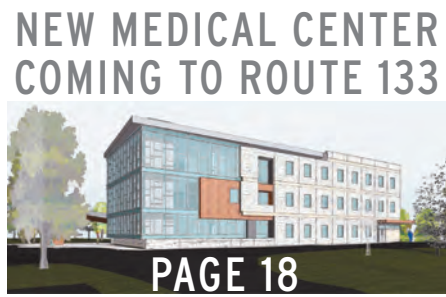




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Evan Igoe, an all-around member of the Andover High School Boys Gymnastics team, looks over the MIAA state championship trophy the team secured last Friday, Feb. 15 in Braintree. It looks as if the trophy will be the last of its kind, as the MIAA will not sponsor boys gymnastics next year.

## Last of its kind

### Boys gymnastics wins first state title in 43 years

JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

The Andover High School boys varsity gymnastics team celebrated its first state championship in 43 years last Friday night.

But it was a bittersweet grand finale as the victory came while the team said goodbye to being a varsity sport at AHS.

"We wanted to make this count," said Andover High gymnast Evan Igoe, 15 and a sophomore who placed fourth in the all-around competition at the state final. "We really wanted this, especially for our coach."

"We practiced routines over and over for the past few months, until it was perfect," Igoe said.

In January, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association voted to cut boys gymnastics at seven

high schools in the state, including AHS. Just 221 boys take part at those seven high schools and the MIAA says that's not enough. The MIAA is the state's overseer of high school sports.

Longtime gymnastics coach Steve Sirois said Igoe and his teammates were gracious winners and they beat Lowell High School by 15 points for the top prize. Brian Manning led the way, winning every individual event (see story in Sports, page 13). AHS teammates did not ever look at the scoreboard, choosing instead to focus on routine perfection and a team win. They did it.

In true Warrior style, the winning team was escorted by five police cars as they returned to Andover from Braintree last Friday night, Feb. 15, just after 11.

Sirois said the AHS boys gymnastics team last won the state

championship in 1970. That was 43 years ago and Sirois was a freshman on that team, a ninth-grader at West Junior High when the high school still only had three grades.

"I was at West Junior High and we had JV and varsity boys gymnastics teams. We had 60 kids," he said. "It was big back then."

Today, there are 10 boys on the Andover High team.

Friday was not a complete goodbye to the sport for the underclassmen as Sirois said AHS boys gymnastics will continue. The team will join the Gymnastics Federation and meets will happen next year. The difference is that boys gymnastics will not be regulated by the MIAA, like other high school sports.

"But, we are getting so much support around town and it's

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## Police chief to retire on July 31

Sgt. Pat Keefe, town resident, picked to replace Pattullo

BY NEIL FATER  
AND DUSTIN LUCA  
Staff Writers



Police Chief Brian Pattullo

Andover police Chief Brian Pattullo will step down on July 31 and the town manager has picked a sergeant, Patrick Keefe, to replace him.

After 32 years on the Andover force, Pattullo said it's time to move on, and he believes he is leaving the department in good shape for the next chief. He said he will become the chief operating officer of a Boston security firm that he declined to name.

"It's going to be good for me and I think it's a good time to turn the reins over. There are few issues in the department, so it's a good time. Everything kind of fell

into place," said Pattullo. "I'm looking for a challenge, I'm looking for adventure and looking for something that's going to challenge me to use my expertise. I'm excited about it."

When Pattullo steps down it will be the first time in at least 60 years that a member of his family has not been a member of the Andover Police Department. His father, a lieutenant, was on the force for 37 years, and his brother Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo, who became head of the detectives, served

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## Investigation into student's 'hit list'

BY NEIL FATER  
AND DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITERS

Police are investigating an incident involving a West Middle School student who officials say brought a "hit list" to school, and the district attorney's office is evaluating whether it warrants charges being brought against the student.

"I can't talk specifics because it's an active case," said police Chief Brian

Pattullo. "The school staff acted immediately to inform the police. They took it seriously and followed all the proper procedures and protocols. Because of that, action was taken to make sure the school is safe for students and staff."

There were no charges filed as of Tuesday evening but Pattullo said the case was "being evaluated by the district attorney's office as

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## Town debates opening a school for programs during vacations

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

Officials are debating whether to open a school for Community Services programs during April school vacation, as current town policies require the buildings to remain closed to save on heat and light.

One of the goals for Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski to meet this year is to create an agreement between town departments and the school department that "enables

the efficient and effective use of buildings and facilities." Stapczynski should make one school facility available to an outside party when students are not using the building during February and April vacation, according to the goal.

While schools were not used during this week's February vacation, Stapczynski said he's meeting with Assistant Superintendent Paul Szymanski to work out the details for April.

However, a School

Committee policy adopted in 2009, pioneered by the Plant and Facilities Department, calls for the schools to remain closed and kept at 55 degrees during vacation weeks to save on energy and electricity, according to Stapczynski.

If there is a change, he said, "Only a limited number of schools would be open during the winter time for energy conservation."

But for Kim Stamas, Department of Community Services program

coordinator, there's much more at stake.

"This is huge with us and the residents," Stamas said. "We used to always offer camps during every vacation. Then, years ago, the Plant and Facilities director had this new energy plan."

"That completely eliminated any programs we could do during the vacations," she said.

For many Andover parents, DCS programs offer places for their kids to go during school vacation weeks, according to

Selectman Mary Lyman.

"The other thing that's secondary to this but equally important is also during the summer, when there's thunder and lightning and the kids are outside," Lyman said, saying the schools can provide shelter if needed. "The senior custodians need to understand that the kids, they need access to the schools."

Other programs in town, such as Andover Youth Services, would benefit from opening school facilities to outside use, according to

Stamas. Having more places available for programs is long overdue, she said.

"This has been going on for years. We've been screaming from the rooftops for years, asking to get into the schools during vacation," Stamas said.

DCS also realizes that the school employees "have work they have to do. Custodians have to ready the floors and stuff, which is why we're just asking for one school," she said. "We're asking for a gym and bathrooms."

## Signing a piece of history



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Fifth-grader Karina Calhoun, 10, and Rickey Santagati, a 7-year-old first-grader, sign the steel beam that was raised in last week's topping off ceremony at Bancroft Elementary School.

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# Man pinned under truck at MBTA site

BY BILL KIRK  
STAFF WRITER

A man sustained life-threatening injuries after his legs were crushed by a truck at a construction site off Lupine Road last Wednesday. The man, believed to be in his mid-40s, works for J.F. White Contracting Co.,

of Framingham, which is doing work on commuter rail tracks, rehabilitating the Shawsheen River bridges off Lupine Road, according to the MBTA web site.

The worker was trying to attach a heavy equipment trailer to the truck when it slid or rolled backwards and over him, according to

officials at the scene.

His condition wasn't available this week. A call to the J.F. White Contracting Co. headquarters was not returned.

The first call on the accident came in at 11:38 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, according to Fire Chief Mike Mansfield.

The road was closed while crews responded, and it was reopened to traffic at around 2 p.m.

Police and firefighters arrived to find that the man was pinned beneath and between two of the rear tires on the left side of the tractor-trailer unit.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

A person injured in an incident on Lupine Road in Andover yesterday is loaded onto a medical helicopter that landed in the Hewlett-Packard parking lot on Dascomb Road.

The trailer was carrying an earth-mover. The piece of equipment was a Caterpillar 330D and low-drill attachment that was being taken to another construction site two miles away, according to Mansfield.

While connecting the trailer to the tractor, the truck operator's lower extremities became pinned under the rear wheels of the tractor, Mansfield said. The total weight of the vehicle is estimated at 138,000 pounds.

Mansfield said that while the man suffered "life-threatening injuries," he was conscious and alert when he was taken from the scene by Andover Fire Rescue personnel and Lawrence General Hospital paramedics. He was flown to Beth Israel Hospital in Boston via Med-Flight, which landed in the parking lot of Hewlett-Packard off Dascomb Road.

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Andover High School Boys Gymnastics Coach Steve Sirois looks over the MIAA state championship trophy the team secured last Friday, Feb. 15 in Braintree.

## GYMNASTICS: First state title for boys in 43 years

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great," Sirois said. "This is an important sport, so AHS will have it, just not with MIAA support."

The MIAA's next meeting is Thursday, March 7 and Sirois said coaches from

those seven high schools will attend. An MIAA spokesman has told the Townsman it is unlikely to change its decision.

Evan's father, Dan Igoe, was a captain on the team in 1983. Now a police officer in Andover, he said winning the

state title is fitting. The boys worked hard. But he is sorry to see the sport no longer recognized, he said.

"It's a sad day for Andover High," Dan Igoe said. "A program like gymnastics, a program outside the classroom, is so important for character

building, socializing...just a sad day."

Evan Igoe is not sure if he will play on a school team run by the Gymnastics Federation. Like most team members, he's still enjoying the big win, even if it is a bit bittersweet.

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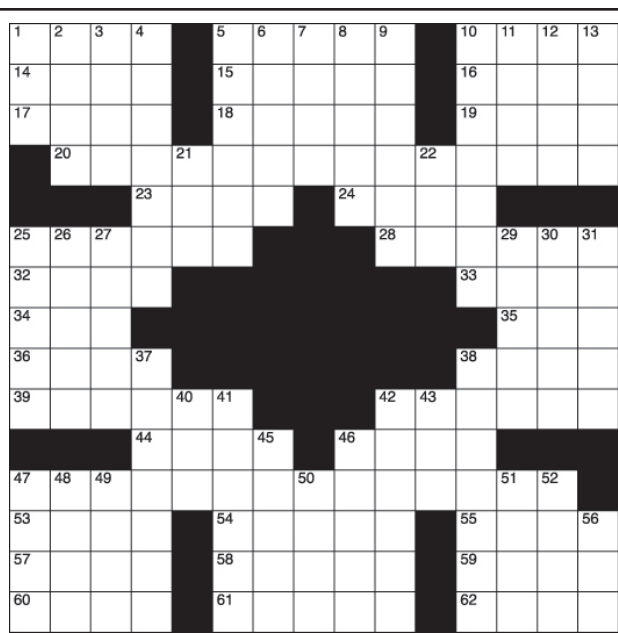
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5. Cause to be embarrassed
10. A group of hunting animals
14. At some prior time
15. Paper-\_\_\_, art material
16. Disney's "\_\_\_ and Stitch"
17. College army
18. Essential oil from flowers
19. Solo vocal piece
20. "Bodyguard's" female star
23. Liz's 3rd husband Mike
24. A weapons emplacement
25. Vast desert in N Africa
28. Fasten by sewing
32. Organic compound
33. Cooper's Hawk (abbr.)
34. Immerse in a liquid
35. A beatnik's abode

36. Utter sounds
38. Used esp. of dry vegetation
39. Live in
42. Metric linear units
44. Indian frock
46. Stand for a coffin
47. The Great Emancipator
53. Brown coat mixed with gray or white
54. Lightly fry
55. New Yorker film critic Pauline
57. European sea eagle
58. Lasiocampidae
59. Another name for Irish Gaelic
60. Droops
61. Clairvoyants
62. Phonograph record

**CLUES DOWN**

1. On behalf of
2. Enough (archaic)
3. Adrenocorticotropin
4. Public recitation
5. "Gunsmoke" actress Blake
6. Waited with \_\_\_ breath
7. \_\_\_-Breaky Heart
8. Sacco and Vanzetti artist Ben
9. Those who inspire others
10. Capable of being shaped
11. Cardinal compass point (Scot.)
12. TV advertising award
13. Zen Buddhist riddle
21. Hill (Celtic)
22. Universal standard time
25. Passover feast and ceremony
26. Zanzibar copal
27. NE Arizona pueblo people

29. Pith helmet
30. Small trout-like fish
31. Greek hell
37. Herbal teas
38. Struck a golf ball
40. Dash
41. Removes writing
42. Coal laborers
43. Old world, new
45. Mental representation
46. Someone who bites
47. Greek god of war
48. Albanian word for snow
49. Resounded
50. Solo racing sled
51. Gull suborder
52. Crimefighter Elliot
56. Albanian monetary unit

## LIST: DA looking into school 'hit list' case

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we speak. The district attorney's office is looking into the case."

An eighth grade boy at the school was talking to a friend about the hit list sometime last week, according to local media reports. When he was confronted

by administrators later on, a document was discovered with the names of other students at the school on it.

The school district said in a press release presumably from Superintendent Marinel McGrath that it is "satisfied based on my communications with (school Principal Stephen Murray) that all

appropriate and necessary measures have been taken in this instance to prevent any threat of danger in the school."

No new information on the incident was available Tuesday on Townsman deadline, according to Assistant Superintendent Paul Szymanski.

In an email to West Middle

School parents, Superintendent Marinel McGrath said that, "like all of the town's schools, West Middle School strictly enforces all of the requirements stated in its handbook concerning prohibited conduct and discipline."

Federal and state privacy laws prevent any details on specific disciplinary action from being made public, according to the release.

Police are also not offering further details on the incident, except to say it is under investigation to determine if the student involved in it acted criminally.

"There was a list that was supposedly produced," Police Lt. James Hashem said. "There was no mention of any weapons."

Calls to several members of the West Middle School community, including officials with the school's Parent Advisory Council, were not returned.

West Middle School's Family Handbook states hazing, extortion, violence, or threats thereof "directed towards another student or school personnel" are "examples of behaviors that may result in suspension."

Additionally, "any breaches of Federal law, Massachusetts State law, or bylaws of the Town of Andover may be handled in cooperation with the local police department and may result in expulsion," the handbook says.

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## PAST & PRESENT



TOWNSMAN FILE PHOTO

**THEN:** This 1995 photo shows construction of a new entrance that was underway at the time at South Elementary School, as part of an \$8 million renovation and expansion project there.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

**NOW:** South Elementary School was quiet this week during February vacation.

## Boy Scout Troop 79 Winter Food Drive

Andover Boy Scout Troop 79 of Saint Robert Bellarmine Church is participating in Scouting for Food Drive.

This annual event, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, will run March 2 through 9 and will cover the North Western section of Andover — approximately 1,300 homes, between Route 495 and Interstate 93.

In recent years, Troop 79 has been working with "Neighbors in Need," a food bank that collects items in Andover.

In 2012, the Boy Scouts collected a total of 3,007 items, which were sorted and packed for the pantry.

Last year, the Neighbors in Need pantry was almost bare when the troop delivered the supplies to the Dundee Park warehouse in town.

Neighbors in Need food pantries provide food for over 500 families every week.

Residents can look for the flyers and red bags on March 2, and place their donations in the bag for pickup on March 9.

## 2013 Priceless Prom Gown Program

Teens looking for some help in attending their prom have a local organization to which they can turn: the Priceless Prom Gown Program.

The 2013 boutique dates for the Priceless Prom Gown Program will be held March 2 and 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and April 6 and 27 from noon to 5 p.m. The program's boutique is located behind the Everett Mill in the historic Stone Mill at 15 Union St. in Lawrence.

The PGP is a non profit 5013C program that is in its seventh year that helps local high school students to attend their proms who otherwise might not be able to

do so due to financial hardship or family circumstances.

"Local financially challenged teenagers are encouraged to come and choose the perfect prom gown and accessories for a nominal donation of \$10. We even have a few tuxedos for the boys," the group says in a release. "We are proud to be able to offer this opportunity through the help of private and local business donations and tireless volunteers."

For information about Priceless Prom Gown Program, or to make a donation, visit the website [pricelesspromgownprogram.com](http://pricelesspromgownprogram.com) or contact [carol@pricelesspromgownprogram.com](mailto:carol@pricelesspromgownprogram.com).

## Board of Health seeks member

The Andover Board of Health has announced a staggered three-year terms by the town manager.

The board seeks an interested Andover resident to complete Miller's current term, which expires June 30, 2015. While a medical professional is preferred, all interested residents are invited to submit Talent Bank Forms to the town manager's office; forms are available online at [andoverma.gov/publish/talent-bank.pdf](http://andoverma.gov/publish/talent-bank.pdf).

The Board of Health is a three-member board, meeting monthly on Monday evenings, and serves as the statutory oversight arm of the town's Health Division. It offers guidance to the professional staff by making policy and acts on appeals and variance requests by residents and businesses. Members are appointed to

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...

That will remain in place as a memorial to this event, long after the building is completed and they're using it.

— Bill Endicott, Skanska project manager for the new Bancroft Elementary School construction project, talking about the steel beam that students and others signed during the recent "topping off" event. *Story in Education, page 4.*

## Final Town Yard public forum tonight, Feb. 21

The final public forum on Town Yard zoning changes coming to Town Meeting will be held tonight, Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Memorial Hall Library at 7 p.m.

The forum is one of two scheduled after the Board of Selectmen and Planning

Board developed a proposal to rezone land at and around the existing Town Yard on Lewis Street. If approved at Annual Town Meeting in May, a new Mixed Use zoning district would cover specific pieces of land — business and residential — along

North Main, Pearson and Railroad streets, and officials would look to relocate the Town Yard, they have said.

At the first forum, held at the Andover Public Safety Center on Feb. 7, the proposal was presented to the

audience, and then officials took questions and comments for nearly an hour.

The goal of the forums is to gather public input and tweak the zoning proposal for its final Town Meeting presentation, according to Andover officials.

## Free asset protection seminar

The North Andover Senior Center will offer a free presentation by Attorneys Patrick Curley and Lucy Budman entitled "Protect your Home and Savings against the Risk of Medicaid and Nursing Home Costs" on Monday, Feb. 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., 120R Main St., North Andover.

The presentation will focus on specific strategies seniors and families can put in place today to protect their homes and their savings against the potentially devastating costs of nursing home care, according to a release.

Curley and Budman both have earned the designation of Certified Elder Law Attorneys. In addition, Curley was named to 2011 and 2012 Massachusetts Super Lawyers, and Budman was named to the 2012 Massachusetts Super Lawyers as a Rising Star.

For more information or to reserve a space, call 781-245-2222, ext. 10 or visit [CurleyLawFirm.com](http://CurleyLawFirm.com).

## Cowan statement on being sworn in

U.S. Sen. William "Mo" Cowan made the following statement after he was sworn in as a United States Senator for Massachusetts by Vice President Joseph Biden.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to have the

opportunity to serve the people of Massachusetts as a United States senator. I want to thank Governor Patrick for the faith he showed in me by appointing me to this position," said Cowan.

"Even though I will be in the Senate for a short time, I will use that time to do my best, working alongside Senator Warren, to continue the work that Secretary Kerry started and uphold the traditions that he and the late Senator Ted Kennedy established in serving the commonwealth. To me, there is nothing more important than maintaining focus on how we can work together in the Senate, the House and on Beacon Hill to fulfill the needs of the people of Massachusetts and to move forward with the important goals that President Barack Obama has set our sights upon," he continued.

## Event to replace veteran grave flags

On Sunday, April 14, Andover veterans, cadets, boy scouts, cub scouts, girl scouts and interested citizens will meet at 11 a.m. at Spring Grove Cemetery on Abbot Street to replace 3,600 flags on the graves of deceased Andover veterans.

The process takes about 90 minutes and affords an opportunity to see parts of Andover's history up close, according to the town veterans services office.

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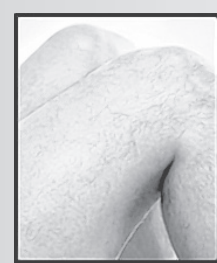
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The following students were named to the Springfield College dean's list for the fall 2012 term: Ingris Costello, human services major; **Rachel Mattison**, health science/pre-PT major; **Colin Rivet**, health science/pre-PT major; and **Bridget Thibodeau**, exploratory studies.

The following students were named to the Clark University second honors dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Nicole Cahill**, **Benjamin Canner**, **Alexandra Carroll**, **Barbara Gimbel** and **Madison Skwierczynski**. To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.79, of a maximum of 4.3.

**Ryan Mann**, son of Stan Mann and Leslie Mann, graduated with a major in writing from Ithaca College's School of Humanities and Sciences.

The following students graduated from Fitchburg State University on Jan. 25: **James Bagtaz**, bachelor of science in occupational/vocational education; **Alan Hibino**, masters in education in secondary education; **Carol Liedes**, masters in business administration; and **Brendan Norton**, masters in education in educational leadership/management.

**Corey Mooney**, a manufacturing option major, was named to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth chancellor's list for the fall 2012 semester in recognition of earning a grade point average of 3.8 or higher out of a possible 4.0.

**Molly Awizus**, a freshman majoring in athletic training, was named to the Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance's fall 2012 dean's list.

The following students were named to the University of Vermont dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Annette Fey**, a junior majoring in animal sciences in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences; **Joshua Riemer**, a sophomore majoring in business administration in the School of Business Administration; **Christina Sauerbrunn**, a first-year majoring in undeclared in the College of Arts & Sciences; **Zachary Silberman**, a junior majoring in biological science in the College of Arts & Sciences; **Alyssa Solomon**, a sophomore majoring in environmental studies in the College of Arts & Sciences; and **Leah Spencer**, a first-year majoring in undeclared in the College of Arts & Sciences.

To be named to the dean's lists, students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

**Timothy Duffy**, a junior

majoring in accounting and finance in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech, is among 28 students who will spend their 2013 spring semester traveling across the globe as part of the university's Presidential Global Scholars program.

The Presidential Global Scholars program, which began Jan. 19 and will run through May 8, provides students in the University Honors Program with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in several global cultures as they create a unique learning experience.

Though stationed in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland, participants will travel to locations across Europe, as well as a trip to Ghana in Africa. Distinguished Virginia Tech faculty will accompany the students for the once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunity. The goal of the interdisciplinary, hands-on program is to enable students to become global citizens. This year's theme is "Collaboration, Cultivation, and Communities."

**Gabrielle Martinez** was named to the Mount Ida College dean's list for the 2012 fall semester. To make the dean's list, students must have a grade point average of 3.33 or above.

The following students were named to the Merrimack College dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Lauren Brennan**, senior in the Girard School of Business; **Stephen Daniels**, senior in the School of Science and Engineering; **Patrick Dinan**, freshman in the Girard School of Business; **Priscilla Khaknejad**, sophomore in the School of Liberal Arts; **Joseph Lamagna**, junior in the Girard School of Business; **Molly Lynch**, freshman in the School of Education; **Michelle Norton**, sophomore in the School of Liberal Arts; **Katherine Taylor**, freshman in the School of Science and Engineering; and **Daniel Yaghmoorian**, freshman in the Girard School of Business.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve a 3.25 grade point average or higher, based on a 4.0 grading system.

**Alexandra Abisso**, a member of the class of 2013 at Skidmore College, earned term honors for the fall semester. She is the daughter of Stephen and Kathy Abisso of Andover. Term honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.650 from a possible 4.0, for students who have completed 14 credit hours.

**James Tornatore** earned the distinction of being named to the honors list for the fall semester at the New England School of Communications.

**Rebecca Long** was named to the Boston University College of Fine Arts dean's list. To qualify for the dean's list there, students must earn at least a 3.4 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits, no incomplete grades and no "J" grades.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photos

One of the final steel beams of the new Bancroft Elementary School is raised onto the school as part of the project's topping off ceremony last week. The raising of the beam marks the passing of a milestone on the project, which received an additional \$5.7 million at Special Town Meeting Feb. 11.

## Town celebrates Bancroft milestone School to be weather-tight by end of summer

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

The new Bancroft Elementary School construction project has passed another milestone, as school leaders look to the building becoming weather-tight later this year.

The town held a topping off ceremony for the school last Wednesday, Feb. 13, two days after residents voted to spend an additional \$5.7 million on the construction project to keep it on target for a fall 2014 opening.

"This is a celebration of the workers who are building the building," said Tom Deso, School Building Committee chairman. "Many of you are here today. Many more of you won't even be here for several months to come."

The problems with the original Bancroft Elementary School, still in use as the new school is built in front of it, date back many years, Deso indicated.

"My wife and I moved to Andover 29 years ago. 15 years before that, this school was built," Deso said. "In 1979... (the School Committee) had to close this school for three months after the blizzard of '78. The roof was leaking so bad, they had to come in and do emergency



Students and teachers at Bancroft Elementary School look on in excitement as one of the final steel beams to be installed on the new Bancroft school is put in place. The beam was signed by teachers, students and town officials and installed as part of the last week's topping off ceremony at the school.

repairs. That was sort of the beginning of the problems we've had with the school ever since."

With two votes, in December 2010 and January 2011, the town agreed to spend \$44.7 million to replace the school, with more than \$16 million of the cost being reimbursed by the state.

Around 1,850 pieces of steel totaling 1.7 million pounds have gone into the project since ground was broken last year, Deso said.

Now, with the final steel in place, crews are working to

pour concrete slabs and start putting up the school walls, according to Bill Endicott, project manager with construction firm Skanska.

The building is wrapped in tarp and the area heated to keep it warm enough for workers, Endicott said. The project's next milestone, set to be hit in the late summer, will be when the building is "weather tight."

"When the facade is complete, the windows are complete, the roof is on — the building is weather tight, which is when we're able to

really, in earnest, begin the finishes inside the building — your paint, your drywall, your finished flooring, mill work," Endicott said.

The money approved at last week's Special Town Meeting will help pay for almost all of that finishing work, according to Endicott.

The topping-off ceremony, celebrated these days on the raising of the project's last piece of steel, is a standard in the construction industry. It originates from a Scandinavian tradition originally held "as a signal to the gods, if you will," Endicott said.

Wood structures were the norm back then, today's topping off ceremonies honor the symbolism of the celebration by raising the final piece of steel with a small tree native to the area — in Bancroft's case, an evergreen tree, according to Endicott.

The final beam, painted white, was signed by students, town officials and school leaders. The signatures will be visible in the school's gymnasium "for the life of the building," Endicott said.

"That will remain in place as a memorial to this event," he said, "long after the building is completed and they're using it."



COURTESY PHOTO

Teacher Betsy Wish tries out a kayak she is expected to use as she begins her life after her years at High Plain Elementary School.

## Sailing off to new waters

High Plain Elementary School celebrated the work of art teacher Betsy Wish the day before February vacation, Friday, Feb. 15.

Wish has worked as a teacher in the Andover Public Schools for approximately 18 years. She is retiring and dedicating more time to her personal artwork, according to Jill Sergeant.

"High Plain appreciates Mrs. Wish's fun way of

teaching kids to enjoy art. She always emphasizes the art of turning a 'whoops into a wahoo.' She will be greatly missed," reported Sergeant.

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## Night classes offered at tech school

Andover adults can sign up for nighttime education courses being offered at the Greater Lawrence Technical High School on River Road in Andover.

With almost 50 adult education courses currently offered at the vocational school, students can gain expertise in a wide array of subjects.

Whether it's a ServSafe certification, administrative medical assisting, lifeguard training, basic electricity, CPR, Zumba, or a cooking class, anyone from a student to a senior citizen can

register at Greater Lawrence Technical School, at 57 River Road in Andover.

New this semester is a social media certificate program called "Join the Conversation!" as well as "Planning for Tomorrow's Economy." These courses provide students with expertise and knowledge to prepare them for their future in business, at home, or in their retirement, according to the school. For more information or to register, visit [www.glt.net/programs/night-school/adult-education.com](http://www.glt.net/programs/night-school/adult-education.com) or call 978-0194.

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# Business

## US Reps see jobs, not spending as biggest issue

BY DOUGLAS MOSER

Both members of U.S. Congress who represent part of Andover recently defended government spending to a group of business leaders in Andover, while saying they are somewhat optimistic a federal deficit deal can be reached.

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, D-Lowell, and Congressman John Tierney, D-Salem, Mass., said further deficit reduction could be accomplished with thoughtful cuts in spending and higher tax revenue through boosting rates on dividend and investment income. A scheduled automatic across-the-board slash in funding, split evenly between the military and domestic programs, would cost too many jobs, they said. "Our most immediate problem is not spending, as (House Speaker) John Boehner would have you believe, it's jobs," said Tierney.



Niki Tsongas John Tierney

The representatives addressed a Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce breakfast at the Wyndham Boston Andover hotel on Old River Road Monday morning, Feb. 11.

Both members warned that a second round of federal spending cuts totaling \$1.2 trillion over 10 years — half from defense spending and half from other domestic programs excluding Medicaid, Social Security and civil and military pay — would lead to a drag on the economy and to job losses, particularly in the defense and research sectors

in Massachusetts.

They said they supported some targeted cuts to spending, though they did not offer specifics, and defended the role of government spending in research, job training and community development.

"We need to deal with the debt in a way that's sustainable, not destabilizing to the economy," Tsongas said.

She pointed to the industrial cities in her district, from Haverhill, Methuen and Lawrence locally and west to Lowell, Fitchburg, Gardner and Marlborough, where she said federal community development grants and job training programs can help those cities "find a path forward."

Tierney said he supported a review of the Pentagon budget to reduce spending, specifically to identify weapons programs that are tested and feasible while reducing production of those that are not and to review American bases overseas. Ending the

wars in Iraq and Afghanistan also would reduce military spending.

However, research funding, of which Massachusetts gets a significant share for its universities and Hanscom Air Force base, should be protected.

"We shouldn't hack with a hatchet the defense budget, just like we shouldn't with the domestic side," Tierney said.

He said the recovering economy, along with about \$917 billion in spending cuts in 2011 and about \$620 billion in tax increases — both figures are totals over 10 years — passed in January and another deficit bill next month to head off the automatic cuts, would reduce the budget deficit to a sustainable level.

They promised to do what they can to protect Massachusetts military installations during base closure talks

despite the commonwealth's loss over the last few years of several influential senior members of Congress, including former Congressman Barney Frank, former Sen. John Kerry and the late Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Tierney said he felt optimistic some bills, including deficit reduction and immigration, could be passed given three recent laws passed in the U.S. House of Representatives over the opposition of a majority of Republicans, who control the chamber.

"It gives us hope that there will be serious votes and responsible governance," he said.

In 2011, Congress and President Obama engaged in a standoff over raising the federal borrowing limit. On Aug. 2, 2011, hours before the government would have been unable to borrow money

to pay its obligations, a deal was reached to raise the limit, cut spending \$917 billion over 10 years, and establish a so-called supercommittee of U.S. Senators and Congressmen to negotiate another \$1.2 trillion to \$1.5 trillion in spending cuts.

The law also specified that if the supercommittee failed to produce a bill by Thanksgiving 2011, which it did, a round of automatic cuts totaling \$1.2 trillion over 10 years, divided equally between defense and non-defense programs but excluding Medicaid and Social Security, would go into effect on Jan. 1, 2013. Medicare payments to doctors and hospitals would be eligible for cuts, but cuts to benefits was limited to a 2 percent reduction.

That round of automatic cuts was postponed until March.

### BUSINESS IN BRIEF

#### NERVE Center, for robotics, open at UMass Lowell

What is being described as the most advanced robotics test center in the nation is now open at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, 1001 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell.

The New England Robotics Validation and Experimentation (NERVE) Center will fuel robotics research and development across the region by providing access to state-of-the-art test courses and UMass Lowell faculty researchers' expertise, according to a release.

Developed in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology and the U.S. Army, the NERVE Center is the only robotics test site in the Northeast and one of only three in the United States.

#### MV Workforce Investment awarded grant

The Walmart Foundation has awarded a \$25,000 grant to the Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board for "Close the Gap" Veterans Services.

Walmart funding will be used to support occupational skills training for veterans who are not eligible for any other veteran-targeted federal or state job training. The ValleyWorks Career Center in Lawrence will operate the program through their Local Veterans Employment Representatives. Services will take place over the next 9 months.

In 2011, Merrimack Valley veterans between 20 and 24 years of age had an average unemployment rate of 30 percent. Additional young veterans are flooding the job market, and will continue to do so once more troops are withdrawn from Afghanistan.

Older veterans need help since many have become ineligible or have exhausted their veteran's benefits.

The MVWIB/VWCC served nearly 1,000

veterans in FY 2012, and is on course to surpass this number in FY 2013. In FY 2012, almost 10 percent of Career Center clients were veterans. This is more than twice the state average of 4 percent.

#### Free direct care worker training at NECC

A free, 50-hour program to train personal and home care aides will be offered at Northern Essex Community College through its Workforce Development and Community Education program at the Riverwalk in Lawrence thanks to a federal grant.

Classes will be held Monday through Friday, Feb. 25 through March 8 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students must attend all training days in order to successfully complete the program.

This program is designed to teach students the skills that will support them in their role as a personal care attendant or homemaker.

Fifteen students can be accommodated in this first session.

There is currently a great demand for direct care employees to provide personal care services such as bathing, dressing, foot care, denture care, and walking as a personal assistant to shopping, meal planning and preparation, laundry, and light housekeeping as a homemaker.

This program will provide the core skills and knowledge to work in this growing field and can also be the starting point for anyone interested in training for other types of healthcare jobs in the future.

For more information or to register, contact Dianne Lahaye at dlahaye@necc.mass.edu or 978-659-1222 or Diane Zold-Gross at

dzoldgross@necc.mass.edu or 978-659-1221.

#### Andover company has free digital magazine for iPad

Arrow Carpet One Floor & Home is offering a new digital magazine to its customers entitled "Beautiful Design. Made Simple."

The magazine is said to feature "inspiration, tips and advice to make creating a beautiful home just a little bit easier."

It is free and can be downloaded from the Apple App Store.

Each quarter the magazine will feature new ideas. Arrow Carpet One Floor & Home's goal is to provide their customers with design tips and trends before, during, and after they purchase flooring, according to a release.

The premier issue features information and ways to incorporate Benjamin Moore's 2013 color trends, simple tips on updating a room, inspiration and design advice from professionals Tracy Bross and Glen Peloso, carpet care tips, flooring trends and a plethora of inspiring images for the entire home.

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■ RELIGION

**Purim Family Service**

On Saturday evening, Feb. 23, Temple Emanuel of Andover will have its Purim Family Service and Megillah Reading at 6 p.m. Pizza dinner will be available prior to services, beginning at 5 p.m. for a small fee. Please bring a box of macaroni and cheese as a grogger. All boxes collected will be donated to The Merrimack Valley Foodbank. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover.

**UU Movie Night**

The UUCiA Movie Night will feature the award-winning documentary "The Dhamma Brothers" at the congregation at 6 Locke St.

The movie night is tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. The movie is 76 minutes long and will be shown for free.

People are invited to "bring a friend, beach chair to sit on, and something to drink. We will provide the movie and popcorn."

According to the congregation, "The Dhamma Brothers' tells a dramatic story of human potential and transformation as it closely follows and documents the stories of a group of prisoners as they enter into this arduous program. It will challenge assumptions about the very nature of prisons as places of punishment rather than rehabilitation. Despite the difficulty in obtaining permission to film inside a prison, the Alabama

Department of Corrections allowed a film crew to document, not only the Vipassana program, but many other scenes and settings revealing the daily lives of prisoners and staff.

"Before the Vipassana retreat, the men openly express fear and trepidation, wondering what they will find when they look deeply within and face the consequences of past actions and trauma. They are shown packing their scant belongings and preparing for the journey inside, a very short walk down the prison corridor but a sea change in their lives as prisoners. We observe the transformation of the prison gym, a frequent site for violent battles among inmates, into a monastery, a

separate, restricted place in which the inmate students can eat, sleep, and meditate in total seclusion from the rest of prison society."

**Temple Emanuel carnival**

On Sunday afternoon, March 3, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, will have its Annual Purim Carnival at 1 p.m. The whole family can join the fun with games, face painting and prizes, according to the congregation. Hotdogs, chips and soda for lunch and Hamentashen. The Purim Carnival is sponsored by TEMTY. Visit the website at templemanuel.net or call the temple office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

**John Bilodeau, 71**



FLORAL CITY, FLA. — John Joseph Bilodeau, age 71, died February 3, 2013, at Citrus Memorial Hospital. John was born on November 30, 1941, in Salem, to the late Emile and Rose (Cormier) Bilodeau. He served our country in the U.S. Coast Guard. John was an electronics engineer and designer. He was an avid amateur radio operator with the call sign W1GAN. He was Catholic by faith.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 35 years, Letitia Bilodeau; his son Paul and his wife, Kelly, of Swampscott; daughter Michelle O'Nei, and her husband, Shawn, of Peabody; his brother Stephen and his wife, Madeline (Paddy), of Rotunda West, Fla.; stepdaughter Marilyn Johnson of North Carolina; grandchildren Carter, Morgan and Shanna. He is also survived by his aunt, Theresa Rhodes of New-



buryport. He was preceded in death by his brother, David Bilodeau, and his stepson, Wilard Maker.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial Mass will be held at St. James Parish Chapel, 156 Federal St., Salem, on Thursday, February 21, at 12:05 p.m.

■ SUPPORT GROUPS

**Caregiver support**

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

*The local area has a wide variety of support groups that people can attend for the short or long term. Information about some of these groups is included here, based on the information sent by group organizers.*

other memory disorders. Led by a social worker and offering a confidential forum for the sharing of coping techniques and information, free

respite care will be made available upon request, according to organizers. For more information and to arrange respite services, contact Susan Harrison at 978-921-1697 ext. 221 or sharriso@nhs-healthlink.org.

**For Alzheimer's caregivers**

An Alzheimer's caregivers support group meets on the last Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m. in Atria Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

**Cognitive disabilities**

Self-advocates have been planning a new group in the Greater Andover area. It is an opportunity for people with cognitive disabilities to learn about empowerment, learn about rights, meet new people and get involved in the self-advocacy movement. This movement educates

people about working together to make choices that enrich their lives. The meeting will be held Tuesdays at the North Andover/Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to people with disabilities as well as their supporters. Contact Barbara Pandolfi, program manager, The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport, formerly known as The Arc of Northern Essex County, Inc., 57 Wingate St., Suite 301, Haverhill. Call 978-373-0552, fax 978-373-0552 or e-mail Barbara.Pandolfi@TheArcofGHN.org.

**Diabetes support**

Diabetes support group meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

**Divorced or separated**

A support group for anyone separated or divorced has held sessions at the Parish House of Free Christian Church 28 Elm St., Andover. For information, contact John at 978-470-0327.

**Thelma Mae (Birch) Dowd, 84 Years**

July 25, 1928 — February 14, 2013

ANDOVER — Mrs. Thelma Mae (Birch) Dowd, a resident of Andover died at her home on Thursday evening, February 14, 2013. Thelma was the beloved wife of the late Francis J. Dowd, Sr. Born in Wyoming Minnesota, she was the beloved daughter of the late Theodore and Elsie (Thornquist) Birch. She was also the loving sister of the late John Birch.

Thelma was a homemaker who readily opened her home to friends, friends of her children, her extended family and neighbors. She had a welcoming disposition and a wonderful, wry sense of humor. She lovingly hosted annual barbeques for family and friends. Thelma enjoyed playing solitaire and watching her favorite TV shows.


She will be sorely missed by her loving children: Kathy M. and her husband Paul M. Fitzmeyer of Haverhill; Debra J. and her husband Walter Crookes of Hampstead, New Hampshire; Shelly and her husband Craig S. Tetreault of Andover; Francis J. Dowd, Jr.




of Andover and Jason M. and his wife Gail Dowd of Wilmington; sister Joanne Lepine of Andover; grandchildren Ellen H. and Emily A. Fitzmeyer; sister-in-law Irene Birch and several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Her services will be private with a memorial service planned at a later date.

**Donations in Thelma's memory may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA 01843.**



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# Opinion

## LONE TOUR



Courtesy photo by Floyd Greenwood

Andy Menezes takes a tour along the Shawsheen River this past weekend.

## Partisan move hitting pocketbook with election

Replacing John Kerry in the U.S. Senate will cost at least \$13.5 million. That's a ridiculous sum of money for Massachusetts taxpayers to have to spend. And it is money that didn't need to be spent.

Kerry, the state's Democratic senior U.S. senator, resigned his seat on Feb. 1 to become secretary of state in the Obama administration.

Gov. Deval Patrick chose former chief of staff and longtime advisor William "Mo" Cowan to serve as interim senator until a special election can be held. Party primaries will be on April 30 and the special election will be June 25.

State Auditor Suzanne Bump estimated that the cost to cities and towns of holding the elections will be \$8.3 million. Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin, who oversees state elections, said last week he will ask the Legislature for \$5.2 million to cover his office's costs.

That's \$13.5 million to put a senator into office for 18 months. Kerry's term expires in January 2015. The newly elected senator will face re-election in November 2014. That figure, of course, does not count the tens of millions of campaign dollars the candidates themselves will spend to win a job that pays \$174,000 a year. Last year, Democrat Elizabeth Warren and Republican Scott Brown together spent \$77 million on their Senate contest.

It wasn't always like this. Once, the governor would hand pick a successor to fill a Senate vacancy. If those rules still applied, we'd have Sen. Mo Cowan until January 2015.

But everything changed in 2004, when it looked like John Kerry might be elected president of the United States. Republican Mitt Romney was governor back then, and the Democrats running the state Legislature rebelled at the idea of Romney appointing a Republican to represent Massachusetts in the Senate.

So our Democratic legislators changed the law to serve their own partisan political interests. No longer would a gubernatorial appointment be sufficient to fill a Senate vacancy. Now, an election would be required.

This whole charade was rendered moot when Kerry failed to win the presidency. But the change in the law remained.

This decision came back to bite Democrats when Democrat Martha Coakley ran possibly the worst campaign in history and lost to Brown in the 2010 election.

Now it will take a bite out of all of our wallets again.

This is the law that is in place now. We've little choice but to pay the bill.

## WEB QUESTION

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

A West Middle School student brought a "hit list" to school last week, but further details are limited. Should more information be available?

- YES: Any time a threat is made, information should be on the table in the interest of public safety.
- YES: If the public can't know the details, parents at the school should at least be made aware if their children were named.
- YES, but for another reason.
- NO: Anything involving a police investigation has to be kept quiet in the interest of protecting the investigation.
- NO: With children involved, they must be protected. Any detailed information on the incident could harm them.
- NO, but for another reason.
- I don't know, or I have no opinion.

Last week, we asked residents how they felt about the town's response to the blizzard. With 29 responses in a shortened window, the answers were:

- 5... It was fantastic, and I can't think of many ways it could have been better: nine votes, 31.03 percent.
- 4... The town's response was strong, but there is room for improvement: eight votes, 27.59 percent.
- 3... It was average... Not great, but not bad either: eight votes, 27.59 percent.
- 1... It was lacking severely, and in critical areas. People should be held accountable: four votes, 13.79 percent.
- 2... It was lacking in several areas. The town should assess its processes for future storms: zero votes.
- I don't know, or I have no opinion: zero votes.

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## Town of Joiners: The Early 20th Century



### Andover Stories

Gail Ralston

Andover Historical Society

This is the first of a two-part story.

French political thinker and historian Alexis de Tocqueville traveled to America in 1835, publishing his observations in the text "Democracy in America." Key to this volume was the way in which Americans recognized the distinctiveness of their voluntary tradition. Tocqueville argued that a society's propensity for individualism could have either positive or negative consequences.

In America, efforts in this regard became the country's strength: "Through associating, the coming together of people for mutual purpose, both public and private, Americans are able to overcome selfish desires, thus making both a self-conscious and active political society and a vibrant civil society functioning independently from the state."

German sociologist Max Weber in 1911 described the United States as "the association-land par excellence." In 1944, Arthur M. Schlesinger coined the phrase "a nation of joiners" to refer to the phenomenon.

Andover is certainly no exception to this trend. And nowhere have ties been stronger or more influential

than within the grand halls of its fraternal organizations. A study of lodges in town shows that members are drawn together by three things: their belief in a Supreme Being, their bond of brotherhood and their policies of charitable acts. Other organizations come together by sharing a similar culture, like interests or similar occupations. All groups, however, are joined by their commitment to service in their home community.

Andover's town directory of 1893 lists the following active lodges: St. Mathew's Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, the Grand Army of the Republic, W.F. Bartlett Relief Corps, Royal Arcanum, the Indian Ridge Council, the Andover Grange (Patrons of Husbandry), Andover Wheelman, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

By 1897 additional organizations surfaced: the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Sons of Veterans, and the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers. The Knights of Columbus was organized in 1905. Following these were the Carpenter's Union, the Knights of Pythias (1913), and the Independent Order of Good Templars. Coming late to the game were the Lions Club in 1930 and the Andover Lodge of Elks, formed in 1961.

Several lodges were also formed to preserve the culture of its homeland. Clan MacDonald and Clan Johnston celebrated their Scottish heritage; the Ancient Order of Hibernians celebrated the Irish; American Hellenic Progressive Association celebrated

Greek culture, and the Sons of Italy brought together Italian-Americans. Ballardvale had a German Club as early as 1885.

Not to be left out, early on the women of town formed an important part of these groups. The Women's Relief Corps was an auxiliary of the Grand Army. The Rebekahs was a sister organization to the Odd Fellows, forming in 1904. The Pythian Sisters organized in 1914 and the Eastern Star, sisterhood of the Masons, was founded in 1922. Clan Johnston sponsored a Ladies' Auxiliary.

Halls and meeting spaces for these groups were scattered throughout downtown and the area. The Masons gathered on the third floor of the old bank building for most of the 1800s. Other lodges met in spaces in downtown businesses, including the Musgrove Building. Here, at various times, were the VFW and Royal Arcanum. The Buchan & McNally Building, 24-30 Park St., hosted at one time the Knights of Columbus and the United Workmen. The GAR Hall was on Essex Street, and the Grange Hall, originally built near the entrance to West Parish Cemetery, eventually settled on Shawsheen Road in the space behind West Parish Church.

In 1923, six fraternal organizations purchased the three-story Morrison Block on Park Street, renovating it and naming it the Andover Fraternal Building. These lodges were the Odd Fellows, Clan Johnston, Knights of Pythias, Indian Ridge Rebekah Lodge, the Clan Auxiliary and the

Pythian Sisters.

The remodeled space included a "large lodge room, banquet hall, regalia room, card room, model kitchen and toilets." This structure was torn down in 1965 to make way for the new business block at 40 Park St.

With the number of citizens actively involved in these organizations, it's no wonder their influence spilled over into the running of the town. Many of the town fathers were members of several groups, but none more so than Selectman Frank Hardy. At various times, Mr. Hardy showed membership in the Odd Fellows, the Indian Ridge Rebekah Lodge, the Royal Arcanum, the Andover Grange and the Andover Masons.

It was this last group – the Masons – that reflected strong ties to the business community and, by extension, strong influence over town politics. Of the 85 selectmen since 1855, over 30 percent have held memberships in Masonic Lodges. The Square and Compass Club, originally located at the corner of High and Elm streets, was a social club for Master Masons. Long-time Town Moderator Jim Doherty shared a once popularly-held belief: "Decisions on town government were made Saturday night at the Square & Compass Club, finalized at South Church the next morning, and executed at the selectmen's meeting Monday night."

*Next Week: The Farmers, the Veterans and Other Histories*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Prom gown program helps many, is supported by many

Editor, Townsman:

Priceless Prom Gown Program has existed since 2007 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides prom gowns to financially challenged high school students in the Merrimack Valley area and is growing strong. Our core organizers are Carol Lanni, Carla Byrne and Penny Guerrero Perez and myself.

We are blessed to have a talented individual on our organizing committee: Penny who has designed a wonderful logo, professional brochures and posters for us in her spare time for a couple of years. We have some volunteers and are in need of more dedicated help to run our dress boutiques on March 2 and 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and April 6 and 27 from noon to 5 p.m. for dress give-a-ways to our 150 Merrimack Valley students as well as high school students as far away as Lewiston, Maine and Cranston, R.I. At the boutiques, we ask for a \$10 donation of the students to keep the program going. We ask for students who plan to attend the boutiques that they contact Carol through our web page to setup a time to try on dresses at the scheduled boutique days.

We especially need individuals to help us clean the shop, steam dresses and reorganize our newly acquired dresses from the dresses greater than three years of age, which we will pack and send to Hurricane Sandy victims this Saturday, Feb 23. We are donating dresses to Hurricane Sandy victims in two New York areas and we are in need of a free box truck and money for transportation to send the prom dresses. If you can help organizing the boutique or with use of a truck contact Carol Lanni, founder and president of the program, at carol@pricelesspromgownprogram.com.

We are only able to help other organizations due the kindness and generous donations shown to us by bridal stores and private individuals. Organizations such as John Anton Cleaners of Andover, which has cleaned and collected dresses for five years, as well as Bliss Salon in North Andover and Whole Foods of Andover will collect people's former prom dresses through April 15.

We love what we do, greatly appreciate the generosity of Merrimack Valley businesses and individuals. We also have year-round dress drop-off sites.

That is why we are able to help other needy organizations, as we are able to pass on stylish dresses to a variety of organizations such as Lowell Domestic Violence Convention in March; dedicated students of Timberlane High School, and now financially devastated Hurricane Sandy victims. Dedicated students at North Andover High School are collecting prom gowns for us and we have been blessed by the donation of dresses from supportive Newbury High School students in December.

At our boutiques through the generosity of local businesses we have been able to provide fun and very generous raffle items.

Also to raise money to support our rent we sell used bridal gowns and mother-of-the-bride dresses. We accept donations of these items that are current and in good condition. We always accept donations of stylish prom dresses that are three years old or younger. For more information and to read about us please visit pricelesspromgownprogram.com.

**PAM LUNDSTROM**  
South Main Street

### Time for incentive for people, businesses to help charities

Editor, Townsman:

Currently there is no shortage of demand for services at nonprofit human service agencies. Record numbers of people attend local food pantries and soup kitchens each week in my neighboring city of Lawrence. Anecdotal evidence suggests similar demand exists at other agencies in other locations.

Unfortunately, I fear that the damage that these agencies in the current economic and fiscal environment will face is two-fold. First, by an increase in demand for their services. Secondly, from pressure on the sources of funding that they receive.

For those organizations that depend on funding from government sources, so-called "entitlement" programs are under severe pressure at all levels of government. This not only affects individual recipients of aid, but also affects the organizations that these individuals

depend upon during difficult times.

Most nonprofit human service organizations depend at least partially on charitable contributions from individuals who believe in and are willing to support them in their mission. Some organizations depend entirely on the generosity of individuals. The higher tax rates recently passed by President Obama and both houses of Congress simply reduce the disposable dollars of all Americans who file a tax return — there is just less disposable income and, as a result, less money to go to charity. All taxpayers will pay more in taxes in 2013 than in 2012. This not only affects those who give, but also affects the low-income earners who become the beneficiaries of these agencies. Everyone has less money in their paycheck.

A study published in October 2011 by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University notes that "high-earning households are disproportionately responsible for individual charitable gifts when compared to other taxpayers, and federal tax policy impacts the giving habits of these households." A reduction of the disposable income of higher income households could impact charitable giving, leading to some decline in the amount given. Furthermore, the recent tax changes limit the value of all deductions — charitable, mortgage, state and local taxes — for higher income taxpayers. The aforementioned report suggests that the change could reduce annual giving by \$2.4 billion over the next two years.

Whatever the actual numbers become, I think we could all agree that it could be challenging times for the organizations that help those most affected by the trying economic times. Even a small reduction in charitable giving could cause significant strain during a time of growing needs. Recent changes have reduced the ability and the incentive to commit to charitable endeavors. It is time to provide a greater incentive to encourage individuals and businesses to help charities. I fear for the beneficiaries of these organizations.

**JEFFERY A. FERRANTE**  
Newburyport

*The writer is a member of the Kiwanis Club that meets in Andover each Thursday, at 12:15 p.m. at the Lanam Club.*



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### ■ POLICE LOG

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The following items were taken from Andover police logs from Tuesday, Feb. 12 to Monday, Feb. 18:

#### ARRESTS

**Tuesday, Feb. 12** — At 9:12 a.m., Kenneth Berube, 50, of 10 Lowell St. in Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

At 3:53 p.m., John Tripp, 39, of 7 Essex St. in Swampscott, was arrested on South Main Street and charged with leaving the scene of property damage and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 8:08 p.m., Jeffrey Prior, 29, of 118 Linden Ave in Malden, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with operating under the influence of drugs.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13** — At 10:49 a.m., Scott Regan, 61, of 5 Delphi Circle in Andover, was arrested on Gray Road and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

**Friday, Feb. 15** — At 7:53 p.m., Sarah Nickerson, 33, of 24 Pomeroy Road in Andover, was arrested at her home and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

**Saturday, Feb. 16** — At 7:46 a.m., Erik Owen, 40, of 486 Lowell St. in Andover, was arrested at his home and charged on a probation warrant.

At 6:56 p.m., Robert Moeller, 17, of 110 Wild Rose Drive in Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

**Sunday, Feb. 17** — At 1:34 a.m., Paul Ciampa, 65, of 26 Washington Ave. in Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery of a household member.

**Monday, Feb. 18** — At 12:40 p.m., a theft of a

vehicle was reported on Lowell Street.

#### THEFTS

**Tuesday, Feb. 12** — At 8:22 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

**Thursday, Feb. 14** — At 3:19 p.m., a theft of a license plate from a motor vehicle was reported on River Road.

**Saturday, Feb. 16** — At 7:34 p.m., a theft of gas from a motor vehicle was reported on Lowell Street.

#### INCIDENTS

**Tuesday, Feb. 12** — At 10:05 p.m., a caller on Main Street reported finding a garbage bag in the road. Police couldn’t find the bag.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13** — At 10:29 a.m., fraud involving a scam on eBay was reported on Greenwood Road.

**Thursday, Feb. 14** — At 12:11 a.m., a High Street caller reported illegal dumping of snow to police.

At 1:12 p.m., police were called to Penni Lane on a report of a car crash where a vehicle was left running and the operator was “given a ride home.” Police determined the car didn’t crash, but it had a tire stuck in a snowbank. The driver of the vehicle, who was not the vehicle’s owner, was then issued a court summons for possession of a class E drug with intent to distribute.

At 4:38 p.m., police were called to a home on Maple Avenue on a report of “some noises coming from the kitchen area.” Police “found nothing. It appears this may have been the cat.”

At 7:36 p.m., on Valentine’s Day, a North Main Street resident reported that she found a note on her porch saying, “You look good in red.”

At 10:05 p.m., police were called to North Main Street after a resident reported that “the people next to him at the above location are throwing things against the wall and he can hear glass breaking.” It was determined that the source of

the noise was “a kid inside skateboarding.”

At 10:09 p.m., a death was reported on Elm Court.

**Friday, Feb. 15** — At 2:36 p.m., an assault was reported on Andover Street.

At 4:56 p.m., a caller on Chestnut Court said he was “delivering a pizza and a man walking two dogs came up to him and started yelling that he was speeding and threw a rock at his vehicle.” The two parties were “able to work it out amongst themselves.”

**Saturday, Feb. 16** — Starting at 11:25 a.m., police were called to Bullfinch Drive on reports of slashed tires. Police were later called back to the scene for two additional reports.

At 11:45 a.m., police were called to Haverhill Street to check on “a suspicious male in the parking lot that has a red duffle bag and is taking items out and placing them back in.” The caller said the man was also using vulgar language. Police determined the man “is walking to Burger King for lunch and he was yelling because he was talking to his boss on the phone. He is totally fine at this time.”

At 4:13 p.m., a caller on Mulberry Circle called 911 because “her family was walking on the sidewalk in front of (a home on Foresthill Drive) and the dog at that residence jumped on them or at them and made them nervous.” An argument between the folks walking and the Foresthill Drive property owners ensued, in which the dog owner “said ‘don’t come back here or we will shoot you.’”

At 5:30 p.m., a caller on Harold Parker Road notified police of “some alpacas that may have gotten loose.” A responding officer “was able to assist the resident in wrangling a few of them back into their pen.”

#### ACCIDENTS

**Wednesday, Feb. 13** — At 7:54 p.m., a two-car crash was reported on Haverhill Street. No injuries were reported but one car towed from the scene.

At 8:14 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Main Street.

**Friday, Feb. 15** — At 5:06 p.m., a two-car crash with no injuries was reported on Dascomb Road. Both vehicles involved were towed from the scene.

At 5:38 p.m., a two-car crash with no injuries, but requiring one tow, was reported on Elm Street.

At 6:29 p.m., a crash with no injuries but one tow was reported on Chandler Road.

**Saturday, Feb. 16** — At 12:55 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Main Street.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, FEB. 22

**LIVE BALLET & AUTHOR**, ballerinas from the Helene Joy School of Dance take center stage at the Memorial Hall Library, 11 a.m., as author David Ira Rottenberg reads his picture book, "Gwendolyn Goes Hollywood," while the dancers perform the story. As an added treat, a mini-movement lesson will be offered to the children in the audience after the performance and Rottenberg will sign copies of his book, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; 978-623-8400.

**FREE LIVE MUSIC**, the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert at 8 p.m., in the Cochran Chapel. The program will include Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings, Op. 48, directed by Derek Jacoby; Newbold's "Iditarod and Lipton's "Tudo Bem under the direction of Elizabeth Aureden; Suk's "Meditation on an Old Bohemian Chorale for String Orchestra, Op. 35 and Brahms' "Variation on a Theme by Haydn, Op. 56a under the direction of James Orent. Also featured on the program is Lauren Kim, PA '13, performing the Shostakovich "Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Major, Op. 102 and James Garth, PA '13 performing Williams' "Five Sacred Trees, Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra under the direction of James Orent. This concert is free and open to the public. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible; 978-749-4260, music@andover.edu.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 23

**PURIM FAMILY SERVICE**, Temple Emanuel of Andover will have its Purim

Family Service and Megillah Reading at 6 p.m., Pizza Dinner will be available prior to services, beginning at 5 p.m. for a small fee. Please bring a box of macaroni and cheese as a grogger. All boxes collected will be donated to The Merrimack Valley Foodbank. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover; templemanuel.net, 978-470-1356.

**FREE LIVE MUSIC**, singer songwriter Adam Reczek, 1 p.m., at the Andover Bookstore, Andover Village Square, Main Street, Andover; 978-475-0123.

**FREE WINE TASTING**, The Wine Connection, 117 Main St., North Andover, noon to 5 p.m. Please note: Must be 21 or older.

**OPEN HOUSE**, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., tour historic building, talk to residents; Cynthia Smith, Community Outreach Director.

**GREEK FOOD**, Yiayia's Kitchen at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris St., Newburyport, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$12. Menus: Moussaka (eggplant, ground beef, special sauce and bechamel), Rice, Salad, and for dessert Galaktokoureko (sweet butter and milk filling in phyllo); 978-465-5757.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 24

**OPEN HOUSE**, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., tour historic building, talk to residents; Cynthia Smith, Community Outreach Director.

**ICE HIKE**, rescheduled from Feb. 10, hike in the remote frozen wilds of northern Middleton, southeast Boxford and

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COURTESY PHOTO BY FLOYD GREENWOOD

Kyle Greenwood (red coat), Al French, Ryan Greenwood, Bob Decelle, Bob Douglas and Sean Paige cook hotdogs on the campfire.

# Cold comfort

## Event highlights joys of camping at Serio's Grove — in all weather

By NEIL FATER  
EDITOR

They camped by the Shawshen River. Kids ran around with flashlights. They cooked hotdogs over a fire and camped in tents under the stars.

They just did it in below-freezing temperatures and on a night when the wind whipped snow into drifts across the frozen Shawshen River.

The Andover Conservation Commission offered a day and night of camping at Serio's Grove Reservation this past Saturday into Sunday morning, as part of its effort to encourage more recreational use of the town's open space.

"We've done it every winter now for a while," said Floyd Greenwood, who camped with his sons Floyd, Kyle and Ryan. In total, 17 people stopped in for the cold-weather camping experience, with eight sleeping overnight.

"The kids took advantage of what was there. They made a snow fort," Greenwood said, "and they had a nice warm fire. I think all the kids were just enjoying



COURTESY PHOTO BY FLOYD GREENWOOD

En Tan and Bob Decelle share a conversation and the warmth of the fire at Serio's Grove.

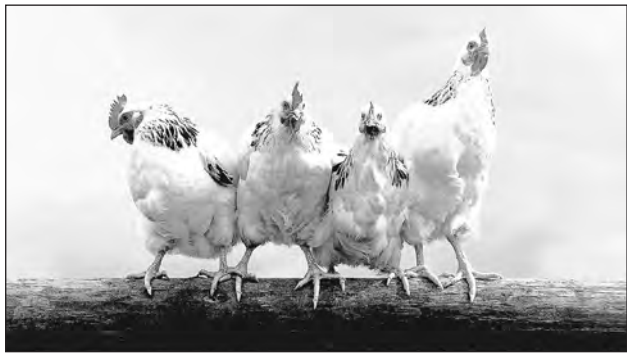
the setting. I don't think they see it as cold and snowy, they see it as just another place to have a good time."

"It was a nice evening. Everybody brought their

dinner and there was a huge roaring fire," said Al French, the former owner of Moor & Mountain outfitters, and the Andover man largely responsible for the Bay Circuit

Trail, a nearly continuous 200-mile area connecting trails and reservations in over 50 towns.

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COURTESY IMAGE

"The Cluckers," 24 x 30 inches, by Dublin artist Kelly Hood, is part of an upcoming show at Lorica Artworks. Hood's piece is done in mixed media consisting of oil, flint, zinc flakes, mother of pearl and Italian marble dust.

## Landscapes and other pieces of Ireland

### Lorica Artworks month-long exhibit highlights contemporary works

Residents ready for some snowless scenery can turn to Lorica Artworks, the downtown gallery that will present "Ireland in Real Time."

"Ireland in Real Time" is a five week long art exhibition created by a diverse group of contemporary artists from Ireland and New England, and it will open Friday, March 8, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

"Focusing on places and things Irish, the paintings showcase a confluence of interests and interpretations that are as varied as the artists themselves. On view are pieces that render in a literal sense, what one might see in an Irish landscape today. Others, while sharing the same inspiration, offer an unexpected translation,

challenging the idea of a collective effort," according to owner Mia Guerrera.

Landscape paintings by Mary Christie, Nella Lush, Jay Mulligan and Hugh O'Neill illustrate this diversity. Northern Irish artist Mary Christie's paintings are undeniably rural Ireland. But Guerra says representations, "dominated by wildly imagined color and rhythmical brush strokes, seamlessly marry tradition with modern expression."

She describes her other artists in this way: Nella Lush, from North Andover, paints Ireland in the abstract, intuitively allowing her pieces to evolve into pure distillations of shape, form and

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COURTESY PHOTO

Accompanist Jeff Rapsis will improvise a musical score to the silent feature film "Grandma's Boy."

## Rebirth of an era: Silent films on the big screen

Residents can enjoy an unusual movie-going experience that turns back the clock next Wednesday.

The silent film era will return to the big screen at Rogers Center for the Arts on the campus of Merrimack College in North Andover, with the screening of a classic silent comedy and short subjects, all accompanied by live music.

Showtime is Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. All are welcome to this family-friendly event; admission is free and the show is open to the public.

Featured will be a full-length comedy, "Grandma's Boy,"

starring Harold Lloyd, a popular 1920s film star. Comedy short subjects will include "Neighbors" (1920) starring Buster Keaton and "Mighty Like a Moose" (1926) starring Charley Chase.

The screening, the latest in the Rogers Center's silent film series, will feature live accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based composer who specializes in creating scores for silent films. The program will be preceded by a discussion of the film starting at 6:30 p.m.

"Grandma's Boy" tells the story of a cowardly young man (Harold Lloyd) who seeks the courage

to battle a menacing tramp who terrorizes his small hometown. Audiences loved "Grandma's Boy" when it was first released, and the picture helped establish Lloyd as a major star for the rest of the silent film era.

Today, "Grandma's Boy" not only can serve as an introduction to the magic of silent films, but provides a window into small town American life as it was lived a century ago.

Despite his mega-star status in the 1920s, Lloyd is largely unknown to today's audiences, mostly because he kept control of his films and refused to let them

be shown on television.

"People today remember Charlie Chaplin, but the silent era had many popular stars," Rapsis said. "Harold Lloyd's 'average American' character was immensely popular in the 1920s, not just in the U.S. but around the globe."

With the release of Lloyd's films on DVD, audiences are rediscovering his work. The reissue sparked a demand for screenings in theaters, where the Lloyd films continue to cast their spell on audiences, according to a Rogers Center release.

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Floyd Greenwood and his son Kyle set up a tent to camp overnight on Andover conservation land.



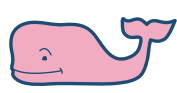
Proper gear — and a beach chair or two — helped a hardy group of five adults and three boys camp overnight at Serio's Grove, from Saturday into Sunday. About twice that number gathered during the day on Saturday to enjoy the campsite.

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# Townspeople



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A Destination Imagination team of West Elementary students collected 1,583 items of food between Feb. 4 and 15, and delivered the items to a veterans group. Destination Imagination is a competitive program where teams of students work together to tackle a problem. The West El. team coached by Margaret Sullivan chose to find a community need, solve the problem and record and show a documentary of the effort. That is one of six options available to teams. The team donated the food to the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center. Pictured are Stephen Bassett, Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center outreach coordinator; Gannon Sylvester; Jack Sullivan; Ryan Greenwood; Zoe Saum; Kyle Greenwood; Charles Bollinger, MVOC executive director; Sofie Goldman; Jessica Liao and Carol Yu.

## Get un-busy

### Local woman starts monthly fun night to beat social disconnect

JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

"Sorry, I'm busy."

That's seems to be the universal answer for people when they are invited somewhere. It's leading to a town filled with isolation and a lack of social connections, says Sherry Lundquist, who has lived in Andover for several years.

"I have been feeling the need for more community connections as a way to help create a kinder and more friendly town," said Lundquist, a teacher's assistant at West Middle School.

She has organized a monthly get-together where her passions will come to life and everyone is welcome to join her.

MAD Fridays (the MAD acronym stands for music, art and dance) happen on Friday nights from 7 to 9 at Unitarian Universalist Church at 6 Locke St. Most events are free.

"It's not spiritual, it's just a fun night," said Lundquist, who attends the church. "I'm only doing it at the church because they are letting me use the space."

Lundquist had to cancel

her first MAD event because of the blizzard. She planned to center the evening around a Journey Dance and will reschedule the event. But, MAD Fridays will go.

The next MAD Friday is March 8 when a kirtan (bakhti yoga practice of devotion) is led by Ravi and the Solar Dynasty Band. It's a family friendly event and kids of all ages are welcome, she said.

There will be opportunities for everyone to chant, sing, dance and play with rhythm instruments, said Lundquist, who leads drumming circles in her free time.

"It's an evening of yoga and a creative art event," said Lundquist, also a serious yogini.

She said the space at the church is large and spacious with a hardwood floor, and it's handicap accessible.

"I know everyone is busy but I really wanted to bring our community together... people work all day and then put the TV on. Get out and have some fun," Lundquist said. "Do something fun and meet people."

You can email Lundquist at Sherry\_Lundquist@yahoo.com.

## BOOMERVENTURE

KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

weight training and cardio fitness as you dance to Afro-Caribbean music and Latin beats, with flamenco, belly dance, rock and hip hop.

BoomerVenture is a series of activities created by and for Andover's baby-boomers sponsored by the town of Andover and the Center at Punchard. Community members are welcome to all events.

People can call for information at 978-623-8321 or visit boomerventure.com. The BoomerVenture Campus located at 30 Whittier Court, the ground floor of the School Administration Building behind Town Offices and next to the Park.

Registration began Monday, Feb. 11 for next series of classes.

**BOOMER ENERGIZE WITH EXERCISE:** Mondays, Feb. 25 to May 13 at 3:30 p.m. \$60. OR Thursdays, Feb. 28 to May 16 at 6 p.m. \$65. Great aerobic workout without going to the gym. Weight training, stretching and brief meditation included.

**BOOMER ZUMBA INTERVALS:** Thursdays, Feb. 28 to May 16 at 3:30 p.m. \$65. Combine

**SERENITY YOGA:** Thursdays, Feb. 28 to May 16 at 7:30 p.m. \$65. A practice of gentle flowing postures that warm and open the body while quieting the mind. A soothing practice for anyone looking to slow things down. No previous yoga experience required. Each class will conclude with meditation. Welcome new instructor: Sheila Wescott.

**BOOMERBRIDGE:** Bridge Beyond the Basics: Stayman, Transfers and Big Hands. Feb. 25 to May 13 from 10 to noon. 9 classes for \$150.

**Interested in a beginner's bridge class? Let us know!** **BOOMERVENTURE SCREENING ROOM:** Thursday night movies start at 7 p.m. unless noted, with film discussion and food to purchase starting at 6:30 p.m. Call 24 hours prior to order a light dinner. **Feb. 28:** "Beasts of the Southern Wild"

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## Recognize a volunteer who helps elders in Andover

Know an Andover person who goes above and beyond to help seniors in the community? You can nominate them for an award.

The Andover Council on Aging is accepting nomination for its 2013 Shining Star Award. This award was established in 2005 to recognize a person or people each year for extraordinary service on behalf of the seniors of Andover.

Individuals of any age are eligible and nominations can be made by anyone. Forms and ballot boxes are available in the lobby of the Andover Senior Center, now known as the Center at Punchard. They are also available at Old Town Hall at 20 Main St. or the Town Offices building at 36 Bartlet St. All nominations must be submitted by Friday, March 29.

The Council on Aging will make its decision and present the award at the Annual Volunteers' Reception April 26.

Prior winners of the Shining Star Award are:

- 2005 Mary Lyman
- 2006 Mary Bresnahan and Mariles Zammuto
- 2007 Tina and Jim Solari
- 2008 Sharon and Jim Dolan
- 2009 Audrey and Jim Nason
- 2010 Evelyn and Al Retelle
- 2011 Penny Kohut
- 2012 Rita Carrier

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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### 100 Years Ago Feb. 21, 1913

Before a large audience which gathered in the Chapel last night, a very interesting lecture on Col. Roosevelt's big African hunting expedition was given by J. Alden Loring, Esq., who was one of the naturalists who accompanied the party. Out of his exciting and oftentimes dangerous experiences, Mr. Loring was able to give an intensely interesting account of the trip.

Everybody interested in Andover highways or in Andover public service is urged to attend the public meeting next Monday evening in Andover town hall at eight o'clock. Alfred L. Ripley will preside; a dozen speakers will give minute addresses and then the meeting will be open to the public. Every citizen and every citizen's views are

welcome.

The Thompson property on Essex street which has been in litigation for several weeks, was sold this morning to Louis Resnick, proprietor of the Capitol lunch-cart on Essex street. His plans for the disposal of the property are not yet known.

### 75 Years Ago Feb. 18, 1938

The town faces a tax rate of \$32.65 according to the Finance Committee's report, if all the expenditures recommended by the committee are approved at Town Meeting. This represents an increase of \$5.85 per thousand over last year's rate.

All nomination papers must be filed by five today, and indications are now that J. Everett Collins will be the first selectman to be unopposed for re-election in years. The really serious fights will come in the Board of Public Works, tax

collector, School Committee, and tree warden races, although in the past week several of the candidates for the first three positions have dropped out of the race.

Crashing into a sedan of Everett M. Lundgren's parked on Salem Street Wednesday evening brought a Lawrence man into district court yesterday morning on charges of operating under the influence, to endanger and drunkenness. Officer Deyermond made the arrest. The case was continued until Monday. The man was injured slightly.

### 50 Years Ago Feb. 21, 1963

Photo caption: Total Destruction is the fire chief's verdict, following Tuesday night's multi-alarm fire at Howard Johnson's Restaurant on Route 28 [where Tokyo is today,

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## Launching of William Ballard

### Bill Dalton



In July 1916, Andover was treated to an event the likes of which has not been seen before or since on the Shawsheen River: the launching of a 30-passenger, 25-foot-long powerboat that

had a beam of eight feet and a draft of only four inches, meaning it could operate in very shallow water.

There were two accounts of this event in the Andover Townsman, one written by a member of both the Ballard and Abbot families, who called the river by its more ancient spelling "Shawshin." She signed her account of the event with letters C.H.A., and she was the preeminent Andover historian and genealogist

of her day, Miss Charlotte Helen Abbot. Her description, which is more poetry than prose, described how the bits and pieces of the boat were carried to the river from a shop owned by Allan F. Abbot, one of her relatives.

So let's go back to what C.H.A. wrote: "The energy without profanity of the stern faces, the skill combined with horses and man that launched cart and boat all at once, then sorted

out the pieces... was vastly entertaining to a limited, feeble, anti-suffragist." The writer described the beauty of the first trip on the boat, saying it offered the "...finest view of Abbot's Bridge, the sky, the trees, the daisies, the cheering, waving, freight train employees... the small doggie that was under everybody's feet without getting crushed...the canoes along the edging of the river, the lasses on the wharf who

cheered, all went into a movie that remains."

The idea that there was a movie of the event is fascinating, although without preservation the almost-100-year-old film must be beyond repair. The famously strong-willed and stately Charlotte Helen Abbot was one of the prime movers of the Andover Historical Society, which was still an infant when

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Sean Sullivan dances across the stage during the talent portion of the Mr. AHS competition.



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Carter Letsky, who was the runner-up, performs on the piano during the talent portion of the competition.



James Lee and Tracy Sun act out a date during the dream date portion of the Mr. AHS competition.

## Mr. AHS a hit again

It looks as if Mr. AHS will have a home again at Andover High School.

The male pageant, often done as much for laughs as for true competition, returned to Andover High this month after a two-year hiatus.

The winner was Joe Benjamin, followed by Carter Letsky and Max Galat, according to advisor Michelle Chachus.

She said the Mr. AHS pageant will be back next winter.

"My sophomores are already talking about wanting to compete next year. We sold over 500 tickets on a Tuesday night which means that the kids wanted to see the show," said Chachus.

The Mr. AHS event was originally planned for



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Jared Goldstein and Addison Kennedy act out their dinner date during the dream date portion of the Mr. AHS competition before about 500 people in the Collins Center for the performing arts.

the Saturday night of the blizzard and had to be

rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 12.



## Lunch and a show

Students of the Religious School at Congregation Beth Israel, a Main Street congregation, recently spent an afternoon in Brookline, lunching at kosher restaurants and attending a concert by the Maccabeats, an a capella group from Yeshiva University in New York City. Sharing a laugh for the picture are, from left, Sarah Rungren, Thalia Garcia, Ilana Pike and Elin Rungren.

COURTESY PHOTO

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in 2013]. This photo, taken in the early stages of the fire shows the weathervane still atop the cupola. It later toppled to the roof, then to the ground. The photo can only give an indication of the stormy conditions in which firefighters from three communities worked, from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m.

A new set of statistics and compilation of data on Urban

Renewal—from an anonymous source—occupied the selectmen Monday night, and again Tuesday evening. On the latter night, members of the board met privately with an individual, in the home of Chairman Russell G. Doyle.

Students will participate in a tuberculin testing program Monday, March 25, in the public schools. Testing will be done by means of the Vollmer Patch. In this test,

a strip of adhesive containing small squares of filter paper and saturated with a harmless protein substance is applied to the skin.

### 25 Years Ago Feb. 18, 1988

State Sen. Patricia McGovern joins with Sen. Robert Buell and Rep. Susan Tucker in announcing that the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District is the recipient

of a \$195,787 grant offer to assist in upgrading its existing wastewater treatment plant. "This funding will help protect our environment by ensuring that the treatment plant functions efficiently," McGovern said.

The Andover Historical Society will revive one of the town's oldest traditions, a gala celebration of the birthday of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln at the Lanam Club Saturday, Feb.

27, at 7:30 p.m. The festivities, featuring a champagne reception and buffet, will be open to members and their invited guests.

The two contending groups in the Collaborative School project saga were together to discuss their views for the first time last week. Jack Dziadul, head of Citizens for Neighborhood Schools, the opposition group, and Rick Elias, head of Citizens for Excellence in Education, the

group in favor, were the main figures in the discussion, sponsored by the Bancroft Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization.

## DALTON: Launching of the William Ballard in 1916 was historic

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the movie was made. And yet, one wonders where the movie is and whether anyone thought to preserve it. Surely, Charlotte Helen Abbot, who was a one-person historical society before the Andover Historical Society existed, would have known its whereabouts and may have demanded the movie be owned by the Society.

The "limited, feeble, anti-suffragist" Miss Abbot had one or two more surprises. She writes of William Ballard who came "here" at the age of 17 in 1633, and that a number of the Ballards knew Roger, the Indian for whom

Roger's Brook was named. Since most early records, as shabby as they are, indicate that William Ballard arrived in Andover in 1653, we can, but need not, assume that when Charlotte Helen Abbot spoke of William Ballard being here in 1633, the "here" she spoke of was North America. As to the Indian Roger, this is a rare account of his existence outside of Cutshamache's (the Indian on Andover's town seal) reservation of Roger's right to some land and the taking of alewives from the river, but, again, it is difficult to know if Miss Abbot is playishly speculating or not. However, since we know that Roger lived in Andover at the time of its

official settlement, we must inquire as to the origin of his European name.

The author of the second story, perhaps attempting to staunch speculation as to what C.H.A. meant when she spoke of William Ballard's arrival "here," explains that Ballard arrived in Newbury in 1646 and came to Andover in 1653, "...being the first Ballard family to settle in Andover." The author of the "Launching of the William Ballard" was likely Townsman editor John N. Cole, and this account is more specific in some details, stating that Miss Lucy Ballard Abbot, a descendant of William Ballard, and the

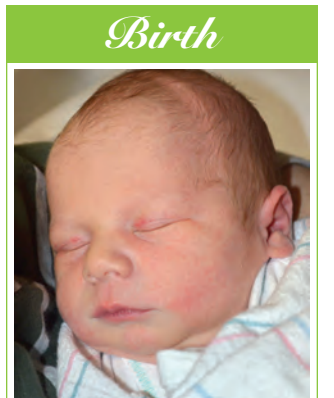
sixth named Lucy, "was sponsor of the event... and made an attractive picture as she stood on the bow carrying a large bunch of daisies." Horace Hale Smith, the ninth generation in a direct line from William Ballard, was the master of the boat, which was launched near the Andover Canoe clubhouse, not far from the Andover side of the Hartwell Abbot Bridge.

Authors note: Andover's early records were bad because Andover's settlers didn't bother to keep records and because Indians burned many of the records that did exist. It is true that eminences such as Simon Bradstreet, Rev. Woodbridge and the rest

on the list of Andover's first official settlers were the first Europeans officially here. These first official settlers were required by law to live within a half mile of the minister; however, the chances of less politically connected, yet more adventurous settlers being within the confines of what is now the Andovers seems quite likely to me. We should never assume that those who listed themselves as first settlers were the first Europeans in Andover.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. His email address is BillDalton@AndoverTownie.com.

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## FILM: A return to the days of silent films

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"Times have changed, but people haven't," Rapsis said. "The Lloyd films were designed to be shown in a theater with an audience, and to appeal to a worldwide audience, and their universal themes haven't lost any power."

Using original themes created beforehand, Rapsis improvises the music live as the films are shown. He has performed music for silent films in venues ranging from the Donnell Library in New York City to the Kansas Silent Film Festival.

"When the score gets made up on the spot, it creates a special energy that's an important part of the silent film experience," said Rapsis, who uses a digital synthesizer to recreate the texture of a full orchestra for the accompaniment. The Rogers Center for the Arts is located on



COURTESY PHOTO  
Harold Lloyd stars in "Grandma's Boy" (1922), a 1922 silent comedy to be screened with live music on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts on the Merrimack College campus.

Walsh Way on the campus of Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. For more information on this free event, call the Rogers box office at 978-837-5355.

## SERIO'S GROVE: A place for fun no matter the season or the weather

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"We awoke in the morning to wind-driven snow and temperatures around 20 degrees," French said. "But the kids were all running around like crazy. They were having a great time."

Bob Decelle, who runs special projects for the Conservation Commission, said he believes new Andover campers, including families with young kids, will find Serio's Grove useful because if they encounter problems, they'll only be a few minutes from home.

"What I've learned at Serio's Grove is, it's a great training spot," said Decelle. "It's not like they've gone two and a half hours to the White Mountains and now they're stuck."

"My stump speech is, the Conservation Commission has really taken the

forefront in that their properties can be used for recreation, family recreation," said French. "This may be an extreme example."

The conservation land and its grounds and picnic tables are not open for public camping, however. People interested in camping must contact the Conservation Division before camping, and a volunteer will stay with the group, said Decelle.

The next overnight campout planned for Serio's Grove will be April 27. Other overnight campouts planned for this year will be on May 25, June 22, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19.

People interested in more information or in signing up to be part of a campout should contact the town's Conservation Division by calling 978-623-8311, said Decelle.

## Pianist featured in chamber performance

Pianist David Alan Pihl will perform the works of Mozart, Brahms, and McKinley, during a fundraiser for the Essex Chamber Music Players on Sunday, Feb. 24, beginning at 2 p.m. in Northern Essex Community College's Hartleb Technology Center, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill.

In case of inclement weather the concert will be held March 24.

Pihl is an active soloist and collaborative player in the northeast. He has recorded a number of CDs for Master Musicians Collective and Parma Recordings.

The NECC program will be rich in classic repertoire with Mozart's "Piano Sonata #7 in C Major K. 309", and three works of Brahms: "Capriccio in f# minor op. 76, #1", "Rhapsodie #1 in b minor, op.

79"; and "Intermezzo in A Major, op 118, #2".

The second half of the program will be devoted to performing internationally known composer William Thomas McKinley's "Etudes for Solo Piano." Pihl will perform 17 of the 24 études.

Admission is \$15, seniors \$10, students \$5, and NECC students with an ID are free.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at MVarts.Info. Proceeds will benefit the Essex Chamber Music Players.

The Essex Chamber Music Players, under the artistic direction Michael G. Finegold, are in residence at NECC.

For more information, visit [ecmp.org](http://ecmp.org) or contact Finegold at 978 470-1584 or [ECMP314@comcast.net](mailto:ECMP314@comcast.net).

## Phillips Academy presents symphony, chamber orchestras

The Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22 in the Cochran Chapel, on Chapel Avenue, just off Main Street on the edge of the Phillips Academy campus. This concert is free and

open to the public.

The program will include Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings, Op. 48, directed by Derek Jacoby; Newbold's Iditarod and Lipton's Tuto Bem under the direction of Elizabeth Aureden; Suk's Meditation on an Old Bohemian

Chorale for String Orchestra, Op. 35; and Brahms' Variation on a Theme by Haydn, Op. 56a under the direction of James Orent.

Also featured on the program is Phillips Academy senior Lauren Kim, performing the Shostakovich Piano

Concerto No. 2 in F Major, Op. 102 and fellow senior James Garth, performing Williams' Five Sacred Trees, Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra.

For more information, email [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu) or call 978-749-4260.

## EXHIBIT: Lorica presents 'Ireland in Real Time'

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color. Quincy native Jay Mulligan presents glimpsed everyday narratives in a realistic palette saturated by pure and brilliant color. Expat Hugh O'Neill achieves authenticity and sincerity in his paintings while imbuing them with a lyricism

reminiscent of European landscape masters of the 1900s.

Perhaps in a category all her own, Irish artist Kelly Hood, chronicles daily temporal images, pairing her two loves, art and animals, according to Guerrero. Painting monochromatic pieces using, oil, flint, zinc

flakes and Italian marble dust, she exacts photo-realistic vignettes.

"Ireland in Real Time" also includes works by John Caggiano, Pat Cowley, Doreen Drennan, Gavin Fitzsimmons, John Patrick Flynn, Andre' Lucero, Arthur O'Callaghan, Cathal O'Malley, Dennis Poirier,

Valorie Rohver and Lorin Wiley.

The exhibition will run from March 8 through April 13, at Lorica Artworks, 96 Main St. in Andover. For more information, contact Mia Guerrero at 978-470-1829 or [mguerrera@loricaartworks.com](mailto:mguerrera@loricaartworks.com) and also at [loricaartworks.com](http://loricaartworks.com).

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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southeast North Andover. Meeting time for the hike is 12:50 p.m., on the unpaved section of North Liberty Street, about a mile north of where it crosses Boston Brook at Prichard's Pond; from Sharpener's Pond Road in North Andover go south about 0.6 mile and look for a group of parked cars. The hike will end at the start point before 4 p.m.; [middletonstreamteam.org](http://middletonstreamteam.org), email [streamteam@comcast.net](mailto:streamteam@comcast.net), 978-777-4584.

**LIVE PIANO**, Pianist David Alan Pihl will perform the works of Mozart, Brahms, and McKinley, during a fundraiser for the Essex Chamber Music Players, 2 p.m. in Northern Essex Community College's Hartleb Technology Center, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill. In case of inclement weather the concert will be held March 24; [ecmp.org](http://ecmp.org), Michael Finegold, 978-470-1584 or [ECMP314@comcast.net](mailto:ECMP314@comcast.net).

**LIVE PHILHARMONIC CONCERT**, Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra, "Land & Sea" concert, featuring mezzo-soprano Gale Fuller, and 13 year-old cellist Zlatomir Fung, 3 to 4 p.m., Pawtucket Congregational Church,

15 Mammoth Road, Lowell (children welcome), \$10 suggested donation; [lowellphilharmonic.org](http://lowellphilharmonic.org).

### MONDAY, FEB. 25

**POETRY READ-IN**, noon to 1 p.m. in Lecture Hall A in the Spurk Building, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill. Poet January Gill O'Neil of Beverly, who teaches at Salem State and is the executive director of Massachusetts' Poetry Festival, will lead the read-in. O'Neil published "Underlife," a book of poetry acclaimed for its powerful autobiographic verse, in 2009. O'Neil will read some of her own work and attendees are invited to share their own favorite prose and poetry written by African American writers.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

**MUSIC HISTORY TALK**, Kevin Coito of Methuen, who teaches in the Global Studies Department at Northern Essex Community College, will share his passion for American music in a presentation titled "From Slave Spirituals to Hip Hop: The Social and Political History of

American Music." Free and open to the public, the presentation will be held at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

**DRUMMING FOR JOY**, a monthly drumming circle led by storyteller/drummer Jane Gossard, at Rolling Ridge Retreat Center, in North Andover, 7 to 9 p.m. Drumming happens from 7 to 8:30 p.m., dessert and coffee follow. Drumming experience is not necessary. Drums will be supplied, or bring your own. The cost is \$20.

**NEW EXHIBIT**, "Restructuring Tradition," through March 31, The Loading Dock Gallery, Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell. Tradition, memory, and innovation meet in exhibit, featuring Laura Doran's digitally manipulated photographs that translate memory into image and Peter Zimmerman's blown glass that explores color, richness and physical grace.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 28

**FREE COMPUTER SAVVY TALK**, Miklos Jako will give a presentation on "Solving Computer Aggravations," addressing

20 of the most common aggravations a normal person experiences when using a computer. These include finding a file, the cost of ink cartridges, problems with spelling and shading, 3 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. A former teacher, Miklos Jako has also written a book, Computer How-To for Normal People. Copies of his book will be available at his presentation. In addition to working with special needs adults for many years, he also taught tennis, and tutored high school students for SAT preparation; 978-664-4942.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

**LIVE MUSIC**, the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students. This concert, free and open to the public, 6:30 p.m., the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible; 978-749-4260, [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu).

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# Sports

## RUNNING AWAY

### Girls track trio conquering the hurdles

BY DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Even with all of her success, Andover track star Courtney Comeau admits clearing a hurdle in the most pressure-packed situations can still be a daunting task.

“What makes hurdles so tough is that it’s not just about running and jumping,” said the Golden Warrior junior. “Hurdles is in your head, and sometimes you will get that mental block. I had one last year before nationals. I just had to ask myself, ‘Why am I scared? I know how to hurdle.’ Once you get past that, you can succeed. You have to have that confidence.”

The way Comeau and the rest of the Andover High girls hurdling crew have performed, confidence is certainly growing around the Collins Field House.

This winter, Comeau has continued to establish herself as one of the premier hurdlers in Massachusetts, while sophomore teammates Jillian Gamache and Hannah Chapman have each emerged as top contenders in the state, with all three qualifying for New Balance Nationals Indoor Nationals in March.

The trio hit their highest note yet on Saturday at the Division 1 state meet, when each ran a career-best time and Comeau (second) and Gamache (fifth) each scored points with top-five finishes, the only team to place two runners in the top 8.

“Our goal going into Saturday was to all set a PR,” said Gamache. “And we all ran better than we even thought. We have a lot of fun practicing together, and we also push each other. I wouldn’t be anywhere near as good if I wasn’t running against them every day, and



Courtney Comeau, here running to victory last spring, has led an Andover hurdles squad that sports four of the state’s best.

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their advice and encouragement helps me so much.”

#### The star

Comeau, of course, was born to complete in the hurdles.

“I was basically born onto the track,” joked Comeau, the daughter of longtime Andover coach and former Golden Warrior great Peter Comeau.

“By the time I was in elementary school I was going to track camps and running hurdles. I was always very at home there. When I was a freshman Emily Belluche got mono and I was put into my first varsity race. That’s

when it got real.”

After an impressive freshman campaign, Comeau broke out last year, winning the 55-meter hurdles at MVCs in the winter, then taking the 100 hurdles at MVCs and the Andover Boosters Meet in the spring.

She has continued that emergence this winter, reaching a new high with her career-best 8.68, just behind the event’s winner.

“My goal was just to break the top 5 and run faster than a 9.78,” she said. “After I finished that race, I was so excited I put my hands up and wanted to cry. I was thinking, ‘Is this real?’

When you know you ran a good time it is such a good feeling, and it’s always great to see my dad, because when I run a good time he jumps up and is just like, ‘Yes!’”

While she is only in the midst of her junior campaign, she has also taken the role of athlete/coach.

“I rely on Courtney a lot to work with the hurdlers when I am coaching the sprinters,” said Peter Comeau. “When she is coaching them I know they are in great hands. And there are times I can get frustrated, and she can get the drill across. She’ll just

look at me and say, ‘Dad, I’ll take care of it.’ She has worked so hard to accomplish all she has done.”

#### The upstarts

It was during one of Courtney’s victories last season that then-freshman Gamache had an epiphany.

“I was kind of struggling and I never thought I could run 9.00,” she said. “Then I saw Courtney do it and I thought, if she can do it maybe I can too. Hannah and I have just followed her and tried to copy her in drills.”

Gamache entered Saturday’s meet with a personal

record of 9.14, but first PRed in the preliminaries (8.99), before shattering that mark with a 8.91 in the finals, good for fifth overall.

“That was such a relief because I had been working to break nine seconds for so long,” she said. “And I was seeded eighth, so I never thought I would end up fifth.”

Not far behind her was classmate Chapman, who ran an impressive PR of 9.10.

It is that competition within the team that the group says motivates them.

“Working with Hannah has been so great because we are always right together, and she is great,” said Gamache. “I could not ask for more from this group. Having them all next to me, making me go faster, is why we PR. We push each other.”

#### The freshman

A fourth star of the group is freshman Lizzie Kobelski, who has had to deal with being the odd person out despite her skills.

“Lizzie would be the top hurdler on just about any other team in the region,” said Peter Comeau. “But she couldn’t run in a lot of our varsity races because of the great junior and sophomores ahead of her. But she’s excellent.”

While she faces plenty of competition in practice Kobelski — who is cousins with Courtney Comeau, star thrower Cassie Kobelski and boys sprinter Cam Farnham — is thrilled to have them around her.

“Courtney, Jillian and Hannah are amazing and just getting better,” she said. “It’s cool to watch them do so great, and each of them has taught me so much. I’m lucky to be running with them.”

## Manning, Warriors gymnasts take title

#### BOYS GYMNASTICS

Brian Manning closed out his high school career in serious style, winning every individual event to lead Andover High to a state title with 164.5 points, well ahead of No. 2 Lowell (150.4). It marked Andover’s first state meet title since The Andover Townsman began keeping records in 1990, and since the 1970s according to coach Steve Sirois. The Golden Warriors placed second in 1995.

Manning set a state record in the vault (9.8) and placed first in the parallel bars (9.0), high bar, pommel horse, floor and rings. He won the all-around with a 55.0, far ahead of No. 2 Evan Burk of Burlington (40.5).

#### GIRLS SKIING

#### Christopher wins thriller

Kerry Christopher scored a thrilling victory in 21.55 — just .01 ahead of Alex Marshall of Manchester-Essex (21.56) for the crown — to lead Andover to the team victory at the Interscholastic Meet last Thursday with 270 points. Other Golden Warriors in the top five included Julia Ganley (third) and Sara Faigle (fifth) while Jessica Leung was 14th and Lauren Buhner 15th as Andover well outdistanced Manchester-Essex (214).

Kerry Christopher continued



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Brian Manning, facing the camera, had plenty to celebrate last week. The senior won every individual event as Andover High took home the state gymnastics team crown on Friday.

to dominate, winning the Grade 11-12 race in 42.44 to lead Andover in the 21st Bove Memorial Race last Thursday.

#### GIRLS TRACK

#### Kobelski, relay second

Cassie Kobelski scored a second-place finish in the shot put with a 37-6 1/2, and the

4x800 relay of Cate Donovan, Sophie Draper, Leila Aruri and Sarah Rothman was runner-up in 9:40.01 as Andover placed fourth as a team in the Division 1 state meet with 37 points on Saturday. Courtney Comeau was second in the 55 hurdles (8.86) and the squad of Lily Puccia, Jill Gamache, Molly Lennon and Abbie Pustis finished fifth in the 4x400 for

the Warriors.

#### SWIMMING

#### Zhao takes gold

Eric Zhao won the 100 freestyle in 48.01 to pace Andover at the boys Division 1 state swim meet on Sunday. Zhao added a sixth

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## PLAYER OF THE FORTNIGHT

The final “Player of the Fortnight” award winners for this season are one member each from the girls and boys varsity teams.

Girls varsity coach Jim Tildsley nominates Angelice Gonzalez for the award. “Angelice has really come on for us at the end of this season. She’s a senior, and she’s really doing everything well for us. She’s a great leader, and her play keeps getting better. Steals, scoring, defense, she’s doing it all. Angelice is a very valuable member of our team,” he said.

Boys varsity coach Dave Fazio nominates Evan Singleton for the award. “Evan is a total team player for us - he’s a great practice player and a fan favorite. He’s a senior who is a great kid and an important part of our team. He’s made some strong contributions for us this season,” said Fazio.

A future edition of the Townsman will feature a photo of the 10 winners of this season’s “Player of the Fortnight” award, with their Andover High School varsity basketball team coaches and Ronald R. Hill of Andover’s Baystate Financial, the sponsor of the award.

## SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Items for this feature are sent in by schools and families. Information can be sent to the Andover Townsman via email at townsman@andovertownsmen.com. Please type “Sports from the community” in the subject line.

#### Voorhees races to second Patriot League Honor Roll

Simon Voorhees, a sophomore member of the Lehigh men’s cross country team

was one of 15 student-athletes at the school named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. Voorhees, an Andover High School graduate, had a grade-point average of 3.86.

To be eligible for the honor roll, student-athletes must maintain a 3.2 GPA and be listed on the team roster.

Voorhees is in the Arts & Science concentration, majoring in biology on a pre-medicine track. This is the

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# ROUNDUP: AHS blanks Central Catholic, Gilbert's second shutout against rivals

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in the 200 freestyle (1:48.14) while Alex Blake was third in the diving. The Golden Warriors finished seventh as a team.

## GIRLS HOCKEY

### Warriors spread out offense

Six different Golden Warriors scored a goal as Andover topped Boston Latin 6-0 on Sunday. Jojo Olsen, Jess Leone, Caroline Hughes, Morgan Manning, Mary Latona and Mikayla Panneton each tallied a goal for the winners.

Caroline Hughes scored a goal, but Andover lost to Billerica 5-1 last Wednesday. Jess Leone assisted on the Warrior goal.

## BOYS HOCKEY

### Gilbert brilliant

A season ago, Andover goalie Colby Gilbert said that if he could have one shutout in his career, it would be against Central Catholic.

Fortunately for Gilbert and the Golden Warriors, he didn't have to make a choice.

The senior netminder made 43 saves to blank the state powerhouse for the second time in his career, scoring his fifth shutout of the season, as Andover High shocked the Raiders, 3-0 on Saturday.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo.

Colby Gilbert was masterful on Saturday, making 43 saves to lead Andover High past archrival Central Catholic 3-0. It was Gilbert's second career shutout against the Warriors' archrival.

"I'm on top of the world," said Gilbert after the win. "To come out against a team that crushed us last time, and to do this, is unimaginable."

Tyler Weeks gave Andover the lead for good with 4:38 to go in the first, and Scott Campbell set up Mark

Campbell for the second-period insurance score. Keenan then closed out the scoring with his empty-netter in the final seconds.

Senior defenseman Steven Castaldo made his first goal of the season count, scoring early in the third for the deciding goal in Andover's 4-3 win over Westford Academy last Wednesday. Will Sauerbrunn added a pair of goals and an assist, Scott Campbell scored a goal and Mark Campbell had two assists for the winners.

## BOYS SKIING

### Tarricone places fifth

Andover's Jake Tarricone placed fifth overall in 45.89 as Andover took third as a team at the Interscholastic Meet last Tuesday with 431.5 points. Bill Baldwin was the next in for the Warriors in 11th overall (48.14) and Ian Bensley finished 17th (50.19).

Sebastian Keene placed third in the Grade 6-8 race in 44.78 to highlight Andover in the 21st Bove Memorial Race last Thursday.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Dunn hits from deep

Chris Dunn scored a team-high 19 points as Andover rolled over Needham 72-48 in the Roche Brothers

Tourney first round on Sunday. Max Silveira added 12 points, Sam Dowden had 11 points and Dave Giribaldi scored 10 for the winners.

Max Silveira scored 13 points to help lead Andover to a 61-49 victory over Lawrence last Tuesday. David Giribaldi added 12 points while Chris Dunn tallied a game-high 16 points, including four 3-pointers, for the winners.

David Giribaldi led a late rally with 12 points, but Andover fell short to archrival Central Catholic 60-54 on Friday. Sam Dowden scored 13 points while Jack Konevich chipped in with 11 points and Max Silveira had nine for the Warriors.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Alois red hot

Jackie Alois tallied a game-high 18 points as Andover snapped a two-game losing streak with a 55-32 win over Notre Dame on Senior Night on Saturday. Devon Caveney added 12 points, Colleen Caveney had eight points and Jessica Witten chipped in with seven for the winners.

Despite four 3-pointers each for Jackie Alois and Devon Caveney, Andover lost to Westford Academy 72-61 on Sunday. Olivia Biles hit three 3-pointers for 12 points and

Caveney had a team-high 21 for the Warriors.

Devon Caveney scored 20 points, including six 3-pointers, but Andover fell to archrival Central Catholic 64-45 last Thursday. Angelice Gonzalez had nine points and Olivia Biles scored eight for the Warriors.

Angelice Gonzalez scored 13 points, but Andover fell to Billerica 76-47 last Tuesday. Devon Caveney had a team-high 14 points for the Warriors.

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

### Carver third in vault

Courtney Carver scored a third in the vault (9.45) and took eighth in the all-around (36.5) for Andover at the State Individual Championships on Saturday. Emily Lowenstein chipped in with a fourth in the vault and Jessie Livingston added an eighth in the vault for the Golden Warriors.

## BOYS TRACK

### Relay places sixth at states

Cam Farnham, Cole Organisciak, Matt Reardon and Hamza Naveed teamed to take sixth in the 4x200 relay in 1:33.75 at the Division 1 state meet on Saturday.

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Gary Jaffarian, CEO of Jaffarian Volvo Toyota Scion, presents a \$3,250 check to Andover Athletic Director Don Doucette. The money was raised as part of an ongoing program, Game On, where the dealership donates \$50 to local athletic programs for each car purchased or leased by an Andover resident or fan at Jaffarian's dealership.

second time he has received this award; he also received it as a freshman last year.

In total, 88 Patriot League men's cross country student-athletes were named to the sport's Academic Honor Roll for the fall semester.

### Myers receives All-ISL honors

Lawrence Academy senior Darrien Myers received All-ISL honors from the Independent School League for his performance on a Spartans' football team that completed the season with a 6-2 record and a third place finish in the league.

On defense, the team captain contributed with 44 tackles and three pass break-ups at cornerback; on offense he had 61 carries for 321 yards and seven touchdowns as a running back, and 26 catches for 385 yards and one touchdown as a wide receiver.

"It was not only Myers' skill as a player that made a difference to his team, but also his outstanding work ethic and team spirit, for which Coach Paul Zukauskas presented him with the Coach's Award," according to a release from the school.

Myers, who was also named All-ISL last season, is the son of Tesha and Lyndon Myers.

### John Perry resigns as Merrimack College football coach

Head football coach John Perry has resigned after five seasons at Merrimack. The Andover native will be named an assistant coach at the University of Delaware.

"I'd like to thank John for his dedication to the football program during his five seasons at Merrimack," Interim Director of Athletics Dean O'Keefe said in a school release. "He made a positive impact not only on our football student-athletes but also on the entire campus. We will begin a national search immediately and look forward to introducing a new head coach to build on our history of success and lead Merrimack next season and beyond."

Perry's up-tempo, high-scoring offense was tops in the league for five straight seasons, as Merrimack won the 2009 Northeast-10 Championship, its first-ever league title. Perry has taken the program to new heights, as linebacker Shawn Loiseau became the first Warrior to sign an NFL contract with Houston and later Indianapolis, said the school.

Leading Merrimack to a 29-21 record in five seasons, Merrimack has produced six All-Americans under Perry, including the 2012 Northeast-10 Most Valuable Player Isaiah Voegeli. In 2012, the Warriors finished 6-4

overall, 4-4 in conference and in fifth place in the league, led by Voegeli and the NE-10 Offensive Player of the Year Joe Clancy.

A 1992 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Perry coached at Brown, Dartmouth, Northeastern, Georgetown, New Hampshire and Hofstra before coming to Merrimack on Dec. 28, 2007.

Merrimack said it will begin a national search for a replacement immediately.

### Johnson signs with UMass Amherst soccer program

Drew Johnson, from Andover High School, has signed on with the University of Massachusetts Amherst Division 1 soccer program.

Johnson is a two-time Eagle Tribune All-Star and a two-time Eastern Mass All-Star player. He was also selected as a US Soccer Region 1 ODP player and is the current co-captain of his high school team and his club team the U-18 New England Aztec.

Over the last two seasons at Andover High, Johnson has racked up 27 goals and 14 assists, while also playing tenacious defense at center midfield.

Johnson's sister, Jenn Johnson, graduated from AHS in 2009 and is currently a senior tri-captain for the Boston College women's rowing team.

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# Schools: Budget process needs immediate discussion

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

With less than two weeks before the School Committee presents its budget to other town officials, the committee is still calling for those officials to take a closer look at Andover's budget development process. Meanwhile, school budget figures remain — publicly anyway — a mystery.

Every year in the months leading up to Town Meeting, officials and departments craft their budgets for the coming fiscal year, which starts in July. To begin the process this year, Stapeczynski allocated enough money to the school department to give it a 3.32 percent increase over last year. That's a \$68 million budget, with an increase of \$2.2 million.

In the days leading up to his budget presentation on Feb. 1, however, the schools didn't provide budget numbers as expected. They instead provided a single page explaining that the \$68 million allocation wasn't enough to cover their mandatory expenses. While listing several reasons for why, they added that the budget process needed to be discussed. Stapeczynski has since said he believes their actions technically put them in violation of the town charter.

At a budget development

workshop last Friday, Feb. 15, School Committee Chairwoman Paula Colby-Clements said the schools' decision to not provide budget details to Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski prior to his presentation last month was not aimed at putting school money needs against the rest of the town, or even to put boards in opposition of each other.

The heart of the issue is how the town develops its budgets. Normally there are preliminary discussions on budget revenue assumptions, but this year things went differently, Colby-Clements said.

"That didn't happen this year, and I told the chairs (of other boards involved) a few times, the School Committee really wants to be involved in that," she said.

Work continues behind the scenes to "scrub" the school department's budget for next year so it fits under a certain dollar amount. As that goes on, committee member Annie Gilbert said knowing how large the department's budget deficit is — how much more they are currently set to spend, minus what the town will give them — would distract the public and officials from what she feels should really be getting attention.

"We know so well that as soon as we put out that information, there's certain

element of fixation — certainly in the parent community but also the other boards — about what is or isn't included (in the deficit)," she said. "That becomes its own semi-circus that distracts from talking about issues like this."

Part of the department's issue is how fast its costs increase from year to year in order to provide "level services" — the same quality of work from one year to the next. Town and school departments measure level services differently, the committee believes, because student enrollment numbers change just as quickly as student needs change.

To cover statutory obligations governing the quality of education and addressing individual students' needs, the department needs roughly a 4 to 5 percent increase in what it spends every year, according to Gilbert.

"If you look around the Commonwealth, it's the case to carry forward a school each year with that definition of level services," she said. "That's not doing new initiatives and innovations, and Chinese language programs or anything. That's to keep the ship moving."

Joanne Marden, Finance Committee member, said the current process won't allow for that size of an increase. "We will not have 4 to 5

percent per year, given our current revenue base. If you say, 'well, we have to re-jiggle things,' that's not sustainable," she said. "Over time, you can't keep shifting money. Eventually, whatever you're shifting from totally runs out."

This year's budget theme, coined by Stapeczynski, is "Andover, a Community Shaping Its Future." To shape its future, Colby-Clements said the town's budget struggles need to be talked about now.

The discussions "won't solve this year, but those will impact future years for sure. It does resonate with his whole... where he says we're a community trying to figure out where we're going. We have to start figuring it out now," she said. "If all we do every budget season, and this is the way I see it, is we back into a number and solve the immediate problem, then we make decisions on the (capital improvement plan) that we find out three years later are bad decisions."

The department is slated to present its budget to the selectmen and Finance Committee at a budget meeting on Wednesday, March 6. Officials have said that is when their budget details will be made public. The annual budget will come before Annual Town Meeting voters in May.

# Blizzard cost ballparked at \$550,000

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

The town dished out around \$550,000 while responding to last weekend's blizzard, paying crews to spend nearly five days clearing out two feet of snow.

Just over \$1.2 million was appropriated for snow removal in Andover this year, and with the storm over, the town has spent \$1.1 million, according to Department of Public Works

Business Manager Sandy Gerraughty.

The town estimates that \$301,560 was spent clearing Andover roads during the storm alone, with an estimated \$250,000 going into removing snow after the fact, Gerraughty said.

The final tally will be available once the town receives all of its bills from private contractors hired during the event, according to DPW acting Director Chris Cronin.

The \$550,000 figure, a

working number, is an all-inclusive amount including everything from plowing to sidewalk clearing, he said.

The number doesn't include the cost to repair or replace a \$100,000 town sanding truck that was damaged in an accident after the storm. As of last week, Cronin said it wasn't known whether the truck could be repaired or if it would have to be replaced.

While the cost to clear the roads may be high, it would

have been higher had it not been for an executive order by the governor banning road travel during the storm, according to Gerraughty.

"When you go to clear a road, if you have a traffic jam, if you're sitting in traffic, the plows aren't moving either," she said. "It definitely helped make it more manageable because it kept cars off the road so we could have clear sweeps of treating the roads without cars traveling. It was very helpful."

# CHIEF: Pattullo leaving after 32 years on force

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for 35 years. One of the chief's other brothers, Cliff, remains a member of the Andover Fire Department.

Pattullo said he has informed his Andover officers that the town manager has selected Andover Sgt. Pat Keefe as his successor.

Keefe declined comment. He will be presented to the selectmen as Stapeczynski's choice this Monday, Feb. 25. Selectman must vote to approve the appointment.

"I felt the next chief has to lead in a manner in which Chief Pattullo had run over these 15 years, at the same time looking at the needs of the young department," Stapeczynski said. "I needed someone who could continue the legacy that Brian has created, and really build on it with the youthful department that we have."

"Pat exemplifies the leadership qualities inherent in the chief of police," said Pattullo. "He's well respected by the men and women on the force, even-tempered, a good leader. I think his leadership qualities and abilities will shine through when he takes the reins."

Keefe has been a member of the Andover Police Department for 15 years and is a lieutenant colonel in the National Guard. He has served more than one tour of duty. He lives in Andover with his wife and four children and is active in community activities such as youth sports, according to Pattullo.

The town looked only at internal candidates, and there were 11 people eligible for the job. Three internal candidates went through a process called an "assessment center" -- where an

*"He instituted a lot of the things like having policemen visible downtown, putting them on bicycles, walking around downtown... It was all a sense of getting the police department visible so they could associate with people."*

Selectman Brian Major about Brian Pattullo

outside firm looks at what the town needs and runs the candidates through written and oral examinations -- to help the town manager decide who to name as the next chief.

"It's a credit to the men and women of the police department that we have that talent and those people to take command," said Pattullo.

Pattullo's final day will be July 31. He is currently 54, but will be 55 by July.

"That gives us a really good amount of time to have a healthy transition with my successor," Pattullo said. "It should be seamless."

Pattullo was budgeted to make \$162,781 next year, and he receives an additional \$1,500 for serving as the town's emergency management director. Keefe is still negotiating his salary, according to Stapeczynski.

## Pattullo's leadership

Pattullo was first hired by the town as a patrolman in July 1981, and his promotion to chief came in March 1998.

"He has done such a marvelous job. It's sad to see him retire. He has the age and the years of service. Certainly, it's his choice," Stapeczynski said.

"Brian Pattullo has been an amazing chief of police. I think the town will really miss him," Selectman Paul

Salafia said. "We'll pick a great successor, but that guy... will have big shoes to fill."

"I've known he is considering it, and I tried to talk him out of it. But it's hard to talk him out of it because it's his time for it," Salafia said. "It's a very demanding job, and being police chief takes a lot out of you. It was time for him. I think he was ready to move to something different, something he thinks will be a little more challenging for him, in a different way. It's hard to compete with that."

"He let Buzz know that he was intending to retire back this past summer, with the whole intent that it would give Buzz a chance to think about the process of replacing him," Selectman Brian Major said.

Major was a new selectman when Pattullo became chief.

"He was one of the younger officers at that time. I think he was probably about 40 years old. Very

well respected, had done a lot with helping to put structure together within the department," Major said. "He instituted a lot of the things like having policemen visible downtown, putting them on bicycles, walking around downtown... It was all a sense of getting the police department visible so they could associate with people."

There was noted turmoil in the department, with several union members pursuing grievances. That has changed.

"I work very well with the unions," said Pattullo. "It's about give and take. We sit down and talk things out. I've had very few grievances leave my office and go to the town manager."

Asked if he has any regrets he said, "We still have a very active double murder case that we're still working. That's the major focus of the department. I don't know if that's a regret, but that's ongoing and will continue until it's resolved."

Pattullo also said he wished he could have brought in more than the current 54 officers, saying he believes a town the size of Andover really needs 65 officers.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room A, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlett Street, the Planning Board will convene public hearings pursuant to Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws on the following proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII and the Town of Andover Zoning Map:

- 1. Amend Section 2.1 (Establishment) by adding at the end of Section 2.1, ID2 - Industrial 2 District, and amending Section 4.0, Section 5.0, Section 5.2.14, Section 9.0, Section 10.0 and Appendix A, Tables 1, 2 and 3.
2. Amend the Zoning Map to establish an ID2 District as shown on a plan titled, "Proposed Zoning District ID2 Dascomb Road."
3. Amend the Zoning Map to establish an ID2 District as shown on a plan titled, "Proposed Zoning District ID2 River Road."
4. Amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 8.7 Andover Transit Oriented Development District (ATODD).
5. Amend Section 2.2 (Overlay Districts) by adding at the end of Section 2.2, Andover Transit Oriented Development District and amend the Zoning Map to establish an "Andover Transit Oriented Development District."
And further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Andover Code of By-laws, or take any other action related thereto.
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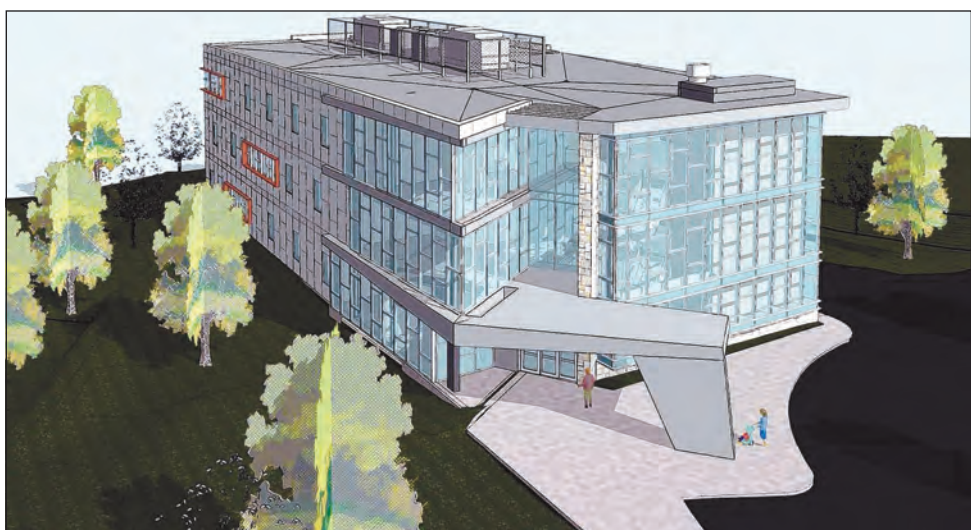
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This is a rendering of a three-story building that developer Sal Lupoli plans to build in Andover on Lowell Road across from the IRS building and next to the I-93 exit ramp. It will be an urgent care medical building, with Lawrence General and Pentucket Medical Associates already lined up as tenants. The building will be 30,000 square feet and cost between \$15.5 million and \$16 million. Lupoli estimates construction will be done by the end of this year.

# New medical center coming to Route 133

Lawrence General Hospital and Pentucket Medical Associates have teamed up and plan to open a new medical facility in town later this year. Lawrence General and Pentucket Medical will establish Andover Medical Center & ExpressCare, a new medical facility near the intersections of Route 133 and Interstate 93 in Andover, across from the Andover IRS building. "Andover Medical Center will provide primary care, urgent care and specialty services for the local area, located close to home for residents of the Andovers and the surrounding communities," according to a release.

"For several years, we have been working with our outstanding local physicians to expand primary and specialty care services right here in the Merrimack Valley," Dianne J. Anderson, president and CEO of Lawrence General Hospital, said in a release. "This new center is only one way we are enhancing local access to high quality, affordable health care, and eliminating the need for patients and families to travel into Boston for key specialty services." The center will be 30,000 square feet and cost between \$15.5 million and \$16 million. Developer Sal Lupoli, president and CEO of Lupoli Companies, estimates construction will be done by the

end of this year. "Access to care that is timely and convenient is an important part of medicine's future," said Pentucket Medical President Thomas L. Fazio, MD. "Offering the appropriate mix of health care services in a setting close to home is an important step into this future." Richard Santagati, chairman of the Lawrence General Hospital Board of Trustees said, "This initiative is evidence of our Board of Trustees' vision and commitment to a regional health care system that further enhances the quality and affordability of patient care in the Merrimack Valley region."

## TOWN TALK

### Looking for a truck, volunteers to help deliver dresses

The Priceless Prom Gown Program is looking for some help, so that it can help bring donated dresses to victims of Hurricane Sandy this weekend.

The PPGP is a nonprofit organization that primarily provides prom gowns to financially challenged high school students in the Merrimack Valley area, including Andover, but it also helps out in other areas.

"We especially need individuals to help us swap out our dresses and pack up boxes for Hurricane Sandy victims this Saturday, Feb 23," reports Pam Lundstrom. "We are donating dresses to Hurricane Sandy victims in two New York areas and we are in need of a free box truck or money for transportation to send

the prom dresses. If you can help, contact Carol Lanni, founder and president of the program: [carol@priceless-promgownprogram.com](mailto:carol@priceless-promgownprogram.com)." For more on the program, see a release on page 3 of this paper.

**Tammy:** Melissa Belliard  
**Daisy Mae:** Julie Day  
**Melvin P. Thorpe:** Tim Johnson  
**Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd:** Rick Snyder

**"My mother says..."**  
At last week's Special Town Meeting on the Bancroft Elementary School, School Building Committee Chairman Tom Deso was preparing to speak on the article when Town Moderator Sheila Doherty recognized "Mr. Deso." She then paused briefly before saying, "am I saying your last name correctly?" "What did you say?" the speaker asked in response. Doherty pronounced his name by saying, "Dee-soh." "Yes, that's correct," he said. "That's what my mother told me."  
— *Dustin Luca*

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