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Teacher contract agreement crumbles

Scheduling panel won't meet deadline; Monday vote could reinstate Work to Rule

BY DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

Teachers could vote to return to Work to Rule next week, and the state may need to step in again on teacher contract negotiations, as it appears a committee of Andover teachers and administrators will not meet a Friday deadline to agree on a

new high school schedule. Despite a 13-hour meeting two weeks ago that ended with two tentative teacher contracts, negotiations will fall into "fact finding" beginning Monday. This means a state employee will gather information from the two sides and create a new contract agreement that the teachers union and School Committee will

then bargain over. A high school scheduling committee made up of school administrators and high school teachers were expected to deliver their recommendation on a new high school schedule format tomorrow, Friday. This would have become the last piece of two tentative contracts penned by the Andover Education Association

and School Committee two weeks ago. But by this past Monday evening, it was evident the scheduling committee would not be able to make a recommendation tomorrow. "As things stand right now, it appears that there's not going to be any consensus on the scheduling committee," said AEA president Kerry Costello. "It certainly looks

like we'll be at fact finding." The scheduling committee had no future meetings scheduled as of Tuesday afternoon, according to Costello. Andover teachers have been working under an expired contract for 82 weeks.

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PERFECT ENDING

27-0 season, third straight championship for AHS girls



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

The Andover girls basketball team celebrates their 61-45 win over Holyoke in the finals of the Division 1 tournament Saturday night at the DCU Center in Worcester. The victory gave them their third consecutive state championship and capped a 27-0 undefeated season. See full coverage in Sports, Page 6.

Tuesday election to pick two selectmen

As March 27 approaches, candidates grade town

How is Andover doing handling its large construction projects? The five candidates for two selectmen seats have different opinions, giving Andover letter grades from B to D. Asked to rate the town manager's performance this past year there is an even greater difference of opinion, with grades ranging from A- to D.

Five candidates are running for two seats on the board. The candidates submitted responses to a wide variety of questions this week (see pages 4 and 9). Two of them will be helping to lead the town as selectmen by next week. The Board of Selectmen is a five-person board that oversees the town manager and helps run the town.

The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, March 27. All precincts will vote at the Andover High School Collins Field House, on the left side of the Shawsheen Road school, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The entrance to the polling place is in back of the field house, from the parking lot to the left of the school building. Parking will be available for voters in this parking lot behind the Field House when school is in session and all parking lots after school

HANDLING LARGE TOWN PROJECTS

We asked the five selectmen candidates, "What grade would you give Andover for its handling of big projects (such as new school facilities, fire station, town yard)?"

Larry Bruce	D-
Ann Cobleigh	C-
Dan Kowalski	B
Brian Major	B
Paul L.D. Russell Jr.	C-

FOR MORE ON CANDIDATES' VIEWS SEE PAGES 4, 9

close, according to the town clerk. There are five candidates running for two seats on the Board of Selectmen.

The 2012 Annual Town Election marks a change in the way the Punchard Free School Trustees are elected. Beginning in 2012 five Trustees will be elected for staggered terms.

Andover's voting precinct boundaries were changed effective Jan. 1, 2012. The new precinct map, including the new state representative and senatorial districts, and U.S. Congressional Districts, can be found on the town website, andoverma.gov.

Townsman named Newspaper of Year

The Andover Townsman was named 2011 Newspaper of the Year and Dustin Luca Reporter of the Year for nondaily newspapers in the annual Best of CNHI competition. The contest honors the

work of journalists at CNHI, the parent company of the Townsman, which operates 120 newspapers in 22 states, in addition to magazines and web sites. The Townsman also was named Newspaper of the

Year in 2009 and was a finalist in 2010. According to the CNHI judges, "This weekly newspaper pursues stories that are outside the expected, making it a very newsy and sophisticated read. It

features contextual local reporting and enterprise, and a solid editorial page, with local editorials and columnists. It did a great job of personalizing the

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No 2012 vote on 120-year-old Ballardvale fire station

BY DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

Town Meeting will not vote on building a new fire station.

Plans to build a new Ballardvale Fire Station will be withdrawn from the Town Meeting warrant. A meeting is scheduled after Town Meeting to determine the project's future.

The Board of Selectmen voted to not insert the articles

into the warrant at its regular meeting Monday, and tentatively set a date of May 14 — a week after the final days scheduled for Annual Town Meeting — for the board to discuss the project in detail and determine what the next step will be.

In a letter to the Board of Selectmen, Ballardvale Fire Station Task Force Chairman Dan Casper said the task force has suspended itself "until after Town Meeting

at which time the Board of Selectmen can determine whether they would like us to continue our work, whether they would like to proceed with a new committee comprised of different members ... or whether they wish to abandon the project."

When reached by phone, Casper indicated members of the task force want to stay on it and continue their work.

"Every one of the members [of the task force] has

expressed a commitment to see this through, but we also understand that we are appointed by the selectmen, and we serve at their pleasure," said Casper. "We're going to look to [the selectmen] for guidance and some support, and decide where we want to go from here."

There were to be two warrant articles facing Town Meeting voters in a month, presenting two options. One would allow the town to buy

privately-owned property at 270 Andover St., which would allow a fire station to be built there rather than on South Elementary School land. Another was to vote to design and engineer the building.

"After making our recommendation [to build the station on the property of South Elementary School], the committee has worked diligently to state its case in numerous public forums," wrote Casper in his letter. "Unfortunately,

and despite our best efforts, we have been unable to muster the support needed to advance our proposal at this time."

In his letter, Casper offered that a potential new task force could include "some of the interested people who spoke at our meetings." At many recent meetings on the project, a majority of residents who spoke — up to 15

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



Andover Historical Society Courtesy Photo

THEN: In 1905 a stone bridge was built in the Park where Roger's Brook was dammed to create a pond. Park commissioners promised "an attractive resting place will be provided for summer saunterers."



NOW: The brook still runs under the bridge but was confined to an underground pipe in 1968.

Essex Heritage spring meeting, networking event

Essex Heritage will hold its annual spring meeting and networking event on Tuesday, April 10 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Merrimack College's Cascia Hall, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

The agenda will include updates on Essex Heritage activities and initiatives, introduction to new commissioners and the presentation of Essex Heritage's Special Recognition Awards, designed to recognize individuals and/or organizations that exemplify the Essex National Heritage Commission's spirit of collaboration through their initiatives in building partnerships that preserve and celebrate the historic, cultural and natural resources of Essex County.

Free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, visit EssexHeritage.org/annualmeeting or call 978-740-0444.

GCFM scholarships deadline extended to April 1

The Andover Garden Club is seeking qualified students to apply for the Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund, which memorializes the late Ruth Cleveland, a long-term resident of Andover who served as president of the Andover Garden Club from 1954 to 1956.

The memorial scholarship is given annually in recognition of Cleveland's efforts to enrich the lives of garden-club members in the pursuit of all the arts and sciences.

The Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund is one of 11 scholarships administered by the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., the parent organization of the Andover Garden Club.

The ten additional scholarships are available for students majoring in horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, conservation, forestry, agronomy, city planning, environmental studies, land management, botany, biology, and allied subjects.

The Federation offers scholarships in amounts up to \$1,000.

Applicants must be high-school seniors, college students, or graduate students who reside in Massachusetts; have a minimum B average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale); exhibit good character; and demonstrate financial need. Students must be attending or entering accredited colleges or universities.

Only one application per student is needed for consideration for all eleven scholarships.

Deadline for submitting applications for the 2012-13 school year is April 1.

For more information, contact the Federation's scholarship secretary, Katherine Jones, at gcfmscholarship@aol.com or 413-458-2886.

Rabies vaccination clinic for pets scheduled March 31

The Andover Animal Hospital will conduct the annual rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, March 31 at its office at 233 Lowell St.

Rabies vaccinations will be good for three years if you bring proof (current rabies certificate) that you pet has been immunized within the past year. Otherwise, the vaccination will be good for only one year.

State law requires that all dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies by six months of age and must be three months of age before they can be vaccinated.

Residents who have not yet licensed their dogs for 2010 should contact the town clerk's office for further information at 978-623-8255.

'Matter of Balance' workshop sets to decrease falls

Spectrum Adult Day Health will host a free eight-week workshop, "A Matter of Balance," on Tuesdays, April 10 through May 29, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 1820 Turnpike St., North Andover.

"A Matter of Balance" is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

The program will view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce falls risk at home and exercise to increase strength and balance.

It is designed for those concerned about falls, those who have fallen in the past, those who have restricted activities because of falling and those who are interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength.

For more information or to register, contact Susan Harrison at sharrison@nhs-healthlink.org or call 978-921-2065, ext. 221.

Hear from local state senators

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee presents "The Massachusetts Economy: A Report From The Massachusetts State Senate" on Friday, March 23 from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at the Haverhill Golf and Country Club, 50 Brickett Lane, Haverhill.

Confirmed speakers are Senators Steven Baddour, Eileen M. Donoghue, Barry Finegold and Bruce Tarr.

Guest Moderator is Gretchen Putnam, managing editor of The Eagle Tribune.

Complete hot breakfast buffet included. Cost is \$25 members, \$50 nonmembers. A 48-hour cancellation notice prior to event is required for a full refund. No show reservations will be billed.

For more information or to register, email office@merrimackvalleychamber.com or call 978-686-0900.

Northeast Independent Living Program

Northeast Independent Living Program will host the 27th annual Legislative Forum, "Health Care Reform: What Does it Mean to You?" on Friday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at Massachusetts School of Law, 500 Federal St., Andover.

This is an opportunity for legislators to join their colleagues and meet with their constituents to discuss important issues affecting the lives of people with disabilities and their families.

For more information, contact Jim Lyons at the Northeast Independent Living Program at jl Lyons@nilp.org or call 978-687-4288, ex

Public safety breakfast forum

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce presents a public safety breakfast forum, "What You Need to Know for Your Business and Home," on Friday, March 26 from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at Indian Ridge Country Club, Lovejoy Road, Andover.

Confirmed speakers are District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, Essex County Sheriff Frank Cousins, Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo, Haverhill Police Chief Allan DeNaro, Lawrence Police Chief John Romero, Methuen Police Chief Joseph Solomon and North Andover Police Chief Paul Gallagher.

Special guest moderator is Al Getler, Publisher, Eagle Tribune Publishing and the event is sponsored by AAA Merrimack Valley and Trinity EMS.

A full breakfast buffet is included. The cost is \$25 for members, \$50 for nonmembers.

For more information, call 978-686-0900.

LWV's annual Andover budget forum

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover was scheduled to host Andover's annual budget forum last night, Wednesday, March 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.

To help voters make informed decisions at the annual Town Meeting beginning on April 30, the League sponsors the forum for review and public discussion.

Town officials participating in the forum will include members of the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and School Committee, as well as Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Superintendent Marinell McGrath. The forum was to be televised live and taped for rebroadcast.

MVCC Night of Comedy tomorrow

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, along with China Blossom Restaurant and Lots of Laughs Comedy Lounge, present a "Special Night of Comedy" with Dave Russo from NESN's Dirty Water TV, Sal Votano and Dan Gill on Friday, March 23 at China Blossom Restaurant, 946 Osgood St., North Andover.

Dinner starts at 8 p.m., followed by comedy at 9 p.m.

Cost is \$37 MVCC members, \$50 nonmembers. Includes a full China Blossom dinner buffet.

Cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance.

For more information, email michael.bevillacqua@merrimackvalleychamber.com or visit www.merrimackvalleychamber.com or call 978-686-0900.

Red Cross blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a community blood drive on Saturday, April 14 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St.

All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Blood donors are needed everyday to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need.

All presenting donors will receive a free pair of socks from New Balance. Prizes are non-transferrable and not redeemable for cash.

To make an appointment to donate blood, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

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Activities include arts and crafts, fashion, dance, games and hikes. Free buses are available.

Cost per day is \$40 for Girl Scouts, \$40 plus \$12 membership fee for non Girl Scouts. Financial aid available.

For more information, visit www.girlscoutseasternmass.org or call 857-453-5

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Business

Yang's participants go for spin, fight cancer

Spending three hours on indoor bikes allowed 21 community members to raise nearly \$3,000 to fight cancer this past Sunday.

On March 4, 21 community members participated in the American Cancer Society Spin for Hope, a three-hour indoor cycling event, at Yang's Fitness & Wellness Center at Dundee Park in Andover. Through pledges and donations, bike-riders raised close to \$3,000 to support the society's mission to save lives and create a world with less cancer by finding cures, and by fighting back.

Across New England,

nearly 1,000 residents at more than 70 health clubs participated in Spin for Hope, with a goal of collecting more than \$350,000 for the American Cancer Society.

"Thank you to our participants and donors for making our first annual Spin for Hope such a success. It was a wonderful day filled with great energy and friendship all for a great cause," said Diana Kiesel, Yang's co-owner.

For more information, or to make a donation, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or visit spinforhope.org.



Courtesy photo

Community members take part in the Spin for Hope.

What's aging you? 'Biofeedback business' says it can help answer, solve

An local entrepreneur has rebranded herself recently from an Andover retail business owner to a wellness expert with a biofeedback business.

After 18 years as a retail business owner and entrepreneur in Andover running the jewelry and accessories store Carina & Company and formerly Beauty Solutions, "Michelle Corey is focusing her efforts full-time on the biofeedback part of her business that she previously focused on part-time," according to a release. "Corey specializes in helping people identify what is aging them and gives specific instructions to bring balance back into their lives."

Corey's business, now called Boston Biofeedback, will continue to exist in the



Michelle Corey

same location as Carina & Company at 3 Barnard St., which also hosts a new store called Nest.

Corey is a certified biofeedback specialist and is continuing her education in holistic nutrition. She currently works with several area physicians to help bring natural healing methods into their practices, according to a release.

In keeping with her natural health practices and with a background in cosmetology, Corey offers the Jane Iredale line of medical grade cosmetics and high quality chemical free skin care.

Sweet treat



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Students of Andover School of Montessori, Isabelle Michelon, 11, and, Sophie Zdrojewski, 11, left, have fun at Orange Leaf after school recently, digging into bowls of frozen yogurt with a multitude of toppings.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

'Retain Quality Staff Without Spending a Dime'

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association presents "How To Retain Quality Staff Without Spending A Dime" today, Thursday, March 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Palmer's Restaurant and Tavern, 18 Elm St., Andover.

Topics to be addressed include reasons why employees leave and reasons why they voluntarily stay; the top inexpensive retention-related ideas companies can utilize; an employee care survey (handout provided) that focuses on what employees want and do not want from their managers; techniques, tools and templates on how to effectively institute employee care and provide what employees need/ask for; and a suggested plan and system on how to proactively invest more quality time in high performers than low ones.

Featured speaker is Dr. Robert J. Gonet, an expert in the area of teaching managers how to more effectively manage so that they can significantly increase their employees' performance and productivity.

Sponsored by Pentucket Medical Associates, the event includes a complete hot luncheon. The cost is \$22 for MVHRA members, \$25 for MVC members, \$50 for nonmembers.

For more information, visit merrimackvalleychamber.com or call 978-686-0900.

Fire Dept. promotes Andoverite

The Andover Fire Dept. recently promoted firefighter and life-long Andover resident Ryan Beal to lieutenant.

Beal was born and raised in Andover, attended Andover schools and joined the Fire Department in October of 1995, according to Fire Chief Mike Mansfield.

"He's very active in public education with the school system. He has a good demeanor about him," said Mansfield. "His overall performance over the last several years, coupled with the fact that he did very well in the promotional exams, made him a great candidate."

Following his promotion ceremony on Sunday, March 18, Beal joins 12 other lieutenants in the department. Overall, the department has 69 firefighters.

- Dustin Luca

DCR's merger named 'Deal of the Year'

Dynamics Research Corporation, a leading provider of innovative management consulting, engineering, science and technology solutions to federal and state governments, was recognized as the top mid-size 'Deal of the Year' award for the company's 2011 merger with High Performance Technologies, Inc. by Washington Technology magazine.

A key driver behind the merger and the award was the overall market alignment of HPTI's expertise with DRC's strategy with eighty percent of the business concentrated in the high growth markets targeted by DRC including healthcare, cybersecurity, intelligence and homeland security.

DRC is a publicly held corporation and maintains more than 25 offices nationwide with major offices in Andover and the Washington, D.C. region.

For more information, visit drc.com.

Resident earns Chairman's Level of recognition

Financial Advisor and Registered Representative Ronald Hill earned New England Financial's Chairman's level of recognition - the highest level of honor bestowed to a select set of top producers, specifically those who exemplify the highest standards of personal integrity, professionalism, and customer service across the company.

Hill is a Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara, and received a master's degree from UCLA.

He is an active member of the Andover Chamber of Commerce and the Lawrence Rotary Club.

Hill's office is located at 10 Essex St., Andover.

MVCC annual dinner

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce annual dinner will be held Tuesday, May 1 at DiBurro's Function Hall, Ward Hill, Haverhill.

Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m.

The Ralph B. Wilkinson Award will be presented to Larry Yameen and the Community Spirit Award to the Fidelity House.

VIP speaker is Boston Mayor Thomas Menino.

Tickets are \$95 per person, \$950 per table. Cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to event for a full refund.

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Sports

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Girls basketball wins third straight state title, completes a flawless 27-0 season

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — There were only two words that would truly do the moment justice.

“Absolutely perfect,” said Nicole Boudreau with a smile.

For most teams, *perfect* would be an overstatement. But not Andover girls basketball — not in 2012.

“We made history,” said a gleeful Rebecca Alois. “We made history.”

On Saturday, Andover closed out its perfect season, defeated Holyoke 61-45 for the Golden Warriors’ third consecutive Division 1 state title.

“I have no words to describe this feeling,” said senior co-captain Ally Fazio. “To win once is great, to win twice is awesome, but to win three times is unbelievable. I will never forget this my entire life.”

The victory made the Golden Warriors just the second team in the 36-year history of the Division 1 tournament to win three consecutive titles, joining just Haverhill in 1994-96.

“State champions,” said Jackie Alois. “Undefeated state champions. It just can’t get any better than that.”

Andover truly could not have been any better in 2011-12, surging to a perfect 27-0 record on their way to the title their first unbeaten season in program history, a season after losing just once on the way to a championship.

“Three in a row,” said coach Jim Tildsley. “A three-peat, which is incredible. And on top of that to go undefeated is amazing. Usually, during a season, you have at least one misstep. These kids knew what their goal was from the first day of practice, and I couldn’t be prouder of them.”

And the Golden Warriors weren’t going to accept anything less than perfection on the biggest stage, at the DCU Center in Worcester,

Date	Score	Leading Scorer	Note
March 17, 2012	Andover 61, Holyoke 45	Nicole Boudreau 31	Ally Fazio 9 points to clinch three-peat.
March 19, 2011	Andover 61, Amherst 51	Boudreau 18	Devon Caveney scores 11 of 14 in second half.
March 13, 2010	Andover 73, E. L'meadow 37	N. Gomez-Martinez 25	Boudreau, Fazio hit four 3's each.
March 15, 2003	Andover 48, Minnechaug 47	Jenny Muller 24	Samantha Hughes game-winning free throw with 0.9 seconds left.

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where Andover trailed 27-25 at halftime.

“At halftime we looked at each other and said, ‘This is ours,’” said Jackie Alois. “The halftime speech gave me shivers. We came out with so much fire.”

True to form for this Andover squad, the Golden Warriors proved to be the best team at the end.

“We wanted that three-peat so badly,” said junior guard Devon Caveney. “We were ready to play. When we are down by two, we don’t accept that. We are a second-half team, and we came out on fire.”

The Golden Warriors outscored Holyoke 16-3 in the third quarter, highlighted by a Fazio steal and 3-pointer that sent the Andover bench into hysterics.

“We looked at each other and said, ‘We have 16 minutes left of this season, win or lose,’” said Fazio. “We just had to play our game. We weren’t going to lose.”

Added Tildsley: “At halftime I looked at the girls and told them we had 16 minutes to go in the season. We thrive off our defense. When (Holyoke) came down

four or five times and didn’t score they got down on themselves.”

In the fourth, the Golden Warriors kept the pressure on and Boudreau all but clinched the victory, fouled while knocking down an NBA-range three and hitting the free throw.

“When I really knew was when Nicole hit the four-point play,” said Rebecca Alois. “I am so proud of everyone.”

Boudreau finished off her Andover high career in legendary fashion, scoring a game-high 31 points and adding 11 rebounds. Alois added 13 points while Fazio chipped in with nine.

“I just tried to take everything in,” said Caveney, who scored nine of her 13 points in the second half. “It was just unforgettable. What an amazing ride.”

Following the game, plenty of tears were shed as the Golden Warriors celebrated their third title in the row. “I walked off the court and was tearing up,” said Jackie Alois. “It’s sad that it’s over, but right now I am in the moment and so happy.”

When they were not piling on the logo at center court, the players each shared a hug with Tildsley.

“This group of kids was truly special,” said Tildsley. “Everything I asked of them, they have done it. There was no jealousy. They believed in me, and I believe in them.”



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos

HISTORIC HARDWARE: Nicole Boudreau holds up the trophy Saturday after the Andover girls basketball team won its third consecutive Division 1 state title at the DCU Center in Worcester to cap the Andover girls basketball program’s first undefeated season.



DYNASTY-THREE: Gathering around the championship trophy Saturday night are, from left, Danielle Boudreau, Angelice Gonzalez, Nicole Boudreau, Ally Fazio and Jessica Witten.

Fazio, Boudreau and rest of seniors leave indelible mark

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — Through her joy, Nicole Boudreau struggled to fight back emotions in the final moments she would be wearing Andover High Blue and Gold.

“It’s so weird to think I won’t be putting on an Andover uniform again,” said the school’s all-time leading scorer. “But if it had to end, this is absolutely perfect.”

Boudreau and teammate/long-time friend Ally Fazio may have played their final basketball game as Golden Warriors, but Andover High fans won’t ever forget the stunning accomplishments of the two stars.

“I kept crying after the (championship) game,” said sophomore guard Rebecca Alois. “Knowing Nicole and Ally are leaving made the game a little bittersweet.

They have been amazing captains.”

Fazio and Boudreau, of course, capped off their high school careers with a third straight state title over the weekend, each hitting key shots as the Golden Warriors dispatched of Holyoke 61-45.

“I can’t describe it,” said Fazio. “I will never forget this my entire life. I will never forget this.”

In four years with Boudreau and Fazio as starting guards Andover finished a stunning 97-9, including 79-1 over the past two seasons, and 18-1 all-time in the postseason.

Boudreau’s career statistics are legendary. The Boston College-bound guard finished her prolific career with a school-record 2,200 career points exactly, giving her a career average of 20.8 per game.



Nicole Boudreau



Ally Fazio



Danielle Boudreau



Jaymi Cohen



Abbie Watts

FAREWELL TO THE SENIORS

Name	Height	Position
Nicole Boudreau	5-9	guard
Ally Fazio	5-3	guard
Danielle Boudreau	5-7	guard
Jaymi Cohen	5-5	guard
Abbie Watts	5-9	center

She was named Massachusetts girls basketball Gatorade Player of the Year for the second straight season, and is sure to be

named an All-Scholastic for the third straight year. The multi-talented 5-foot-9 star also led the Golden Warriors in rebounding

(232), blocks (58), steals (159) and assists (109) this season.

Fazio’s stats are also extremely impressive, finishing her career with 794 career points. Impossibly polite and cheery off the court, the 5-foot-3 guard also earning rave reviews for her dogged defense during games.

The pair also scored a combined 95 points in their three title game appearances and 162 points in five games at the TD Garden in Boston.

But, as Fazio was quick to point out after the title game, those three weren’t the only seniors on the roster.

Coach Jim Tildsley complimented Abby Watts’ ability to come off the bench and provide much-needed toughness, including the Division 1 North semifinal

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Your Dental HEALTH

by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD

RECESSION FEARS

The term “long in the tooth” refers to the fact that gums tend to recede as we age. When they do, “cementum” and “dentin” are left exposed. Cementum is a thin, pale-yellow layer of calcified substance that covers the tooth root; dentin is the bone-like tissue that makes up the largest portion of the tooth. Exposure of these parts of the tooth to bacteria and acids renders the tooth root vulnerable to decay. This is why more than 60% of people over the age 65 have root caries, making it one of the most pervasive health problems faced by older adults. Roughly one-half of these lesions have not been filled, which leaves teeth vulnerable to further caries and pulp death.

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Synchro swim team sets annual show

The Andover/North Andover YMCA's ANA Synchro team, which bills itself as the largest synchronized swim team in the country, will perform for the community at its annual show on March 31 and April 1.

This year's show theme is "Every Girl is a Princess," representing the ANA Synchro team's goal of building swimmers' self-esteem and inspiring all girls to know they are unique.

"The ANA Synchro Annual Show takes all the best elements of what the girls have been practicing throughout the year, and compresses it into 90 minutes of heartfelt joy," said Andover resident Jim McNamara, whose daughter, 15-year-old Gloria, will perform in her sixth annual show.

For the McNamara family, this show is a testament to the dedication and teamwork Gloria has learned through hours of challenging practices,

according to a release from the group. Jim and his wife Maureen are avid volunteers; Jim is helping with the show lighting this year and Maureen is offering hours of her time to sew beads on the "Las Vegas-style" swimsuits.

The show will feature a team of 85 swimmers ranging in age from 7 to 19, performing Olympic-inspired choreography. It includes a stunning candle routine.

The ANA Synchers compete

on a national level and have performed throughout the United States.

The community can see the show on March 31, at 3 and 6 p.m. and April 1 at 3 p.m. at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover.

Tickets for adults are \$14. They are \$11 for seniors and \$9 for students \$9. Tickets are available at the YMCA or from members of the synchronized swim team.

SENIORS: Class of 2012 goes out on top of game

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when the 5-foot-9 forward saw key minutes defending Central Catholic star Casey McLaughlin.

"She knew her role and did a great job as our seventh person," said Tildsley prior to the title game.

Fazio also complimented the contributions of guards Danielle Boudreau, the twin sister of Nicole, and Jaymi Cohen.

"I was so glad Jaymi and Danielle got to get into the (title) game," said Fazio. "They have been the best teammates as long as they have been on the team. During every timeout, every halftime, they are always there to pick us up. They have been great."

Danielle Boudreau and Cohen, who could always be seen leading the cheers from the bench during games, also earned the

admiration of their coach.

"Danielle is a very good shooter that could start for most area teams," said Tildsley last week.

"And Jaymi is a very good player. But they knew their role and were tremendous teammates."

Following the game, Tildsley was clearly emotional about saying goodbye to the memorable group, whose contributions will live on in Andover sports lore for ages.

"Ally and Nicole were such amazing leaders," said coach Jim Tildsley. "And the rest of the kids followed their lead. Losing those two kids brings a tear to my eye, which it did after the game, hugging them I knew that was it for the three of us. We have had a great four-year run and I couldn't more happy or proud of those two and all the seniors."

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

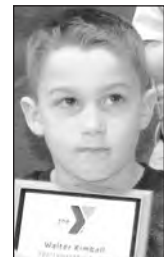
King to play lacrosse at Salve Regina

Alex King, a senior attack at Andover High School, has committed to play lacrosse at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I., an NCAA Division 3 school. The Seahawks finished the 2011 season with an overall record of 9-8, including a 6-4 record in the Commonwealth Coast Conference. King is one of 21 high school seniors playing on an academy team for Home

Grown Lacrosse, a provider of lacrosse leagues, teams, camps and clinics.

YBL sportsmanship award

Nearly 300 YMCA Youth Basketball League players from the Lawrence, Methuen, and Andover/North Andover YMCA branches filled the gymnasium at the Lawrence YMCA on Saturday, March 3, for the sixth annual Kimball Classic, a basketball jamboree.



Patrick Cote

This year's tourney hosted 34 teams competing overall within three different divisions: kindergarten; first and second grade teams; third and fourth grade

sportsmanship awards, including one from Andover, Patrick Cote, age 6.

The jamboree was named for retired YMCA Vice President Walter Kimball, honoring him as one of the "founding fathers" of YBL at the Merrimack Valley YMCA which begin in the early 1970s.

Eight children from the league were honored with

Fresh St. A's team goes undefeated

In their first year, a group of St. Augustine basketball players are league champions.

A team of 12 St. Augustine School boys, all 10 years old, recently capped off its undefeated season with championship trophies in the Merrimack Valley Catholic School League last weekend. The league includes 80 teams — 20 teams per grade in grades five through eight, encompassing 10 area schools including St. A's.

"It's the first year they play as a school team," said Paula O'Dea, St. Augustine School principal. "This is the strongest team that's come in as fifth-graders."

The team tallied its final win against a team from Sacred Hearts School in Bradford. The Andover school also had two other teams who made it to the league's semifinals, the sixth-grade girls and seventh-grade



Courtesy photo

A team of 12 fifth grade boys at St. Augustine School recently ended an undefeated season to win the 10-team Merrimack Valley Catholic School League. Pictured from left, in the bottom row: Sebastian Schwarz, Jack Winnie, Andrew Regan, Andrew Mangano, Andrew Maresca and Cole Doke; top row: Coach Felipe Schwarz, Joey Howshan, Owen Boulanger, Chris Tucker, Chris Sannella, Chris Rassias, Michael Arrigg and Coach Paul Arrigg. Not pictured is Coach Joe Howshan.

boys teams.

"But this was the only team that made it to the finals," said

O'Dea. "It was exciting for them, and their parents, and our school for them to go on."

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Return to flight



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

A barred owl was released back into the Andover woods on Saturday after three weeks of treatment and rehabilitation at the Tufts Wildlife Clinic. Hugh Bishop of Andover (far left) and his son Eric, 10 (fifth from the left), found the owl on the side of Salem Street on Feb. 24. They attended the releasing of the owl along with family and friends and Dr. Suzanne Kane DVM and Dr. Melissa Fogelson DVM, co-owners of Methuen Veterinary Hospital in Methuen, who worked with the Tufts University Wildlife Clinic to heal the bird, and Heidi Broadley, a Tufts University Veterinary student. The bird weighed just under 2 pounds and has a wing span around 26 inches.

TOWN TALK

Piggy banks for a preschool

A 9-year-old girl is collecting money to save her preschool.

Gianna Coppola, 9, who attended the Ballardvale Preschool when she was younger, has joined the effort to raise money for the preschool. In the Feb. 23 issue of the Andover Townsman, a front-page story detailed how a group of parents are fighting to keep open the preschool that has served the community for 40 years.

"She wrote out a plan to raise money for the school," said Gianna's mother, Donna Coppola. "Gianna went to the Dollar Tree, purchased nine plastic piggy banks, and brought them home. She wrote 'Ballardvale Preschool Fund' on each one."

Riding her bike downtown, Gianna spoke with a number of Andover businesses about displaying the piggy banks. They're now on display at a number of locations, including Bella Beads, Andover Gift Shop, Sundays, Ballardvale Cafe and LaRosa's.

- Dustin Luca

diamonds and a soccer field, according to Farris. Andover Little League will give the town \$350,000, while the Andover Soccer Association is expected to kick in an additional \$60,000, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

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Something borrowed, something green

There will be something green about the local accessible show, There is Something About Andover. Two segments deal with some type of conservation.

Robert Decelle of Andover Conservation Commission talks to the show about the work the commission does to make the town's natural resources available to the community.

Andover senior Klaus Lasch will interview Sharon Mason, director of development at the Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity, about their current projects, and ReStore, their discount outlet for gently-used building materials.

Residents can watch "There's Something About Andover" on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 a.m. on Channel 8 (Verizon Channel 47).

Produced by volunteers from the Andover Senior Center, it is one of Andover Community Access & Media's longest running shows.

Youth will be able to say 'I played Symphony Hall'

Young Andover musicians will perform at Symphony Hall on Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m. with the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Federico Cortese at an upcoming performance of Brahms' German Requiem.

The students will perform with Back Bay Choral, Grammy winning soprano Ana Maria Martinez and baritone Weston Hurt. This concert will also feature a performance by BYSO's youngest orchestra, The Young People's String Orchestra, and members of the Intensive Community Program under the direction of Marta Zurad. The concert will include Andover violinists Aditi Kannan, 11, and Alex Ruan, 8.

The Andover students performing Brahms' German Requiem are:

- Tiffany Lam, 16, Viola, BYS
- Jina Lee, 17, Cello, BYS
- Miki Nagahara, 17, Violin, BYS
- Sasha Scolnik-Brower, 16, Cello, BYS

Project Home Again seeking donations

Project Home Again is looking for donations of gently used items such as household goods, furniture and appliances, free of charge, to provide to people in need.

Volunteers work with social workers and other referring agencies in the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire to ensure that gently used items go to those who need them the most.

The Project Home Again warehouse is located at 439 S. Union St., Lawrence. Please call 978-270-9878 upon arriving at the warehouse, and volunteers will unload your car.

For more information, visit phama.org or email info@phama.org or call 978-470-1356.

Children's story time in sign language

Members of Quota International of Andover will host a story time for children ages 4-10, on March 31 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the North Andover Steven's Memorial Library.

Sign language interpreters will be on hand to sign a selection of children's books, along with the Quota members who will be reading a variety of story books.

The service mission of Quota International focuses on deaf and hard-of-hearing persons and disadvantaged women and children.

All are welcomed to attend. No pre-registration is required. For more information, contact June Braunlich at junebraunlich@aol.com.

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Big projects' failure to launch

A number of busy professionals have volunteered for the past three-and-a-half years to find the best location for a new Ballardvale Fire Station. They have been, in the words of their chairman, "researching the issues, gathering data, working with professionals and holding public hearings." They have offered their opinion on the best place to build a new station. But 2012 Town Meeting will not vote on their recommendation, nor on any plan to build a new Ballardvale Fire Station. Instead, the town will go another year without a plan to replace the more than 120-year-old building. This is not a failure of the fire station committee, it is a failure of the town's professional leadership.

Unfortunately, it is not an isolated case. The town is making a bad habit of paying consultants to develop documents, enlisting hard-working volunteers to create a plan, and then doing nothing with the plan.

Take the town's other big project expected to be addressed at 2012 Town Meeting, the Town Yard. The Town Yard Task Force of Andover volunteers has been looking at that issue since 2007. Last year, the town plan was to spend more than \$20 million to put the town yard on Dascomb Road. Just prior to Town Meeting, town officials even made a cable TV show to highlight and educate the community about the Dascomb Road plan. Then, they pulled the article from the Town Meeting warrant.

One year later, the plan is to spend about \$18 million to create a new town yard at 5 Campanelli Drive, off River Road. Sound familiar? It should. On June 12, 2008, the Town Yard Task Force unanimously recommended 5 Campanelli Drive as its preferred location for new Town Yard. That's right, nearly four years, and few studies later, the town is right where it started.

To put it kindly, the process is flawed.

One solution is for the town manager, as the person paid to run the town, to outline some priorities, and establish a plan and solid timeline for attaining them. Then the ball will be in the selectmen's court to support the plan, or insist on a different one. At a minimum, a better process should be created by the town manager. Committee and task force members should not be asked to devote such time if the town is not putting them in position to be successful. One would think that if a group is checking in more regularly, and officials are eliminating some options as not politically viable, more will be accomplished.

Either way, once a volunteer task force or committee has spent years researching an issue and made its recommendation, it seems reasonable that town leadership would take a stand on its position. If politics are going to play a role in the ultimate decision, then let the politicians and Annual Town Meeting deal with the issue at that point, not the task force volunteers.

While Ballardvale doesn't need another fortress like the Andover Public Safety Center on North Main Street, it does need a facility built for the 21st Century, not the 19th Century. Andover must buy specially made engines to fit in the small station built for horse-drawn wagons, and the tiny piece of land on an awkward intersection is not the location to build a modern station. Keeping the current station is not good for Ballardvale residents covered by the firehouse or the firefighters who work there. But it will be at least another year before a plan is in place.

Perhaps just as troubling is that talented people, our town's willing volunteers, are being turned off to public service, because they are seeing little results from their efforts, and getting little in return but criticism and frustration.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Winter just ended, and we have temperatures in the 70s. How are you handling the weather? Select all answers that apply.

■ Heading to the beach or park for a day in the sun!
■ Driving around with my windows down, and the house is open as well.
■ Putting away the winter clothes and pulling out the shorts and tank tops.
■ Going for walks every afternoon and enjoying this while it lasts.
■ Not willing to put away my shovel. I expect a late-season snowstorm.
■ Not really doing anything special at the moment. Everything is routine, but warmer.
■ Weekly intake of Orange Leaf frozen yogurt has quadrupled. This isn't good.
■ Complaining about it on global warming forums.

■ Forecasting the end of the world. It is 2012, after all!

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's question asked people about leasing town land for solar farms. With a limited number of people responding, the answers were:

- Yes. I support both the 126 Tewksbury St. and 100 Lovejoy Road articles: 55.56 percent.
■ No. I don't support using either piece of town land for this: 27.78 percent.
■ I only support using 100 Lovejoy Road, one of the two Town Meeting articles: 5.56 percent.
■ Let someone try it on private land first: 5.56 percent.
■ I don't know, or I have no opinion: 5.56 percent.
■ I only support using 126 Tewksbury St., one of two



Courtesy photo by Winslow Townson.

Runners jump over a stone wall in the Rafton Reservation during the six-hour long Spring Thaw run on Sunday, March 18, to raise money for AVIS, the Andover Conservation Commission and Bay Circuit Trail.

School Committee statement on contract talks

The Andover School Committee values its teachers and has worked hard to resolve the differences that have kept the committee and teachers union from reaching agreement on a successor contract. With the assistance of a new mediator, the parties signed a tentative agreement on March 9 that reflected resolution on all open issues except the work schedule for teachers at Andover High School. This tentative agreement was contingent on reaching agreement on a schedule for AHS teachers and students.

For many years, AHS teachers have had a daily 82-minute block to prepare, taught two 82-minute classes, and have been assigned to one 82-minute duty such as parking lot or hallway monitoring during one semester. During the other semester, teachers have had a daily 82-minute block to prepare and have taught three classes instead of being assigned to a duty. This schedule is referred to as the "3 and 2 schedule" because teachers teach three classes in one semester and two classes in the other semester. There is no other high school in Massachusetts that deploys its teachers this way.

During negotiations, the School Committee wanted to be able to replace the non-teaching duty assignments, such as parking lot and hallway monitoring, with another class, thereby increasing our teachers' instructional time with students. This schedule is referred to as a "3 and 3 schedule" because teachers would teach 3 classes each semester, like the other school districts in Massachusetts that have a semesterized four-block high school schedule like ours.

Last summer...the School Committee offered to consider different kinds of high school schedules. Our willingness to do so was based in part on addressing some of the academic shortfalls of our current schedule and moving to one that was more fiscally sustainable. In January, the two parties formed a joint committee of teachers and administrators to visit and study the schedules of comparable school districts, and agreed to work together to come to agreement on a different kind of schedule for

teachers at Andover High. To be able to implement a new schedule for September 2012, we agreed on a deadline of March 23.

We learned the AEA representatives on the schedule committee proposed maintaining the current 3 and 2 schedule with some extra time added for student-teacher advisory.

The School Committee has been clear since the parties started negotiations in 2010 that teachers at Andover High School are teaching fewer students and spending less time teaching in the classroom than their peers in all other high-performing school districts, and that the cost of maintaining the high school schedule is affecting our ability to make other needed investments at all levels of our school system. Keeping our current block schedule, but having teachers teach 3 classes each semester, would lead to a reduction of approximately 11 positions—some, if not most of which would be accomplished through regular attrition including retirements, resignations and non-renewals. In addition, it is the committee's goal that implementation of a new schedule would result in a reduction in class size... The schedule committee has reviewed and considered the schedules of Brookline, Masconomet, Natick, Needham, and Winchester High Schools, but the AEA representatives on the committee maintained their position of not changing the 3 x 2 teaching schedule for teachers.

With resources tighter than ever, the School Committee has a responsibility to consider alternatives for delivering the superior education our students deserve. Unfortunately, the union's representatives on the high school schedule committee have insisted on preserving the 3 and 2 schedule. As there is no agreement on a new schedule for high school teachers, the tentative agreement is at risk and it is likely that the School Committee will now be required to go through a fact finding process with the Department of Labor Relations.

For the full statement of the School Committee, see andovertownsmen.com.

State should not cut funding for home care

Editor, Townsman:

I am appealing to Gov. Deval Patrick to reinstate home care hours that will be taken away April 1, 2012.

Elder Service is cutting hours to seniors because they say there isn't enough money in their budget to continue the amount of hours seniors are now receiving. I have been a Certified Home Health Aide for 21 years and it is so important we care for our seniors. Some seniors live alone and have no family close by to care for them.

The cost of placing seniors in an assisted living facility or nursing home far exceeds maintaining them at home,

not to mention the non-monetary value and the value of their dignity and self-respect. Seniors are our most precious citizens and I they should receive the utmost care and compassion.

"Our society must make it right and possible for old people not to fear the young or be deserted by them, for the test of a civilization is the way that it cares for its helpless members," said Pearl S. Buck. I believe and have faith Governor Patrick can find some way to add funds to the budget to provide continued hours these special citizens are receiving now.

PHYLLIS RINES
North Andover

Teachers union statement on contract talks

On March 20, 2012, the Scheduling Committee, the AEA and the administrators representing the School Committee, met and were unable to reach consensus on recommending a schedule for the high school. The AEA proposed to extend the existing school day in order to create an Advisory/Tutorial program designed to address the social, emotional and academic needs of our students. This proposal would have increased the amount of student-to-teacher contact time every day of the school year, and would have provided a more personalized learning environment in which students would be offered one-on-one instruction. This was suggested as a need during the March 15, 2012 School Committee meeting. The AEA offered this without requesting any remuneration. There was no consensus. It does not address the School Committee's priority of reducing staff. It also does not reduce the number of choices that a student can take in an academic year.

Since July of 2010, the School Committee has held that the current schedule at the high school is unsustainable because it is cost prohibitive. The School Committee believes that the high school will be able to operate with fewer teachers. The AEA feels that the reduction of staff would further deteriorate the learning environment for the students at AHS. The AEA is not only concerned about losing teaching staff, we are also concerned with the losing established and effective programs across all disciplines.

Oppose solar farm on school land

Editor, Townsman:

Last week the School Committee deferred a vote on a warrant article that would permit it to site solar panels on the Sanborn School grounds. Committee members have stated their immediate intention is to release funds for a feasibility study of the proposal, but if passed as written currently, they would have discretion to proceed all the way to approving leasing away Sanborn lands for utility purposes without any further citizen votes. The committee is scheduled to vote on the issue Thursday, March 22 at their 7 p.m. meeting. I urge residents to let our elected officials know that we oppose the creation of a solar highway on any Andover school grounds.

At their meeting last week, the Committee heard from residents who made the following points: First, the project would result in clear-cutting nearly all the forested land around Sanborn, replacing it with industrial solar fields, power lines, fences and a climate that would damage both our educational setting and the property values of the entire Sanborn neighborhood.

There are no comparable projects in our region

On Feb. 9, the AEA and the administrators agreed that the task was to find the best high school schedule for students; we also agreed on the schools to which we compare ourselves and which warranted further investigation as possible models for our high school. However, despite our agreements, the Administrators stated that they could only consider the implementation of a schedule that ensured a reduction of staff and an increased student load for teachers as mandated by the School Committee charge.

On March 14, the AEA initially recommended an extension of the Scheduling Committee study until Nov. 15, 2012, to continue the research process in order to ensure proper consideration of all possible schedule permutations and to include the opinion of all stakeholders in the larger school community. There was a veto of that recommendation. The Committee then continued the discussion of the high school visits and schedules. The parties agreed to meet on March 19. Absent an agreement by consensus by March 23, the next step is fact-finding.

AEA President Kerry Costello stated, "I commend the efforts and untold volunteer hours that the members of the AEA Scheduling Committee members devoted to this endeavor. The shift in paradigm regarding the length of the school day and the increased time spent with students through an Advisory/Tutorial program reflects those efforts. The members of the AEA are disheartened that the tentative agreement is in jeopardy."

because the costs do not warrant the benefit. Unless land is otherwise "dead," we won't get enough energy from the panels to warrant the loss of land. Moreover, there are significant maintenance costs and difficulties particular to our region such as vegetation regrowth and clearing, and snow and ice removal that would reduce yield and severely disrupt the neighborhood and school.

The deforestation of lands surrounding Sanborn would exacerbate the watershed problems there that have been increasing since the I-93 project created a dam. The loss of vegetation would increase flooding problems. It would also remove the buffer against noise, smog, dust and visual pollution created by Interstate 93.

The lands entrusted to the town were meant for education. Locating a utility there violates this trust and ties our hands with a 20-year lease that would prevent us from expanding the school there should the need arise. Seeking to offset costs and set a green example are laudable, but this project comes at too great a cost.

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■ POLICE LOG

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ARRESTS

Saturday, March 17 - At 4:17 a.m., Ryan Fay, 24, of 20 Beresford St., Lawrence, was arrested on Wolcott Avenue and charged with assault and battery on a household member and larceny under \$250.

Sunday, March 18 - At 1:52 a.m., Mark Maesano, 37, of 92 Town Hill Road, Haverhill, was arrested on Elm Street and charged with a marked lanes violation, having an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle after suspension of license, subsequent offense. Maesano was later released. Then, at 7:14 a.m., he was arrested again on Elysian Drive. This time, he was charged with two counts of assault and battery, and a single count of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

At 3 a.m., Palaniyappan Murugappan, 43, of 348 Osgood St., North Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with a marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor, speeding and a right-on-red violation.

At 3:54 a.m., Mithunkumar Patel, 25, of 641 South Washington St., Attleborough, was arrested on River Road and charged with operating under the influence of liquor and speeding.

At 10:24 a.m., Danielle Beaton, 36, of 159 Bridge St., North Salem, was arrested on Sunset Rock Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle after suspension of license, failing to yield on a state highway and leaving the scene of an accident with personal injury. This arrest originated from a reported hit-and-run

accident on Sunset Rock Road resulting in a vehicle needing to be towed.

At 10:08 p.m., police made two arrests on Heather Drive. Arrested were Dennis Gallant, 43, and Wendy Gallant, 39, both of 13 Heather Drive, Andover. Dennis Gallant was charged with disorderly conduct. Wendy Gallant was charged with assault and battery on a household member.

BREAKS

Friday, March 9 - At 2:56 a.m., a house break was reported on Salem Street. The break was reported to have taken place during the previous several hours.

At 5:32 p.m., a break was reported on Jenkins Road. The break was believed to have taken place sometime since 8:30 a.m. that day.

THEFTS

Thursday, March 8 - At 10:17 a.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported on River Road.

At 6:14 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Oriole Drive.

Friday, March 9 - At 1:04 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Orchard Crossing.

Wednesday, March 14 - At 12:27 p.m., gas was reported stolen on North Main.

At 9:22 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Chandler Road.

Sunday, March 18 - At 6:41 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Abbot Street.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, March 8 - At 10:41 a.m., police checked on a River Road house alarm indicating basement motion. Police reported the home secure, and "a few dogs and a cat inside the home also."



COURTESY PHOTOS/Winslow Townson

Runners pass by AVIS Warden Ken Doran working a fire pit in the Rafton Reservation during the six-hour long Spring Thaw run on Sunday, March 18 to raise money for AVIS, the Andover Conservation Commission and Bay Circuit Trail.

Trail runners do six hours through woods

With spring in the air, several dozen people with spring in their steps dashed across Andover trails for what organizers hope is a first annual event dubbed the Spring Thaw trail run.

AVIS committee member Emily Trespas organized the run through the trails of both Andover Village Improvement Society and Andover Conservation land to raise awareness about Andover's open space. She hosted 58 runners from her regional running group, the Trail Animals Running Club, to participate in a six hour run through the fields and woods of the abutting Harold Rafton and Fish Brook Reservations, owned by AVIS, and the Virginia Hammond



Event organizer and Andover resident Emily Trespas points out the beginning of the trail while handing out racing numbers to runners at the Wood Hill Middle School prior to the Spring Thaw trail run.

Reservation, owned by the town of Andover.

Runners ran at their own pace, some running up to

35 miles as the temperature rose to 77 degrees.

With more than 250 acres combined, the properties are

open to the public, offering a place for quiet walks and hikes, and the chance to see numerous animals that roam. Entrances and parking areas are well signed and can be accessed along High Plain Road near the leaf composting area, or at River Road at the corner of Chandler Road.

Trespas spent hours laying out the course, organizing local volunteers and clearing the trails of winter debris and fallen trees with the help of AVIS trustee Ken Doran. Proceeds from the run, which raised over \$1,200, will be divided among AVIS, the Conservation Commission and the Bay Circuit Trail, according to resident Ellen Townson.

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Townspeople

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Kellie Sutliff of Andover co-wrote a book titled "Pearls of Wisdom" and has started an Internet radio show. ANGIE BEAULIEU/ Staff photo

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago - March 22, 1912

John Murphy has left the employ of the Andover steam laundry. Mrs. M.E. Dalton and son Harry, spent Sunday visiting relatives in Salem. A poverty party and dance will be held in Pilgrim hall on Thursday evening, April 4. Vaughan Jealous and George Simpson of the American Woolen Company are in England on business. The store and workshop of Dane & Manning on Park street is being remodeled. Mrs. Emily M. Morse of Morton street is recovering from an accident which has confined her to the house for some time.

75 Years Ago - March 19, 1937

Phyllis Bradshaw, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Bradshaw of Salem Street, is in a critical condition at the Lawrence General hospital as the result of burns she received Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Bradshaw was sweeping the kitchen floor about 2:15 Tuesday afternoon when the youngster went down into the cellar. Apparently opening the door of the boiler to throw something in, she was soon enveloped in flames when her clothes caught fire. The 1933 salary cut was restored on Tuesday evening to most of the school teachers and other departmental employees, retroactive to March 1. The Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway company on Wednesday announced that the stubs of the Shawsheen round-trip tickets are now useable both ways. The ten-cent charge will be made from the square in Shawsheen as heretofore, but the second five-cent stub of the ticket may be used on another trip from the square to Shawsheen on a later date if so desired. This bronze plaque (photo) in honor of the Punchard boys who were in the service during the war will shortly be put in place in the new Memorial auditorium. Andover Post of the American Legion will choose Miss Andover on Friday, April 9, at the Chrystal Ballroom. Miss Andover will receive a beautiful loving cup from the local Post.

50 Years Ago - March 22, 1962

The selectmen have questioned whether it is necessary, and whether it is good business judgment, to acquire over 30 additional acres of land in southern Andover for school purposes. Robert McIntyre was elected chairman of the School Committee Tuesday night, but only after a surprised William A. Doherty had been elected and declined to serve. Mrs. Joel Labell of Moraine Street has been receiving the congratulations of friends, after she managed to stop a driver-less, moving car near her home last Thursday afternoon. Although the Board of Health has requested the Land Acquisition Committee to "procure" land for dump purposes, in accordance with the amended Town Meeting article, the selectmen first want the area studied to be sure it is usable for the purpose.

25 Years Ago - March 26, 1987

With another comprehensive permit filed and several others expected, two articles in the Town Meeting warrant call for permission to allow the Board of Selectmen to exercise eminent domain, if necessary, to ensure proper use of land presently owned by Champy Construction, Shetland Properties, Perkins Family Trust and George Stevens. Two weeks after School Committee chairman Michael Giammusso announced that he would not seek re-election, Margo Tilghman, 4 Lovejoy Road, began her successful campaign for the single open seat on the committee.

Self-described psychic medium has new radio show, books

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

A resident known as a psychic medium is adding some new titles - author and radio host. Kelle Sutliff is contributing a chapter to a new inspirational book with a "Chicken Soup for the Soul" book series co-author, and this week launched her new Internet radio show. Sutliff lives on Carter Lane, from where she'll broadcast her weekly radio show via Skype. It began airing on Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on March 20. Her radio show, "Psychic Cup of Coffee," is airing on the new Sky Radio, a multi-channel Internet radio service owned and operated by Digitally Imported in New York. All SKY.FM channels are offered in three streaming formats: MP3, Windows Media Audio and AAC-HE. She's thrilled, but quietly believes all this professional success is connected to her "daily cup of calm" routine. Each day, she said she spends a few minutes getting physically, mentally and spiritually centered for the day. "It's all about positive affirmations," she said. "You are calmer and get a better perspective if you do this." The exercise helps people to be

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grounded and planted -- and as a result, good things happen, she said. Start those affirmations with "I am," not "I hope," during this exercise and there will be benefits, Sutliff said. "Hope is a big, long word," she said. "Say 'I am, not I hope', and all the negativity will stay away." She believes this simple exercise helps alleviate stress -- and she's got the usual stress triggers of many Andover moms. She's married with three kids ages 12 to 15, and there's a pet dog, a bird and a hedgehog to keep quiet during the radio show taping. Between 2:30 and 3 p.m. every school day she's shuttling a child or two somewhere, sometimes with friends. "Crazy, but I'm so blessed," she said. Her short chapter in the new inspirational book, "Pearls of Wisdom: 30 Inspirational Ideas to Live Your Best Life Now," (Heiropphant Publishing,

\$23.95) which comes out April 1, is all about calming oneself. Her "Daily Cup of Calm" chapter offers readers a step-by-step guide to her calming routine. Jack Canfield, co-author of the first "Chicken Soup for the Soul" book series, wrote the first chapter. "Pearls of Wisdom" is a small book offering tips on how to live a happy life, and Sutliff is thrilled to be included with the book's accomplished self-help writers like Canfield. Her daily calming routine is always used in her business. She's been a psychic medium for 12 years, and spends a lot of time researching cold and missing person cases for clients. New clients must focus first by using the calming exercise, as she believes that's a key way to solve mysteries, she said. On Saturdays, she's usually with the Boston University Cold Case Collaborative, working on some unsolved case. She plans to talk about the group on her first radio show. Sutliff is also writing a book, "Listen Up, The Other Side IS Talking." She's planning a June release for that self-published book. "There's no fluff and puff, no shenanigans," she said of her new age philosophy on life. "This is not hocus pocus or witchy, witchy -- it's real."

Adult Spelling Bee pays for teachers' creative projects

The Andover Fund for Education will host its 15th annual Andover Spelling Bee for adult teams, to be held on Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at Wood Hill Middle School. A lively and fun-filled community event, the bee allows participants to support teacher innovation in the Andover Public Schools while also promoting a local school, business or organization. AFE offers several ways to participate: enter a team of four adults in the competition; sponsor a round of the bee; or place an ad in the program. Audience admission is free. Though some very good spelling does take

place, the bee emphasizes entertainment, and the atmosphere is casual and family-friendly. To keep the focus on fun, the bee is designed not as an individual competition but rather as a team sport -- there is no solo spelling, so team spellers "sink or swim" together. In addition, most of the teams arrive in costume, as do many of the audience members who show up to cheer on their favorite team. Team supporters are invited to strut their stuff in the freewheeling Spirit Parade that takes place just before the final round, and a Spirit Award is presented to the school team supported by the most enthusiastic fans.

Judges also award a trophy for Most Creative Team Costume. At the end of the evening, prizes are awarded to the winning team of spellers. All proceeds from the Spelling Bee support grants to Andover teachers who are implementing new and creative classroom projects. Over the past four years, AFE has funded 36 grants totaling \$18,000 to teachers pursuing innovation in the Andover Public Schools. Many of these grants will be highlighted at this year's bee. For additional information and to download a spelling bee registration form, go to AndoverFundForEducation.org.



Bancroft School students and supporters cheer for their team during a previous Andover Fund for Education Spelling Bee. The bee is for teams of adults. Staff file photo

Boys' silly '80s clothes looked designed for parade, not prom

Dalton Retro

Bill Dalton



I don't know when the first high school prom in Andover was held. If I were to guess, I'd say the first prom was in the late 1930s at Punched High School. (Punched was the name of Andover's high school until 1958.) The word "prom" was short for promenade, which was a coordinated march at the beginning of the dance

to respectfully present the beautifully attired couples to honored guests, parents and faculty. Proms originated at eastern colleges, some in imitation of "coming out" parties for debutantes, but the idea spread to other parts of the country in the early 20th Century. It was the tradition that the junior class would do the work of preparing and presenting the prom as a parting gift to the senior class; hence, the name "junior prom." As high schools took up the idea of proms, colleges got tired of them. At first simple affairs held at small expense, proms, like weddings, became ornate

and elaborate as the 20th Century's culture deteriorated. In the early 1980s, one aspect of this elaboration and deterioration became farcical. In 1984, I wrote a column, included below, about boys' prom clothes, which were, in a word, "weird." It's almost prom time again. The girls will look so beautiful -- like pretty flowers. But nowadays the boys look more and more like berries, nuts and cotton candy. Have you seen some of their bizarre outfits? What has happened to boys' formal wear? It used to be a dark tuxedo or a white sport coat and pink

carnation (as the song goes). Today, they wear mauve and chartreuse and magenta and pink and green and orange and oh-my-goodness. And the accessories: outrageous pink scarves and white canes and red top hats. You'd think proms were cold weather events and the boys were sightless or trying out for plays. There's another trend that's a bit disturbing: the idea that the boy is supposed to color-coordinate with his date. For instance, if the girl is wearing fuchsia, then the boy should wear a fuchsia tie and cummerbund. Why, for heaven sake? One possible answer is

that the boys and girls wear matching outfits so that if one of them gets lost at the prom, the other will be able to find him/her. Ladies and gentlemen, we are talking about matters of taste. Who taught these boys how to dress themselves? The Cookie Monster? Mr. Rogers? Or was it their parents? When the boys were younger did their mothers and fathers say, "Johnny, that pink tutu is so cute on you"? Or, "Freddy, you're going to devastate the girls with those mauve tights." Or, "Lance, you look marvelous in those madras shoes." What's going on here? How did these boys acquire such

revolting taste? It's a prom the kids are going to, not a horrible parade. Someone has to teach them to dress correctly. If not, they're liable to show up at their first important interview dressed like Prince or Boy George or Clarabell. Or arrive at their wedding attired in a baseball hat and running shoes. Or go to church without a tie --oops, I guess that's already happening. Well, do you see what I mean? This is important stuff. Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and his email address is billdalton@andovertownie.com.

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Spring is the time to protect trees from winter moth

On Nature

Randy Pickergill and Leslie Frost

Around Thanksgiving, many of you probably noticed an abundance of moths fluttering around your outdoor porch lights and windows. You also may have noticed more than normal leaf damage to your maples and fruit trees last year, even just as the leaves emerged in the spring.

Unfortunately, what you witnessed is evidence of a pest infestation of concern in Massachusetts, the winter moth. A native of Europe, the winter moth has affected the Cape and Boston for more than 10 years, but has only recently arrived in the Andovers, Boxford and Topsfield.

Many trees are susceptible to winter moth, but the moths seem to especially prefer maples, ash and fruit trees such as apple, cherry and crabapple. The moths lay eggs in the tree bark in November, which hatch into caterpillars that look like tiny inch worms in the early spring, usually April. They feed on budding leaves, even tunneling into leaf buds to feed before leaves emerge. They spread from tree to tree using silk strands and wind currents. By the time the leaves fully emerge in May it is often too late because by then the caterpillar have eaten their way through the leaves and stops feeding to build its cocoon. The cocoon produces the moths in November to mate and lay eggs in the tree bark, starting the cycle again.

Early action is key to preventing damage to your trees this year. No natural controls are known to be present in Massachusetts, so an application of a

registered pesticide may be warranted. Pesticides can be dangerous in the hands of the novice so the best advice is to hire a qualified licensed applicator usually listed under tree service in the yellow pages.

The towns of Andover, Wellesley, and Winchester have had success using applications of products containing the active ingredient Spinosad in April just as the caterpillars hatch and in the very early morning, before bees become active, as Spinosad may be toxic to bees before it dries (it takes three hours). Common brand names containing Spinosad are Conserve SC by Dow and Captain Jack's Insecticide by Bonide. These sprays are applied to leaf buds and emergent leaves. Another method used is to apply oil sprays on the bark of the trees in November or early December, to suffocate the eggs laid there the previous fall before they hatch. Oil sprays, however, have limited proven effectiveness.

Trees are an extremely valuable asset to your property and our community. Protect them by using the most environmentally friendly product that will still do the job required. Additional information can be found on the University of Massachusetts Extension website (<http://extension.umass.edu/landscape/fact-sheets/winter-moth-identification-management>).

This article was written by Randy Pickergill, Mass. certified arborist and Andover tree warden, and Andover resident Leslie Frost, a landscape designer, member of Friends of Andover Community Trees (FACT) and former president of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

Hockey rink makes a great pool



Courtesy photo

The unusually warm weather this winter left many people with backyard ice rinks with few days for good skating. By last week, these Andover youth were using their Hidden Shawsheen hockey rink for a swimming pool. Swimming in the melted rink on Sutherland Street on March 13 are, from left, front row: Michael Finneran, Connor Finneran, Shane Patrick, Jack Keeler; back row: Ben Boutselis and Nathan Beucler.

Watershed group to celebrate spring

Spring has sprung and the Shawsheen River Watershed Association plans to make a point of celebrating it.

The group will host a spring equinox celebration this weekend, March 24 and 25, at Serio's Grove on the Shawsheen River in Andover. There will be a ceremony as the sun rises with music, singing, refreshments, banners and other activities. After the ceremony a canoe-and-kayak crew will paddle downstream to Ballardvale Mill Pond.

There are multiple ways to participate:
■ Camp out at Serio's Grove on Saturday night.
■ Join in a Sunday morning pre-dawn canoe/kayak trip from Lowell Junction Road access point to Serio's Grove.
■ Drive, park, and walk a short distance (one quarter of a mile) to Serio's Grove by 7 a.m. Sunday morning.

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