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Selectmen, town manager establish goals

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski have settled on the town manager's future goals — but they aren't the types of goals the town has pursued during the past few years.

“These are multi-year, huge projects for us, and many of them need to be started now.”

Town Manager
Buzz Stapczynski

Recent annual goals laid out for Stapczynski have come in batches of four or five at a time. Over the last few years, completing the goals was tied to the size of Stapczynski's performance raise. This year's iteration of goals includes 10 tasks for Stapczynski. The goals, which includes 24 “deliverables” between them all, aren't “as structured as it has been in the past,” said Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia.

“In the last two years that I've been on the board, it was a math problem,” Salafia said. “We assigned a number to each one of the goals, and we added up each of the totals.”

This year, “it becomes more subjective,” he said. “We weren't taking into consideration his management style and ability to lead people. When it's a math problem, you don't take into consideration those variables, and this year, we'll be able to do that.”

To a certain extent though, the goals aren't really “Stapczynski's goals” as much as they have been in the past, according to Salafia.

“We listed the goals we thought were for the town,” he said.

Stapczynski said his role in town “is to produce a well-reasoned and well thought out (capital improvement plan) for the community, budgets for the community, those kinds of things.”

The goals “are laid on top of that,” he said. “These are multi-year, huge projects for us, and many of them need to be started now.”

The 10 goals tackle a variety of town objectives over the coming years. They include

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TOWN MEETING

WILL SENIOR DISTRICT GET BLESSING?



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Along with five dozen other articles coming to Annual Town Meeting this year, officials are aiming to create a “Senior Residential Community Overlay District” at the heart of the Franciscan Center on River Road.

School space study also will face April voters

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Annual Town Meeting voters will decide if the town should establish a zoning district to encourage senior-focused communities. Voters will be asked to buy land, including land for a riverwalk and ballfields, and to spend millions on building renovations.

Superintendent Marinel McGrath has also requested \$225,000 to conduct a school-facility space needs study, as the town considers adding

more high school and pre-school space.

But there are two notable issues missing from the warrant. One item missing is an

Town may buy acres contaminated by landfill

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Leaders will ask Annual Town Meeting voters to spend \$775,000 to buy private land contaminated by the town's former landfill.

article to change the plan for building the Cormier Youth Center (see TOWN TALK, page 20), which needs a vote for the plan to go forward. There is

The property, located at 138 Chandler Road, is a 11.5-acre lot of land that owner Bob Park Jr. said has been used historically as part of his farm. The

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also no article seeking money to complete the Bancroft Elementary School, which would be needed if Special Town Meeting in February does not approve money for the construction project. Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said he will ask selectmen to reopen the warrant to insert these articles.

Three private, resident-driven articles are also on the warrant: one to transfer land between the town and property owners on High Plain

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Serviceman moves into home supported by Andover race

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Injured serviceman Josh Bouchard has moved into the home that was built for him in part by money raised

by participants in the 2012 Run for the Troops road race through downtown Andover.

Marine Sgt. Bouchard's leg was severed and his back broken in Afghanistan when the vehicle he was riding in

drove over an improvised explosive device. More than 1,500 people entered a five-kilometer Andover race last April to raise money so that the

Massachusetts veteran would be able to enter a specially adapted home. The home has counter tops, light switches, thermostats and other necessities built at the proper height for someone in a wheelchair. It was built through the national organization Homes for Our Troops.

Andover race organizer Bill Pennington attended the recent ceremony in Granby, Mass., where Bouchard was given the keys and the free home was turned over to him.

“One of my dad's traditions was to raise the flag every single day. One of the emotional things was when Josh pulled down the Homes for Our Troops flag, symbolizing the end of construction,

and put up the American flag [outside his home],” said Pennington.

Pennington said there were about 300 friends, relatives and volunteers at the key ceremony. There were signs indicating that the Andover Run for the Troops race helped build the home. Much of the expense of materials and labor was donated by local contractors, he said.

“You could just sense from being there that everyone wanted to be there. No one was complaining that it was too cold, too snowy, too this. Everyone was overjoyed to be a part of it,” said Pennington. “It's a small community. There were a lot of people

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BILL PENNINGTON/Courtesy photo

U.S. Marine Sgt. Josh Bouchard heads into his new home in Granby, Mass., built courtesy of Homes For Our Troops and with money raised by the Andover Run for the Troops race.

King Day speaker



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Keynote speaker Charles E. Walker Jr. speaks at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration and Brunch at the Andover Baptist Church. Story, page 8.

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— *Andover resident Toni Hadad, Ultimate Perk owner, who exercises at 4:30 a.m. before the rest of her day begins. Story on how she and her husband participate in obstacle-course events called "Tough Mudders" in Townspeople, page 9.*



To produce a well-reasoned and well thought out (Capital Improvement Plan) for the community, budgets for the community, those kinds of things.

— *Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, on what he sees as his role in the town. Page 1.*

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THEN: This 1946 photo shows the Tyre Rubber Co. building that was constructed in 1912 on Railroad Street, on what was then an open field. The original Tyre Rubber Co. building was located on North Main Street between Lewis and Pearson streets, approximately where the Public Safety Center sits today.



NOW: The former Tyre Rubber building is now a housing complex, on Railroad Street near Whole Foods market.

PAST & PRESENT

Basics on preparing for Special Town Meeting Feb. 11

A Special Town Meeting will be held in Andover on Feb. 11, at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts, the auditorium for Andover High School on Shawsheen Road. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

The only issue on the warrant will be whether to approve additional money to build the new Bancroft Elementary School.

Upon request, sign language interpreters, material on tape, and other auxiliary aides and services will be provided to ensure effective communications as specified in the American with Disabilities Act. Arrangements must be made by contacting Candace Hall, the town's ADA Coordinator, at the Town Offices at

978-623-8530 as soon as possible, according to a release from the town clerk's office.

All registered voters who attend Town Meeting will need to be checked into the meeting in the lobby of Collins Center, which is on the right side of Andover High. Registered voters can visit the town website at andoverma.gov to conduct a precinct search under "Town Meeting and Election Calendar" on the home page, then "Precinct Search" and then entering their address.

The town clerk's office recommends that voters check their precinct number before going to the meeting to avoid delays at the check-in area.

Questions may be directed to the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255.

Help kids see what library has to offer

Memorial Hall Library's Children's Room is celebrating Take Your Child to

the Library Day with activities for families. A schedule can be downloaded from the library's website, mhl.org/kids/programs.

The Memorial Hall Library will be open from 9 to 5 on Feb. 2 and families are encouraged to stop in anytime during the day even if they can't make the scheduled activities between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to a release from Beth A. Kerrigan, coordinator of Children's Services. People can register online for the programs at mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Town mini clinics, senior center clinics

The town of Andover Health Department hosts mini clinics and Andover Senior Center clinics each month.

The remaining schedule for January includes a mini clinic on Monday, Jan. 28 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

The final senior center clinic of the month will be on Wednesday, Jan. 30 from 2 to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

In February, mini clinics will be held on Monday, Feb. 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and Monday, Feb. 20 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

Clinics at the Andover Senior Center, now being called the Center at Punchard, are planned for Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27, from 2 to 3 p.m. each day. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, email dpaul@andoverma.gov or call 978-623-8295.

Meet the Expert seminar

"Nutrition and Health," a medical Meet the Expert seminar with Steward Health Care physician William Ingram, MD, will be held on Feb. 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. in Merrimack Valley Hospital's 1st floor auditorium, 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill.

Attendees will understand the importance of nutrition in health, identify misconceptions in nutrition and health and learn what is myth and truth about herbal medicine.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. One contact hour in nursing awarded at the end of the presentation.

For more information or to register, please call Jean at 978-420-1168 or email jean.macdougall-tattan@steward.org.



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ACT puts affordable home on Andover Street

Calling for homeowner of \$175,000 three-bedroom home

The Andover group working to bring single-family affordable housing to town is getting set to pick a buyer of its sixth house in town.

Andover Community Trust soon starts the owner selection process for a permanently affordable three-bedroom home at 98 Andover St. - doors down from Wingate heading toward Ballardvale. This home is expected to be completed by the end of the school year and will be sold for \$175,000 by ACT. Greater Lawrence Technical School students, under the supervision of their teachers, are building the home.

"We're excited...we have a good track record on our houses and we will continue that record," said John Pearson, president and architect of ACT.

Income-eligible individuals who are interested in being selected to purchase this home must attend one of the following information sessions: Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m.; or Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.

All sessions will be held on the third floor of Memorial Hall Library in Andover. Applications will be available

at the end of each meeting, and ACT members will be on hand to answer questions and assist with the application process.

Pearson also said his group has already secured a location in town for a seventh affordable home. Number seven will be built on Woburn Street, directly across the South Elementary School.

ACT gives preference to income-eligible, first-time homebuyer households who will fully occupy a three-bedroom home. Total household income must be less than 80 percent (\$51,000 to \$64,000, depending on family size) of the area median income, as established annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition, family assets may not exceed \$75,000. All applicants must complete a first-time homebuyer's class before being selected to purchase this home.

ACT is a strong believer that economic diversity is an important contributor to vital and livable communities. ACT will not discriminate in the selection of applicants. Individuals who



Courtesy photo

Andover Community Trust is accepting applications for people interested in the group's latest affordable home, at 94 Andover St.

have a financial interest in the project are not eligible to participate.

The half-acre lot on Andover Street was purchased by ACT from the town of Andover at a public tax-title auction in 2010. Pearson explained that

ACT will continue to own the land, just as it does with the other five ACT homes in Andover. The house will be sold with a 99-year ground lease and resale formula to establish a purchase price to keep the home affordable, if the owner chooses to sell it

ANDOVER COMMUNITY TRUST'S AFFORDABLE HOUSES

A three-bedroom home at 98 Andover St., selling for \$175,000, will be Andover Community Trust's sixth affordable house built in town. The other ACT affordable homes are on these streets:

- Haverhill Street
- Heather Drive
- River Road
- Cheever Circle
- North Street
- A seventh ACT home is planned and will be built on Woburn Street, directly across the street from South Elementary School.

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LANDFILL: 11.5 acres of land the town will consider purchasing

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whole parcel of land is 58 acres in size, according to assessor's records.

The town operated its now-closed Ledge Road landfill next to the Park property up until the 1970s, and the trash eventually "migrated onto Mr. Park's property," Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said.

After years of using the landfill, "we did a survey of the site," Stapczynski said. "We found that, indeed, some of the trash was placed over the (property) line."

Of the 11.5 acres of land the town will consider purchasing, "a fraction" of that private land had garbage dumped on it. The town will seek to buy the majority of the land to remediate it from contamination caused by the landfill, according to Stapczynski.

The article will "take the land behind the landfill, cap it and take care of the drainage" so water draining from the landfill stops contaminating abutting land, Park said.

But the problem doesn't end there, according to Park.

"The back of the dump, you look at the water that's running out there, feeding into Fish Brook," he said. "It would gag a maggot."

When asked about how the landfill affected Fish Brook, which feeds into the town's drinking water supply at Haggett's Pond, Stapczynski said he wasn't prepared to cover the finer details, though water runoff is "part of why we're buying 11.5 acres instead of just an acre."

"We've known this for a period of time," he said. "This acquisition has been on our radar screen for this project for five or six years." While he says the town

"The back of the dump, you look at the water that's running out there, feeding into Fish Brook. It would gag a maggot."

Owner Bob Park Jr., about land that has been used historically as part of his farm. The town operated its now-closed Ledge Road landfill next to the Park property up until the 1970s, and the trash eventually "migrated onto Mr. Park's property," Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said.

was "not very good neighbors," Parks said he's been fighting with officials for decades to have the problem taken care of. Going into Annual Town Meeting, he's pleased the battle is reaching an end.

"I've been doing this and spending a lot of money on lawyers and engineers. It gets to a point, how much can you spend?" he said. "You have to bite the bullet somewhere. This is probably a step in the right direction."

The article is one of at least 59 coming to Annual Town Meeting. The event will start at the Collins Center Field House on Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m.

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Town Yard zoning vision near complete

Public hearings scheduled for February

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

With the vision for the Town Yard almost complete and a plan to rezone the current area getting some finishing touches, the Board of Selectmen are one step away from allowing public scrutiny and discussion at its meetings. Since Town Meeting voters rejected a task force-created plan at 2012 Annual Town Meeting by 31 votes, the board has taken over the project. With officials focusing on building a new Town Yard somewhere other than Lewis Street, the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board have been developing a zoning proposal

to re-purpose the existing Town Yard site.

That proposal is expected to hit Town Meeting in April.

The plan would allow for developers to pitch projects within a newly created Andover Transit Oriented Development District (ATODD). The district targets what many have referred to as “the Golden Triangle,” a triangle of land formed by North Main, Pearson and Railroad streets on the edge of downtown Andover. The present Town Yard sits in the center of that triangle.

The ATODD permit, issued as a special permit by the Planning Board, would control the size, congestion, scope and

other aspects of projects seeking to build around and within the existing Town Yard site.

“What can happen is these design guidelines become more flexible,” said Kenneth Buckland, principal of the Cecil Group and a designer on the project, at a recent meeting. “They don’t become something that can stop a project. What we want them to do is encourage good design and look for good design.”

The proposed zoning district allows for buildings to reach heights based on the building’s starting elevation, which drops the further back you go down Lewis Street. Land towards the rear of the street, which slopes downward

from North Main, would support taller buildings.

As part of the permit, developers must also present plans detailing how well the development would perform under tight congestion.

“The parking, the loading, the traffic, the pedestrian circulation, the egress points, the circulation outside of the property as well as the interior to the property, are all addressed in the plan,” Buckland said.

The proposal will also set the minimum size of a development. Discussion of the size started last Monday at two acres, meaning anything under that wouldn’t be eligible for a permit. Officials expressed interest in reducing that requirement, however.

“There are a million

different ways you can break (the land) up,” said Lelani Loder, member of the Planning Board. “If the town elected to sell just an acre of the three total to some of the abutters and a developer was to approach... I mean, there are just a ton of different scenarios you can create.”

THE TIME FOR INPUT IS COMING

The two boards have also established two dates for public hearings on the proposal, marking the first time the Board of Selectmen will allow members of the public to speak on the project since they took over the discussions.

To this point, work on the Town Yard has been conducted within a workshop environment, which the board established since day one would not permit public

feedback despite being in an open meeting format.

Those ground rules have frequently faced opposition from Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone, who restated her opposition to them Monday night.

“We’ve been having work sessions for quite some time,” Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia said. “I’ve been promising that we’d have some public meetings.”

The two boards will meet at Memorial Hall Library on Thursday, Feb. 7 and Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. specifically to hear public feedback on the plans. A third meeting of Monday, Feb. 25 has also been established if necessary.

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addressing the town’s unfunded post-employment benefits liability — meaning money that will be due retirees that the town currently does not have in hand — that reaches into the hundreds of millions of dollars, finalizing labor contracts by specific dates and consolidating the town’s Public Works and Plant and Facilities departments.

Two additional smaller goals, require him to provide routine updates on his progress both in the goals and in two construction projects in town.

Here are the goals and specifics on what must be delivered:

GOAL 1: Development of an OPEB Funding Plan to reduce long-term liabilities

Deliverables: Establish set of policies with input from staff; educate Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee; include an annual contribution to fund from operating budget; research appropriate investment vehicle for fund by June 30.

What it means: This goal addresses the as-yet unfunded liabilities brought to the town by other post employment benefits, including costs like health care for retired town employees. The liability has been said to be as high as \$300 million based on the current number of employees and how much they’re expected to cost the town in the end. Town boards and committees have been discussing the topic for some time, and one popular plan is to contribute to a fund annually to reduce the town’s liability while addressing it with future retirees to reduce future costs.

GOAL 2: Create a plan to solve the renovation or relocation of Town

Yard

Deliverables: Settle on possible zoning plan for existing site by April 2013; issue a request for land buying proposals by Dec. 2012; put a land acquisition article to relocate the site or develop a plan to rebuild at its current home by fall of 2013.

What it means: In the town’s ongoing quest to rebuild or replace its Town Yard facility on Lewis Street, Stapczynski must have a plan in place by this fall to either buy land for relocating the facility or rebuild it at its current home. Along the way, a request for proposal must be put to the street (which has taken place) and zoning must be brought to Town Meeting in April, which is currently in the works.

GOAL 3: implement a consolidation plan for the town’s DPW and P&F departments

Deliverables: Assemble budget to reflect consolidation for fiscal year 2014, which starts in July; have the departments consolidated by July 2013; recruit and select a municipal facilities director by May or June, 2013.

What it means: In recent years, the town has explored combining its Plant and Facilities department with the Department of Public Works. This goal puts that consolidation on a timetable, with the completion covered in next year’s budget and in effect starting in July.

GOAL 4: Develop an “In Lieu of Taxes” pilot program encouraging non-tax paying entities to provide services or donations to the town.

Deliverables: Sample similar pilot programs in other towns by April

2013.

What it means: With this, the town would reach out to non-profit entities in town that aren’t taxed, such as private schools and churches, and establish a relationship where they provide services to the town “in lieu of taxes.” “This may just serve to formalize the relationship and define the way they give back to the community,” Stapczynski said.

GOAL 5: Create a town and school agreement for efficient and effective use of buildings and facilities

Deliverables: Develop a memorandum of understanding to be used between town, school facility users and stakeholders by April 2013, and use one school building during February and April school vacation weeks.

What it means: Throughout the planning of the Cormier Youth Center, residents have asked how the building would be used by the community — not just the youth. Out of that discussion came the idea of using all town facilities, including schools, for other purposes. “Could a gym be open for the basketball camp, or a soccer camp or something like that?” Stapczynski said. The steps in this goal would begin that process.

GOAL 6: Create a Ballardvale Fire Station relocation plan that can be presented to a future Town Meeting

Deliverable: Determine Selectmen priorities for the project in relation to other town and school building projects by May 2013.

What it means: Stapczynski has to relocate the Ballardvale Fire Station, and the first step in that process is

learning how important the project is compared to other large town construction projects, such as the Town Yard.

GOAL 7: Expand the current department head performance evaluation system to other town employees, and test it on one department before expanding it to all departments.

Deliverable: Choose one department to complete a pilot program for evaluation.

What it means: In recent years, Stapczynski has designed and set in motion a new review process for his department heads. The Board of Selectmen want him to bring that process to the employees below the department heads.

GOAL 8: Develop a plan that funds the operating and capital expenses of putting ambulance service in the new station

Deliverable: Determine selectmen priorities for relocating the station in relation to other town and school building projects by May, 2013 (as seen in goal 6).

What it means: Currently, the Ballardvale Fire Station doesn’t have ambulance service. If and when a new one is built, ambulance service could be added to it. This goal determines what costs would be associated with that, and how the town would cover those costs.

GOAL 9: Finalize labor contracts with specific selectman guidelines

Deliverables: Five deliverables exist, correlating to five town labor unions: Andover Fire Fighters Union, Andover Police Superior Officers Union, Andover Police Patrolmen Union, dispatchers, and

department heads. In each case, the measurable is to finalize the contract by June, 2013.

What it means: A large portion of town employees, whether they work at the town’s schools, municipal buildings or elsewhere in Andover, are members of larger unions. The five unions in this goal are unions that Stapczynski negotiates contracts with, and the goal seeks to ensure the contracts are settled by the end of the current fiscal year.

GOAL 10: Finalize recommendations for outsourcing and other opportunities to create efficiencies in the town’s work

Deliverables: Finalize recommendations for each of three outsourcing opportunities by April 2013; payroll, imaging as a service, and janitorial. Recommend further departmental consolidations and efficiencies by Aug. 2013.

What it means: For the last two years, Stapczynski has identified town departments with operations that can be outsourced to the private sector, saving the town money. In previous years, he has identified the three services mentioned in this goal, and he must make the recommendations final by April. Then, by August, he must identify other places where town operations can be outsourced for savings.

GOAL 11: Provide monthly construction updates on the Bancroft Elementary School and Cormier Youth Center construction projects.

GOAL 12: Update the Board of Selectmen on Stapczynski’s progress on the goals every other month or as needed.



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BOUCHARD: Ex-Marine given keys to free home

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from the town there.”
The 2013 Run for the Troops in Andover is planned for April 7 at 9 a.m. There is also an exercise event called the Troop Challenge set for tomorrow, Friday, at Yang's Fitness Center at 5 Dundee Park Drive. Both events will raise money toward a home for Marine Corporal Kevin Dubois of Rhode Island, who lost both his legs in Afghanistan on July 31, 2011, according to Homes for Our Troops.
While it is not yet known if Josh Bouchard will be able to attend the 2013 Run for the Troops, his parents will be there, as will Joe Smith, who was previously given a home and has been at each Andover race since.

Bouchard spoke briefly at his key ceremony in Granby on Jan. 12.

“He said, ‘The most important thing to me is we continue to provide and build houses for others,’” according to Pennington. “That’s what they always emphasize: let’s not forget that there are others. That’s why Joe Smith comes up for the Andover race.”

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U.S. Marine Sgt. Josh Bouchard arrives during the key ceremony at his new home, built free of charge by Homes for Our Troops and finished earlier this month.



NEIL FATER/Staff photo

Andover residents can get a workout and help an injured veteran get a home by participating in the Troop Challenge. Pictured are some of those involved with the effort, from left, Diana Kiesel, Cara Green, Bill Fahey, Sobhan Namvar, Cindy Rayner, Bill Pennington and Jamey Lachiana.

Get the lead out at Troop Challenge tomorrow, Friday

Several local gyms and fitness studios are coming together for a fun but potentially grueling event called the Troop Challenge.

A tie-in with the annual Run for the Troops, the event will raise money for the national Homes for Our Troops organization that builds free homes for service members who were severely injured fighting the War on Terror in Iraq or Afghanistan, according to organizers. The Troop Challenge is tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Yang's Fitness Center, 5 Dundee Park, Andover.

Troop Challenge participants can warm up for the April 7 race by competing to see who is the best at push-ups, pull-ups or dead-arm hangs, timed wall sits, jump roping and carrying 45-pound backpacks while jogging on an inclined treadmill. Prizes will be awarded to the top female and male in each event. This is the first year for the event.

Contenders from the YMCA, Matrix Fitness, Yang's and other fitness studios are among the more than 100 people who have signed up, said Troop Challenge organizer Cindy Garrett-Rayner of Yang's Fitness Studio.

From the masters of ceremony (Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services Director and Sobhan Namvar, Andover

Last year, Andover raised \$30,000 for the home-building project.

High School wrestling coach) to the official counters for all those exercise challenges (Coach Wayne Puglisi and his Andover High lacrosse team) to local businesses taking part (Whole Foods, Elements, Greater Boston Running) many in Andover are involved.

The Troop Challenge will help promote the Run for the Troops 5K road race being held on Sunday, April 7 in downtown Andover. This year will be the fourth year that Andover has hosted the race. Last year, Andover raised \$30,000 for the home-building project, according to race organizer Bill Pennington of Andover. The money was used to help build a home in Granby, Mass. for veteran Josh Bouchard.

Garrett-Rayner said Tom Fleming from the Lowell Police Academy will be at the Troop Challenge with soldiers demonstrating proper training techniques. His group is supplying backpacks for the challenge.

The cost to participate is \$25, which includes wine and light appetizers. For more information visit yangsfitness.com; or call 978-475-2020.

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Annual town election nomination papers available

Nomination papers for the March 26, 2013, town of Andover annual town election are available at the town clerk's office.

The ballot for the 2013 Annual Town Election will include the following: Moderator - one for one year; Selectman - two for three years; School Committee - two for three years; 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.

State Pension Fund releases findings related to its firearms industry holdings

Treasurer Steven Grossman and the Pension Reserves Investment Management (PRIM) Board has released the results of a review to determine the extent to which the

Commonwealth's \$51 billion pension fund has investments in companies related to the firearms industry.

Approximately \$27.8 million in PRIM investments were found to be related to the gun industry, or about .05 percent overall.

While no decisions have been made on divestment or other measures aimed at influencing gun manufacturers related to these investments, Grossman reiterated his support for the reinstatement of the federal ban on assault weapons that was allowed to expire in 2004.

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Classes will meet during four Saturday sessions on the college's Haverhill Campus and also take an 11-day trip to Turkey or Belize.

Both courses are currently open and students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those who qualify can have the cost of the trip covered by financial aid.

For more information about "Introduction to Archeology: A Site Exploration of Ancient Turkey," contact Kristi Arford at karford@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3353 or Habib Maa-goul at hmaagoul@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3344.

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Opinion

SHOWING JACK FROST WHO'S BOSS



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A group of runners brave the cold and make their way up Elm Street.

Mini-critiques: A bit of focus welcome

The Annual Town Meeting warrant has 22 lines devoted to this pressing issue: changing the size allowed on letters or other graphic elements on valances of awnings for businesses. There's a similar amount of space devoted to better defining what makes a retail establishment and a fast food restaurant.

What's not on the warrant? Two long-awaited construction projects. There is no article about the new Bancroft Elementary School construction project. This is true despite the fact that if Special Town Meeting voters in February do not approve \$5.7 million to finish the job, some deals with contractors will expire. If these elements need to be rebid, it's expected that the town will need to go to regular Town Meeting to ask for as much as \$7 million more.

There are also no articles devoted to changing the plan for the proposed youth center. Such votes are needed for that project to move forward. Supporters are looking to shift the location of the building away from some wetlands. They also want to change the phasing and create a one-story building with a bigger footprint to save some money.

"When I received the warrant this morning [Tuesday], I discovered that three warrant articles I wanted to have on the preliminary list weren't included as of Friday" when the warrant closed, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski told reporter Dustin Luca.

So here's a thumbs down to the focus of leaders involved with creating the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Certainly, there's an easy fix. Stapczynski will ask selectmen to reopen the warrant and insert the necessary articles. But, it would be nice to think that such important construction projects would not be overlooked by those in charge.

Speaking of focus, it's time to lodge a familiar complaint in these spaces. In creating goals for the town and town manager, we'd like to see two or three large goals, rather than 12. At some point, when there are too many goals, focus is lost and it is as if the town has no real top goal.

We'd like to see the town focus on a couple of major goals and ensure they are completed to near perfection. Considering the amount of money and time devoted to issues such as the new Bancroft School, replacing or repairing the Ballardvale Fire Station and consolidating the public works and plant-and-facilities departments, those would be three reasonable choices.

Fickle weather

We humans think we have a lot of things pretty well figured out when it comes to the mechanisms of how our planet operates. Well, we had yet another humbling session Tuesday morning that reminded us that we humans are not quite so advanced as we think.

The weather forecasters and their high-tech computer models and diagrams had some people all stirred up for the biggest dumping of snow in a couple of years.

That dusting that swirled down the night before was all we got. The storm decided it didn't want to do what our computers said it would do.

All that preparation was for naught. We heading into work or off to school or appointments as usual. At least we all had something to complain about, something to make the sting of the Patriots' uninspired defeat feel a little more distant.

We are so far ahead of where our ancestors were a century ago. They had no idea of all the complications that this planet is capable of. But perhaps, at times like this, they were better off. They'd never know what didn't hit them.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

With the warrant closed and the issues known, will you be attending Annual Town Meeting? Why? Select all that apply.

- Attending: I will be voting on the Cormier Youth Center, assuming it's added.
- Attending: I will be voting on the land purchases.
- Attending: I will be voting on the budget.
- Attending: I will be voting on the ID2 zoning districts.
- Attending: I will be voting on the downtown transit zoning district for the current Town Yard land.
- Attending: I will be voting on the elderly housing zoning district.
- Attending: I will be voting on the Ballardvale Fire Station proposal.
- Attending: No particular reason except to fulfill my civic duty.
- I do not plan on attending Annual Town Meeting.
- I am not old enough to

participate in Annual Town Meeting.

■ I haven't yet decided whether I will attend.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week's question was "Town Meeting will see a \$500,000 proposal to repair the current Ballardvale Fire Station instead of rebuilding it. What should the town do?" With 53 responses, the answers were:

- REPAIR. The current station at Andover Street and Clark Road could be made sufficient and should only be repaired, saving a lot of money: 34 votes, 64.15 percent.
- REBUILD. The current station is too old to handle the town's current needs. It must be completely replaced: 16 votes, 30.19 percent.
- NOT SURE. More needs to come out on the repair proposal before I make a decision: three votes, 5.66 percent.

Public input overdue on Town Yard

Editor, Townsman:

Last Monday, Jan. 14, the Board of Selectmen continued its "workshop" on the Town Yard for the 14th time since May 2012. During all of these "workshops," no public input was solicited or accepted. In fact, on Monday night, a resident was treated shabbily when she asked to be given the opportunity to comment on the Town Yard.

Finally, eight months after these "workshops" began, the Board of Selectmen is going to "allow" public input at upcoming hearings. Meanwhile, the pre-ordained conclusion has been reached. The chairman, formerly chairman of the Planning Board, has long wanted the Town Yard area developed. The board, with one exception, is buying in. They want the Town Yard moved to an undisclosed location, at an undisclosed time, for an undisclosed price, and they want the land where the current Town Yard sits to be purchased by parties unknown for an undetermined cost.

In order to facilitate this process, they have held two meetings with the Planning Board, whose responsibility it will be to craft a zoning article for Town Meeting in three months. At this point, there is a draft article. It will undoubtedly be revised several times between now and Town Meeting.

This same board recommended pulling an article at last year's Town Meeting that would have relocated the Town Yard to an area off River Road. They felt, at the time, that the article would not have support. Because of this decision, no presentation was prepared for Town Meeting. Town Meeting members, however, in their wisdom, decided they were prepared to discuss and vote on the article. The article barely failed passage by a two-thirds majority. Most likely, with a proper presentation, the article would have passed.

This Board of Selectmen has demonstrated a repeated inability to lead, and members are doing it again. It's too early to say whether the

Planning Board presents will be worthy of support at Town Meeting, but it's not too early to say that this board has totally mishandled the entire process. Finally, however, the public will have an opportunity to speak, after a year of "workshops."

Later in the same meeting, the board accepted the Town Manager's recommendation to remove the two articles for the youth center from the warrant for the upcoming Special Town Meeting. The chairman remarked that the discussion of the past week at various board meetings was good for the process. Perhaps the board could apply this forward thinking to the Town Yard discussions.

JO-ANN DESO
81 High St.

Unpleasant, but necessary: Approve extra cash for Bancroft

Editor, Townsman:

Unfortunately, the town faces the unhappy prospect of being asked for another \$5.6 million to complete the Bancroft Elementary School project.

I've heard the comment, "Can't this town ever bring a project in on time and on budget?" It's a fair question, given past history, but in this case I think the answer is that the budget shortfall was truly a result of factors outside the control of the town.

Construction costs were exceptionally low when the project was approved, but abutters' lawsuits and appeals created a year's delay, just as construction costs were rising sharply across the state. Add to that the added legal costs and the cost of a retaining wall built at the request of abutters, and we have a \$5.6 million shortfall.

There is no easy solution. The building plans contain no "frills" or fancy architectural embellishments that can be eliminated to save costs. Yet the building must be completed, because the existing Bancroft will soon become a danger to students and a serious risk for the town.

Unpleasant as the prospect is, I suggest that there really is no acceptable alternative.

I urge the voters of Andover to attend the Feb. 11 Special Town Meeting and make the only reasonable decision: to vote the additional money need for the project.

DON ROBB
36 York St.

It may be time to send a message on town transparency

Editor, Townsman:

Last December, town leaders told us that we were flush enough to make \$2 million available to put toward the construction of an Andover youth center, and that this funding would not require an override. One year later, town leaders are calling an emergency Special Town Meeting because we need an additional \$5.7 million to complete the Bancroft Elementary School, and this funding almost certainly will require an override. And if Andover residents refuse to acquiesce to this demand by the end of February, the price goes up to \$7 million.

All of this makes me wonder if we are not being led down the garden path. Construction is already underway at Bancroft Elementary School. The foundation has been poured, steel beams are up, and our children are going to school at a construction site. Obviously, we have little choice but to provide the funding necessary to complete the project.

But after first announcing that "changes" to the plan for the youth center would be voted on at the upcoming emergency Town Meeting, town leaders have now removed that item from the warrant. The first \$2.2 million of that project was to be funded with private money, much of which has not yet been raised, with the town providing \$2 million only after that full amount was expended. Should I mark my calendar now for the "emergency" Town Meeting next fall -- after the foundation has been poured, steel beams are up, and private funds dry up far short of the mark -- to decide whether the town should nevertheless release \$2 million to fund the completion of the youth center?

Unfortunately, a "no" vote

on the Bancroft Elementary School project in February may be the only way to make it clear that we expect honesty and transparency from our leaders. Perhaps the shortfall can instead be funded out of the same magical pot of money being tapped to fund an Andover youth center.

BRANDON BIGELOW
21 Pine St.

Many helped clean up historic district

Editor, Townsman:

On Saturday, Jan. 12, Essex County Greenbelt, in partnership with Groundwork Lawrence, hosted a forest cleanup in the North Canal Historic District on the eastern end of Island Street in Lawrence. Even though the temperatures were in the mid-40s and the sky was overcast, over 30 people volunteered to collect trash and trim back the invasive species bittersweet.

The enthusiastic participants included the Groundwork Lawrence Green Team, the Lawrence High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, and volunteers from the surrounding communities of Andover, Amesbury, Haverhill, Methuen and North Andover. Greenbelt and Groundwork Lawrence appreciate the teamwork that helped to efficiently and quickly improve the habitat at this site for nature and society. Also Greenbelt and Groundwork Lawrence appreciates that the City of Lawrence Department of Public Works disposed of the trash and debris that was collected. Finally, this event would not have been possible without the support of the Massachusetts Land Initiative for Tomorrow (MassLIFT), founded by Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, which engages the service of AmeriCorps members in efforts to meet critical community needs for land protection and stewardship, conservation education, and youth development through environmental service.

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Protein is the answer to multiple questions

On Fitness

Art McDermott

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

Answer: This is a very common problem. Part of the issue lies in the inability to see past the "diet" mentality and realize that proper nutrition is a lifestyle...forever.

The average dieter will follow a routine for a certain timeframe, perhaps achieve their goal and then go back to their old habits. They never truly get in a healthy pattern with long-lasting change. Instead, they rely on quick fixes.

Proper nutrition lasts a lifetime. You can stop the cycle by not seeing nutrition as a cycle at all. It is OK to have a cheat meal once in a while, but once that cheat meal is over, you must have

the discipline to stay focused on long-term health.

Our society is loaded with temptations and the food industry itself is counting on the average person to become addicted to refined sugar. This keeps customers coming back and is great for profits. Sadly, it is not so good for our health.

Question: How do I "lean out"? How do I "bulk up"?

Answer: It is amazing how similar these two goals actually are. A typical adult client may come to us looking to lose 20 pounds of body fat. While an athlete hoping to play football may look for advice to bulk up. I advise them both to crank up the protein levels using the same formula. Here it is: Take your body weight and round it down to the nearest 25-pound increment. This number is equal to the number of grams of protein you should eat per day. This simple rules follows

many of the guidelines found in the literature.

The first thing you will notice is the size of this number. That is a LOT of protein. The key difference between an individual looking to lose weight and the high school athlete looking to gain muscle mass is carbohydrate intake.

Someone looking to lose 20 pounds must limit the carbs -- especially processed carbs such as bread, rice, cereal, pasta, crackers and all refined sugars. The athlete looking to gain size must eat a high level of carbohydrates. Muscle building is dependent upon able carb intake. Notice I am not mentioning much about fat intake. Fat is not the real problem here.

Remember the expression: Fat does not make you fat. Carbs make you fat and we use protein to control it.

It does get much more detailed than this as we dial things in, but that is beyond the scope of this column.

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Crowd gathers to celebrate 'Living the Dream' on King Day



Diane Laurent, right, and Sharon Legall shake hands after speaking at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration and Brunch.

▼ Pastor Lyndon A. Myers smiles at attendees.



About 125 community members gathered at Andover Baptist Church Monday to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and enjoy a community brunch.

As part of the celebration, six A Better Chance members and one ABC friend delivered "Living the Dream Short Monologues," giving examples of how the dream talked about by King is being lived today. People spoke of how they were standing on the shoulders of their ancestors.

"I was very satisfied with the turnout of the Andover community. We host the Martin Luther King event expressly to open our doors to the greater community and it was very pleasing to share this MLK holiday with our neighbors and fellow citizens of Andover and surrounding towns," reported Pastor Lyndon A. Myers.

While staying with



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photos

Many people attended the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration and Brunch at the Andover Baptist Church at the corner of Essex and Central streets.

the theme of "Living the Dream," Keynote Speaker Charles E. Walker

Jr. shared how the achievements of his father, a World War II Tuskegee Airman, have allowed him to "live the dream."

Walker was one of three speakers who has a relative who served as a Tuskegee Airman. Alisha Myers delivered a short monologue where she spoke about her great-grandfather, also a Tuskegee Airman. Ralph Cornelius Bledsoe spoke

about his uncle, a Tuskegee Airman Medical Corpsman. Bledsoe then gave a powerful delivery of "I Have Been to the Mountaintop."

Following the celebration in the church, a soul food brunch was held downstairs at the Andover Baptist Church. The food was a hit, and church members expect soul food to be a part of next year's event also.



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Life of Job Tyler: Andover's original pioneer?

Bill Dalton



There was a "tradition" that Job Tyler was already in Andover when the first documented settlers arrived. That's according to Sarah Loring Bailey, whose detailed accounts of Andover's earliest happenings are incomparably described in her 1880 book, "Historical Sketches of Andover Massachusetts" (Houghton, Mifflin and Company - Boston). She speculates as to whether being here first may have given him a sense of entitlement [not her exact words]. We will never know;

however, it would have taken a great deal of courage to live alone in the wilderness. The first solid documentation of Tyler or his family occurs in 1648, when his wife was mentioned as being a victim of an accused witch, John Godfrey of Andover. The Godfrey events occur decades before the Salem witch trial hysteria. Godfrey was said to cause the Devil to appear in many shapes, and one of those shapes was a bird that "had come to suck the wife of Job Tyler, of Andover, and she and others had fallen into strange fits and sickness." (Bailey). Godfrey was acquitted and sued his accusers for defamation, presumably including Tyler. Perhaps Tyler was ordered to pay damages to Godfrey or perhaps not, but in 1650, Tyler mortgaged his

house, land, and three cows to a Newbury man, an unusual transaction by a pioneer. Among the first documented settlers were the Chandlers, and by 1658 Thomas Chandler was a respected blacksmith. According to him, the following events took place. Job Tyler apprenticed his son, Hopestill, to Chandler. The apprenticeship contract was drafted by a man who kept it in his house. Job Tyler, having changed his mind about the apprenticeship, entered that house and took or destroyed the contract. Tyler, of course, denied this, and apparently was never charged with theft. However, the record shows that civil litigation ensued, and the cases of Chandler v. Tyler and Tyler v. Chandler went on for over 10 years (Bailey).

Chandler was a man of relative wealth, who would later serve in the General Court. Simon Bradstreet, who was Andover's most important man and would one day be governor, was the chief witness for Chandler, saying he had read the contract before its disappearance and found it to be valid. Adding to his credibility was the detail he offered as to the contract's terms: Hopestill was to serve as an apprentice to Chandler for nine and a half years in return for room, board, washing, and clothes, and Chandler was to teach Hopestill to read and write. During the court actions, Job Tyler was granted the status of a pauper, which relieved him of court costs and monetary fines exceeding six pounds. However, when he lost

a defamation suit by Chandler in 1665, he was required to post at the meeting houses in Andover and Roxbury, where Tyler was then living, the following notice: "... I, Job Tyler, have shamefully reproached Thomas Chandler of Andover by saying he is a base, lying, cozening, cheating knave, that he hath got his estate by cozening in a base reviling manner & that he was recorded for a liar & that he was a cheating, lying whoering knave fit for all manner of bawdrey, wishing that the devil had him. Therefore I Job Tyler do acknowledge that I have in these expressions most wickedly slandered the said Thomas Chandler..." (Bailey). I wonder if Chandler was happy with this posting, especially with the detailing of Tyler's accusations.

Job Tyler and his bewitched wife disappeared from Andover history when they moved to Roxbury, but they left two sons here, Hopestill and Moses. As for Hopestill, things turned out alright, but it took a while. In 1687, 22 years after his father's litigation, Andover granted him the right to set up a blacksmith shop near his home in the south end of town (now Andover). Moses lived in Buxford and had a son whom he named after his father, Job. Moses is buried in North Andover. Sarah Loring Bailey said that, although Tyler descendants were spread throughout New England, none were left in Andover. *Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. His email address is Bill-Dalton@AndoverTownie.com.*

PAIR OF TOUGH MUDDERS

For Hadads, exercise strengthens relationship

JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

There's love and then there's Tough Mudder love. The Hadads, a fitness-loving couple from Andover, are all about the latter.

Toni and Rich Hadad believe their involvement in exercise makes their relationship stronger, and they travel around the country to take part in Tough Mudder events.

Tough Mudder events are 10- to 12-mile obstacle courses described as "designed by British Special Forces to test your strength, stamina and mental grit," according to the website toughmudder.com.

"We love doing it because not only do proceeds go to the Wounded Warrior Project, but it is a way for us as a couple to stay in shape," said Toni Hadad, a Yang's Fitness Studio workout-a-holic who is known as very intense about her passion.

"We get to spend some time together and help each other get through the course. He (husband Rich) helps me get over the 12 foot walls," she said. "We love it."

The Hadads, both Andover High School graduates, own Ultimate Perk coffee shop on Main Street. They have owned it for 10 years. So, it's not surprising that their self-named fitness team for Tough Mudder competition events is Team Caffeine.

"Yes, I drink coffee but I don't touch those," said the petite Toni, referring to the delicious but high calorie sweets lining the shelves at her business.



Toni and Rich Hadad of Andover after finishing a Tough Mudder obstacle course.

COURTESY PHOTO

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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50 Years Ago
Jan. 24, 1963

100 Years Ago
Jan. 24, 1913

The new Colonial Theatre on Essex street opened on Wednesday evening for its initial performance. There was a large audience present.

Edward Bailey, the 17-year-old son of Nathan Bailey of River Road, West Andover, met with a terrifying but fortunately not serious accident, on Sunday evening about 8 o'clock. The boy, together with some guests who had been visiting at the Bailey home, had driven to the Beacon Street car line; he had put his friends onto the car, and was proceeding towards home, when a man, whom young Bailey described as quite tall and wearing a gray sweater and cap, sprang out of the bushes and, grabbing the fur robe in the boy's wagon, tried to make off with it. Considerably alarmed but still courageous, the boy held onto the robe and commenced to call for help. After two or three futile attempts, the man became enraged, pulled the boy from the team, and plunged a large knife into his body. The keen, razor-like edge cut through the boy's overcoat and other clothing, but did not pierce the skin. After dealing a final blow over the head with the handle of the knife, the man gave up his brutal attack and disappeared in the direction of Toye's icehouses.

75 Years Ago
Jan. 21, 1938

Political activity let down somewhat this week, but enough additional candidates took out papers to bring the total number of names on the ballot to well over 45.

The town employees' old age pension law, adopted by the town at the last state election, will cost taxpayer nearly a dollar on the tax rate this year, the selectmen stated last night. Over \$12,000 will have to be appropriated for this purpose, and this expenditure will continue for several years, gradually tapering off.

State Sen. Frank D. Babcock of this district is entering a bill in the legislature allowing the state department of public works the power of restricting truck traffic on certain streets, in accordance with a request made of him by the Andover highway safety committee.

The condition of young Roger Dea, who was hurt while sliding is reported improving. Roger, who is one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dea of 28 Summer St., ran into a slowly moving automobile, while sliding down the driveway at this home last Saturday afternoon. He received numerous bruises and a slight concussion of the brain, but X-ray developments showed no broken bones.

The 48-hour-week for firefighters must go on the ballot. Town Counsel Fredric S. O'Brien has ruled that, despite requests to withdraw the question, it must go to the voters for action.

A 46-article town warrant has been officially closed—and the selectmen have grouped the articles for consideration by Town Meeting. Total value of all the articles is pegged at \$3,412,000. Chief among the proposed expenditures is the new town hall, police and fire stations, at \$1,500,000. Urban Renewal is listed at \$359,000. The sewer projects to be done with accelerated federal funds come to \$880,000. Rogers Brook is listed at \$150,000; land acquisition at \$100,000; stabilization fund, \$100,000.

R. Wayne Long, 34, 291 South Main St., is a candidate for selectman at the town election March 4. He is the first announced candidate for the position.

A sliding accident Jan. 17, on the hill behind his home on Rocky Hill Road, has put 10-year old James Kidd on crutches and ended his participation in winter sports for the season. A long cast, extending from the ankle to above the knee, was necessary to immobilize the fractured shin bone.

25 Years Ago
Jan. 21, 1988

There will undoubtedly be an article in the upcoming Town Meeting warrant authorizing the selectmen to mandate recycling. It has not yet been decided exactly what will be mandated first; maybe newspapers. Glass might come next and then, by spring, we may have grass clippings and leaves removed from the waste system. Watch for the town warrant and come to Town Meeting.

With less than a month before the filing deadline for several elected school and town jobs, only three Andover citizens have turned in nomination papers. So far, incumbent selectman Gail Ralston, challenger Jim Barenboim and incumbent moderator James Doherty have accumulated the required 93 signatures and returned them to town hall, said Town Clerk Elden R. Salter.

In first day testimony, three prosecution witnesses told jurors Tuesday they believed Constance Morris was under the influence of alcohol at the scene of a tragic car accident last year that claimed the life of one Andover youth and seriously injured two others. Morris, 52, the wife of Tewksbury Fire Chief James Morris, is charged with vehicular homicide and two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol in connection with the February 1987 death of Andover High student Peter Cookson.

Preparing to celebrate in style



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Members of Yangs Martial Arts in Andover practice for their Chinese New Year performance at China Blossom Restaurant in North Andover. Tara MacKenzie, 18, left, will control the head of one lion and Theresa Yeo, 17, the head of the other with help from Ethan Donahue and Alex Gamble, both 16, during the dance they will perform at the event in February. Everybody is from Andover.

Travel the world with free films throughout February

Boomerventure films

Lois Karfunkel

This February enjoy the winter comfort of a cozy room, soft chairs, friends, and even movie snacks and come to the BoomerVenture Screening Room Thursday

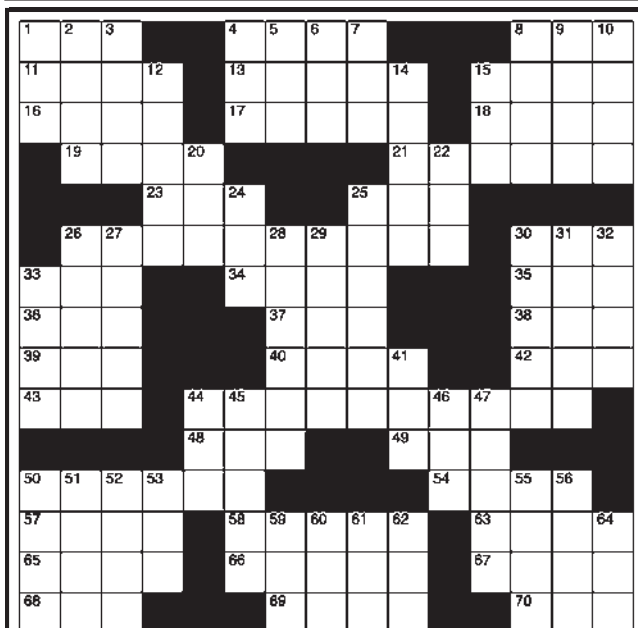
night films. All residents are invited to attend these free screenings. The movies are shown at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court (behind Town Hall) and generally start at 7 p.m. with a brief "chat" beforehand. A selection of snacks is available. The month's offerings

start on Feb. 7 with Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry, the powerful documentary about Ai Weiwei. An American filmmaker had unique access to this world-renowned heroic Chinese artist and activist. The movie follows his travels to major art museums and around China as he promotes his iconoclastic art. The film includes the period after he was detained by the state and a gag order issued. Boomers

are invited to come early at 6:30 to participate in a discussion of the BoomerVenture's future programming and to help direct this Andover offering's growth and expansion. The movie begins at 7:30. Following this moving story will be the Woody Allen romantic comedy To Rome with Love. As viewers, not only do we get a star-studded ensemble cast in this hilarious comedy, but we get to go

on a travelogue around Rome and its environ. What could be better on a cold February night? This movie will start at the usual Screening Room time of 7 p.m. with a brief chat beforehand. There will be no movie on Feb. 21st, as BoomerVenture is on break. But the program starts up again with a bang on Feb. 28 when the series will show the Academy Award Best Picture nominated film, Beasts of the

Southern Wild. The movie's official synopsis describes the plot as follows: "In a forgotten but defiant bayou community cut off from the rest of the world by a sprawling levee, a 6-year-old girl exists on the brink of orphanhood. Buoyed by her childish optimism and extraordinary imagination, she believes that the natural order is in balance with the universe until a fierce storm changes her reality."



CLUES ACROSS

1. Point that is one point E of due S
4. Slithered
8. Brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
11. Direct the steering of a ship
13. Chops with irregular blows
15. Plural of hitum
16. Incline from vertical (geo.)
17. Simple word forms
18. Paddles
19. Roman garment
21. Meat skewers
23. Ethiopia (abbr.)
25. The cry made by sheep
26. Beatty-Benning movie
30. Concealed
33. Political action committee
34. High rock piles (Old English)
35. Scottish county (abbr.)
36. Goat and camel hair fabric

37. A very large body of water
38. Fabric stain
39. Israeli city ____ Aviv
40. Shoe's underside
42. Military legal corps
43. Path. Hearst's captors
44. Undecided
48. ____ death do us part
49. Supervises flying
50. Many headed monsters
54. Literary language of Pakistan
57. Halo
58. Hawaiian hello
63. Lubricants
65. Mild exclamation
66. Greek fresh-water nymph
67. Nickname for grandmother
68. A restaurant bill
69. Automaker Ransom E.
70. A young man

CLUES DOWN

1. Singular cardinals hypothesis (abbr.)
2. Small water craft
3. Opposite of ceto
4. The woman
5. Skeletal muscle
6. Devoid of warmth and cordiality
7. Decimeter
8. Italian goodbye
9. Mediation council
10. Impudence
12. A desert in S Israel
14. Japanese seaport
15. Nob or goblin
20. Ingested
22. Swiss river
24. Protects head from weather
25. Lava rock
26. Designer identifier
27. 34470 L1
28. Petrified ancient animal
29. Gas used in refrigeration

30. Journeys to Mecca
31. 8th month, Jewish calendar
32. Small indefinite quantity
33. Taps
41. Extremely high frequency
44. Iguanidae genus
45. From the Leaning Tower's city
46. Cologne
47. Moses' elder brother (Bible)
50. A minute amount (Scott)
51. Hindi name for 4 epochs
52. Padded and dull
53. Radioactivity unit
55. The face of a clock
56. The inner forearm bone
59. Tai language of the Mekong region
60. Embrocate
61. Possessed
62. Public promotions
64. Sorrowful

Solution in Classified Section

Queen and her court



On Sunday, Jan. 20, the girls from the seventh and eighth grade Navy Seals basketball team traveled to Boston College to watch Andover's Nicole Boudreau and the BC women's basketball team play Wake Forest. Following the game Nicole was received by and posed for a photo with her Andover fans. Boudreau, at center in Boston College sweatshirt, scored more points than any other player in Andover High history.

TOUGH MUDDER: Local couple competes together

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Dressed in hot pink Asics sneaker-clad, she explains that the courses include an Electricshock Therapy trap on an obstacle course.

"Wires carry 10,000 volts of electricity so when you get hit, you go down," she said.

There's the Artic Enema event where a dumpster is filled with ice; contestants don't want to sink in that tub.

The couple have tackled Tough Mudder obstacle courses in Vermont, California and two races in Tampa, Fla. They love competing in the military style challenges with their goal to finish the course and earn an orange headband. Toni insists that it keeps their marriage alive.

The Hadads are typical 9-to-5ers. Toni, a 1983 AHS graduate, is 47 and works



Toni Hadad works out by pulling her daughter, Skylar, around their Marion Avenue neighborhood on a sled.

full-time as an art director at Timberland in Stratham, N.H. where she spends her lunch hour running fitness boot camps. She's also a freelance art director and designer who

is currently redesigning the Memorial Hall Library logo. She is the force behind her coffee shop's attractive seasonal decorations.

Rich Hadad is a 1987 AHS

graduate, and is a certified public accountant. The couple has two children, Evan, 8 and Skylar, 13.

It's living by-the-minute for this busy couple as the alarm goes off at 4 a.m. and working out at Yang's begins for Toni around 4:30 a.m. At 6 a.m., she is at Ultimate Perk, making sure it's ready for business, then it's back home to get the kids ready for school. She works from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and goes to bed at 9:30 p.m.

Sure, it's a demanding schedule, but she loves it.

"You've got to move," she said. "If you have five minutes, you can find 30 minutes in a day for a workout. So, do it even it's early in the morning...I do it because it's fun, I do it with my husband and I want to be around for my kids."

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

MILITARY CHALLENGE, first annual townwide Troop Challenge to benefit the Run for Troops 5k/Homes for Troops, 7 to 9 p.m., Yang's Fitness Center, 5 Dundee Park. Do you have what it takes to compete in a military showdown? Come compete or cheer. \$25 per person, registration and tickets are on sale now; YangsFitnessCenter.com, 978-475-2020.

FREE MOVIE, "Happy," 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454, uuanover.org. The screening will be followed by a discussion. Please feel free to bring a portable chair (e.g., a lawnchair) for more comfortable seating.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR TALK, Holocaust survivor Leo Ullman will speak at 8 p.m. in Kemper Auditorium at Phillips Academy. His presentation will be based on his recently published book, "From a hidden child in occupied Amsterdam to a 'Preppy' at Andover—surviving the Holocaust." The event, which takes place on National Holocaust Remembrance Day, is free and open to the public.

MOVIE NIGHT, 5 to 8 p.m., \$15/child, adults are free, includes playtime, movie ticket, snack & craft; Imagine That.

NEW EXHIBIT, The Conant Gallery, Lowell, presents the mixed media art of Westford's Margot Stage. The exhibit, titled "What's Left Behind," explores memory, legacy, and the cycles of life, through Feb. 28.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

TASTES & TREASURES BENEFIT, this auction supports local schools learning town history, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Town House, 20 Main St., Andover. Tickets are \$35 and sponsorship opportunities range from \$50 to \$500; Andover Historical Society, 978-475-2236.

LIVE MUSIC, the Phillips Academy Music Department will present senior students performing in seven concertos with piano accompaniment. This concert, free and open to the public, will take place in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible; 978-749-4260, music@andover.edu.

LIVE MUSIC, the Ivy Chord Coffee House located at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading, presents an evening with internationally acclaimed John Gorka, \$25, seniors or students \$23. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., and the concert starts at 8 p.m. (open seating); uureading.org/concerts.

CHILI CONTEST, (snow date Jan. 27), noon to 4 p.m., the Brush Art Gallery & Studios, 256 Market St. (behind the Nat'l Park Visitor Center), Lowell. Sample from a variety of delicious pots of chili in two categories: professional and amateur. Vote for your favorite, \$10; thebrush.org.

WINE TASTING, The Wine Connection, in North Andover, host "Italy Uncorked" from the world's largest and most diverse wine producing country, noon to 5 p.m., 117 Main St., North Andover. Tasting is complimentary; Must be 21+.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING, Beginner's Night, 7 to 8:15 p.m., 1580 Osgood St., North Andover (Osgood Landing). Open to all ages and levels, no partner needed, \$2 per person; Anne Schwartz, 781-942-3659, anne.israelidancer@gmail.com.

LOCAL HIKE, Rafton Reservation, Andover, 10 a.m., AVIS' 44th annual snowshoe and X-C ski trek. Park near leaf composting area. No pets. Hike if no snow, rain cancels. Leader, David Dargie, 978-996-4475, david@dargie.com.

BEING A QUAKER TALK, Edward Gerrish Mair will speak at the First Religious of Newburyport on the subject of "Being a Quaker in the 21st Century." Mair says that most people don't realize that today the largest group of Quakers in the world are not in England or the US. They are in Kenya and they are bible reading born again Christians, 10:30 a.m., The First Religious Society, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport. Free and open to the public.

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Sherry Lundquist shows her self portrait of a "dancing goddess" during the Women's Spirituality event at the UU Congregation, where new and experienced artists could create self portraits using different mediums.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Getting in touch with oneself

Andover women have a chance to untap their inner artist while getting in touch with their spiritual side.

Resident Thea Shapiro leads a monthly art workshop called "Art and Spirit" at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Locke Street, where she serves as the director of religious education. Shapiro is also a mixed media artist, and was recently ordained in Interfaith Ministry.

In the January workshop, she led participants in making non-traditional self portraits. Some portraits were based on words instead of drawing; in others, we used collage and stenciling from photographs. The next workshop, to be held Feb. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m., will be devoted to making Valentines for friends, lovers, children or grandchildren, or anyone special in one's life. "While we make art, we will enjoy chocolate, tea and wine," according to Shapiro. The \$15 fee covers supplies and refreshments. This program will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover.

A guided art experience called Women's Spirituality through self portraits was held last Saturday afternoon. Above, Suzanne Robert looks through an art book while displaying her artwork.



An event called Women's Spirituality through self portraits was held last Saturday afternoon. It was a guided art experience of fun, reflection, sharing and making of self portraits. Attending the event, from left, are Sandy Hitchins, Sherry Lundquist, Tracy Tyler-O'Reilly, Suzanne Robert, Sue Hart and Thea Shapiro.



Young actresses Emily Wivell and Jessica Carroll are part of the Stoneham Theatre's Winter Festival.

Locals perform in youth theater

Four Andover students and one North Andover student have been taking the stage at Stoneham Theatre during the theater's ongoing Winter Festival.

Stoneham Theatre's young company offers year-round theatrical training and performing opportunities for

children ages 7 to 18. This year's Winter Festival has been showcase three musicals adapted from classic stories: A Year with Frog and Toad; Honk!, which is based on The Ugly Duckling; and Jane Eyre: the musical.

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Tambakos Film Festival launches at Merrimack

The free, three month long Tambakos Film Festival & International Film Series is underway at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College.

All film screenings are free to the public and begin at 7 p.m. People can arrive at 6:30 for refreshments and commentary on the films. The series was set to kick off last night, Wednesday, Jan. 23 with the classic science fiction adventure "Forbidden Planet," directed by Fred McLeod Wilcox.

Future films, and descriptions of them as provided by the Rogers Center are:

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

International Film Series

"In the Mood for Love"

Chow and Li-Zhen become more than friends when they realize that their spouses are having an affair. Modish costumes, lavish sets and rich moody lighting set the tone for this stylish drama that takes place in Hong Kong in the '60s.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

"Grandma's Boy"

Always the mama's boy, or in this case a grandma's boy, Sonny joins a posse after a tramp accused of robbery and murder. He is unable to conquer his cowardice until Grandma tells him of his grandfather, also a coward, who overcame his fears with the help of a magic amulet. With new courage (and the charm), Sonny captures the fugitive and becomes the hero of the day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Tambakos Film Series

"To Have and Have Not"

This Howard Hawks directed masterpiece is the film that provided Lauren Bacall with her first featured role. It is adapted from Hemingway's daring story about a cynical Caribbean seaman who becomes deeply involved in a mission for the French resistance.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

International Film Series

"Detained"

"Detained" follows families in the immediate aftermath of the largest workplace immigration raid in Massachusetts. The raid took place at a factory in New Bedford where undocumented immigrant workers were making military vests for soldiers in Iraq. Footage edited while still shooting the film was used by Sen. Ted Kennedy to reunite infants with mothers who were detained in the raid.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

Tambakos Film Series

"Meet Me in St. Louis"

"Meet Me in St. Louis" was Vincente

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Winter art exhibits unfurled



"Stone, Wood, Metal, Mesh: Prints and Printmaking" is one of three winter exhibits being planned at the Addison Gallery of American Art. It opens Jan. 19 and explores ancient and modern printmaking techniques. Above: Edward Hopper (1882-1967), The Cat Boat, 1922, etching on paper, 7 3/4 in. x 9 3/4 in. (19.69 cm x 24.77 cm), 2003.66, bequest of A.G. Heidrich, Jr. (PA 1939), in memory of his father Arthur (PA 1905).

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TAMBAKOS:

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Minnelli's first color film and is a captivating evocation of family life in St. Louis at the time of the 1904 World's Fair. "The Boy Next Door," "Trolley Song," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" are a few of the songs featured in this lovely musical.

All events are subject to change. For more information, contact the Rogers Center Box Office at 978-837-5355. Films sponsored by the Tambakos Fund created by George Furth in memory of Merrimack alum Peter Tambakos. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Methuen, Andover, and North Andover Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

THEATER:

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Andover resident Emily Wivell and North Andover resident Jessica Carroll were selected for Jane Eyre: the musical. Based on the novel by Charlotte Brontë, Jane Eyre: the musical follows the story of an ill-treated orphan girl as she grows into womanhood, according to the theater group.

Andover residents Caroline Hall, Joseph Hall, and Caela Flanagan were selected for A Year with Frog and Toad. Based on the Frog and Toad stories written and illustrated by Arnold Lobel, the production follows the musical journey of two friends, a worrywart toad and a perky frog, through a year's worth of adventures. Stoneham Theatre's young company Winter Festival runs through Jan. 27.

Tickets for adults are \$15. Student tickets are \$10. For more information, call the Stoneham Theatre Box Office at 781-279-2200, or visit stonehamtheatre.org.

Andover teacher, students offer 'Musical Gifts'

Young Andover musicians were a big part of a group that brought the spirit of the holiday season to Edgewood Retirement Community last month.

Students of Andover music teacher Susan Cancro Brown, who give an annual music recital in June for the residents of Edgewood in North Andover, this year returned for a Dec. 23 holiday recital called "Musical Gifts for the Holidays."

Fifteen students, ranging in age from 4 to 14, played holiday favorites on the piano and flute to over 100 friends, family and residents.

"The residents so enjoyed our past recital that they specifically requested we return for the holidays," said Brown, in a release.

Andover students who performed are Colin Bouley, Emma Brown, Katherine Carroll, Abigail Johnson, Alex Lee, Kate Lee, Amy Liu and Dora Liu.

"The students were so happy to return to Edgewood. Those who performed for the first time said it was a wonderful experience. And after the recital, the residents expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the performance," according to Brown. "It was a very

positive experience for all involved. Many parents expressed their thanks that the recital is presented in this manner rather than a more formal experience. This way the students still get to perform, but they also get to feel good about themselves for having given back."

Following the performance there was a light reception where the young performers were able to meet with residents.

Brown has been teaching music privately for over 25 years.

She has a private music studio on Wild Rose Drive.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andoverites who participated in a recent concert at Edgewood are, from left, back row: students Amy Liu, Emma Brown and Abigail Johnson, with music teacher Susan Cancro Brown; front row: Katherine Carroll, Colin Bouley, Dora Liu, Alex Lee and Kate Lee.

Brass and organ concert at Christ Church

The 2013 series Music at Christ Church Andover will present James Thompson Brass Quintet, with Barbara Bruns on the C. B. Fisk organ, on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the church, 33 Central St.

The performance will begin at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is \$15 for adults, or \$10 for students and seniors.

The James Thompson Brass Quintet and Christ Church Minister of Music Barbara Bruns have performed together on several occasions in past years, most recently heard in concert at the Old West Church, Boston, after

which they started recording a CD featuring the C. B. Fisk organ there. The recording will be finished with the new Fisk organ at Christ Church following this concert.

Thompson, leader of the brass quintet, is professor at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. He has played principal trumpet in the Atlanta Symphony and the Montreal Symphony, where he recorded two trumpet concertos written for him. He has recently performed as a guest of the symphony orchestras of Baltimore, Los Angeles and New York. The concert will present,

together with other works, the "Procession of the Nobles" by famed Russian composer Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (d. 1908) from his opera/ballet Mlada on themes of Russian origin. Viewers of TV news will recognize the central stirring tune as the theme used for the show Inside Washington. The concert concludes with the majestic Grand Choeur Dialogue for brass and organ by Eugene Gigout (d. 1925), organist and composer for over 60 years at the church and organ of Saint-Augustin in Paris.

Members of the quintet have close ties with Boston,

according to a release. Doctor of Musical Arts from NEC. He has performed with the Boston Symphony, Boston Pops and the Boston Modern Orchestra Project. He has recorded one of his compositions with Bruns, organist, also the recipient of a graduate degree from NEC. Bass trombonist Gabriel Langfur has performed with the Boston Symphony and Pops, the Boston Modern Orchestra Project and the orchestra of Boston Ballet. He holds a graduate degree from NEC and teaches at Boston University.

For more information, call Christ Church at 978-475-0529.

Dueling pens: Peace poetry competition underway

Students in kindergarten through grade 12 attending both public and private schools, as well as adults affiliated with the schools, and Northern Essex Community College students, are invited to participate in

Northern Essex Community College's Fifth Annual Peace Poetry Contest and Reading.

Participants may create and submit original poems on the subject of peace.

The deadline for submission is Friday, March 15.

Some 80 poems and accompanying artwork will be selected for publication in a small book of poetry to be published later in the spring.

In addition, selected entrants will be invited to

take part in a poetry reading from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 3 in the Hartleb Technology Center on Northern Essex's Haverhill Campus.

Entries can be submitted to peacepoetry@necc.mass.edu or NECC Peace Poetry

Contest, 100 Elliott St., Spurk 317H, Haverhill, MA 01830-2399.

For more information, contact Paul Saint-Amand at psaintamand@necc.mass.edu or 978-556-3307, or visit necc.mass.edu.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, JAN. 29

KEURAC TALKS & READINGS, The UMass Lowell Libraries will host a free five-part reading and discussion series focusing on three of Jack Kerouac's Lowell-centric novels: "The Town and the City," "Visions of Gerard" and "Magie Cassidy," with UMass Lowell English Prof. Todd Tietchen leading discussions. All programs run from 7 to 9 p.m. and, unless otherwise noted, will be held at

O'Leary Library Learning Commons at 61 Wilder St. on UMass Lowell's South Campus. Advance registration is not required, but highly encouraged. Those who pre-register will receive a copy of "The Town and the City" by mail. Free copies of the other titles will be distributed at the program. To obtain program materials or to register, go online to libguides.uml.edu/kerouac or contact Marks at 978-934-4581.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

FREE INTERNATIONAL FILM, "In the Mood for Love," Commentary at 6:30 p.m.

Screening at 7 p.m., Rogers Center at Merrimack College; 978-837-7000.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

JOB SEARCH TALK, The Boomer's Top Ten Daily Checklist, a program about the job search process as it relates to Baby Boomers, will be presented, 7 p.m., the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. Presenters Kevin Walsh, Steve Buell and Tom Procopio know it's hard to get up in the morning when you have the hardest job in the world: Getting a Job. They will share what they have learned

from their own experiences, free and open to the public; 978-664-4942.

LIVE STRING QUARTET, Brooklyn Rider, Rogers Center, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m., \$25; 978-837-5355, merrimack.edu/rogers.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

STRANGE TYPOGRAPHIC TALES, 10 a.m., The Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover. Discover strange stories, legends and tales of type. Dedicated to preserving the history of the graphic arts, graphic design,

printing equipment and printing craftsmanship. Please note: The exhibit space at the Museum of Printing is handicap accessible but the lecture space on the 2nd floor is accessible via stairs only. Reservations required, Essex Heritage & Museum of Printing Members \$10; Non-Members \$15; essexheritage.org/membership/events, 978-740-0444.

MONDAY, FEB. 4

MEETING, The Shawsheen Village Woman's Club, 1 p.m., Tactician Corp., 305 No. Main St., Andover for "Women in

History: Catherine the Great", presented by Muriel Dyas; (978) 475-4481.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB MEETING, Andover Garden Club Luncheon and "Greening Our Campuses" Program, 10 a.m., Salvatore's (Sal's Pizza and Italian Restaurant), 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence, \$15 (includes refreshments and lunch). Reservations must be made by Jan. 24; Anne Feeny, 978-475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net.

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Education

Silver strike for Andover High show choirs

Both Andover High show choirs competing at a local festival Saturday returned home with silver awards.

On Saturday, Jan. 19, both of the Andover High School show choirs performed at the 12th Annual Mill City Show Choir Festival. In all, 11 teams participated in the all-day competition, representing Waltham High, Dracut High, Case High, Shepherd Hill High, Daniel Hand High (Connecticut), Oliver Ames High, Somerset High and Lowell High schools.

Andover High School has two show choirs, both under the direction of Mark Mercer and choreographed by Beth Kennedy. They are "Nothing But Treble," an all-ladies show choir, and "From Start to Finish," a mixed show choir.

In the previous two years that Andover High has competed at Mill City, Andover has only been able to reach bronze status. This year, however, both groups received a silver award, scoring close to the top groups of the evening. In addition, "From Start to Finish" received a Judges' Award for special recognition of its opening number.

The overall show judge stated, "This show's opening number could easily double as an Opening Olympic



The all female Nothing But Treble show choir earned high marks.

Ceremony act."

The two show choirs have more competitions awaiting them this season. They will head to the Central Massachusetts Show Choir Festival on Feb. 2, followed by the New England Show Choir Classic on March 2. They will then head to the FAME Events National Show Choir Competition in New York City March 7 through 10 to compete with show choirs from all over the country. If they place in the top groups, they could be invited to the FAME Events National Show Choir Finals in Chicago.



Andover High School's From Start to Finish Mixed Show Choir mixed it up with other groups from the area and came home with a silver award, and special recognition of its opening number.

ON CAMPUS

The following students were named to the University of Delaware dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Alexandre Alois, Meredith Bilodeau, Nathan Bryant, Lily Guttentag, Rebecca Jacobs, Michelle Kleger, Justin Lippa, Laura Massey, Rebecca Noymer and Rachel Stern.** To meet eligibility requirements for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.33 or above for the semester.

Leah Cairns, daughter of Jane Dietzel-Cairns and Glenn Cairns, was named to the Hamilton College dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above. Cairns, a senior majoring in biochemistry/molecular biology, is a graduate of Andover High School.

The following students were named to the Saint Anselm College dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Kaitlyn Beaumont**, English major; Class of 2016; **Rachel Doolan**, Spanish major; Class of 2015; **Alexis Latsey**, nursing major; Class of 2016; **Joseph Mullin**, financial economics major; Class of 2013; and **Kendall Wipff**, history major; Class of 2015. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

David Hathaway, son of Janet

Hathaway and Stephen Hathaway, was named to the Furman University dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

Christian Benedix, a marketing major, was named to the Clemson University president's list for the fall 2012 semester. To be named to the president's list, a student must achieve a 4.0 grade point average.

The following students were named to the North Shore Community College dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Kelly Broderick-Peck, Shelley Caruso, Amanda Davolio, Rudolph Hall, Diane Kraffon, Susan Margiotta, Brittany Peck, Cheryl Robbins, Maria Rockwell, Hannah Stidsen, Grace Tomaszewski and Lan Tran.**

Michael Freedman, a computer science major, was named to the Clemson University dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

The following students were named to the Salem State University dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Casey Ann Colbert, Mary Gavel, Eric Hooker, Megan Horn, Naomi Kiangonyo, Diane Ladd, Janet Muasya and Daniel O'Rourke.**

Doherty Middle School announces term 1 honor roll

The following students made the honor roll at Doherty Middle School for the first term of the 2012-2013 school year. The list is provided by Doherty Middle. To earn high honors a student must have all As and no more than one B grade. Students who earn honors must have all As and Bs.

HIGH HONORS, GRADE 6

Jaynia Batsimm
Ryan Beckwith
Maia Blake
Sam Boshar
John Boyle
Katherine Brink
Caroline Buck
Marilyn Cardin
Bill Chen
Natalie Claman
Katharine Clancy
Bridget Conlon
Zachary Crews
John Curtin
Jake Dalton
Caroline Damiani
Jason Denoncourt
Neel Desai
Kristen Donnelly
Alexander Durham
Benjamin Eckman
Georgia Ezell
John Fietze
Caela Flanagan
Patrick Fragala
Audrey Gallacher
Thomas Garvey
Erik Glover
Owen Glover
Michael Goldsmith
Joshua Gordon
Samuel Green
Florence Grenon
Caroline Hall
Helen He
Benjamin Hoffman
Spencer Hovel
Jacob Hudgins
Emily Jackson
Brianna Jean-Laurent
Emma Joel
Hope Joel
Liza Kwass
Alexander Lane
Darya Lee

Seungwon Lim
Kelton Lin
Evita Lopez
Sophia Lynch
Elise MacDonald
Samantha Martin
Meghan McDonough
Amanda McHardy
Tyler Murphy
Emily Nason
Rebecca Page
Gabriel Papazian
Katherine Payne
Adam Peters
Gregory Poelker-McKee
Anna Pomeroy
Christabel Preller
Brianna Preston
Caroline Quail
David Ritter
Elissa Rizzo
Caroline Ross
Samira Sayan
Jillian Schuck
Hannah Shell
Joyce Shen
Iti Singh
Isobel Smith
Rishi Srinivasan
Sarah Sullivan
Samantha Sylvester
Joshua Tao
Andrew Theriault
Hannah Tjalsma
Ariadna Vecchio
Pranav Veluri
Elaina Ventre
Savya Virmani
Conor Walsh
Rian Walsh
Alexander Wessel
Eleanor Yates
Dominic Yin
Anya Zhong

HIGH HONORS, GRADE 7

Abigail Alepa
Charles Alex
Priscilla Bibeau
Tucker Blanch
Kenzie Boynton
Flynn Bryan
Anthony Capone
Caiilin Carleo
Sarah Carmichael
Frances Chu
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Julie Clark
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Katherine Dankert
Nikhil Deliwala
Cailey Denoncourt
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Bridget Lareau
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Maggie Livingston
Peter Logee
Kabetheni Maheswaran
Isabelle Mellor

Benjamin Meyer-Idzik
Elise Miner
John Moreland
Jennifer Morris
Liam Murphy
Marianne Ngo
Jason O'Dwyer
Stine Ornes
Steven Parrill
Thomas Pendleton
Jeffrey Resnik
Georgia Rex
Abigail Rocca
Abhijeet Sambangi
Alexandra Scott
Harry Secor
Stephen Serrao
Alesh Shah
Kristen Stark
Sasha Stecher
Madelaine Steffenson
Taylor Stevens
Jordan Torres
Gabrielle Vaccaro
Jessica Vaudo
Alice Wang
John Witt
Genevieve Wybenga

HIGH HONORS, GRADE 8

Liam Alden
Isabelle Allen
Adi Arifovic
Long-Quan Bach
Jessica Barry
Gavin Batsimm
Julia Beckwith
Grayson Beherrell
Peter Berube
Aiden Blasi
Samantha Blumstein
Donald Borenstein
Sophia Boyd
Caroline Brink
Amanda Brosnan
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Riley Carr
Anna Carroll
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Owen Ezell
Joshua Faigel
Jack Fanikos
Emma Feeney
Claire Feng
Jordyn Fenton
Alana Ferris
Elizabeth Flood
Graham Focke
Brittany Gale
Shelby Ganem
Madelaine Gilpin
Robert Good
Charlotte Gorrie
Samantha Grant
Leila Haghighi
Katherine Hall
Erin Hanrahan
Emma Harris
Caroline Healey
Elizabeth Heikkinen
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Joshua Kravetz
Alexander Ladd
Emal Lai
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Isabella Silveira
Layal Srouji
Clare Sullivan
Haley Sutliff
James Thibodeau
Jeremiah Thomas
Angela Vu
Henry Wakelin
Samuel Wakelin
Ryan Wall
Anna Wessel
Anna Yeo
Eliot Zaeder
QiQi Zhang
Richard Zhong

HONORS, GRADE 6

Arvid Badics
Emma Berube
Kerrigan Bigelow

John Bodette
Aaron Borenstein
Samantha Bozorgzadeh
Carter Carrio
James Carroll
Nicholas Christopher
Kristina Cloutier
Ashley Cocchiaro
Steven Crowley
Nicholas Dalton
Nora Dalton
John Day
Julia Donahue
Grace Dunn
Nicholas Enright
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Natalie Good
Sahana Gorur
Kyle Graber
Nicholas Gupta
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Mark Haskell
Sabine Haskell
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Helen Hogge
Michael Hughes
Abigail Hurlley
Anuj Jayaram
Andoni Kareklas
Julianna Kennedy
Noah Krueger
Seth Lade
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Katharine Leland
Abigail Linzer
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Margaret Mahan
Susan Matteucci
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Jack O'Neil
Allyson O'Reilly
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Laura Olson
Michelle Pan
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Karitza Pinero
Matthew Pliskaner
Luke Pratti
Russell Rinklin

Morgan Robertson
Amy Roos
Yuval Shechter
Jenna Shorey
Nicolas Silva
Anna Soutter
Brodie Turner
Duc Vu
Nicholas Whitefield
Lauren Worthington
Andrew Wurts
Alexia Zinzopoulos

HONORS, GRADE 7

Alexandra Abel
Erin Beirne
Lin Bergmeier-Esterberg
Joseph Biddle
Shannon Booth
Scarlett Bouchard
Nicholas Brennen
Jacob Dalimonte
Caeden Dillman
Andre Dumitrescu
Nicole Dunn
Maximilian Durham
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Ryan Giggey
Brendan Hart
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Anne Kalinowski
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Matthew Kang
Stephen Katsikis
Kevin Kiely
Jonathan Kim
Abigail Kobelski
John Kuta
Margaret LaMarr
Haley Luis
Thomas Manty
John Marotta
Emma Martin
Skylar McCampbell
James McGlynn
Anita Michaels
Jessica Moses
Madeline Mucher
Katherine Nastari
Ryan Neal

Kieran O'Connor
Rajvi Parmar
Hayley Passanisi
Jillian Powers
Jeanne Qian
Jaclyn Romano
Ruth Schreiber
Andrew Seifer
Carly Stabile
Eoin Stack
Shannon Stelzner
Thomas Sullivan
Audrey Tarbox
Shannon Teplow
Aum Trivedi
Yiran Wang
MacKenzie Young

HONORS, GRADE 8

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Kyle Aulbach
Jakob Beckwith
Michael Biddle
John Boese
Brian Bondaruk
Sophie Chingris
Abby Conrad
Michael Galatis
Lillian Gendreau
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Business

Town's NEDCC to help preserve historic recordings Grant will let Andover center convert rare audio collections to digital format

An Andover facility will help develop and test a new way to preserve for future generations some of the nation's earliest audio recordings, including those by Alexander Graham Bell. The service would be made available to libraries and museums to preserve their collections.

The Northeast Document Conservation Center has received a \$250,000 National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services "to develop, test, and demonstrate a new digital reformatting service for early audio recordings on mechanical sound carriers."

NEDCC will work in partnership with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), developers of

a system called IRENE/3D, which uses digital imaging to safely retrieve sound from historical recordings made on formats such as discs and wax cylinders without endangering the original carriers. A primary goal of the grant project is to move this new technology from a lab environment and use it to create a sustainable and affordable new digital reformatting service for libraries, museums and archives. The new NEDCC service is expected to be available by spring of 2014, according to a release.

"This grant creatively marries the high-tech instrumentation and concepts of the physics lab with the needs of museums and libraries holding historic audio collections. The work will ultimately

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release many sounds of the past from their physical confinement, making them available for the first time for study by researchers and for the enjoyment of the public," said Susan Hildreth, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

"The IRENE/3D system has great potential for preserving the nation's rare and fragile sonic cultural heritage, and we are thrilled

to have the opportunity to add this ground-breaking new technology to NEDCC's menu of digital services," NEDCC Executive Director Bill Veillette said in a release.

An estimated 46 million audio recordings are held by U.S. cultural institutions, according to a 2010 study by the Library of Congress. The study says that a large portion of America's sound recorded heritage has deteriorated or is inaccessible to

the public. Over the past nine years, the IRENE/3D system has been successfully tested on hundreds of rare recordings at the Library of Congress, as well as on some of the oldest recordings ever made - a group of experimental discs produced by Alexander Graham Bell, now at the Smithsonian Institution. The contents of the Bell recordings had not been heard since they were made 130 years ago.

Middlebury College will participate in the pilot phase of the project by making available over 200 wax cylinders and more than 1,000 records which are part of Middlebury College's Helen Hartness Flanders Ballad Collection, one of the nation's great archival collections of

New England folksong, folklore and balladry.

The Carnegie Hall Archives will participate by providing a sample of recordings on lacquer disks that show signs of deterioration. Carnegie Hall's audio collection consists of recordings of one-time performances by many of the world's greatest musicians.

Veillette said, "Reformatting has been a part of NEDCC's services since it began offering film-duplication and preservation microfilming in the 1970s. In the past three years, the center has successfully transitioned its reformatting services to 100-percent digital photography with a dual focus on careful handling and adherence to best practices.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Miller assistant branch manager at Reading Co-operative Bank

Reading Co-operative Bank named Rebecca Miller as the new assistant branch manager at the Andover branch located at 20 Central St.

As an assistant branch manager, Miller will be in charge for the overall management of the branch, including all banking activities, sales, loans, and management of branch employees. She will be organizing and implementing a team approach to achieve branch goals and establishing standards of performance for employees to ensure smooth service to customers.

Miller previously worked as a banking specialist II at the Andover branch. She was in charge of opening accounts, customer service, and assisting with the teller line, according to the bank. This gave her the necessary experience to become the new assistant branch manager.

Miller lives in North Andover, and is interested in music and interior design, according to a company release.

Baby Boomers job-search presentation

"The Boomer's Top Ten Daily Checklist," a program about the job search process as it relates to Baby Boomers, will be presented Thursday, January 31 at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading.

Presenters Kevin Walsh, Steve Buell and Tom Procopio will talk about the daily rituals of the serious boomer jobseeker, and what must be done every day when you are looking for a job. The presentation addresses topics such as proper ways to use attitude, breakfast, an elevator pitch, and networking.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-664-4942.

Wright-Pierce receives national recognition

Wright-Pierce, a company with Andover ties, was recognized as the "best of the best" with the PSMJ Platinum Award at the Annual A/E/C Industry Summit held last month in Orlando, Fla.

PSMJ Resources, Inc., a management consulting firm for the architecture, engineering and construction industries -- known as A/E/C -- annually benchmarks consulting engineering and architectural firms across North America and awards the Circle of Excellence Award to the top 40 firms based on 13 performance indicators, according to a release.

PSMJ awards the Platinum Award to those firms that have attained the Circle of Excellence Award consistently over a five-year period. Wright-Pierce was one of only six firms in North America to receive this award.

Founded in 1947, Wright-Pierce is employee-owned and has a staff of approximately 175 engineers and support professionals located in eight offices, including Andover.

Have your difficult room staged for sale

Lillian Montalto, broker/owner of Lillian Montalto Signature Properties on Park Street in Andover, will hold a staging event on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013 at 6 p.m.

Participants are asked to send a photograph of a challenged room, which will enter them in the "Staging Makeover Contest." One lucky winner will receive a staging makeover for the submitted room by a professional stager. Winners will receive three hours of professional staging after the event.

"With spring upon us, people are thinking about getting their homes ready; it's the perfect time," Montalto said in a release, about the idea behind hosting such an event. This is the first event she has hosted of this kind and she said she hopes to make it a monthly program.

To reserve a space, register by emailing Lillian@andoverhomes.com or through the Facebook page located at Facebook.com/LillianMontaltoSignatureProperties. Space is limited to the first 25 people, first come first serve. The event will run 90 minutes at the office of Lillian Montalto Signature Properties, 34 Park St., Suite One in Andover.



Courtesy photo

Former Andover High School softball pitcher Laura Stone and her dog, Brownie, on Ogunquit Beach in Maine. Stone's all-natural dog-treat business, Brownie's Barkery, based in Ogunquit, just received a business award.

JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

IT'S THE SPRING OF 2001 and Andover High School's starting softball pitcher is at it again. Another strikeout, another win for the team and another photograph of Laura Stone makes her hometown newspaper's sports pages.

"Yeah, I was in the Townsman like every week," she said. "And, playing high school sports is so important. I learned so much about working on a team, being a good team player and learning about life."

Now 29, Stone, a 2001 AHS graduate, is still receiving accolades for a job well done

— in the business world.

Stone recently received the Rookie of the Year award from the Center for Entrepreneurship of York County, Maine. The award was presented to her for her two-year-old, all-natural dog-treat business, Brownie's Barkery, based in Ogunquit, Maine.

Stone is a longtime dog lover, although her parents made her wait to get a dog until she could truly take care of one. Now, she has "Brownie," a 3-year-old beagle/corgi mix, and a successful business inspired by her passion for dogs.

There's no storefront for her business. Rather, all sales are done online

(browniesbarkery.com) or purchases of the all-natural dog treats are made at one of the 38 retail stores carrying them. Andover Spa on Elm Street is one of those stores. The popular convenient store carries a limited supply.

A whoopie pie-ish type dog snack makes Stone's list of bestsellers that are stocked on select shelves around Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

But, tasty natural dog treats was not the only reason why Brownies Barkery was saluted. Stone believes she is building a reputation as a caring distributor.

"My customer service was noticed. I'm on the road a lot

and I like to check in with those stores and make sure everything is OK," she said.

Stone graduated from LaSalle College in 2005 with a marketing degree and went to work in corporate America, she said. She beefed up her marketing and customer-service skills in different jobs before going out on her own.

"I always knew I wanted to work for myself," she said. Her mom, Regina Stone, also helps with marketing ideas.

"You've got to be creative and you've got to care about customer service," said the six-foot Stone.

That's a business strategy that's scoring for the former AHS softball pitcher.

"You've got to be creative and you've got to care about customer service."

Laura Stone, 2001 Andover High

STRIKING OUT ON HER OWN

Former AHS softball pitcher scores Rookie of the Year business award

Big Wishes fulfilled in local toy drive

The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover reports that community support allowed it to contribute hundreds of toys and other gifts to the Home for Little Wanderers' annual Big Wishes Gift Drive during this holiday season.

The sales associates of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage encouraged neighbors throughout the

community to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the local Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover.

"As a result of the community's generosity, a moving truck filled with hundreds of donated toys and other gifts was delivered to The Home for Little Wanderers' designated toy room in Dedham," according to a release from the local office.

"We are so grateful to our neighbors who donated toys and other gifts. Their generosity ensured that the children and youth served by The Home had gifts of their own to open during the holiday season," said Michelle Oates, sales manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, along with

Walsh Brothers Inc., also donated \$5,625 as part of the "6 for 60" program in support of The Home's Big Wishes Gift Drive. As part of the program, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and Walsh Brothers donated a gift card in support of the annual gift drive for every touchdown that the Boston College Eagles scored during the 2012 football season.

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Sports

Caveney scores 1,000th point

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Devon Caveney reached the milestone 1,000-point plateau, and did it in fine fashion by leading Andover past Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney champion North Andover 45-42 last Thursday. She hit the mark in style, nailing a three-pointer while being fouled then adding the free throw.

"This was a great way to get the 1,000 point," Caveney said "I was really happy. That was the second time I ever got a four-point play."

Caveney finished the night with 15 points, and 1,008 for her career, while Angelice Gonzalez added 10 for the winners.

Devon Caveney continued to surge with five 3-pointers, finishing the game with 21 points, as Andover topped Tewksbury 38-26 last Tuesday. Colleen Caveney added eight points while Olivia Biles and Jackie Alois each hit a 3-pointer for the winners.

GIRLS TRACK

Comeau, Kobelski star

Courtney Comeau was second in the hurdles with a career-best 8.78 and Cassie Kobelski was runner-up in the shot put with a 38-3 to lead Andover at the East Coast Invitational in Providence. Hannah Chapman was second in the triple jump with a school-record 35-6 with Catherine Haut fourth at 35-4 and Jillian Gamache was sixth in the hurdles.

Cassie Kobelski delivered another huge day, winning the shot put with a 38-3, but Andover fell just short to North Andover 44-42 last Wednesday. Jillian Gamache won the 50 hurdles, Cate Donovan took the 1,000 and Abby Pusic won the 300 for the Warriors.

GIRLS SKIING

Christopher takes first

Kerry Christopher tied for first overall in 21.21 as Andover rolled over Haverhill 131-4 last Tuesday. Nicole Ericson was next in for the Golden Warriors in fourth overall (21.78) while Sarah Faigle was right behind in fifth (21.86) and Julia Ganley rounded out the Warriors in the top 10 in eighth (22.27).

BOYS SWIMMING

Camin wins two

Vince Camin won the 100 breaststroke and swam on the winning 200 medley relay as Andover beat Lowell 93-72 on Friday. Andrew Nickerson won the 100 butterfly, Charlie Lei took the 100 freestyle and Alex Blake won the diving for the Warriors.

Eric Zhao won the 100 backstroke (1:03.71), Aaron Wu took the 100 butterfly (59.79), Eric Shi won the 100 breaststroke (1:09.96) and they teamed with Charlie Lei to win the 200 medley relay in 1:53.34 as Andover topped Xaverian 93-89 last Tuesday. Alex Blake took the diving and Max Blanch won the 200 IM for the Warriors.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dunn hot from 3-point range

Chris Dunn sunk five 3-pointers on his way to a career-high 32 points as Andover

beat Tewksbury 78-55 last Tuesday. Sam Dowden added 12 points and Max Silveira had seven points for the winners.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Carver stars

Courtney Carver won the all-around with a 36.0, taking first in the beam, second in the bars and floor and third in the vault to lead Andover to a 139.85-135.55 victory over Billerica last Wednesday.

Jessie Livingston won the vault (9.4) and beam (9.55) and was second in the all-around with a 36.65 as Andover bested Acton-Boxboro 143-131 on Monday. Courtney Carver won the all-around with a 37.15.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Rodriguez paces rout

Meghan Rodriguez scored two goals top pace Andover in a 7-4 victory over Methuen on Saturday. Jillian Hughes, Meaghan Leary, Mary Latona, Veronica Alois and Brianna Deloury each scored a goal for the Golden Warriors.

Mary Latona scored a goal, assisted by Caroline Hughes, as Andover played Billerica to a 1-1 tie last Wednesday.

BOYS TRACK

Relay clinches win

With the meet to be decided on the final event of the day, Matt Reardon, Hamza Naveed, Dylan Epstein and Billy Baldwin teamed to win the 4x400 relay in 3:44.6 to clinch Andover's 47-39 win over North Andover last Wednesday. Owen Focke added a victory in the 50 hurdles, Cam Farnham won the dash, Rob Perry took the 1,000 and Adam Ladd won the shot put for the Warriors.

BOYS SKIING

Baldwin leads the way

Bill Baldwin took seventh overall in 20.90 and Jake Tarricone was ninth in 20.97 to lead Andover past North Andover 99-36 and Manchester Essex 103-32.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Aronov takes all-around

Joseph Aronov won the high bar (4.8) and floor exercise, was second in the vault, parallel bars, pommel horse and rings and took the all-around as Andover topped Braintree 124-106. Brian Manning added firsts in the vault, pommel horse and rings and Evan Igoe took the parallel bars.

BOYS HOCKEY

Campbell pots three

Scott Campbell posted a hat trick as Andover bounced back with a 6-3 victory over North Andover on Monday. Brett Coneeny, Conor O'Reilly and Danny Keenan each scored a goal and Mark Campbell had two assists for the winners.

Scott Campbell scored a goal, but Andover lost to archrival Central Catholic 8-1 on Saturday.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

LEFT: Chris Dunn drives to the basket against Lawrence earlier this season. The senior has been a big reason why Andover is off to a hot start, heading into a matchup with archrival Central Catholic. RIGHT: Sam Dowden elevates for a jumper at Andover High. The four-year varsity starter has been the backbone of the Golden Warriors.

SENIORS' YEAR

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

Dowden, Dunn lead veteran crew taking aim at rival Central

The Andover boys basketball team has heard just about every cliché in the rather extensive book of sports sayings since Dec. 27, the day the Warriors dropped a 65-63 thriller to archrival Central Catholic in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament.

They were told it was a "moral victory" and a "good loss," being able to hang with the Raiders, the No. 1-ranked team in the state, and even having a chance to the final buzzer to take the victory.

Andover senior leaders Chris Dunn and Sam Dowden, however, weren't about to take a bow for a game that went into the record books as a loss.

"We don't look at it that way," said Dowden. "We don't believe in moral victories. For us, it was just frustrating. We felt like we won all but one quarter, and looking back at the film we made too many mistakes. We have worked very hard to fix those problems and can't wait to take them on again."

On Saturday, Dowden, Dunn and the red-hot Golden Warriors will have another shot at their nemesis, when Andover travels to Central Catholic to take on the top-ranked Raiders.

"We expect to win every time we go out there," said Dunn. "We know we made mistakes and had the chance to beat them last time, and this is a huge game."

Behind the leadership of Dowden and Dunn — who have combined to average

29.5 points a game this season — and the rest of the senior class, the Golden Warriors head to Hampshire Street as one of the hottest teams in the state, and one of the biggest surprises.

A squad overlooked heading into the year has currently risen to No. 7 in the overall state rankings and No. 4 in Eastern Mass. standing at 9-2 following their second victory over rival North Andover.

"This senior group is tremendous," said Golden Warriors coach David Fazio. "They have done a great job leading this group."

The stalwart

For the last four years, the name Sam Dowden has been synonymous with Andover High basketball.

The forward/center broke into the Golden Warriors' starting lineup as a freshman, and hasn't looked back on his way to a tremendous four-year career.

"Sam is just amazing," said Dunn. "He is the hardest worker I have ever been around, in basketball and school work. He has had four great years, and for the last two he has really led us and driven us to be better."

An All-MVC selection as a sophomore, Dowden hit new heights last season when he averaged 14.5

points and seven rebounds a game.

The 6-foot-4 forward/center has been even better this winter. He is averaging 15.5 points a game, including 26 in the Christmas Tourney win over North Andover and 20 in a victory over Brockton. That all while serving as a stellar low-post defender and rebounder.

"He is the heart and soul of our program," said Fazio last season. "He is one of the most dedicated players I have had in my 23 years."

Dowden said the challenges he faced early on, like defending former Central 7-footer and top Division 1 recruit Carson Desrosiers, only made him tougher.

"Playing Carson was a great experience and made me improve," said Dowden. "I feel like I've grown a lot as a player. Obviously I'm bigger and stronger, but I also feel like I am much more versatile. I have a better all-around game."

The marksman

If anyone in the MVC didn't know Chris Dunn's name heading into last week, they certainly did after last Tuesday's win over Tewksbury.

Scoring 32 points, including five 3-pointers, is bound to bring some attention.

"Chris has stepped up and been great," said

Dowden. "He has improved so much this season. He worked so hard and he's made himself into a great player, shooter and scorer."

Not that Dunn was too shabby a season ago. Stepping into a prominent role, in 2011-12, Dunn averaged 9.2 points a game last season, including 44 3-pointers.

But in the offseason, the 6-foot guard set his eyes on expanding his game.

This season, Dunn has averaged 14.0 points per game, including 32 3-pointers. His two biggest games were his last, the 32-point day against Tewksbury and 19-point performance against North Andover.

"I know that I am a shooter first," said Dunn. "But I felt like, as a senior, it's my time to step up and play an all-around game. Especially when I was named a captain, I knew it was my time."

The crew

While Dowden and Dunn have taken many of the headlines, the Golden Warriors have gotten plenty from a senior core that include Tyler Verrette, Evan Singleton, Max Silveira, Greg Dreyfus and Jack Konevich.

"This is an amazing group," said Dowden. "We just want to win. We work so hard every day in practice together and want what's best for the team."

"Now, if we can beat Central, that would be a huge boost. I don't know what the last time Andover won at Central Catholic was."

PLAYERS OF THE FORTNIGHT

This week girls varsity basketball coach Jim Tildsley has selected two players for Player of the Fortnight honors. They are Devon Caveney and Jackie Alois.

"These young ladies are

outstanding members of this team," said Tildsley. "Not only were they important players on our state championship teams, but as great captains of this year's team, they consistently

give their all on the court, whether it's in practice or in games. They set great standards for all of their teammates with their leadership, their dedication and their great attitudes. We're

so glad to have them on this year's team, and both girls have great futures ahead of them."

Next week's Townsman will feature an additional nominee from the boys team.

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OBITUARIES

Alvan C. Hirshberg, 86

WORLD WAR II NAVAL AVIATOR
and CARNEGIE MEDAL HERO

FORMERLY OF HAVERHILL — Alvan C. Hirshberg, LCDR U.S. Navy retired, died peacefully January 16, 2013, in Cary, N.C. surrounded by his two sons.

Mr. Hirshberg was born in Haverhill on March 14, 1926, the son of the late Eva and Harry Hirshberg.

He was the husband of the late, June Betty (Novick) Hirshberg and is survived by his two sons, Steven P. Hirshberg of Andover, and Robert J. Hirshberg of Cary, N.C., together with Dr. Yang Xin, like a loving daughter, also of Cary, N.C. and his dear daughter-in-law, Susan Hirshberg of Andover;

David Hirshberg of North Andover, is his grandson. His surviving brother is, Dr. Milton J. Hirshberg of Harwich, and sister, Elaine Hirshberg of West Palm Beach, Fla.

ARRANGEMENTS: His graveside service with military honors was held on Sunday, January 20, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the Children of Israel Cemetery, Middle Rd. Haverhill. A memorial period followed the interment on Sunday until 10 p.m. at his son Steven's home. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill and Bradford. To view his complete obituary or to send a condolence to his family, please visit www.farmerfuneralhomes.com

Ralph E. Preble, Jr, 88

TOPSFIELD — Ralph E. Preble, Jr., 88, of Topsfield, formerly of Andover, passed away at the home of his daughter on January 13, 2013.

Beloved husband of the late, Beverly (Baker) Preble; survived by sons, Hilton J. Preble of Andover, Stevan T. Preble of Garner, N.C.; and daughter, Nancy Preble Barrett of Topsfield; grandchildren, Al-

xandra and Brooks Barrett.

Life long member of Boy Scouts, Army World War II veteran, town Civil Engineer for Ipswich and Andover followed by 40 year career with Camp Dresser and McKee (CDM) in Boston. He traveled the globe as groundwater specialist for CDM visiting over 52 countries.

ARRANGEMENTS: Private burial will be held.

Thomas W. Gauthier, 93

ANDOVER — Thomas W. Gauthier, 93 of Andover passed away peacefully at Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill following a brief illness. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Claire, in 2010, and by his eldest son, Thomas, Jr. in 1986. He is survived by his son, Mark and his daughter, Claire.

ARRANGEMENTS: There are no viewing hours. Interment at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, is private, and a memorial mass will be said at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Andover, in the spring. Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice (merrimackvalleyhospice.org). Arrangements by Charles De-wirst Andover Funeral Home.

Obituaries in The Andover Townsman are paid notices, submitted by funeral homes and the general public.

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1896 Titans of Trade Part II: Downtown merchants



Andover Stories

Gail Ralston

Andover Historical Society

Second in a two-part series. Pre-automobile downtown was the hub of Andover life. While in most cases the fortunes of downtown merchants did not match those of the mill owners, their influence certainly did.

Business success stories were highlighted during the town's 250th anniversary in 1896. Andover's growth, alone, was cause for celebration. In 1672, it was estimated that the town's expenses were less than \$60; in 1895, they were \$70,000. From 41 settlers in 1672, the town had grown to 6,200 citizens. In the Andover Townsman's 1896 business supplement, there was the acknowledgment that Andover had been "slow and conservative in matters of local improvement." That was, until 1880, when the town saw "electric lights, improved sidewalks, a system of water supply, and planning for sewerage."

All of these improvements were key to supporting the downtown merchants, many of whom served on town boards and committees and whose presence in 1896 set the stage for the vitality of today's downtown. Individual businesses were varied, providing for the many needs of the local population.

According to the Townsman, "while the comfort and welfare of a respectable and thriving town requires the services of many merchants, none are more welcome or desired than those who administer to our physical well-being." The newspaper was referring, of course, to those merchants who maintained the local groceries and food markets. Not coincidentally, there were more food stores than any other.



COURTESY IMAGE

Omar P. Chase sold newspapers, tobacco and confectionery from a shop located next to what today is Bank of America.

T.A. Holt & Company was considered the pioneer in the grocery business. Begun as Higgins & Abbott in 1838, its location in the basement of the Baptist Church on Essex Street was its first and only location. T.A. Holt had been a clerk for 11 years for the original firm before the company took on his name in 1875, expanding more than ten times over according to Mr. Holt.

Other well-known grocers included Smith & Manning, J.H. Campion, the Valpey Brothers, John Wakefield and Thomas J. Farmer.

The Smith & Manning firm was located on Essex Street and was established in 1865. Messrs. Smith & Manning came from a line of owners following Nathaniel Swift, the original founder in 1845. Mr. Campion was known for his "Corner Grocery" in Carter's Block at the corner of Main and Central Streets. Established in 1886, by 1896 one noted product was the firm's "highest grade of butter coming directly from the creameries." The Valpey Brothers were in Elm Square, Wakefield at the corner of Main and Park, and Farmer, the fish dealer, on Barnard Street.

Close behind the grocers were the clothing merchants. Names familiar in 1896 were P.J. Hannon, J.E. Sears, Burns & Crowley, Ben



COURTESY PHOTO

Posing for a photo at Smith & Manning Emporium on Essex Street were, from left, John Smith, Jim Ryley, Albert Manning, Len Saunders and Bill Harridan.

Brown and J. William Dean. The most notable, perhaps, was J.W. Barnard. Barnard took his small shoe business in the old bank building to a modern two-story wooden building on Barnard Street (then Barnard's Court). "J.W. Barnard & Sons" was formed in 1894, and boasted 200 employees manufacturing hand-sewed goods from "goat, dongola, kid, and patent leather. These products included "men's, boys' and youth's slippers, ladies' toilet slippers, and lace and gored buskins."

Covering food and clothing, we now turn to "shelter." These needs were met through hardware stores (W.J. Driscoll and H. McLawlin), builders such as Moses Gleason, furniture sellers such as Henry P. Noyes, and plumbers such as George Saunders and Erwin C. Pike. Barnett Rogers could sell you a house, and Frank Gleason could keep you warm with wood and coal.

Banking was necessary and a big business in Andover. The Andover National Bank (Samuel Farrar and Moses Foster) was chartered in 1826, and The Andover Institution for Savings in 1834. Foster had served the bank for 39 years and "managed its affairs carefully and wisely. The Savings Bank "showed a splendid growth year after year." The Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company, organized in 1828, experienced "uninterrupted success, due largely both in

the selection of risks and care of interests." Serving as treasurer from 1835 to 1875, Samuel Gray could take much of the credit for this record.

Beyond enterprises supporting the basic needs of the town were businesses such as the Andover Press and Omar P. Chase, the newspaper guy. H.F. Chase sold bicycles, Thomas P. Harriman was one of the town's blacksmiths, and J.E. Whiting could sell you a watch. If you were sick, you might visit the establishment of the Allen Brothers or Arthur Bliss, who also served for many years as a town selectman. If you wanted a package delivered you might go to Benjamin B. Tuttle; if you wanted to deliver it yourself, you might purchase a wagon from Joseph Poor in Frye Village.

And last, but not least, was the town undertaker, Frank H. Messer.

In 1896, much like today, if your business was successful, most likely it included the following qualities: people not afraid to expand on an already-well-running business, people not afraid to change to a better location, people keeping a careful eye on expenses and investments; people being loyal to their employees and, most importantly, people nurturing the confidence of the public. These titans of business in 1896, whether downtown or in the mills, clearly persevered and made a great town even better.



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TOWN TALK

Town Manager: What about the youth center?

A preliminary version of this year's Annual Town Meeting warrant lists 59 articles covering everything from building renovations to land and vehicle purchases.

But as it stands, you won't find the Cormier Youth Center on there at all — even though two articles to resolve issues with the project before construction starts were pulled from the Special Town Meeting warrant for next month to face Annual Town Meeting voters on April 29.

"When I received the warrant this morning, I discovered that three warrant articles I wanted to have on the preliminary list weren't included as of Friday" when the warrant closed, Stapczynski said.

The third article focuses on another priority town project — a contingency measure for raising money to put the Bancroft Elementary School project back on budget. Should voters turn down a plan to raise \$5.7 million at Special Town Meeting next month, another article

would be needed to keep the project moving forward, officials have said.

But just because they were left off the warrant, that doesn't mean they won't come before voters, Stapczynski said.

"I'll ask the selectmen at their meeting Monday night to open and close the preliminary warrant to include these articles," Stapczynski said.

— Dustin Luca

Lyons: Cut taxes, provide more state aid

Since his reelection as a state representative, Andover's Jim Lyons has increased his press releases outlining his positions.

Recently he joined other Republican lawmakers on a release critical of Gov. Deval Patrick's transportation plan.

"The Patrick Administration has already increased our taxes," said Rep. Lyons in the release. "They pushed through both a 25 percent sales tax hike and 25 percent meals tax hike. With the Patrick Administration, there's never enough tax dollars to satisfy them. There's always an excuse to extract

something more from hard-working taxpaying families.

"We need reform in state government, not unending tax hikes," Lyons' statement continued. "Every day news reports chronicle the scandals in the administration's shoddy drug testing labs and in its lack of oversight of pharmaceutical manufacturing. It's time to put a halt to these excesses. Instead of reforming state government, the Patrick Administration insists on pressing more and more burdensome taxes on working families."

In another release two days later, Lyons said he supported a couple of Patrick's positions.

"I strongly support rolling back the sales tax to 4.5 percent. After the punishing 25-percent sales tax hike Gov. Patrick pushed through in 2010, this rollback will provide essential tax relief to small retail businesses and all consumers in the Merrimack Valley," Lyons stated.

"The appropriate funding of Chapter 70," Lyons stated, "is long overdue. I proposed such legislation in (2012). At that time, the Patrick Administration fought against us. I



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A well-dressed snowman greets drivers on Whittier Street in Andover.

am pleased that the governor has changed his position and now supports some of my local aid ideas."

Campaign issue pursued

Andover Selectman Alex Vispoli has filed legislation through Jim Lyons to change state laws on campaign finance. His bill will require more transparency and allow voters to know who is paying for promotional literature.

Vispoli last year lost a primary race for state senate to Paul Adams.

"Last year I received a ton of comments and support from people when I suggested my campaign finance reform plan. It was clear that people want more transparency when electing their officials, so I decided to file this important bill despite not winning the Senate seat," said Vispoli.

Vispoli wants to eliminate cash donations to stop

anonymous donations, and have full disclosure of who is responsible for all donations, campaign literature and phone calls.

Trying out comedy

The Great American Tavern in North Reading, just over the line from Andover on Route 28, is stepping into the world of stand up comedy starting Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. with a triple headliner show starring Las Vegas regulars Jim Lauletta and Frank Santorelli along with Boston favorite James Dorsey.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased in advance through the Great American Tavern located on Main Street in North Reading or at the door the night of the show.

Santorelli is a Las Vegas regular and is best known for playing Georgie the Bartender in the award winning HBO TV series "The Sopranos."

"We think the people of the area will support this type of high level comedy and if they do, we're planning to make these types of comedy shows a monthly event," said Michael Labo, the tavern's general manager.

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