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## New Year's resolution encouragement



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Rich Barton, 58, does pull-ups in his basement on his homemade gym in Andover.

## 58-year-old says others can make the changes he did

JUDY WAKEFIELD  
Staff Writer

It started simply enough. His homemade chin-up bar in his basement was secured by the one-time legs from his son's Legos table.

The only problem was Rich Barton of Orchard Crossing couldn't do a single chin-up. He was 55-years-old and 189 pounds. This married father of an adored special needs son, was out of shape and

feeling it, especially when he climbed the stairs at work.

But, as the saying goes, that was so yesterday. In fact, it was 2009. Now, he's a chin-up maniac.

"My story is the over-50 guy that realized it was time to get fit or else," Barton said. "And I did it."

At this resolution time of year, when everyone seems to know someone who has resolved to lose weight and get healthier in the new year,

Barton is sharing his story in hopes of inspiring someone.

"It's a journey," said Barton, now 58 and a slender 168 pounds. "I want to be around for my wife and son."

Summed up, his family history of being overweight and having cardiac trouble worried him. He got serious in February 2009, making diet changes and finding time to work out. He coaches and volunteers with scouts in town and is an account manager for

Comverse. The job requires lots of travel. He's married to Joyce; their son, Ross, is 19. It wasn't easy in those early days. Like many 50-somethings, he had a treadmill for years. But, it sat unused in the basement and was covered in dust.

"The only thing I knew how to do was push-ups and sit ups. So, I did the treadmill,

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## State OKs plan that will bring 690 jobs

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
Staff Writer

An energy efficiency company bringing jobs to Andover and expanding a facility in exchange for temporary tax breaks has received the necessary approval.

Schneider Electric, a Paris-based energy-efficiency company, is expected to bring 690 jobs to Andover by the end of 2017, according to Andover Planning Director Paul Materazzo. Those employees will work at 800 Federal St., where the company will invest \$20 million to expand a currently vacant building.

The company will house its research and development arm, an engineering office and showcase facility in the new facility when it's completed, Materazzo said.

The state's Economic Assistance Coordinating Council approved a TIF plan

that will allow the company to increase the value of the building but not pay the full taxes the building can bring in for the first five years.

For the first three years, the company will pay only the tax owed for the building's present value, according to Materazzo. For the fourth and fifth years of the company's time in Andover, the company will only pay an added 65 percent of the increase in value. The full tax value will be paid in all subsequent years.

The company is also expected to retain 65 existing jobs and relocate 525 more to Andover in the company's first year in town, according to Materazzo. For each of the five years after that, 15 more jobs must be added, as required by the TIF terms.

"You have good paying jobs relocating and expanding in Andover, in a first-class company setting up shop in Andover," Materazzo said. "Once fully occupied by the TIF terms, it will immediately

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## YEAR IN REVIEW: UPDATING SOME OF THE YEAR'S BIG STORIES

### Great outdoors being made a bit greater in 2012

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
Staff Writer

In a community known for its dedication to open space, 2012 has been a year that notably helped the cause. More plans are coming in 2013.

The signature moment came in April, when Anthony and Gladys Sakowich donated a nine-acre space, the site of their longtime home. The Sakowich Reservation, at 26 Oriole Drive, is open for hikes year-round and a good place for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing during the winter. It improves access to and provides lauded views of what is considered one of the town's best sites, Baker's Meadow.

With developable land in Andover disappearing, a prime spot such as the Sakowiches' nine-acre parcel is becoming more scarce -- and having the land donated is unusual as well. The Sakowiches used the moment to say they hope it encourages more people to do the same.

Meanwhile, work continued throughout the year on town conservation land and other trails to improve trails and add picnic areas, camping grounds and wooden bridges. The first of what is meant to be an annual Trail Animals Running Club, Spring Thaw Six Hour run was held in town,

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### After failed vote, Town Yard sees 2013 resurgence

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
Staff Writer

The Town Yard project has spun in place during 2012, and many other years. Time will tell is 2013 will be the year it gets traction.

News will pick up quickly for the Town Yard in 2013 with a public hearing discussing the project slated for late January or early February, according to selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia. A vote at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting will also help determine whether the Town Yard stays at its current home or moves elsewhere in town, opening up three acres of Lewis Street to downtown

development. The project was being led by the Town Yard Task Force when it was brought to Annual Town Meeting in April. The proposal was to purchase land on Campanelli Drive and River Road, and then build the facility for \$18.5 million. But with the majority of the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommending the project's withdrawal from the Town Meeting floor, it seemed the project wouldn't see the light of day.

Voters rejected the idea of removing the project from the warrant. A majority then

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### Double-homicide remains unsolved, police seek help

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
Staff Writer

Just over a year after a double-homicide on Orchard Crossing rocked Andover, law enforcement officials are appealing to anyone who might have information on the shootings.

The year began with Andover residents wondering when officials would know who killed an Andover couple in their home. With the year ending, the questions about the killings still remain.

John Magee, 69, and Geraldine Magee, 67, were both found shot dead at their Orchard Crossing home on Dec. 14, 2011. Their bodies

were discovered that morning by their daughter, who was dropping off her children at the time.

Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo and District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett are "encouraging people to come forward with any information whatsoever, however small or insignificant they may think it is, at this point in time," according to Carrie Kimball Monahan, spokesperson for Blodgett.

The Magees black Lexus was found burning in Boston's North End after their murders. Since then, no new information has been

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Tim Sullivan, vice president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, speaks at an Andover Education Association rally on Thursday, Feb. 16. The rally was one of several during the School Committee and AEA's contract talks in 2012.

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The diet industry is a \$68 billion-per-year industry with a 95-percent failure rate. There is a reason people regain their weight, and it's not their fault.  
— Lisa Swanson, owner of Fitness Together, answering a question for the Townsman's "On Fitness" column, page 7.

These turtles that people see laying in sandboxes or in their back yard may be older than they are...but it's interesting to see how quickly they can be hit on the road.  
— Andover native Michael Jones, who with his wife and fellow Andover native Liz Willey edited a new full-color guide to the alpine biodiversity of eastern North America. Story in Townspeople, page 10.



## State Rep. Lyons calls for \$700,000 benefit for each resident

An Andover state representative is filing legislation calling for \$700,000 in legal fees to be available to "every innocent, law-abiding, taxpaying citizen" because such a benefit has been made available to a convicted murderer seeking a sex-change operation. A federal judge said last Wednesday he will award more than \$700,000 in legal fees to lawyers who represented Michelle Kosilek, the convicted murderer born as Robert Kosilek who sued the state for a sex change operation to

treat a gender identity disorder. Reps. Jim Lyons of Andover and Marc Lombardo of Billerica will file the legislation, they said in a release. "If innocent taxpayers are forced to fund the unlimited expenses of wife murderers - even when those bills are unrelated to a trial ascertaining criminal guilt or innocence - then shouldn't those law-abiding citizens have access to the same benefits?" asked Lyons in a release. "It's the height of absurdity to mandate that taxpayers have an

obligation to pay the massive bills of vicious murderers, but those same law-abiding citizens have no right to equal legal benefits. "This is an issue of fundamental fairness," Lyons said. "The hard working citizens who follow the rules and pay their taxes do not qualify for benefits like this. If we provide extravagant benefits like this to a vicious murderer, then why deny them to the law abiding citizenry? It's a simple matter of fairness and justice."

## Learn how to run for office

The town clerks of Andover and North Andover

in conjunction with the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters will hold a seminar, "Running for Office," in January. This year the event will be hosted by Andover League and held on Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. The panelists include, Larry Murphy and Select-

man Daniel H. Kowalski; from North Andover, Town Clerk Joyce Bradshaw and Selectman Richard Vaillancourt; as well as Jason Tait, director of communication and public education from the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance. The event will be moderated by Stefani Traina of the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover.

Nomination papers for the March 26, 2013, town of Andover annual town election are available at the Andover town clerk's office in Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St.

The Andover ballot for the 2013 town election will include the following: moderator, one for one year; selectman, two seats for three years each; School Committee, two seats for three years each; Housing Authority, one for five years; and Trustee of the Punchard Free School, one for one year.

For more information, contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255.

## NECC course looks at Middle East today

A history course titled "The Modern Middle East" will be offered at Northern Essex Community College during the 2013 spring semester.

The three-credit college course will be taught by NECC history and government professor Dr. Steve Russell on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 to 3 p.m. beginning Jan. 24, 2013.

This course will explore the following questions: What has happened with the "Arab Spring"? Why is religion so important there? How can Palestine and Israel make peace? What are the issues surrounding Iranian nuclear capability? Why is the United States so involved there? How do we explain society, economy and politics there?

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# HEALTH: Man seeks to help, encourage others to make changes

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push-ups and sit-ups several times a week for two months and saw no weight loss - not even a pound.

"Gyms scared me and I was worried about looking foolish, so they were out," he said. "I was the high school nerd. The only physical activity I ever did was ski and bike, and [I did] those inconsistently."

But, Barton hung in there, always remembering his initial reason for changing his life - his wife and son.

He started lifting weights. Small ones at first, and heavier weights as time marched on. The P90X weight program was his guide.

He now works out six days a week. His alarm goes off at 4 a.m. and he begins working out by 4:30 a.m. It's early but it was the only time he could find in his busy life.

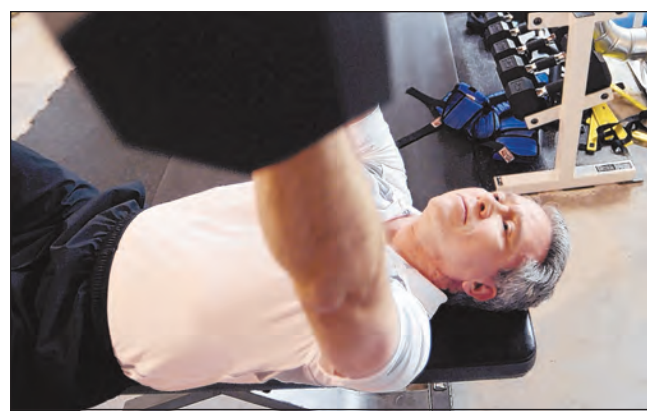
"I thought my story would be motivating for others -- especially to the older crowd that thinks they can't do anything about their situation and just consume meds (medications) to control the damage instead of stopping the damage or reversing it," he said.

Within a year of his journey, Barton was off blood pressure and cholesterol medications and down 25 pounds, he said. His lowest weight was 158 pounds.

"I was back in the same

size slacks I wore after college," he laughed. The slacks may have been out of style, but the health improvements were totally hip. Today, he is a P90X certified instructor and independent Beachbody coach. He coaches others looking to change their lives and lose weight. The gym fear is gone as new friends include local fitness buffs Art McDermott at Matrix Strength and Diana and Alex Kiesel, owners of Yang's Fitness Center. All three contribute to fitness columns for the Townsman.

It was a co-worker who tipped off Barton to P90X. The DVDs show you how to exercise and Barton ordered it, buying the minimal amount of



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover's Rich Barton, 58, does dumbbell bench presses in his basement on his homemade gym.

gear, he said.

"No big investment," Barton said. "It took me over four

months between family and business travel. No matter, it worked."

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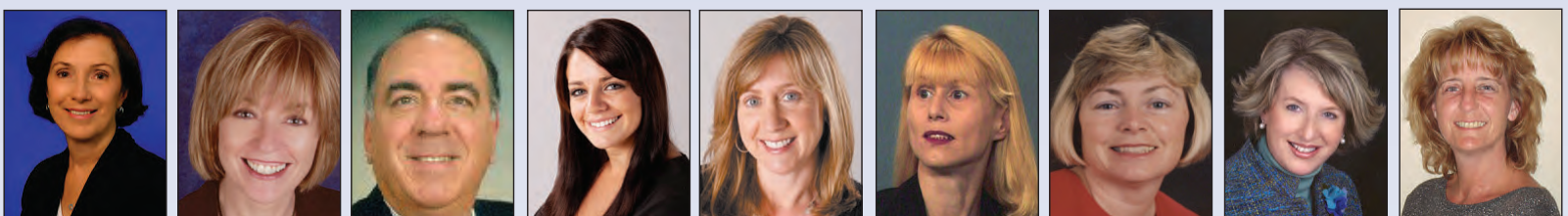
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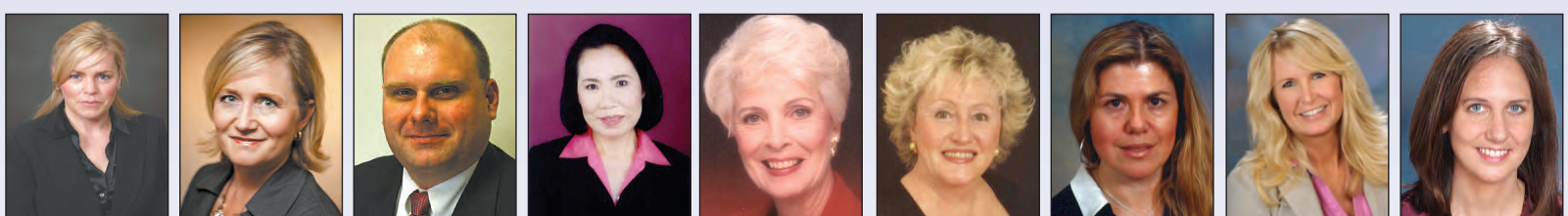
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# Sports



Andover High wrestler Joey Solimini, left, puts Jack Reilly onto a hold during practice last week. Solimini has gone from junior varsity to varsity leader.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

## Solimini a leader on, off the mat for wrestling team

By DAVID WILLIS  
Staff Writer

Joey Solimini freely admits that his mother, as supportive as she is, can't handle watching his wrestling matches.

"She thinks they are too violent," said Solimini with a chuckle. "I have to remind her that it's just a bump on the head."

Few could have guessed that it was, in fact, a discussion between Solimini's mother and another parent five years ago that would give birth to a lifelong passion for the Andover High senior.

"My friend and his mom talked to my mom and they got me into middle school wrestling," said Solimini. "That's how I got started. My friend doesn't wrestle anymore, but I love it."

Solimini is now a star for the Andover High wrestling team, excelling in the 160-pound weight class this winter.

"Joey is just non-stop," said Golden Warriors coach Sobhan Namvar. "He is a very hard worker and just goes and goes. He's a man of

few words, but he leads by example and is the kind of person you want your team to follow."

While Solimini enjoyed wrestling in middle school, he admits he was hardly a star in his first years on the mats.

"I really liked it," he said. "You got to fight your friends on the mats and it wasn't looked down on by the parents. So that was fun."

"But I wasn't that great at first. I was kind of overweight and didn't take things too seriously. I was about the same weight, but I was also about a foot shorter and not in great shape through probably my freshman year."

Heading into his sophomore season, however, Namvar noticed a major change.

"If you saw him coming out of middle school and as a freshman he was a different kid," said the coach. "He

has really worked to transform his body and shape. And he is never satisfied. He keeps working more and getting better."

After cracking the lineup at times as a sophomore, Solimini earned a permanent spot in the Golden Warriors' lineup last winter at 152 pounds. Highlights included a victory by pin in 1:17 against Everett, another quick pin against Billerica, a tough pin in 3:28 vs. Chelmsford and two victories at sectionals.

This offseason, Solimini took his training to another level, when he began working out with the elite wrestling club "Smitty's Wrestling Barn" in Danville, N.H. The club frequently produces state champs from New England powerhouses including Timberlane (N.H.).

"I gained a lot of strength, and the Barn really helped that," he said. "There are so

many kicks there. There are state champions in every weight class, so even doing drills with those guys is really intimidating."

But he says the most intimidating wrestler he has ever faced is his coach.

"Coach Sobhan is the best I have ever gone against," he said. "He is amazing."

Namvar shares a great deal of respect for his pupil. "When the spotlight is on him he does all of the right things," said the coach. "He has a real character and work ethic you want people to follow, and he continues to work to become a better wrestler. He should have a very good year."

Solimini plans to do everything he can to end his high school career with a bang.

"Practice can be so hard," he said. "But when you get through it and you have done it with your team, it all feels like it's worth

*"When the spotlight is on him he does all of the right things. He has a real character and work ethic you want people to follow, and he continues to work to become a better wrestler. He should have a very good year."*

Golden Warriors coach Sobhan Namvar



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

David Giribald was immense with 17 points as Andover beat North Andover 76-63 in the first round of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney last Thursday, Dec. 20.

## Boys basketball takes Christmas Tourney thriller

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Andover erased a 5-point deficit in the final 1:31 of regulation and owned the overtime to earn a thrilling 76-63 win over North Andover in the opening game of the 38th annual Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney last Thursday.

Sam Dowden (26 points, 8 rebounds) was immense fighting the Knights' tall and talented big men 6-6 Isaiah Nelsen (27 points) and 6-5 Chris Bardwell. Senior guard Max Silveira added 17 points and sophomore sub David Giribaldi was Mr. Clutch with 17 points.

But this game was won on the defensive end with Andover forcing the Knights into a whopping 25 turnovers for the game and set the tone with 11 in the first quarter.

"We always try to keep the opposing team uncomfortable," said Dowden, a 6-4 senior co-captain who can hit the outside shot, take it to the basket and finish around the rim with either hand.

Coach Dave Fazio raved about Tyler Verrette's eight rebounds and defensive brilliance off the bench.

"Ty was just lock down," said Dowden.

Chris Dunn knocked down four 3-pointers on his way to 2 points to lead Andover to a 77-40 drubbing of Dracut 77-40 last Tuesday. Sam Dowden continued to star with 13 points and Max Silveira had 11 for the winners.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

#### Alois leads rout

Veronica Alois continued her dynamic freshman season, scoring four goals as Andover pounded first-year

### varsity program Central Catholic 10-0 last Monday.

Meg Leary, Melissa Newton, Caroline Hughes, Brianna Deloury, Meg Keefe and Jessica Leone each added a single goal for the winners.

### SWIMMING

#### Vin-sanity

Vince Camin won the 200 IM (2:10.03) and 100 breaststroke (1:04.38), Joe Carroll took the 500 freestyle, Aaron Wu won the 50 freestyle and they teamed with Eric Shi to take the 200 medley relay as Andover beat Belmont 103-74 last Wednesday.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Caveney do the job

Returning star Devon Caveney scored a team-high 14 points, and her cousin Colleen Caveney added eight points including a pair of 3-pointers as Andover topped Dracut 64-38 last Tuesday. Jackie Alois added 12 points and Jessica Witten had 11 points for the winners.

### GIRLS TRACK

#### Puccia paces winners

Lily Puccia won the 600 (1:39.1), Abbie Pustis took the 300 (40.5) and they teamed with Molly Lennon and Emily O'Hara to take the 4x400 relay as Andover rolled over Lowell 59-27 last Tuesday. Emily Van Antwerp took the mile, Cassie Kobelski took the shot put and Courtney Comeau won the 50 hurdles for the winners.

### BOYS TRACK

#### Farnham shines

Cam Farnham scored a victory in the 50 dash in 5.6 for Andover, which fell to Lowell 68.7-17.3 last Tuesday.

### SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

#### Girls Softball League clinics

A series of 5 clinics for the Andover Girls Softball League will be conducted by the Andover High girls varsity and junior varsity players and led by Andover girls Head Coach Steve Tisbert.

The clinics will be held on Sunday afternoons on Jan. 6, 13 and 20 and Feb. 3 and 10. The times for the first- and second-graders will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and the third- through ninth graders will be from 4 to 6 p.m. The clinics will take place at the Andover High School field house, on the left side of the Shawsheen Road school, and will be run in a fun and exciting environment, covering all aspects of play: throwing, fielding, base running, hitting and pitching.

Stations will be set up for each activity, and players will be placed in a group matching their age and ability level in a fun, fast-paced atmosphere.

The cost to participate in all five sessions is \$100. Visit [sportsmanager.us/AndoverGirlsSoftball.htm](http://sportsmanager.us/AndoverGirlsSoftball.htm) to register online.

#### Spring lacrosse sign-ups underway

Registration is now open for the 2013 spring lacrosse season. Visit [andoveryouthlacrosse.com](http://andoveryouthlacrosse.com) to register now to secure a spot for the upcoming season.

"Please note that roster spots in Andover Youth Lacrosse are in high demand and each age group will fill up. Wait-lists will be formed, but there is no guarantee that members of the waitlist will be added to an active roster for the 2013 season," reports program director Tony Lombardi, of Andover Youth Services.

The initial online registration period will take place until Jan. 14.

"After this date, there is no guarantee of being added to a roster for the season and any registration that is available will have a \$50 late fee added to it," reports Lombardi.

All registrants to Andover Youth Lacrosse must be members of US Lacrosse through June 30, 2013. This is an additional fee of \$25 and registration for this is integrated through the online registration process. People with any

questions about their US Lacrosse membership should contact US Lacrosse directly.

"Andover Youth Lacrosse has worked on some new initiatives for the upcoming season. This has resulted in an increase of registration fees for most of our boys' levels," according to Lombardi. "Please note that our third through fifth grade boys participants will receive 10 sessions of indoors skills development as a part of their initial registration. These sessions will begin on Saturday, Jan. 5. Andover Youth Lacrosse will be hiring coaches for all of our sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys teams. These coaches will take part in training sessions and pre-season skills sessions, as well as the complete 2013 spring season. Registration fees for our boys first and second grade program and the entire girls league have remained the same for the 2013 season."

If you have any inquiries into the registration process or the upcoming season, email Andover Youth Lacrosse. People are asked to refrain from emailing or calling Andover Youth Services with lacrosse questions.

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# Obituaries

## Samuel F. Rulon-Miller Jr., 61

June 25, 1951 — December 21, 2012

BEVERLY — Samuel Rulon-Miller, Jr., of Beverly, Mass., passed away peacefully and surrounded by family in his home early on Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 61-years-old. Born on June 25, 1951, to the late Samuel Felton Rulon-Miller and Patricia Lippincott, he grew up on Philadelphia's Main Line,



as well as in jam sessions with his children. His love for music didn't wane even after his diagnosis; he taught himself how to play the ukulele, strumming out a few of his most loved blues songs. Mostly, Samuel was a devoted family man, spending as much time as he could with his wife and children. Samuel is survived by his wife of 31 years, Cornelia McEaney; his four children, Patrick and wife Angela, Samuel III and fiancée Megan Kears, Eleanor and Gardner; his granddaughter, Peyton; his three siblings, William, Edgar and Margaret; and his beloved pets. He is further survived by several nieces and nephews as well as many cousins and good friends.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial service will be held for Samuel at St. John's Episcopal Church, 705 Hale St. in Beverly Farms, MA on Saturday, Jan. 5, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Arrangements by the Campbell - Lee, Moody, Russell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot Street, Beverly. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Salem Animal Rescue League at 4 SARL Drive, Salem, NH 03079. Information and condolences at [www.campbellfuneral.com](http://www.campbellfuneral.com).

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## Janet L. Heafey, 74

March 18, 1938 — December 19, 2012

SALEM, N.H. — Janet L. (Wilson) Heafey, 74, of Salem, N.H., formerly of Methuen, died peacefully Wednesday in the Merrimack Valley Hospice House, Haverhill.

Janet, daughter of the late Eugene and Mary (Gillett) Wilson, was born in Lawrence on March 18, 1938. She graduated from Searles High School in Methuen and later attended McIntosh Business School. She was a lifelong communicant of St. Monica's Church in Methuen.

She will be deeply missed by her husband of 49 years, Richard W. Heafey; two children, Colleen A. Heafey of Methuen and Brian J. Heafey and his wife, Kathy of Derry, N.H.; one sister, Joyce A. Wilson of Methuen; three grandchildren, Ashley Heafey, P.J. Heafey and Dillon Heafey. She was the sister of the late Marilyn J. Wilson of Methuen who died in 2003.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Her funeral will be held Monday, December 24 at 9 a.m. in St. Monica's Church, 212 Lawrence St., Methuen. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen. Calling hours in the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen are from 2-8 p.m. on Sunday. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to a charity of one's choice. For directions or to sign the online guest book, visit [www.pollardfuneralhome.com](http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com) or visit Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home on Facebook.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### Caregiver support

On the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Spectrum Adult Day Health Program at North Andover (located at 1820 Turnpike St., Suite 106 in North Andover) will host a free support group for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and other memory disorders.

Led by a social worker and offering a confidential forum for the sharing of coping techniques and information, free respite care will be made available upon request. For more information and to arrange respite services, please contact Susan Harrison at 978-921-1697 ext. 221 or [sharriso@nhs-healthlink.org](mailto:sharriso@nhs-healthlink.org)

**Cancer support**  
To register for a breast cancer support group, contact founder Heather LoRe at [heatherlore@verizon.net](mailto:heatherlore@verizon.net) or 978-664-2161).

## Paul Monette

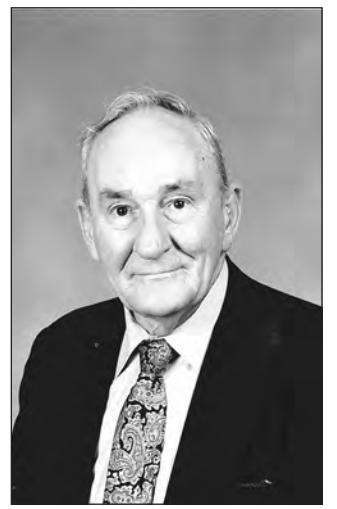
June 17, 1923 — December 20, 2012

SOLEBURY, PA — Paul Louis Monette, 89, of Doylestown, Pa., died Thursday, December 20, 2012, after a brief illness. Paul was born in Methuen on June 17, 1923, to Joseph and Ubaldine (LANDRY) Monette and was a 1941 graduate of Edward F. Searles High School in Methuen, where he met his beloved wife of 48 years, Jacqueline (Morin) Monette.

In WWII, Paul was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the Army Air Forces where he saw action as a navigator in the Pacific Theater. After returning from the war, Paul and Jackie became longtime Stratford Road, Andover residents where they raised their two sons. Paul worked for Cross Coal Company in Lawrence for the next forty years, retiring as Operations Manager in 1988.

Paul was a devoted golfer and forty-fives player, who loved his red sox and picnics on the beach.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his son, Paul Landry Monette, his brother Joseph Monette, his two sisters, Lucille Bernardin, Claire Sayer and his cherished companion Edna S.



Wallack.

He is survived by his son Robert L. Monette and daughter in law, Brenda J. Monette of New Hope, PA. He is also survived by his sister in law, Claire G. Morin of Andover and many nieces and nephews

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Services and interment will be held privately at Christ Church, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children at: [Donate2shc.org](http://Donate2shc.org) or to the charity of ones choice.

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## Some of those lost during 2012

Andover lost many members of its community in 2012. A sampling of those in the public eye include the following.

#### BRO. JOHN DEL CASALE

A member of St. Augustine Parish Friary in Andover, Brother John Joseph Del Casale, O.S.A., died Sept. 20.

He served in the parish's business office, and, from 2002 to 2012, he served as the friary's treasurer and prior. Brother John used his talents to enhance the liturgical and community environments where he served.

He also ministered to the elderly members of Saint Augustine Parish, Andover.

In November, 2011, he received the Cheverus Medal in recognition of his dedicated service to the People of God in the Archdiocese of Boston.

In a letter, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M., Cap., said: "In consultation with the auxiliary bishops and with pastors throughout the Archdiocese, I have learned of your selfless dedication and commitment and your many contributions to advancing Christ's mission. We are blessed by your service and are privileged to name you for this honor."

He was a native of Pennsylvania and died after a battle with brain cancer. He was 65.

#### BARBARA NEAL

Barbara (Gerry) Neal, 70, was a 38-year resident of Andover and advocate for Andover education who died unexpectedly on Nov. 16.

She was a longtime math teacher at West Middle School to grade 8 students until her retirement in 2005. After retirement, she volunteered as treasurer for Andover Fund for Education. Her husband, Richard Neal, is an Andover former superintendent of schools, and her son, Stephen Neal, is an Andover police officer.

#### JAMES & JO ANN ECKELS

In a tragic car accident at the intersection of Wildwood Road and Route 125 on Aug. 17, Rev. Dr. James Milliron Eckels and his wife Jo Ann Isberg Eckels of Andover were killed. Dr. Eckels, 82, was an ordained, USA, United Presbyterian and United Church of Christ Minister and a licensed psychologist, who specialized in analytic psychology.

Jo Ann Eckels, 72, had worked for the past 25 years at the General Lawrence Family Health Center, initially as the director of Family Support Services responsible for the maternal child program and most recently as a coordinator

for the prenatal program as a nurse educator. She was most recently a graduate of the Frontier School of Nursing and Midwifery in 2000 and was a certified nurse-midwife.

#### JONI FINEGOLD

Joni A. Finegold, 42, an Andover native and Phillips Academy graduate, was a former U.S. Foreign Service officer studying for a doctorate at George Mason University when she died July 26 of non-smoking related lung cancer.

She lived with her husband, Daniel Sachs, and their two daughters, Lillian, 11, and Miriam, 6, in Alexandria, Va. She is the sister of state Sen. Barry Finegold, D-Andover.

#### ROGER SMITH

Cyclist Roger Smith, 66, of Andover died peacefully on Oct. 11, after suffering serious injuries in a bike accident in Ipswich about a month before. Mr. Smith was

airlifted to a Boston hospital from the accident scene and never came home.

He dedicated his life to family, friends and physical activity. He was a lover of the outdoors, biking, swimming, tai chi and a master of puns. He was a music aficionado and accomplished guitarist.

#### ASHLEY DIAS

Ashley K. Dias, 26, of Andover passed away on June 14 at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, while awaiting her second double-lung transplant. She fought her battle against cystic fibrosis with dignity and courage.

She graduated from Andover High School, class of 2004, and went on to graduate from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell with a bachelor's degree, class of 2009.

— Compiled by  
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# Vigil for Sandy Hook Elementary School

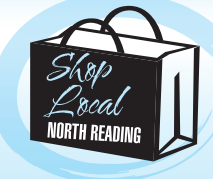
Reverend Margaret Goad, top right, and parishioners of Ballard Vale United Church light candles, one for each of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Newtown, Conn. The candles were used during a vigil held last Friday evening that was open to the public.



TIM JEAN/Staff photos




Parishioners of Ballard Vale United Church gathered in prayer for a vigil for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Newtown, Conn. The vigil at the Andover church was held on Friday evening, Dec. 21. Images of candles were shown on a screen during a time of remembrance.



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## Ward Reservation grasslands expanded

Workers have created more grassland at Andover's Ward Reservation, a 700-acre reserve known for its views of the Boston skyline. The project is meant to both improve the wildlife habitat and "open up sweeping views south to the Boston skyline as well as allow staff to redirect its limited resources to trail management and battling invasive species."

The Trustees of Reservations was awarded a Landowner Incentives Program grant from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and used it "to convert 15-acres of second-growth woods at Ward Reservation back into early successional habitat to expand rare habitat for dependent plants and animals," according to a release from the Trustees.

Its goal is "to expand the area of contiguous grassland habitat at Ward Reservation from 35 acres to 50 acres and reduce grassland fragmentation. This will be accomplished by clearing the woodland currently managed for an 'English Woods' feel found in the Tucker West and Taft Woodlots. These woodlots were fields as recently as the 1950s.

The conversion of this area, in connection with existing hayfields, will create a mosaic of grassland habitats all managed to benefit rare and declining grassland-dependent wildlife like the American Kestrel, Eastern Meadowlark, Bobolink, Eastern Bluebird, and various species of butterflies," according to a release from the Trustees. The Ward Reservation is known for its views east and south to the Boston skyline from the Solstice Stones on Holt Hill, and for its meandering boardwalk through Pine Hole Bog. Over 17 miles of stone walls and 40 acres of fields and old orchards testify to the property's agricultural past, according to the Trustees.

## ■ POLICE

The Townsman had an early print deadline this week because of the Tuesday Christmas holiday. The following items were recorded in Andover police logs for Tuesday, Dec. 18 through Thursday, Dec. 20:

reported on Essex Street. **Wednesday, Dec. 19** - At 11:30 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Haverhill Street.

**ARRESTS**  
**Thursday, Dec. 20** - At 12:20 p.m., Michael Hoff, 20, of 100 Washington Park Drive, Andover, was arrested on Central Street and charged with possession of a class A drug and receiving stolen property.

**INCIDENTS**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 19** - At 1:33 p.m., a case of fraud was reported on Chestnut Street. **Thursday, Dec. 20** - At 3:33 p.m., vandalism to a mailbox was reported on Andover Street.

**THEFTS**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 18** - At 10:06 a.m., a theft of property was

**ACCIDENTS**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 18** - At 5:28 a.m., police were called to a hit-and-run accident involving property damage on Ballardvale Street.

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# Opinion

## Tribute to a historic figure in town education

Upon his death in 1850, Andover resident Benjamin Punchard donated a then-rich sum of \$50,000 to the town, which was used to create a free high school open to all residents. The effect on Andover was significant and must have further established education as an important building block to the townspeople. Today, many still move to Andover for its schools.

It's fitting, overdue even, that the town has decided to honor Punchard in the building complex that last served as Punchard High School.

Selectmen approved spending \$1,157.44 to install a bronze plaque at the entrance of Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. The former high school building is opposite Punchard Street, which connects Bartlet to Main street. Selectmen also agreed to rename the town's senior center, located on the back side of the 36 Bartlet complex to "The Center at Punchard, Celebrating Life Experiences."

Punchard bought the land where these facilities stand, and the Punchard Free School opened in 1856. Students studied mathematics, natural science, philosophy, the Latin and Greek languages, rhetoric and logic. An 1868 fire destroyed the original building, but classes continued in town hall until a new building opened in 1872. Changing its name to Punchard High School in 1902 and erecting an addition in 1915, the structure served Andover for decades. But the town continued growing, and a new high school was built. In 1957 students moved to it, and it was called Andover High School. Over time, Punchard's name was less often mentioned, to the point that many residents who have moved to town in the last several decades may have little to no idea who he is. It's right that that should change.

As an aside, while we like including Punchard in the senior center's name, we do hope that the move to a much longer name for the senior center is not the start of additional re-namings that use more words to create less clarity. In a public institution, the job titles and building names should help people find who or what they're looking for. Renaming the senior center to "The Center at Punchard, Celebrating Life's Experiences" is not like calling it something like the Energy Solutions Arena (home to the Utah Jazz, in case you couldn't guess). But we didn't see anything wrong with previous name.

That slight critique should not be taken as any slight on the idea of honoring Punchard.

Benjamin Punchard's philanthropy is still felt today not just through the continued use of the Town Offices site, but through the scholarships supported by the trust in his name. Good work by both groups to bring some recognition to his generosity, and his place in town history.

## WEB QUESTION

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The year is almost over. What was the biggest story in 2012?

- Bancroft breaks ground after court settlement.
- Ballardvale Fire Station pulled from Town Meeting.
- Town Meeting votes on, but turns down Town Yard proposal.
- High school names Chris Lord as new leader.
- Teacher's contract ratified after long battle.
- Teens fire pellet gun into crowd at Orange Leaf.
- Bancroft project to go \$5 million over budget.
- High school considering event breath testing.
- Other.

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week's question was "Winter break starts Friday. What are your holiday plans?" The answers were:

- We're staying put. There's no place (for winter break) like home: 50 percent.
- We're staying in New England, but traveling away from home: 21.43 percent.
- We're traveling elsewhere in the country to visit distant relatives: 14.29 percent.
- We're empty nesters, so we don't have any plans other than to work: 7.14 percent.
- Other: 7.14 percent.
- We're traveling elsewhere in the country for a family vacation: 0 votes.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Two birds: Use Bancroft as youth center, too

Editor, Townsman:

Another year, another slog toward the building of the Andover Youth Center. Over a decade in the making, it's now to be built "in stages," which means now to be built without a gym. Classrooms and a fitness area will be started this summer. Budget \$4.2 million. If only we already had a building for youth with classrooms and a gym...

Meanwhile, the Bancroft Elementary School project (where they tear town a perfectly good school and replace it with a perfectly good school) is \$5 million over budget. But it might be more, might be less -- Chairman Tom Deso can't really say. He blames lawsuits that prevented the start of the project. I guess no one could have seen that coming and added it into the budget.

Moving the youth center to the old Town Yard isn't an option since that would be free.

How about this: We take the \$4.2 million for the youth center and give it to the Bancroft school project, which will double as a youth center. Since the youth will already be there, this will cut down on transportation costs, too.

If we start fighting about it now, we could probably get it done in less time than it took to get permission to put a banner over Main Street for events (seven years).

JACKIE FERRARA  
31A School St.



Photo courtesy of Phillips Academy Archives and Special Collections

The gateway entrance to the bird sanctuary was designed by artist Stuart Travis.

## Enchanted Forest, Part II: How a dream sanctuary took wing



### Andover Stories

Tom Adams

ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*This is the second part, of a two-part Andover Stories.*

By the spring of 1929, the construction of the Moncrieff Cochran Sanctuary, named after Thomas Cochran's older brother, was in full swing on the campus of Phillips Academy. Although the original plan embracing the Rabbit Pond area was proving highly successful, Cochran envisioned something far more expansive. Looking beyond Rabbit Pond, Cochran saw the old Missionary Woods and beyond as a larger tract of land that he'd need to acquire to realize his plan for the school grounds.

Along with Charles Adams Platt, Cochran brought in the landscape expertise of the Olmsted brothers, who were already transforming the main school campus. Their remarkable body of work included New York's Central Park, the Emerald Necklace, a linear system of parks including the Boston Common, Chicago's Columbian World's Fair, the landscape surrounding the U. S. Capital building in Washington, D. C., and dozens of college campuses across the country.

Cochran quietly purchased

over 150 acres to the east of Samuel Phillips Hall.

With the vast amount of newly acquired land now in hand, the Olmsteds began to carve out the sanctuary. A brook running through the newly acquired property was dammed, creating two ponds providing a habitat for the sanctuary's bird population. The land was reasonably well forested with oak, pine, maple, ash, and birch trees. The Olmsteds enhanced the natural beauty of the area adding azalea, blueberry, laurel and rhododendrons which would quickly grow and flourish.

Thomas Cochran's vision was finally coming to life. Described in the Oct. 5, 1929 Phillipian, the Phillips Academy newspaper, the sanctuary was fast becoming "a fine park with beautiful broad roads and many wooded paths alive with birds, honeycombing the whole area."

The Olmsted's oversaw the construction of three miles of gravel roads and pedestrian-only bridges. Automobile traffic was not allowed. Further securing the vastly expanded grounds, Cochran commissioned a fence -- 11,000 linear feet at a cost of \$39,000. Popularly referred to at the time as the "Great Wall of Andover," the fence surrounded the entire property where its remains stand today.

Designed to keep the birds safe by deterring predators from gaining access to the sanctuary, it also eliminated the need for pens and cages, allowing the hundreds of

birds introduced -- ducks, geese, swans, quail, and pheasants - to live freely in a far more natural habitat. The fence rose to 7 feet in height with one foot going into the ground and then horizontally underground for a foot preventing animals from digging their way in from underneath. The fence also had a metal flashing preventing animals from climbing over and onto the grounds. If you look carefully, you can still see the flashing today.

Cochran also commissioned artist Stuart Travis, who had done work on the campus for many years, to design a set of gates for the entrance to the sanctuary. Built in 1932, the gates are made from rusticated wood supported by stone piers. Across the top of the gates is a charming wrought iron frieze of birds and flowers. Beyond the gates, memorial benches hewn of rock and stone were conceived, designed and placed throughout the grounds, offering spectacular vistas where one could rest and contemplate the quiet, calming majesty of nature.

The crowning touch to Thomas Cochran's dream was a meeting place where students could gather, relax and take in the natural beauty the sanctuary had to offer.

Cochran turned to the man he'd appointed as the first warden of the sanctuary, his old friend Augustus P. Thompson, to help create the center. Working together with his brother Moncrieff, a simple log cabin was designed. It

was built in 1931 on a hilltop at the highest point at east end of the Sanctuary using logs from Nashua, N.H. The cabin, with a hot air furnace, offered all the comforts of home. One large room held a fireplace along with space and facilities for dining. On weekends, a caterer stood ready to prepare sandwiches and hamburgers, served on china, as well as soft drinks. The cabin also had a well-stocked library. Beds, blankets and camping equipment were on hand so that students could stay the night. Outside, benches were placed at the back of the cabin offering a breathtaking vista. The cabin grounds included two manicured putting greens for golfers to practice and hone their games.

If there is even the slightest downside to the realization of Thomas Cochran's dream, it is that the sanctuary never took hold as a popular gathering place for students. Yet, meticulously managed over its long history by its superintendents, and now by the manager of grounds, it has evolved into what Cochran envisioned -- "a natural piece of ground intersected by paths and adorned by ponds ...inhabited by birds and trees and wild flowers."

Today, it is a natural woodland enjoyed by walkers and runners throughout the year and cross-country skiers in the winter months. Located at the end of Chapel Avenue, the sanctuary is open daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sanctuary offers a breath of fresh air, one well worth taking.

## Stopping the yo-yo of continual weight gain, loss

### On Fitness

**Question:** Why do most people gain and lose weight and very few keep it off? How can we stop the cycle?

**Expert:** Lisa Swanson, owner of Fitness Together, AASDN nutrition specialist, ACE certified personal trainer and group fitness Instructor

**Answer:** Every year thousands of people across the continent vow to lose weight this year, saying *this* time they'll keep it off.

How many times have you tried the latest fad diet in hopes that this is the one that will work? How many times have you beaten yourself up because YOU failed, you just didn't have the will-power? The diet industry is a \$68 billion-per-year industry with a 95-percent failure rate. There is a reason people regain their weight, and it's not their fault.

There are many factors to consider when putting together a nutrition plan. First and foremost is the individual person. Everyone's metabolism and body composition is different and needs to be treated that way. Some of us can handle eating carbs all day while others have to limit them to only two servings. Protein and fat

serving needs vary as well.

Next, you need to consider your lifestyle. Are you a marathon runner or a weekend warrior? Do you sit at a desk all day, or is your job physically demanding? All of this plays a role in how many and what type of calories your body, specifically, needs on a daily basis.

All diets will work in the beginning. You will most likely be eating differently than you have been, so your body will react to that change. You'll be able to follow the guidelines set forth in the diet since it is new and you're excited. Then the problems start: you can't stick to the diet because it is unrealistic to eat this way day in and day out; you didn't learn anything from the diet, so you go back to your old habits; more than likely, if you were following a restricted diet, you lost some muscle along the way, which means your metabolism is even slower and you will regain the weight you lost and then some.

Your body's nutritional needs change daily, and a good plan will allow for flexibility. So what's the answer? Your first step is to get educated. Find a good nutritionist who can guide you towards your goal and educate you along the way. You

will learn a lot about nutrition and yourself. Weight loss can be a very emotional journey, so support is key to success. Take a good look at what you are eating now and find out which dietary changes need to take place. Allow for occasional indulgences -- that's life -- but know how to handle them when they pop up so they don't wreak havoc on your goals.

**Expert:** Jamey Lachiana, of Yang's Fitness Center, local exercise physiologist since 1996

**Answer:** The majority of people gain and lose weight throughout the year because of an inconsistency with exercise and/or calorie consumption.

Paying for a membership to a fitness facility is the easy part. Going to the gym on a regular basis is the more difficult and rewarding route. Unfortunately even that isn't always enough.

By changing up your exercise routine every eight weeks it helps to keep you from hitting metabolic plateaus. By changing your physical movement on a regular basis, you keep building new muscle by keeping them from getting stale from the same old routine.

Maintaining a healthy

metabolism by keeping your muscles finely tuned is a major piece of the pie when dealing with one's weight and can also assist in fighting off cardiovascular disease and cancer.

Speaking of pie, if you often drastically change the amount of calories you eat, that can easily (and more likely) be the culprit. Try to keep dining out to a minimum, if possible, because you never know what oils and flavor enhancers are hidden from sight. If you must, many restaurants have a calorie index of their foods on the internet.

Going on the next diet craze is not the answer either. Changing your diet by lowering portion sizes, eating healthy fibrous carbohydrates, serving low-fat meats such as chicken, turkey, fish, and very lean cuts of beef are very important. Reducing the amount of sweets in your diet can vastly cut down your calories and help reduce fat in your biggest trouble areas. When you do have sweets, try to be more active to make up for it.

Remember this simple rule: energy in verses energy out. If you take in more calories than your body needs and don't work off the extra energy, then you will gain weight.

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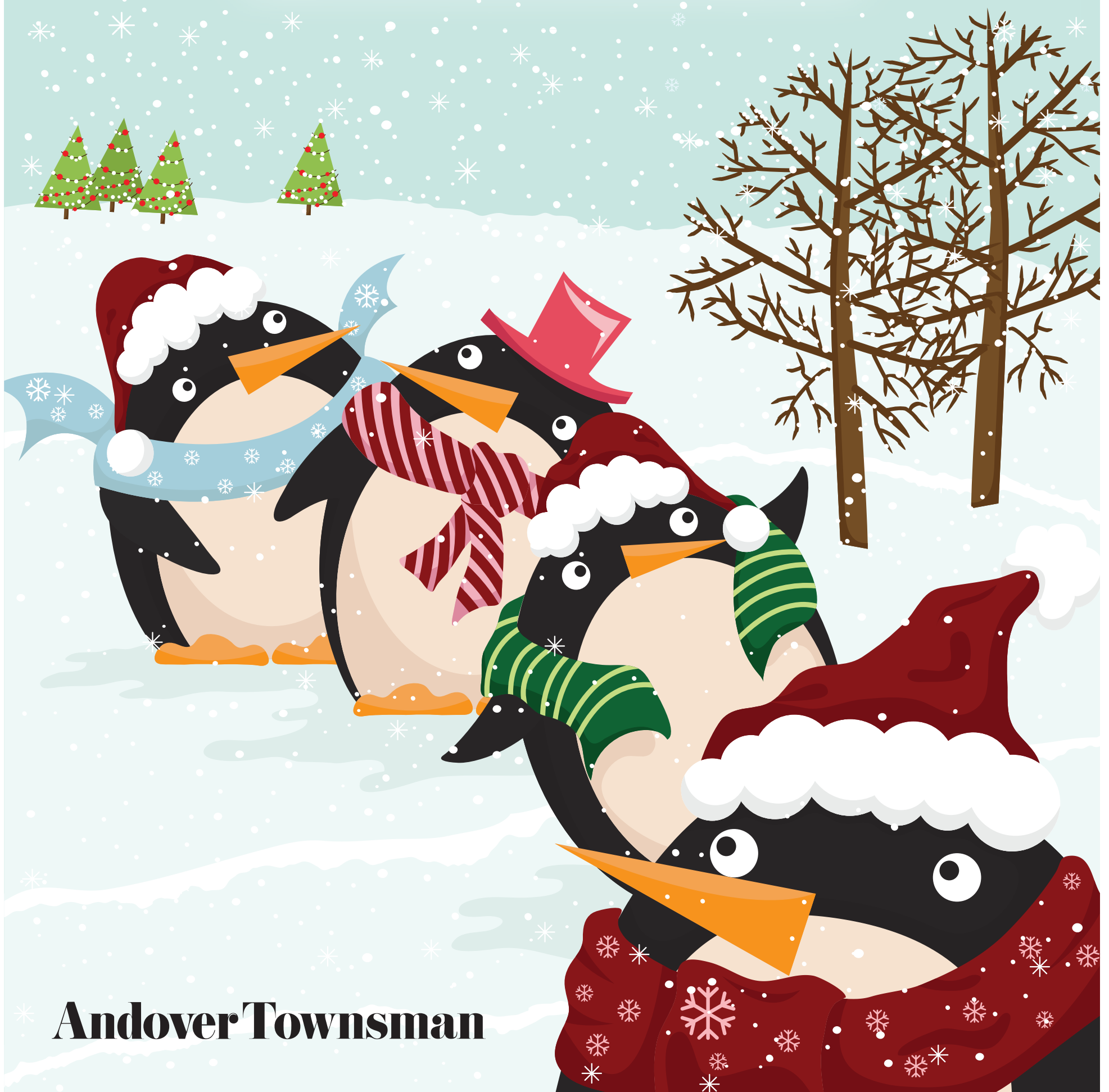
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**Andover Townsman**



# PICTURES 2012

Every year, Andover Townsman photographers take dozens of photos covering local events and people around Andover. Each photo assignment brings its own challenges and opportunities. Today, staff photographers present their favorite feature photos of 2012 and explain how they were able to capture those images.

## TIM JEAN

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** This photo was just part of several I made of this annual, fun parade. It's a simple photograph shot with a wide angle lens, and yet it tells so much about what makes the town a fun place to live. It has young and older people just having a good time while they march in the Annual Horribles Parade.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo  
 Logan Satlow, left, and Danny Alepa, both 8, pull Steve Alepa in a wagon near the finish line of the "Horribles Parade" during Andover's Fourth of July celebration.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo  
 Ian Aulbach, 10, pushes his team's canoe off the beach for a boat race across Poms Pond during a goodbye-to-summer-camp beach party in August.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** To get this shot I was lucky there was an extra canoe nearby. There wasn't time for me to take off my shoes and stand in the water to get the start of the race. So while the kids got their life jackets on and started to race across the lake, I asked one of the summer-camp workers to hold the back of the canoe. I used a wide angle lens to capture the entire scene of the beach and hoped I wouldn't get too wet.

## MARY SCHWALM



Santa Claus crosses Chestnut Street at Bartlet Street on his way to the staging area for the Santa Parade through downtown Andover on Nov. 25.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** Santa commutes on foot. The perks of arriving to an assignment early paid off as I was in place to capture Santa Claus crossing the street on his way to the parade staging area.



**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** Jalapeno was paws down the star of Legally Blonde and with the cast of the show too. It was a pleasure to do a promotional shoot for the play featuring this four-legged celebrity.

A dog named Jalapeno high-fives another cast member from the set during a rehearsal of Legally Blonde the Musical at the Collins Center at Andover High School in July. Jalapeno played the roll of Bruiser.



## CARL RUSSO

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** May I Have This Dance: A big smile from a little girl dancing in the arms of her father is priceless. She was having so much fun at the annual Fathers and Daughters Holly Ball in November. They were having as much fun as everybody else, but her smile and giggles made this a special moment to photograph. The position of her left hand on her father's shoulder slightly pushing away so they can be face to face made the moment so natural. Is he singing to her or just making her laugh with a story as they spin slowly on the floor? We will never know. But the moment captured here would bring a smile to anybody's face.

Dads began the holiday season by escorting their daughters to the annual Fathers and Daughters Holly Ball Nov. 17. Jeff Ashworth dances slow with his daughter Esme, 7. It was a special night for them as they celebrated Esme's birthday at the dance.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** The bright colors of the spinning ride caught my eye as I looked out at the Andona Society's ClownTown scene from the bandstand. Lately, I have been using a fresh approach to photographing items that are moving; slow down the camera shutter speed. Traditionally you stop the action in the photo with a fast shutter speed. With a steady hand and a very slow shutter, a swirl of abstract color was created with every movement of the ride. In this situation I also popped in a flash to make the colors brighter but more importantly to help see the family inside the ride enjoying themselves.



A family whirls around in the dragon ride during the annual Andover ClownTown in May.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo  
 Luke Bertly, 9, tries to release a fish he caught during a fishing workshop at Poms Pond in August.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** I was assigned to cover a fishing workshop for kids at Poms Pond. Immediately I knew it was going to be fun because the kids were hilarious and super into it. Some weren't so sure about baiting the line, others had no problem reaching into the container to grab the slithering worms. One by one, the kids cast their lines and waited...and waited. Then all of a sudden everyone was catching fish all at the same time. I was running back and forth trying to catch the moment they pulled the fish from the water and showed it off proudly. This specific boy, Luke Bertly, was really excited but was grossed out once he realized he would have to touch the fish to throw it back into the water. After a few minutes of encouragement (and a bunch of photos), he finally got the courage to grab the fish and pull him off the hook. He managed to catch more than a few fish throughout the workshop and grew more confident with each catch.

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# Townspeople

## Capturing the animals of the Alpine

By DUSTIN LUCA  
Staff Writer

The number of lynx and mountain caribou have declined in New England. A new book from two Andover natives helps identify where they've gone.

Mike Jones and Liz Willey, members of Andover High's class of 1998, recently co-edited the Eastern Alpine Guide. The book documents the biodiversity throughout the Alpine Mountains, from Mount Washington all the way into Newfoundland.

To catalog the species living in the hills, Willey and Jones frequently used motion sensitive camera technology that only snapped photos when something walked into the frame, according to Willey.

They also found and documented an array of amphibian species and vegetation, "different species that might be up there that people weren't aware of," she said.

To do the book, the two collaborated with several other climatologists, geologists and biologists to record what exists in the northernmost reaches of the Appalachian Mountains. The two worked on the project for nearly ten years, though they only settled down to write it recently, Jones said.

They've been married for five years.

"It was fun to sit around a camp at night with researchers from Quebec and New England, and it was an interesting experience," Michael Jones said. "Even the opportunity to work with both people in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces was fun and exciting. We learned a huge amount."

After graduating from Andover High a decade and a half ago, the two pursued different degrees for different careers. Willey went to MIT in Cambridge, majoring in engineering, and Jones pursued a natural science degree at Hampshire College in Amherst. After that, they pursued doctorates in biology at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

The primary goal of the book project was to build a constituency of knowledgeable citizens who both understand and seek to protect the regions where these animals live, according to Jones.

"As you go further north into Canada, those are protected as national parks. But just about half of them have no formal protected status," Jones said. "We became interested in trying to build a constituency for those areas.



Mike Jones and Liz Willey, 1998 Andover High School graduates, co-edited and contributed to the Eastern Alpine Guide. They used motion-sensitive camera technology to document some of the lesser known species of the eastern Alpine region.

That turned into this book."

Through their journey, the two found themselves finding several species of animals that were once abundant in New England but, as the area went through intense development, receded north into protected areas.

"As a New Englander, it's always exciting to see the species that used to be in New England," Jones said. "These mountain ranges in Quebec are still strongholds for mountain caribou."

Now, with the book published and reaching other markets, the two are returning to their roots, at least to some extent.

"When we were in Andover, we were involved in some of the turtle studies going on," Jones said. "Next year or so, we'll work up and down the east coast, trying to identify remaining populations and get the stakeholders on board to make sure the turtles persist."

Turtles represent an interesting dichotomy in our world, the duo said.

"Turtles have a special challenge ahead of them because they're so long lived," Willey said. "They live so much longer than any of the other animals around us."

"These turtles that people see laying in sandboxes or in

the back yard may be older than they are," Jones added, "but it's interesting to see how quickly they can be hit (by cars) on the road."

One goal "is figuring out how much they've declined and where the populations are," Jones said. "The other is prioritizing land protection and getting a baseline estimate so we can measure change over time in the population and see how fast they're declining, and over time respond accordingly based on what the populations are doing."

For more on the Eastern Alpine Guide, visit [easteralpine.org](http://easteralpine.org).

### ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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#### 100 Years Ago Dec. 27, 1912

The opening of the new house in Abbott Village in connection with the Smith & Dove Mills marks an important addition to the Andover institutions devoted to the comforts and services of the working people of Andover. Known as the "Hillside" and located in close proximity to the Smith & Dove Mills, the house and its accommodations are devoted primarily to the employees of the Smith & Dove Mfg. Co., but arrangements have been made to care for others. At present only women and children are to be admitted as roomers, but meals will be furnished to both men and women. The rates will be \$1.50 per week for one in a family and \$1.00 for each additional.

The Ladies Benevolent Society will have a sewing meeting with afternoon tea on Thursday afternoon at the Free Church.

Arthur Holt and family of South Lawrence spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John V. Holt.

Miss Gertrude Randall is spending the week at her home on Elm Street.

#### 75 Years Ago Dec. 24, 1937

The proposal of Fred E. Cheever for an amendment to the zoning bylaw to reduce the size of building lots from 10,000 square feet minimum to 8,500 will probably go before the Town Meeting, since the board of appeals showed no inclination to make an exception in this case.

Christmas music will fill the air tonight when the Andover Male Choir will inaugurate outdoor caroling, the first of what will probably be an annual feature.

Judging by the throng of Shawsheen boys and girls in attendance at the Christmas party given Wednesday afternoon by F.M. and T.W. Andres of the Andover Shawsheen Realty Company in the administration building it looked as though all invitations sent out have been accepted. For the third consecutive year, Shawsheen children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the spacious quarters of the beautiful building, looking with expectation at the gifts under the gaily decorated Christmas tree. There were many different types

of gifts, including paint, paper and dolls, laundry, croquet, loom, pen and nail sets, and wagons, autos, airplanes, tractors, dishes, books, musical instruments and jewelry boxes.

#### 50 Years Ago Dec. 27, 1962

Town Manager Thomas E. Duff came within an inch of making all his predictions for 1962 come true. In reviewing the year, it's interesting to note that the town manager listed six major projects for the year just ending: industrial development, urban renewal, Rogers Brook reconstruction, refuse and garbage disposal, expansion of recreation areas, planning for public building and construction.

Conflict of interest—a subject that has plagued many town boards already—came home to School Committee members last week. Town Counsel Fredric S. O'Brien reviewed the law once again and pointed out various situations in which members might find themselves in difficulties.

The 48-hour week—long a major goal of local firefighters—is the subject of a vigorous campaign this year.

Merchants will be told tonight whether they can afford to be for urban renewal. A full-fledged meeting has been called for 7:15 at the library, to go over all of the financial aspects of the vast undertaking.

#### 25 Years Ago Dec. 23, 1987

From the start, the School Committee has sunk its teeth into the problem of handling overcrowded conditions in the Andover school system, now and in the future, and tried to worry the issue down to its essentials. What has parents worried is the suddenness which they say school officials sprang a plan to relieve rising student-teacher ratios and shrinking classroom facilities by rearranging the school system.

State Sen. Patricia McGovern, in conjunction with the Executive Office of Communities and Development, announces a \$673,727 grant to Andover to repair and update housing authority property.

The town clerk's office has mailed out the 1988 census forms and an early reply will be appreciated by the department in view of the busy election year coming up.

## Spinning to fight cancer



Andover residents participated in the "2012 Holiday Cycle Fundraiser" at the Andover Boston Sports Club earlier this month, raising more than \$13,000 for families with a loved one fighting cancer. A three hour long spin class raised awareness and funds for Family Reach Foundation, which provides financial and emotional assistance to families fighting cancer. Participants heard directly from a little girl who is fighting leukemia, and from her family, said exercise instructor Rebecca Morris, who added "I share this story with you cause I think it is just a great effort from locals who like myself wanted to find that true feeling of Christmas - helping those in need."

## Constitution faux pas a part of Andover history

Bill Dalton



Andover voted against adoption of the U.S. Constitution. When the proposed Constitution was presented to the states for ratification Massachusetts allowed each town to elect representatives who'd vote on whether the state should approve the Constitution. Andover recommended that their representatives vote against it by a count of 124 to 115 but neutered the vote by allowing its representatives to vote as they wanted.

The Constitution of Massachusetts, already in place, provided the framework for the U.S. Constitution but differed in important ways; for example, the Mass. version required towns to financially support the Congregational Church, and that wasn't changed until 1820. According to the first United States census, taken in 1790, Andover (including what is now North Andover) had more women than men - 1,414 to 1,355. This meant there was a fair number of "spinsters," pleasantly called "unplucked blossoms" by some.

Andover never held a centennial event but that was understandable as most residents were still in a food, clothing, and shelter mode. However, by 1846 Andover was

doing pretty well; yet, there is no record of a bicentennial event. One possible reason is that Andover and North Andover were in their last decade of being one town, and folks understood the breakup was inevitable, except that a few in North Andover were fighting it.

By the time of the 250th Anniversary in 1896, the town celebrated in a big way, and the tercentennial celebration in 1946 may have been the grandest event ever held in Andover, but there was a major gaffe. As told by Claude Fuess, who was chairman of the tercentennial committee, the honored guests were

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# Pajama party with Santa

Before he was here for Christmas, Santa Claus came to town for a pajama story hour at the Andover Historical Society last week.

Children in their PJs participated in a scavenger hunt that allowed them to tour the museum and see the 30 different Christmas trees on display as part of the exhibit "Tree Time at the Society"

The children, aged 2 to 7, also enjoyed a bedtime snack, and then gathered to hear Santa read "Twas the Night Before Christmas."



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Children listen to Santa Claus read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas during a pajama party with Santa Claus at the Andover Historical Society.



Tess Merchant, 4, and Wes Richards, 3, look for items on a Christmas tree during a scavenger hunt.



Santa reads to the children attending the party.

## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Andover Senior Center is located at 30 Whittier Court. Its hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Pre-registration is requested for all events, which are open to the entire community, pending space. For more information, visit [andoverseniorcenter.org](http://andoverseniorcenter.org) or call 978-623-8321.

**NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION:** Tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 28, at 1:30 p.m., come ring in the new year a bit early. For \$5, enjoy food, fun and entertainment with Russ McQueen, musician.

**BRIDGE:** "Beyond the Basics" is Jan. 7 to Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon each meeting. The cost is \$845 for the four-week session. Learn overcalls, takeout doubles, stayman and Jacoby transfers. This is the perfect bridge class for advanced beginners and everyone who plays bridge at home. Also "Conventions Review," Jan. 7 to Feb. 11, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each meeting. The cost is also \$85 for the four-week session. Master new minor forcing, Jacoby 2NT and splinters.

Terry Kay Bargar, life master, ACBL/ABTA accredited bridge instructor.

**WEIGHT OF THE NATION:** "To Win We Must Lose" presentation on Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 12, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. each day. Cost: \$12. Join with us as we learn more about the obesity epidemic that is threatening the lives of almost 50 percent of all Americans. Discuss National Institute of Health-based HBO series about the choices that can be made to turn around this national epidemic.

Facilitator is Judy Yelle, MSN.

**PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATIONS:** Talk "From Washington to Obama," by Andover's Richard Padova, PhD, Northern Essex Community College History & Global Studies Department on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$4. Who delivered the longest inaugural speech? Who delivered the shortest? Who moved the date from March 4 to Jan. 20 and why? Find out the answers from Padova.

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Thursdays, Jan. 10 to 31, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each session. Cost: \$20. Join four local experts to explore important aspects of the caregiving journey. A hot dinner will be provided each night at 6:30 with the presentation beginning at 7 p.m. See [boomventure.com](http://boomventure.com) or call for information.

**CONSTITUTIONAL DISCUSSION:** "The Constitution: What Does It Really Say?" will be offered on Thursdays, Jan. 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7 and 14 at 1:30 p.m. each day, at a cost of \$15. The

senior center reports "Every-one talks about supporting the Constitution, but how many of us know what it actually says? What does it say about the powers of Congress, the president or the people? This course will look at the actual words of the Constitution and explore how Americans (and the Supreme Court) have decided what it means, as well as what it says, and how a document written in 1787 can still guide the country today." Don Robb is the instructor.

## FAUX PAS: Andover voted against adopting United States Constitution

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the mayor and "mayoress" of Andover, England. The committee assumed the mayor and mayoress were married and booked the honeymoon suite at the Andover Inn for them. The committee was right about the mayoress; she was happily married but not to the bachelor mayor. In many places, including Andover, England, an unmarried mayor chose

someone in his town to serve as his social co-host for events such as visiting our town. It was, of course, an honor to be chosen. When word of the mistake became public, newspapers around the country wisecracked about it, much to the chagrin of all involved from both Andovers.

As it turned out, the mayor had made a wise choice as the mayoress was the best speaker at the tercentennial banquet.

Ballardvale is named for Timothy Ballard, who acquired land and water rights on the Shawsheen River in the later 18th Century at the current site of the mill building that exist in the 'Vale. In 1836, his land and rights were purchased by John Marland and others, who created the Ballardvale Manufacturing Company and constructed the first of the mill buildings.

Marcus Morton Jr.

(1819-1891), for whom Morton Street was named, was the most important judge in Mass. He was one of the 10 original judges of the Massachusetts Superior Court, appointed in 1859, and 10 years later he was appointed to the state's highest court, the Supreme Judicial Court. Finally, he became chief justice in 1882 and held that post until he retired in 1890. He lived on the corner of Morton and School streets.

There has never been a commons in what is now Andover. Andover's Commons has been located in North Andover since the towns legally split up in 1855. The Park has always been a park and was birthed in the late 19th Century, long after commons were being created. However, Andover had a small village green in front of the Elm House, a hotel with a livery stable that was replaced by the Musgrove

Building in 1894. Historian Bessie Goldsmith wrote that, as a 5-year-old in 1887, she walked unaided across Elm Square to school and back. Now, during rush hour, it takes a lot longer to drive a car across the square than it took little Bessie to walk it.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. He welcomes emails at [BillDalton@AndoverTownie.com](mailto:BillDalton@AndoverTownie.com).

## Celebrations

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### Engagement



Photo by Kayla Sorey

#### Pallone - Perreault

Donna and John Pallone of West Newbury, MA - formerly of North Andover, MA along with Sherry and Paul Perreault of Biddeford, Maine proudly announce the engagement of their children, Laura Pallone and Ryan Perreault.

Both Laura and Ryan graduated in 2009 from Merrimack College. A May 2014 wedding is planned.

### Anniversary

#### Anna and Jeff Rochford

May 17, 1987

Anna and Jeff celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 17, 2012. They were married at Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence, MA and have two children, Kelly and Stephanie. A surprise party was held in their honor with many family and friends attending.



### Anniversary

#### Charles and Josephine Patane

December 15, 1962

Charles and Josephine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 15, 2012. They were married at Santa Maria di Lindria Church in Via Grande, Sicily, Italy. The couple celebrated their anniversary with their children, Anna and Jeff Rochford, Sebastian and Joyce Patane, and grandchildren Kelly, Stephanie and Charles. The couple enjoyed a wonderful party with many family and friends attending.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## People can apply now for 2013 Crafts in the Park

*Amateur and professional crafts people are invited to display and sell their original craftwork. Applications must be received by Jan. 30 to be included in the first jury process.*

Applications are now being accepted for Andover's annual Crafts in the Park, which will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Entries are due by Jan. 30, 2013.

Crafts in the Park is a fundraiser sponsored by Christ Church Andover. Proceeds from the fair will be used to support its mission and outreach to the local community, including Habitat for Humanity, Esperanza Academy, Bread and Roses, Neighbors in Need, Lazarus House, and the Merrimack Valley Project, according to a release. The church also sponsors the Christ Church Children's Center preschool program, the Andover Thrift Shop, and provides a music program with scheduled events open to the public.

Amateur and professional crafts people are invited to display and sell their original craftwork. Applications

must be received by Jan. 30 to be included in the first jury process. Notification of participation will be mailed in February.

Photos or a website address to images of one's work and display are necessary for jurying purposes. Send the booth fee of \$100, completed application form, and a No. 10 self-addressed stamped envelope to: Andover Crafts in The Park, P.O. Box 685, Andover, MA 01810. Checks will be returned for people who are not chosen for inclusion in the show. Crafters who would like photos to be returned should include a return envelope with adequate postage. No sales commissions are charged in addition to the booth fee.

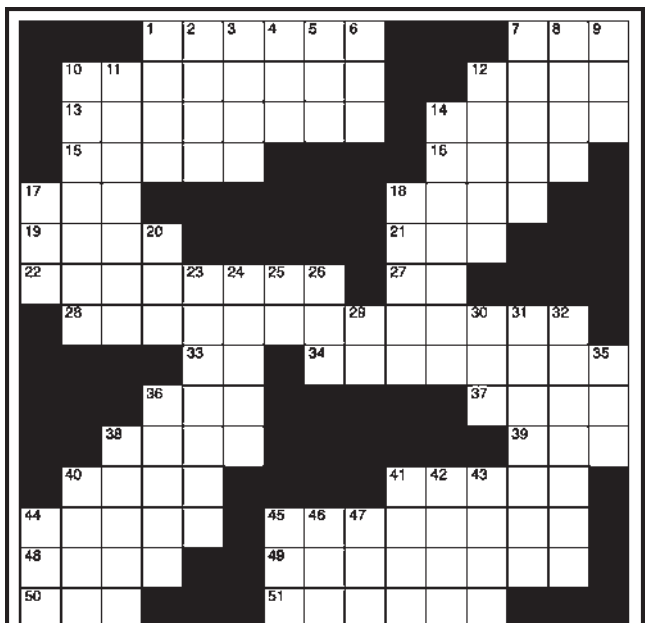
Food vendors require additional permits from the town of Andover.

For more information, email [jury@craftsinthepark.com](mailto:jury@craftsinthepark.com) or visit [craftsinthepark.com](http://craftsinthepark.com).



FILE PHOTO

Community members stroll by and shop at the many booths during the 2011 Crafts in the Park in downtown Andover. Organizers are looking for this coming year's participants.



Solution in Classified Section

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Twos under par
7. Expresses surprise
10. Shows exceedingly great size
12. At this place
13. One who prints from a plate
14. '95 U.S. Open golf champ Corey
15. Stupely with alcohol
16. Breezed through
17. A major division of geological time
18. Humble request for help
19. Part of a deck
21. Albanian monetary unit
22. Atomic #22
27. Atomic #18
28. Catholic holiday service
33. Canadian province
34. Capital of Alberta
36. Large African antelope
37. Mexican tortilla sandwich
38. Pigmented eye membrane
39. Baby's food protector
40. Winglike structures
41. Sun-dried brick
44. Those dull in appearance
45. Basketlike baby's bed
48. Purpose or intent
49. Difficult to carry
50. Cry made by sheep
51. More than one spouse

### CLUES DOWN

1. Incredible edibles
2. About aviation
3. Small biting flies
4. Bulgarian monetary unit
5. Point midway between E and SE
6. Old CCCP or U
7. Rubber tree genus
8. Waterless
9. Female chicken
10. Relating to the Hebrews
11. Dig up
12. Diacritic caron
14. Capital of Sicily
17. Shock therapy
18. Cyto \_\_\_\_\_: surrounds the nucleus
20. Daughters of the Am. Revolution
23. Nincompoops
24. Great battle of 333 BC
25. Salt Lake state
26. Woman (French)
29. A public promotion
30. Social insect
31. Knifed
32. Formal association of people
35. Toff
36. Snaps up
38. Annona diversifolia
40. Opera vocal solo
41. Largest continent
42. Day (Latin)
43. Sole
44. Hit lightly
45. Guy (slang)
46. Black tropical Am. cuckoo
47. Screen Writers Guild

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

**WALK IN THE WOODS**, every Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m., free, Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road; wear appropriate footwear, hiking footwear is best, no sneakers. Feel free to bring snowshoes/skis on days with snow. This is a moderate hike appropriate for all ages. Children are welcome. Cancelled only in the event of heavy rain; 617-828-1728, [mass.gov/dcr](http://mass.gov/dcr).

**EXHIBIT OPENS**, "50 Under 50," Loading Dock Gallery at Western Ave Studios, Lowell. This collaborative gallery of 50 artists proudly presents hidden gems of work each well-priced at under \$50, through Jan. 27, with an opening reception to be held on Saturday Jan. 5, 5 to 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 6

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**, Family Cooperative Preschool, 565 Osgood St., on Edgewood Farm in North Andover, 10 to 2 p.m. Meet the director and teachers, tour school house, and rural setting; 978-682-4012, [familycoop.org](http://familycoop.org).

**BALLET AUDITIONS**, for Cinderella by New England Civic Ballet, for all dancers ages 10 and up from any dance studio for spring production of Prokofiev's

Cinderella Ballet. Audition times are by age and will begin at 10 a.m. at NECB studios, 4 Dracut St., Lawrence; [newenglandcivicalballet.org](http://newenglandcivicalballet.org), 978-975-0289, \$15 audition fee.

### MONDAY, JAN. 7

**BALLARDALE PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP**, for toddlers (18-33 months) and parents, meet on Monday, 9:30 to 11 a.m., \$130 for session or \$10 per class, includes activities, snack and playground time, 23 Clark Road, Andover; 978-470-2033, [ballardvalepreschool.com](http://ballardvalepreschool.com), Email: [ballardpre@aol.com](mailto:ballardpre@aol.com).

**CALLING CRAFTERS**, Creative Café meets, 7 p.m. Open to adults who knit, crochet, scrapbook, and create other portable crafts, Memorial Hall Library; [mhl.org](http://mhl.org).

**ENGLISH CLASS**, Conversational English Group Winter session begins, 10 a.m. to noon, Memorial Hall Library. Weekly sessions for students who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. New members welcome. To register, contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602.

**CHOIR AUDITIONS**, Treble Chorus of New England will be holding auditions for three choirs; Training, age 7-9, Concert, age 9-13 and Schola, age 13-18.

Auditions will be held on Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. Training, 5 to 6 p.m., concert, 6 to 7:30 p.m., schola, 6 to 8 p.m., free optional music theory class for the choristers for 30 minutes before each rehearsal; Anna S. Choi at 978-470-TCNE, [tcnemanager@treblechorusne.org](mailto:tcnemanager@treblechorusne.org) to schedule an audition.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 8

**OPEN HOUSE**, Andover School of Montessori Open House, 9 to 11 a.m. An independent, accredited Pre-K through 8th-grade Montessori school, 400 South Main St., Andover; Admissions Director Yvonne Howard, 978-475-2299.

**GARDEN TALK**, Quota International of Andover presents Betsy Williams speaking on "Are there fairies at the bottom of your garden?", 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, free. Williams is teacher, author and lecturer on uses of herbs and flowers will include how we can help children down the path of "Going Green" through the use of folklore, crafts and activities; Jackie Williamson, 978-251-8922.

**GARDEN CLUB MEETS**, North Andover Garden Club presents "Designing with House Plants," 7 p.m., St. Michael's Parish Hall, Main Street, North Andover.

Master Gardener Donna Lane, owner of Lane Interiors and Gardens in Norwood, demonstrates different ways of displaying plants in your home, free, open to all; [northandovergardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:northandovergardenclub@yahoo.com), Lisa at 978-689-9318.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

**PRESIDENTIAL TALK**, Richard Padova of Andover and a professor with Northern Essex Community College Global Studies Department, presents "Presidential Inaugurations from Washington to Obama," 2:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court. RSVP to Karen Payne-Taylor at [kpaynetaylor@andoverma.gov](mailto:kpaynetaylor@andoverma.gov), 978-623-8321.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 10

**LIVE THEATER**, "Shakespeare's Will" by playwright Vern Thiessen opens, through Feb. 3. Tickets begin at \$20, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell; MRT, [www.mrt.org](http://www.mrt.org), 978-654-4678.

**WRITERS' GROUP MEETS**, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library writers' group for writers of adult fiction, nonfiction, and memoirs. This group provides constructive advice and feedback on each other's works in progress. The group meets on the second Thursday of the month; [mhl.org](http://mhl.org), 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

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Attorney Marybeth McInnis grew up in North Andover and continues to live in the community with her husband. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association's Estate Planning Committee, and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is also a Director of the Friends of Merrimack College, Trustee of the James W. O'Brien Foundation, Inc., and is also licensed to practice in New Hampshire as well as Massachusetts.

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## OUTDOORS: Great strides made in 2012; more to come in next year

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as a fundraiser to continue improving existing town open space.

As the year ends, another top Andover site, the Ward Reservation grasslands, are being opened up. The expansion will improve the wildlife habitat and open up sweeping views south to the Boston skyline, as well as allow Ward Reservation staff to redirect its limited resources to trail management and battling invasive species. Next year, \$2 million in conservation land buys are on tap for votes at Annual Town Meeting. The town seeks to acquire a seven-acre lot off of Campanelli Drive, currently owned by Phillips Academy, and a piece of the former Reichhold chemical company property on Lowell Junction Road.

"2013 is going to be a very interesting year," Conservation Director Bob Douglas said. "We really have an opportunity to set aside some

*"We really have an opportunity to set aside some wonderful conservation land. These could be future popular destination sites."*

Conservation Director  
Bob Douglas

wonderful conservation land. These could be future popular destination sites."

Fred Snell, a trustee of the Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS), said the land behind the Franciscan Center on River Road is also worth paying attention to.

"The Franciscan property out in west Andover is going to be a challenge in what we do with that" as elderly housing is considered for the area, Snell said. "We're hoping a good portion of that riverfront land and the existing trail can be preserved."

## YARD: Town meeting to decide how future use

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voted to support the plan—but not enough to pass the project because a two-thirds majority was needed. Supporters came 31 votes shy.

Since then, selectmen has discussed it on a regular basis in a workshop format.

"We took the hint from Town Meeting that we needed to take it on as a project, not appoint another task force," Salafia said. "We've been running workshops the entire year since then. We're drawing near a recommendation."

The next steps for the project are putting a zoning

proposal before Town Meeting voters in 2013, and putting an offer out to buy land for relocating the Town Yard in the future.

With the proposal, residents will consider retooling the Town Yard's present site on Lewis Street to support some form of mixed use—a combination of residential and commercial space. Town Meeting voters will be asked if they want to rezone the property for a different use.

If the voters support the plan, the town will pursue relocating the Town Yard and look into a request for proposal that is currently on the

table to buy privately owned land, according to Maria Maggio, acting Plant and Facilities director.

"This is the third one we've done," Maggio said, adding that the first RFP led the town to a plan for Dascomb Road while the second one brought them to Campanelli Drive. "Those (replies) are due Jan. 17."

If the Town Yard is moved, the present site could become an extension of the downtown community, perhaps with a mix of retail and apartments, something that members of the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Finance

Committee support.

So far, only two people have picked up the packet of information on the RFP, according to Maggio.

If voters reject the rezoning proposal, town leaders will focus on using the Lewis Street site as a two-story Town Yard facility, according to Salafia. The Town Yard land there is already owned by the town. Early in 2013, the future of the Town Yard will come down to a single choice.

"It's time," Salafia said. "If we can come up with a solution that lasts another 50 to another 100 years for the town, I'd be thrilled."

## MURDER: Police seek help closing unsolved case

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released on either the murders or the ensuing investigation. In a release, Blodgett said the investigation "is active and remains a priority. We will continue to pursue every lead until we find the person or persons responsible for this senseless and tragic murder and seek justice for the Magee family in court."

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District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett

Often, with a homicide investigation, there are people "who have information but may not realize its relevance or importance to

the investigation," Blodgett said. "At this point, any and all information is important."

Anyone with information can call detectives with the

District Attorney's office at 978-745-8908 or call the Andover Police Department's anonymous tip line at 978-470-3864.

## COMPANY: Energy-efficiency company coming

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jump up to the top five, top six employers in town."

The jobs being relocated to Andover will be coming from a number of different operations throughout the region.

The specific details, including which company-owned facilities will be impacted, aren't yet known, according to Materazzo.

The deal does have some safety nets built in, should Schneider Electric not provide the jobs or the investment within the time frame mandated by the agreement. The agreement could be decertified by the Board of Selectmen, nullifying tax incentives, according to Materazzo.

"In the unlikely event that Schneider Electric doesn't live up to the terms they provided to the town, the town has a mechanism to go back and resolve the TIF," Materazzo said.

Work is already being done on the building inside, and exterior construction for the expansion is expected to begin once all necessary permits are secured.

"They're eager to engage the town, to work with the town and be a good, corporate

citizen," Materazzo said.

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# Education



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Third-graders Katherine Kelley and Josiah Holiday help to keep the beat at Bamidele's performance at St. Augustine School.

## Learning the beat of a different drummer

During the months of October and November, the Bamidele Dancers and Drummers performed at many of the elementary and middle schools in Andover. Their performances were part of the annual "Andover All-Town Performance" and sponsored through the support of the Andona Society and through the various school PTO groups.

The Bamidele Dancers & Drummers are art educators, composers, musicians, dancers and choreographers from Africa, the

Americas, and the Caribbean, according to the PTO. They are dedicated to the preservation of African and African-related cultures through dance, music, and song. Its members have expertise in African, Caribbean, and Brazilian culture.

Bamidele led an interactive dance workshop that allowed students to experience the language, music and culture of African related dance.

PTO leaders said "the workshop was well received by both students and staff."

### ON CAMPUS

#### Ladd named to Salem State honor society

Diane Ladd, of Andover, is one of the 216 Salem State University students recently recognized by Alpha Lambda Delta, the national first year honor society, for being a full-time student with a grade-point

average of a 3.5 or higher and in the top 20 percent of their class during their freshman semester.

Reinstated after eight years of inactivity, the Salem State chapter is one of approximately 270 chapters of Alpha Lambda Delta at institutions of higher learning throughout the United States. Alpha Lambda Delta was established in 1924.

## UPDATING A STORY FROM 2012



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Jen Meagher, then a vice president of the Andover Education Association, speaks while AEA President Kerry Costello holds a sign at a rally at Old Town Hall on Feb. 16. The contract talks ended with a deal in June.

## 3-3 schedule through its first semester

By DUSTIN LUCA  
Staff Writer

All Andover High School teachers have been teaching three classes this first semester and will teach another three next semester, following

a contract agreement reached back in July after a long and at times bitter negotiation.

For the first half of 2012, perhaps no story so consistently captured the attention of Andover residents -- long known for their interest in

town education -- as the difficult contract negotiations between the teachers union and the town.

However, since the beginning of the school year, said Paula Colby-Clements, School Committee

chairwoman, "People have been going about their business and trying to put that long and arduous process behind them."

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## Elementary school students learn lessons in respect

High Plain Elementary School students recently received a special lesson in respect.

Coach Rich Johns of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., put on day-long "Act with Respect Always" presentations, specialized to meet the grade level of his students that day.

Using personal accounts, short video clips and storytelling, Coach Johns "brought the message home to students about the importance of acting with respect in all you do: at school, home, the sports teams and personal relationships. He taught them that having integrity and

treating others with respect is a choice you make every day," according to a release from the PTO, which sponsored the event.

Johns spoke about how it is essential in life to have empathy and what it really means to put one's self in someone else's shoes. He handed out mission statement cards to each student that they could bring home to work with their families in creating their own goals in living a life of making good character choices. His banners now stand in the school as a visual reminder of what students learned, according to a release.



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# SCHEDULE: Change has been difficult

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The change to teaching three courses each semester, instead of just two courses and having a duty one of those semesters was a sticking point in negotiations. That change "has been very hard" for high school teachers, said Kerry Costello, teachers union president. "Not only is it a 20-percent increase in teaching time, it's 28 to 29 more students in the additional class."

With a deal in place, there is no need for the two sides to meet for contract bargaining — at least until the 2014-15 school year, the final year of the current contract, according to Colby-Clements.

However, bargaining is expected between the AEA and school officials in 2013 over a new teacher evaluation model required by the state. That will need to be implemented by September, according to Costello.

The sides also are gearing up for bargaining to create a new high school schedule format as a schedule committee looks at options to be implemented for the 2014-15 school year, Costello said.

The high school has a new leader in Christopher Lord, hired effective July 1 after two years of interim leadership from retired principal Tom Sharkey. The high school's reaccreditation visit occurred earlier this month.

## Some history

Andover Education Association teachers began 2012 under work-to-rule work action, meaning they would stick to providing only those services spelled out in their expired contract, as they moved through a second school year without a new contract.

While most areas of the new contract were wrapped up quickly, the schedule format for the high school proved a sticking point. At the time, high school teachers taught three courses in one semester and two courses and one duty — such as watching a lunch room — in the other. The School Committee wanted to move to a three-and-three format, which would increase teacher workload and allow the district to eliminate positions and save money. The idea was highly opposed by the leaders of the Andover teachers union.

A memo sent to other high school teachers in January by Jen Meagher, then a union vice president, advised them to "build in down time" around class lessons and inform students that lessons may be changing under work to rule. It also asked teachers to be quick to leave the school at the end of the contractual work day. Action team members and building representatives would "walk through the building and prod people out the door," according to the memo, which was mailed to the Townsman anonymously.

In June, in an email sent to several Andover teachers and leaked to the Townsman, Meagher talked about holding reports needed for high school reaccreditation as "the only leverage we have left at the bargaining table." District administrators start investigating the memo. The reports later were approved by teachers.

Meagher is no longer employed by the Andover Public Schools, according to Superintendent Marinel McGrath.

Days ahead of union ratification of a new three-year contract, a state report on the contract talks provided an internal view on the contract talks.

A state arbitrator said she was "dumbfounded" by Andover High School teachers' fight to continue working a duty period instead of teaching a period. She also found the School Committee's recommendation for a high school schedule "better serves the financial interests of the school system and the educational interests of students" than teachers' proposals, according to her report.

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Legals TOWN OF ANDOVER BOARD OF APPEALS Notice is hereby given that, subject to the Applicant satisfying the jurisdictional requirements of 760 CMR 56.04(1), a public hearing will be convened on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 8:00 p.m., in The Hall, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, Andover on the application of C/o Gerard Welch, P.O. Box 248, North Andover, MA for a Comprehensive Permit for affordable housing under Chapter 40B of the General Laws. The applicant proposes the development of an ownership project consisting of 20 single family dwellings on a 5.65-acre site located at 506 South Main Street and 15 Gould Road, in the SRC District and being more particularly identified as Lots 2C & 4 on Assessor's Map 84. The application and plans may be viewed in the office of the Board of Appeals, Town Office Building, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, ESQ. Chairman AT - 12/20/12, 12/27/12

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Project File No. 601986 A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed replacement of Bridge A-09-011, North Main Street (Rte. 28) over the MBTA railroad in Andover, MA. WHERE: Memorial Hall Library 2 North Main Street Andover, MA 01810 WHEN: Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 7 to 9 PM PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed bridge replacement project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacement of the superstructure and partial replacement of the substructures. The bridge will be raised slightly to help accommodate modern train requirements. New precast abutment caps will be placed on existing abutments and the upper portions of the single pier will be replaced. The bridge superstructure will remain the same length and width. Sidewalk width will be restored by replacing the temporary utilities on the west sidewalk with new conduits running under the bridge deck. A minimum shoulder of four feet will be provided for bicycle access by adjusting the pavement markings. New steel rail will be installed on both sides. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during construction. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing. Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below. Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Accelerated Bridge Program, Project File No. 601986. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting. In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/ FRANCIS A. DEPAOLA, PE. HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR AT - 12/20, 12/27/12

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Essex Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 (978) 744-1020 Docket No. ES12P3135EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Joseph C Lasonde Also known as: Joe Lasonde Date of Death: 11/12/2012 To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Linda Hamlin of Pelham NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that: Linda Hamlin of Pelham NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 01/28/13. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code, without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 13, 2012 Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate AT - 12/27/12

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Project File No. 606298 A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Intersection and Signal Improvements at Dascomb Road, East Street and Shawshen Street project in Andover and Tewksbury, MA. WHERE: Tewksbury Public Library Auditorium 300 Chandler Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 January 2, 2013 at 6:30pm PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Intersection and Signal Improvements at Dascomb Road, East Street and Shawshen Street project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. PROPOSAL: This project will realign the East Street / Dascomb Road and Shawshen Street legs of the intersection and install a traffic control signal. Exclusive turning lanes will be built. Shared use accommodations consisting of an outside travel lane with shared lane markings and adjacent shoulder have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The towns of Andover and Tewksbury are responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing. Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below. Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Thomas Currier P.E., Supervising Project Manager, MassDOT - Highway Division, Project Management Section, project file no. 606298. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting. In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/ FRANCIS A. DEPAOLA, PE. HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR AT - 12/20, 12/27/12

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Project File No. 606298 A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Intersection and Signal Improvements at Dascomb Road, East Street and Shawshen Street project in Andover and Tewksbury, MA. WHERE: Tewksbury Public Library Auditorium 300 Chandler Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 January 2, 2013 at 6:30pm PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Intersection and Signal Improvements at Dascomb Road, East Street and Shawshen Street project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. PROPOSAL: This project will realign the East Street / Dascomb Road and Shawshen Street legs of the intersection and install a traffic control signal. Exclusive turning lanes will be built. Shared use accommodations consisting of an outside travel lane with shared lane markings and adjacent shoulder have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The towns of Andover and Tewksbury are responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing. Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below. Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Thomas Currier P.E., Supervising Project Manager, MassDOT - Highway Division, Project Management Section, project file no. 606298. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting. In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/ FRANCIS A. DEPAOLA, PE. HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR AT - 12/20, 12/27/12

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<b>High: 42°</b> <b>Low: 25°</b>	<b>High: 39°</b> <b>Low: 20°</b>	<b>High: 32°</b> <b>Low: 24°</b>	<b>High: 33°</b> <b>Low: 16°</b>	<b>High: 29°</b> <b>Low: 16°</b>	<b>High: 25°</b> <b>Low: 15°</b>	<b>High: 26°</b> <b>Low: 9°</b>

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