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Tax hike OK'd

Homeowners' bills to rise 4.7 percent

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Tax bills are going up across the board in Andover — but it could have been worse, at least for residents.

The Board of Selectmen on Monday night voted a split tax rate that will see commercial and industrial property owners paying about \$10 more per \$1,000 in assessed property value than residents.

Under the new rate, residential taxes will go from \$14.51 to \$15.18 per \$1,000 in assessed value, which will mean an increase of \$376 in the tax bill for the average homeowner, who can expect to shell out \$8,343 this fiscal year.

Commercial and industrial property owners will pay \$25.25 per \$1,000 in value, up from \$24.26 last year. The average commercial tax bill will rise \$1,702 to \$49,993, while the average industrial bill will increase \$4,978 to \$89,543.

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Officer accused of DWI crash resigns

Robitaille still facing Jan. 9 court hearing

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Police officer Evan Robitaille resigned last week amid an investigation into an alleged hit-and-run, drunken-driving accident in March.

Robitaille, 32, remains due in court on Jan. 9 for a hearing set to determine if probable cause exists to charge him with operating under the influence of liquor, leaving the scene of an accident causing property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and failure to use care in starting, stopping, turning or backing up a motor vehicle.

His resignation was delivered early last week in writing to Police Chief Patrick See **ROBITAILLE**, Page 2

A festive season



Traffic stops for Santa Claus as he crosses Bartlet Street en route to Sunday's annual Santa Parade. Despite the drizzly weather, 2,000 people came out to greet the jolly old man as he traded his sleigh for a fire truck to travel the parade route along Main Street. More photos, page 13.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo



Rabbi Howard Mandell, the new spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Israel on South Main Street in Andover, and congregation member Jonathan Brody light the temple's outdoor chanukiah made from tiki torches on the fifth day of Hanukkah on Sunday. The outdoor lighting ceremonies in celebration of the Festival of Lights began Nov. 27 and continued for eight nights, through Wednesday, and included blessings and traditional songs.

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SIMPLY 'ENCHANTED'

Andover tree decorator strings fourth festival win

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It's starting to appear Andover's Brenda Afshin has the Midas touch. And she knows how to use it on Christmas trees.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Lowell Junction Road resident has decorated her way to one of the top awards at the annual Festival of Trees fundraiser in Methuen.

For this year's creation, Afshin sought to celebrate the festival's 20th emerald anniversary.

She crafted an "Enchanted Evergreen" tree featuring



Brenda Afshin's award-winning "Enchanted" creation at the Methuen Festival of Trees are filled with mystical fairies and other winged creatures.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

fairies with motorized wings set against shimmering hues of blues and greens and twinkling white lights.

It was picked by an

independent panel of judges as the "Most Beautiful," beating out some 240 trees and wreaths for

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Vispoli gearing for Senate run

Finegold weighing political future, statewide bid

By DUSTIN LUCA
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As state Sen. Barry Finegold weighs his political future, one town official in his hometown of Andover is ready to wage a campaign for his seat next year.

Board of Selectmen Chairman and Republican candidate Alex Vispoli on Tuesday announced his plans to mount his second campaign for the Second Essex and Middlesex District seat that has been held by the Democratic Finegold since 2011. The district includes Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury.



Andover Selectman Alex Vispoli

Vispoli, a 56-year-old married father of four, is a three-term selectman in Andover, first winning election to the board in 2004. He has spent 25 years in the information technology business, currently serving as director of business development for an Andover-based technology company.

His announcement comes on the heels of last week's news that the vice chairman of the Lawrence School Committee, Democrat Pavel Payano, is also eyeing a run for the Senate seat next year.

Payano told The Eagle-Tribune last week that he would consider running for Finegold's seat if the incumbent decides to campaign for state treasurer. Finegold is widely considered

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Forgue won't seek re-election

School Committee seat will be up for grabs in March

By BILL KIRK AND DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITERS

School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue is making good on a promise to step down at the end of his second term next spring.

Forgue this week announced that he will not be seeking re-election to a third, three-year term on the committee.

In a letter to the Andover Townsman (see *Opinion*, page 11), Forgue said that his decision stems from a commitment he made in 2008 when he first ran for office.

"I had committed myself, with my family's support, to serving two terms if the townspeople were willing to re-elect me," Forgue said.

Forgue, when contacted, said turnaround

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Dennis Forgue

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Brenda Afshin of Andover won her fourth first-prize Waterford Christmas tree award for crafting the Most Beautiful entry at this year's Festival of Trees in Methuen.

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AFSHIN: Tree claims 'Most Beautiful' title

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the honor. Afshin said she felt like she was at the Oscars when she was called to accept her prize — a beautiful Waterford crystal Christmas tree.

"I felt like I was on the red carpet when I got the award," giggled the very artistic Afshin, who is known around Andover for her terrific decorations at the Crystal Ballroom events.

This year's judges were Amy Covenov of WMUR-TV Channel 9, June Wulff of The Boston Globe, Lisa Prezzano of Merrimack Valley Magazine and Rosemary Ford of The Eagle-Tribune.

A public school nurse at the Arlington School in Lawrence, Afshin rents an artist studio at the Everett Mills in Lawrence.

She said she draws inspiration from Lawrence's rich history and once decorated a Christmas tree themed around the city's well-known Bread and Roses strike of 1912. That tree, complete with the Ayer clock, was also a winner at Methuen's Festival of Trees.

In addition to drawing on the city scenes visible from her loft space for inspiration, Afshin, who also runs youth enrichment programs in Lawrence, said she finds herself motivated by those who admire her work, too.

"People always ask me, 'How did you do that?' That reaction keeps me going,"

Anyone who wants to check out Afshin's "Enchanted" creation will have to act fast. The two-week Festival of Trees runs through Saturday, Dec. 7, at Valley Office Park, 13 Branch St., Methuen. All 240 trees and wreaths will be raffled off on the final day.

Anyone who wants to check out Afshin's "Enchanted" creation will have to act fast. The two-week Festival of Trees runs through Saturday, Dec. 7, at Valley Office Park, 13 Branch St., Methuen. All 240 trees and wreaths will be raffled off on the final day.

Admission to the festival is \$8 to \$10, with children 12 and under invited for free. For more, visit www.methuenfestivaloftrees.com.

For a sneak peak of Afshin's "Enchanted Evergreen," check out this YouTube link at www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAPWIVkYxSQ.



Brenda Afshin's award-winning "Enchanted" creation at the Methuen Festival of Trees features fairies with motorized wings that flutter open and close.

Courtesy photo

ROBITAILLE: Had been on leave since accident

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Keefe and took effect immediately, according to Commander Charles Heseltine.

Robitaille had been on leave since the investigation into the March 11 accident began, Heseltine said.

Initially, he was on paid administrative leave.

However, "as a result of the internal affairs investigation, on Oct. 18, Officer Robitaille was placed on administrative leave without pay," Heseltine said.

Heseltine declined to comment on the reason for the change to unpaid leave or how much Robitaille had been paid to that point.

He also declined further comment on Robitaille's resignation, saying he "can't get into it because it's a personnel matter."

Robitaille's attorney, Ted Cranney, couldn't be reached for comment.

Stephanie Guyotte, spokeswoman for the Middlesex County District Attorney's office, also said she couldn't comment on Robitaille's case because "we have an investigation ongoing."

Robitaille was one of two Andover police officers honored as officers of the year by the Exchange Club of Lawrence in January for their on-duty heroics in 2012.

According to town employee salary data

available through the website TownOfAndover.com, Robitaille was paid \$72,125 in regular pay in 2012, with off-duty detail, overtime, retroactive pay and more bringing his total pay for the year to \$117,874.

Robitaille is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 9 for a clerk magistrate's hearing. The hearing was originally scheduled for Sept. 6, then continued to Nov. 22. It was then postponed to January after Robitaille failed to "answer" and present himself when called for the appearance, according to employees in the Lowell District Court clerk's office.

Peter Caruso of Andover, the attorney for The Andover Townsman, has filed a motion to intervene in the court proceedings and open them to the public. The motion argues that the case is "one of special public significance," and "the legitimate interest of the public outweighs the right of privacy of the accused," Caruso wrote in the motion.

Traditionally, clerk magistrate hearings on applications for criminal complaints are closed. The two parties in the case typically argue their positions, and the magistrate issues a decision to issue a criminal complaint or deny the application without it ever becoming public, according to Caruso.

VISPOLI: Priorities include more job opportunities, fiscal accountability

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to be a possible candidate for the state post.

But Finegold this week declined to even hint at his plans. He said he hasn't decided whether to seek reelection to the state Senate next year or whether he is interested in the treasurer's job.

"(I have) not made any official announcements. I'm still considering it, but there isn't

any definite decisions," Finegold said.

He did not rule out a run for state treasurer or a bid for a third term in the state Senate. He also didn't give a timetable for when he would announce his plans.

"I'm giving it a hard look," Finegold said. "It's a decision I have to make and something I have to consider."

Vispoli said he had read last week's news story referencing Finegold's political options

for 2014, but that didn't factor into his decision to launch his campaign.

In 2012, Vispoli waged an unsuccessful bid for the Senate seat, narrowly losing the Republican nomination to state Rep. Paul Adams by 91 votes in the primary election. Adams would eventually lose to Finegold in that year's general election.

"It was a close race, and we certainly look forward to starting earlier than we did

last time, and moving quicker," Vispoli said. "The issues are more dramatic than they were a year and a half ago."

In his announcement, Vispoli listed his top issues in the race as providing more job opportunities for the people in the district, fiscal accountability, local aid fairness, improving education and restoring integrity to the State House.

Vispoli pointed to recent activity on Beacon Hill, including the passage and then

abrupt appeal of a technology tax and the built-in, no-debate structure of the gas tax in Massachusetts, which he said can increase year to year without a legislative vote, as one of the driving forces behind his campaign decision.

But even more so, Vispoli said his location in the state — just a heartbeat from the New Hampshire state line — gives him a better perspective on the impact various issues of concern stand to have on people.

"You can't stand by and watch the same type of attitude that really hurts our district," Vispoli said. "Decisions like that hurt our district, specifically being a border region."

Nomination papers to run for state office must be available by Feb. 11, according to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website. State primaries will be held Sept. 9, with the general election set for Nov. 4, 2014.

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FORGUE: Decision clears the way for a newcomer

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on committees is "a healthy event," one that he encourages.

"I do think it's good to have turnover on committees, fresh ideas," he said. "I always felt that."

While saying the biggest factors in his decision were commitments to his family and his executive recruiting business, Forgue added that something like serving on the School Committee "does take some considerable time."

"It was really not a hard decision at the end of the day," he said. However, he added he wouldn't rule out the possibility of running for public office again in the future.

Forgue encouraged anyone contemplating a bid for School Committee or any other elected town office to seek out his input.

"I ran in two contested elections," he said. "You learn a lot in doing that, so if anybody has questions or would like to chat about running on a local campaign or what it's like being on the School Committee, I'd be happy to chat with anybody and give them my perspective."

Forgue's decision clears the way for a newcomer to claim the lone three-year seat up for grabs on the School Committee in the March 25 town election.

Nomination papers for all town offices up for election are now available from the town clerk's office inside the Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. Candidates must return completed forms by Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. to guarantee placement on the ballot.

Selectman Mary Lyman said she will be among those on the ballot. She said she

intends to seek another three-year term because she feels that the town's public works employees need a new facility to work in.

"We haven't figured the town yard," she said, referring to the hodgepodge campus of public works buildings in the middle of downtown near the train station. "A safe working environment for the employees is huge."

Lyman also said her next term on the board would likely be one of transition for the town, with the possible hiring of a new town manager. Current Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski's contract is due to expire on June 30, 2015.

In addition, she said selectmen are currently looking to hire a new town accountant (see related story, page 5) and a new plant and facilities director.

"In general, there's a lot of transition in the town in the next few years," she said, adding that she is still waiting to hear from Stapczynski on the hiring of a new plant and facilities director.

The position is currently held by Chris Cronin, who serves in an acting capacity. Former director Joe Piantodosi announced his retirement in 2010, but stayed on until 2011. His departure prompted a new look at the organization of the department, with Stapczynski saying he wanted to merge the public works and plant and facilities departments under one director.

Lyman, a 55-year-old mother of three sons ranging in age from 17 to 23, said she was working part-time during her last campaign for a selectman's seat. Now she has a full-time job, which she said will require some careful balancing during election season. She has not yet heard of any opponents interested in challenging her.

"At this point, I will be running," she said. "I don't know how I'm going to do it, but I'll figure it out."

Other positions that are up for election in March are:

■ **Moderator**, one-year term; currently held by Sheila Doherty. She could not be reached for comment last week.

■ **Andover Housing Authority**, five-year term; James Cuticchia is running for re-election.

■ **Trustees of the Punchard School**, three-year terms; currently held by Donald Schroeder and James Sutton.

For more information on the election process, call Town Clerk Larry Murphy at 978-623-8255.

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Holiday halftime



Emily Granoff, left, and other members of the color guard with the Andover High School marching band practice their routine as they get ready to perform their halftime show at the annual Thanksgiving Day football game last week at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence. CARL RUSSO/Staff photos



Andover High bass guitarist Hermo Campos, an exchange student from Brazil, experiences his first American Thanksgiving – and his first dose of cold weather – as he takes the field for the halftime show.



Members of the Andover High marching band's brass section entertain the crowd during the halftime show.



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Ceremony to mark Pearl Harbor Day

American Legion Andover Post 8 along with Andover's Veterans Services Office will commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor with a ceremony on Friday, Dec. 6, at 11 a.m. in the Four Seasons Room at The Center at Punchard, 36 Bartlet St., Andover. Following the ceremony, the group will then move to the WWII Monument in The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets for the placing of the wreath and rifle salute. All World War II veterans and their families and friends are invited. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

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Auctioneer Ed Smith takes a bid from a prospective buyer for trays at Dylan's Bar & Grill. The entire contents of the Park Street restaurant were put up for auction Monday after the state seized the business for unpaid taxes going back to 2010.

Dylan's auction nets \$12,801

By DUSTIN LUCA

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The state Department of Revenue held an auction at Dylan's Bar & Grill on Park Street this week, selling off the contents of the now-shuttered Park Street restaurant for \$12,801.65 to a group of 15 registered bidders, according to a department spokeswoman.

The money gained from the auction will be put toward the \$191,763 restaurant owner Sam Petrovich owed in taxes dating back to May 2010, according to Ann Dufresne, the department's director of communications.

How much Petrovich paid back prior to the auction or how much of the debt still exists couldn't be disclosed publicly, Dufresne said, citing taxpayer privacy reasons.

Petrovich couldn't be reached for comment.

Last month, the state seized the decade-old Dylan's for failure to pay taxes. About 95 percent of the arrears represented unpaid state meals, according to Dufresne. The remaining \$9,400 was outstanding local meals tax, with about \$67 in withheld employee taxes, Dufresne said.

The auction represents a point in the state seizure



RYAN HUTTON/ Staff photo

This week's auction of the contents of Dylan's Bar & Grill netted about \$12,800.

where "the building can be opened again. It can be returned to the landowner, or the new owner," Dufresne said.

"When we seize a business, we're securing it until it can be auctioned or until the debt can be paid," she

said. "Once the auction takes place, then we release the seizure."

Previously, property owner Schnellinger Dagmar said she planned to lease the commercial space when it becomes available to a new tenant, be it for use as a

restaurant or other activity.

State seizures for unpaid taxes are rare, with none being reported in Andover over the last two years and only around 75 across the state carried out annually by the Department of Revenue, according to Dufresne.

Snowing? Beware the parking ban

By DUSTIN LUCA

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Want to keep tabs on the town's winter parking ban program? You might want to click on Facebook.

Along with using the official town and Police Department websites, public safety officials will be turning to Facebook to help them notify

the community when a snow emergency is being declared or is in effect.

"We're going to use that a lot," Police Commander Charles Heseltine said. "We're going to try to use it for snow emergencies, blocked roads and updating the public as quick as we can."

Under a program initiated

by recently retired Police Chief Brian Pattullo, the winter parking ban prohibits parking on public roads whenever snow emergencies are declared.

Over the last two years, the department has operated the program on an as-needed basis, where rules restricting street parking aren't enforced unless winter weather is expected, Heseltine said.

"We'll take every storm individually as it occurs," he said. Offenders "are going to be ticketed and they could possibly be

towed."

Though the threat of tickets or tows exists, both are historically rare — with as many as five or 10 incidents recorded throughout all of last season, according to Heseltine.

"The town is actually pretty good," he said. "The majority of the town has driveways and garages to park in."

While the program has typically run from Dec. 1 to April 1, the Police Department is suspending that timeframe this year in favor of instituting the ban whenever necessary.

OBITUARIES

Suzanne J. Sherman, 86

June 7, 1927 — October 30, 2013

ANDOVER — Suzanne J. (Reddish) Sherman, 86, of Andover, died Wednesday, October 30, 2013, at Merrimack Valley Hospice House surrounded by her loving family. Suzanne was born in Boston, Massachusetts on June 7, 1927, to the late Harold and Frances (Roulston) Reddish. She earned a degree from Merrimack College at the age of 54, was a past president of the Andona Society of Andover, and an active member of the Andover Garden Club and the Andover Senior Center. Suzanne was an avid swimmer and a long-time member of the Andover YMCA.



and partner, Christopher Darling, of Philadelphia, PA, and David R. Sherman and wife, Melissa Garand, of Andover. Also among her survivors are her loving family, sister, Glenna Simpson and her husband, Robert, of New Jersey and five grandchildren, Michael, Emily and Sara, Nicholas and Sophia, and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of the late Frank J. Sherman III with whom she celebrated sixty-one years of marriage. Suzanne was predeceased by her brother, Robert Reddish of Andover. Suzanne is survived by her daughter, Melissa S. Tassinari of North Bethesda, MD; her sons, Frank J. Sherman IV

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral service will be held on Monday, December 9, 2013, at 2 p.m. at Christ Church in Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to Esperanza Academy, 198 Garden St., Lawrence, MA 01840, or to Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, Andover, MA 01810. To offer online condolences please visit www.confefuneralhomes.com.



Christopher Tomkinson, 41

January 27, 1972 — November 26, 2013

BOSTON/ANDOVER, MA — Christopher Tomkinson, 41, of Boston/Andover, MA, passed away unexpectedly on November 26, 2013.

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Chris graduated from St. John's Prep Danvers, MA and Penn State University. He was employed at Bank of America, Investments, for 17 years.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Drake and Gabriel Tomkinson Education Fund, which is in the process of being established.

Family and friends may call on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover, MA 01810. Interment will be private.

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POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

The following items were recorded in Andover police logs from Monday, Nov. 25 to Sunday, Dec. 1:

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Nov. 27 — At 12:14 p.m., Angelo Jaded, 25, of 37 Delmont St., Methuen, was arrested on Central Street and charged on a warrant.

Thursday, Nov. 28 — At 3:44 p.m., Justin Kasperowitz, 23, of 9 North St., Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery, assault and battery on a household member, malicious destruction of property over \$250, and intimidating a witness.

Friday, Nov. 29 — At 4:01 a.m., John Mossey, 48, listed as homeless, was arrested on Route 93 north in the area of Route 133 and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed, attaching the wrong plates to a motor vehicle and driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Sunday, Dec. 1 — At 1:38 a.m., Juan Nolasco-Lopez, 19, of 35 Whittier St., Lynn, was arrested on Route 93 north in the area of Route 133 and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed, operating under the influence of liquor and driving with an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle.

At 2:33 a.m., Corey Gerrior, 19, of 10 Thresher Road, Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with malicious destruction of property under \$250

THEFTS

Tuesday, Nov. 26 — At 9:12 a.m., a theft of copper material was reported on Andover Street.

At 1 p.m., a house break was reported on Sunset Rock Road.

INCIDENTS

Monday, Nov. 25 — At 12:20 a.m., a domestic incident was reported on Washington Park Drive.

At 1:20 p.m., vandalism to a home was reported on Timothy Drive.

Tuesday, Nov. 26 — At 7:35 a.m., a person on Lowell Street called 911 to reporticious destruction of property "a fox walking around." The caller was given the Police Department's non-emergency line.

Thursday, Nov. 28 — At 10:46 a.m., police were called out to Central Street on a report of "a male and female soliciting and handing out pamphlets." Police at the scene reported that the man and woman are Jehovah's Witnesses.

Sunday, Dec. 1 — At 9:37 a.m., illegal dumping of leaves was reported on Phillips Street.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Nov. 28 — At 7:16 a.m., a one-car crash with personal injury, requiring the car to be towed, was reported on Harold Parker Road.

Friday, Nov. 29 — At 9:21 a.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Elm Street.

At 12:16 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Main Street.

At 6:04 p.m., an accident with personal injury, requiring the towing of two vehicles, was reported on North Main Street.

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Town accountant search to start anew

By BILL KIRK
AND DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writers

One candidate touted his efficiency in the workplace.

The other spoke about her skill in training employees.

But neither seemed to be the right fit for the next town accountant.

After conducting 45-minute interviews with the two finalists last week, the Board of Selectmen Monday night sought to re-open the application process, better define the position and speak with others about how Andover might attract stronger candidates.

The finalists — Charles Nickerson of Rochester, N.H., who currently serves as accounting manager for Rockingham County in

Brentwood, N.H., and Karen Repucci of Topsfield, who is currently assistant town accountant in Ipswich — were selected from a six-person screening committee, which reviewed the resumes of 23 potential candidates.

Under the town charter, selectmen oversee the town accountant, including the hiring of the position.

Discussing the opening Monday, Selectman Paul Salafia said “this job was a little bigger than the candidates could provide.”

“I don’t want to discourage them in any way, because they were terrific candidates,” Salafia said. “But I think this is a job that their experience didn’t relate well enough to make me confident.”

Board Chairman Alex

Vispoli said selectmen had to either “go forward with one of these two, or we repost it.”

“If we decide to open the process again, what are those things we’re looking for, and just make sure those are in the job description of the next posting,” Vispoli said.

Town Manager Reginald “Buzz” Stapczynski likened the outcome to a prior talent search the town did to fill its school business manager position, which required a second go-around after the first field of candidates was deemed insufficient.

“This has a very similar feel,” Stapczynski said. “I think we went out twice, at least twice. You may want to ask (human resources director Candace Hall). Similar pool of candidates, so ask her what they finally had to do.”

At last week’s interviews, Nickerson, who described himself as “efficient and dedicated,” told selectmen he would conduct internal audits of town departments by first analyzing their financial procedures. Then, he would start looking for problems like misappropriation of cash and how to reduce the risk of fraud. He said he would also focus on saving the town money and getting his employees to work more efficiently.

Before working for Rockingham County the last four years, Nickerson worked at Pan Am Railways in Portsmouth, N.H., where he was director of accounting, and also held accounting positions with several other companies. He graduated from

the University of New Hampshire in 1994 with a degree in business administration and management and earned an associate degree in accounting from the former McIntosh College in Dover, N.H., in 1997.

Repucci, meanwhile, has been with the town of Ipswich as assistant town accountant since 2007. Before that, the 1989 graduate of Salem State University with a degree in business administration worked for the state auditor’s office and for 15 years as inventory control manager for Levitz Furniture before the company went out of business.

In Topsfield, Repucci said she posts revenues and expenses monthly on the Ipswich town website and is working with the town

manager to adopt a program called Open Checkbook, which puts all the town’s expenses online.

“You can see who (checks) are made out to and anything else you want to see,” she said. “It should be all made public. Sometimes it can cause some issues, but you have to go with the times. You can’t fight it, you might as well go along with it.”

While Andover is more than twice the size of Ipswich, Repucci said the main difference she saw between the two communities would be in the volume of revenues and expenses coming in and out. She noted that Ipswich, like Andover, has a AAA bond rating, which enables it to get the lowest interest rates for borrowing money.

Switching seasons

Just off a solid football season with the Warriors, E.J. Perry is now ready to lead Andover High’s varsity girls basketball team as its first-year coach. He coached prospective players through tryouts and practice on Monday afternoon.



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Library friends hosting Holiday Book Sale, Silhouettes

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Rejected parking study seeks a second chance

By DUSTIN LUCA
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A parking management initiative rejected by Town Meeting this past spring has found its way back into the town’s capital improvement plan.

Buried in Town Manager Reginald “Buzz” Stapczynski’s \$9 million list of projects is a pitch to use \$18,000 in parking meter receipts in the next fiscal year for a parking management assessment and plan.

The request was submitted by the Economic Development Council and town Planning Director Paul Materazzo.

Materazzo said parking continues to be a concern of residents, who say they have trouble finding spaces downtown and are often being ticketed.

“We’re looking for somebody to help us make parking more accessible, inviting,” he said. “We see this as something necessary in order to be pro-business.”

Materazzo said the study

would look at successful initiatives in other communities for ideas on improving the parking framework in Andover.

“There are best practices out there that may be a great fit for Andover. There may be other ideas that are just too radical,” he said.

But while town officials, including the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Finance Committee, as well as business leaders all see a need for a parking survey, residents denied a similar request by a 126-109 vote last May.

At the time, Robert Strecker of Railroad Street called a parking plan “a waste of money.”

“I think I would recommend having a citizens committee set out to do this, including the business community,” Strecker said. “Interested parties can discuss the issue and figure it out. We don’t need to do historical studies or traffic studies.”

Meanwhile, Mary Carbone of Cyr Circle suggested the

cost of a parking survey should be the responsibility of business property owners who most stand to benefit from it.

But Steven Leeds, co-owner of Royal Jewelers on Main Street and a town resident, argued to Town Meeting that the downtown “is the lifeblood of any community” and the survey would create a “safe environment with easy ... well-lit parking to enhance the consumer experience.”

Materazzo said that after talking to Stapczynski and selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli, the request was reintroduced in the capital improvement plan.

“This is something that the Economic Development Council had felt strongly about,” Materazzo said. “They didn’t want this to just die at Town Meeting. They wanted to bring it back.”

Residents, however, will continue to have the final say when the capital plan goes before Town Meeting for approval next year.




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Manager eyeing \$9M in capital projects

Schools, town yard, Ballardvale fire station on list

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Taxpayers can expect to face more than \$9 million in funding requests for capital improvement projects across town in the coming year, with additional proposals coming down the pike.

Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski's latest capital improvement plan for the town outlines several new projects that will eventually require Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion votes to move forward.

Debt exclusions raise taxes beyond the allowable Proposition 2 1/2 levy limits to fund specific projects, but do not become a permanent increase on the levy, according to the town manager.

The five-year plan encompasses fiscal years 2015 (starting July 2014) through 2019.

Costs for two major projects — expansion of Andover High School and replacement of Ballardvale fire station — are still being determined.

The proposed high school expansion — which seeks to add classroom space, expand the cafeteria and make other improvements to alleviate significant overcrowding — is the subject of an ongoing study that will likely lead to design and engineering work next year, Stapeczynski said.

Construction is targeted to begin in the second half of 2015, he said.

School improvement projects are listed in all five years of the capital

plan, with a total of \$3.52 million slated for West Elementary School over two years and \$3.35 million for South Elementary School starting in fiscal 2017.

The town should expect those numbers to change as plans progress, Ed Ataide, acting director of plant and facilities, said. For example, he said, the West Elementary School figures are three to four years old.

"Numbers are going to vary from what was estimated," he said.

Meanwhile, a building committee that has been studying the replacement of the Ballardvale fire station for the last five years is preparing to submit its final recommendation to the Board of Selectmen this month.

"Whether they want to take something up at (the next) Town Meeting or not will depend on the report, and it will depend on the selectmen — if they want to provide leadership on it," Stapeczynski said.

Fire Chief Mike Mansfield's initial request is for \$1.5 million for land purchase and design costs only. Construction costs encompass a second phase of the project, according to the CIP.

In addition to various equipment-related requests, Mansfield is also seeking \$100,000 to buy Advanced Life Support ambulance equipment. The request is marked with the highest department priority ranking from the department.

While officials have been considering the possibility of the town operating its

own ALS services instead of the current arrangement with Lawrence General Hospital, Stapeczynski said he does not support the request at this time.

Stapeczynski has also identified four other projects that will require debt exclusions:

- An additional \$25,000 to plan and design a new town yard. Officials have already budgeted \$27,255 for the work from prior requests, Stapeczynski said. It's unclear where the new town yard will be sited. Current ideas include rebuilding the current facility on Lewis Street or constructing a new facility elsewhere. The decision rests with selectmen, Stapeczynski said.

- \$2.8 million to create the Reichhold playing fields using land on Lowell Junction Road acquired by the town over the last several years. The project is listed as a priority for fiscal year 2017.

- An estimated \$1.4 million to buy the Phillips Boathouse, located off Campanelli Drive and River Road, along the Merrimack River. Expected to come to the town in fiscal 2016, the exact purchase price is not yet known.

- Construction of an early childhood center for the town's pre-kindergarten students, targeted for fiscal 2016. The cost has not yet been identified.

Stapeczynski presented his plan to selectmen last month and will now bring it to the Tri-Board meeting of the School Committee, Finance Committee and selectmen on Monday, Dec. 9.



Replacement of the circa 1890 Ballardvale fire station at the intersection of Clark Road and Andover Street is among the priorities identified in Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski's latest capital improvement plan. He is seeking \$1.5 million next fiscal year to buy land and design a new station.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

FISCAL 2015

- Advanced life support ambulance equipment, \$100,000 requested
- Andover High School renovations, cost unknown
- Ballardvale fire station, \$1.5 million requested for land purchase and design
- Blanchard playing fields paving, \$250,000
- Conservation land purchase, Lowell Junction Road, \$400,000
- Interior library renovations, \$50,000 (plus \$50,000 in 2016 and \$20,000 in 2017)
- Parking management assessment and plan, \$18,000
- West Elementary School engineering, \$319,000
- Town playgrounds replacement, \$150,000 (plus \$200,000 a year from 2016 to 2018)
- Town Yard planning, \$25,000

FISCAL 2016

- Early childhood education center construction, cost unknown
- Filter backwash discharge tank, price unknown (\$4.08 million requested)
- Library roof deck, \$151,000
- Phillips Boathouse purchase, cost unknown
- West Elementary School construction, \$3.2 million
- Town yard construction, cost unknown

FISCAL 2017

- Reichhold playing fields, cost unknown (\$2.8 million requested)
- South Elementary School engineering, \$300,000

FISCAL 2018

- South Elementary construction, \$3.05 million

FISCAL 2019

- Andover High School renovation, \$650,000

Note: In most cases, dollar amounts reflect Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski's recommendations, not what was originally requested, which was generally a higher amount.

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Your Dental HEALTH
by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD

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Town manager's goals on table while salary talks on hold

By BILL KIRK
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Midway through the fiscal year, Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski is still awaiting his annual compensation package from the town.

But as his raise remains on the table, the town manager continues to fulfill his 2013 goals as new ones for next year begin to take shape.

Last year, the Board of Selectmen approved Stapeczynski's compensation package in September, awarding him a 2 percent merit increase and a \$737 bonus, bringing his annual salary to \$151,123.

Stapeczynski should have been scheduled for a new raise sometime this fall. But the town manager said last Friday that he and selectmen aren't currently talking numbers.

"We are not negotiating at the moment. We've been busy with other things," said Stapeczynski, whose current five-year contract with the town expires in 2015.

A subcommittee of the selectmen, made up of Chairman Alex Vispoli and member Paul Salafia, has held numerous meetings and given several updates to the board about the

town manager's 2013 goals.

Any salary increase or bonus would be tied to whether Stapeczynski met those goals and how he approaches

future ones, officials have said. Once approved, his raise would be retroactive to July 1.

So far, Stapeczynski has fulfilled many of his current goals, although a couple remain out of reach:

- **Funding the town's pension and retiree health insurance liability.** Stapeczynski presented an update on his plan at a Tri-Board meeting of selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee. The plan includes a variety of measures to reduce the long-term cost of retirees' pensions and health insurance, including making larger annual payments into the town's retirement system as well as making structural changes in union and non-union contracts to reduce the town's long-term liability to retirees.

- **Merger of the Department of Public Works and Plant and Facilities.** Although selectmen say the goal was reached, the project is still



Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski

in the works and a new director for both departments has not yet been hired.

- **Creation of a payment in lieu of property taxes program** for nonprofit institutions, such as Phillips Academy, Merrimack College and Pike School, that are not required to pay property taxes.

Although he missed the April due date, Stapeczynski did file a so-called PILOT report in July, which included an in-depth analysis of how much local nonprofits would have to pay the town if they were for-profit entities.

The only school that currently pays the town is Phillips Academy, which voluntarily contributes about \$150,000 a year as part of a five-year agreement that expired June 30.

- **Completion of labor contracts with the town's bargaining units.** That task has been only partially finalized, with the firefighters' union contract currently in mediation and the agreement with department leaders still being negotiated. Both contracts expired in 2011.

- **Two initiatives with the School Department:** Allowing the town to use school facilities during vacations and summer months and bringing custodial services in the schools under town control.

The School Department is allowing limited use of certain school facilities during some vacations, but has rejected the idea of consolidating janitorial services.

- **Completion of two major building projects:** Bancroft School is under construction and should be ready by next year; construction of the new teen center was slated to start this week.

- **Management initiatives:** Efforts including an employee evaluation program for department leaders and outsourcing town and school payroll services, among others, are in the works.

- **Goals not met**
- **Relocation of town yard from downtown.** There has been little discussion of the initiative since a rezoning proposal for the town yard area was narrowly defeated by Town Meeting in May. Selectmen have urged Stapeczynski to get to work on a plan and to put the town yard on the agenda for next year. Stapeczynski, however, has countered that he is seeking policy direction on the issue from selectmen.

- **Relocation of Ballardvale fire station:** While a task force continues to hash out a recommendation for a new site, the town manager says he has not met that goal due to a "lack of clear policy direction" from selectmen, among other problems.

Future goals

Several new goals for 2014 and 2015 are being added to Stapeczynski's plate, including the renovation of Andover High School, future collective bargaining strategy for union contracts that are about to expire, and an overall concept for improving customer satisfaction for people in need of town services.

Vispoli said Stapeczynski recently visited Somerville to observe how that community treats residents seeking assistance.

"He spent half a day with them to see what they do," Vispoli said. "If you look at overall customer satisfaction, it impacts a lot of service delivery."

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**Compiled by
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Dec. 5, 1913**

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The Fire Department was called to the home of Paul Lee on Tuesday afternoon. A small shed in the rear of the house in which a stove is kept had got on fire, and serious

results were feared. The trouble was quickly overcome, however, and but little damage resulted.

**75 Years Ago
Dec. 1, 1938**

Dick Sellars went to his eternal rest early Tuesday evening. It was getting along toward supertime, just about the time when his dad's train was pulling into the Andover station when Dick set off for his last ride down Chestnut Street. His playmates went off ahead, Dick bringing up the rear. Partway down the hill, a car homeward-bound for Highland Avenue came along; Dick went in under the bumper and struck the front axle of the car. Without a bit of suffering, Dick had left this world of ours.

There is a possibility that

Chief of Police George A. Dane may ask the Methuen youths who ripped up the playstead goalposts after the Methuen game to pay for the damage they did following the Columbus Day game there.

**50 Years Ago
Dec. 5, 1963**

Officers in the Police Department will seek ballot approval for a \$6,300 maximum salary. Rep. Albert Pettoruto filed the necessary legislative bill yesterday, which, if passed, will place the question on the 1964 town ballot.

Good planning and proper land use dictated his recommendation that the town secure the Marland Mills, according to Town Manager Thomas E. Duff. The asking price for the parcel is \$195,000. Mr. Duff foresees

the town yard at the site, along with the Water and Tree Departments, the Recreation Department and a good town garage for equipment.

**25 Years Ago
Dec. 8, 1988**

Consistent as the tide, Andover's clean water issue rolled back onto the Board of Selectmen's agenda Monday night. Last July, selectmen heard complaints from Sunset Rock Road residents over the quality of water flowing from 100-year-old, unlined pipes in the town water system.

School Committee Chairman Donald Robb and committee member Richard Neal, both in their third term of office, announced at the Tuesday night meeting they will not be candidates in the upcoming election.

TAX RATE: Bills will be going up across the board

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Under tax classification, cities and towns are allowed to shift more of the property tax burden to commercial/industrial property owners by charging them at a higher rate than residential property owners. Under the so-called tax classification shift, commercial property owners can be charged up to 50 percent more on their tax rates than residential property owners, which would be expressed as a 150 shift.

Selectmen this week approved a 147 tax classification shift by a 3-2 vote, with Chairman Alex Vispoli and Selectman Brian Major opposed.

Early discussion from the board was for a 146 classification shift, which would have increased the average residential tax bill an additional \$22, while lowering commercial bills by \$337 and industrial tax bills by \$603.

Major said he supported the 146 shift because residential bills would have seen a 5 percent increase, while industrial bills would have seen a 5.2 percent increase.

Selectman Dan Kowalski rejected the proposal,

however, saying that while the 146 shift "keeps your residential and industrial close," but only places a 2.8 percent increase on commercial tax bills, creating a lopsided situation.

"Your commercial (tax base) represents half a billion dollars of your tax base," Kowalski said. "Having a 2.8 percent increase for your commercial (taxpayers) seems nonequitable."

Looking at the numbers a different way, Selectman Paul Salafia arrived at a solution that ultimately received majority support from both Kowalski and Selectman Mary Lyman.

Under the 147 shift, commercial tax bills stand for a 3.5 percent increase while industrial bills will see a 5.9 percent increase — the average of which is 4.7 percent. That is equal to the 4.7 percent increase seen by residential bills under that shift, according to Salafia.

Both Major and Vispoli said they supported the "stronger level of parity" seen in the 146 shift, but Vispoli ultimately said the difference from one to another was negligible in the end.

"At the end of the day, they're all pretty close to each other," he said.

With the vote supporting the 147 shift, selectmen also took up three discount and exemption votes that come up annually with the tax classification shift discussion.

The three votes were on percentage discounts for residential property with open space and two other measures that would offer up to a 10 percent exemption on commercial or residential bills. All three votes were set at zero percent, effectively having no effect.

HEALTH BRIEFS

Town blood drive Dec. 19

The American Red Cross is holding a community blood drives on Thursday, Dec. 19, from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at Andover Town House, 20 Main St.

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

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Feaster Five 2013



Kids race to the finish line during the Feaster Five's kids race.



Runners pick up their free apple pies, a popular tradition of the Thanksgiving morning race.



Close to 9,000 runners took to the course for the 26th annual Feaster Five on Thanksgiving Day last week.

PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos



Stephanie Marble, center, is highlighted in the early-morning Thanksgiving Day sun while getting her race bib before the race.



Marathon legends and crowd favorites Dick Hoyt, left and Bill Rodgers have become Feaster Five fixtures.



Although normally present during the Feaster Five, police were out in force for this year's race in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings.

A hometown favorite

Some takeaways from Thanksgiving Day Feaster

BY BILL BURT
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It's official. Andover's Nick Enright is the road racer to watch in the future.

At least that's what we expect after the 12-year-old wowed a lot of people at the 2013 Feaster Five Road Race on Thanksgiving morning last Thursday.

Nick won the 12-and-under boys division in the 5-mile race with a time of 32:57.

An avid hockey and lacrosse player, Nick apparently became interested in running after enjoying an obstacle course contest known as The Spartan Race this past summer at Amesbury Sports Park.

"Nick trained for the 5K over the last month by running around the block where we live," Nick's dad, Tim Enright, said. "Then the week before the race, he asked me if it would be OK if he ran the 5-mile race instead. I told him it was fine as long as he took it easy."

Nice try.

McDonough wins first Feaster

Andover's own Alanna McDonough, 20, coasted to victory in the 5K at 19:16, besting Caitlyn Clark, 29, who finished at 19:50 and Alexandra Brillaud, 23, of North Andover, who was not far behind at 20:03.

McDonough, a junior at Colby College in Maine via Governor's Academy in Byfield, led from start to finish in beating her race time last year by exactly two minutes.

"I got a lot of 'girl power' shouts along the way," McDonough said after the race. "It was freezing. In fact, I can barely speak right now."

McDonough, who finished eighth in 2012, said the race "means a lot."

"I really wanted to do well. I'm very, very happy," she said.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Alanna McDonough of Andover didn't let the cold stop her from topping the field in the women's 5K race.

Top Andover finishers

A couple of young men from Andover, 22-year-old Andrew Speen and 20-year-old Simon Voorhees, finished sixth in the 5K and 5-mile races respectively. Speen ran his race in 17:24, while Voorhees finished in 27:06.

IN THE 5K:

In one of the best "Andover" finishes of the entire race, the top three runners in the 12-and-under boys 5K race all hailed from Andover.

Jacob Hudgins (21:52), Aidan McBride (22:01), both 12, and Evan Arpin (22:38), only 11, were the first three across the finish line.

In the girls 12-and-under, 10-year-old Megan Gallagher copped top honors at 22:28.

In the women's 40-49 division, Sonya Hamori, 45, took first place at 22:34, while Kathleen Williamson, 40, was second at 22:43.

In the women's 50-59 division, Lisa Johnson, 50, took first at 23:34 and Eileen Sciarra, 52, finished third at 25:24.

In the 70-79 division, James Batts, 71, was the top male at 25:40, while Mary Wesson, 77, was the top female at an impressive 27:12.



Courtesy photo

Twelve-year-old Nick Enright, seen with his mother, Vicky, before the race, impressed the crowd with his first-place showing in the 5-mile race in the 12-and-under boys division. He opted to run the longer course over the 5K just one week before Thanksgiving Day.

IN THE 5-MILE:

Andover again claimed the top three spots in the 12-and-under boys division, with Enright besting fellow residents 12-year-old Zach Grover (39:18) and 9-year-old Preston Taylor (40:37).

Anya Zhong (40:30) and Sarah Sullivan (41:05), both 12, finished second and third respectively in the 12-and-under girls division.

Caroline Bjune, 39, won the 30-39 women's division at 32:14.

In the 40-49 men's division, Will Swenson (29:13), 42, and Brian O'Neil (29:54), 47, finished second and third respectively. In the women's division, Kate Jagger, 43, finished third at 36:23.

In the 50-59 women's division, Evelyn Caron, 53, finished second at 33:44.

Other Andoverites finishing in the top three of their age divisions were 73-year-old John Boness (39:47)

and 71-year-old Renate Hunt (58:45), who both claimed third-place spots.

Remembering Ritzer

The T-shirts and the runners wearing them stuck out like rays of sunshine.

Several dozen runners wore the pink T-shirts emblazoned with "Remembering Ritzer" in reference to Colleen Ritzer, the Andover native and teacher at Danvers High School, who was murdered in October, allegedly by one of her students.

A mother-daughter team, Lisa and Rachel Durbeck, both wearing the T-shirts, got a tad emotional talking about the tribute.

"We didn't know Colleen, but we knew her family a little bit," Lisa Durbeck said. "Rachel went to school with her sister. But this touched a lot of people. We feel like

we knew Colleen."

There was a moment of silence before the race in memory of Ritzer and the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

Andover faces in the crowd

Several of the Feaster Five regulars who reside in Andover were back to run the 5-mile in the 26th annual race, including WEEI's Gerry Callahan (46:16), WBZ's Danny Roche (48:37) and Barry Burbank (47:27) and state Sen. Barry Finegold (42:02).

Quote of the day

"The proudest moment of this race every year, for me, is when Dick and Ricky Hoyt pass me. They are an example of what makes this event so special."

— WEEI's Gerry Callahan over the PA before the race to the 10,000 runners and walkers

Final tallies and tidbits

Here are some notes and nuggets sent to us by Feaster Five race director Dave McGillivray:

■ Final numbers were 10,616 entries — 55 percent women, 45 percent men (not including kids race-day registrations), about 100 less than last year

■ 8,920 official starters (not including the kids) and 8,876 finishers.

■ Ironstone Farm in Andover, Bellesini Academy in Lawrence, Merrimack Valley YMCA and the Merrimack Valley Striders combined to raise well over \$100,000 through the race.

■ Andover police get very high grades, enhancing support once again, with safety officer Chuck Edgerly and Andover public works department leading the way.

■ As a precaution in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings, State Police used bomb-sniffing dogs to comb the starting and finish lines of the race.

■ Someone stole everything at one of the water stations — tables, barrels, cups, pitchers, rakes, shovels and trash bags. Crews had to go back to the race director's warehouse to replace all the items that were stolen.

■ A lot of the leftover food after the race was donated to Lazarus House in Lawrence.

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In the ring with Boston's bare-knuckle boxer

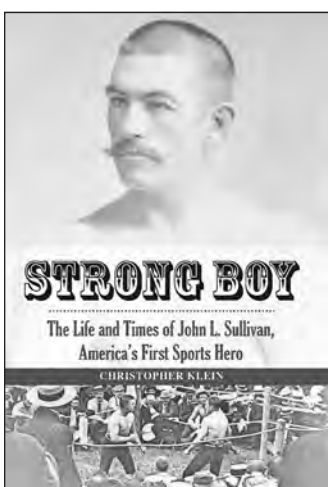
By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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The local author of a punchy new book about a popular, hot-headed, Irish-American boxer from Boston of yesteryear surprisingly is not a big boxing fan nor a fighter type of guy who'd punch your lights out if you told him that you didn't like his new book.

Rather, he's quiet, calm and a frequent contributor to History.com for crying out loud. Christopher Klein of Andover simply likes to do the research for his stories, then share the good stories with others.

"Strong Boy" is his new book about the life and times of John L. Sullivan, America's first sports hero. Sullivan, who immigrated to Boston from Ireland, was the first modern heavyweight boxing champion of the world, from 1882 to 1892, and was the first athlete to earn more than a \$1 million.

He was also a womanizing drunk, had a big ego, a big mouth and was a frequent presence on the police blotter in several communities. He went from Boston's Irish working class to become the most recognizable man in the nation and "Strong Boy" is his story.



COURTESY BOOK
"Strong Boy – The Life and Times of John L. Sullivan, America's First Sports Hero" by Andover author Christopher Klein.

"It's a story of making it, despite having everything against you. ... I like that sort of story," said Klein, who is happily living with his wife and two children in west Andover in the house he grew up in.

Sullivan's Irish roots also attracted Klein as the author has some of his own.

"I liked doing the research for this book and reading so much about him. I really enjoyed the reading ... there was a lot in the newspapers," said Klein, who spent some

two years researching Sullivan's story.

Sullivan's epic brawls, such as his 75-round bout against Jake Kilrain, are legendary and Klein's storytelling about those historical fights is getting knockout reviews.

"Christopher Klein gives readers a ringside seat for one of the greatest boxing careers in history," says one critic of "Strong Boy" (Lyons Press, \$26.95).

Publisher's Weekly, meanwhile, credits Klein with using his "expressive-yet-scholarly prose to tie Sullivan to the issues of the era, such as temperance, class and race relations, immigration and America's growth into a world power."

"In fact, if this book has a drawback, it might be that boxing sometimes gets lost in the shuffle of all Sullivan's other activities. Still, Klein should not be faulted for his thoroughness since, even though this may not be the first book about Sullivan, it just may be the most exhaustive," Publisher's Weekly says.

Next Friday, Dec. 13, Klein visits the Center at Punchard, formerly the Andover Senior Center, to talk about his new book as part of the men's monthly breakfast series.

Klein said some seniors

IF YOU GO

■ **What:** Breakfast with Andover author Christopher Klein

■ **When:** Friday, Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m.

■ **Where:** Center at Punchard, formerly Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, Andover

■ **How:** Part of men's breakfast series; admission \$4, includes talk and breakfast. Call 978-623-8321 or visit www.andoverseiniocenter.org for more.

may remember hearing their parents talk about Sullivan, whose 10-year boxing reign ended 121 years ago — in 1892.

"I thought some of the guys who regularly come for breakfast would enjoy this," said Karen Payne Taylor, Center at Punchard program coordinator, who booked Klein for the event.

Klein is a history and travel writer and the author of two previous books, "Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands" and "The Die-Hard Sports Fan's Guide to Boston." He has also written for the New York Times, National Geographic Traveler, Harvard Magazine, Red Sox Magazine, ESPN.com, Smithsonian.com and AmericanHeritage.com.

MUSIC MAN



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Andover's Joey Grieve sings the national anthem before the start of the kids race during the annual Feaster Five Thanksgiving Day road race.

Keeping it real

By KELLY BURCH
Staff Writer

Kevin isn't a real-life middle-schooler, but every one of the situations he encounters comes from real-life events.

That's what Larry Larsen, PhD., a youth psychologist and longtime contributor to the Andover Townsman's sister paper, The Eagle-Tribune, says about the protagonist in his new book for tweens and their parents as they navigate adolescence.

"Middle School Chronicles" is written from the perspective of an "almost" 13-year-old. In addition to being the main character's name, Kevin also is the pen name that Larsen uses as the book's author. He garnered all the material from conversations he has shared with middle school students in his Andover counseling offices during his career.

"My mom was a fourth-grade teacher and one of her greatest regrets was that she didn't keep notes," Larsen said. "I said to myself, 'I will try to remember as many as I can.'"

The stories are funny and outrageous, showing the way that middle-school students move toward adulthood, while keeping one foot firmly planted in childhood. Kevin begins noticing girls (including his beautiful art teacher), but also keeps a "pet" sandwich in his locker for a year — mold, stench and all.

For Larsen, the book has a serious side, too.

"I wanted to find a voice that kids and parents could appreciate," he said. "I wanted to give a humorous and informative look at the

"I would thoroughly distrust a therapist without kids... They haven't been through the trenches. It's great to have theory on parenting, but working through it is a different issue."

Larry Larsen

nature of middle school — the untold story."

He hopes that Kevin will help children realize that they aren't alone and will help adults understand a little bit what their teens are going through.

"Children experience things in a different way than parents," he said.

Larsen said that to write the book, he had to get in touch with his inner child.

"All adults have a child inside," he said. "The issues only change in terms of the looking glass."

He also had to think back to the time when his two grown children were frequenting middle-school hallways. His experiences as a parent gave him a different perspective than those as a therapist, he said.

"I would thoroughly distrust a therapist without kids," Larsen said. "They haven't been through the trenches. It's great to have theory on parenting, but working through it is a different issue."

"Middle School Chronicles" is available in print and e-book through amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.



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Andover's Maeve Feeley, 7, and her mother, Molly, joined John Travolta on the set of the movie "The Forger" in Natick last month. Maeve, who is a patient at Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, was among a group of pediatric patients invited to serve as extras in a scene for the film.

An 'extra'-special day

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Five hours of shooting a Hollywood movie scene would exhaust any 7-year-old. And, little Maeve Feeley of Andover, a second-grader at Sanborn School, is no exception.

But, well-known Hollywood actor John Travolta was also in this scene. And

while that may not have meant much to Maeve, her mother, Molly Feeley, was thrilled to meet the Hollywood superstar.

Maeve is a patient at Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, where she is about halfway through her cancer treatments. The young girl continues to play sports and go to school

through it all.

She and about five other pediatric patients happened to be at the hospital's Natick facility last month when Hollywood called.

Extras were needed for a scene for Travolta's latest movie project, "The Forger." The movie is currently being shot around Boston and in Natick.

"There is a scene in the

movie where John Travolta is waiting for his son at a doctor's office. That's our scene," Molly Feeley said.

Travolta graciously posed for numerous photographs with the extras and talked a lot about baseball, as he loves the sport.

"He likes the Red Sox and was just really nice ... but he's quiet, really quiet," Molly Feeley said.

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Opinion

A look at what others are saying

The following are excerpts of editorials from other newspapers across New England:

An Atlas V rocket lifted NASA's Maven spacecraft into the heavens last month, the start of a mission that should offer the closest look ever at the Red Planet's atmosphere and perhaps furnish clues as to how global climate systems change over eons.

We couldn't help but note the price tag for this mission: \$671 million. That's about the same price that was initially placed on the healthcare.gov website set up to help Americans sign up for insurance under Obamacare.

The Maven mission is still in its early stages, as well, but is off to a flying start, unlike the Obamacare website, whose problems have been widely documented.

We're no fans of Obamacare, but we do hope the website gets fixed so that the program can proceed and Americans can find out whether it will succeed or fail on grounds other than technological glitches.

As for the latest mission to Mars, we're delighted to see that some government programs do work as designed and that Americans of all political persuasions now have another high-tech science project to keep their eyes on.

— *The Telegram & Gazette of Worcester*

People want to know what is in their food. It doesn't necessarily change eating habits, but it provides consumers with the confidence that they know, good or bad, what is going into their bodies.

That's why the Maine Legislature did the right thing earlier this year by passing a bill sponsored by state Rep. Lance Harvell, R-Farmington, that requires food producers to label products containing genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, which are used to increase growth rates or resistance to herbicides, among other uses.

Maine and Connecticut are the first two states to pass such laws, so to salve concerns that the cost of labeling would cause companies to pull products from Maine, the law will not go into effect until similar laws are passed in four neighboring states.

That effort hit a roadblock recently when a legislative committee in New Hampshire voted against a labeling bill, giving it an uphill climb to pass in the full Legislature. But a pro-labeling movement is growing strong across the country, backed by polls that show public opinion strongly in its favor.

Opponents of GMO labeling argue that the science surrounding the health effects of GMOs is inconclusive and that a label would confuse consumers.

That's an interesting point, especially coming from companies that label products "all-natural" when they are anything but. New labels enter the marketplace all the time, and we should have enough confidence in the consumer to figure out what they mean, and why they matter.

As for the science, it is unclear. First, much of the complex testing is done by the producers themselves, with only cursory oversight by the Food and Drug Administration. Second, genetic engineering in food cannot be pigeonholed. Proving that using one type of gene in one food for one purpose is safe does not mean that the use of all types in all circumstances is, too.

There is more to learn about the long-term implications of using GMOs. In some uses, GMOs could help ease hunger by increasing yields, though we would caution that hunger has social and political causes outside of food abundance. In other cases, GMOs could be harmful.

That study should continue, so we know more about the complex interplay of the GMOs and our natural foods. At the same time, states should implement a GMO labeling system, perhaps with a push from the federal government, so that we know exactly what we are buying at the grocery store.

— *The Portland (Maine) Press Herald*

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

With a public ice rink coming to The Park on Bartlet Street, what are your thoughts on the first-time offering?

Great: We need something like this, as it will create a strong holiday atmosphere that could become a tradition.

Good: The idea is a good one, as a lot of people in town would go out to enjoy it.

Bad: The idea has been tried in other areas. There's a reason why we haven't had one previously.

Very bad: Something like an ice rink is a liability and risk, and would generate a lot of noise for neighbors.

PREVIOUS QUESTION

Two weeks ago, we asked our Web readers, "With the selectmen discussing the next tax classification shift, where should the tax weight be shifted this time around?" With 97 responses, the answers were:

HIGHER FOR BUSINESS: Businesses have more income to pay more, while residents have many more expenses to balance on ever-limited income. Business should pay more — 49 votes, 50.52 percent.

KEEP IT EVEN: Everybody pays taxes and everybody uses services, so everybody should see level increases. One side shouldn't be punished at the benefit of the other — 35 votes, 36.08 percent.

KICK THE SPLIT: Take the route that few towns take. Eliminate the shift, so businesses and residents pay identical tax rates — eight votes, 8.25 percent.

HIGHER FOR RESIDENTS: Businesses create jobs, while residents use services — Andover's education system, specifically. Residents should pay more — five votes, 5.15 percent.

DRESSED UP FOR THE PARADE



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

A dog sports a warm jacket as rain jackets, boots and umbrellas were the necessities of the day at Sunday's Santa Parade.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student Government views do not represent AHS

Editor, Townsman:

We are two seniors at Andover High School who have been closely following the proposed charter school, and we and our classmates have numerous concerns regarding the plan and how it is being presented. We think that there may be some misinformation concerning the role and impact of the student government here.

Firstly, the student government claims that they represent the student body at Andover High, but this is misleading. The student government is a voluntary club. Anyone can join, similar to most extracurricular activities. We think that the most important thing the public should know, though, is that the student body does NOT elect the members of Student Government. Therefore, we do not see how they can claim to embody our opinions in any way, shape or form.

Further, the Student

Government represents a very small percentage of students at AHS. They are only 17 students out of 1,802 total students at Andover High. This is .943 percent of the total school population. Further, of the 17 students in Student Government, nine students attended the vote on the charter school. Of this nine, five voted and four abstained, according to the Student Government advisor. Based on the opinion of these five students, the Student Government stated and the Eagle-Tribune reported that AHS students support

the charter school.

We would like to let the other 1,797 students in the school speak for themselves. Based on all of the in-class discussions that have been occurring recently, it has been our impression that the majority of students we have spoken to are opposed to the idea. We are working with school administration to develop a plan to provide the student body with a voice of our own, and will keep you informed of our progress.

EMILY GRANOFF
ANGELINA LIONETTA
Andover High School

STEAM Studio would cause financial distress

Editor, Townsman:

On Thursday, Nov. 21, I had the opportunity to participate in a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education public hearing on the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math ("STEAM") Studio Charter School application. At the hearing, the panel spent two hours listening to comments for and against the STEAM Studio Charter School application. Speakers included superintendents, School Committee members, teachers, parents and students.

Andover Superintendent Marinell McGrath spoke about how Andover High School has already integrated STEAM programs in its current strategic plan and that the charter school would merely serve to divert precious public school funds to provide redundant programs. She also stressed that Andover is committed and responsible for providing a high-quality education for ALL students.

As one of the parent representatives of the Andover

High School Council, I was there to speak out against the charter school. The day before, the council had voted unanimously to oppose the application due to its overlap with current Andover High School programs and the inequity of the proposed financial model.

While the charter school program redundancy with AHS makes the charter school unnecessary, it is the proposed financial model that will cripple our current Andover school system. Charter school proponents say not to worry about the finances, but that's because the finances work to their favor. Charter school proponents say to focus on the students and ignore the financial implications but students and the funding are inextricably linked.

Funding the charter school would put Andover High School in particular and the Andover school system in general into financial distress. This financial distress will lead to the decline of the quality and character of our high-achieving schools. All Massachusetts communities, including Andover, receive so-called Chapter 70 funds, which is the state financial

aid to local communities for education. Chapter 70 funds are distributed based on the income levels of the community's residents. Lower-income communities receive a greater percentage of their educational budget from Chapter 70 funds. The remaining educational budget not supported by Chapter 70 funds comes from our local tax dollars.

Andover receives merely 14 percent of its per-pupil funding from Chapter 70 funds. The remaining 86 percent of Andover's per-pupil funds come from our local tax dollars. Therefore, a charter school in Andover would be funded primarily by Andover local tax dollars.

Since local tax dollars follow the students to the school in which they are enrolled, the establishment of a charter school will force the School Committee to make budget cuts to compensate for the funds lost to the charter school. Keep in mind that while the dollars go the school in which the student is enrolled, charter school students retain access to and will continue to use Andover school services, which the Andover school budget will provide without

the benefit of their financial contribution. For example, charter school students will ride the same buses as Andover students, but none of the charter school per-pupil dollars will fund the bus. Extracurricular activities like the arts, clubs and sports similarly will be affected.

If the charter school is established, priority would be given to Andover students. As much as 70 percent of the students could come from Andover. The large amount of tax dollars that would be siphoned out of our school budget could not be absorbed by budget cuts at just the high school, forcing the entire Andover school system to be negatively affected. The only option for the Andover schools would be to operate with fewer teachers and higher class sizes. Andover's educational tax dollars are best utilized when they are used to provide the highest-quality education for all students equally. As a community, we should be working together to continue to integrate more STEAM programming into our Andover schools.

MITCH AND LUCIA KRINSKY
5 Candlewood Drive

A 'remarkable experience' serving the schools

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Andover community for allowing me the opportunity to serve on the School Committee during the past six years. Although often challenging, this has been a remarkable and rewarding experience. I have learned a great deal about public education, both in terms of challenges and opportunities. In Andover, we are blessed with dedicated families, teachers and

administrators who are strongly committed to the achievement of all students. What can be said about our children is that they are simply amazing. We also have a community that from a financial perspective has strongly supported the education and achievement of our students.

When I was first elected in 2008, I had committed myself, with my family's support, to serving two terms if the townspeople were willing to re-elect me. During my re-election in 2011, I often spoke openly that if re-elected, I would not look to run for a third term. So, I am writing to

inform the community that I am not seeking a third term on the School Committee.

During this past spring when I knew that I was entering my last year, I did re-think that position. However, I soon came to the decision that given changing family priorities, the growth of my business and the belief that turnover on local committees is a healthy event, I did reaffirm my decision not to run again.

It is my intent to engage in other volunteer activities. In fact, I have committed to help coach my son's soccer team this spring. Additionally, I fully intend to remain a "friend" of the School

Committee and to be available to support its mission in any way that I can. I look forward to volunteering in other capacities as well.

I am available to speak with anyone about serving on the School Committee or running a campaign for local office. Please feel free to contact me.

I greatly appreciate your support and encouragement during these past six years. I hope that I have contributed positively to the educational experience and achievement of our children.

DENNIS FORGUE
Chairman
Andover School Committee
18 Reservation Road

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Andover Santa Parade



A holly, jolly good time

Drizzle doesn't deter Santa, spectators at annual parade

An estimated 2,000 parade-goers weren't about to let a little drizzle stand in the way of their date with Santa on Sunday. They lined both sides of Main Street despite the less-than-perfect weather to greet St. Nick on his annual visit to Andover.

And Santa didn't disappoint, arriving in trademark fashion on a town fire truck to close out the parade sponsored by the Andover Firefighters' Relief Association, which has run the holiday tradition for more than 50 years.

Santa was preceded by a larger-than-usual procession this year. An increased number of participants, which topped 60 marching and parading units, led the route to be expanded one block, according to lead organizer Richard Krafton. And that made for all the more fun for spectators.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos

Local firefighters walk alongside the truck carrying the man of the hour at Sunday's annual Santa Parade.



A dragon from Yang's Fitness Center in Andover entertains the crowd as he dances down Main Street.



Andover Historical Society members and volunteers donned period garb for the occasion and handed out candy to watching townsfolk.

Owen Townson, 3, smiles as his dad, Winslow, waves to Santa Claus at the end of the parade.



A giant elf high-fives parade-goers along Main Street.



Recently retired Andover police chief Brian Pattullo waves from the guest of honor's car as he rides in style as the grand marshal of the 2013 Santa Parade.



A shriner driving a miniature semi-truck captures the crowd's attention along the parade route.

Children watch from atop the gazebo in The Park as Santa Claus makes his way through the common on his way to board his awaiting fire truck for Sunday's annual parade hosted by the town's Fire Rescue Department.



TownsBeat

Youth orchestra readying season's first concert

Nineteen young musicians from Andover will join the Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestra in presenting An Afternoon of Concerts on Sunday, Dec. 8, at Ipswich Performing Arts Center, 134 High St., in Ipswich.

The afternoon will be split into two concerts, one at 2:30 p.m. and the other at 5 p.m. The earlier concert will

feature the NMYO Prelude and Overture String Ensembles, Intermezzo Orchestra Junior Flute Choir and Flute Choir. The later concert will feature the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Select Flute Choir.

The local musicians who will be participating are Timothy Wang, Vivien Qin, Samuel Zhang, Arman Koul, Alice

Fan, Yazhini Ramesh, Yanchen Zhan, Sarah Vrontas, Stefanie Sartschev, Alexandra Zhang, Violin, and Louis Galligani, all on violin; Hannah Garth on oboe; Sam Krapels, Amanda Hornick and Somin Virmani, all on flute; Maxwell Fan and Chad Cao, both on cello; Seong-woon (Shawn) Moon on trombone; and Reverie Nedde on viola.

The event represents the first full-length concert of NMYO's 2012-2013 season and the family-friendly program will feature works by Mozart, Handel, Scarlatti, Beethoven and more.

"This is one of the first concerts that many of our younger musicians are performing with NMYO," NMYO's Music Director Gerald

Dolan said in a press release, "and this is a great concert for our musicians to show all the work and improvements made during the first semester at NMYO."

An Afternoon of Concerts is free and open to the public. A reception provided by NMYO families will be held after each concert. Visit www.nmyo.org for more.

MV Philharmonic Family Holiday Concert is Sunday

The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic will perform its Family Holiday Concert while hosting its 12th annual Holiday Silent Auction on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St. (Route 114) in North Andover.

The Holiday Concert this year will feature the Merrimack Valley Ringers under the direction of Karen Leonard, who is past national president of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (now known as Handbell Musicians of America). She is minister of music at West Chelmsford United Methodist Church, where she directs a graded choral and handbell program of six choirs, along with serving as organist.

The concert will also showcase trumpet soloist Brendan McGuirk, a junior at Timberlane Regional High School who will be performing Concerto for Trumpet in E Flat Major with the orchestra.

Doors will open at 1 p.m. for the orchestra's 12th annual Silent Auction. The



Karen Leonard

auction will be held through intermission and winners will be announced during the concert. Many artisans and businesses donate their time, talents, products and services to support the arts in the Merrimack Valley. Auction items may be paid for by cash or check only on the day of the concert.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students and \$5 for children ages 4 to 12. They are available at the door or online at www.mvpo-music.org or www.MKtix.com/mvpo.



Courtesy photo

Mistral performs its annual holiday concert Saturday at South Church in Andover.

Mistral goes baroque for annual holiday show

Mistral's "Wanderlust: Postcards from Around the World" 2013-14 season continues Saturday with a concert featuring concertos of composers hailing from Germany and Italy: Johann Sebastian Bach, George Telemann and Antonio Vivaldi.

Mistral audience members have begun to associate the turning of the calendar page in December with the

anticipation of the annual Baroque concert, which for many years has been performed both in Andover's South Church, and in Cambridge at the First Church, Congregational. This year, the Boston-area concert will take place at the intimate St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Brookline.

Founders Michael Brower and Julie Scolnik say this concert has always been one

of their most popular.

The concert will include Bach's Violin Concerto in D Minor BWV 1052, often performed as a keyboard concerto, but this time with three rotating violinists — Irina Muresanu, Gabriela Diaz and Alexi Kenney, who just won first prize in a major American competition, Concert Artist Guild, at the age of 19. Also on the program is Telemann's

Tafelmusik with the recorder virtuoso Aldo Abreu, a melodic flute concerto in A major by one of Bach's sons, Carl Philip Emanuel; and a double violin concerto in d minor by Vivaldi.

The Andover concert starts at 5 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St. For more information, visit www.MISTRALMUSIC.org or call 978-474-6222.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: CENTER AT PUNCHARD

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, is busy with activity. Here are some of the activities on tap:

Beginner's Bridge: Mondays, Dec. 9 and 16; Jan. 6, 13 and 27; and Feb. 3 and 10, 10 a.m. to noon, life master Terry Kay Bargar instructs; \$139.

Addison Gallery Tours: Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, 10:30 a.m. to noon, private tours

with lectures on the latest exhibits; \$9 for series, register at the center.

Annual Holiday Fair: Friday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; handmade holiday crafts, garden club arrangements, knitted and quilted items, live plants, vintage jewelry and a large baked goods table; free admission, sale proceeds support the center.

Tai Chi — Moving for Better

Balance: Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m., and Thursdays, 2:15 p.m., through Jan. 24; reduce the risk of falls in this evidence-based program; 36 classes for \$65; call for specific requirements.

Current Events Discussion: Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, special current events discussion focusing on the events of the day, at The Townhouse, Main Street; part of regular coffee

and conversation, weekdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Our Daily Bread: Warm meals served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50.

Bender Barre: Thursdays, Dec. 5 to Feb. 13, 6 to 7 p.m. Combines Pilates, yoga and ballet to strengthen, sculpt and tone with extended stretching and relaxation exercises. No previous experience required; bring yoga mat. Susan Tribble instructs; \$50.

Card-Making Workshop: Mondays, Dec. 9 and 16, 1 to 3 p.m. Explore the art of personalized card-making as you create your own small piece of art to share or to frame as a small picture. Georgia Renfro, artist, sculptor and jewelry maker, will bring her special aesthetic to this miniature medium. Materials supplied, but feel free bring items to include; \$10.

High Tea and History: The Santa Parade: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Historical look at the town's annual parade.

Fuel Assistance Forum: Friday, Dec. 13, 9 to 11 a.m. Greater Lawrence Community Action Council offers fuel assistance. Appointments are mandatory and proof of income is required.

Legislative Forum: Friday, Dec. 13, 8 to 9 a.m. Local legislators are available to answer questions with the inside scoop on around-town happenings. Bring questions to pose to the local representatives.

The Crystal Ballroom Holiday Ball: Sunday, Dec. 15, 6 to 10 p.m. Andover Town House, 20 Main St. Featuring music by DB's Orchestra. Advance tickets \$10; tickets at door \$15 singles or \$25 couples.

Tax Talk: Monday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m. Get answers to tricky tax questions.

New Year's Party and Talent Show: Monday, Dec. 30, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Russ McQueen will emcee the countdown to 2014. Refreshments and party favors included; \$5.

Free movies: Mondays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Call or check newsletter online for listings.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required.

The Center at Punchard is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check the center's newsletter or visit www.andoversenior-center.org. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

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Sports

Farewell to fall



FILE PHOTOS

The worst nightmare of opposing backs was to be in the sights of Ommel Bonilla. The junior defensive lineman made 80 tackles for the season.



Soojin Kim finished off her career in impressive fashion, leading Andover to the North Sectional title and a second-place finish at the Division 1 states.

Mikayla Panneton, left, seen fighting for a ball, was a key member of the field hockey team that lost just two games all season. She scored seven goals for the Warriors.



A look back at the season in Andover High sports

By DAVID WILLIS
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A major chill is in the air, the first snow has fallen to the ground and Christmas music has taken over the airwaves. With that marks the end of the fall season across Andover High.

Eugene V. Lovely Field now earns a season of rest as sports move inside to the Dunn Gym and Collins Field House.

But before the basketball season tips off, hockey season drops the puck and the starter gun for track goes off, let's take a look back at another thrilling fall sports season for the Golden Warriors.

Indispensable imports

After a year away from football pursuing his dream of being recruited by a Division 1 college lacrosse program, Will Eikenberry never lost his fire for the gridiron while in Maine at Brewster Academy, a school with no football.

So, this season, Eikenberry returned to Andover High, where he had previously starred as a sophomore, and the results were tremendous.

The senior stepped right back into his spot at inside linebacker and dominated from the start, finishing the season with a team-best 96 tackles, 43 solo, three interceptions — one he returned for a touchdown — and two

forced fumbles. He also added a spark at running back with four touchdown runs and three TD catches.

After moving to Andover from Virginia in the summer of 2012, Rachel Schnakenberg had her doubts that she would even make the powerhouse Andover varsity volleyball team out of tryouts.

More than a year later, she has proven herself wrong in a big way.

Schnakenberg was a key member of the state semifinalist Golden Warriors, leading the team in kills (202) and blocks (138).

Courtney Grygiel was around the girls soccer team a season ago, but a torn ACL left her on the sidelines the entire year.

But this fall she was back, and returned with a vengeance scoring seven goals for the Golden Warriors.

Revenge served

Andover volleyball's season got off to a nightmare start, falling to neighboring rival North Andover in its season-opener 3-2.

When the two teams met just over a month later, the Golden Warriors earned their payback, dealing the Scarlet Knights their first loss of the season, a 3-1 win led by Sarah Kenyon (16 service points).

The two teams met again in the state tourney, with Andover walking away again

with the win, 3-1 paced by Madelyn Reppucci (8 blocks, 6 kills).

North Andover finished the season with just two losses, both to Andover.

Andover football had heard enough of the numbers, about how Chelmsford had been a thorn in the team's side for longer than the current team had been alive.

When the Lions dealt them another loss during the regular season, those numbers came out again, and the Golden Warriors became that much more determined.

So when the two teams met in a rematch in November, Andover was ready for revenge. Led by a huge game for Jack Sylvester (TD pass and rush), the Golden Warriors earned their second victory in three meetings over the Lions with a convincing 26-14 win.

Andover field hockey lost just once in the regular season, a 1-0 shocker at the hands of Central Catholic.

In the rematch between the two teams later in the season, it again finished 1-0, but thanks to a Jacquelyn Leone goal, it was the Golden Warriors coming out on top.

Stat busters

Chelsea Hu never imagined she would be a star in any sport. She certainly never imagined she would be a vocal captain.

But this season, Hu was

named to the All-Merrimack Valley Conference volleyball team after an outstanding year, where she recorded 195 kills. Joining her on the All-MVC squad was junior Azita Bakhtyari, who notched a team-high 589 assists to go with 67 kills and 79 aces.

Andover senior running back Jack Sylvester's season was seriously limited due to an ankle injury that hindered him the entire season. But when he was right, he continued to be one of the best backs in the state.

In back-to-back weeks, Sylvester notched 200-yard games, rushing for 217 yards in a win over Billerica, then 206 yards in a win over LaSalle (R.I.). Thanksgiving may have been a tough loss, but he still rushed for one touchdown and returned a kickoff for another.

While Sylvester was sparking the offense, the massive defensive line duo of Ben Hartford and Ommel Bonilla were leading the defense. Bonilla, a junior, was second on the team with 80 tackles, while Hartford, a senior, made a team-high 4.5 sacks.

Sophomores Jacquelyn Leone and Brenna Keefe were each listed as promising newcomers on the field hockey preseason preview, and that promise sure turned into production.

Leone notched a team-best 12 goals for the season, while Keefe score nine for

the Golden Warriors. Joining them on the stat sheet was senior Mikayla Panneton, who scored seven times.

Andover boys soccer must have been concerned it would take a hit when its returning starting goaltender decided not to play. But in stepped Mike Weber, who performed in outstanding fashion.

Weber started every game in goal for the Warriors, notching four shutouts and allowing just 1.7 goals per game. That includes holding powerhouse North Andover to just one goal in a 1-0 loss.

The Alois name is certainly a familiar one in Andover sports, but girls soccer star Veronica Alois is certainly carving out her niche. This season, the sophomore scored 17 goals, including the sudden-death winner in a state tourney win over Chelmsford. She plans to keep those scoring ways going into hockey.

Championship performances

After battling injuries for much of the fall, senior cross country star Leila Aruri came alive when it mattered.

She won eight of 10 dual meets, finished fourth in the MVC meet (19:23, 5K), took fourth in the EMass. Division 1 meet (18:52, 5K) and then led the team at the Division 1 All-State meet, placing 29th.

Andover swimming's Maeve Awiszus saved her greatest accomplishments for her final meet. At the Division 1 meet, she won state titles in the 500 freestyle (5:05.72) and 100 backstroke (59:14). She will continue her swimming career at Central Connecticut State University.

Her best friend, Soojin Kim, also starred by placing second in the 200 freestyle.

The pair of Ryan Burke and Brett Krekorian made a dynamic duo on the golf course this season. At the MVC championship, Burke placed second overall while Krekorian was right behind in third. Both also earned All-MVC honors.

Championship runs

While neither team earned the state title, the volleyball and swim teams both made tremendous runs at crowns.

Marilyn Fitzgerald's swim team won the North sectional swimming and diving championship and was second at the Division 1 state meet in a year after many standouts graduated.

Meanwhile, everyone thought the volleyball team was headed for a rebuilding year. The Warriors ended up finishing 23-2 and advancing to the Division 1 state semifinals, only upended by three-time defending state champion Barnstable.

Closing chapter

Big start can't carve out Thanksgiving win for Warriors

By DAVID WILLIS
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Andover football could not have imagined a better opening to its Thanksgiving Day.

Facing off against their archrival Central Catholic, which had already clinched a trip to the Super Bowl, it was the Golden Warriors that looked like the champs out of the gate, with a big defensive stop and a dynamic touchdown drive.

But that was as good as the holiday contest would get, as the Raiders regained their championship form to defeat the Golden Warriors 44-18 in their annual Thanksgiving

Day match-up.

Central Catholic now leads the Turkey Day grudge match 21-19-1 all-time, including two of the last three. The Raiders will play Xaverian in the Division 1 Super Bowl on Saturday at Gillette Stadium.

"We knew Andover was going to be a tough opponent," Central Catholic star D'Andre Drummond-Mayrie said. "We were a little worried after that first touchdown."

It took Andover no time to take charge of the contest.

The Golden Warriors held Central Catholic to a three-and-out on its first possession, but a terrific Raiders punt stuck the Warriors at

their own 1-yard line to start the drive.

But Andover quickly struck back with a 99-yard drive that Oliver Eberth finished off by tossing a 5-yard touchdown pass to Will Eikenberry, giving the Golden Warriors a 6-0 lead.

Unfortunately for Andover, that was as good as the game would become, as the Raiders struck back for the next six touchdowns.

"We knew they were a very tough team," Central's Cody Demers said. "It's Andover. You never want to lose to Andover, especially in my last game against them. We remember what they did to us last year (a 22-19 Andover

win to earn the MVC title)."

The Golden Warriors did have two last shining moments in the fourth courtesy of running back Jack Sylvester.

They managed a late drive that Sylvester finished off with a 1-yard touchdown run. Then after Central responded, Sylvester took the following kickoff and ran it back 81 yards for a touchdown.

Sylvester finished the game with 11 carries for 52 yards, while Eberth completed 12 passes for 92 yards. Meanwhile, Ben Hartford made 10 tackles and Eikenberry had eight stops for the Warriors.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Head coach E.J. Perry talks to his team during the final game of the season as his players fall to tournament-bound Central Catholic on Thanksgiving Day.

Awiszus named region's top swimmer

Scores MVP honors; joins Kim on Eagle-Tribune All-Stars

Two Andover High School swimmers — seniors Maeve Awiszus and Soojin Kim — were among the five area athletes named this week to the 2013 Eagle-Tribune All-Star Girls Swim Team. Awiszus also swam away with MVP honors. She is the fifth consecutive swimmer from Andover to earn the annual MVP title.



SOOJIN KIM

Senior

Soojin Kim is the only girl on the state runner-up Golden Warriors to qualify for every event at this year's Division 1 States meet. At the North Sectionals, she won the 100 freestyle (54.25) and took sixth in the 200 IM (2:14.83). At the states, she placed second in the 200 freestyle (1:56.15) and fifth in the 100 freestyle (54.55). "She's one of the most consistent freestylers in a long line of Andover swimmers," coach Fitzgerald said.



MAEVE AWISZUS

Senior

For three years, Maeve Awiszus was the best swimmer you never heard of. The Andover High senior was an All-Scholastic selection since her freshman year, but hidden as a member of Andover's fabulous state-winning relay teams.

This year, with those teammates now swimming at USC, Harvard, Virginia and Georgetown, Awiszus took center stage.

She saved her best performances for last, tying for first in the 500 freestyle (5:05.72) and winning the 100 backstroke (59:14) at the Division 1 States. She also helped the 400 freestyle relay finish fourth.

At North Sectionals, she placed third in the 100 freestyle (54.57) and second in the 100 backstroke (59.36). "She really peaked at the right time," Andover coach Marilyn Fitzgerald said. "She's a fantastic relay swimmer and truly came into her own in her senior year."

Next year, Awiszus will swim at Central Connecticut, where she will study nursing. Her eighth-grade brother Michael and fifth-grade brother Liam also are promising swimmers.

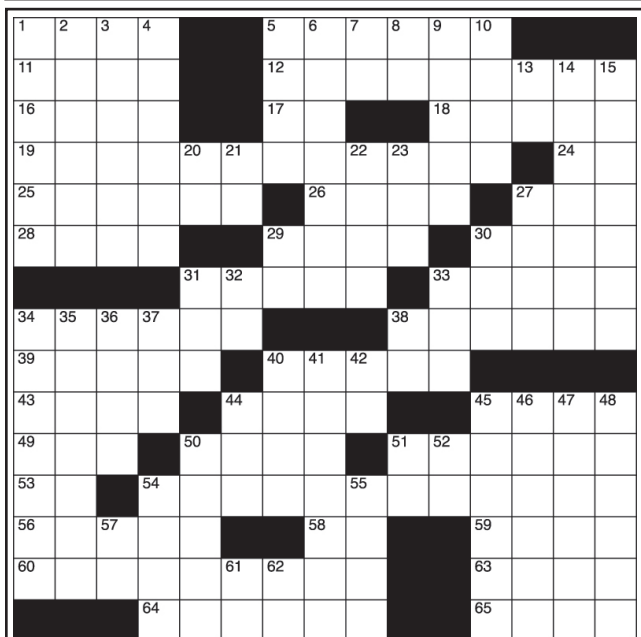
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A little cemetery — a lot of history



Andover Stories

Gail Ralston
Andover Historical Society

Hidden in plain sight on the campus of Phillips Academy is a small, less-than-2-acre cemetery. Located off Chapel Avenue, it's not the town's oldest, nor is it the largest. What it lacks in size and date, however, is more than made up for in the history of those interred in this sacred space.

The first burial occurred here in 1810, a student at the Andover Theological Seminary named Lewis LeConte Congar. The land was owned by Isaac Blunt, proprietor of the Blunt Tavern on Salem Street. Approached by the Trustees of the Seminary, Blunt sold to the school, in 1820, a 1.01 parcel of land for \$400. The cemetery was now officially open to serve the seminary as well as Phillips and, later, Abbot Academies.

In 1872, a group of volunteers formed the Chapel Cemetery Association. Each member owned a plot and each pledged \$25 to be used for the care and maintenance of the monuments and landscape.

For the next 30 years, the association attempted to gain possession of the cemetery, but the trustees failed to act on their request until 1908, the year the seminary left the campus. By then, the association had established a constitution and bylaws creating the group as a legal entity. The land was formally conveyed to the association that year "on the condition that it shall be used for a cemetery for the burial of the dead, and for no other purpose whatsoever."

Over the years, various firms would propose plans for the layout and landscape. In 1921, the Olmsted brothers designed an addition to the property to bring the total, and current, acreage to 1.78 acres. Burial inventories were also conducted, and the association found it necessary to consider future plans in light of the finite space. One solution was the creation of a circular garth that added 88 cremation burials. A master plan was published in 2007 and a conservation plan in 2012.

Within the Chapel Cemetery's stone walls, the history of those buried not only reflects teachers at the seminary and the academies, but also tells the stories of individuals active in town as well as on campus.

John Dove, the man who proposed flax production to the town's Smith



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Harriet Beecher Stowe, aka Susan Lenox of Andover, stands beside the gravesite monument given to her by her children at Chapel Cemetery on the campus of Phillips Academy in Andover, just down the road from the Andover Inn on Chapel Road.

brothers, and many in his family greet the visitor at the north entrance. Alice Buck, the woman who led the charge to save Indian Ridge, resides along the main path. Women authors Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and Sarah Stuart Robbins are buried here.

Other Andover residents include Warren Draper, the printer; Charles Carter, park commissioner and business owner; and John Aiken, textile manufacturer and Central Street resident. Samuel Cram Jackson, first minister of West Parish Church, and Justin Edwards, third South Church minister, are neighbors.

Cecil Bancroft, the academy's eighth principal, was honored as chairman of the town's 250th Anniversary celebration, while Professor John Wesley Churchill served as toastmaster for the 1896 Banquet.

And arguably the most famous burial is that of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Mrs. Stowe came to Andover in 1852 with her husband, Calvin, who had just been hired as seminary professor. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" had just been published and, once on campus, Mrs. Stowe continued her writing. Residing at the stone building once used as a carpentry shop for the Seminary, Mrs. Stowe challenged the sensibilities of Andover residents by hosting parties, charades and putting up a Christmas tree at a time when such celebrations were not observed.

The Chapel Cemetery continues to serve as the final resting place for many connected to the academy. Memorial trees are also being planted to honor respected and beloved teachers. With its history, the stories yet to be uncovered, and the trust undertaken, the association holds proudly this space as, in its words, an "historically vital country cemetery."

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Gloucester, MA

Part-time to start/eventual full-time. Must know QB, Excel, Word, Outlook. Individual Must be organized, innovative, able to think independently. Knowledge of service industry helpful. Bookkeeping background necessary.

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DIRECTOR, Business Development: Andover, MA. Develop & recommend long & short range programs & plans for leading communication technology co. in worldwide intercom & access control markets; oversee direct development strategies including implementation of features & functionality; oversee technology teams working on solutions in the U.S. & Germany; manage technical specialists in the U.S.; consult with local specifiers & architects; oversee realization of intercom & security applications for iOS, Android & Windows smartphones & tablets including application roadmap, design, features & functionality; determine & define programs including financial estimates & risk analyses that insure projected rates of growth & profitability potentials. Must have Bachelor's degree in Bus. Admin. or equivalent. Must be fluent in German as tech & development details are in German as products are manufactured in Germany. Mail resumes to: Karl Lamprecht, Sedle Security Systems of America, LLC, 750 Pkwy, Broomhall, PA 19008. No phone calls, no walk-ins.

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Beautiful Pine Hutch 6'H, 4 doors, 5 drawers & 3 small drawers, 2 shelves. \$100. (2) Mantels, oak, 6' L X 4' H & 6.5' L X 4' H \$100 each Call Charlie for details (781) 592-7009 (Lynn)

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BEVERLY, 552 Cabot St. HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, St. John's Beverly Saturday December 7, 2013. 9am to 4pm. 25 Crafters, Basket Raffles, Children's Activities and a Light Kitchen.

BILLERICA, MA, 446 Boston Rd. CHILDREN'S ORCHARD FILL A BAG FOR \$5. Children's clothing NB-10. Outdoor sale. Bring food item for Lazarus House and get a bigger bag. 9:30 a.m. while it lasts.

HAVRHILL MA - Estate Sale Sat Dec 7th, 9am-2pm Antiques, collectibles, glassware, furniture, household items. 2 Marion St.

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SANDOWN, NH. 5 Glamstbury Drive MOVING SALE Sat. Dec 7th, 10am-3pm, Inside heated garage, many many household items priced to sell!!

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