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Piling of snow days leaves schools looking for answer Must figure out when to make up days if weather forces more closures

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

School leaders need to figure out when Andover High School students will be able to make up a snow day.

Students are supposed to attend 180 school days each year. The school calendar usually builds in five possible snow days.

All of the elementary and middle schools in town have used all five snow days at this

point. But a gas leak that closed Andover High for another day means high-schoolers have already lost six days. To figure out when to hold that day, the schools quickly scheduled a School Committee meeting for yesterday, March 13, after Townsman print deadline.

Last Friday's storm placed the final day of school at the town's nine elementary and middle schools for Friday, June 28, according to Dee DeLorenzo, school department

executive assistant. Another snow day would place those schools in the same position Andover High is now.

The next weekday after June 28 falls in July, after the end of the academic year and outside of the definition of a school year in the teachers union contract.

Holding school after June 30 isn't possible, according to School Committee Chairwoman Paula Colby-Clements. She wasn't sure what options existed for the school as of

Tuesday, but a 7 p.m. meeting was scheduled for yesterday, Wednesday, to identify and go over the options.

"Any adjustments to the calendar and what we do is still in the discussion phase," assistant Superintendent Nancy Duclos said. "All of that needs to be presented to the School Committee."

Officials didn't want to speculate on what the options could

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Mild temperatures on Saturday made it a great day for cleaning up from Friday's storm. Jim Angluin, senior custodian for the West Middle School makes a path around the school.

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Photo courtesy Kelsey Stevens

Supporters rally for their cause in the days leading up to Andover Youth Services' annual telethon, which will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 14 and 15.

Finish line theme for AYS telethon Group looks for cash that will start youth center

JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Tossing a rugby ball, Andover High School senior Sam Kefferstan was happy to join youth center supporters as they gear up for the annual telethon to raise money for the project.

A rugby player, he knew there was no rugby team at AHS. So, he and other teen rugby players approached Andover Youth Services for help a few years back. Now, there is an AYS-supported rugby team in town and Kefferstan is a proud team member.

"If not for AYS, there would be no rugby team. We went to them for support and they were great," Kefferstan said.

AYS helped get a schedule and fields for rugby games and practices.

WHAT: Andover Youth Foundation and Andover Youth Services will host the AYS Telethon fundraiser.

WHEN: Tonight, Thursday, March 14, starting at 7 p.m. and tomorrow, Friday, March 15, starting at 7 p.m.

TO DONATE MONEY: Watch and call 978-470-0698 or 978-470-1847 to make a donation live on the Telethon.

ONLINE AUCTION, TOO: highlights range from sports camps (including Hoottown), Bruins tickets, a snowboard and a cruise to Bermuda. Go to BiddingforGood/AYS.

TELETHON IS LIVE: from the Collins Center, being shown on Andover Access TV - Comcast channel 8, Verizon channel 47, internet stream on AndoverTV.org.

AYS has helped start or restart other teams, including lacrosse, wrestling and Ultimate frisbee and a variety of other programs from the Keep It Wild fashion show for young

designers to a skate park where dramatic performances and a Christmas tree lot are sometimes held.

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THE FINISH LINE TELETHON

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Bank to close, leaving prime location open

JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

A bank is leaving a large storefront in the Musgrove Building, opening possibilities at one of the busiest intersections downtown.

Citibank Andover at 2 Elm Square, will close Friday, March 15, according to the building's owner, state Sen. Barry Finegold of Andover. The bank is located in the historic Musgrove Building located near the intersection of Main and Elm streets. The windowed space has about 3,000 square feet and is on the side of the building closest to the Andover Spa. Its windows face Memorial Hall Library and Elm Green

Veterans Memorial Park. The New York-based bank has reported that it will close nine of its 31 branches in Massachusetts that day. The Citibank in Eaglewood Shops on Route 114 in North Andover is also closing, Finegold said.

Finegold said he has no new tenant moving into the Musgrove Building yet, but the storefront's opening was met with optimism in the town's planning office because the area with oversized sidewalks is considered an important gateway to the heart of Main Street.

"It's a great location. It's got high visibility and it's a

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Man accused of sex assault on disabled relative

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — A 58-year-old Dascomb Road resident has pleaded not guilty to charges he sexually assaulted an elderly relative who's been incapacitated by a stroke.

John Bangert, 75 Dascomb Road, was arrested last Thursday and charged with assault and battery on a person 14 or older, incest and rape. Prior to his arraignment Friday, Bangert had professed his innocence in a voluntary police interview two days earlier.

The charges stem from an alleged incident that took place late Tuesday night, March 5, at the Wingate

Nursing Home at 80 Andover St., less than a mile from the Bangert home.

An elderly relative of Bangert's lives at the nursing home. She can't speak, eat or move on her own after suffering a stroke, according to a police narrative filed by Andover Police Patrolman Timothy Hagerty.

A Wingate nurse who entered the room to check the woman's catheter said that while she was in the room March 5 she saw John Bangert sexually assault the woman with his hand.

His sister, Barbara, was in the room with him and "made a comment to him about their [relative's]

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Andreas named regional publisher of Townsman

NORTH ANDOVER – The Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co. Wednesday, March 6, announced a reorganization of its executive structure, promoting Karen Andreas to regional publisher of the company's newspapers, websites and magazines.



Karen Andreas Mark Zappala

Andreas, 46, publisher of the Salem News for more than five years, will continue to oversee that daily in her new position as well as The Eagle-Tribune of North Andover, the Newburyport Daily News and the Gloucester Daily Times.

She will also serve as publisher of the weekly Andover Townsman, Haverhill Gazette, Derry, N.H., News and the Carriage Towne News of Kingston, N.H. The company also publishes several magazines in its newspaper markets.

Mark Zappala, 47, publisher of the Gloucester Daily Times, becomes regional advertising director for Eagle-Tribune Publishing. Al Getler, former publisher of The Eagle-Tribune, and Sheila Smith, former publisher of the Newburyport Daily News, are no longer with the company.

Community Newspaper Holdings Inc., parent corporation of Eagle-Tribune Publishing, said the reorganization is designed to refine the structure of its Massachusetts and New Hampshire

properties to align them with the strategic print and digital objectives of the company in the north of Boston market.

Andreas is a 25-year veteran of the newspaper industry and a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. She is a former executive editor and vice president of news for Eagle-Tribune Publishing.

"Karen is an award-winning journalist who possesses all of the right skills to lead this company," said Henry Bird, senior vice president of Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. "Karen has a track record of success. She is a proven leader with the rare combination of talent, creativity and intelligence to meet the needs of the communities we serve."

Andreas, who lives in Danvers with her husband, Mike, and teen-age sons

Nick and Matt, welcomed her expanded responsibilities.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to continue to grow our newspapers and websites as the leading source of local news in the North of Boston market," Andreas said. "I've made my career here, including being a part of the transformation from print to digital platforms and the 24-7 news cycle. The one constant has been the belief in the power of local news. Local is our franchise."

Andreas has received numerous awards over the years. She was recently chosen for the prestigious Judith Brown Award from the New England Society of Newspaper Editors, which recognizes the accomplishments and pioneering spirit of an outstanding woman in journalism from the six-state region. She received

national recognition from Inland Press for a Salem News series on opiate abuse among youth on the North Shore. Northeast Arc lauded her in June with its "Media Award" in recognition of year-round coverage of issues of interest and importance to people with disabilities and their families.

Andreas is an executive board member of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, where she was the 2012 chairman. She also sits on the board of directors of the Salem Partnership, and the North Shore Alliance for Economic Development.

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YOUTH CENTER: Telethon hopes to raise rest of money

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Kefferstan was among some 50 teens who turned out Monday, March 11, after school at the future site of the Cormier Family Youth Center behind Doherty Middle School. The teens represented various AYS programs, including rugby, lacrosse and Ultimate Frisbee. They gathered to get the word out about the two-day AYS Telethon fundraiser, which starts tonight, Thursday, March 14 (see sidebar).

Many AHS seniors were in the crowd and said they are thrilled to be graduating in the same year as the new youth center could break ground. Groundbreaking is scheduled for the summer, assuming enough money is raised and two votes are approved at Town Meeting. The teens may be too old to use the youth center by the time it is built, but they wanted to support the "little kids of today who will use it," said Bryan Sutherland,



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Brady Lang, a 12-year-old Doherty Middle School student, is hoisted into the air by other Andover Youth Services supporters in the days ahead of a telethon to raise money for the project.

another AHS senior.

AYS Director Bill Fahey hopes this year is his last telethon, which has been held annually for years.

"Our theme is the finish

line. We are so close to that finish line...it's been a long time," Fahey said.

It's been 20 years of dreaming, but not giving up, he said. AYS pledged to raise

\$2.2 million for the new youth center and is about \$200,000 short, Fahey said. He hopes the telethon fundraiser brings in \$100,000 to \$120,000.

"Andover is generous, always has been. We can do this," Fahey said.

As usual, telethon talent includes performances by Mr. AHS contestants, town and high school sports teams, dance troupes, choirs, bands, dancers and a wing-eating contest. Performances are given as pledges are called in.

Special guest hosts - town officials, local business owners, Andover High School coaches - will help host the event.

AHS basketball Dave Fazio will be there as he is a strong AYS supporter.

"It's been a long time for Billy and I support him," Fazio said. "This youth center will keep kids busy and they won't be hanging around doing nothing...we need this."

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Education

Adult spelling bee returns, open to new teams Event raises money for teachers' creative classroom projects

The bee is back. A fun-filled community event that has become a local tradition, the 15th Annual Andover Community Spelling Bee will take place on Friday, March 22 at Wood Hill Middle School. Sponsored by the Andover Fund for Education (AFE), the bee pits teams of four adults against one another to find the best spelling team in town. Teams donate money to the AFE to participate, and the money is used to pay for unusual ideas by Andover teachers that could not be paid for in the traditional school budget.

The event draws a large and lively crowd of students, parents, teachers and school



Gerri Fegan waves her hat as the "High Plain Drifters" are announced to have the correct spelling of the word "succeed" during one of the first rounds at the 2011 adult spelling bee fundraiser hosted by the Andover Fund for Education.

FILE PHOTO

administrators, town officials, and community groups. This year Selectman Alex

Vispoli will return to serve as MC, and judges will include Selectman Brian Major,

Townsmen editor Neil Fater, and Eileen Woods, former principal of South Elementary School, according to the AFE. Though some very good spelling often takes place, the AFE bee emphasizes entertainment, and the atmosphere is casual and family-friendly. It is designed to be a team sport rather than an individual competition: there is no solo spelling, so team spellers "sink or swim" together.

Most of the teams arrive in costume, as do many of the audience members who show up to cheer on their favorite team. Team supporters are invited to strut their stuff in the freewheeling Spirit

Parade that takes place just before the final round, and a Spirit Award is presented to the school team supported by the most enthusiastic fans. Judges also award a trophy for Most Creative Team Costume. At the end of the evening, prizes are given to the winning team of spellers.

AFE welcomes team participation from all area schools and community groups, as well as generous donations from sponsors," according to the organization. "Many participants consider the bee an annual rite of spring, and AFE invites new groups to become a part of the tradition."

Admission is free. Registration remains open until

March 20. All proceeds from the adult spelling bee support AFE innovation mini-grants to Andover teachers who propose new and creative classroom projects designed to reinforce and supplement the core curriculum. For additional information about the bee, as well as about AFE's grants and its "Honor a Teacher" initiative, visit the AFE website: AndoverFundforEducation.org.

Founded in 1991, AFE is an independent, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization composed of community volunteers dedicated to supporting the pursuit of excellence in the Andover Public Schools.

Inspirational storytellers week features Survivor

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

West Elementary School students saw more than a dozen authors, illustrators and storytellers during the school's Readers' and Writers' Conference held the last two weeks.

Among the highlights was the visit from Ethan Zohn, a professional soccer player who won Survivor Africa in 2002. Zohn, also an author, used a portion of his winnings to co-found Grassroot Soccer, an international organization that uses pro soccer players to educate youth about the dangers of HIV/AIDS.

The event is an annual tradition celebrated by school staff and parents in the West El. community. In addition to the artists, parents come to West Elementary during the week to see the students' stories, plays and illustrations.

"Every child has an author, illustrator, storyteller, or some talent that needs to be unlocked inside them," West Elementary School Principal Liz Roos said. "They can see these people — [the artists] are not straight A students that went through school. They'll tell their life story, and a kid may connect with that and take off from there."

Roos said parents quickly become fans of the program when they see it.

"I've already had several emails from parents about kids coming home and writing, unlocking the writer in even them," Roos said.

The theme of the presentations by the storytellers this year was "giving back," according to Roos.

Zohn, for instance, has given back not only through his grassroots soccer program, but by serving as National Ambassador for Stand Up 2 Cancer (SU2C) and he later spearheading the national awareness and fundraising campaign called "Survivor Stands Up 2 Cancer," an alliance



Leland Faulkner's World of Wonder program entertains the students at West Elementary School during the 18th annual West Elementary Readers' and Writers' Conference, known as WERAWC, pronounced like "We Rock."

AMY SWEENEY/Staff photos



Leland Faulkner entertains the students at West Elementary School during the 18th annual West Elementary Readers' and Writers' Conference. Faulkner's World of Wonder program evokes students' imaginations through shadow-theater, illusion, and characters from around the world.



Students watch a storyteller's program at West Elementary School during the 18th annual West Elementary Readers' and Writers' Conference.

between CBS, Survivor, and SU2C.

Zohn was also featured for his work in the documentary film "A Closer Walk," according to Roos.

He co-hosts the Saturday ABC TV series, "Everyday Health," Roos said. The

show highlights someone confronting a serious health issue while at the same time leading philanthropic efforts.

Zohn is also a co-author of a series of books for young readers. Each book takes readers on a journey

through a different country, allowing them to learn about different cultures, all while enjoying soccer.

Zohn also took a moment to enjoy some soccer at recess with second, third, fourth and fifth graders, Roos said.

Originally set to present the artists to students over the course of one week, a second week of the conference was held to bring in talents that were rescheduled from their original performances on Friday, March 8, a snow day.

ON CAMPUS

Items for the On Campus feature are submitted by schools, families and students. Information should be sent to townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

Please put "On Campus" in the subject line.

Alyson Formichella, a junior special education major,


earned highly distinguished honors from the College of Charleston for the fall 2012 semester. Highly distinguished honors are given

to students with a 3.8 grade point average or higher while enrolled in at least 14 credit hours. Formichella was also elected president of Phi Mu

Sorority for 2013-14. She is the daughter of Jill Penna and Jack Formichella. She graduated from Andover High School in 2010.

Your Dental HEALTH

by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD




GIRDING FOR AN ATTACK

Chronic heartburn, "gastroesophageal reflux disease" or GERD, is not only painful and damaging to the esophagus, it can also severely damage teeth. GERD, also known as "acid reflux disease," is associated with stomach acid leaking into the esophagus (the tube that carries food and liquid from the mouth to the stomach) and working its way into the mouth. When this happens, the stomach acid that is sufficiently strong to dissolve food can also dissolve enamel. The resultant damage looks like tooth wear, with tooth flattening, thinning, pitting, cratering, and cupping. While these changes may not be immediately noticeable to the patient, the dentist is likely to notice them first and point out the need to bring GERD under control.

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The team of volunteers from Faith Lutheran Church on Route 28 in Andover embarked on a Hurricane Sandy Mission Trip. The entire group, excluding Youth Director Tom Schauer, is shown.

Return engagement

Faith Lutheran teens assist Hurricane Sandy victims - again

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Seven local teens plus four chaperones equal a grateful Lutheran Camp in New Jersey which suffered extensive Hurricane Sandy damage.

The team of volunteers from Faith Lutheran Church on Route 28 in Andover helped Faith Cross Roads Lutheran Camp clean up after the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy. More than 1,000 trees blew down on the property, which offers rope courses for campers. A huge amount of branches needed to be removed.

"It was just a mess," said chaperone Diane Dahl of Andover. "So we cleared lots of trees and got them out of the way."

The group from Andover worked hard stacking wood, clearing brush and cutting down trees.

"It was hard work, but the kids were great," Dahl said of the Feb. 15 to 19 trip.

The camp treated the Andoverites to meals and accommodations. When the work was done, the group stopped in Manhattan for some well-deserved fun, she said. They also visited St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Hoboken, N.J. The group went to a jazz worship service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York City.

This was the second time Faith Lutheran sponsored a mission trip to assist Hurricane Sandy victims.



Kathleen Buck works as part of a Faith Lutheran mission to help a camp in New Jersey that was impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago March 14, 1913

The management of Wonderland with due regard to the proprieties of Holy Week has decided to close its movie theater during the whole of next week. New pictures will be shown tonight and Saturday and the theater will open Easter Monday with a continuous show of the best in the picture line, all licensed films.

Mrs. Charles A. Hill wishes to announce to her friends that she is now prepared to show a complete line of spring millinery at her home on Chestnut Street.

"Tyrian" Tires and Tubes, "Andover Made," form an important exhibit in the automobile show being held in Mechanics Hall, Boston, this week. The exhibit and demonstration is in the charge of Arthur Hall.

The Bachelor Girls, an organization of local young ladies, will hold a dance in the A.O.U. W. hall Friday evening, April 11. Tickets are 35 cents.

75 Years Ago March 11, 1938

James P. Christie became Andover's new tax collector, Sidney P. White became a new Board of Public Works member, Mrs. Graham Baldwin replaced Miss Mary E.C. Geagan on the School Committee, Mrs. George Musk won the School Committee one-year term, and Herbert Lewis replaced Bernard L. McDonald on the Planning Board Monday in one of the most surprising town elections of recent years.

Forty-eight articles ranging in subject from the regulation of sale of fish by hawkers to the purchase of moth sprayers, will be acted on by the town meeting Monday evening. The meeting will start at seven in the Memorial Auditorium.

Thundering through Main Street at 70 miles per hour in a stolen car

with a bullet-spouting police cruiser behind, four South Lawrence juveniles through nothing less than a miracle escaped death and missed killing several pedestrians Wednesday night about 10:30 when the car, completely out of control, wedged in between the Chinese laundry and a telephone pole on Central Street after giving Andover Square as hectic a few minutes as it's had in years. Six shots were fired by police in the chase, with the efforts resulting in the apprehension of three of the four by midnight. The other was reported heading for New York.

50 Years Ago March 14, 1963

The Junior High School was supposed to be blown up Wednesday morning, and students were evacuated for half an hour while police and firefighters checked the building. Sgt. James Lynch described the telephone warning of a bomb, received at police headquarters at 8:12 as coming from a youthful voice. School Superintendent Edward I. Erickson said the department had anticipated receiving such calls, based on the experience in surrounding towns. He said make-up sessions - possibly on Saturday mornings - will be considered if such events persist. He also noted that state law now has established a stiff penalty for anyone telephoning a bomb threat.

In the individual state gymnastics championships held last Saturday at Lexington, Andover High School took six out of the eight gold medal awards. Andover boys took part in the following events: Robert Cargill—state champion in All Around and first in horizontal bar, tumbling and free calisthenics; Roger Hastings, state champion in still rings, second on parallel bars.

Photo caption: Responsible for the activities of the Little League this year is a Board of Directors, which met recently to complete

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Following in Jesus' footsteps

Annual Good Friday Walk planned in Andover

The annual Andover Good Friday Walk will be held in Andover on Friday, March 29 at 8:30 a.m.

"This walk has been held for 20 years and invites all townspeople to join in praying for Andover," according to organizers.

The walk will commence from St. Augustine Church on Essex Street, down the hill toward the train tracks from Memorial Hall Library. Coffee, orange juice and hot cross buns will be served starting at 8:15. The walk is about two hours long, stopping at eight prayer points.

Clergy from Andover Baptist, Ballardvale United, Christ Church, Free Christian, St. Augustine, St. Roberts and South Church will lead prayers for peace in the world, our schools, veterans, government, elderly, fire and police departments, and for the churches of the town, according to organizers.



TOWNSMAN FILE PHOTO

Andover Christians, including Gail Hinchey, center, take part in last year's Good Friday walk commemorating Jesus Christ's walk to Calvary before he was nailed to the cross.

Two ready for Charles River race

Shawn Burke and Ivy Krull of Andover have registered for the Charles River Watershed Association's 31st annual Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race. The race, which celebrates the ongoing improvements of the Charles River, draws approximately 1,500 paddlers and thousands of spectators.

Burke is entered in the masters category of the 19-mile race. Krull is entered in the women category of the 24-mile race.

For more information on the race set for April 28, call 508-698-6810, e-mail rote@crwa.org or visit charlesriver.org.



Columnist on hiatus

Columnist Bill Dalton is taking a break from his column while he finishes a book about Andover.

Activities at the Center

The Center at Punchard, formerly known as the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court offers a variety of activities. Its hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required for all events and space is limited but the activities are open to entire community, pending space. Call for information: 978-623-8321, or visit andoverseniorcenter.org for complete listings.

Upcoming events are:
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: Celebrate groundbreaking women who were first of their kind on Tuesdays, March 19 and 26 at 1:30 p.m. Advance registration is a must as space is limited.

March 19: For \$8 hear "Our Bodies, Our Selves" co-author Joan Ditzion "share her incredible journey and how these ground-breaking publications have changed the way women view their health and sexuality," according to the center.

March 26: Learn about Anne Bradstreet, first poet of the New World. For \$5, join Andover resident Terri D'Ambrosio and her mother, Susan, who are direct descendants of Anne

Bradstreet. Expect a special visit from the center's "Starlight Players" who will bring an extra dramatic flair to the concluding presentation of the history month series.

Men's Breakfast: March 15 at 8:30 a.m.; \$4; learn about Naval-weapon technology used during the War of 1812.

Spring Crafts Fair: Friday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Handmade crafts and jewelry as well as items for Easter baskets.

St. Patrick's Day Lunch: Monday, March 18 at noon; \$3; traditional corned beef and cabbage lunch.

High Tea and History: This session's subject is the former Andover spot known as The Little Brown Jug. The event is Wednesday, March 20 at 2 p.m. at the Andover Historical Society. RSVP by calling 978-475-2236.

St. Patrick's Day Concert: Friday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m.; \$6; includes refreshments. Glenshane Irish Folk Due with music from Ireland and the British Isles. Featured are guitar, bass, tin whistle, harmonica and piano melodic. This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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plans for tryouts and the start of the season. Seated are Paul McKinnon, Ted Nowell, Ted Cavellier, Emil Schirner and Jack Broderick; standing are Dick Neal, Bob Hamilton, Joe Tassinari, Ted Boudreau and Dr. Douglas Dunbar.

25 Years Ago
March 10, 1988

Sen. Patricia McGovern, in conjunction with Andover's legislative delegation and the Governor's Alliance

Against Drugs, announces a \$12,716 grant to the Andover Public Schools for expanded drug- and alcohol-education programs.

The Friends of Shawshen Neighborhood Association is sponsoring an Andover Selectmen's Candidates Night on Monday, March 14 at the Lawrence Savings Bank, Shawshen Square, Andover.

The Planning Board delayed a decision Tuesday night on a zoning bylaw change prompted by a Phillip Academy housing

conversion proposal. After listening for about two hours to Phillips Academy officials and neighbors opposed to the project, the board indicated they would wait until their March 22 meeting to vote on the issue.

The Irish sounds of the Clancy Brothers with Robbie O'Connell, will highlight the St. Patrick's Day celebration at the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Shawshen Road, Andover, on Friday, March 11.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Mild temperatures on Saturday made it a great day for sledding on the hill at Andover High School. Samantha McGee, 8, top, holds onto her friends, 8-year-old twins Conor and Ella Higginbottom as they sled down the hill.

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If life gives you snow



Conor Moses, 9, of Fossen Way in Andover, poses with snow creature dubbed a "Tyranno-snow-us Rex" that he and his father, Jeremy Moses, built in their driveway on Sunday, March 10.

Courtesy photo



Katie Barry, 5 makes her way back up the hill at Andover High for some more sledding.

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Opinion

IN LIKE A LION



COURTESY PHOTO BY BOB DENNIS

View along Orchard Crossing toward Turner Farm, taken during last Friday's storm.

Three heads are better than one?

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has been asked to consolidate the Plant & Facilities and Public Works departments. Each of these departments has an acting or interim director.

Conventional wisdom would be to replace the two heads with one. It seems from comments at a meeting Monday that the manager's plan is to make the two directors positions "assistant directors" and hire an approximately \$140,000 director who will oversee them, as director of the new Municipal Services Department.

We'd like to hear more about the plan. Hopefully it includes a specific plan to increase accountability, particularly within the town's water treatment plant. Since the a judge gave a slap on the wrist to a worker charged with working for another firm on town time – essentially making it clear the judge believed that was the culture within the plant – the public has heard or seen little change within the department that would be aimed at improving that culture. Some acknowledgment of a problem and plan to change things is long-awaited.

Barring that kind of focus, we have to agree with Selectman Mary Lyman who argued that when the schools are looking for \$2.2 million more, it's tough to add expensive new management positions elsewhere.

Finance Committee member Joanne Marden, one of the most respected voices when it comes to the town budget, argued, "If I was going to add to these departments, I'd add to the bottom... not a super-management person at the top."

That's another reasonable argument. More workers on the ground – workers who put in a good day's work for a good day's pay, of course – tend to produce a greater return than another manager.

School year can start earlier

If there's one more sizable snowstorm this season, Andover won't have to worry about where to put its snow. But it will have figure out where to put its snow day.

Students must attend 180 days of school. Right now, the elementary and middle schools have used all five snow days built into the school-year calendar. Their students will finish on Friday, June 28, assuming their is not another snow day. They would not be able to go to school on Monday, July 1 if there is, because the teachers contract does not allow it, according to the School Committee.

Andover High missed an additional day of school this year because of a gas leak, so the town must figure out how Andover High will make up that day. The school officials contacted by reporter Dustin Luca were offering no possible solutions prior to Townsman deadline this week, but planned to meet Wednesday night, March 13. One would suppose they would have to at least consider having a few longer days, going to school on Saturdays or sacrificing a planned day off.

But the system didn't have to be in this situation.

With many experts expecting extreme weather and powerful storms to be more common – and with power outages in the area seemingly on the rise as well – it would be a good idea to build a bit of extra cushion into the calendar. This year the first day of classes wasn't until Sept. 6. The students could start earlier than that. There's no reason the school year must start the Thursday after Labor Day.

Parents and teachers everywhere know kids are a lot more focused in September than when the steamy days of late June are pulling them toward the beaches and playgrounds.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

With the school department hitting the extreme end of the school's academic year due to snow days, what should it do if it finds itself needing additional snow days?

■ Students should attend classes on Saturday(s).

■ There are a few holidays from now until July that could be used.

■ Add hours onto school days as necessary until students have put in the extra time needed.

■ Take day(s) out of April vacation week to help relieve the pressure.

■ Seek a waiver from the state.

■ I'm not sure how the School Committee should handle this.

■ I don't have any kids in the school system, so it doesn't impact me.

■ Other

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week's question was, "Would you spend years of your retirement traveling out of the country to volunteer with the Peace Corps?" With 35 votes, the answers were:

■ Maybe. It depends on what I was doing at the time: nine votes, 25.71 percent.

■ No. Not in a million years: nine votes, 25.71 percent.

■ Probably not. I would rather pursue other interests: seven votes, 20 percent.

■ Yes, I would take that opportunity: five votes, 14.29 percent.

■ I don't know enough about the Peace Corps, so I'm not sure: three votes, 8.57 percent.

■ Other: two votes, 5.71 percent, as follows:

"Many opportunities exist within the US to volunteer," one respondent wrote. The other one said, "No, who has the money to retire these days?"

A Better Chance Andover: Story of its inception



Andover Stories
Norman Viehmann
Andover Historical Society

This is the first of two parts.

Andover's ABC (A Better Chance) program is entering its 46th year at Andover High. It provides equal educational opportunity for exceptional disadvantaged students. Andover's ABC students are accepted as part of the community without second thoughts. It hasn't always been that way. ABC's beginnings were far from simple.

In 1956 students who lived less than one mile from Andover High School walked to school. The speed limit on Elm Street was 20 mph. All Andover telephone numbers began with GR5 (Greenleaf5). Hundreds of engineers and scientists moved their families to Andover and surrounding towns in the years following 1956 when Bell Telephone Laboratories and the Western Electric Company completed their massive facilities in North Andover. Within six years more than 10,000 were employed at the site. Raytheon also expanded.

The increased population drew more doctors, lawyers, dentists and retailers. The new families began to make an impact in their communities. Andover's first nursery school opened at the Free Christian Church in 1958, the result of efforts by

two young mothers, Elaine Viehmann and Connie Durham. They hired Bernice Warsaw who directed it for more than 20 years. Foreign student programs were initiated in 1963 when a Bell Laboratories engineer, Bob Klie, organized Andover's American Field Service (AFS) chapter. Horace Seldon, minister of Free Church, resigned to found Community Change, an organization dedicated to assisting Boston area communities in addressing racial discrimination.

Back then, Jewish families who sought homes in Andover were shown properties in small selected areas. There were no, or at least very few, blacks seeking homes. Awareness of discrimination grew in the white community as men like Adam Clayton Powell, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King made headlines and appeared on magazine covers. The civil rights movement blossomed. Voices spoke out in Andover pulpits. The liberal minded began to respond to the call for equal opportunity for minorities. Members of younger families, many of them from Andover's religious communities, became proactive.

Andover's Activists
"Honey, Jane and I have decided to go to Washington to the demonstration next week" was heard in more than a few of families among the hundreds who had moved to the Andovers during the expansion of the plant in North Andover. Wives attended rallies in Washington, a few young men joined marches in the deep South. Civil rights dominated the messages

from many pulpits. Accounts of meetings appeared in the local news and letters to the editor.

The Boston City Missionary Society started a summer program for children who lived in the black community at Columbia Point in South Boston. Homes in Boston suburbs volunteered to host a child for a week. The kids from 17 families in our cul-de-sac accepted our "camper." One couple in particular clouded the air with their outward racist feelings, which were not uncommon in the summer of '63. At that time the Andover Council of Equal Opportunity (ACEO) was organized. Under the leadership of Dick Marciano and others they sought to promote the acceptance of people of color in the community. It's active membership spanned Andover's congregations. At West Parish, Bruce Van Blair inspired the founding of REACH (Realty Equality in Andover Community Housing), which sought to develop equal opportunity apartment housing in an area by the Horn Bridge. The project was dropped when it was found that more than 100 housing units were required for financial viability. Then The Fishermen were organized to promote initiatives that would further equal opportunities for members of minorities in the area.

In 1965, Josh Miner, new director of admissions at Phillips Academy initiated efforts to found Outward Bound in the U.S. This effective program has changed the lives of more than 600,000 youth and now serves 70,000 students and teachers a year. The Fishermen provided a scholarship

to Outward Bound for a Lawrence youth as part of its efforts to address inequality of opportunity in the greater Lawrence community. The support of the needs of local youth and families by dozens of non-profits, volunteer organizations and churches has become a hallmark of Merrimack Valley communities since the social awakening began with the civil rights movement in the '60s.

Andover was ripe for a well-defined program that addressed civil rights. The members of ACEO had not found a way to go beyond promoting an open housing market in Andover. The need for a way to introduce black families into the community was apparent in the fall of 1966 when a call came to Bruce Van Blair concerning a program for qualified disadvantaged high school students, "ABC."

Events originating in 1964-65 at the national level of ABC led to the inquiry about an ABC program for Andover. At that time 19 private secondary schools, including Phillips, had become hosts to some six hundred ABC students. An affiliate of the ABC, the Independent Schools Talent Search Program, publicized ABC at high schools populated by disadvantaged minority students. Their representatives provided opportunities for motivated students to apply. By 1964, six thousand qualified students had applied. There was capacity for only 600 at the 19 private schools. It was decided to introduce the ABC program to public schools such as Andover High.

Next Week: The town rallies support.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democracy not spectator sport; get involved

Editor, Townsman:

As we draw nearer to 2013 Town Meeting on May 6, Andover officials have developed their fiscal year 2014 budgets and are presenting them in a variety of forums for residents to become familiar with the information. The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover urges people to take time to review the town and school budgets and learn as much as possible before Town Meeting.

The Town Manager's Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are available on the homepage of the town's website: andoverma.gov under "What's New," and budget issues will be discussed at the Monday and Wednesday Joint Meetings of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. Their meeting schedule is available at andoverma.gov/meetings/. The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee will meet together on March 20.

The School Committee has presented its budget, and it is now available for review on the school website: aps1.net/index.aspx?NID=411. The School Committee is

also hosting a public hearing at which residents will be able to ask questions about the 2014 school budget. That meeting will be Thursday, March 21 at 7: p.m. in the School Committee room (in the school administration offices at 36 Bartlet St, at the rear of the building).

On April 3, the League will host a budget forum featuring presentations by both school and town officials that will elaborate on their FY2014 budgets. The budget forum, moderated by League member Bonnie Zhorik, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Library. This is an interactive forum with a question-and-answer period will allow attendees to further explore budget issues with officials in a small setting.

If you are unable to attend the League's Budget Forum, it will broadcast live and will be taped for rebroadcast and posted online at andoverma.gov. Questions will be accepted in advance of the forum, as well as during the event, at VoterServiceAndover@lwv-andovers.org.

Andover residents are privileged to live in a town that maintains a Town Meeting form of government. The League reminds people that democracy is not a spectator sport. We encourage all

voters to take time to become informed before Town Meeting and to vote on election day, March 26.

ANN COBLEIGH
LWV President
BONNIE ZAHORIK
LWV Budget Forum Coordinator

Party was 'magical' night for special adults

Editor, Townsman:

We would like to acknowledge the generous anonymous person who provided the most enchanting evening at the Andover Country Club on Valentine's evening. This special event was for a special group of mentally challenged young adults and their caretakers, including our daughter Amy Griffin who has Down Syndrome. There were about 150 attendees.

The room was beautifully lighted and decorated with red, helium-filled Valentine balloons and the many white-table-clothed tables had centerpieces with vases filled with long stemmed, red roses that had tiny foil red hearts around them, as well as chocolate-heart candies covered in foil. The sit-down dinner included fresh fruit, tossed salad and warm rolls, and it was then complimented by the most

fabulous roasted fresh vegetables with delicious stuffed chicken covered with sauce and mushrooms. The dessert was a chocolate lava cake with raspberry sauce – to die for.

The professional magician from Chile performed for about an hour. Going into the audience and bringing some of the special young adults up on stage to help him, he had them and everyone else mesmerized. He even pulled out a live rabbit.

The disc jockeys were excellent as well. The music was to end at 9 p.m., but the young people were dancing until almost 9:30. One of the disc jockeys was even out on the floor dancing with the young people. Everyone had the time of their lives.

We thank the anonymous donor for making such a magical night for so many young special adults in our community. No expenses were spared and everything was done so perfectly and professionally.

We would also like to acknowledge Enzo Fossella's daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters for making sure everything went off elegantly.

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Arts & Entertainment

Andover native directing 'Proof' at MRT

An Andover native has returned to the area to direct a Tony Award-winning play at Merrimack Repertory Theatre in Lowell.

Director Christian Parker, who grew up in town, is associate artistic director of the Atlantic Theatre Company in New York City. He will direct "Proof" by David Auburn, which has one week before opening night. "Proof" runs at Merrimack Repertory Theatre (MRT) from March 21 to April 14.

"I have a long history with 'Proof'. David Auburn has been a friend of mine for years, and I was among

"The play is smart, funny, and presents a fascinating puzzle at its core."

Director Christian Parker

the first people to read the play when he wrote it," said Parker. "It's the first time I've worked professionally as a director so close to where I grew up in Andover, so it's especially exciting to be doing so with a play I know so well, and love so much."

In the play, Catherine must establish the authorship of a mathematical proof found in the office of her brilliant but troubled father. The return of her estranged

sister and a burgeoning romance with her father's former student complicate her pursuit of truth.

"I advocated for [the play's] production at Manhattan Theatre Club and had the great fortune to serve as the dramaturge on the original production when MTC did it and moved it to Broadway," said Parker in a release. "I always knew that the play would have really wide appeal. It's simultaneously a

throwback to the great well-made American family plays of the mid-20th century and a really contemporary look at what we inherit from our parents and how we embrace or neglect the essential elements of who we are. The play is smart, funny, and presents a fascinating puzzle at its core.

"I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to return to this play with a killer cast at MRT's beautifully renovated theater," Parker said in a release.

Tickets begin at \$20 and are on sale online through MRT.org, or by calling 978-654-4678.



Photo by Meghan Moore

Director Christian Parker, an Andover native, watches Keira Kelley and Megan Byrne rehearse "Proof" at Merrimack Repertory Theatre. Parker is the man at the top of the image, in a red shirt.

IRISH EYES ... HAVE LOTS TO SEE



Courtesy photos

Solas will perform Friday at the Rogers Center on the Merrimack College campus off Route 114 in North Andover and Elm Street in Andover

Sampling of events to celebrate St. Patrick

Andover residents can celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage, or Irish music or Irish landscapes if they're in a green mood between now and Sunday, March 17, which is St. Patrick's Day.

Here's a sampling of what's happening locally:

St. Patrick's Day Party

A traditional corned beef and cabbage luncheon will be available at Atria Marland Place, which invites the public to celebrate at noon, Sunday, March 17, at Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover. RSVP to 978-475-4225.



Musicians Terri and George Kelley of Andover.

Ireland Exhibit

Lorica Artworks presents "Ireland in Real Time," an art exhibition created by a diverse group of contemporary artists from Ireland and New England,

through April 13, at Lorica Artworks, 96 Main St., Andover. For more information contact Mia Guerrero at 978-470-1829 or mguerrera@loricaartworks.com. Also at loricaartworks.com.

Live Irish Music

On Friday, people can celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a night of Irish music at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College on the Andover-North Andover line. Performing is Solas, described by the center as "the quintessential Irish-American band recording and touring in the U.S. today. Through fresh and unexpected arrangements of age-old tunes, compelling and topical originals and covers, and unparalleled musicianship, Solas continues to define the path for the Celtic music world and drive the genre forward."

The concert is March 15. See ST. PATRICK'S, Page 12

From covens to conservation: Foster's Pond in history

The Andover Historical Society and the Foster's Pond Corporation are teaming up for a special presentation March 20, 7 to 9 p.m., at Memorial Hall Library on people and events that have shaped Foster's Pond and the surrounding community over the last three centuries.

The pond traces its name to Andrew Foster, Andover's 22nd settler, whose wife, Ann, died in prison following her "confession" during the Salem witch trials in the late 1600s. Today, the 120-acre lake is surrounded by 250 acres of publicly accessible conservation land, including the Foster's Pond Dam (owned by the FPC), the Foster's Pond Reservation (a cooperative effort of the Andover Conservation Commission and the FPC), and Goldsmith Woodlands (managed by the Andover Village Improvement Society).

Founded in 1939 at the urging of Frances Foster, one of Andrew Foster's heirs, the corporation describes itself as a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to protecting the pond, maintaining its 150-year-old dam, and promoting public access.

The March 20 event is the Foster's Pond Corporation's annual meeting. The public is invited, admission is free, and guests do

"Andover is extremely lucky that so many of the people who, over the centuries, have been drawn to this magical place have had the generosity and the foresight to pass its unspoiled beauty on to later generations,"

FPC President Steve Cotton

not have to join the FPC to attend.

"Andover is extremely lucky that so many of the people who, over the centuries, have been drawn to this magical place have had the generosity and the foresight to pass its unspoiled beauty on to later generations," said FPC President Steve Cotton in a release. "The March 20 event is a chance for us to connect with some of those people and understand how their lives have affected our own."

Historical Society Vice President Jane Dietzel Cairns, Executive Director Elaine Clements, and others will speak on a variety of topics related to history in the area, including the dams at Foster's Pond, Lucy Foster's Acre, and Bessie Goldsmith.



Courtesy photo

The Foster's Pond Dam on Rattlesnake Hill Road was built in the 1850s.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

PSYCHIC FAIR, benefits the American Diabetes Association, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Hall, 6 Locke St., Andover, 5 to 9:30 p.m. Advertised to have psychic tarot readers, as well as a psychic medium who will offer readings for \$20; free admission; 978-788-5201.

WILDLIFE REFUGE VOLUNTEER CALL, Volunteer Plover Wards needed, open orientation to learn more, 9 a.m. to noon, for people who like talking to the public, helping wildlife, and being on the beach; orientation will teach you about the piping plovers and the mechanics of being a plover warden. No registration required. Attending the session does not obligate you to volunteer. Also on Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m. to noon.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

SPRING CRAFT SALE, The Center at Punchard, Whittier Court, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

floral arrangements, jewelry, crafts; 978-623-8321.

WHAT'S IT WORTH EVENT, the Andover Historical Society will host "What's it Worth" appraisal event with appraiser, auctioneer and owner of Royka's Gallery in Boston, Paul Royka; 7 to 9 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover. Guests may bring one item to be appraised or come to listen and enjoy Royka's entertaining and enlightening appraisals, \$15 for Andover Historical Society members and \$20 for non-members. Guests may bring items such as fine art, Chinese art, jewelry, art glass & Tiffany Studios items. For larger items, pictures will suffice. Firearms, coins and stamps will not be appraised at this event. To register, call the Historical Society 978-475-2236.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY, with a traditional corned beef and cabbage luncheon, Atria

Marland Place invites the public to celebrate, noon, at Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; RSVP 978-475-4225.

LIVE IRISH MUSIC, Solas, an Irish-American band recording and touring in the U.S., Rogers Center, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m., \$25 door, \$20 advance, seniors/students \$18; Reservations and information 978-837-5355, merrimack.edu/rogerscenter.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

LIVE THEATER, South Church Players present Annie, 5:30 p.m., \$10 advance, \$12 door; family maximum \$40 / \$48. South Church, 41 Central St., Andover; 978-475-0321. Proceeds benefit MSPCA at Nevers Farm. Also performed Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC, Ellis Paul, who has won 14 Boston Music Awards (only Aerosmith has earned more), New Moon Coffeehouse, 8 p.m. The coffeehouse is located

in the Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St., Haverhill, \$20; \$10 for those ages 18 and under. Tickets available at the door starting around 6:30 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m.; Tickets may be reserved prior to the show at newmooncoffeehouse.org, 978-459-5134.

MARIONETTE PUPPET SHOW, the National Marionette Theater and their production of Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," Rogers Center, Merrimack College. Audiences of all ages will be entertained and thrilled by their craftsmanship and skill as they combine narration and orchestration to tell the story of Peter and his adventures, 3:30 p.m., \$12, Family Four Pack \$40; Reservations and Information: 978-837-5355, merrimack.edu/rogerscenter.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

LIVE MUSIC, trumpeter Richard Watson and organist Douglas Major, 4 p.m., the

Unitarian Church, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport. The program features works by the Telemann, Tomasi, Hovaness, Damase and Major's "St. Michael Concerto." Suggested donations are \$15, \$10 for seniors, children and students free; frsuu.org or 978-465-0602 Ext. 401.

MIRIAM'S SEDER, the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation's will celebrate its Bat Mitzvah (13th) year at this annual event, 3 to 8 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond, Andover. Miriam's Seder is an annual intergenerational event that celebrates women in Jewish History. Mothers, aunts, grandmothers and girls over 8 are all welcome to attend. The event will begin with Kasbah style shopping and appetizers, followed by the Seder and dinner. Tickets are \$39 or \$35 seniors over 70; 978-688-0466, mvjf.org.

PAINTER TALK, artist Donald Jurney at the Newburyport Art Association for "An

Evening with Donald Jurney," 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sargent Gallery on the first floor, 65 Water St., Newburyport. Registration for NAA members is \$20, \$25 for non-members.

LIVE ORCHESTRA MUSIC, the Reading Symphony Orchestra, 3:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center of the Reading Memorial High School, 62 Oakland Road, Reading. Tickets at the door: adults \$15, seniors and students \$10, children 12 and under free; 978-664-5614.

PASTEL DEMONSTRATION, The Andovers Artists Guild hosts, by Robin Thornhill from Artists' Muse Studios in Amesbury, 2 p.m., the East Mill Art Space, 21 High St., North Andover (Davis and Furber Complex). Guests are welcome for a \$5 donation, free to Guild members; andoversartistsguild.org.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, MARCH 19

IPAD TALK, Edward J. McFadden, of Glade Mountain Consulting, LLC, will present a workshop on how to get the most out of your iPad or iPad mini, 11 a.m., free, Flint Memorial Library,

147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942 to register.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

ACCESSORIZING EVENT, "The Little Black Dress" event, 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover. The event is co-sponsored by Reading Co-Operative Bank in Andover. The program shows

you how to accessorize your little black dress for every occasion using floral designs. Bill Graham, one of New England's leading floral design professionals, will present the program. Graham is the owner of Beautiful Things Flowers and Gifts, Ltd, in Salem, Mass. He is recognized in the floral world as a professional designer, commentator, educator, lecturer and motivator. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. To RSVP call 978-475-4225.

SHOE TALK, meet designer Yeardeley Smith and shop Marchez Vous' Spring 2013 Footwear Collection, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., SoleAmour, 10 Post Office Ave., Andover; Sarah Hanna, shanna@hlgrp.com, 213-358-7619.

HEALTH TALK, "How To Raise A Healthy Child," 7 p.m., at the Andover/North Andover YMCA. Healthy children don't happen by chance. Dr. Christopher Condon will discuss the important keys to raising a happy, healthy infant, as well as the "Four Cornerstones" to your own health, that will help you do it; at the YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover; 978-685-3541.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

ADULT SPELLING BEE, The Andover Fund for Education (AFE) will host the 15th annual Andover Spelling Bee, which pits teams of four against each other to raise money for teachers' special programs, at Wood Hill Middle School, 7 p.m.; Joan Cohen, AFE Co-President, at joan@imp.net.

LIVE THEATER, ACT Jr.'s spring performance of Seussical the Musical, 7 p.m., The Sullivan School, 150 Draper St., Lowell, Adults: \$20, Children/Seniors: \$15. All seating is assigned; actandover.com. Performances also on March 23 at 7 p.m., March 24 at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

SPRING ART SHOW, Tewksbury Community of Artists, Tewksbury Public Library, First Floor Meeting Room, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., free and open to the public. The show encompasses all forms of art. Some artists will be demonstrating their technique or working on a current piece; tewksbury-communityofartists.com.

'Little Black Dress' at Atria Marland Place

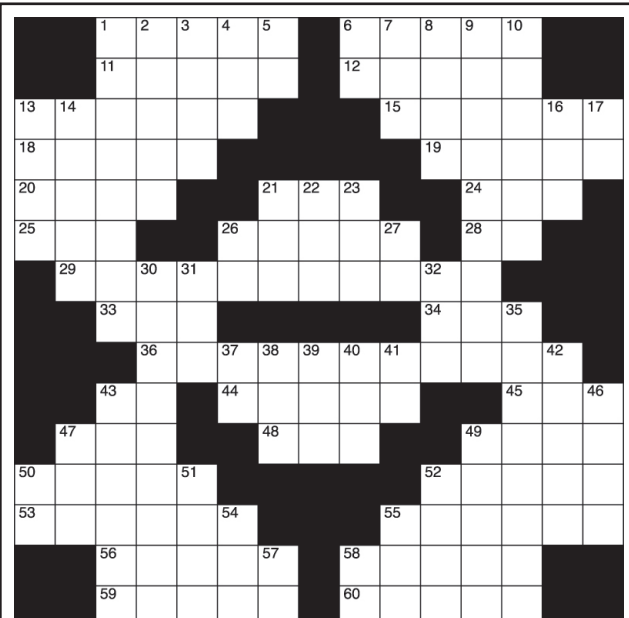
Atria Marland Place will host "The Little Black Dress," a March 21 program that is promoted as combining floral designs that compliment interesting fashion accessories.

Bill Graham, one of New England's leading floral design professionals

will present the program. Graham is the owner of Beautiful Things Flowers and Gifts, Ltd, located in Salem, Mass. He is a professional designer, commentator, educator, lecturer and motivator, according to a release from Atria.

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The event will be held March 21 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover. To RSVP call 978-475-4225.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Something curved in shape
- 4. Tattoo (slang)
- 7. Therapeutic resort
- 10. His ark
- 12. Organized crime heads
- 14. Actor Connery
- 15. Free from danger
- 16. Honey badger
- 17. Part of a deck
- 18. Cause to run off the tracks
- 20. Classical music form
- 22. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 23. Volt-ampere
- 24. "Socrate" composer Erik
- 26. Keep up
- 29. Foot raced
- 30. The 44th President
- 35. Aboriginal (abbr.)
- 36. Wedding vow

- 37. 21st Hebrew letter
- 38. "Little Man Tate" director
- 44. Teletype (Computers)
- 45. Discovered alternating current
- 46. Tears down (alt. sp.)
- 48. Resinlike substance in shellac
- 49. Military mailbox
- 50. Smoothed wood
- 53. Old Testament book
- 56. Japanese lake with marimo
- 57. Card, dining or coffee
- 59. Checks
- 61. Telephone exchange (abbr.)
- 62. Greek covered walks or colonnades
- 63. Pigmented eye membrane
- 64. No. French river
- 65. Airborne (abbr.)
- 66. Shock therapy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Autonomic nervous system
- 2. Highway
- 3. Eating house
- 4. Afrikaans
- 5. Likely
- 6. Foot digits
- 7. Place to sit
- 8. For in Spanish
- 9. Also or including
- 11. N W Afghan city
- 12. Black Sea peninsula
- 13. Language of Slovakia
- 14. Divine Egyptian beetle
- 19. What a baby wears to eat
- 21. River of NE Ecuador & N Peru
- 24. European wooden shoe
- 25. Positive pole
- 27. Hereditary social class (Hindu)
- 28. Utters

- 29. British rule over India
- 31. ___ de Janeiro
- 32. Promotional materials
- 33. Narrow collapsible bed
- 34. Whatsoever
- 39. Land surrounded by water
- 40. Ardor
- 41. Aspects
- 42. Removes writing
- 43. ___ Nui, Easter Island
- 47. Conductor Sir Georg
- 50. Landscaped road (abbr.)
- 51. Research workplaces
- 52. Organized factual information
- 53. A scheme or program
- 54. Female horse or zebra
- 55. Invests in little enterprises
- 56. Signing
- 58. Robert's nickname
- 60. Very fast airplane



Courtesy photo

"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.

ST. PATRICK'S: List of holiday events

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at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at the door cost \$25; advance tickets are \$20 or \$18 for seniors and students.

For reservations and more information call 978-837-5355 or visit merrimack.edu/rogerscenter.

Symphony Highlights Irish-Born Composer

This symphony orchestra concert features an Irish-born composer. The Reading Symphony Orchestra will present a concert on Sunday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at 3:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center of the Reading Memorial High School, 62 Oakland Road, Reading. There will be a rare

performance of the Finale of the Symphony #3 by the Irish-born composer, Charles Villiers Stanford.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$15 adults, \$10 students and seniors, free children 12 and under. For more information, or to order tickets for pickup at the door, call 978-664-5614.

Celtic Melodies

On Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. the Lawrence Public Library will present a free concert featuring Andover musicians George and Terri Kelley. They will be performing Celtic melodies for voice and piano. The concert includes a guest appearance by singer Larry Melia Jr. and a tribute to the late great Irish fiddle virtuoso, Larry Reynolds,

who passed away last October. The one-hour concert is free and open to the public. There is a reception following the performance. This yearly event is sponsored by The Irish Foundation. For more information, call 978-683-8222.

Radio and TV

Railroad Street resident Thomas Garvey, who for the past 27 years hosted a St. Patrick's Day Tribute Radio Show with Bruce Arnold on 1110-AM WCCM, www.1110wccm.com, will do so from 2 to 5 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day.

He also notes that many people can find and play Irish music at home throughout the week by tuning to Comcast Cable station 533 through March 17.

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TOWN TALK

Grant helps school offer healthy breakfast, exercise club

West Middle School has been awarded \$4,000 to support its Fuel Up to Play 60 initiative from the New England Dairy & Food Council. West Middle School is Andover's second school to receive this grant. Last year, Wood Hill Middle School used their grant for new smoothie equipment and a before

school exercise program. West Middle School was selected from among hundreds of schools across the country that applied for the money. West Middle School will use the funds to create and promote new "grab-and-go" breakfasts and offer a smoothie station so students may get healthy breakfast meals before school. Students will work with the school nutrition staff to help select healthy foods for the new breakfast kiosk, and students will also help to

promote the new offerings through taste samplings and contests. In addition, half of the money will be used to expand and develop the "AM Fit Club" at West Middle by purchasing exercise equipment to help further develop the curriculum.

The Shadower now knows

On Tuesday, April 9, North Shore Women and Esperanza Academy of Lawrence will

team up for Shadow (Career) Day, to provide the school's 80 girls, in grades 5 to 8, an opportunity to learn about a wide range of careers. This year's focus is on the STEM fields, including science, technology, engineering, finance and medicine. Volunteers are needed. The girls will be bussed by faculty and will spend approximately six hours in the workplace and will need to have lunch provided. See esperanzaacademy.org/ or contact via

emailsusan_wilson@ml.com. Atria Marland Place will host a series of breakfast programs for seniors the first Tuesday of each month, starting April 2. A featured speaker will offer a presentation on topics relevant to seniors. Raymond Cannon, an

attorney, will present "Protecting Your Nest Egg" for the April program. The meetings will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at 15 Stevens St. A light breakfast will be offered. People are asked to RSVP at 978-475-4225 by March 26.

SPRING SUNRISE Shawsheen River group to celebrate equinox

The Shawsheen River Watershed Association will sponsor its third annual Vernal Equinox Celebration with live music, a campfire, and a short program it stays will focus on the astronomy, history and cultural customs surrounding the first day of spring. The program is set for Sunday, March 24 from 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. at Serio's Grove, 45 Lowell Junction Road in Andover.

There are several options for those who wish to participate in the celebration to mark the arrival of spring.

1. You can come Saturday evening, March 23 for a campout at Serio's Grove, 45 Lowell Junction Road. For more info about camping out contact rhdecelle@hotmail.com.

2. You can join a Sunday morning, predawn canoe/kayak trip. Bring your boat at 6 a.m. to the boat access across from Pfizer Corp. at 101 Lowell Junction Road. The group will paddle to Serio's Grove and join the campers for the celebration, then paddle down to the Ballardvale Mill Pond. For more info about paddling contact bob_otter@comcast.net.

3. You can join a Sunday morning hike. Drive to Serio's Grove, park in the field, and walk a short distance to the Pavilion by 6:45 a.m. Sunrise will be about 7:18 a.m.

SRWA events are free and open to the general public.



FILE PHOTO
People will have a chance to paddle down the Shawsheen River as the sun rises next Sunday morning, March 24, much as Alistair McBrien of Andover paddled at Poms Pond as the sun set at the summer solstice last year.



Katie Baker, PT, Physical Therapist

Dominic begins home physical therapy

When I arrived, Dominic was sitting in the living room looking pretty gloomy. Earlier, I learned from his nurse that Dominic suffered an ischemic stroke caused by a blocked artery. He was recently discharged from a rehabilitation hospital but still had weakness on his right side and slurred speech. I could sense that Dominic was worried he would not regain his strength and return to independence. However, behind the scenes, a therapy team from Home Health VNA was assembled, and had a step by step plan for his recuperation.

I began my visit with an assessment of Dominic's overall safety, balance and mobility. Because Dominic's right side was affected by the stroke, he was weak and had trouble walking. We discussed his risk of falling, the need to make his home safe, and the goals for his care. Dominic made clear his goal "I will be strong enough to hold my newest great grandchild due any day now."

For today Dominic had to realign his balance, learn to stand and finally walk while holding a quad cane in his left hand. Focusing on his task, he slowly maneuvered around the first floor of his home. "Great job Dominic! You're doing just great!" With each step Dominic stood taller and became more determined.

We initiated a daily exercise and walking plan that Dominic would do to strengthen his arms and legs. We then discussed the equipment that would help him in the weeks and months ahead. I ordered a bed bar and cane for him to use to increase his independence. As I left, Dominic squeezed my hand. Although tired from his workout, he now seemed more optimistic about his recovery.

For more information see our blog at www.HomeHealthVNA.org

Next week: occupational therapy begins.



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Breast-cancer group looks for salons to join fund-raising effort

In honor of Mother's Day 2013, the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition will organize a statewide Cut-A-Thon event to benefit their work towards preventing breast cancer for future

generations. On the weekend of May 4 and 5, Massachusetts salons will devote one day to donate all proceeds from hair cuts to MBCC. Salons will charge \$15 per haircut and events

will bring communities together in an effort to make a difference and change the legacy of breast cancer, according to a release from the coalition. Salons wishing to hold

a Cut-A-Thon to help end the breast cancer epidemic in honor of Mother's Day should contact cosimo@mbcc.org or 508-246-3047. The deadline to sign up to participate is April 1.

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Sports

WINTER WARRIORS

A look back at the 2012-13 Andover High winter season

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

The snow is finally beginning to melt, the days are growing longer, and that noise you may have heard was the sound of baseball bats and lacrosse sticks being dusted off, and the track team moving from the field house to Lovely Field.

But before the spring season kicks off, it's time to look back on another classic winter season in Andover High sports.

Here are some reflections on the 2012-13 Golden Warrior campaign.

Upset special

Was the shot good? Had the buzzer ended the game?

Two-plus weeks later, everyone is still asking that question about David Giribaldi's hoop as time expired in the Division 1 North tourney matchup with top-seeded St. John's Prep in one of the most dramatic wins in recent memory.

The referees ruled the dramatic shot was good, and the Golden Warriors went on to stun the red-hot Eagles and advance to the Division 1 North semifinals.

Central Catholic hockey spent nearly the entire season ranked in the Top 5 in the state, and made a run in the Super 8 tournament.

But that didn't matter to the Golden Warriors.

Behind a whopping 43 saves for goalie Colby Gilbert, Andover High shocked its archrival Raiders 3-0.

It made it even more amazing, since Central walloped the Warriors 8-1 in their first meeting of the season.

Goals by Tyler Weeks, Mark Campbell and Danny Keenan led to the epic upset.

Central Catholic girls basketball will play for the Division 1 state title on Saturday, but Devon Caveney and



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo
Andover's Sam Dowden finished his career in style with another outstanding season for the four-year varsity star.



Staff file photo
Central Catholic could do nothing to beat Andover goalie Colby Gilbert in February. The senior shut out the powerhouse Raiders for the second time in his career.

her Warriors got the best of the Raiders in January. Caveney scored eight of her 16 points in the fourth as the Golden Warriors topped the favored Raiders 49-37.

Title town

Andover boys gymnastics had to wait a day for it to be official due to a clerical error, but it was worth the wait.

In the final year of varsity boys gymnastics in Massachusetts, the Golden Warriors took home the team



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo
Devon Caveney finished her four-year varsity career with 1,205 points.



Courtesy photo
Kerry Christopher flies down the slopes during a race this season. Christopher, the fourth member of her family to ski for Andover High, led the Golden Warriors to an undefeated regular season, and now has the goal of winning a state title.

title, well ahead of runner-up Lowell, which was 14 points back in the seven-team field.

Star Brian Manning led the way, winning every event to easily win the all-around with a 35.0.

The boys weren't having

all the fun in gymnastics.

Junior Jessie Livingston, who nearly had to quit gymnastics due to a serious back injury, took home the state title in the beam with a 9.55 at the state meet. Her teammate Courtney Carver was third in the all-around (37.1) at the same meet.

Swimmer Eric Zhao added a state title of his own, winning the 100 freestyle at the Division 1 boys swimming championship at Harvard University.

Milestone moments

It will be strange next season to watch the Andover girls basketball team, because the Golden Warriors will be taking the court without four-year varsity mainstay Devon Caveney.

A key member of three state title teams, the Williams-bound Caveney added another huge milestone to her resume this winter when she scored her 1,000th career point on a rare four-point play.

She finished her career with 1,205 career points, the fifth most in the program's history.

Andover's 55 meter shuttle relay certainly made a splash last weekend at the New Balance Indoor Nationals.

The foursome of junior Courtney Comeau, sophomores Hanna Chapman and Jill Gamache and freshman Lizzie Kobelski placed 10th overall in the top-tier "open" section in a blazing 34.47.

Just .01 seconds proved to be enough for skier Kerry Christopher.

Christopher won the giant slalom in a stunning photo finish, besting Manchester's Alex Marshall 21.95-21.96 at the Interscholastic (North Shore League) Meet championship.

It was the end of a terrific senior season for Christopher, the fourth member of her family to ski for the Golden Warriors.

Alex Blake joined the swim team because friends wanted him along, and

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Division championship caps perfect season

The Andover eighth-grade boys travel basketball team finished its perfect season (21-0) with a win over Lowell in the finals of the Merrimack Valley Youth Basketball League championship game in Plaistow, N.H., last Saturday, 53-38. Andover also beat Reading in the quarterfinals and Westford in the semis. Leading scorers for Andover in the title game were E.J. Perry, with 23 points, followed by Chad Dicenzo (11) and Andrew Selima (9). Cedric Gillette and Daniel Walsh also chipped in with some big hoops. The rugged defensive-minded Andover team will be representing the MVBLYB in the State Championship this weekend at UMass Lowell. Here is the team, bottom row (left to right): Ballboy Oscar Gillette, Vishvesh Kaul, Alex Chaban, Kevin LaBrie, ballboy Robbie Nyamwaya and Chris Rinaldi; back row, Coach Joe Iarrobino, Andrew Selima, Cam Leeman, E.J. Perry, Max Beati, Tim Kalantzakos, Daniel Walsh, Cedric Gillette, James Nyamwaya and Chad DiCenzo. Absent from photo is assistant coach Tom LaBrie.

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