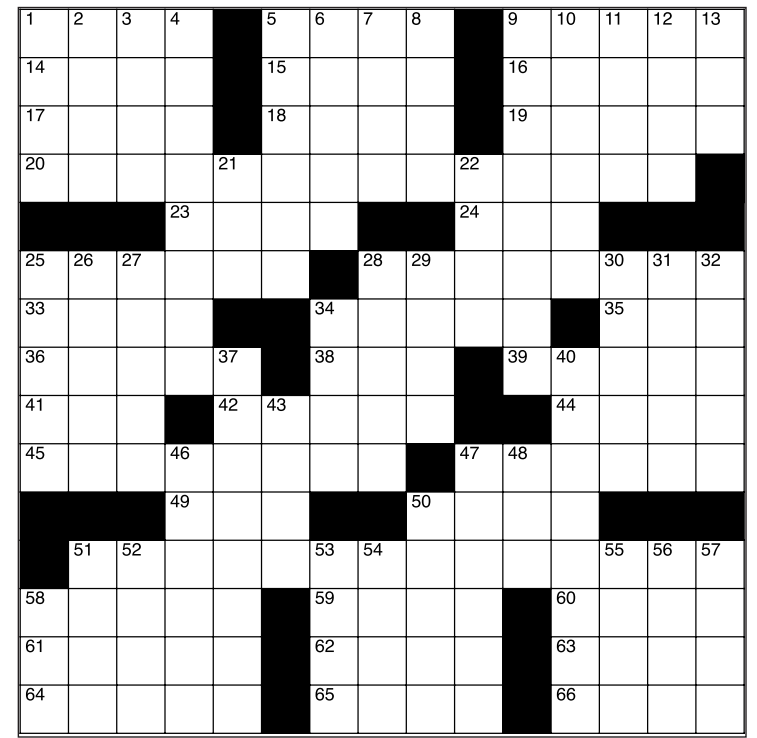
Kudzu: A Southern Musical, in collaboration with Pulitzer-winning cartoonist Doug Marlette, and staged the show at Duke in Durham, N.C. Feb. 1998 and Ford's Theatre in Washington, DC March-June 1998.

Over the years, the Ramblers have performed with such figures as 1998 Grammy-winner Shawn Colvin, a Red Clay Rambler for most of 1987, Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, Eugene Chadbourne, Ireland's Boys of the Lough, Randy Newman recorded "Ride, Gambler,

Ride" with him for the film Maverick, and Michele Shocked who brought the Eagles' Bernie Leadon and a mobile studio to North Carolina to record with the Ramblers. All along, members of the Ramblers have been involved separately in diverse creative projects, including children's

works for the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis and the celebratory Carolina musicals King Mackerel, Cool Spring, and Tar Heel Voices.
For more information please contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail to music@andover.edu.

Crossword puzzle



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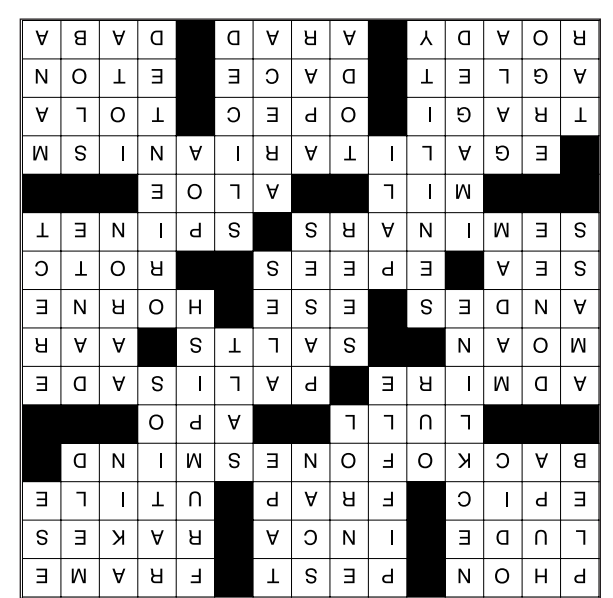
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- Persistently annoying person
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- Methaqualone pill (slang)
- South American Indian
- Leaf gathering tools
- Poem telling of a hero's deeds
- Make secure by lashing
- Being of use or service
- Where thoughts are stored
- Calm interval in a storm
- Military mailbox
- Look at with admiration
- A line of steep cliffs
- A low mournful cry
- Mariners
- Swiss river
- S. AM. mountains
- Point midway between E and SE
- Singer Lena
- A large body of water
- Fencing swords
- College army
- Special courses
- Small upright piano
- 1/1000 of an inch
- vera: healing plant
- Belief in equality
- Fictional work: ___-comedy
- Oil cartel
- Unit of weight (Indian)
- Shoelace

CLUES DOWN

- Commoner
- One of the Athapaskan
- Hypothetical life force
- V, scoop or crew
- Trivial nonsense
- Register formally
- Read superficially
- Cellophane or magic storm
- Magnitude relations
- Having essential likeness
- To cause to merge
- Economic search engine tool employed by Google
- Belong to us
- 2010 Angelina Jolie film
- Accumulate
- Donation recipient

- A woman of refinement
- Bullfighting maneuvers (Span.)
- Brews
- Moses' elder brother
- "The Divine Comedy" author
- Used of posture
- One with unusual powers of foresight
- Mental infirmity in old age
- Placed in a particular relation
- Hawaiian cliff
- Visualized
- Cut through meat
- Bluegrass genus
- Butterfly palm
- Consequently
- Festive occasion
- South Dravidian
- Active Phased Array Radar (abbr.)
- 9th Greek letter
- Slovenly person
- Supernatural force
- Seaman

Solution



EVENTS CALENDAR

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LIVE MUSIC, Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir, 5 p.m. performance and 6:45 p.m. performance at Catholic Mass, both in Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, light refreshments following Mass, all welcome to both events.
OPENING RECEPTION, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, at Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1

Jackson St., Lawrence, 1-4 p.m.; 978-794-1655.
MODEL RAILROAD & HOBBY SHOW, hosted by the Wenham Museum, with appearance by artist and songwriter of The Last Song, 11 a.m., \$2-\$5, held at the Buker School, School Street, Wenham. Snow date is Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
TUESDAY, JAN. 11
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, Dr. Lillian Arleque, author of "Learn Strategies for

Professional Success and Personal Happiness," on how to create a life that is filled with joy and success and leave armed with simple but life changing strategies, hosted by Quota International of Andover, Memorial Hall Library, Andover, 7 p.m.; Vena Coco, vvcoco@aol.com.
BLOOD DRIVE, Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, will hold its Red Cross Community Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Drive, 1:30-7 p.m. To schedule an appt., call

1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org; 978-470-1356.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12
COMMUNITY HIKE, Harold Parker State Forest, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., free, meet at the headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. This is a moderately paced walk appropriate for all ages. Wear walking footwear; bring water and sunscreen; (617) 828-1728, mass.gov/dcr.
OPEN REHEARSALS, and auditions for Women Choral Singers, WomenSong, a choral group for women from the Massachusetts North Shore and Southern New Hampshire, 7:15-9 p.m.; Frances Burmeister, fburmeister@hotmail.com to set up an audition, womensong.org.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

WINTER FESTIVAL OPENS, featuring the work of young performers (grades 1-12) involved in the theater's fall/winter training program. Shows include segments from: "Oklahoma!", "13", and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"; stonehamtheatre.org/jc_wintershow.html.
LIFE COACH, and productivity specialist Linda King will talk about "How to Organize Your Life," 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading, free and open to the public; 978-664-4942.

SATURDAY, JAN. 15

FREE INTRO TO YOGA, 9:30-10:30 a.m., UnionStudio Yoga, 305 North Main St. (Rte. 28), Andover. If you are new to yoga but not quite ready to jump into your first class, Intro to Yoga is for you, free one-hour class teaches principles of correct alignment, guidelines for breathing, and basic poses for strength, flexibility and balance. Instructor Connie Glore, unionstudioyoga.com, 978 886-7944.

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Opinion

Issues for the year ahead

This week marks not only the beginning of a new year, but the gateway to a new decade. Many of the most important decisions on the radar for 2011 will have significant effect on Andover for at least the rest of the 2010s. Here are some issues residents may want to keep an eye on this year.

New school: Elementary solutions

The first big decision of 2011 will come in just a matter of weeks, when residents decide whether to approve an up-to-\$44 million replacement for the Bancroft Elementary School. A special townwide ballot-box election on Jan. 25 will determine whether people want to approve a debt exclusion override, which would allow Andover to raise taxes above the level allowed by state law Proposition 2 1/2, specifically to pay for the new school. The town will receive state reimbursement, lowering the direct cost to Andover taxpayers.

If the new school is approved, other dominoes will fall. The School Committee has discussed closing Andover's oldest school building, the kindergarten through grade 2 Shawsheen School. It also will need to redistrict elementary-school-age students once the new school is opened.

Transportation: Roads to the future

Just when you thought it was safe to go back on the road, significant construction could come again to Route 28 in Andover. While the downtown Main Street construction project is now a memory, the state expects to soon start working on the South Main Street bridge on the south end of Andover, which travels over Route 125 near the North Reading border. It's possible that later this year, construction would also start on the North Main Street bridge near Railroad Street. At the very least, residents can expect a plan to take shape this year on how traffic will flow through the downtown while this important piece of North Main Street is being repaired.

Contracts

Virtually every contract for town employee unions needs to be renegotiated this year. As average taxpayers continue to deal with forced days off without pay, layoffs, pay cuts and benefit reductions, residents will want to keep an eye on whether Andover officials stop agreeing to out-of-control benefits and other giveaways. We'll see if union leaders have started to get the message from the public about what the last 10 years have meant to the wallets of those in the private sector.

Consolidation and new approaches

Selectmen agreed to a new contract with the town manager which gave him a one-time payout in exchange for eliminating perks such as a free car. With the town set to replace several department heads who have retired, this is the time to eliminate these kind of perks and to establish a culture of consolidation.

With a new townwide technology leader coming aboard, will the town begin to consolidate its four IT departments (and other areas of town government) in the interest of taxpayers? Or will the status quo remain?

If the current economy doesn't provide enough incentive to change, what will?

WEB QUESTION

How do you get to work?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

What statements best describe how you travel to work?

- I travel by train most often.
- I travel by car or truck most often.
- I travel by public transit buses or cabs most often.
- I travel by foot or bicycle most often.
- I work within 20 miles of where I live.
- I work in the Boston area.
- I work in the New Hampshire area.
- I work further west into the state.
- I work in an area not outlined above.
- I work from home, and do not need to travel.
- Other.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's questions was "What was the biggest story for Andover this year?" With 117

people responding, the answers were:

- Andover High principal steps down; Lawrence headmaster fills in as interim: 7.69% (9 votes)
- Flooding ravages town as Shawsheen exceeds banks: 14.53% (17 votes)
- Marinel McGrath becomes next superintendent: 5.98% (7 votes)
- Market Basket closes after over 40 years in town: 41.88% (49 votes)
- Residents vote approval for new Bancroft Elementary: 13.68% (16 votes)
- Selectman Stable resigns; Selectmen appoint John Hess as 5th member: 1.71% (2 votes)
- Sports teams bring in wave of championships: 3.42% (4 votes)
- Town supports, votes new deer management program into bylaws: 0.85% (1 votes)
- Town, state investigates misconduct at Water Treatment Plant: 10.26% (12 votes)

CLEANSING WATER



Flowing since the town's beginnings, the Shawsheen River is captured on the morning of another new year, Jan. 1.

PHOTO BY CHERYL GIAMMUSSO MACLEAN

New year plan: Harnessing oneself to overcome fears

Jayan Marie Landry

Trauma Intervention Program CEO

As I ask our Trauma Intervention Program volunteers to stretch into new areas of discomfort as they reach out to help others in crisis in our community, I too must stretch.

I returned to Tucson, Ariz., to ring in the new year with my brother Joe, but also to challenge my fear of heights, which became clear during my March visit as I climbed a 20-foot ladder and had a panic attack half way up.

This time, I asked Joe to join me in a more difficult challenge. We were to climb a pole 35 feet high then stand on a platform together no larger than a cookie sheet, then jump off. Weather conditions and my prior fear added to the difficulty of this task for me.

Joe climbed first and as he approached the cookie sheet I could see from the ground that he was struggling to figure out how to get on top of that without any help. There was nothing to hang onto, pull up to; no props, no hooks, no handles!

And no directions. As our skillful guide put it: "part of the challenge is to figure it out for yourself." Of course this irritated me, but I later came to appreciate his wisdom.

I made a comparison (not usually helpful) thinking if Joe can't do it, I can't do it. But with incredible skill and strength, he was able to slowly make his way to standing. The photos cannot show the wind and cold that made the pole sway in the wind. Joe later told me he adopted his ski leg stance allowing him to move with the pole versus fight



Courtesy photo

Andover's Jayan Landry took on her fear of heights by climbing 35 feet and then leaping off a platform with her brother.

against it (a good plan with life's challenges).

Now, it was my turn. I began the climb. I used my mindful breathing and was able to climb up stopping only once for a brief time to get my bearings. This time I didn't look down. But as I approached the cookie sheet barely enough room for one to stand, my heart pounded and my palms began to sweat. How in the world was I going to get up there? Joe was focusing with all his might to stay standing and now he had to move over to make room for me!

The first he knew I was near

was my one arm I slung over the top of the cookie sheet. With this he let out a joyful howl and began to move over to one side limiting his own stance (sacrifice for the benefit of another). People on the ground watching and spotting were yelling positive affirmations - "you can do it!" - which was very helpful.

Again without any directions we began to strategize how this might work. This is when I had my "Oh, crap" moment, as I looked out over the mountains in front of me and had this incredible task looming before me. For a moment, I froze in sheer panic.

But quickly my mind and body went into full action mode. One arm on the cookie sheet between Joe's legs, I was able to then kneel next to him. Breathing, focusing, and using every ounce of mental and physical strength I had, I then swung my left leg to a half squat position and asked Joe to just hold my hand as I slowly raised myself to standing.

He gave me a kiss, the spotters on the ground gave a collective cheer, as we stood side by side on the cookie sheet swaying in the cold wind 35 feet above the ground. It was a life-changing moment mixed with so many emotions, but there was no time to enjoy even pride. We were still in survival mode - and now we had to jump off!

On a 1,2,3 cue, at the same time we let go of each other's hands and, facing opposite directions, jumped from the platform. There was an initial dip, then we were suspended in air as if flying. Feelings of fun, and freedom and "we did it" came to mind. As we landed on ground and were taken from our harnesses and this incredible rush of adrenaline poured through me.

I knew that something inside of me on a cellular level had been changed forever.

In the week that followed as I faced a few life challenges, I am brought back to my "Oh, crap" moment approaching the cookie sheet swaying 35 feet high above the Tucson desert with the knowledge that I can indeed accomplish what at first glance appears to be the impossible.

Jayan Marie Landry is the founder and CEO/executive director of the Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimack Valley Inc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bancroft replacement plan is best option for town

Editor, Townsman:

In just under three weeks, Andover voters will have the opportunity to make a decision that will benefit our community for decades to come. For the last four years, groups of dedicated citizens have wrestled with the challenge of how best to replace a failing Bancroft Elementary School. To their credit, they've done that and much more.

The plan voters approved overwhelmingly at Town Meeting last month not only will replace Bancroft, it will position us to reduce the number of elementary schools in town to five by eliminating K-2 classes at Shawsheen School, a beloved but aged relic whose sky-high maintenance costs are rivaled only by Bancroft.

As good plans do, this one emerged after careful consideration of a host of alternatives that included renovating Bancroft, closing the school and adding on to other elementary schools; building a new school in another location, and even leasing or buying another building and converting it into a school. In the end, none of those added up.

What did add up is the plan we have today. It addresses our

project put forward is the best one for Andover.

Make no mistake: a vote against the project will not save taxpayers any money. Shawsheen and Bancroft schools are at the end of their useful lives, and doing nothing now will only delay the inevitable. We know what that would mean more years of costly maintenance on two outdated buildings followed, inevitably, by higher construction costs and a lower reimbursement from the state. Fiscal responsibility argues strongly for supporting the project and voting yes on Question 1 at the special election on Jan. 25.

BILL BURGER
22 Stinson Road

Donators beware of 'veteran charity work'

Editor, Townsman:

We all wish to assist charities, including veteran charities. Yet some charities are better than others in putting your donation to good use. Unfortunately, there are organizations that should be ashamed of what they do, preying on our strong desire to donate while failing to deliver on their end of the bargain.

Please note that my office (Andover Veteran Services) and Veteran Service officers in Massachusetts have seen an increase

in "scams," non-legitimate organizations, particularly preying on the elderly. Often these entities target a community saying they are sponsored by local veterans and have the local Veterans' Office support.

Likewise there are legitimate organizations - yet some of their practices are shameful. Their overhead costs leave relative little money to the veteran causes they supposedly champion. Additionally, though they claim non-profit status, their employees' salaries are down-right sinful. Often their marketing processes, providing a nice "news story," leave a less than full and accurate portrayal of their full situation as a non-profit. Lastly, these "legitimate" organizations tend to solicit local funds to go the national endeavors, meaning donations do not assist our local veterans in need.

Please note this office only advocates for the donations to our local veterans groups, here in town, or donations directly to this office with the intent of assisting our local veterans. When in doubt, I suggest donating to an organization you are absolutely certain of, or locally where you can confirm your donation will go to a good cause.

MIKE BURKE
Andover Veteran Services director

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SUN SETS ON '10, RISES ON '11



South Baptist Church on the evening of Dec. 31, taken by Andover resident Bob Dennis.

PHOTO BY ANDOVER RESIDENT BOB DENNIS



PHOTO BY CHERYL GIAMUSSO MACLEAN

Avid photographer Cheryl Giamusso MacLean, Andover High class of 1986, was home visiting her folks for the holidays. She said she "wanted to capture sites around Andover in the quiet of the morning on New Year's Day" and has posted them at pbase.com/cherylmaclea/andover2011.

TOWN TALK

Best dessert in valley?

Andover residents next month will have a chance to help select the top dessert in the Merrimack Valley.

Billy Costa, from TV Diner and Kiss108FM, will host a dessert-tasting event to crown the best dessert in the Merrimack Valley on Feb. 5, 2011 at the University of Massachusetts Lowell Conference Center in Lowell. Some of Andover's finest establishments including Glory, On the Bone and Sweet Mimis will be competing against other establishments from Haverhill, North Andover, Lowell, Methuen and Tewksbury.

Attendees will vote their top three desserts to the Blue Ribbon table to determine the final winner, according to organizers. Judges at the Blue Ribbon table will include Costa and other dignitaries yet to be announced.

Andover's Congregation Beth Israel is promoting the

fundraiser.

Remembering a Christmas in Korea

During the holidays, people often reflect on memories from previous years. While flipping through a scrap book recently, Korean War veteran Tom Garvey, of Railroad Street, found a Christmas Day 1952 dinner menu from Korea.

The guest of honor that night was Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York, the vicar general of chaplains for the armed forces. He was touring the war zone and two from each company were picked to have Christmas dinner with him, said Garvey.

"I was one," according to Garvey. "At the same sitting: one Billy Graham."

Garvey still has the menu and prayer card (signed "Francis Cardinal Spellman") from the event, along with other photos and mementos from Korea.

You light up my life

After two snow-related cancellations, Marland Place residents finally received their holiday bus tour of decorated homes in town on Monday night. Homes on Hazelwood and Basswood in the Fieldstone Meadows neighborhood were singled out for beautiful lighting. Those homeowners were surprised with a special dessert from the Marland Place chef and an appreciative bus crowd. Then, the bus went to Rockvale Street in Tewksbury, where an ultra-decorated home gets press every holiday. That homeowner starts decorating at Halloween.

"But they had turned their lights out," said bus driver Ann Sico, who is the Engage Life director at Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street. "I'm going to send a note and tell them how much we enjoyed their home and offer to drop off our signature dessert if they call me."

- Judy Wakefield



COURTESY PHOTO

Polar Plunge by 3 Andover teens

Three Andover teens kicked off the New Year with a dip into ice cold water.

Meagan Johnson, 16, Kelly Johnson, 14 and, friend Leah Hart, 13, all of Andover, braved the icy waters of South Boston on New Year's Day for their first Polar Plunge.

Meagan and Kelly's grandfather, Tom Furey, 81, of Tewksbury, has

been an L Street Brownie for seven years and has not missed one of the group's celebrated Jan. 1 plunges in as many years. When Furey decided to take a second dip in the 34-degree water, the girls all cast their towels aside and followed. Meagan said, "If my grandfather can do it, I can do it," according to her family.

Over the years, Furey has coaxed many friends and family members to take the plunge each New Year's Day and each one who tried it has returned every year thereafter.

Meagan, Kelly and Leah trained for the plunge by going outside at midnight on New Year's Eve in their bathing suits and Uggs to roll in the snow, said the family.

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Townspeople



Al and Evelyn Retelle of Andover celebrated turning 80 by traveling 7,120 miles across country in a small camper.

Courtesy photos

BISON, NOT BABIES, FOR OCTO-COUPLE

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

The octo-mom may have added a word to today's lexicon. Here in Andover, we have a pair of octo-campers who celebrated turning 80 in grand style.

Al and Evelyn Retelle of Andover spent four weeks this fall trekking across the country to see Yellowstone Park. A hearing aid is now a must-have in their travel kit, but the pair remain energetic and love to travel.

At an age when some people might take a pass on camping in a small trailer on the back of a Chevy Silverado truck for a month, this couple is ready to play. They talked about the experience at the Andover Senior Center on Tuesday as part of the center's Soup's On luncheon series. Evelyn mastered Power Point to present their photographs from the trip.

"It's a trip we have always wanted to take," she said matter-of-factly.

"And, we've had that camper for six years," Evelyn said. "We've kept saying, 'We're too busy.' Well, we both turned 80 and figured it was time."

They pulled out of their Reservation Road driveway on Sept. 21 and returned Oct. 21.

It was a month filled with memorable experiences, like being the only Caucasians at a Navajo restaurant, Evelyn said.

The couple made no reservations anywhere. They just had their homemade computer map to guide them and their AAA senior discount.

"We'd see a sign for something and if we wanted to see it, we would," Evelyn said.

Their family insisted they bring a cell phone, but it stopped working just a few days into the trip. Evelyn borrowed cell phones to call home.

"People should just do it," she said. "You can pull it off."



An arch made of elk antlers in Jackson Hole, Wyo.



A jay-walking bison in Yellowstone Park, Wyoming.



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Civil Rights history visits MLK brunch

Tuskegee Airman is keynote speaker

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Those attending this year's Martin Luther King Day brunch at the Andover Baptist Church will meet and hear from "a forerunner" to the Civil Rights Movement: retired Air Force Colonel Charles McGee, one of the country's original Tuskegee Airmen.

For the Reverend Lyndon Myers, McGee's history represents an account of civil rights predating the movement that led African Americans across the country to racial equality in America.

"His history preceded Martin Luther King," Myers said. "What I think it will mean for (attendees) is living history, (hearing from) a forerunner to Martin Luther King; not his personal stature, but the role he played to make the country what it is today."

Born in 1919, McGee enlisted in the Air Force during World War II at the age of 22, said Myers. McGee joined the Tuskegee Airmen, a group formed out of a Tuskegee, Ala., "experiment" to train African American pilots. Its success paved the way for blacks serving in all branches of the armed services.

Graduating from the Tuskegee Army Air Field in 1943, McGee remained on active duty for over 30 years, and retired from military service in January 1973.

A fellow retired member of the Air Force, Myers said McGee's name won't be familiar to the crowd at the brunch. But the message from McGee will be clear as day.

"Because we have a predominantly African American population in the church, his experience will cause a lot of people to think about their own history, their own families, grandfathers and, for those who are older, some of their own fathers," Myers said.

As the brunch approaches, Myers hopes that word of McGee's planned attendance circulates to other airmen



Col. Charles McGee will speak at the Martin Luther King Day brunch.

CHURCH REVEREND STRONG FOLLOWING HEART ATTACK

The Rev. Lyndon Myers said he is "as close to being fully recovered as a person can be" from the heart attack he suffered two years ago, on Dec. 28, 2008 after playing basketball.

"Physically, I feel a little burn in the part of my heart that has died," Myers said, adding that he only feels that pain when he exerts a lot of strain on his body. "I am very fortunate that I was revived soon after the heart attack."

One other side effect of the heart attack Myers is experiencing is short-term memory loss, a product of oxygen not flowing to his brain during the heart attack. He said there are no other negative effects, and he is going strong.

"Other than those things, which nobody notices other than me," Myers said, "I would say I am fully recovered."

living in the area, so that they can attend and contribute to the brunch.

"There are a number of Tuskegee Airmen, like he is a Tuskegee Airman, people who've entered into the military as part of the experiment, throughout the Merrimack Valley," he said.

The brunch will be Monday, Jan. 17, starting at 11 a.m., at the Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., across Essex Street from Memorial Hall Library.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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25 Years Ago Jan. 2, 1986

Beverly Savings Bank opened a new loan center at 63 Park Street Village, Andover, recently. The Andover loan center will be headed by Paul Nasser, manager, and Paula Caron, assistant manager, according to Peter A. Hersee, president.

Chubby Checker and Danny and the Juniors will ring in the New Year with a bit of nostalgia when they stroll down memory lane, singing their greatest rock'n roll hits of the '50s and '60s at Andover's J. Everett Collins Center, Jan. 11, at 8 p.m.

This last holiday season took downtown Andover by storm, and turned the year-end into a financial success for most of the town's merchants. Macartney's Christmas staple was the sweater, as was the case at Her Majesty's Shoppe. "We almost

sold out on all our sweaters," said HMS owner Honey Hamersla. At Enzo of Andover, quality was definitely a consideration said owner Enzo Possella. "Cashmere was the thing," he said. Coats moved well at Russem's according to manager Jaune DeFrancesco. The trend was back to the traditional—chesterfields, camel hairs, houndstooth—the preppy look," she said.

50 Years Ago Jan. 5, 1961

Sidney P. White of Argilla road, will seek election to the office of selectman in March. Mr. White, whose candidacy has been rumored for several months, took out his nomination papers this week.

The Joseph Legros fund — being collected for the benefit of the family who was burned out

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Give me 25 degrees and sunny any day

Bill Dalton



Right after our recent snowstorm, a friend in Texas bragged over e-mail that it was 70 degrees there. It was sunny and 25 degrees here with a crystal blue sky and bright white snow everywhere.

I wasn't jealous of the friend's weather. The only difference between 70 degrees and 25 degrees is a coat and gloves.

Extreme temperatures make a real difference, but when it gets real cold all you have to do is keep adding layers of clothing. When it gets real hot (and I lived in the South and Southwest where real hot was common) there's only so many clothes you can take off.

Although body temperature is 98.6 degrees, your skin 91

degrees, lower right at the surface. Not accounting for things like wind, humidity, and your activity level, the only air temperature that is perfect on your skin is 91 degrees or a little less. So if it's 91 degrees outside, you can stand around in the shade buck naked all day and be perfectly comfortable. The reason we call 68 degrees "room temperature," which is presumed to be just-right comfortable, is that we usually have some clothes covering most of our skin.

Lots of people complain about the weather in New England, especially winter. After living in hot climates, I like New England and its seasons, including winter. If you don't like the weather here, take it from me that zero cold is a lot more comfortable than 100 hot, especially when you get 90 days of a 100 or so like we did our last summer in Texas. When it's hot, no one stays outdoors; they just move from one air-conditioned place to another.

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Snow is better the further you get away from population centers. Where I live, an hour north of Andover, the population is light, and we like snow storms. Those falling flakes are beautiful, especially when wind makes them swirl around and pushes them sideways. It's nice when the flakes take small cold bites at the skin of your face, and the white snow on green conifers is pretty.

When you live real close to

people and there are fewer trees and more structures, snow loses some of its beauty. Messy driving and traffic and parking problems downtown cause unpleasantness, and snow removal isn't easy. People in towns often say that they like snow except they wish it wouldn't snow on their driveways. City folks see their road-parked cars buried by falling snow and snow plowed against

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SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Andover Senior Center is located at 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Pre-registration is required for all events, which are open to the entire community, pending space. Call for information: 978-623-8321.

Buttons, Banners and Bumper Stickers: A look at presidential campaigns through the years on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$2. Join Richard Padova, instructor in the Global Studies Department at Northern Essex Community College, as he takes you through three centuries of presidential campaigns and elections. "Tippecanoe and

Tyler Too" and "I Like Ike" will be among the slogans, both in support and in opposition of candidates, that will be revived. View collection from the campaign trails of the 1800s up to the present.

Tax Talk, Important Changes for 2010: Friday, Jan. 14, 9:30 a.m. Many tax changes are afoot for 2010. What will be the tax impact of the new medical insurance plans and how will last minute legislative changes affect your federal and state taxes? Don't miss energy savings credits and finding out if you have enough withheld to

avoid penalties. Facilitator: Don Miller, Seasonal tax preparer for H & R Block, retired financial advisor. Pre-registration appreciated.

Simple Steps to Getting Organized: Organizer goes Kindergarten on Thursdays, Jan. 20 and 27 and Feb. 3 and 10 at 1:30 p.m. each day. Cost is \$20. Get messy, learn to share, take a time out and finally pick it up and put it away! Simple steps to change that clutter behavior forever. Professional organizer Susan Walko teaches.

Haiku, Now and Then: Mondays, Jan 24, 31 and Feb. 7 at

1:30 p.m. each day. Cost is \$10. Immerse yourself in this gentle, evocative poetry form that connects nature with human nature. Learn the origins. Contemplate writing. Haiku moments everywhere. Relax, learn to look. Participants will receive a free book of haiku poetry by the instructor and tea will be served. Instructor: Jeannie Martin, Ed.D, haiku poet and teacher.

Space always available for on-going groups. Some exercise and strength training still open for new members prated.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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Dec. 26 — grew to \$215.75 during the past week. William F. Hickey at the Bay State Merchants Bank, will receive donations for the family.

Town Hall friends of Arthur W. Cole gathered last Thursday afternoon to wish him well during his retirement. Mr. Cole has been welfare agent for many years.

The Andover Sportsman's Club will take the lead in proposing a limitation on hunting in Andover, with the suggestion that hunting be allowed only with the written permission of the land owner.

75 Years Ago
Jan. 3, 1936

A petition for the regulation of truck traffic through Andover has been started in circulation here by

the safety committee appointed this spring by the selectmen. The main purpose of the petition is to have the trucks which thunder through the town day and night, often at unreasonable speeds, run over the by-pass.

John J. Driscoll of 36 Summer street was awarded the license for Andover's new package store at the meeting of the selectmen last Monday night. Mr. Driscoll is the well-known dog fancier, and he has also been serving as building inspector. There were several applicants for the license.

The removal of the town dump to some other place will be discussed at the annual Town Meeting, according to plans now under consideration by the residents of High street and Carmel road who are bothered by the odors from the dump.

WEDDINGS



Scott Mackin and Karianne Wood

Scott Jamison Mackin and Karianne Elizabeth Wood were married July 31 at Roche Harbor, Wash. They were married in a harborside garden ceremony written by the couple and performed by Jared Beck, a friend of the bride and groom. The groom is the son of Peter and Maureen Mackin of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Andover.

The maid of honor was Tina Tullus. Bridesmaids were Emily Collins, Merial Collins, Robin Lee and Brooke Glass, all friends of the bride, and Christine Schwager, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Jarrett Mackin, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Robb Wood and Ryan Wood, brothers of the

bride, and Sam Morrison, friend of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Janie Wood of Seattle, Wash. She graduated from Bellevue High School, Bellevue, Wash. and the University of Colorado, Boulder. She is currently employed at Vitro advertising agency as a media planner.

The groom is the son of Peter and Maureen Mackin of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Andover. He is a graduate of Andover High School and the University of Colorado, Boulder. He is currently employed at Apex Systems Inc. as an account manager.

After a trip to Spain, the couple resides in San Diego, Calif.



Anne McLaughlin and Peter MacLeod

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaughlin of Raynham are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Anne M. McLaughlin, to Peter O. MacLeod, son of William and Beverly MacLeod of Andover.

The wedding was held at St. Andrews by the Sea in Rye, N.H., on Oct. 10, 2010. A reception followed at Wentworth Country Club.

Anne is a graduate of

Bridgewater-Raynham High School and Bridgewater State College, with both a bachelor's and master's degree in education. She is a teacher in Stoughton.

Peter is a graduate of St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers and the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is a pilot with Jet Blue Airlines.

The couple make their home in Canton.

DALTON: 100 degrees? No thank you, I'll take winter

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their cars. Slowness of snow removal in cities is a serious matter and can get mayors in trouble, as we saw in the most recent storm in New York.

Here in the country, I haul out my big old snowblower and go play in the snow. It's almost as much fun as when I was a kid jumping off a my back porch into a pile of snow. I think of the shoveling I do as a form of exercise. The roads get cleared quicker in rural areas because there are fewer roads and a lot more big snow-plowing equipment. Driving is hardly ever a problem, except during a hard storm.

Oh sure, when I'm out in the real cold and snow, my face, fingers, and feet can get cold after a while, but that's when coming indoors and sitting in front of burning logs in a fireplace is most pleasurable. Most everybody burns wood up here. In fact, a lot of people heat their houses with wood furnaces; it's cheaper than oil or gas. Often, there is a slight, sweet smell in the air put there by all the burning wood.

Snow is important to the economy up this way. On winter Fridays, the Spaulding Turnpike, not too far from our home, conveys people from south to north. Those people are

bringing money into the North and leaving it here because of snow. They drive from their regular homes, where snow is an inconvenience, to here where snow is something to play in and see how beautiful winter is. Lots of folks hereabouts make much of their income from snow.

Another nice thing about snow are the memories of waiting for the no-school bell to ring, sledding, and snowball fights. I remember being in a humongous snowball fight at the Andover Junior High School the day after a snow storm. It was warm enough for making perfect snowballs, and some of the teachers organized a giant snowball fight. Ninth-graders were on one side and seventh- and eighth-graders were on the other. I've never seen so many snowballs being thrown at one time. It's a fine memory, and we talked about it for weeks. I suppose that sort of activity is frowned upon today as being too rough. That's too bad.

Well, my wife just got home from a run and said, "It's beautiful out there." I'm going out and split some wood.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the "Andover Townsman" and enjoys receiving e-mails at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

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Business

The many facades of Andover's inn



Andover Stories

By Gail Ralston
Andover Historical Society

For 77 years, from 1810 to 1887, the trustees of Phillips Academy maintained the Mansion House, former home of the founder, Samuel Phillips, as an inn for the convenience of its students, their families, and for "public entertainment." Well-known visitors to the Mansion House included George Washington, Lafayette, Presidents Jackson, Van Buren and Pierce, S.F.B. Morse, Daniel Webster, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Mark Twain, Phillips Brooks, and many others.

In 1877, fire completely destroyed the structure, and the trustees looked to the former residence of Harriet Beecher Stowe, commonly known as Stowe House, as a replacement inn. That structure had had its own recent fire and quite its own history.

The Stowe House was built in 1829 and was known as "The Stone Building" or "The Workshop." It was located on Chapel Avenue and used as a workshop for seminary students, providing them with an opportunity for carpentry work and exercise. A group called "the Mechanical Association" fashioned coffins, wheelbarrows and other useful articles. Later it became a gym for both demary and academy students.

The building was vacant when Harriet Beecher Stowe (and her husband, Calvin E. Stowe,



COURTESY PHOTO

The Andover Inn was destroyed by fire in 1877 and rebuilt.

professor at the Theological Seminary) came to campus in 1852 and had it converted to a residence. Until she left in 1864, Mrs. Stowe was well-known for her parties and holiday celebrations, even celebrating Christmas at a time when it was not condoned as a holiday in conservative Andover. After the Stowes left, the building was used as a dorm until 1887 when fire did extensive damage.

The building was re-built and re-opened, and originally also called the Mansion House (as a campus map from 1891 showed). Its first proprietor was Charles L. Carter, who had been the proprietor at the old Mansion House since 1867. The name "Phillips Inn" came with the construction of a large wooden addition off the side of the stone Stowe House in 1893.

The Phillips Inn in that form continued until the 1920s, when the academy campus underwent extensive modernization and re-building. Original

plans for the inn consisted of removing the wooden ell and adding two, granite-faced wings on either side of the stone structure. Eventually that plan was abandoned and the Stowe House in 1929, minus the wooden ell and the porch that the Stowes had built, was moved to Bartlet Street to be used as a dorm.

In its place a modern inn was constructed, also called the Phillips Inn. This building was designed by Bottomley, Wagner and White, architects, with Charles Platt supervising, and was the gift of friends of the school. The name was finally changed to the Andover Inn in 1940 with the appearance of a new management company, Treadway Inns. (Although owned by Phillips Academy, the inn has always been independently managed.) In 1940, the advertised rates were: 45 guest rooms; rates \$4.75 to \$7 (single); \$7 to \$12 (double). In the main dining room: breakfast 60 cents

to \$1.20; lunch \$1.75 to \$2.50; dinner \$1.85 to \$3.50.

On July 1, 2009, the Andover Inn was closed for an extensive renovation project, the first major renovation in its 80-year history. Re-opened this past fall under the Aramark management company, the multi-million dollar renovation includes 30 guest rooms, private function rooms, and an elegant 100-seat dining room, featuring a stylish tent for formal events that seat up to 175 people in the outside garden, opened May through October. The new restaurant, Samuel's, features traditional New England fare with many offerings locally grown. The popular Sunday brunch also resumed as one of the inn's signature events.

"Andover Stories" is a weekly column about interesting local people and events, told in anticipation of the Andover Historical Society's 100 anniversary later this year, 2011.

New GYM coming for 'Coach Michelle'

Coach for young eyes business launch

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

She's simply known as "Coach Michelle" around town and if you have a young child, chances are she has coached him or her at some point.

Since 1987, Michelle Doucette has coached various sports at summer playground programs. She has been running sports at Andover's All Day Discovery summer camp program for years, runs the Learn to Skate program for pre-schoolers and, until last month, had worked at the Department of Community Services full-time since early 2007.

"Like a lot of kids in town, I started out as a 13-year-old volunteer for DCS," said Doucette, a Phillips Academy graduate who also graduated from Providence College with an early childhood education degree. "I just loved it. I especially love that 2-to-6 age group. I really like working with them."

She said all that coaching with the town's young set got her thinking about the next step in her career.

"I have wanted to try something on my own for awhile," said Doucette, who owns a condominium at Coachman's Ridge on Haverhill Street. "I am so ready for this."

Her last day with DCS was a week before Christmas and she is gearing up for a new business launch. She is forming GYM, an acronym for Get Yourself Moving, and a business geared to pre-schoolers.

She's still searching for a location, but her somewhat premature



COURTESY PHOTO

Michelle Doucette will soon open GYM, an acronym for Get Yourself Moving, and a business geared to pre-schoolers.

new-business announcement is being made because some Andover pre-school parents are asking, "what happened to Coach Michelle?"

Doucette said the SHED building on Phillips Street would be the perfect spot for her, but no agreement has been made, according to Linda Shottes-Bouchard, director of Kid's Club.

Doucette talks about the importance of teaching young children about the importance of exercise noting First Lady Michelle Obama is a believer who lists childhood obesity as a big problem in this country.

"I've seen it here in Andover, with kids at summer camp...kids sitting around and not interested in going outside to play," Doucette said. "They want to know where the TV is."

Doucette said GYM will be an option for parents. She's hoping a GYM class gets more attention than a TV remote.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Celebrate the New Year at HBN's Annual Kick-Off Luncheon

Join the Homebased Businesswomen's Network, Inc. on Thursday, Jan. 13 at 11:30 a.m., at the Village Green Restaurant, Route 1 North, Newbury St., Danvers, for its annual kick-off luncheon. HBN invites members and guests to start 2011 with new ideas and networking opportunities.

HBN's annual New Year's

luncheon allows each member to share her business goals for the new year, display products and company literature, and enjoy a delicious lunch with other enthusiastic entrepreneurs. For extra inspiration, entrepreneurial coach Ellen St. George Godfrey will speak on "How to Use the CEO Mindset for Small Business

Success."

She will explain how to use the CEO mindset to avoid the bumps and bruises many small business owners encounter when they grow out of their "technical expert" role.

Reservations are required for this meeting. The luncheon menu includes your choice of baked

haddock with or without bread crumbs, baked stuffed chicken, vegetarian pasta primavera, or the Village Green's signature salad, plus rolls, dessert, and coffee or tea. The cost for HBN members is \$21, and the cost for guests is \$25.

All reservations and monies must be received by Jan. 5. Please send your check, made payable

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Several members of the local business community will host a free business mixer on

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BOOK REVIEW

50-cent book shows Beecher Stowe's inspiration

Ken Seifert



The very descriptive and accurate article regarding Harriet Beecher Stowe and the introduction of the Christmas tree, by Susan Lenoe, stirred my memory. Along with other talents, Susan is one of the finest storytellers I know.

Just before supper on a Friday evening about 30 years ago, the phone rang. The caller, Harold Landy, said, "I just obtained some old books from an estate sale and thought you might be interested." He knew I collected and loved old books. I replied, "Thanks. I will see you bright and early in the morning."

Upon my arrival, I asked what the story is. A very dear friend, Harold owned a second hand and antique shop on South Broadway in Lawrence. He gave me a brief history.

An elderly woman had died who had owned a collection of Phillips Academy century-old textbooks, a diary, and some good literature of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Most of the collection came from a man who attended the Andover Theological seminary, taught at Phillips and became headmaster. The books may have been owned by the woman's father or her husband's father. Either way it is a fine array of books, Harold said.

Unfortunately I did not do further research. I do know the previous owner was very much involved with Phillips in one way or another. I think I bought most of the collection contained in cardboard boxes and stored in Landy's Reading Room, a space in one of his cluttered back rooms.

Two of these books have become treasures. The headmaster's diary and, "Facts for the People, a Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1853, Boston; John Jewitt, publisher. In my opinion, this book is historically more significant than Uncle Tom's Cabin. The original price was 50 cents.

In 1852, the classic novel was published while Stowe lived in Brunswick, Maine. It created an instant explosion that rocked the nation. Some said it was a good book. Others said it was outrageous. How could a Northern woman, not allowed to vote, have such audacity? She was considered a northern liberal who didn't know what she was talking about. She just wanted to stir the pot. Why doesn't she

let well enough alone? I cannot imagine the pressure she felt.

Shortly thereafter, she moved to Andover. In 1853 she had a book published that answered her critics. She presented her non-fictional proof to the controversial novel. It is straightforward, with facts, documents and corroborative statements verifying the truth of her previous work. The publisher wrote a preface that was quite revealing. Here are a few of his highlights: The work which the writer here presents to the public is one which is written with no pleasure, and with much pain. She desires to thank those at the North and those at the South, who have kindly furnished materials for her use. The book is actually selections out of a mountain of materials. She also intends the book to be an appeal to those Christians who profess to be followers of Christ in this country.

The book is filled with letters, newspaper ads, and statements from all walks of life on the issue of slavery. For the most part, Stowe leaves it to the reader to decide the morality of such a social practice. She does raise pertinent questions. Here is just one of the many newspaper ads, this one from The Argus in Weston, Missouri on Nov. 5, 1852:

A NEGRO FOR SALE: I wish to sell a black girl about 24 years old, a good cook and washer handy with a needle, can spin and weave. I wish to sell her in the neighborhood of Camden Point; if not sold there in a short time, I will hunt the best market; or I will trade her for two small ones, a boy and a girl. M. Doyal.

Some may say we were not capable of such behavior. Harriet Beecher Stowe provided overwhelming evidence we could and did such things. What a lady! No wonder we built a school in her name in Andover.

In November 1862 she was privileged to meet Abraham Lincoln. I heard it was a long conversation. The president said two important things to her: "So this is the little lady who made this big war." Near the end of the conversation he added, "whichever way it ends, I have the impression that I shant last long after it is over."

Harriet Beecher Stowe died July 1, 1896. She is buried in the Phillips Academy cemetery. If she were alive today, I wonder what she would write about? If one wants to know why some black Americans, have a right to certain feelings, Stowe gives much food for thought.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident of Andover and former superintendent of the Andover schools.

Andover scholar sings at White House

Private school sophomore part of school's select women's ensemble

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Some people dream of a white Christmas. One Andover resident this year lived the dream of a White House Christmas.

Rachel Cope, 16 and a sophomore at Northfield Mount Hermon, a private college-preparatory school located in Gill, Mass., had the chance to perform at the White House after her school's select women's ensemble was invited to sing Christmas tunes there.

Rachel was not interested in speaking with the press regarding her performance, but her mother — Ann Cope, who went on the trip with her — said the opportunity to have her daughter perform in the nation's capital was "an honor."

"They were invited with a couple other groups from the school to perform in the White House during day tours," Ann Cope said.

During their performance, the ensemble sang Christmas-themed music, which included a few contemporary carols but mainly featured more unusual songs that most people wouldn't recognize, adding some originality to their performance.

The trip to the White House — including airfare, boarding, food and more — was completely covered by the school.

"It was sort of a last minute



COURTESY PHOTO

Rachel Cope, 16, an Andover resident and sophomore at Northfield Mount Hermon in Gill, Mass., performed at the White House on Dec. 18 with the school's Select Women's Ensemble. Cope stands immediately below the tie worn by President Bill Clinton in his presidential painting.

thing. I think they got notification about this a couple weeks before they were supposed to sing," Ann Cope said. "There was a lot of scrambling, but this is kind of one of those opportunities you don't want to pass up."

Members of the three groups

were all given the opportunity to tour the president's home, as well as perform. Free tour passes also were distributed to family members of the students, Rachel's mother said.

"I got a chance to go down, and let me tell you, that place is

amazing," she said. "And as her mom, I of course got a little choked up (by the performance)."

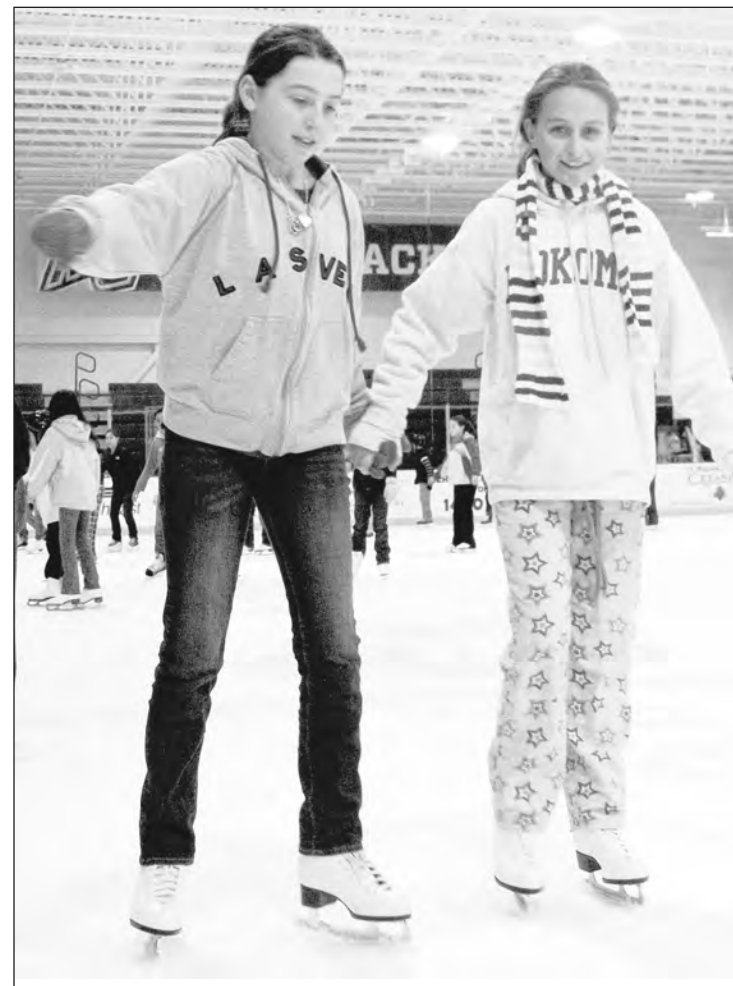
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Holiday fun at the rink



ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photos

There were lots of happy faces at the ice rink at Merrimack College just before winter break as 200 students from St. Augustine School came to ice skate there as part of a 17-year tradition between the two schools.



St. Augustine sixth-graders Melissa Saindon and Christy Kronenwetter skate around Merrimack College's Lawler Arena as part of an ice-skating event for St. Augustine students in grades 5 through 8.



St. Augustine fifth-graders Kaylee Todisco, front, and Jamie Licciardi take a spin around the ice.



Eighth graders, from left, Joe Connolly, Connor McManus, Caroline Malarney and Maddy Thero skate in a conga line.

ON CAMPUS

Alexander Jurkiewicz of Andover is a freshman at Pace University's New York City campus this fall.

The following Andover student was selected for the 2010-11 academic year as resident assistants for the Office of Student Life at Saint Michael's College, a liberal arts residential Catholic college located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the top 10 college towns in America: John Cronin, son of Judith and Timothy Cronin of Andover is a junior, english major. Cronin graduated from Pingree School.

Kane Guthrie of Andover was

inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society for colleges around the nation. Guthrie is currently a junior at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

UMass Lowell's chapter of the honor society, Alpha Mu Epsilon, was established in 2005 to celebrate student achievement in the history department and encourage historical research by both faculty and students.

To be inducted, students must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.1 in history and an overall grade-point average of 3.0. They must also have completed four history courses.

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Sports

CHRISTMAS TOURNEY DOMINANCE



Andover's Brian Miller (with crutches) and his teammates pose with the champion's plaque after winning the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament. It was the Golden Warriors' first Christmas title since 1994.



Andover's Brian Salvesen fights for a rebound in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament win over North Andover. But it was his two key free throws with 20 seconds left that clinched the victory.

'Adayna' the key as Salvesen delivers

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

LAWRENCE — Andover's Brian Salvesen defined "Adayna" as faith in yourself.

"To us it means 'believe you're good, believe you can do whatever you set out to do,'" he said.

When it counted in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament championship game, Salvesen embodied Adayna.

"It's a belief in yourself," Andover coach David Fazio said. "Brian Salvesen has Adayna all through his body. He could feel it, believe in it, and you knew he was going to make the shots."

All eyes were on Salvesen with 20 seconds left in the title game, and Andover clinging to a one-

point lead.

After drawing an intentional foul, senior Salvesen calmly swished a pair of high-arching free throws, using some body language to will both of them home.

Andover then forced a pair of misses, and the Golden Warriors won the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney title with a 63-60 win over upset-minded North Andover last Thursday.

This marked Andover's first Christmas Tourney title since winning back-to-back crowns in 1993-94. The Golden Warriors advanced to the finals each of the last two seasons, both times falling to archrival Central Catholic.

"The team needed me to hit

them," said Salvesen. "It was for everyone. Everyone has to have trust in each other and believe. I tried to zone out, because I do better when I go into my own world, and think through my process.

"It's big pressure, but I believe now."

An unsung hero for the Golden Warriors, the senior forward had averaged just 6.2 points per game during the first five contests of the season, and had just one basket (missing four of five shots) before heading to the line in the title game.

But his teammates had confidence in Salvesen — and Adayna.

"We were very confident," said senior guard Jack Kieckhafer.

"Brian goes to the line all the time and sinks shot after shot in practice. We believed and knew he could do it."

Added senior co-captain and tourney MVP Joe Bramanti: "That's his whole game. His whole personality. We knew. I have total confidence in my guys. It was Van (Caraviello) against Central Catholic, and in the finals it was Sal. In the big games, we get the big contributions."

Andover did still need one last defensive stop against the red-hot Scarlet Knights, who had closed a 10-point Golden Warriors lead after three quarters to just one point.

"It was a little ridiculous," said Kieckhafer. "We kept saying 'One more stop. One more

stop.' But they kept hitting shots in our face. We knew we had to get our hands in the faces, and we did it."

The Scarlet Knights had two shots, but Andover forced misses to lock up the title.

"It is amazing, just amazing," said Bramanti. "To finally bring the championship home to Andover. Think of all the greats that have gone through and haven't won. To win this, and to beat Central along with the way was very special."

Bramanti finished with a game-high 24 points, including a whopping six 3-pointers. He had hit nine 3-pointers in his first six games of the season. Sam Dowden added 15 points before fouling out.

"I can't believe it," said Kieckhafer. "We haven't won it in so long, it's crazy. I can't believe it happened."

But when it counted, Andover did believe.

After all, it's Adayna.

Andover 63, North Andover 60

Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney championship game

Andover (63): Jack Kieckhafer 2 0-0 4, Van Caraviello 2 1-2 5, Craig Luschnat 0 0-0 0, James Costello 3 2-2 9, Brian Salvesen 1 2-2 4, Joe Bramanti 9 0-0 24, Timmy LaBrie 1 0-0 2, Sam Dowden 5 2-4 15. Totals 23 7-10 63

North Andover (60): Colby Smith 0 3-4 3, Sean Erb 0 0-0 0, Derek Collins 6 0-0 17, Zach Karalis 5 4-6 15, Jimmy Warden 2 5-6 9, Isaiah Nielsen 1 1-2 3, John Miller 0 0-0 0, Mike Moroney 6 1-2 13. Totals 20 14 20 60

3-pointers: A — Bramanti 6, Dowden 3, Costello; NA — Collins 5, Karalis
Andover (5-1): 22 11 17 13 — 63
North Andover (5-1): 16 9 13 22 — 60

Boudreau, Andover continue superiority

By CHRISTOPHER SMITH
STAFF WRITER

METHUEN — Jumping out to a 14-point lead after just one quarter, Andover left no question it had its eyes set on a second straight holiday with a title.

Surging out to a 17-3 advantage after one quarter, Andover rolled to a 66-41 victory over Pinkerton in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament finals last Wednesday.

It was the second straight Christmas Tourney title for the Golden Warriors, beating Central Catholic in the finals a season ago.

And, once again, it was Andover's Boston College-bound superstar, Nicole Boudreau, that sealed the deal.

"She thrives off the crowd," said her twin sister, Danielle Boudreau. "The bigger (the game) the better. She just works off the energy and she's an amazing player. But when she's put under pressure, she really knows how to step up."

Nicole Boudreau was again outstanding on her way to a second straight Christmas Tourney MVP.

She finished with a game-high 25 points (5 of 10 on 3-pointers) to go along with six rebounds, three assists, four steals and a blocked shot.

But it was just another day for Boudreau.

"In Hoopstown, which was a camp that we did when we started (basketball), I remember she was about 8 years old and we knew right away that she had the talent," Danielle said. "They played her right away against a great high school boy, (Andover's) Tommy McLaughlin. He was probably a 6-4 great player. She played him one-on-one in front of the entire camp. She

went under his legs and scored against him."

Pinkerton's Michelle Reid had the difficult task of guarding Boudreau in the finals.

"She's a challenge," Reid said. "But it's always nice to be able to come up to that challenge and try to do your best."

But don't expect Boudreau to become arrogant.

"Every morning my dad sets out the newspaper so when we wake up it's right there," Danielle said. "He wakes up at like 6 in the morning so it's always ready. She doesn't get cocky at all. She just loves reading them. My mom keeps a scrapbook of every single article that's ever in the paper. She has like four books now."

In was the second straight amazing Christmas Tourney for Boudreau, who scored 39 points on 9-of-12 shooting from 3-point range in the finals last season.

"We always say this is our second home because we've played here so many times in the past couple of years," Nicole said. "It's a great shooting gym. We've got a little bit of background and we're just comfortable here."

Andover 66, Pinkerton 41

Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney championship game

Pinkerton(41): Mariah Bonneau 1-1-3, Michelle Reid 4-0-11, Katherine Harris 1-5-7, Sarah Goodwin 2-3-7, Danielle Kimball 1-2-5, Lindsey Pellerin 1-2-4, Samantha Breslin 1-2-4, Colleen Fortier 0-0-0, Corena Moore 0-0-0, Tabby McCormick 0-0-0. Totals: 11-15-41

Andover (66): Ally Fazio 2-0-5, Natalie Gomez-Martinez 4-4-12, Devon Caveney 4-2-12, Nicole Boudreau 9-2-25, Jackie Alois 2-0-4, Mollie Maturah 2-0-4, Olivia Biles 0-2-2, Danielle Boudreau 0-0-0, Jaymi Cohen 0-0-0, Abbie Watts 0-0-0, Elon Beasley 0-0-0, Bridget Thibodeau 0-2-2 Totals: 23-12-66

3-pointers: P — Reid 3, Kimball; A — Boudreau 5 Caveney 2, Fazio
Pinkerton (5-1): 3 14 15 9 — 41
Andover (7-0): 17 17 24 8 — 66



Andover's Nicole Boudreau looks to make a move during the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney title game. The Golden Warriors earned their second straight crown with a victory over Pinkerton.

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Christmas Tourney title extra sweet for Fazio

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER



Coach David Fazio

LAWRENCE — Andover head coach David Fazio's reaction could best be described as relief.

"This was a long time coming," Fazio said with a laugh. "We've been the bridesmaid so many damn times over the years. It's nice to finally be the bride. It is so special."

After 15 years of disappointment on the holidays, Fazio guided his Golden Warriors back to the top of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament with a victory over North Andover.

It was well worth the wait for the head coach and Merrimack Valley native, after missing the title for far too long. He and the Golden Warriors last won the title in 1994, the second of back-to-back crowns.

"I have been coaching in this tournament for 22 years (as Andover head coach)," he said. "We won the two titles early, and when you're young you assume you're going to do it all

the time. "But when you wait and the years go by and you have the tough losses in the finals and so many trips to consolation games, it's nice to catch a little luck. Luck was on our side."

There was also a bit of revenge for Fazio in the semifinals, when his Golden Warriors edged Central Catholic. It was the first time Fazio, a Central Catholic graduate, beat his alma mater in

the Christmas Tourney, following nine straight losses, the last two in the 2008 and 2009 Christmas Tourney title games.

"To finally get one for coach Faz was great," senior co-captain Joe Bramanti said. "And to go through Central makes it even better."

Fazio celebrated with his team, his wife, his son former Andover standout D.J., and daughter Ally who won the

Christmas Tourney title with the Andover girls the previous day.

"To put a smile on my wife's face after all those tough Christmases makes it a wonderful Christmas tourney," he said, giving his wife a kiss on the cheek. "To see Brian Miller (out for the season with an injury) be inspirational in his speech and the guys play tremendous. They found a way."

2011's first Players of the Fortnight

The Andover High boys and girls basketball teams have just concluded play in the annual area Christmas tournaments. Before that, several other games were played as the season commenced.

Coach Jim Tildsley's first nominee for Player of the Fortnight is Mollie Maturah.

"Mollie is really doing her job for us. She's a great role player. She's the first one off the bench, she rebounds well, plays good defense and contributes some scoring. Mollie is a great team player, and we're all looking forward to her further contributions". Coach Dave Fazio nominates

Brian Salvesen as his award winner.

"Brian just made four big foul shots in the Christmas Tournament Championship game for us. He's working hard, and is showing progress in all parts of his game. He's an important part of our team," said Fazio.

The next "Player of the Fortnight" award will be given next week, to a girls' team player. The boys and girls teams will alternate each week with one Andover High basketball player being named a Player of the Fortnight. The awards are sponsored by resident Ron Hill and Baystate Financial Services in Andover.

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Gagnon on all-conference field hockey team

Westfield State University junior defender Nicole Gagnon of Andover has been selected to the Little East field hockey all-conference team. She was one of two first-team selections on her college squad in the highly competitive 12-team conference.

Gagnon is Westfield's only all-conference pick in 2009 as a second-team selection, scored five goals during the 2010 season.

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The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is proud to announce that registration for the 2011 Bay State Winter Games is now open. From Friday, Jan. 28 to Sunday, Jan. 30, individual competitions in alpine skiing and figure skating, and a team tournament in masters ice hockey will take place in the northern Berkshire region of the commonwealth.

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Thomann ranked No. 1 in 3-point shooting

As Bentley University women's basketball team returned to action last week to closes out the 2010 portion of its schedule, junior Meghan Thomann, an Andover High School graduate, was listed as No. 1 in Division II in three-point shooting at a sizzling .677 (21 of 31).

McDonough races to top of academy's league

Alanna McDonough, a senior at The Governor's Academy, was a three-year MVP of the girls' varsity cross-country team. Because of her talent and competitive nature, she made an immediate impact on the team,

becoming its No. 1 runner her sophomore year. She carried this title for her whole career, and was a member of the ISL and NE All-Star teams for three consecutive years.

This year she won all but one of her regular-season races. At Brooks, in a duel against a St. Paul's runner, she prevailed and nabbed second to the league's No. 1 performer. At season's end she was ranked as the league's No. 3 runner. At the ISLs she placed fifth of 89 runners.

"Her overall 5k PR stands at a superb 18:36, and her tough home course PR is 19:49, one of only a handful of Governors' runners to break 20:00 on their home course. At the Div. III NEs, which Gavs hosted this year, she placed 2nd of 95 runners, a fitting final achievement to her illustrious career," according to David Abusamra, head cross-country coach. "This place ensured she'd be invited to the NEPSA X-C All-Star meet, where she placed 12 of 41. It's unfortunate that she was ill for both the NEs & the All-Star Meet."

The Newburyport Daily News, a sister paper to the Townsman, chose her to be on its All-Star team as well.

Andover Snowboarder takes 3rd and 4th at USASA GS Race

Killington Winter Sports Club/Killington Mountain School (KWSC/KMS) snowboarders dominated two events the weekend of Dec. 18 and 19 the first rail jam in the K-Town Showdown Series at Killington and the first two giant slalom races of the season in the USASA Southern Vermont Series, held at Bromley. Killington region student-athletes plus snowboarders from Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts represented KMS and KWSC/KMS at the events.

In the highly competitive Youth Boys Division ages 14-15 KWSC/KMS rider Kamran Gossieaux, 15, of Andover, finished third and fourth in the two races, beating several racers in alpine set-ups.



Andover's Caleb Lynch, top, is in control of Billerica's Pat Aker. Lynch impressed on his way to a fourth-place finish at the Lowell Holiday Tournament.

Boys, girls track off with a bang

BOYS TRACK

Andover's Pat Farnham and Brian Knapp each ran on the 4x400 relay and sprint medley relay that placed first at the Boston Holiday Invitational last Tuesday.

Farnham and Knapp teamed with Patrick O'Sullivan and Tim Oteri in the 4x400 that won in 3:37.14 and with Simon Voorhees and Troy Cayon to take the sprint medley in a meet-record 3:37.17.

Voorhees also combined with Will Ossoff, Nick Gentile and Ryan Cooney to set a meet record in the distance medley in 11:03.12.

GIRLS TRACK

Andover's Maggie Mullins continued the momentum from her tremendous fall, winning the mile in a meet-record 5:10.19 and running on the sprint medley relay that also set a meet mark at the Boston Holiday Invitational last Tuesday. Joining Mullins on the sprint medley were Eve Bishop, Sydney Eberth and Rae Brokenkant.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Dynamite debut for Wagner
Freshman Natalie Wagner opened her career in style, winning the vault with a 9.4 as Andover downed Dracut 136-117 last Tuesday. The Golden Warriors' Rachel Mattison won the bars (9.5), the floor (9.4) and the all-

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dowden, Caraviello clutch
To earn a trip to the finals on the line, a sophomore and an unsung hero did the job for Andover.

With the game tied 51-51, sophomore Sam Dowden drove to the basket for a hoop to give the Golden Warriors



Andover's Rachel Mattison helped lead the Golden Warriors to a 2-0 start on the season.

around (35.9) and Jenny Coneeny placed second in the beam and third in the all-around.

BOYS SWIMMING

Bellanger, Warriors dominate
John Bellanger won the 200 IM (2:10.12), the 100 butterfly (1:02.38) and swam on the winning 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay as Andover topped archrival Central Catholic 95-80 last Tuesday. Dave Hunter added a win in the 50 freestyle, Abe Iyengar took the 100 freestyle, Eric Zhai won the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle and they teamed with Stan Caminin to win the 400 freestyle relay.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dowden, Caraviello clutch
To earn a trip to the finals on the line, a sophomore and an unsung hero did the job for Andover.

With the game tied 51-51, sophomore Sam Dowden drove to the basket for a hoop to give the Golden Warriors

the lead with 35 seconds left in the game. Then, unsung senior Van Caraviello wrote his name into the legends of Andover basketball, knocking down two free throws with 12.3 remaining.

The Golden Warriors downed archrival Central Catholic 55-52 to earn a berth in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney title game last Tuesday. Central had beaten Andover in the Christmas Tourney finals each of the previous two seasons.

"It was a special night," said Andover head coach David Fazio. The Golden Warriors had to do it without their superstar, as Joe Bramanti fouled out of the game after scoring a game-high 20 points.

But the Warriors would not step down, with Brian Salvesen and Caraviello scoring an invaluable 11 each.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Andover heads to finals
For Nicole Boudreau, it was just another day.

The superstar Andover High junior poured in 27 points, grabbed six rebounds, made four steals and blocked two shots, sending Andover to the Greater

Lawrence Christmas Tournament championship with a 53-47 win over rival Lowell in the semifinal last Tuesday.

Andover struggled at times, turning the ball over 19 times.

"Without her (Boudreau), we wouldn't have been in this game," Andover's Devon Caveney said. "She brought us back with her foul shots and by taking it to the basket. As a team we played awful, but she's always there to fall back on."

Boudreau scored 11 of her 27 points in the third quarter to help Andover outscore Lowell 21-10. The Golden Warriors then held on in the fourth quarter to win by six points despite being outscored in the final period 18-12.

"Again she had big steals on defense, which is huge and she did take it to the hoop which is good," Andover coach Jim Tildsley said. "She had 27 but I think she can play much better. She played well but she can play better. And I think she knows that, too."

WRESTLING

Lynch impresses
Caleb Lynch scored an impressive fourth-place finish at 145 pounds for Andover at the Lowell Holiday Tournament last Thursday. Tito Brito and Mike Tawari also stood out at the quarterfinals last Tuesday.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Leary's effort for naught

Meaghan Leary scored the lone Andover goal in a 7-1 loss to New Hampshire powerhouse Bishop Guertin last Tuesday. Laura Cahill assisted on the Warriors tally.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan. 8..... at Central Catholic7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11..... at Dracut7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 7..... Central Catholic7 p.m.
Jan. 11..... Dracut7 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

Jan. 8..... at Arlington.....6:10 p.m.
Jan. 12..... Westford8 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Jan. 8..... Chelmsford4 p.m.
Jan. 10..... at Hingham.....6 p.m.
Jan. 12..... at Concord-Carlisle3:30 p.m.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Jan. 6..... Braintree.....7 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Jan. 6..... at Arlington.....7 p.m.
Jan. 10..... Newton South.....7:30 p.m.

BOYS TRACK

Jan. 9..... Auerbach Meet.....10 a.m.
Jan. 13..... at Lowell.....4 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Jan. 7..... at Lowell.....3:30 p.m.
Jan. 11..... at Lexington6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Jan. 6..... Pentucket.....7 p.m.
Jan. 8..... at Tewksbury with Dracut and Methuen.....10 a.m.
Jan. 12..... at Billerica7 p.m.

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