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## CLASSIC RIVAL UPSET



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**ABOVE:** Ben Brown and his fellow Golden Warriors boys basketball team succeeded in driving past Central Catholic, including Aaron Hall, to claim the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic championship Saturday night at Merrimack College. Andover defeated rival Central, 72-68, for the title. **LEFT:** Golden Warriors fans go crazy after a 3-point shot goes in against Central. Story, more photos, page 13.

## Phillips eyes \$11M wellness center

Academy aims to break ground on campus this fall

BY BILL KIRK  
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Phillips Academy, in the midst of a \$50 million renovation and rejuvenation effort, is proposing to add another building to its sprawling, hilltop campus with the pending construction of an \$11 million medical center.

The Rebecca M. Sykes Wellness Center, named for the boarding school's former associate head of school, will bring mental and physical health services together into one building, while also providing space for health and wellness classes such as yoga, school officials said.

The 17,000-square-foot, two-story center will be located at 15 Salem St. adjacent to Bullfinch Hall, according to Larry Muench, director



Courtesy graphic

**Phillips Academy plans to build a 17,000-square-foot medical center for its students in the center of campus just off Salem Street.**

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## 2014 spotlight shines on schools

### AHS expansion hinges on charter school decision

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
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By this time next year, Bancroft Elementary School will have a new home, its old one reduced to rubble. A road map for a possible high school expansion will be laid out. A charter school proposal will either be picking up steam ... or long since dead.

For all intents and purposes, 2014 will be the year of the school in Andover.

As the new year arrives, several school-related projects are in motion — either already under way or still in the dream phase.

"There are a range of things that the schools will have to address during the course of the year," said School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue, who will be wrapping up his tenure on the board this spring. "Who knows if any of these become more important than the other?"

Forgue said the items facing school leadership are "the budget, contract negotiations, opening Bancroft, continued academic innovations at the high school (and) potential space plans for the high school."

Then there's STEAM Studio.

Unlike the other stories heading into 2014, a charter school proposal led in part by School Committee member David Birnbach could see an early end. The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is expected to either award or deny a charter for the proposed school in February. The deadline for the public to offer comment on the 425-student charter high school is Friday, Jan. 3. From there, Andover then waits for the state to make its decision.

If it doesn't receive its charter, Birnbach said the group driving it would "have to reassess what the plans would be going forward."

"We haven't really looked beyond that," he said. "We're working toward success right now."

If the charter is awarded, "we'll have a home for the school by February," Birnbach said. "We'll have students able to register as of March 1."

While that scenario plays out, another runs on the school's administrative side. Infused with a \$225,000 vote at Annual Town Meeting in 2013, three schools are the targets of space needs studies — the biggest being

Andover High School.

That study is expected to return early in the year — around February or March, Forgue estimates — with what Andover High could do to address its more-than-documented overcrowding woes and facility needs.

An expansion at the school several years down the road has been ball-parked at around \$20 million by many officials, a number Forgue cautions against taking seriously.

"The numbers that have been thrown around have, really, no basis in fact right now because there has been no discussion or deliberation around any of this," Forgue said. "None will take place until, at least, we get the report, the findings of the work being done now."

The fact that conversations to expand the current Andover High School and the proposed creation of a charter high school run alongside one another has sparked a totally different discussion around town.

A charter school opening its doors in Andover "may call into question adding additional classrooms" to the high

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## Private schools may face tax

BY BILL KIRK  
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Andover could stand to gain nearly \$1 million more in revenue if it started levying the property taxes on the private, nonprofit schools in town.

With that knowledge, the Board of Selectmen recently OK'd a policy for the town manager to start negotiating with five schools that have property worth more than \$4 million each — but pay no property taxes.

The schools being targeted are Phillips Academy, Pike School, Melmark New England, Merrimack College and Massachusetts School of Law.

Under the policy, the schools would be assessed 25 percent of what they would pay if they were for-profit institutions rather than tax-exempt educational facilities.

That would mean Phillips would owe the most at more than \$700,000, followed by Merrimack College at \$104,000,

Pike at nearly \$39,000, Mass. School of Law at \$27,000, and Melmark at \$16,000.

Currently, the only school that pays the town anything at all is Phillips, which for the past 15 years has made an annual, voluntary contribution to Andover. This year, the school paid \$169,000.

Selectmen voted 5-0 last month to approve the policy, which was set into motion the previous year when they urged Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski to establish a Payment in Lieu of Taxes, or PILOT, program for nonprofits.

Last July, Stapeczynski presented a document listing all the nonprofits in town and how much each would pay if charged property taxes. State and federal law allows nonprofits such as churches and schools to avoid the payment of most taxes so they can spend more on their programs.

The policy, while it sounds

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## THE YEAR THAT WAS

A look back at 2013's newsmakers

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

### Teacher mourned

Colleen Ritzer, 24, of Andover, a math teacher at Danvers High School, was found dead Oct. 22. Authorities believe one of her students, Philip Chism, 14, attacked and robbed Ritzer in a second-floor bathroom at the school, then wheeled her in a recycling bin to a wooded area nearby, where he assaulted her and left her under a pile of leaves and debris.

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**Pink bows adorn mailboxes on Dascomb Road in memory of school teacher Colleen Ritzer, who was murdered this fall allegedly by one of her students at Danvers High School.**

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# PHILLIPS: Wellness Center for campus planned

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of facilities at Phillips. The project, which honors Sykes who left Phillips last summer following 40 years of service to become president of the Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation, will be paid for through fundraising, with the school already securing \$6.5 million in commitments, Muench said. Ground-breaking is planned for this September.

"We are trying to bring 21st century care to Phillips students, faculty and staff," said Amy Patel, the new medical director at Phillips.

The project will unite medical and mental health services, now located in opposite corners of campus, in a central location, stressing to students the importance of the mind-body connection to health and well-being, she said.

"We will bring everything under one roof, which brings us in line with the evolving model of health care," Patel said. "It's more of a proactive approach. Part of what we'll be doing is educating, to help students recognize the signs and symptoms of illness."

"There are inherent stresses of being teenagers, especially at a school like Phillips. But the effects can be mitigated. We will teach proactive ways of dealing with stress, such as nutrition, sleep, mindfulness and wellness. It will be a holistic approach in terms of a whole body approach to wellness and illness."

The medical center will be the first new building constructed on the campus since the Gelb Science Center went up in 2004.

School officials are currently going through the town approval process. As a nonprofit educational

*"There are inherent stresses of being teenagers, especially at a school like Phillips. But the effects can be mitigated. We will teach proactive ways of dealing with stress, such as nutrition, sleep, mindfulness and wellness. It will be a holistic approach in terms of a whole body approach to wellness and illness."*

Amy Patel, the new medical director at Phillips Academy

entity, Phillips is seeking a waiver from the town's application fee of 25 cents per square foot of proposed space, or about \$4,200. The request has raised the eyebrows of several Planning Board members who have questioned whether other schools have received similar waivers for construction projects in the past.

"We are requesting a waiver per the educational use category of the new building," Muench said in an email. "Merrimack College, local schools, churches and other such institutions request similar waivers from the Planning Board."

Meanwhile, Planning Board members last month discussed a 12-month demolition delay instituted in May 2013 for the Merrill House, which is located on the proposed medical center site.

According to Muench, the Andover Preservation Commission considers the existing residence historically significant and voted unanimously to enact the demolition delay law.

"The commission planned on exploring if anyone was interested in purchasing and moving the house, and we would entertain a discussion with any interested parties," he said. "To date, we have not been contacted by anyone and have not assigned a sale price."

Muench added that moving a house is a "difficult and

lengthy process, requiring an experienced firm to evaluate the logistics of the current site and the proposed final location." Permits from Andover Inspectional Services would be required and numerous utility lines would need to be dropped in coordination with the power company and affected property owners, he said.

In addition to bringing modern health care to the campus, plans for the new medical center call for sustainability features, including a green roof and geothermal heating and cooling systems. Muench said the flat roof will have plants on it that help cut heating and cooling costs while also reducing runoff.

In addition, a series of 500-foot deep, 1-foot wide wells will be placed around the perimeter of the building, drawing cooling temperatures to the interior of the structure in the summer and warmer temperatures in the winter.

The geothermal system is predicted to cut energy costs by 20 to 25 percent, he said.

"This will be our third green roof on campus," he said. "But this is our first foray into geothermal."

The Planning Board is scheduled to continue its site plan review process for the project during a public hearing on Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The medical center is part of an ongoing, multi-million-dollar renovation effort on

campus, Muench said. Over the past year, the school has completed about \$50 million in improvements, mostly in dormitory renovations, but also to the athletic center, where the locker rooms have been updated. The school has installed sprinklers in the dorms and has upgraded an antiquated underground steam system that services buildings all over campus.

In a related matter, Phillips is seeking to restructure another \$50 million or so in debt, Muench said.

According to a letter from MassDevelopment, a state financing agency, the board of trustees of Phillips Academy has applied for \$103 million in taxable and tax-exempt bonds to finance work on campus. The letter was sent to the Board of Selectmen in early November as a courtesy in case the work conflicts with any local or regional comprehensive planning.

The document states that the projects encompass both completed and upcoming work as part of the school's ongoing maintenance, Muench said. The list includes replacement of a track, athletic field improvements, installation of campus-wide software and electronic security systems, and improvements and renovations to various classroom and administrative buildings.

The financing, which includes \$56.2 million in tax-exempt bonds and another \$33.8 million in taxable bonds, will help pay for future projects such as pedestrian safety upgrades, repaving of a campus roadway and infrastructure renovations.

Going through MassDevelopment insures nonprofit educational institutions like Phillips the lowest possible interest rates for eligible projects.

# PILOT: Policy a starting point for negotiations

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Draconian, is actually a starting point for negotiations, selectmen have said. In many cases, the 25 percent would be reduced if the school could prove, using quantifiable measures, how much value they bring to the community.

Pike Head of School John "Muddy" Waters said his school, which sits on 35 acres, much of which is unusable wetlands, offers a lot to the town that it doesn't charge for. "Obviously, we think we provide a lot of great service to the town, including taking kids out of public schools, even though their parents are paying taxes toward the schools," he said. "We let the town soccer program use our fields for free and we offer our facilities whenever we can."

He added that paying the town close to \$40,000 a year would be "brutal" and would most likely affect a lot of Andover families who send their children to the school.

Of the 436 students in pre-kindergarten through grade nine who are enrolled at Pike, about 200 are from Andover. Tuition ranges from \$22,380 in the lower grades up to \$26,280 in eighth grade. The fee for ninth grade is a little higher, although this year, for the first time in at least 20 years, the school didn't have a ninth-grade class.

In any case, if Pike would start being required to pay property taxes, Waters said tuition for local and non-local families alike certainly would rise.

"The program we run is expensive," he said. "More money going out the door will make our school even less accessible in terms of people being able to afford it. We know our families are already making sacrifices to send their children here, paying tuition and paying their property taxes."

Waters said the first he learned of the proposal was through a call from a Townsman reporter last month.

"Nobody from the town has ever come to speak to us," he said. "It's a little surprising. They didn't even check in."

Rita Gardner, executive director of Melmark New England, a school for children with disabilities, said she was also unfamiliar with the proposal and couldn't comment on it.

"We'll be evaluating the proposal," she said.

Tracy Sweet, director of communications at Phillips, issued a statement saying that school officials have had "preliminary conversations with town officials regarding the academy's voluntary payment to the town and expect to continue the dialogue in the coming months. Our intention is to honor our long-standing commitment to being a good neighbor in the town of Andover."

## TAXING PROPOSAL

Under a new policy approved recently by the Board of Selectmen, private, nonprofit schools with property values of more than \$4 million would be charged a fee based on 25 percent of what their tax bills would be if they were for-profit entities.

The payment in lieu of taxes, or PILOT, would be negotiated between the town and the individual school, with the amount dropping based on quantifiable services the educational institution provides the community.

### PHILLIPS ACADEMY

Assessed value: \$193,752,100  
Taxes at full value: \$2.8 million  
Proposed payment: \$702,000

### MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Assessed value: \$28,726,300  
Taxes at full value: \$416,819  
Proposed payment: \$104,204

### PIKE SCHOOL

Assessed value: \$10,695,700  
Taxes at full value: \$155,195  
Proposed payment: \$38,798

### MASS. SCHOOL OF LAW

Assessed value: \$7,559,000  
Taxes at full value: \$109,681  
Proposed payment: \$27,420

### MELMARK SCHOOL

Assessed value: \$4,517,800  
Taxes at full value: \$65,553  
Proposed payment: \$16,388

Nobody could be reached from Merrimack College or Mass. School of Law.

Andover is not alone in seeking payments in lieu of taxes from nonprofits, particularly schools.

Many communities are seeking contributions from large nonprofits as municipal budgets are squeezed.

Salem, for example, negotiated payments from Peabody Essex Museum, Salem State University and Northeast Animal Shelter when those nonprofits purchased formerly commercial properties that would have been lost to the tax rolls.

In Danvers, selectmen are considering charging St. John's Prep a payment in lieu of taxes, noting that the school is a large landholder.

Danvers already has PILOT agreements with the owners of two large medical facilities. Partners Healthcare, which owns the Mass General/North Shore Center for Outpatient Care on Endicott Street, paid the town \$93,249 last fiscal year. And Northeast Hospital Corp. paid Danvers \$37,324 for its Lahey Outpatient Center on Maple Street.

Communities like Boston, Cambridge and Brookline have PILOT policies with formulas to figure out what a nonprofit entity should contribute based on its demand for services. In most cases, it works out to be 25 cents on the dollar, although such agreements are strictly voluntary.

In fact, Boston brings in about \$66 million in payments from nonprofits, including private universities. Cambridge brings in \$5.3 million.

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# AHEAD: Proposed charter school could nix adding more AHS classrooms

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school, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. School officials — particularly administrators and members of the School Committee and Andover Education Association — have all spoken out against STEAM Studio in support of advancing Andover High instead. The Board of Selectmen, typically removed from school discussions, is watching what happens as the issue unfolds, with Selectman

Brian Major saying one matter could potentially resolve the other. “Say we had 300 students from Andover go to the new charter school. That puts us under capacity at the high school,” Major said. “A gigantic, \$15 million to \$20 million expansion wouldn’t be necessary.” But whether or not the charter school goes forward isn’t the only question to consider when discussing a high school expansion, Selectman Dan Kowalski said.

“There’s multiple paths that can be taken based upon whether the charter school is approved and the number of students from Andover who choose to go to the charter school,” he said. “We know some students, some kids presently in private schools, may choose to go to the charter school, which won’t decrease the volume of kids at Andover High.” Either way, Selectman Paul Salafia cautioned against taking a position on the high school expansion before

the state decides whether to award STEAM Studio a charter. “The charter school needs to be resolved prior to any decision on the expansion of the high school,” he said. Selectman Mary Lyman echoed the same concern, saying she didn’t know “if I could answer that question or not.” However, “it worries me, is (the charter school) the right way,” Lyman said. “Is that what’s missing from the high school? Would it benefit

Andover High School, or is something else needed?” Regardless of whether the charter school moves forward or not, both Major and Stapczynski said the high school is still in need of work. “They need to look at the cafeteria and the kitchen in the cafe,” Stapczynski said. “That has to be done no matter what because of the inadequacies today.” Those inadequacies could still require an expansion, Major said — just a smaller one.

“Instead of spending \$15 million to \$20 million, maybe we’re spending \$3 million to \$5 million,” he said. In either case, two important scenarios will play out in February that will set the course for the rest of the year, selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said. “We’ll know in February if we even go forward,” he said. “Once that decision gets made one way or the other, we’ll go forward with whatever hand the town has been dealt.”

# REVIEW: A look back at the year that was 2013

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Police found a note next to Ritzer’s body that read, “I hate you all.” More than 1,000 people filled St. Augustine Church in Andover on Oct. 27 for Ritzer’s funeral Mass. Chism, of Danvers, pleaded not guilty last month to charges of first-degree murder, aggravated rape and armed robbery. The case is scheduled to continue Jan. 30 in Salem Superior Court for a status hearing.



Colleen Ritzer’s October death allegedly at the hands of one of her students is still deeply mourned throughout town.

spring, although a contract was awarded.

## Charter school proposed

In August, a wave of charter school proposals at the state level unveiled a pitch by School Committee member David Birnbach to create STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Studio in Andover. As opposition to the idea began to grow, Birnbach vowed to maintain his role on the School Committee, while ethics concerns were raised from fellow committee members. A state forum on the charter school in November drew a capacity crowd that both praised and blasted the proposal as the process continues to move forward.

## School developments

Andover High School implemented a pilot program on Breathalyzer use at school dances before ultimately making it a permanent policy. In July, the state labor board overturned the town’s 2012 decision to fire Andover High teacher Jen Meagher, ordering that she be reinstated. She returned to the classroom in September. Work to redistrict the town’s elementary schools moves forward, with implementation expected in fall 2015. In June, work launched at Doherty Middle School for renovations and site work began for the adjacent youth center.

## Local politics

In January, school district veteran Dick Collins announced he wouldn’t run

for re-election to the School Committee.

In March, dismal voter turnout led to the elections of selectmen Alex Vispoli and Paul Salafia and School Committee member Barbara L’Italien. The 2014 election season began in the fall with announcements from Selectman Alex Vispoli that he intends to campaign for state Senate and School Committee Chairman Dennis Fergie, who said he will not be seeking re-election this spring.

## New police chief

As February ended, the community learned that long-time Police Chief Brian Pattullo would retire in July. By March, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski had appointed Sgt. Patrick Keefe to replace Pattullo, effective Aug. 1.

## Town Yard

After months of planning by town officials, Town Meeting voters rejected rezoning the Town Yard, sending the project back to the drawing board. Town officials had hoped to rezone the downtown area so it could be developed for a mix of uses such as housing, retail and offices. The Town Yard, which houses public works offices and equipment, would have been relocated if the measure had passed.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff file photo  
Newly appointed Police Chief Patrick Keefe, right, standing with retiring Police Chief Brian Pattullo, smiles as the Board of Selectmen approves his appointment in March.

## Gambling craps out

In August, all eyes focused on Tewksbury and a fast-moving casino proposal just over the town border. But after a full-court press from Andover, along with heavy opposition within Tewksbury, the proposal for a Penn National Gaming slots casino was rejected.

## Water woes

In May, news of a water fee spike drew the ire of residents and elected officials. Then, things escalated as brown water flooded homes, staining residents’ laundry and generally causing concern in the middle of a rainy summer. At the same time, James Berberian’s case against the town for dumping toxic sludge from a water tank onto his property made the front page as an agreement between the parties remained elusive. In December, selectmen voted to

settle the ongoing case by paying the Bancroft Road resident \$500,000.

## Marathon bombing

In April, twin explosions at the Boston Marathon finish line rocked the region, including the lives of several Andoverites either attending or participating in the race, including some who were injured. A candlelight vigil took place in The Park May 1.

## Drug use

Andover seems to be getting serious about its adolescent drug problem. A standing-room-only crowd attended an educational forum at Old Town Hall in the fall and officials are planning to do more outreach and education on the problem in the coming year.

## Youth center go-ahead

Town Meeting voted to support a critical piece of funding for the Cormier Youth Center by voting to split a \$1.4 million trust between elderly programming and Andover Youth Services. The \$700,000 helped

push the youth center project closer to completion as town officials looked for an early October ground-breaking. By October, however, the youth center hit a snag as the project’s lowest bidder pulled out at the last minute. By December, it was announced that the youth center construction would be delayed into the



FILE PHOTO  
Andover youths erupted in joy at the announcement of a \$50,000 anonymous donation to the youth center project, made during Andover Youth Services’ annual telethon in March. Officials had hoped to begin construction on the long-awaited Cormier Youth Center in October, but delays have pushed the ground-breaking off until this spring.

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■ 2013 POLICE INCIDENTS OF THE YEAR

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

Every day, Andover police respond to dozens, if not hundreds, of calls — with around 35,000 incidents being recorded annually. The Andover Townsman publishes the notable items that appear in the police logs, including arrests, house breaks and significant accidents.

Included in the weekly listing is a category befitting the “none of the above” option known as “INCIDENTS.” It is there that our readers find not just miscellaneous calls, but calls that are unique in their own right.

Here are some of the top Incidents of 2013 from the Andover police logs:

**Thursday, Jan. 3** — At 6:10 p.m., police were called to Railroad Street on a report of “a male outside a black SUV screaming and swearing at everyone.” Police determined “the male was upset over the parking conditions.”

**Thursday, Feb. 14** — At 10:05 p.m., police were called to North Main Street after a resident reported that “the people next to him at the above location are throwing things against the wall and he can hear glass breaking.” It was determined that the source of the noise was “a kid inside skateboarding.”

**Monday, March 25** — At 7:06 a.m., a Barrington Drive resident contacted police regarding “a man going through her trash.” The officer taking the call informed the resident “that 911 was for emergencies, but that an officer would be sent.” Moments later, police received a second 911 call from the resident “advising the police did not need to respond.” The caller was “again informed of the purpose of 911.” An officer checked the area anyway, found nothing and

then “spoke to the caller and informed her about the rules regarding trash and also the proper usage of 911.”

**Tuesday, March 26** — At 1:03 a.m., a Henderson Avenue resident reported that “an animal is in her house.” A responding officer reported “removing one mouse from the house.”

**Wednesday, March 27** — At 10:31 a.m., police received a 911 call from Central Street after the caller “saw a young girl, approximately 3 to 4 years old cross the road and walk down Central Street.” Police on the scene uncovered “a case of mistaken identity” involving a person who “is short in stature.”

**Friday, March 29** — At 7:56 p.m., police were notified of a domestic incident where the caller’s husband “is out of control and has broken windows in the car. He is diabetic, but she is not sure that is the problem tonight.”

**Saturday, March 30** — At 9:31 p.m., a Yardley Road resident called police and requested that he be connected to Poison Control “because his wife drank from a glass that earlier held daffodils.” Poison Control responded and assured the man “that his wife was in no danger.”

**Sunday, May 12** — At 12:09 a.m., police were called to Basswood Lane on a report of “someone driving around the area announcing on a bullhorn they are the Andover police.” Police couldn’t locate the vehicle.

At 9:08 a.m., police were called to Rattlesnake Hill Road on a report that someone broke into a house and “rearranged plants and placed dyes in his washing machine.” The caller was advised to come down to the station and fill out a form, but the caller “became agitated” and “stated he was done and will go to the attorney

general.” The incident was categorized as a “disturbed person.”

**Sunday, July 8** — At 9 p.m., police responded to Lowell Street after the caller asked police to speak to his neighbor “after she yelled at (the neighbor’s) son for making fun of her son over a video game.”

**Thursday, July 18** — At 5:47 p.m., police responded to Memorial Circle after a caller reported “a dispute with a neighbor over her son’s bird.”

**Wednesday, Aug. 7** — At 7:25 p.m., police were called to Andover Street after a person at an area pizza shop reported her dog, which was tied to the outside bench, got spooked by a large truck that came into the lot at a high rate of speed, causing her dog “to run down the street with the bench still tied to it.”

**Monday, Aug. 12** — At 9:49 a.m., police received a call from an alarm company about “multiple hold-up signals” being reported at a Central Street bank. After four officers responded and the department called the bank, it was determined that the bank was conducting a test of its alarms.

**Monday, Aug. 26** — At 10:08 a.m., a Hemlock Road resident called to report “a suspicious blue vehicle that has been there since 8:30” that morning. As police called an officer to check the car out, another Andover police officer “came across the radio stating that (it) is him” in the suspicious vehicle.

**Tuesday, Sept. 3** — At 7:40 p.m., a domestic incident involving the caller “having a verbal argument with her husband over a clogged toilet” was reported on Wild Rose Drive.

**Thursday, Sept. 19** — At 7:05 p.m., police were called to a North Main Street home

after a resident reported “having issues with his television and he was very upset.” The caller “also made references to suicide while speaking” with police. Two officers went to the scene and “assisted (the man) in getting his television to work.”

**Monday, Sept. 30** — At 8:10 a.m., police were dispatched to Lowell Street on a report of “a man wearing a tuxedo” who the caller saw “hop the fence at a construction site and was going through all the equipment.” Police spoke with the foreman at the scene, who “said the person in question was not breaking into the construction site. He works for the company and dresses nicely.”

**Monday, Nov. 18** — At 12:54 a.m., police were called to a Maple Avenue apartment on a report of “a possible domestic in the unit next door.” Police arrived to find “no issue, ongoing problem between neighbors. Three parties in the unit were playing a board game.”

**Wednesday, Dec. 4** — At 7:08 p.m., police were called to Stevens Street on a report of “an 89-year-old female who is combative and hitting people with a cane.”

**Saturday, Dec. 7** — At 2:22 p.m., police were called to Mulberry Circle after a resident reported that “he has a wolf in his garage.” An officer at the scene reported it was a fox and let it out of the garage.

At 3:56 p.m., police responded to High Plain Road on a family’s report of a missing person. Police brought in the assistance of a State Police helicopter, a Burlington Police Department bloodhound and more. It was later discovered the person left a message that the family had missed, and the individual was found “safe and sound.”

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

The following items were recorded in Andover police logs from Monday, Dec. 23 to Sunday, Dec. 29

ARRESTS

**Wednesday, Dec. 25** — At 6:40 a.m., Melvin Ramirez, 32, of 83 1/2 Cross St., Lawrence, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed, operating under the influence of liquor and failing to stop for police.

**Thursday, Dec. 26** — At 4:45 a.m., Maricelle Nieves, 26,

of 67 Tudor St., Lynn, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

**Sunday, Dec. 29** — At 10:55 a.m., Jose Santiago, 25, of 40 White St., Lawrence, was arrested on Route 93 in the area of Dascomb Road and charged with receiving stolen property over \$250.

At 11:01 p.m., Nhut Chau, 32, of 17 State St., Lawrence, was arrested on Union Street and charged with speeding and operating under the influence of liquor.

THEFTS

**Monday, Dec. 23** — At 9:56 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Lowell Street.

**Saturday, Dec. 28** — At 8:03 p.m., a wallet was reported stolen on Minuteman Road.

**Sunday, Dec. 29** — At 12:06 a.m., a house break was reported on Center Street.

INCIDENTS

**Monday, Dec. 23** — At 9:07 a.m., a Holt Road resident reported “finding a trash can that does not belong to him.” A police officer investigating the scene determined there

was “nothing suspicious in the trash can.”

**Tuesday, Dec. 24** — At 8:56 a.m., a Bridle Path Road resident reported “that her Christmas lights are missing.”

ACCIDENTS

**Tuesday, Dec. 24** — At 1:23 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Railroad Street.

**Sunday, Dec. 29** — At 11:33 p.m., an accident involving two cars, one of them parked and unoccupied, was reported on High Street. Both cars were towed from the scene.

Fight leads to attempted taser of suspect

By DUSTIN LUCA  
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Police were called to a fight the day after Christmas between two men at a downtown restaurant, but it was

an uninvolved person that left the scene in cuffs.

Police responded to Palmer’s Restaurant at 4 Elm St. at 10:32 p.m. on Dec. 26 after callers reported a fight

between two men inside.

When they arrived, “they found a male bleeding profusely from the head,” police Commander Charles Heseltine said. Police rendered assistance and called an ambulance.

Then, Heseltine said, a third gentleman who wasn’t involved in the fight came outside and “started to act unruly and was yelling at the gentleman who had the cut on his forehead.”

Heseltine said police instructed Busa Russell, 47, of 2 Hallmark Gardens, Burlington, several times to go back inside the restaurant.

Russell returned to the restaurant, but quickly found his way back outside, at which point officers escorted him to the restaurant’s bar, according to Heseltine. Then, the situation escalated even further.

“He tried to get back outside again,” Heseltine said. “He shoved the officer, and at that time, it seems like he began fighting with the officer.”

As Russell started fighting with officer Joseph Davies, officer Jeffrey Arleque attempted to taser Russell, Heseltine said.

... Fighting continued and eventually ended with multiple officers on top of Russell. Russell was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

The discharge was unsuccessful, however, at which point fighting continued and eventually ended with multiple officers on top of Russell. “They were forced to forcibly take that third party to the ground,” Heseltine said. “He was subsequently handcuffed.”

Russell was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

The man who was cut in the head was treated at the scene, but later declined transport to an area hospital. Meanwhile, the other man involved in the fight “just stayed out of everything” from the moment police arrived, Heseltine said.

■ OBITUARIES

David J. Foley, 77

June 19, 1937 — December 22, 2013

HAMPTON, NH — David J. Foley, 77, of Hampton, formerly of Rye and Andover, MA, died Sunday, December 22, 2013, at his home in Hampton.

He was born in London, England June 19, 1936, a son of the late John E. and Gladys (Buxton) Foley.

David was a longtime Rye resident who wintered in Villages, FL. He was founder of the Over the Hills Soccer League of Andover, MA, as well as a former Deacon of West Parish Church of Andover.

He was an avid golfer and Red Sox fan who enjoyed sailing and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Family members include his wife of 53 years, Mary (Roy) the Foley of Hampton; son, Robert

Foley and his wife Cheryl of Sandown; daughters, Laura Sherwood and her husband Robert of Greenland, Julie Foley and her boyfriend Max Baptiste of Stoneham, MA; and grandchildren, Paul, Meaghan, Anna, Danielle, Sean, Michiko, and Willem.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, 2013, at the First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Rd., Hampton. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Jimmy Fund, c/o Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. Assistance with arrangements was by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory, Hampton. Please visit www.RemickGendron.com to view David’s memorial Website, sign the tribute wall or for directions.

Alexandra (Koren) Wholley, 95

ANDOVER, MA — Alexandra (Koren) Wholley, 95, of Andover, formerly of Methuen, passed quietly in her sleep at Nevins Nursing Home in Methuen, Massachusetts on Saturday, December 28. She was the daughter of Julius and Fedora Koren and was born in New Market, New Hampshire on August 20, 1918. The family moved to Lawrence, MA and she attended Lawrence High School. She worked at Western Electric in North Andover and Cherry, Webb, Touraine in Salem, NH. She married Raymond A. Wholley in Portland, Maine on May 7, 1943, and they lived in Methuen, Massachusetts. After her husband died, she lived at Atria Maryland Place in Andover for the last 12 years.

Alexandra leaves her daughter, Diane (Wholley) Fox and her husband Edward of Riverside, CT; grandsons, Brendon and Ryan Fox; a sister, Gloria Guilmette; nephews, Stephen, David, Mark, and Rob Guilmette and their families; nieces, Cynthia Stickle and her husband Gary, Barbara Mason, Julie Guilmette Jones and her husband Jeff and their daughters, Emily, Lindsey, and Kelsie. She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond and a sister, Eugenie and her husband Ernest Gagnon.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Services will be private with burial to take place at Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen. Online condolences may be made at www.pollardfuneralhome.com. The Pollard Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the Wholley family with arrangements.

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Cornelia B. (Hewitt) Fitts, 99

September 15, 1914 — December 28, 2013

HAVERHILL — Cornelia H. Fitts, 99, a longtime resident of Andover, died Dec. 28 of heart failure at the home she shared with her son and his family.

Born in Brooklyn, the daughter of Brower and Antoinette Hewitt, she grew up in New Haven, Conn., and spent her summers at the family’s farm, Oldhaven, in North Stonington, Conn. She was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Smith College in 1936 with a degree in zoology. She moved to Andover in the early 1940s after her husband, the late Dudley Fitts, joined the faculty of Phillips Academy, where he taught until his retirement in 1968.

She was active in the Andover chapter of the League of Women Voters, of which she was president in 1948-1950. She was secretary of the Democratic Town Committee in the early 1960s, was president of the Andover Consumers Cooperative from 1962-1965, and was a trustee of the Memorial Hall Library, among many other civic activities.

A lover of travel, she prevailed upon her husband to visit Europe in 1966 and 1967, where they had a wonderful time, especially in Italy and Greece. After his death in 1968, she returned to the scene of those happy memories. She worked as a librarian in the American Library at Santa Suzanna Church in Rome for 10 years. She taught herself Italian, explored Rome on foot, and enjoyed showing it off to visitors. Once a thief on a bicycle snatched her pocketbook. She mentioned it at the little place where she had a room, and the purse was returned to her within hours.

She eventually resettled in Andover, and worked for a while in the Boston University library. A lifelong liberal, she continued to march in demonstrations and donated frequently to causes she believed in, especially those involving civil rights and civil liberties. From 1979 until 1992, she volunteered for the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, where she was a telephone

intake worker and helped overhaul the agency’s legal resource system.

She continued to make annual trips to Europe until her

mid-80s. Alone, with just a small backpack and a Eurail pass, she indulged her passion for medieval culture by exploring castles, cathedrals and museums all over Western Europe. She would stay at cheap hotels or visit with friends, washing her clothes at night and departing the next day for a new destination. She particularly enjoyed an adventurous solo trip she made in her late 70s to parts of Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, countries where she did not know any of the languages.

Widowed in her 50s, she was unfailingly polite and proudly self-reliant, living alone until she was 96. In Andover, she enjoyed reading and occasional lunches with friends. She would walk two miles daily. She became a kind, doting “Momish” for her grandchildren, Jack, Tim and Nell Fitts, and a good friend to her daughter-in-law. She was very close to her late daughter, Deborah, and enjoyed excursions with Deb and Deb’s husband, Clark Hall, to places such as Manhattan, Washington, Rome and London.

She was predeceased by her husband; her daughter; her sisters, Lydia Hobbs and Nina Stanley, and her brother, Glentworth, of Connecticut; and many friends. She is survived by her son, Daniel, and his wife, Kathleen, of Haverhill and their children, and by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A private burial will take place in the spring, with arrangements by the Kevin B. Comeau Funeral Home of Haverhill. Donations in her memory may be made to the ACLU of Massachusetts or to Merrimack Valley Hospice, which provided her with loving care for nearly a year. Please visit Comeau Funeral Home on Facebook, or www.comeaufuneral.com.



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# A span for returning vets

## Andover memorial bridge would honor service in Iraq, Afghanistan

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
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The town's state legislators are pushing to have an Andover bridge over Interstate 93 renamed in honor of local veterans who have served in the Iraqi and Afghanistan wars.

Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) and state Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover) together with Rep. Frank Moran (D-Lawrence) have jointly filed the bill to rename

the bridge on High Plain Road over Interstate 93 in both directions the Andover Veterans of the Iraqi and Afghanistan War Memorial Bridge.

The bill is now before the Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation, according to its website.

Finegold said the idea for renaming the bridge came from Andover's veterans committee. But he said he was happy to oblige with the request and work on the bill.

"People who are coming

back from these wars overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are definitely having some challenges," Finegold said. "We're seeing a high unemployment rate for returning veterans, high suicide rates, high homeless rates."

While a bridge dedication may not solve many of those problems, Finegold said, "I think it would be a nice thing to do, to remember those who are serving right now or have served."

Lyons agreed, saying he

was happy to work with Finegold and Moran on the measure.

"If we can honor them in any way, I think it's critically important to keep them front and center for what they've done for us," Lyons said. "I think it's extremely important that we never forget the sacrifices our veterans have made for our freedom."

As written, the bill instructs the state Department of Transportation to "erect and maintain suitable

markers on the bridge bearing the designation."

The cost of such designations would be "minimal, just a sign," Finegold said.

The state Senate referred the bill to the Legislature's Transportation Committee on Oct. 3, an appointment that the House supported last week, according to the state website.

Josh Katz, a committee staff member, said the appointment to the committee is standard procedure for a bill.

"When a bill is filed, as a general rule, it's assigned to one of the many committees where it will get a hearing and, eventually, it will be reported out of the committee favorably or unfavorably," Katz said. "Now the bill is sort of on its way, so to speak."

Finegold said he hopes to see the act officially approved within the next 90 to 120 days.

"I'm pretty confident," he said. "I'm definitely hopeful for that."



AP PHOTOS

The Emerald Ash Borer is destroying ash trees throughout much of the country. It has been located off Route 125 in North Andover, and arborists in Andover are now on alert for the little green menace.

# Town on alert over destructive beetle

## Emerald Ash Borer detected in North Andover

BY BRIAN MESSENGER AND DUSTIN LUCA  
 Staff writers

They are small and metallic green and they should be feared.

The recent discovery of the tiny but destructive beetle known as the Emerald Ash Borer in neighboring North Andover is raising concerns in town and putting some residents on high alert.

The beetles, which are native to Asia, feed on ash trees, killing them within three to five years. Since the invasive species was first discovered in Detroit in 2002, it has been found in 22 states and been blamed for killing millions of trees and causing billions of dollars in economic loss nationwide, state environmental officials have said.

North Andover is only the second community in Massachusetts — and the first in the eastern part of the state — where the beetle has been detected. Signs of tree damage were first spotted on town-owned property across from China Blossom restaurant on Route 125 in mid-November.

"A good percentage of our northern forests are made up of ash," North Andover Conservation Administrator Jennifer Hughes said. "Those trees, once infested, have a short lifespan."

The beetles' proximity to Andover has led local arborists and conservationists to arm themselves and the public with information on the insects, which are so small that seven could fit on the head of a penny.

"It's a very significant risk to Andover," said Conservation Commissioner Floyd Greenwood, who is also a trustee of the Andover Village Improvement Society. "Being so close to Andover, if they do spread, it won't take long to reach town on their own."

At a recent meeting, members of AVIS circulated educational material on the beetle and its dangerous appetite to start conversations on the potential threat.

"It's just very new," society president



The tiny larva of an Emerald Ash Borer is seen in a tree in Concord, N.H. The destructive beetle, a native of Asia, targets ash trees.

Mike Timko said. "We have just started being alerted to this. We're very concerned, but we haven't quite decided what to do about it yet."

Meanwhile, state officials are working with the federal government to determine the extent of the infestation.

The first report of Emerald Ash Borer in Massachusetts occurred in 2012 in Dalton, a small Berkshire County town near New York.

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation spokesman William Hickey said officials must now determine whether the Dalton and North Andover cases are related, which could suggest the beetles have moved across the state.

"It's definitely a distance away between Berkshire County and North Andover," Hickey said.

The Emerald Ash Borer differs from other invasive beetles in that it kills ash trees quickly by boring directly under the bark and disrupting the trees' ability to

### EMERALD ASH BORER 411

Here are some signs of Emerald Ash Borer damage:

- Tiny, D-shaped exit holes in the bark of ash trees, dieback in the upper third of the tree canopy and sprouting of branches just below this dead area

- In winter months, severe woodpecker activity at the base of the canopy or on the main stems

"It is important for the public to remain vigilant and to report any ash trees with signs of Emerald Ash Borer damage," Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner Greg Watson said. "Early detection of new infestations will help slow the spread of this pest."

In addition to determining the extent of the infestation, officials are taking the following steps to prevent the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer:

- Defining a quarantine area, which would restrict the movement of certain wood products, including all hardwood species of firewood and all forms of ash, including nursery stock, green lumber, logs, stumps, roots, branches and composted and uncomposted chips

- Working with stakeholders to ensure proper treatment or disposal of infested trees and materials

- Maintaining the ban against bringing firewood into state parks and forests

For more information or to report suspicious tree damage or insect sightings, visit [www.massnrc.org/pests](http://www.massnrc.org/pests) or call 866-322-4512.

transport water and nutrients, according to state officials. Ash is a main component of the Northern Hardwood forest in Massachusetts and is also a popular street tree in the eastern part of the state.

"The presence of Emerald Ash Borer in our state represents a serious threat to our ash trees," DCR Commissioner Jack Murray said in a statement. "We are taking swift action to address the infestation, and are working to mitigate any impact an infestation could bring."

# Out with the old for new year

The Andover Recycling Committee is gearing up for its Post-Holiday Giveaway and Limited Recycling Event on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the upper parking lot at Brickstone Square at the intersection of York and Haverhill streets.

The event will represent a collection for both Goodwill and the Community Giving Tree, a Boxford-based organization that assists young families in need. Only specific items will be accepted.

Community Giving Tree is specifically seeking high chairs, car seats, baby swings, safety gates, cribs, toddler beds, various toys like Legos and K'NEX, Little Tikes ride-ons, toy kitchens and workshops, puzzles, books and Barbie dolls. All donations will be passed directly on to families in need and should include all pieces intact so they're safe to share and be in such condition that one would feel OK passing them on to a friend.

Items sought by Goodwill include clothing and shoes of all sizes, bed and bath linens, small kitchen appliances and other kitchen items like utensils, plates, cups and cookware; books, CDs, records and other media; and home decor and pictures.

In addition, household batteries and Styrofoam bearing a recycling triangle with the number 6 can also be dropped off at the event.

The collection drive goes off rain, snow or shine. It will be held inside the Building 200 cafeteria in the event of inclement weather.

For a complete list of items being accepted, contact Bill Labelle at Goodwill at [blabelle@goodwillmass.org](mailto:blabelle@goodwillmass.org), Leslie Levenson at Community Giving Tree at [leslie@communitygivingtree.org](mailto:leslie@communitygivingtree.org) or Recycling Committee members Eleanor Storch at [eleonorstorch@verizon.net](mailto:eleonorstorch@verizon.net) or Keith Saxon at [ksaxon@aol.com](mailto:ksaxon@aol.com).

# Nomination papers for town offices due Feb. 4

BY BILL KIRK  
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**Selectman:** One, three-year term

**School Committee:** One, three-year term

**Housing Authority:** One, five-year term

**Trustees of the Punchard Free School:** Two, three-year terms

Nomination papers for the annual town election to be held March 25 are now available in Town Clerk Larry Murphy's office at 36 Bartlet St.

Candidates have just about one month to gather signatures and turn their nomination papers in.

People running for office must gather a certain number of signatures of registered voters, depending on the office they are running for, and turn them into the town clerk by 5 p.m. on Feb. 4, in order to get on the March ballot.

The ballot for the annual town election will include the following:

**Moderator:** One, one-year term

So far, School Committee Chairman Dennis Fogue has announced he will not be running for re-election, meaning that seat is open. Former Selectman Ted Teichert said recently he may be interested in running for that seat.

Selectman Mary Lyman is running for re-election. Nobody has announced their intention to challenge her.

For more information, contact Murphy at 978-623-8255 or via email at [lmurphy@andoverma.gov](mailto:lmurphy@andoverma.gov).



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# Town recruiting committee volunteers

The town is seeking interested volunteers to fill several vacancies on various local committees.

There are approximately 31 appointed commissions, councils and committees in town, with members typically serving three-year terms. Most hold their meetings on weeknights in the early evening. Although the frequency of meetings varies depending on the responsibilities and workload of the particular group, most conduct meetings either monthly or biweekly.

Here is a list of recent available vacancies:

- Ballardvale Historic District Commission: One alternate member
- Cable Advisory

Committee: Three vacancies

- Commission on Disability: One vacancy

- Council on Aging: Three vacancies

- Cultural Council: Two vacancies

- Elderly Tax Aid Committee: Two vacancies

- Housing Partnership/Fair Housing Committee: Two vacancies

- Lowell Junction Interchange Task Force: Three vacancies

- Memorial Hall Library Trustees: One vacancy

- Recycling Committee: One vacancy

- Retirement Board: One vacancy

- Scholarship Committee: Four vacancies

- Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees: Two vacancies

- TRIAD Council: Five vacancies

An outline of the purpose and responsibilities of each committee as well as a listing of their current members is available online at <http://andoverma.gov>.

To apply for an appointment, download and fill out a Talent Bank Form available on the town website and return it to the town manager's office in the Town Offices on Bartlet Street or fax it to 978-623-8220.

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The first stage of gum disease, gingivitis, begins with bacteria in plaque accumulations on tooth surfaces (above and below the gum line) releasing toxins that inflame the gums. As the inflammation continues and bacteria grow below the gum line, connective tissue surrounding the teeth is destroyed and the gums begin to retract. Pockets then form between teeth and gums, allowing bacteria further access to ligaments that anchor teeth and underlying bone. To stop the progression of gingivitis, the dentist will scrape plaque and tartar from teeth with a scaler. When this is not sufficient, the dentist will plane the surfaces of tooth roots with elongated scraping instruments (curettes) until they are smooth enough to encourage gum reattachment and pocket shrinkage.

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# Opinion

## Reflections on the year — past and present

The close of one year and the start of another is always a time for taking stock. Individually, we consider our successes and setbacks, dreams realized and the ones yet to be fulfilled.

The same can be said for communities. As we looked back on the year that was in Andover, we found several achievements.

After countless years, the Cormier Youth Center is finally about to become a reality. While hurdles continued to cross the project's path all year — the last coming this fall and leading to a delay in the groundbreaking until spring — the upshot is this center that will serve the town's youths as well as its senior population should be opening its doors in 2014.

Andover also ended the year with some frank dialogue about drug use and abuse, especially among the younger generation. There were reports of at least two teen drug overdose deaths in town in 2013.

For too long, the issue of drugs has been kept relatively quiet in town, perhaps following the notion that if the problem isn't acknowledged, it does not exist.

But drugs are indeed in Andover, as they are in every community in the state. And they are falling in the hands of youths in Andover — as they are everywhere else. Maybe the problem isn't as pervasive here as elsewhere, but the town is not immune to it either.

A forum in November co-hosted by Andover Youth Services and the Andover Police Department was a solid first step. The fact that it was attended by a standing-room-only crowd of parents and youths themselves shows that people are ready to take the matter seriously. We look forward to seeing more dialogue occurring and programs developing in 2014.

Andover's schools will undoubtedly be one of the major stories for the coming year, with a decision on a proposed charter high school due next month, the anticipated opening of the new Bancroft Elementary School in the works and a plan for redistricting the town's elementary students expected to be announced soon.

But we expect town spending to be a top point of discussion. In the last several weeks, we have heard growing concern for the town's financial habits, with residents beginning to question officials' desire to push through multi-million-dollar initiatives, including construction projects and land purchases, in the face of increasing property taxes and water rate hikes. Residents appear poised to hold their local officials more accountable for their actions — particularly those that affect their checkbooks — and we encourage them to do so.

Sadly, the story that captured national attention for Andover was one of tragedy with the unexplainable death of a young, beloved teacher. That one of her 14-year-old students who she tried to mentor stands accused of her murder still remains difficult for many to comprehend.

But the death of Colleen Ritzer led many to reflect on what's important in life — the value of making a difference in whichever way one chooses.

Through Colleen the town also saw the value of community and what it means to live in a town like Andover.

As the year ended, a quiet campaign was taking place in Colleen's neighborhood of Dascomb Road. Simple, pink ribbons were tied on mailboxes all along the street in tribute to the 24-year-old whose death touched so many lives. The ribbons offer both remembrance of a life cut too short and of healing and hope for tomorrow. And they are a perfect symbol as we embark on a new year.

## WEB QUESTION

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

What do you think was the biggest story in Andover this year?

**RITZER MURDER:** Community responds to Andover High School graduate and Danvers High School teacher allegedly slain by one of her students.

**STEAM STUDIO:** School Committee member proposes charter school to serve high school community.

**TAX TALK:** Tax rates, water rates jump again as massive projects approach on horizon.

**WATER WOES:** Dirty water hits taps as town battles toxic sludge case in court.

**YOUTH CENTER WINS:** Town Meeting votes to divide Wood trust; work begins on site.

**ZONING IN:** Town talks new industrial, elderly, Town Yard, medicinal marijuana zoning districts.

**OTHER:** Supply your own answer.

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## WINTER SOLSTICE



ELLEN TOWNSON/Courtesy photo

The Shawsheen River Watershed Association held its fourth annual Winter Solstice Celebration at sunset on Sunday, Dec. 22, at Andover Conservation's Pumps Pond. The event included a presentation on the astronomy, history and folklore of the winter solstice by watershed association director Bob Rauseo of Andover, seen leading the program as participants looked on. There was also entertainment by local musicians and a campfire for roasting marshmallows and more.

## Reclassify marijuana strain for young seizure patients

The following is an excerpt from an editorial published in *The Portland Press Herald*:

Seizures occur when large numbers of the cells that transmit information to muscles fire uncontrollably, causing everything from staring spells and twitches to falling, loss of consciousness and full-body convulsions. Anywhere from 10 percent to 30 percent of children with a seizure disorder — also known as epilepsy — experience seizures that can't be relieved by pharmaceutical medications.

Now these young

patients' parents think they've found something that can repress the seizures. The problem is that it's illegal under federal law. The federal prohibition against marijuana poses major roadblocks to families and shows the need for federal action to ease these draconian limits.

The strain of marijuana that's been in the spotlight is called "Charlotte's Web," named for the child who was having 300 grand mal seizures a week but is 99 percent seizure-free after two years of treatment with the substance.

Charlotte's Web is low in tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC — which produces the classic "high" — and rich in cannabidiol, or CBD — which is believed to be medicinal. (In children, the drug is taken in a liquid form that can be put into food or under the tongue.)

It's good news that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the first formal U.S. trials of cannabidiol, in the form of a high-CBD medication for severe epilepsy in children. To encourage more such study, some want to remove marijuana

from the list of federally controlled substances altogether (a bill to do that went nowhere in the U.S. House last session). Others want to recategorize it as a Schedule II drug, like certain opioids and stimulants, with both a risk of abuse and accepted medical uses.

Right now, reclassifying the plant, we believe, is the least the U.S. government can do to facilitate the kind of rigorous evaluation that's needed.

— *Portland Press Herald, Maine*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Neighborhood suggestion to protect wetlands, water quality

Editor, Townsman:

It is a great relief that the protracted dispute between the town and Mr. James Berberian has at last been settled. The case seemed unfortunate and unnecessary — not the proudest moment for the town, which generally is on the right side in caring for the environment. The damage done needs rectifying — not a punitive settlement that hurts the town and gives the appearance of enriching the landowner and his able attorney. Preserving wetlands and water quality are ongoing and important issues for the town. While I certainly expect that the town has learned its lesson and will correct its procedures in the future, I can only hope that the settlement might also encourage the beneficiaries of this settlement to share their proceeds to broadly promote wetlands protection in town.

Today, I received the annual report from the Shawsheen River Watershed Association accounting for another year of excellent work advocating for preservation and use of the river and its associated wetlands. In 2013, it along with its partners, including AVIS, and the Andover Trails Committee, hosted

countless events and trips educating our town to the important resource values of the Shawsheen River, supported the development of a Shawsheen River Greenway and fostered scientific research to assure its water quality and quantity. I can only dream of what good could come from this settlement if even a portion was directed to supporting those volunteer organizations that help our town protect its critical wetlands and natural resources.

In the spirit of reconciliation, I hope that all involved in this case can make something positive come out of it for our town.

STEVE GOLDEN  
13 Robandy Road

### Answers needed on toxic sludge handling

Editor, Townsman:

I read with concern the article in last week's Townsman ("Toxic sludge case settled," Dec. 26) regarding the \$500,000 payment related to "toxic sludge" disposal. While I was surprised that Andover DPW personnel were directed to dispose of material with such problematic properties in a sewer draining to a wetland, I was more upset about the fact that this contaminated sludge (arsenic, cadmium, chromium, nickel, etc. in "high concentrations") was settled from our drinking water.

We regularly receive an annual report from the Water Department showing extremely low heavy metal content in our drinking water, yet, on standing, this hazardous waste settles out. We need to hear from the town why we should not be afraid to drink the water. After that, we need to understand why and by whom this disposal methodology was deemed acceptable ... seeing that this decision cost the town \$500,000 of my tax money.

WALTER R. NIESSEN, P.E.  
14 Forbes Lane

### AHS Student Government should be open forum

Editor, Townsman:

As a senior at Andover High School, I question how the Student Government can continue to claim that it represents the views of all students ("Student Government is the voice at AHS," Dec. 26). This letter outlined many of the issues with the current student government, mainly the fact that one must fill out an application and have it reviewed before they are "admitted." This notion that only some students can be in Student Government means that it cannot claim to represent the views of all students at AHS.

Any and every student that wants to participate in Student Government should be allowed to do so without having to fill out an application and have it reviewed. The very premise of Student Government is that it is supposed to be an open forum for all students to have their voices heard by the school's administration and the community as a whole. As of right now, only 17 students have been "admitted" to participate. Until this issue is remedied, I have to agree with my fellow students ("Student Government views do not represent AHS," Dec. 5) that the Student Government is merely another extracurricular club and cannot possibly claim to represent the views of the other 1,785 students.

JEREMY SLOVIN  
Senior  
Andover High School

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# 2013 PICTURES OF THE YEAR

Every day, all year long, photographers for the Andover Townsman and its sister paper, The Eagle-Tribune, take dozens of photos of people and places around town as well as throughout the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire. Each photo assignment brings its own challenges and opportunities. Today, staff photographers present their favorite Andover photos of 2013 and explain how they were able to capture them.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos

Andover basketball player John Pisacreta reacts as he gets a close shave during the Buzz Off for Cancer fundraiser at Commonwealth Motors in Lawrence in November.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** A buzz cut doesn't hurt, but John grimaces anyway —perhaps with regret? No going back now. This was a great event and great show of support from the Andover High School basketball team.



Eric Pechinsky, 13, of Andover, paddles out on Poms Pond in the bow of a canoe during the Autumnal Equinox Celebration hosted by the Shawsheen River Watershed Association in September.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** The equinox was an especially bright and blustery day. As Eric paddled out into the water, I watched him disappear into silhouette. I dialed my aperture as far down as it would go so I could catch the sparkles in the water. Storytelling, I hope.



Santa Claus makes his way past the gazebo in The Park on his way to his fire truck perch in the Andover Santa Parade.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** The Andover Santa Parade is my favorite parade. I arrive early, stay until the end and smile throughout. Last year, I photographed Santa in the crosswalk; this year, I tailed him through the town common. Next year? Well, I now know where to find him getting ready nearby.



Mary Schwalm is entering her fourth year as a staff photographer with the North of Boston Media Group. She is obsessed

with kite aerial photography, boasting a fleet of kites for any wind condition, and looks forward to further infiltrating the company's publications with aerial GoPro photos. A few fun facts: Sriracha sauce is her new favorite food, cream cheese is a close second. Ideally, she has the two together at least once a day. If there's avocado involved, even better she says. She's been to 142 zoos, and has plans to add at least another eight to that list in 2014.



Amy Sweeney is director of photography for the North of Boston Media Group. She has been a photographer for more than 25 years, covering the media group's communities from the Merrimack Valley to the North Shore.



Carl Russo has been with Eagle-Tribune Publishing Company, now North of Boston Media Group, for 30 years. He started his career with The Andover Townsman and three years later was hired at The Eagle-Tribune, where he has spent the last 27 years. Carl also delivered The Eagle-Tribune for three years as a young teenager. Born and raised in Lawrence and now living in Methuen, he enjoys photographing a variety of subject matter, but especially likes to shoot sports and breaking news.

Carl recently won first place in the New Hampshire Press Association 2013 Better Media Contest for a sports photo of the Pinkerton Academy lacrosse team practicing, which was published in one of the company's weekly newspapers, The Derry News.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Isabel Peng, 2, cools off under the water sprayed by the firetruck during the Fire Engine Day for preschoolers at The Park in July.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** One of my favorite things about being a photojournalist is covering community events and I especially love photographing children. I was sent to photograph Fire Engine Day on a hot day (my birthday) in July. The park was bustling with firemen, accompanied by parents and grandparents, climbing in fire trucks, playing games and waiting for the firefighters to hose them down. There were so many adorable moments of little kids wearing big fire helmets and sitting on the seat of the huge firetruck, but I was waiting for the kids to have the chance to play in the water. Once the hoses came out, all the kids scrambled to get wet. The joy on this little girl's face as she catches the water in her mouth coupled with her adorable outfit caught my eye and made it one of editor Sonya Vartabedian's favorite photos of the year. "It just makes me smile," she said.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

LEFT: Milo Isaacs, 6, keeps his eye on the ball as he plays a little baseball in November.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** As the first Saturday of November began, the forecast was for unusual mild temperatures. I started to look for feature photos for the Townsman of people taking advantage of the weather by playing or working outside. Driving around Andover High School, I noticed a family eager to have some fun as they unloaded the car with sporting equipment. The two brothers, Milo, 6, and Linus, 9, raced to the field with their grandmother, Lynda Isaacs, right behind them. The boys ran, jumped and kicked the soccer ball and hit the baseball with their grandmother coaching them and even participating. As I started photographing the boys, I noticed Milo's strong determination to hit the ball. His facial expressions were priceless and helpful in making this my photo of the year.



Storm clouds are reflected in Poms Pond at twilight in July.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** My photo assignment to shoot the third Annual Summer Solstice celebration, sponsored by the Shawsheen River Watershed Association was coming to an end. Dozens of people attended this fun evening event held on the longest day of the year at Poms Pond. Families gathered together to enjoy a canoe ride or kayaking on the pond as live music played in the background. Some people attended just to enjoy the peaceful view overlooking the pond and to watch the late sunset. While walking near the edge of the pond, I noticed the still rowboat in shallow water surrounded by the reflection of storm clouds in the pond. As the light faded, I started to frame my picture to capture this twilight moment in remembrance of the passing of another summer solstice.

# TownsBeat

## Uncovering the beauty of the winter garden

Garden designer and author Joan Butler, co-owner of Enchanted Gardens of Holliston, reveals how gardens can be magical places — even in winter — in a program for the Andover Garden Club on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. at South Church, 41

Central St., Andover. Stripped of summer foliage and flowers, Butler says a winter garden relies on structure, basic design and thoughtful plant choice. She will offer tips on choosing the best trees, shrubs and perennials and grouping

them to provide interesting vignettes during the off-season.

Butler has more than 30 years of experience in the industry. She is a past chairman of the Landscape Design Council of Massachusetts and was also president of the Holliston Garden Club. An accredited flower show judge, she was cochairman of the garden selection committee for the American Hosta Society national convention. She currently serves as a horticultural consultant for Weston Nurseries. Her gardens have been included on several tours. Her presentation will



Joan Butler

be made during the garden club's membership meeting. The event will begin with social time followed by a brief business meeting,

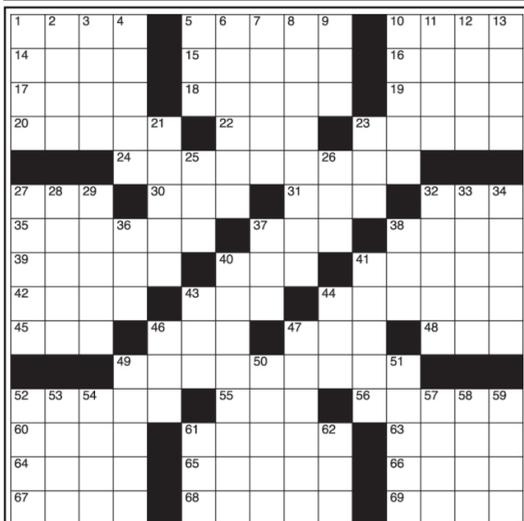
then the lecture. Admission is free for club members; a \$10 donation is requested for guests. Refreshments are included. For more information on the Andover Garden Club, contact co-chairwomen Linda Carpenter at 978-475-7430 or lcarpenter1@comcast.net



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Joan Butler highlights the winter garden in a presentation next week to the Andover Garden Club.

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1. Esau's descendants home
5. Fragrant tropical tree resin
10. Selection list
14. A rectangular groove
15. Plant of a clone
16. Three-banded Armadillo
17. Surrounded by
18. Muse of lyric poetry
19. Give a job to
20. Ceremonial staff bearer
22. By way of
23. Bangladesh capital (old sp.)
24. Toxicab registration
27. Consumed
30. Indian legume dish
31. Tire nut
32. Woman (Fr. abbr.)
35. Spider's trap
37. Have already done
38. Picasso's Dora
39. Sousaphones
40. Campaign contributor org.

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42. Oil cartel
43. Angry
44. Chauvinists
45. Bloodshot
46. Swiss river
47. 1/100 of a yen
48. East northeast
49. Adorns
52. Egyptian statesman Anwar
55. Expel
56. Expressed pleasure
60. Assist
61. Jewish folklore legend
63. An unidentified aircraft
64. Singer Nat "King"
65. A level surface
66. Israeli politician Abba
67. Actor Kristofferson
68. Paddled
69. Locomoted

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1. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
2. Fallow deer genus
3. Of an ode
4. Phone line connector
5. Before
6. Insect stage
7. Electronic communication
8. Relating to metal
9. Japanese Minister Hirobumi
10. Naval historian Alfred Thayer
11. A long narrative poem
12. Drug officer (US slang)
13. Carbamide
21. Park in Northern Spain
23. Canine
25. Hit lightly
26. Indiana Univ. Degree
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28. Hairpiece
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## A feel-good recital for young musicians

More than 20 young musicians taught by longtime Andover music teacher Susan Cancro Brown treated the residents of Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover to a pre-holiday "Christmas Carols and Compositions" concert on Sunday, Dec. 22.

More than 120 people attended the piano and flute recital, one of two annual performances the students give at Edgewood. The program featured 23 students ranging in age from 5 to 16 performing classic holiday music as well as their original compositions.

Brown, who has been teaching piano and flute privately for more than 25 years, said in a release that she aims to share with her students the importance of giving back to the community.

"I purposely take the focus off of the students' performance and shift it onto the act of kindness they are offering by performing for the residents," Brown, who trained



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover music teacher Susan Cancro Brown, back left, with her 23 students who performed a holiday piano and flute recital at Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover.

at the Manhattan School of Music in New York, said in a statement. "I teach them it doesn't matter if they make a mistake. What matters is their willingness to come and share their love of music with others. And

once they see how happy their performance makes the audience, they feel that sense of joy that comes from giving."

A reception for the students and residents, plus family and friends,

followed the hour-long performance. Brown thanked the residents and staff for their warm embrace of her students

"By now, we feel a part of the Edgewood community," she said.

## Out & About: A spot of tea for 'Downton Abbey'

Memorial Hall Library is celebrating the release of season 4 of "Downton

Abbey" with a tea party on Friday, Jan. 3, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the library, 2 North

Main St., Andover. Festivities are planned in advance of Sunday's

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## Quota welcoming NECC president

Quota International of Andover hosts Northern Essex Community College President Lane Glenn in a free program on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

Glenn will discuss "Top Ten Trends in Higher Education: How Do We Prepare Students for Careers & Life." He says that by the year 2018, 68 percent of Massachusetts' jobs will require postsecondary education. Today, only 50 percent of the state's 3.5 million working-age adults hold at least a two-year degree.

He will share his ideas on how more local residents can receive a college education, ways to control the spiraling cost of college and rising student debt and how higher education can partner with employers to be sure students graduate with marketable skills.

This is the third year that Quota of Andover has hosted a free guest speaker open to the public. Quota International of Andover is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing financial support, time and resources to help meet the needs of disadvantaged women and children and to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing in the Merrimack Valley. For more information, contact Marie Flynn at mhflynn.net@gmail.com.

To submit an item for Out & About, email townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

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A 2010 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Dustin Luca joined the Townsman staff that fall, a couple of weeks after wrapping up a summer internship with its sister paper, The Eagle-Tribune. He has twice been named Reporter of the Year by the Townsman's parent company, Community Newspapers Holding, Inc. A self-confessed techie and die-hard Red Sox fan, Dustin especially enjoys spending time visiting Andover's schools, exploring what local students are discovering.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photos

Fifteen-year-old David Yepez of Andover watches from a wheelchair as residents stand in silence at a vigil honoring the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings one week following the attack. Yepez was among those injured at the finish line.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** While shooting the vigil and walk honoring the Boston Marathon victims in The Park, I spotted David Yepez, who was injured by the same blast that killed 8-year-old Martin Richard. Photos from the finish line actually show David standing next to Martin seconds before the explosion. The sun was in the perfect spot to get in the way of the shot, but I found the way the beam cut into the photo and shined on him to add another layer of detail to it, in turn accidentally creating my favorite photo of the year.



Amelia Chicoree, 6, smiles as she looks into the eyes of a corn snake held by Corey Kummel of Groveland-based Curious Creatures during Andover Day festivities downtown in September.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S TAKE:** As part of the Andover Day activities, a local bank brought in an animal handler to offer a makeshift petting zoo at the intersection of Main and Chestnut streets. While I was cutting in and out of the crowd trying to find that one perfect shot of a kid petting a turtle, it was a girl with tiger face paint standing away from the turtles who caught my attention. I couldn't help but wonder if something like looking into the eyes of a corn snake could be the thing that leads to her becoming an animal biologist or veterinarian a decade or two from now.

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

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# Townspeople



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Kirstin Heinrich is gearing up for a 79-day, 4,000-plus-mile bike ride across the southern U.S. to raise money and awareness for affordable housing as part of Bike & Build, a venture of Habitat for Humanity.

## AHS grad to pedal cross-country for affordable housing

As people around the globe make their new year's resolutions, one Andover High School graduate is aspiring to build homes for those in need by riding a bike.

Kirstin Heinrich, who is pursuing her Master in Public Health from Columbia University in New York, will be embarking on a cross-country bike ride this summer as part of Bike & Build, a venture of Habitat for Humanity.

The 23-year-old will be pedaling more than 4,000 miles over the course of 79 days in hopes of raising \$4,500 toward the effort, according to her webpage.

"Lacking affordable housing is a root cause of many symptomatic problems including, but certainly not limited to, poverty, homelessness, low mental and physical health, lack of health insurance, and un- or under-employment," the 2008 AHS graduate says online. "By focusing on this chronic, underlying problem, Bike & Build is impacting all of these outcomes."

Through Bike & Build, participants have raised more than \$4.5 million, built homes for more than 160,000 hours and pedaled more than 7.5 million miles over the past 10 seasons.

Heinrich is excited about joining the effort in May upon completion of her master's degree. She will depart May 16 from Jacksonville, Fla., and will spend the next

2½ months traveling across southern U.S. before ending the journey Aug. 2 in Monterey, Calif. Along the way, there will be stops in New Orleans for a five-day build and visits to the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park in Utah, through Yosemite and over the Golden Gate Bridge into California.

She says she is looking forward to combining her love for travel with a cause that "unfortunately touches every part of the world." As an undergraduate at Tulane University in New Orleans, where she studied public health before graduating in 2012, Heinrich says she saw the need that exists here in the U.S.

"As the world undergoes globalization and urbanization, there is greater focus on the immense needs of developing nations; however, having lived in New Orleans post-Katrina, I see that we cannot forget that many of these needs exist within our own country as well," she writes.

"As our country shifts from treating problems to preventing them, particularly with health care, what could be more preventive than ensuring affordable shelter is secured for all Americans, especially in the context of population health?"

To learn more about Heinrich's involvement with Bike & Build and to donate to her effort, visit <http://bikeand-build.org/rider/7197>.

## A place to call home

### Run for Our Troops recipient moves in for holidays



BILL PENNINGTON/Courtesy photos

Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois, who lost both legs while serving in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan in 2011, raises the American flag in front of his specially adapted home in Burrillville, R.I.

By DUSTIN LUCA  
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A disabled veteran celebrated the holidays in his new home, thanks in no small part to hundreds of Andover families.

Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois, who lost both legs from an injury sustained in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan on July 31, 2011, received his new, all-expenses-paid home in Burrillville, R.I. just four days before Christmas on Dec. 21.

His new, specially adapted home was the result of numerous fundraisers, including last April's Run for Our Troops race and dinner in Andover.

Andover's Bill Pennington, who co-organizes Andover's annual Run for Our Troops, was on hand for the recent key ceremony in which the keys were formally turned over to Dubois and his wife, Kayla.

Pennington said the key ceremony rendered a grateful Dubois speechless.

"He was trying to talk.



Marine Cpl. Kevin Dubois and his wife, Kayla, with their dog, Kahlua, at the key ceremony for their new home in Burrillville, R.I. The couple, who are expecting their first child in February, are the latest recipients of the efforts of the Homes for Our Troops initiative, which is supported annually in Andover through its Run for Our Troops fundraising race and dinner.

He was trying to say thank you, but he was so overwhelmed," he said.

Built on 1 1/2 acres, the home affords Dubois a quality of life many enjoy, Pennington said.

"It sounds weird, but he has a full-time job. He's

married. He's got a house," he said. "When you talk to him, he doesn't even talk about (his disability). He just talks about what he can do."

The home is the 158th built by the nonprofit Homes For Our Troops,

based in Taunton, which provides residences for disabled or severely injured veterans backed by the financial support of numerous events across the country, while also spotlighting the stories of heroes in need of help.

With Kevin and Kayla Dubois due to welcome their first child, a son, in February, the timing of their new home couldn't be better, Pennington said.

"There are already baby clothes in the kid's room," Pennington said. "People were dropping off gifts, hanging up clothes, little toys and stuff like that."

Andover will continue its annual Run for Our Troops events this April with a race dinner at the Wyndham in Andover on April 4 and the 5K road race April 6. While the course will remain largely the same, the finish line is being relocated from the intersection of Chestnut and Bartlet streets across the way to a site near the Town Offices, according to Pennington.

## Nutrition programs on course for a healthy year

It's a new year — and it's likely full of resolutions that are still fresh and unfulfilled just two days into 2014.

That's OK because the Center at Punchard and the town's BoomerVenture program are here to help.

Program director Karen Payne-Taylor said she often hears from people, especially women, that they spend so much of their time caring for everyone and everything else — including families, careers, coworkers, friends, finances and pets — that they are too tired or low on energy to take care of themselves. They excel in every area except self-care and any resolution to change that in the past has fizzled, she said.

So, she's launching a year-long nutrition program that teaches boomers ages 50-plus and others to take a healthy first step toward improving self-care by focusing on what they eat.

"We are looking at a year of examining how to make better food choices no matter what your age or health needs might be," Payne-Taylor said.

Each month, Pauline Provencher, a registered dietician with Merrimack Valley Nutrition Program and the Meals on Wheels program, will focus on a different aspect of healthy eating. The free forums, which will generally be held the first Friday morning of the

month, will also include a healthy snack to encourage participants on their way.

The series kicks off Friday, Jan. 10, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. with "Healthy Eating Tidbits: That's Food for Thought." "Nutrition and Heart Disease" will be the focus in February with "Supermarket Persuasion" exploring how the food industry influences the ways people shop on tap for March.

BoomerVenture, meanwhile, is offering two presentations this month on the "emotional" aspect of eating. They will be taught by nutrition coach Dawn Bell, who also has a blog and website with recipes, encouragement and other advice to promote

healthy eating.

Bell says food is essential to life on a physical level, but there are undeniable social and emotional aspects to the way people eat, too. She will dig into what food means for individuals and explore some healthy ways to nourish the whole self.

On Thursday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m., Bell will highlight "Nourishing Energy," offering ways to stay alert through the day without the need for coffee, sugary snacks and afternoon naps. Participants will learn what might be draining their energy every day, which foods are best for improving energy levels and ways to increase energy

naturally without sugar or supplements.

The following week, Bell will present "Eating Your Feelings." The forum on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. will be geared at people who find themselves eating when they feel bored, anxious or happy and snacking when they are not even hungry.

The \$5 fee will be charged for each of Bell's presentations; registration is required.

All programs take place at the Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Call 978-623-8321 or visit [www.boomerventure.com](http://www.boomerventure.com) for more information or to register.

### SEND US YOUR TOWNSPETS

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## A deep-freeze hike to Ethan Pond for Troop 76's Super Ducks

Ballard Vale's Boy Scout Troop 76, the Super Ducks, embarked on its coldest event in recent history in late November when members set out for Ethan Pond in the Crawford Notch area of New Hampshire's White Mountains for a late-season hike.

The Scouts' original plan was to hike Mt. Garfield, but due to a drastic weather report for that area, leaders said the troop changed course and decided to hike to Ethan Pond and, if time allowed, to summit Mt. Willey.

The eight Scouts, ranging in age from 12 to 17, accompanied by six adults, spent Friday night, Nov. 22, at the rustic family cabin of troop committee chairman Gary Hall. The camp is a traditional stepping-off point for many of the troop's

hikes in the area as it saves two hours of driving time the next day, leaders said. The Ducks stopped at the Pizza Barn in Center Ossipee for supper on the way up, another tradition for the troop.

On Saturday morning, Nov. 23, the troop had breakfast, divided and repacked gear, and made lunch at the camp. Then, the group headed out for the Willey House Station trail head.

Due to a late start and the group's varied abilities, leaders said the troop arrived at Ethan Pond too late to summit the mountain, but used the time to set up camp in the daylight. After supper and the filtering and boiling of water for the next morning, the Ducks nested into the Adirondack shelter at the site while



Courtesy photo

Troop 76 Scouts, accompanied by a half-dozen adults, head out for a hike at Ethan Pond in the Crawford Notch area of New Hampshire. They are, from left, Dennis Pineault, Geoffrey Warne, Michael Bettencourt, Tyler Davis, Mark Kaluzny, Robert Pineault, Jason Spencer, Devin Witt, Yen Wu, Leo Wu, Kevin Wu, Tom Witt, Amy Bettencourt and Craig Milligan.

the adults set up tents on the platforms.

That night, the storm front moved in farther than was predicted. The troop awoke to 2 inches of snow and a thermometer that read 0 degrees Fahrenheit, which did not account for the winds in excess of 40 miles per hour coming across the frozen pond. The ever-prepared Scouts had brought a large tarp to stretch across the opening of the shelter, which was supplemented with a tent to provide some respite from the elements, the leaders reported.

Breakfast was quick and gear was briskly packed. Troop leaders said both the Scouts and adults quickly learned that everything moves slower in the cold, especially fingers. Fortunately, despite being

cold, leaders said most were prepared with enough layers and proper clothing and true to Scout values, others lent spare gear to those who needed it. They said it was a learning experience for everyone on the trip, even those who have been on these hikes before.

The hike down the snow-covered trail was quite beautiful, troop leaders reported, with the heavy tree line offering protection from most of the wind. The Super Ducks made a stop for warm burgers before returning home. Surprisingly, no one ordered ice cream, leaders said.

Troop 76 meets Friday nights at 7 at the Ballard Vale United Church on Clark Road and is part of West Wind District, Yankee Clipper Council, BSA.

# Sports

## New era, same results

### Caveney earns Christmas tournament MVP honors

By DAVE DYER  
 Staff Writer

The head coach is new and many of the players are new as well, and the division they are playing in may not be the one they would prefer. But the Andover girls basketball team looked awfully familiar last weekend.

The unbeaten Golden Warriors (5-0) under first-year coach E.J. Perry played the same kind of ball-hawking defense they've been known for over the last decade and they won a title, running over Lawrence 64-34 in the Hyde Division finals of the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic Saturday night.

"It's just amazing, winning this," freshman Alyssa Casey said. "I think we came into the season as underdogs and we've proven everyone wrong so far."

The 5-foot-10 Casey has certainly had something to do with the surprisingly strong start as she demonstrated Saturday, scoring 14 points while pulling down 11 rebounds and blocking four shots. She was named to the all-tournament team along with teammates Rebecca Alois and MVP Colleen Caveney.

"It's really a dream come true for me so far," Casey said. "It's been a goal for a long time to start as a freshman, and to do so well (as a team) makes it even better."

The pesky Lancers (1-3) gave Andover a battle for awhile, pressuring the

Golden Warrior guards and staying close in the first quarter, trailing just 12-8 heading into the second frame. But Andover's superior height, outside shooting and unrelenting defense eventually prevailed.

Andover pressured Lawrence to the tune of 32 turnovers and gave up only 13 field goals all game, and five of those came against the reserves in the fourth quarter. Offensively, Caveney had nine of her 10 points in the first half and Jessica Witten overcame a cold shooting first half to lead the team with 12 of her 15 points coming after halftime. Casey was the only Warrior to score at least one field goal in each quarter.

"I'm pretty happy with the way we played," Perry said. "I keep telling the girls that we're like a tick away from being a very good team. We're getting there."

As for winning the title in the Hyde Division rather than the more highly regarded Stephenson Division, Perry said: "We have to play where they put us. We'll play in any division."

Or, as Casey put it, "A championship is a championship. Hopefully, next year we'll win the other one."

#### Andover 64, Lawrence 34

Lawrence (34): Stephanie Garcia 0-0-0, Genesis Santana 2-0-4, Janel Guillermo 0-0-0, Mariah Lasalle 1-0-2, Emily Ramos 2-0-4, Karla Dominguez 0-1-1, Aria Tate 6-2-17, Karisha Jimenez 1-2-4, Erykah Santiago 1-0-2, Maribel Mateo 0-0-0. Totals 13-5-34  
 Andover (64): Rachel Cormier 3-2-8, Colleen Caveney 4-1-9, Victoria Roche 0-1-1, Emily Connors 2-0-4, Jessica Witten 5-4-15, Paige Hartnett 0-1-1, Rebecca Alois 3-1-7, Carlissa Reming 1-0-3, Erin Nastari 0-0-0, Meghan Stickney 0-1-1, Fatouma Kone 0-0-0, Alyssa Casey 6-2-14, Julia Perry 0-0-0. Totals 24-13-64  
 3-pointers: L — Tate 3; A — Caveney, Witten, Reming  
 Lawrence (1-3): .....8 5 7 14 — 34  
 Andover (5-0): .....12 14 18 20 — 64



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Andover's Jessica Witten (12) defends the basket against Salem's Emily Hickey (24) in an early round of the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic. Andover went on to beat Lawrence in the Hyde Division finals of the tournament last Saturday night.

By JEFF HAMRICK  
 Staff Writer

The Andover High boys basketball team beat Central Catholic.

Sounds so simple. But after losing 22 of 23 since 2005, it has been anything but simple for Andover High coach David Fazio and his respected boys basketball program.

Andover won the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic, 72-68, on Saturday night, which was a cause for celebration.

"It's an amazing feeling to come out here and play with so much energy and beat them," said forward Ben Brown, one of only three seniors to see action Saturday night for the Warriors. "It's like no other feeling."

Central, which lost to perennial national power St. Anthony's the previous night, appeared ready to continue its dominance over its border rival, jumping to an 8-0 start before hitting the two-minute mark.

"When you get down like that, we have to look at what we're doing," said Brown, who finished with 12 points. "We just had to get into the flow of the game. We were rushing too much. Once we got comfortable, we just kind of took it from there."

A well-placed early timeout obviously settled the Warriors, who did not have a turnover in the final 6:40 and finished the period on a 12-0 run that provided the lead for good.

"These kids want to win," Fazio said. "They know it's a long season and they're going to get better, but they want to win. I told them the tougher team is going to win."

The Warriors continued to surge in the second period, scoring six of the



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

E.J. Perry takes it to the hoop over Central defenders during Andover's Christmas Classic win Saturday night.

quarter's first nine points, including five by Connor Merinder to open a 28-15 lead. Then a strong start to the third turned a 10-point halftime advantage into a 49-33 lead with 3:38 remaining in the frame.

Andover (4-0) not only responded offensively, converting nine of its 18 threes and 25 of its 52 shots, but muscled up defensively against Raider threat Tyler

Nelson, who had scored 45 points his previous two games. With Brown and John Pisacreta leading the way, the Warriors used multiple tactics to hold the returning Eagle-Tribune MVP to 11 points and nine field-goal attempts. He took only four shots after intermission.

"We know Tyler Nelson is a great shooter, and we had to shut him down this

game if we were going to win," said Brown, who caught some needed defensive help on the sharp-shooter from Pisacreta. "Coach told me to face guard him, and I just had to put all my effort into it."

Junior David Giribaldi powered the Andover attack, finishing with a game-high 27, including 17 in the second half as the Raiders continuously fought off Central charges, one of which cut the deficit to 55-54 with 5:58 remaining. Fittingly, seniors Brown and Pisacreta combined to make seven of eight free throws in the final 66 seconds to secure the win.

"The seniors went through the four losses (to Central) we had last year," Fazio said. "At some point when you're a senior, you get your opportunity, and you decide. You decide what your legacy is and what your season is going to be. This is just a terrific win for our team."

Nick Cambio paced the Raider offense with 24 points, including 16 in the second half to keep Central within range.

"I think we just stopped executing on the offensive end," Central coach Rick Nault said. "When you rely so much of your offense on Tyler Nelson and the team is doing a good job of shutting him down or taking him away, you have to do some other things to get him some looks. And we didn't do that. We definitely didn't put the ball in the basket."

#### Andover 72, Central Catholic 68

Andover (72): Ben Brown 4 2-3 12, E.J. Perry IV 3 3-5 9, John Pisacreta 1 5-6 7, David Giribaldi 11 1-2 27, Connor Merinder 4 1-1 10, Gabriel Hernandez 2 0-0 6, Jeffrey Dreyfus 0 0-0 0, Ryan O'Connell 0 1-2 1. Totals 25 13-19 72  
 Central Catholic (68): A.J. Pettway 4 1-2 13, Tyler Nelson 3 4-8 11, Kevin Fernandez 3 2-4 9, Aaron Hall 2 0-0 4, Nick Cambio 10 3-4 24, Anthony Crespo 0 2-2 2, John Horney 0 0-0 0, Alec Buresh 2 0-0 5. Totals 24 12-20 68  
 3-pointers: A — Giribaldi 4, Brown 2, Hernandez 2, Merinder; CC — Pettway 4, Nelson, Fernandez, Cambio, Buresh.  
 Andover (4-0): .....22 12 21 17 — 72  
 Central Catholic (3-2): 13 11 22 22 — 68

## David beats Goliath as Giribaldi has game of life

### Michael Muldoon



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

The 39th annual Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney underwent numerous changes to try to regain the old magic.

It's now the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic thanks to a generous sponsorship from Charlie Daher and his son, Charles, and daughter, Kim, all from Andover.

There are two four-team divisions. It's back at Merrimack College. The girls and boys tourneys are now linked at the hip.

But what was really needed was some drama. Some of that good, old-fashioned, make the hairs stand up on your arms drama that has a jam-packed crowd howling for more.

Andover boys provided it five-fold last Saturday night with a stunning win over Central Catholic, which has ruled the tourney with an iron fist, winning six of the last seven titles.

That didn't matter much to David Giribaldi. Nothing much seems to matter to David Giribaldi.

The Andover junior just goes out there and he might hit five straight 3-pointers with a hand in his face or he might miss 10 straight shots. And the next shot, he'll take it and expect to hit it.

In this David and Goliath story, David (Giribaldi) won. Giribaldi's full arsenal was on display with a virtuoso 27-point performance (11 for 21 shooting, 4 for 7 on 3-pointers, four steals) in a 72-68 win before an overflow crowd of 1,300 at the Volpe Complex in the finals of the Licare Division (top four

seeded teams).

(An aside to the 50 to 100 people who couldn't get in to the packed gym: You missed quite a show.)

"This is the best feeling ever," said Giribaldi, who bounced back from a couple clunkers prior to the Commonwealth Classic to earn tourney MVP honors.

When asked if there was pressure, Giribaldi shot back, "No way! You can't think about it."

Every time he hit one of his floaters or step-backs or fearless drives against the giants, I'd hear in the back of my head college basketball analyst Bill Raftery shouting, "Onions!"

He's a junior in class, but not in name. He and his father, also named David, have different middle names.

Big David was an Eagle-Tribune All-Star in football and basketball at Lawrence High and a Christmas Tourney All-Star in 1981. He was an assistant to Dan O'Rourke with the Rigo Nunez-led Lawrence team and was later head coach at Lawrence and assistant to David Fazio at Andover.

"He doesn't talk about it too much," young David said. "But I've heard from others. It's nice to fulfill some legacies."

Giribaldi and mates have plenty of skill, but he said this wasn't about skill.

"We're all a bunch of tough kids," he said. "We were the tougher team (Saturday night)."

Giribaldi used to be the biggest, baddest kid on the block.

But he's had an unusual career. He was the youth football and hoop phenom, but then kids shot past him.

He's only about 5-8 ... the 6-foot he's sometimes listed at is laughable.

"I used to be the biggest, now I'm the smallest," said

Giribaldi, who was a starter in football as a freshman, but gave up the sport.

Smallest except in the harder-to-gauge categories of quickness, confidence, resilience, skills and, of course, heart.

Coach Fazio seemed pleased and relieved but this had to mean everything to him. He had to endure the hazing scandal a few years back and while he's one of the winningest coaches in state history (now 377-172 at Andover), all those losses to Central had to take their toll on the former Central star, who is in the school's Hall of Fame.

Fazio brought his A game. He kept the "Oh, no, not again!" thoughts out of his club's head when his Golden Warriors fell behind 8-0 at the outset. Then Andover built a 16-point lead in the third, only to see Central charge back to within 1 early in the fourth.

He confronted the Central dominance — the elephant in the room as he called it — head-on with his team.

"This is your legacy, your team, your season," Fazio told his team.

Equally as important, he devised some box-and-one and triangle-and-two defenses to take the Raiders' marvelous guard Tyler Nelson (11 points) out of his game.

The same Tyler Nelson who was the most impressive player on the floor last Friday night in Central's game with St. Anthony's, arguably the premier high school program in the country.

Central coach Rick Nault was less than pleased with his team. He quickly shot down any excuses that playing St. Anthony's was too much of an emotional roller coaster.

"Giribaldi had 27 points against us, I can't

remember the last time a guard did that to us," he said. "I thought we'd come in fired up playing Andover in the championship game. We dug ourselves such a big hole and we couldn't get Tyler untracked. I'm not happy at all."

"We are what our record is (3-2). We are average. We have to get better. It starts with me."

He doesn't look at this as a fluke.

Not with the Blue and Gold featuring Giribaldi, hotshot freshman E.J. Perry, 6-5 center Connor Merinder, improbable hero Gabriel Hernandez (2 3-pointers, one a half-court bomb just before the first-quarter buzzer) and underrated seniors John Pisacreta and Ben Brown.

Andover didn't seem to think it was a fluke either. We'll soon see.

In case you are wondering: Andover-CCHS Round 2 is Jan. 10 at Dunn Gymnasium.

### Wedding



### Lemire - Putnam

~ 11/9/13 ~

Andrea Lemire and Keith Putnam were married on Nov. 9, 2013, as friends and family from across the US gathered at the North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in North Andover. A reception followed at the Stevens Estate. Andrea is a graduate of North Andover High and attended Leslie University and NYU. Keith is a graduate of Andover High and NYU/Tisch School of the Arts. The couple resides in Astoria, NY, where both work freelance in creative arts.

# Sports

## Man in the middle



Connor Merinder, here attempting a shot against Central Catholic, is having a breakout season at center for Andover. CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

### Merinder a force at center for boys basketball

By MICHAEL MULDOON  
 Staff Writer

Injuries may have led to once-hyped Andover basketball big man Connor Merinder becoming somewhat overlooked by fans, but perhaps no one has been more important to the Golden Warriors' success than the 6-foot-5 junior.

"Connor is not overlooked in our program," Andover basketball coach David Fazio said. "He is the mainstay and backbone of our entire team."

"He's a selfless warrior and only cares about wins. He's the heart and soul and defensive catalyst of our team."

The stat-stuffing Merinder is averaging 9.3 points, 11.3 rebounds, 2.3 assists, 2.0 blocks and 2.0 steals for the 3-0 Warriors. The team is ranked ninth in the ESPNBoston statewide poll, six spots behind Central Catholic, who Andover faced in the Licare Division title game of the Commonwealth Christmas Classic on Saturday.

*"I definitely focus on academics as much as athletics. (My siblings) hold me to high standards on the academics."*

Connor Merinder

#### FINALLY HEALTHY

The last time Merinder took on his team's archrival Raiders, it was the 2013 North semifinals, when he was playing hurt.

"I broke my wrist (scaphoid)," explained Merinder, who had surgery last December. "It took until about February when we found a weird tape job/cast that I could play in. I had to worry about not hurting it again."

The towering goalie was hurt late his sophomore season in soccer. He thought little of it, though.

"I felt like I just sprained it, but three weeks later it was still bothering me," he said. "It turns out I had a fracture."

He said his mother, a nurse, did

all sorts of experiments to finally devise a cast that enabled him to play.

"It was layers and layers of tape, a soft cast, then more layers and layers," he said.

He's healthy now and wants to continue to live up to his three older siblings, who are all talented scholar-athletes.

#### FAMILY LEGACY

Connor is far from the first athlete from the Merinder family to star at Andover High.

Sister Meagan is finishing up veterinary school at the University of Minnesota. The 6-foot super sub helped Andover to the first state basketball title in school history (boys or girls) and was an all-star volleyball player who started three years at Holy Cross College in Worcester.

His other sister, Jen, an accountant, was one of the area's top three-sport athletes (volleyball, basketball, track) and starred in volleyball and track at Union College in New York. Brother Bjorn

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File photo

The Andover High School varsity girls basketball team is showing it's a solid force under new coach E.J. Perry, seen here working with senior Jessica Witten before the start of the season.

## Off to a surprising start Golden Warrior girls hoops team makes fast impression under new coach Perry

By CHRISTOPHER SMITH  
 Staff Writer

Watching Andover girls basketball team's win over Salem in the first round of the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic should have excited local fans for the Golden Warriors' first game against defending state champion Central Catholic on Jan. 9.

Many thought this would be a major rebuilding year, but Andover (4-0 as of Dec. 27) is one of the area's surprise teams.

The Golden Warriors had averaged 67.5 points per game, including 85 points against Dracut and 76 points against Methuen, before they took on Lawrence in the Christmas tourney's Hyde Division final last Saturday, Dec. 28.

The team displays quickness, plays Andover's typical brand of pressure defense and can put the ball in the basket. The Blue and Gold, who admittedly have had a favorable early schedule, are averaging 7.5 3-pointers a game.

Andover has several reliable scorers, including 5-7 junior Colleen Caveney (16.8 points per game), 5-8

senior Jessica Witten (14.8 ppg), 5-10 freshman Alyssa Casey (10.3 ppg), 5-5 junior Rachael Cormier (8.3 ppg), 5-9 senior Rebecca Alois (7.5 ppg) and 5-5 junior Carissa Reming (5.0 ppg).

"We're a lot better than people thought we'd be," Caveney said.

With the departure of longtime coach Jim Tildsley — who led Andover to three straight state championships from 2010 to 2012 — some of the girls were leery when they heard that head football coach E.J. Perry was the new sheriff in town.

You know the perception of football coaches ... yell, yell, get a little impatient and then yell some more.

"Everyone was a little afraid we were going to have a football coach as our basketball coach," Cormier said. "But no, I've been pleasantly surprised. I love Mr. Perry. He's taught us so much in just the first couple of weeks we've been with him. So I'm really excited to see where he can take us."

Perry, of course, has plenty of experience

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Courtesy photo

Members of the Optima Synchro team have had a strong showing in competitions early in the season.

## Optima Synchro dives into season

Members of the newly formed Optima Synchro Swim Team have kicked off their season with impressive results.

At the recent National Team Skills Competition held in New Canaan, Conn., six swimmers from the 13-to-15 age group and eight swimmers from the 11-to-12 age group earned spots in the first phase of the National Trials, to be held in California in February.

Two of the athletes from the group are currently members of the 2013 11-to-12

Age Group National Team, with another swimmer a former National Team member. All of the team members are excited to have the honor to compete at such a high-level event with the top 75 swimmers from all over the country.

Optima Synchro continued its success at the first figure meet of the season at Wheaton College in Norton on Nov. 23. The swimmers took five of five awards in the 10-and-under age group, six of eight awards in the 11-to-12 age group, five of eight awards

in the 13-to-15 age group and two of eight awards in the 16-to-17 age group.

The Optima Synchro team members who placed at the top of their categories are:

#### Ages 10 and under

Gold: Julia Paradis of North Andover; Silver: Bonnie Li of Concord; Bronze: Jessica Guo of Andover; Fourth: Alice Fan of Andover

#### Ages 11 and 12

Bronze: Helen Zhou of Westford; Fourth: Krystal Qiao of Chelmsford

#### Ages 13 to 15

Gold: Lindi Schroeder of Andover; Bronze: Melissa Zhang of Andover; Fourth: Reverie Nedde of Andover

Next up for the club is the New England Senior/Junior Championship in Beverly on Jan. 18. Optima Synchro swimmers practice three to four hours a day, three to five days a week at local pools. For more information, contact head coach Svetlana Malinovskaya at optimasynchro@gmail.com or 978-809-7150.

## Caveney leads girls hoops to Christmas tourney victory

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Colleen Caveney scored 19 points for Andover, which grabbed a 17-point lead at halftime and defeated gritty Salem 60-48 in the first round of the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic last Monday, Dec. 23.

"She's very long," junior Rachael Cormier said. "Her arms remind me of octopuses. So she's always anticipating, always grabbing the ball. She is also a great shooter. She's really a huge part of our team."

The victory sent Andover to the Christmas Tourney Hyde Division final.

Cormier and freshman Alyssa Casey each added 10 points while Jessica Witten chipped in with eight points.

Cormier did a fine job of bringing up the basketball against Salem's pressure defense.

"I knew they were going to press her," Andover coach

E.J. Perry said. "The (Brenna) Blakslee girl is a very good player and I thought (Salem coach Michaela Galvin) did a good job scouting us. And Rachael didn't turn the ball over in the back court at all."

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Giribaldi leads huge second half

After struggling through a rough first half, junior guard David Giribaldi exploded for 12 of his game-high 19 points after halftime as Andover bested Lawrence 57-47 in the first round of the Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic last Saturday, Dec. 21.

"I was in a bad slump," Giribaldi said. "I just kept shooting and got lucky. Something just happened."

The victory sent the Golden Warriors to the Christmas Classic championship game against archrival Central Catholic that was set for this past Saturday.



Andover's Colleen Caveney drives the ball up court ahead of a Salem defender. Caveney scored 19 points in the Golden Warriors' Christmas Tourney opening win.

MARY SCHWALM/  
 Staff photo

Giribaldi's second-half surge was the final spark in Andover's rally from an early-game 11-2 deficit. He wasn't the only Warrior to finally find the range as the Warriors made 12 of 23 attempts after intermission.

E.J. Perry IV chipped in with 14 points and five steals while Connor Merinder tallied 10 points for the winners.

#### GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Carver leads the way Courtney Carver tallied victories in the beam (9.35) and floor exercise (9.3) and placed third in the all-around to help Andover down Central Catholic 142.55-137.85 last Saturday, Dec. 21. Jessie Livingston was second in the vault, bars, beam, floor and all-around for the Warriors.

#### BOYS HOCKEY

Quercia pots two Matt Quercia scored two goals to send Andover to a 6-2 win over Billerica last

Monday, Dec. 23. Jack Wilkie, Andrew Sousa, Mark Campbell and Zack Walker scored a goal each and Pat Schena made 20 saves in the victory.

Despite a goal each for Sean Enright and Andrew Sousa, Andover lost to Acton-Boxboro 5-2 last Saturday, Dec. 21.

#### GIRLS HOCKEY

#### Warriors start fast

Jojo Olson and Haley Driscoll each scored a goal as Andover jumped out to a two-goal lead in the first and rolled to a 4-2 win over Chelmsford on Saturday, Dec. 21. Caroline Hughes and Veronica Alois each scored goals as well and Mikayla Panneton had two assists for the winners.

Despite 16 saves for Meagan Johnson, Andover lost to Austin Prep 2-0 last Monday, Dec. 23.

## Meehan presents U-Lowell Legacy Award



Courtesy photo  
 Marty Meehan of Andover, second from right, chancellor of UMass Lowell, was on hand to present Robert Sheridan, second from left, retired president and chief executive officer of Savings Bank Life Insurance and noted philanthropist, with the first UMass Lowell Athletic Legacy Award for his game-changing contributions to a better future for the university's athletic programs. The award was presented to Sheridan, past chairman of the UMass board of trustees and chairman of the university's Ice Hockey Task Force in 2007, during the university's third annual Celebration of Sport ceremony in November at the UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center in Lowell. Meehan and Sheridan were joined by Dana Skinner, left, athletic director at UMass Lowell, and Robert L. Caret, right, president of the UMass system. Sheridan received a Hockey East championship ring from the University of Lowell celebrating the River Hawks men's hockey team's first-ever Hockey East title in 2013.

## Cheerleaders bring Christmas cheer



Courtesy photo  
 The Andover High School Basketball Cheerleaders held a successful Toys for Tots drive this season, collecting donations from the school community. The squad donated the toys on Dec. 19. The cheerleaders include, back row from left, Meghan Comerford, Liz Metzmakers, Emily Doherty, Sydney Price, Ceara Manship, Kileigh Patrick and Nikki Christopolous; middle row from left, Courtney Heseltine, Abby Marcou, Phoebe Anderson, Katie Barry, Sophie Baird, Katie Rex, Taylor Burns and Kate Metzmaekers; and front row from left, seniors Alivia Fazio, Darla Peterson, Alexa Baldwin, Mackenzie Dalton and Sylvia Dorros.

## MERINDER

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was a three-time All-MVC tennis player who is a dean's list student at Fairfield, where he is a senior standout on the tennis team.

The family's legacy of scholar-athletes goes way back. Connor Merinder said his great-great-uncle is Ed "Doc" Farrell, a Penn grad who played 10 years in the majors, including on the Yankees' 1932 World Series championship team.

"I definitely focus on academics as much as athletics," said Merinder, who made the difficult decision to give up his promising soccer career after the sophomore injury. "My siblings hold me to high standards on the academics."

The well-rounded Merinder and Jen Camilo are the Andover representatives to the MIAA.

### RIVALRY RENEWED

Year in and year out, Andover is one of the top 10 to 15 teams in the state, but powerhouse Central, which has won five of the

last six Christmas Tourney titles, has totally dominated the rivalry, winning 19 of the last 20 match-ups heading into the Christmas Tourney title game.

Merinder and Co., though, won't concede anything.

"I don't back down from any challenge," said Merinder, the only player taller than 6-3 on the Andover roster. "It definitely tests you to go against guys who are as good as (Central's Nick) Cambio. I want to show everybody what I'm capable of."

## WARRIORS

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coaching boys basketball, including two New Hampshire Class L state titles at Salem, N.H.

As in past years when Andover won its state championships, this year's team looks primed to score a lot of points off turnovers and its quick transition game.

"Defense is a huge part," Cormier said. "Without our defense, we wouldn't have an offense."

Most local onlookers no longer view Andover as a juggernaut, but that might be a mistake.

"Everyone thinks we're the underdog," Cormier said. "No one expects us to be as good as we're playing. And we've shocked every single team. Everyone comes in saying, 'Oh, Andover, they're not that good anymore.' We show them that we are."

Freshman starter Casey has taken over as an immediate impact player.

While in middle school, Casey looked up to Nicole Boudreau, who is now starring at Boston College. When her AAU team moved her from forward to guard, she focused on how Boudreau played guard to make herself a better player.

Now, she has returned to more of a post player role. "Just the transition

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Junior Rachael Cormier

coming back (to forward) was tough, because I'm thinking, 'Shoot, shoot' when (Perry) is saying, 'Post up, post up,'" she said.

A 16-point, nine-rebound effort in a win over Methuen was her best game so far.

"I expect great things," Casey said. "I push myself to my hardest. I am really hard on myself. ... As a freshman, when I first came in here, I was really intimidated and nervous, but as I've gone on, I was like, 'OK, I belong. This is a good feeling and I know I can prove myself.'"

Perry added: "Alyssa has Division I talent. And her ability to go inside and to go outside is going to be what separates her from the norm."

Perry, whose daughter is a reserve guard, attended almost every game last year. So he had a good sense of the team's strengths and weaknesses going into the season.

"But it's a different team," Perry said. "Witten played sparingly and Alois played, but she had a different role than I want (from) her. I want her going to the basket."

## SEND US YOUR TOWN SPORTS NEWS

The Townsman wants to spotlight the triumphs, and tragedies, of Andover's local sports teams and athletes.

We're asking coaches, players, parents and fans to send us photos as well as highlights from all the week's sporting games and events. Items can range from a shout-out for a top player or team, a spectacular play or sports milestone or even some candid shots from a game or practice.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago

Jan. 2, 1913

The Andover firemen, according to their usual custom, will entertain their friends at a clam supper to be held in the engine house next Friday evening. The committee in charge is planning for an unusually good time and a large attendance is expected.

Miss Alice Kimball, whose home is on Andover Street, had the unusual opportunity of picking a fragrant and very much alive violet the day after Christmas. The little bloom had successfully weathered the snowstorm and celebrated Christmas to the best of its ability.

75 Years Ago

Dec. 29, 1938

Andover had a near-tragedy on Christmas morning, but through some miracle, five lives were spared. Responding to a call from 92 Maple Ave., the Fire Department ambulance attendants found Mrs. Raymond Lefebvre nearly asphyxiated by

escaping coal gas and her husband and three children slightly affected by the fumes.

A bill to allow communities to spend the gasoline tax refund money for regular highway work has been introduced in the Legislature by state Sen. Frank D. Babcock, with Selectman Roy E. Hardy being the co-sponsor.

50 Years Ago

Dec. 31, 1963

Politics and town government — subjects of heightened public interest in 1963 — appear destined to occupy the limelight as 1964 comes into being. Throughout the past year, interest has centered on one municipal problem after another — urban renewal, charter study committee and secondary school construction, to name a few.

Moving day for the Townsman offices is Thursday, and as of that date — Jan. 3 — the newspaper's offices will be located on the second floor of the Andover Press Building. The Townsman offices will be along the Chestnut Street side of the structure.

A drummer boy's gift plays on



Andover Stories

Tom Adams

Andover Historical Society

The spirit of giving often graces our lives at unexpected times and in extraordinary ways. In August 2012, it found its way to the doors of the Andover Historical Society.

On that warm, rainy morning, a gentleman from North Reading walked into Blanchard House with a mysterious package and an even more enthralling story. In this carefully wrapped parcel was a battle drum and drumsticks carried by an Andover teenager into our nation's Civil War, along with his photograph and the saber and belt worn by his brother.

The story behind that 150-year-old drum, its bearer and his family underscores the spirit of giving.

The Smart family emigrated from Scotland in 1842. The father, Hugh, a flax dresser, found work in the Andover mills. His contributions to the business were recognized in later years with an honorarium

— a hand-tooled, silver watch made in Waltham (which still works to this day).

Among his children, two sons — Alexander and George — embraced the patriotic swell and joined the Union ranks. George Means Smart mustered out on July 6, 1861 with the Union Army as a drummer in Company H, First Heavy Artillery. Just 15 years old, George left Andover for the last time that evening aboard the Providence Railroad heading to Fort Warren and Boston before continuing on to Washington, D.C.

It was just a year later that his father, Hugh, traveled to Fort Albany in Virginia to care for George as his son's health began to fail. After serving his nation in battle, George finally succumbed to "chronic disease and ague" (most likely dysentery and fever) on July 7, 1862. It was Hugh who brought George's mortal remains home, and likely, too, his drum signed by members of George's company.

While his brother, Alexander, although wounded in the hand, returned and began years of service in the carriage mills in Amesbury, George's drum and drumsticks began their second life upon their return to Andover following his death. These cherished



Courtesy photo

George Smart's 150-year-old drum, which has become the symbol of a young boy's sacrifice in the Civil War, was gifted to the Andover Historical Society by his family.



Courtesy photo

George Smart was just 15 when he joined the Union Army as a drummer in 1861. He died a year later of illness.

artifacts helped to tell and retell of a young boy's sacrifice for his then-torn nation and became a common thread passed down through each generation of the Smart family.

Until the celebration over the armistice ending World War I, the drum was rarely touched. As the story goes, the last time the drum was played was on Armistice Day in November 1919. Family accounts say the drum made its way around the neighborhood sounding the celebration before returning home.

For the next 60 years, it sat quietly on an upright piano near the entrance to the family home. About 40 years ago, the drum passed to a new Smart generation for the last time. It found a place of honor in a guest bedroom where, except for an occasional gentle dusting, it lived a quiet life.

Some 20 years ago, the family began to consider whether the drum and accompanying heirlooms might be better off in a historical society where they could be professionally conserved — and their amazing story more widely told. Those conversations

ultimately led our gentleman donor to our front door.

The drum now has a new life as a treasured part of our collection. So, too, does the story of George Smart, of his father, Hugh; and of his family. It was an honor for me to hear those stories, to share them with you and to now include them as part of our vibrant and living history. The Andover Historical Society is forever grateful to the Smart family descendants for donating these incredibly well-preserved artifacts and for the stories that will continue to bring them to life.

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# Business

## Local CEO joins Mass Mentoring board

Mark Eldridge, CEO of ALKU in Andover, has been elected as a member of the Mass Mentoring Partnership board.

Mass Mentoring is the umbrella organization for more than 190 mentoring programs supporting 23,000 youths in mentoring relationships in Massachusetts. It provides training and technical assistance, networking and professional development, mentor recruitment campaigns, advocacy, resource development and

recognition, mentor-mentee match activities and other services.

The 16-member board includes individuals who support mentoring programs across Massachusetts.

For the past two years ALKU has raised money in support of the Mass Mentoring Partnership, which has become the designated charity for the five-year-old company. ALKU employees are consistently educated on the cause of mentoring at-risk youth and the

partnership's programs. Workers have attended fundraising events, solicited donations from friends and family and participated in the Rodman Ride. Some have been so inspired that they have become mentors themselves.

ALKU executives also frequently attend, support and in some cases sponsor mentoring events hosted by Mass Mentoring Partnership as well as Big Brothers Big Sisters and Lawrence Family Services. In 2014, ALKU intends to increase

its support by introducing new, year-long fundraising programs for Mass Mentoring in hopes of raising \$50,000 for its programs.

Located in Brickstone Square, ALKU, formerly the Start Group, is a consulting firm connecting companies across the nation with consultants from three divisions, ALKU Technologies, ALKU Quality and ALKU Government Solutions. To learn more about ALKU, visit [www.alku.com](http://www.alku.com). For more on Mass Mentoring, see [www.massmentors.org](http://www.massmentors.org).

## Andover 99 Restaurant donates holiday meal



COURTESY PHOTO

More than 650 members of the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence cheered as Santa Claus distributed donated toys and gift cards at the club's annual holiday party on Dec. 20. Longtime club volunteers served the holiday dinner, which was donated by the 99 Restaurants of Andover and North Andover.

### BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

#### Cooperstown Environmental adds two to staff

Ariel N. Newman has been hired as a project scientist at Cooperstown Environmental, a consulting firm in Andover.

Newman graduated from Tufts University in Medford with a Master of Science in civil and environmental engineering. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in environmental science from the University of Connecticut.

She previously worked as an analyst for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Product Cleanup Fund. After earning her undergraduate degree, she was employed by a private environmental consulting firm in Connecticut, assisting with hazardous waste and

environmental remediation activities.

At Cooperstown, she will split her duties between assisting with the firm's consulting engineering efforts and coordinating its leading Massachusetts Brownfields Tax Credit consulting practice.

Laura Mobley has also joined Cooperstown Environmental as office manager to assist with a variety of administrative duties. She has previously worked as both an office manager and in the hospitality industry.

#### Tucker honored for work with seniors

Former state Sen. Susan Tucker of Andover was one of four individuals honored by D'Youville Life & Wellness Community for her work on behalf of seniors at the

organization's 11th annual "Lasting Impressions" dinner at the Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center.

Tucker joined three other individuals and two organizations recognized for being instrumental in helping older people in greater Lowell live healthy, productive and independent lives to the maximum extent possible.

#### MHS relocating within Andover office park

Medical Healthcare Solutions has entered into a lease of 9,730 square feet of office space at 300 Brickstone Square in Andover.

The company that provides medical billing and related medical services currently occupies three suites at 100 Brickstone Square. The move to the new location is

expected to take place during the second quarter of 2014.

MHS, which is leasing a portion of the first floor, wanted to keep its headquarters in the office park, which features a cafeteria, fitness center, covered parking and day-care center. Matt Quinlan and Joe Doyle of Cresa Boston represented MHS in the lease negotiations. The landlord, Pearlmark Real Estate Partners, was represented by Matt Daniels and Brian Tisbert from Jones Lang LaSalle and Peter Dominski from CBRE New England.

To submit an item for the Business Briefcase, email [townsmen@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:townsmen@andovertownsmen.com).



COURTESY PHOTO

## Orange Leaf collects food for Lazarus House

Curtis Tangway, left, of Orange Leaf Andover and Michael Hennessy, right, of Orange Leaf Methuen teamed up to deliver canned goods donated by local patrons to Ken Campbell, center, at Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence last month. The Orange Leaf locations collected nonperishable food items as part of their #3forFree campaign. Patrons who donated a canned good earned 3 ounces of free frozen yogurt.

## Communities mull raising age for tobacco sales

BY COLLEEN QUINN  
 STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Nearly a dozen communities across the state within the past year have raised the age for tobacco sales higher than 18 years old, evidence of a slow-spreading movement that activists say will reduce cigarette use among teens.

Most states, including Massachusetts, allow 18-year-olds to buy tobacco products. Alaska, Alabama, Utah and New Jersey are the exceptions, all of which have pushed the legal age to 19.

Until last year, Needham was the only community in the U.S. that prohibited sales to anyone under 21 - a

change the town made in 2005, according to D.J. Wilson, the tobacco control director at the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Since then, a handful of other Bay State communities have followed behind. Brookline, Belmont, Sharon, Watertown, Westwood, Walpole and Sudbury have all outlawed the sale of tobacco to anyone under 21 within the past year, according to Wilson.

Canton, Ashland, Dedham and Arlington also changed their bylaws to prohibit sales of tobacco to anyone under 19, with Arlington planning to push its age restriction up to 21 years old over a three-year, phase-in plan.

"In those towns, we hope to see it is actually harder for kids to get their hands on tobacco products," Wilson said, adding it is too soon to gather any data on smoking rates in those towns.

Other cities and towns across Massachusetts and the country are also looking to ban tobacco sales to young adults. This past spring, New York City became the first major U.S. city to ban the sale of tobacco to anyone under 21. In Massachusetts, the board of health in Newburyport is currently debating a measure that would outlaw sales to anyone under 21. The move faces resistance from the city's mayor and some retailers.

"It is interesting in that it kind of cascaded pretty quickly," Wilson said about the age restriction for tobacco sales.

Critics argue local officials are overstepping their authority, and anyone over 18 is an adult capable of making their own decisions about whether to smoke.

Jon Hurst, president of the Retailers Association of Massachusetts, called the moves "an overreach" by local governments. Anti-tobacco activists are attempting to take the path of least resistance by pushing age restrictions at the local level rather than face a more difficult battle to do it statewide, Hurst said.

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<b>High: 25°</b> <b>Low: 11°</b>	<b>High: 18°</b> <b>Low: 5°</b>	<b>High: 9°</b> <b>Low: -8°</b>	<b>High: 17°</b> <b>Low: 15°</b>	<b>High: 35°</b> <b>Low: 25°</b>	<b>High: 42°</b> <b>Low: 11°</b>	<b>High: 28°</b> <b>Low: 9°</b>

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- **46 High St., Unit 46:** Calvin L. and Grace F. Lopez to Julie Wolf and Jeffrey

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- **66 Osgood St.:** Stephen J. and Deanna M. Gemmell to Yanning Song and Jinghui Qian, \$536,000
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- **6 Wintergreen Circle:** Steven J. and Lisa A. Scott to Rebecca E. and Paul M. Higgins, \$589,000

**BUILDING PERMITS**

The following building permits were recently issued by the town, according to the Andover Building Department. The list includes permit recipients and addresses, job descriptions and value of planned improvements:

- **4 Trinity Court:** Andover Greenwood LLC, demolition, \$8,500
- **75 Central St.:** Michael and Diane Sullivan, single family, remodel second-floor

bathroom, \$46,483

- **351 Lowell St.:** Indravadan B. and Sangita I. Patel, single family, roof-mounted PV panels, \$89,000
- **8 Oriole Drive:** Richard E. and Lorian R. Davidsen, single family, second-floor bathroom remodel, \$8,200
- **33 Greenwood Road:** David and Christian Tavares, single family, finish attic with three bedrooms, dormer roof, kitchen remodel, bathroom

addition and new front entry, \$129,000

- **16 Cedar Road:** John G. Nossiff Jr. and Gabrielle Hager, single family, three dormers, \$8,000
- **1 Tech Drive:** RREEF America Reit III Corp ZI/Eproperty Tax, general office, interior renovations, \$155,623
- **12 Christian Way:** Kevin Lee and Lijuan Sun, single family, structure permit, not available
- **19 County Road:** Carolina

Properties LLC, single family, foundation, \$300,000

- **6 Azalea Drive:** George E. Hebert and Kathleen P. Malone, single family, modular foundation, not available
- **4 Westminster Roadway:** Sotorios and Lauri Diamantis, single family, enclosure breezeway, \$7,200
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