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Murders remain a mystery



Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett asks for the publics help in the murder case of John E. Magee and his wife Geraldine Magee at a press conference held at the Andover Police Station. The Andover couple were murdered in their home on Dec. 14, 2011.

After 4 years, the shooting deaths of John and Geraldine Magee unsolved

By Gabriella Cruz gcruz@eagletribune.com

After almost four years, the murders of John and Geral- the local couple, who were dine Magee remain unsolved married for 39 years, shook for investigators, but fresh the otherwise quiet commuand haunting for members of nity of Andover. Andover the Magee family.

days, birthdays, cookouts ence yesterday at the Police and vacations with family Department that only one and friends," said a statement issued by the Magee family. "We miss spending

the holidays with them and their warm, generous, loving nature."

The double-homicide of Police Chief Patrick Keefe 'Four years of missed holi-said during a press confer-

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John E. Magee, 69, and Geraldine M. Magee, 67, were found shot to death on the first floor of their home at 7 **Orchard Crossing** Dec. 14, 2011.

HANDOUT PHOTO

More questions raised on schools chief

Parents, residents challenge board's superintendent choice

> By Gabriella Cruz gcruz@andovertownsman.com

Several residents are raising questions about the School Committee's decision to extend interim Superintendent Sheldon Berman's contract into a long-term deal, saying concerns about his past should be more fully vetted.

During a school committee meeting last week, and in letters to the editor published in the Townsman this week, a number of people are asking for a more open and transparent process of reviewing and hiring Berman for the job, which car- Sheldon ries a salary of well over Berman



\$200,000 a year. Krystal Solimine, whose son attends Andover High School, questioned Berman's past as superintendent of districts in Kentucky and Oregon at a hearing last week, during which she was limited to a 3-minute statement.

She said that she had already brought the issues about Berman's past to the

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Selectmen shift tax burden toward business

By Terry Date tdate@eagletribune.com

ANDOVER — Selectmen O'Donoghue said. set the 2016 tax rate on Moning in a higher than expected industrial bill was \$105,569. rate for commercial/industrial taxpayers.

homeowners, bringing the bill valuation. to \$8,945 for an average single-Assessor David Billard.

bill will be \$53,761 or a 3.6 per- percent higher than the resicent increase over the current dential rate. average bill, and the average industrial bill will be \$110.338, the most uniform increases or a 4.5 percent increase over the current bill.

"That is actually very similar to the increases last year," Board Chairman Mary

Last year the average residay, apportioning less of the dential tax bill was \$8,648; burden to homeowners than the average commercial bill they had expected and result- was \$51,878; and the average

The 2016 residential tax rate is \$14.82 per \$1,000 of The apportionment will assessed valuation; and the result in a 3.4 percent increase commercial/industrial rate is over the current rate for \$25.99 per \$1,000 of assessed

Board members voted family home, said Andover 5-0 to adopt a 153.5 percent shift, meaning the commer-The average commercial cial and industrial rate is 53.5

At 153.5 percent, "it creates

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Building a BRIGHT future

Andover/North Andover YMCA's \$23M renovation almost complete



AMANDA SABGA/ Staff photo

The new main lobby of the Andover/North Andover YMCA which is in the final few stages of its \$23 million renovation project.

By Garrin Marchetti gmarchetti@eagletribune.com

ANDOVER — After nearly two years, Andover/North Andover YMCA Executive Director Alex Turek can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Over the course of the last 20 months, Turek has helped oversee the \$23 million renovation and expansion of the YMCA center, a project which will improve the amenities of the existing building and add nearly 50,000 square feet of space.

The YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., first opened in 1974. While the building has undergone several small renovations over the decades, the recent project marks the first major makeover for the building

in its 41 years. "We've been working on this (project) for about 18 months, but we've really been talking about it for 10 years," Turek said Thursday. "It's been a long process, but we're almost at the end, and I think our members are going to be thrilled with the results."

Turek and James Kapelson, vice president of

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More railroad tracks, more reason to steer clear Double-tracking to commence at tricky intersection in 2016

By Terry Date tdate@andovertownsman.com

and six entrance points at message to motorists was Essex and Railroad streets to not stop on the tracks. is already a maze-like conture with caution.

railroad tracks due to be senger rails zoomed past. installed by early 2016, the nounced, and the need for Eric Milligan, stopping caution redoubled.

ing blitz program on Tues- trinkets emblazoned with day from noon to 2 p.m., a rail safety messages. He roadside safety forum.

Andover police

spearheaded the effort, assisted by safety representatives from four rail The railroad crossings organizations. The main

Twice in a span of 30 figuration where motorists, minutes the crossing arms trains and pedestrians ven- lowered, bells clanged and the wigwag lights flashed With a second set of red as two AMTRAK pas-

Standing by Depot Pizza crossing will grow wider, in his neon lime vest was the danger more pro- Andover police officer motorists, handing them

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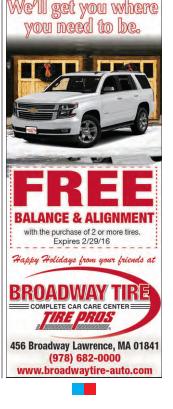


Enter the railroad cross- a plastic bag filled with The MBTA train crosses the dangerous intersection at Pearson, Railroad and Essex streets. The intersection is going to get even more dangerous as construction starts next month on another set of train tracks to improve commuter rail service.

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*Understandably, the community was and continues to be concerned about the circumstances surrounding this shocking event." Andover Police Chief Patrick Keefe

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MAGEE

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other murder has occurred in Andover in the last 25

"Understandably, the community was and continues to be concerned about the circumstances surrounding this shocking event," Keefe said at the podium he shared with District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett. "At the time of the murders, the circumstances were such that we believed there was no further threat to the public's safety and we believe that this is still the case."

Keefe and Blodgett said during the morning press conference that although the investigation into the murders has remained active, only limited information would be shared with the public in order to protect investigation efforts.

"As we mark the fourth said. "First, to assure the citizens of Andover and of this heinous crime."

summary of the timeline 3 p.m.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

anniversary of these mur- Andover Police Chief Patrick Keefe and Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett held a press conference at the ders, our purpose this morn- Andover Police Station Monday to talk about the Dec. 14, 2011 murder of John E. "Jack" Magee, 69, and Geraldine M. "Jeri" ing is two-fold," Blodgett Magee, 67, who were both found shot dead on the first floor of their 14-room home at 7 Orchard Crossing in Andover.

Blodgett offered a brief the construction site around

ple was murdered in their couple's daughter, told Andover home, research- tors, real estate agents and said. The motor vehicles of something. We are asking home on Orchard Crossing police that she spoke to ing some information about other business associates of Magee family members and you to search your memory On Dec. 13, 2011, Blodgett around 4:25 p.m., that after- up in Boston. According to acquaintances of Geraldine Construction have also been up the phone and call us," said John "Jack" Magee, 69, noon regarding plans for Blodgett, he left his parents' have also been interviewed. searched.

Essex County this investiga- went to a construction site the next day. Senykoff said from Holly reporting that examined," along with the Police Crime Scene Services, tion remains active and of in Reading where his com- her mother had agreed to she found her parents dead financial records of Magee Ballistics, Violent Fugitive the highest priority. Second, pany was building several watch her grandchildren in their home," Blodgett Construction, Blodgett said. Apprehension Unit and Speto provide limited informa-houses. While he was there, while Senykoff went shop-said. "The investigation The computers belonging to cial Services have all been tion of the investigation in he spoke with his son John ping for Christmas pres- began immediately." hopes of sparking memory Magee III about picking up ents. Senykoff also said she Blodgett said more than 50 well as those belonging to or conscience of someone building materials in Boston believed she could hear her interviews of family, friends Magee Construction were and Homeland Security have

home around 4:30 p.m.

could be helpful in solving building site the next day. ground and assumed that conducted in both Andover examined. Jack Magee reportedly left he was home with Geraldine. and Jupiter, Fla., where Magee Construction office, in home. Magee Construction homes owned by the Magees those in Jupiter, Fla. leading up to when the cou-Holly Senykoff, the the basement of his parent's employees and sub-contrac-have been searched, Blodgett

> "At approximately 9:19 ments and credit card surveillance video from Anyone with any informathe next morning, Andover records of the Magees numerous locations have tion is encouraged to call Police received a 911 call have been "extensively been reviewed and the (978) 470-3864.

both John and Geraldine as utilized. who has information that and bringing them to the father talking in the back- and neighbors have been seized and forensically been involved in the case as

All personal bank state- Countless hours of let this case go cold."



HANDOUT PHOTO

John E. Magee, 69, and Geraldine M. Magee, 67, were found dead in their Andover home on Dec. 14, 2011.

District Attorney's office and Andover Police have followed leads to four different states and 20 cities and towns in the Greater Boston area.

Blodgett also said that along with the Essex District Attorney's office, its detective unit and Andover Police, Massachusetts State

Blodgett said the FBI, ATF well as local police depart-On numerous occasions, ments including Worcester, John Magee III was at the the Magees had a second the Andover and Florida Boston, Hampton, N.H., and

"Someone out there knows her mother Geraldine, 67, the supplies he had to pick John Magee, and friends and those associated with Magee and your conscience, pick Blodgett said. "We will not

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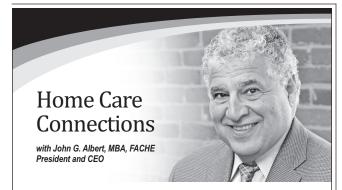
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reminded them to not stop on the railroad tracks. He handed one bag

to Andover resident Ben MacDonald, 27. MacDonald has lived in

town his whole life and has had several close calls, near accidents, while traveling the Essex and Railroad Street crossing.

"It can get a little crazy, especially after a train goes by," he said.

Andover police Sgt. Chuck Edgerly said there was a time, around 1980. when the Essex crossing had two sets of tracks.

Now with the return of two tracks, to accommo-

date both passenger and freight trains, the police department wants to get out in front of the change and remind people to be careful. "Whether two or one (sets of tracks), drivers

should be aware of the ping on the tracks.

That is the situation stuck on the tracks with a To

John O'Horo



AMANDA SABGA/ Staff photo

Andover Police Officer Eric Milligan hands out packets on train crossing safety to drivers. The Andover Police Department collaborated with Transit Police and the Federal Railroad Administration to raise awareness about railroad crossing safety.

crossing so that they don't find themselves hemmed in behind. force themselves into stop- on the tracks, when traffic Police see this a lot, Edg- get out of the way and not backs up and a vehicle gets erly said.

traffic ahead of them at the where motorists most often vehicle directly in front and predicament, motorists should allow room to safely get stuck on the tracks.





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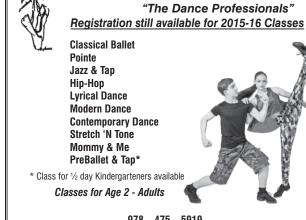
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membership development and marketing for the YMCA, said the 104,138 square foot building will be completed by the beginning of January.

During a tour of the building Thursday, the two showcased the YMCA's new features, including an expanded wellness center, a learning center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education and a rehabilitation center operated by trainers and practitioners from Lawrence General Hospital.

An early preview of the renovations came in June, when the YMCA held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new child care center for preschool and school-age students. Before the project, students were dispersed in various locations through- their STEM test scores. out the building for their programs, but the 7,700 square-foot center puts all the students in one, dedicated space, making it easier for parents to pick their children up at the end of the day.

The child care center operates on the first floor of the building, which will also house an Active Learning Center where third and fourth-grade students can participate in a curriculum created Merrimack College profes- ing to Turek, with roughly sors. According to Turek, the Merrimack curriculum requires students to participate in various



FROM PAGE ONE

The main cardio area of the newly renovated Andover/North Andover YMCA is nearly finished. The only thing left to do is unpack the equipment. The new cardio area is part of the organization's \$23 million renewal project.

Next to the learning

center will be a brandnew kitchen, where the YMCA will teach cooking classes to both adults and children. The kitchen will partially replace the current main entrance lobby, as the main entrance moves to the new building, a wrap-around, two-story glass wing which will house the YMCA's new wellness center.

The wellness center will stretch two floors, accord-\$750,000 worth of new treadmills, workout bikes and weight-lifting equipment for members to use.

family locker room, a necessary service the YMCA did not offer before.

"We're really excited to have a family locker room," Turek said. "If fathers comes with their daughters, or mothers come with their sons, it allows them to change together instead of separately in their own locker rooms. There was a real need for it before, and we wanted to make sure it would be part of the new building.'

Other new additions include four new fitness studios, which will be used for Zumba and spin classes, as well as a multipurpose family swimming

the YMCA only had one fitness studio and two pools which were mostly used for competitive swimming.

A notable addition to the YMCA will be a Lawrence General Hospital rehabilitation center on the lower level of the building. The center, staffed by trained medical professionals, will give YMCA members the opportunity to see their doctors or receive treatment for injuries right on

"The partnership

between (the YMCA) and Lawrence General is a great example of com-

munity collaboration," Kapelson said. "I always sav. 'You work better as a group than as an individual,' and this is a great example of that."

Donations have helped fund the project; to date, the organization has received nearly \$8 million from local residents and businesses through fundraising efforts and personal donations.

Harvey Construction of Bedford, N.H., has been constructing the building, while Sasaki Associates of Watertown designed the structure. While the building process has been lengthy, Turek and Kapelson said the patience and support of the YMCA members has been "truly great," and the end result will be worth the wait.

"All of these improvements and additions are going to increase the amount of impact we have on this facility," Turek said. "We're really proud of the work we've been able to do while remaining open for our members. This new facility will continue serve the people here for years to come.'

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across the classes," Billard

Keeping increases even among the classes of taxpayers has been selectmen's practice in the past, O'Donoghue said.

Ordinarily, the maximum shift available to municipalities is 150 percent.

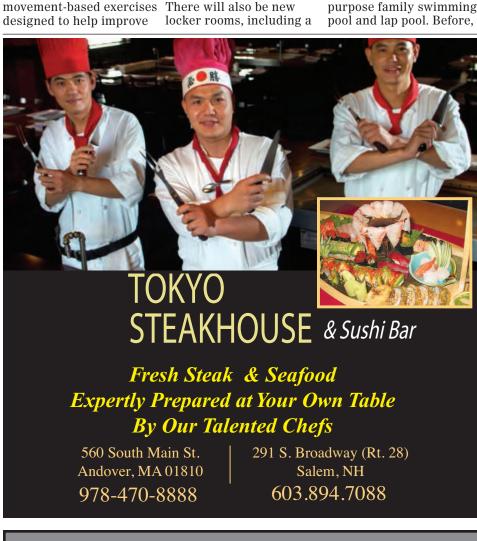
But the town assessor told selectmen the option to shift a greater share of the tax burden was available to the town for the first time under a provision in state tax law.

Under the provision, if the residential levy share for 2016, at a 1.50 shift, is greater than what it was in the prior year, the board has the option to apply a greater shift to a maximum of 1.75.

Last year, when setting the 2015 tax rate, the Board chose a 146.5 shift. So the residential levy share for 2016, at 1.50, is greater than it was the prior year.

Board member Dan Kowalski pointed out that even with the 153.5 percent shift in 2016, the trend, when considered for the past 10 years, has been for residential taxes to increase slightly over commercial taxes.

Residential property makes up 81 percent of the taxable property in town. Commercial property accounts for 7.6 percent. industrial 8 percent, personal property 3.3 percent and open space 1 percent.







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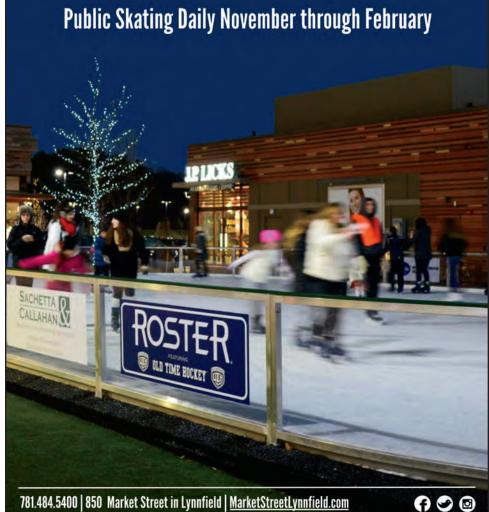
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■ POLICE LOG

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TUESDAY, DEC. 1

tice court warrant.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

reported that he saw some- lights. one in an abandoned vehicle trespassing.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

Compiled by Gabriella Cruz intoxicated. Alexander J. that when he arrived home, 30s running down Bailey arrested and charged with after 7:30 a.m. OUI liquor and unlicensed At 11:33 a.m., Vanessa M. operation of a motor vehi-Junkins, 29, of 93 Farwood cle. The passenger, Luis Dr., Bradford, was arrested Zaragoza, 43, 76 Bunkerhill a.m., an officer reported that Tewksbury officers reported on Lowell Street on an out- Street, Apt. 1, Lawrence, was five mailboxes on Somerset negative results. standing fugitive from jus- taken into protective custody Drive had been vandalized.

Amherst Road reported that mailbox on Suffolk Circle. A caller on Lupine Road someone cut their Christmas

W. Romano, 57, of 78 A police that a rear window on of heroin. Street, South Boston, was her black minivan had been arrested and charged with broken sometime during the day.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

the driver and passenger as and possession of marijuana. heroin.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

and the vehicle was towed. At 12:46 a.m., the same offi-At 12:53 p.m., a caller on cer reported a vandalized

> James F. Lawton, 28, of 137 dalism to his mailbox. Heritage Drive, Tewksbury,

River Road. Officers arrested of heroin. Mark Michael Dwyer, 28, of A caller on Bullfinch Drive At 7:02 a.m., Filipe Martins, 72 Connell Ave., Brockton, reported and filed another reported at 1:44 a.m. a motor 28, of 4 Sicard St., Hamp- and charged him with giv- mailbox vandalism report vehicle driving erratically ton, N.H., was arrested on ing a false name during from Southridge Circle. with "severe passenger side Haverhill Street and charged booking and possession of damage." When the vehicle with giving a false name to heroin. Scott J. Pedretti, 28, pulled into the entrance of police, possession of heroin, of 505 Middle Street, Brain- detectives arrested Evan Bullfinch Drive, the caller possession of a Class B subtree, was also arrested and Macheras, 22, and Meghan attempted to speak with stance (typically cocaine) charged with possession of M. Callahan, 20, both of 266

reported that they seemed resident called 911 to report reported a white male in his heroin.

Santiesteban, 43, of 94 Milk he found that his home had Road naked. The streaker was St., Apt. 1, Fitchburg, was been broken into sometime reported to have last been seen running down Bailey Road toward Pleasant Street. Tewksbury Police were also Between 12:42 and 12:45 notified, but Andover and

OBITUARIES/LOCAL

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

At 12:11 p.m., a Southridge Circle resident reported van-

At 2:05 p.m., Carlos R. Her-At 5:30 p.m., a caller on was arrested on Elm Street nandez, 32, 352 Cedar St., in a parking lot. Thomas School Street reported to and charged with possession Manchester, N.H., was pulled over for a seat belt violation Detectives requested a and defective equipment viomarked cruiser to respond lation. He was then arrested to the Mobil Station on on a warrant for possession

At 2:29 p.m., officers

Monday, Dec. 7

At 2:54 p.m., on River Road, Chandler Road, and charged they exited the vehicle and At 5:42 p.m., an Elm Street At 7:16 p.m., a caller them both with possession of

Egging reports increase in local neighborhoods

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buying a lot of eggs or has a egged. She requested that again found no one in the ing the string of reported prolific hen.

or group of vandals, have culprits, but the respond- Dec. 5, an Atlantic Drive Officer Charles Heseltine hurled what must be dozens ing officer found negative resident reported that ear- said charges for these acts of eggs at homes, many of results. them expensive properties in pricey neighborhoods.

five incidents were reported police at 10:30 p.m., to report she saw three people run- of their surroundings to help to police between Friday that the bus had just been ning through her property. prevent more incidents from evening and early Satur- egged while traveling on Responding officers checked occurring. day morning. In November, Dascomb Road by the over- the area for possible susreported over a span of three check the area but his search thing out of the ordinary. weeks.

ident called police to report Granli Drive called police his house had been egged ity to us."

■ For a map of incidents visit, andovertownsman.com

an officer drive through the area. In recent weeks, a vandal, area to check for possible

change from usual reports, reported that five min- property. He encouraged res-Over the past weekend, a school bus driver called utes before calling police, idents to be extra observant came up empty.

At 12:14 a.m., on Saturday, lier that evening, her home of vandalism can go as far Two hours later, in a had been egged. She also as malicious destruction of

reporting that her home had within the last two hours. just been hit with eggs. Offi- The responding officer cers responded to the home reported that the incident Someone in town is either that her house had just been and checked the area and happened overnight, followincidents the night before.

Andover Police Executive

""The act itself can be 11 egging incidents were pass. An officer responded to pects but did not find any- done in under two minutes or so," Heseltine said. "Folks Later that evening at 5:27, were instructed to be a little At 8:27 p.m., on Friday, Three minutes later, at a Regency Ridge resident more observant and report Dec. 4, a Chongris Circle res- 10:33 p.m., a resident on called police to report that any suspicious cars or activ-

loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, friend and teachothers and always putting the needs of others ahead of her own, even as she faced a long, uphill battle, fighting her can-

Laurie was born and raised

Laurie was a passionate, nieces, nephews and cousins. energetic, and empathetic middle school math teacher friends are kindly welcome to visi-2013 to focus on her treatment 128 South Main Street, Middleton,

Mrs. Bernice A. (Mundy) Haggerty, 93 Years

March 31, 1922 — December 6, 2015 Family was the Center of her Life

ANDOVER — Mrs. Bernice A. (Mundy) Haggerty, 93, a longtime resident of Andover, formerly of Melrose and beloved wife of the late Franklin K. Haggerty, passed away at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill, surrounded by her daughters, on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Born in Malden, Mass., on March 31, 1922, she was the beloved daughter of the late John W. and Bridget A. (Landry) Mundy. Bernice was a civic-minded woman, who loved to cast her vote in every election, was an active member of the Democratic Town Committee, and served on the John F. Kennedy J. Haggerty-Silva, Michael J. postcards to her extensive gerty, Jr. collection. She was a member of the Red Hat Club, the Mass will be celebrated at St. Auall who knew her.

North Andover and Jackson, burkemagliozzi.com. N.H.; grandchildren, Valerie



State Election Committee. She Haggerty, Jennifer L. Poole, was an active member of the Thomas S. Marjerison, IV Andover Historical Society, and Kyle L. Semenetz; and 13 serving as a board member great-grandchildren. She was and committee chairman. predeceased by her beloved She loved attending Andover son, Robert W. Haggerty and events and adding Andover grandson, Robert W. Hag-**ARRANGEMENTS: Her Funeral**

Shawsheen Village Women's gustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Club, the Ballardvale Historic Andover, on Thursday, December Commission, the Ballardvale 10, 2015, at 11 a.m. Calling hours Homemakers Club, the Bal- were held at the Burke-Magliozzi lardvale Village Improvement Funeral Home, 390 North Main Committee and the Bradlee Street, Andover, on Wednesday, School and South School PTA. December 9, 2015, from 4 to 8 She will be dearly missed by p.m. Interment will be in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. In lieu Bernice is survived by her of flowers, donations in memory three daughters, Joan V. of Bernice may be made to the Haggerty and Michael Fitz- Andover Historical Society, 97 simmons of Lowell, Jerilyn Main Street, Andover MA 01810, or F. and her husband, Thomas to the Merrimack Valley Hospice S. Marjerison, III of Andover, House, 360 North Avenue, Havand Nancy L. and her hus- erhill, MA 01830. For additional band, Thomas Varnum of information, please visit, www.

Laurie B. Hodges, 40

February 9, 1975 — December 6, 2015

GEORGETOWN, MA — We are heartbroken in announcing the passing of Laurie Beth [Condon] Hodges on December 6, 2015. She passed while surrounded by family and loved ones after a courageous four-year battle with cancer. A er, she spent her life serving cer in order to make lasting memories with her family.

in Georgetown, Mass., where she excelled on the athletic beautiful children, Bryce (8), field and in the classroom. She Brynn (6), and Brylee (3); her and as a two-sport athlete in brina Condon; her sister, Leshusband Ben.

and family.

vacationing with family and Topsfield Congregational Church, friends on the Cape, including 9 E. Common Street, Topsfield. frequent visits to Nantucket, Burial to follow at Ridgewood Cemwhere she loved playing on etery in North Andover. In lieu of the beach and swimming in flowers, a fund will be set up called the ocean. Laurie's greatest the Laurie Beth Condon Hodges gifts were her children, whom Memorial Fund. Checks can be sent she loved more than words to 11 Londonderry Lane, Georgecould ever describe.

by her devoted husband of 15 a condolence. years, Ben Hodges; her three

went on to continue excelling loving parents, Paulette and in the classroom at Gordon John Condon; her brother, Jim College in Wenham, Mass., Condon and sister-in-law, Sasoccer and basketball. Gordon lie Condon; her grandmother, is where she met her future Lorraine Roy McCarthy; and countless other aunts, uncles,

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and at Doherty Middle School in tation on Thursday, from 3 to 8 Andover, where she retired in p.m., in the Mackey Funeral Home. MA. A funeral service will be cel-Laurie spent many summers ebrated on Friday at 11 a.m., in the town, MA 01833. Please see www. Laurie Hodges is survived mackeyfuneralhome.com to leave

Mr. Kenneth F. Lally, 54

December 15, 1960 — November 27, 2015 United States Air Force Veteran

ANDOVER — Mr. in California from where he

Born in Winchester, Mass., on December 15, 1960, he Josephine, Ken is survived by was the beloved son of Jose- his loving son, Kenneth J. Lalphine M. (Blades) and the late ly of San Gabriele, California, John F. Lally. Mr. Lally was siblings, John P. and his wife, an Air Force Veteran, enter- Violet M. Lally of Derry, N.H., ing the military on Septem- Valerie A. Lally of Lawrence, ber 12, 1979 and receiving his Dana K. Lally of North Caroli-

2, 1985. While serving in the Air Force, Ken worked as a Small Arms Expert and was awarded the **Small Arms Training** Ribbon, Small Arms

Marksmanship Ribbon, Air of the late Eumilene Michelle Force Service Ribbon, Air Lally. Force Outstanding Unit Award outstanding service.

and Honeywell Corporation 01701.

Kenneth F. Lally, a resi-retired. At home, he raised Aldent of Andover, passed paca's at the the Enchanted away at his home on Glen Alpaca Farm, Harold Friday afternoon, November Parker Road in Andover. He 27, 2015. He was 54 years old. will be dearly missed. Besides his beloved mother,

honorable discharge on July na and Patricia A. and her hus-

band, Donald L. Frye of Tennessee; grandchildren, Alexis, Damian, Devin, Emily, and many nieces and nephews. He was also the father-in-law

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral serand the Air Force Overseas vices will be privately held. For ad-Ribbon, in recognition of his ditional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozzi.com. In lieu Ken worked for many years of flowers, donation can be made as a Manager for Northrup to the American Cancer Society, Grumman Corporation 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA

Celtics great - Andover resident Jim Loscutoff - dies at 85

By Garrin Marchetti gmarchetti@eagletribune.com

For nine seasons with the Boston Celtics, he was known as "Jungle Jim" - a hard-nosed player known to knock a few players around on the hardwood and whose toughness helped define the Celtics dynasty of the 1950s

and '60s. But for those who knew Jim Loscutoff well, the former Celtics enforcer was a genial and generous man off the court who would do anything to help a family member or friend.

"He was really a great guy who had a heart of gold," Joe A photo of Jim Loscutoff Casey, a longtime friend of Loscutoff's, said Wednesday. Celtics. "He did a lot of good for a lot of people, including me."

Loscutoff, who won seven championships during his sons, Loscutoff averaged just complications of pneumonia in opposing players with his a coach who treated every his summers in the town tant player on seven cham- on the bench. He always together every year before after retiring to Naples, pionship teams from 1957 to kept a watchful eye on his Loscutoff returned to Naples Fla., for the winters with 1964. wife, Lynn, an artist and In an interview with the attended class and stayed memory lane. author whose work has Los Angeles Times in 1985, out of trouble. He was also been featured prominently Loscutoff defined his role known for giving kids a Loscutoff's physical skills

the third overall pick in the stood in my way, I'd knock according to Casey. 1955 NBA draft from the them down." University of Oregon. Celtness on defense. The 6-foot-5 to mess with."



when he was with the Boston

Over the next nine sea-Celtics career, died Tues- 6.2 points per game and 5.9 day at the age of 85 from rebounds, but instilled fear remembered Loscutoff as big cigar. and Parkinson's disease. He aggressive style of play. He player on the team with was where Casey last saw was a longtime resident of endeared himself to Celtics respect, whether they were Loscutoff this past October. Andover, and he still spent fans and served as an import he top scorer or last man. The two men would often get

declined the offer because In 1964, Loscutoff opened he wanted future players to Camp Evergreen, a summer wear the number. Instead, day camp in Andover. The today, as does the number house on the property. 18, which was later worn by Hall-of-Fame center Dave Evergreen continues to

School in Boxford.

"There were a couple of sharp was ever. "That's not the way I guys (on the team) who ics head coach Red Auer- played in college, but in the could have gone either old stories, all the old names. bach was looking to add a prosit was different," Loscu- way, some really tough city We had a nice time, as we "bruiser" to his team — a toff said then. "I quickly got guys," Casey said. "Jim was always did," Casey said. player who would add tough- the reputation as a guy not like a father to them. He mentored them and helped inch, 220-pound Loscutoff When the Celtics straighten them out. He was chetti on Twitter @

the Celtics put another one 10-acre property surrounded of Loscutoff's nicknames, by the Harold Parker State Loscy," on a banner and Forest would serve children hoisted it into the rafters throughout the Merrimack with the other retired num- Valley for decades, and Losbers in the old Boston Gar- cutoff kept a watchful eye den in 1973. The banner over the area as he raised remains in the TD Garden his family in a 300-year-old Going on 52 years, Camp

give children an authentic Following his retirement outdoor camp experience, from the Celtics, Loscutoff where they can learn activicoached basketball at Bos-ties such as archery and ton State College, which tennis, swim in an outdoor would later become UMass pool and roast marshmal-Boston. One of his first lows. Although his son, Jim players at Boston State was Jr., took over the camp more Casey, a young man from than two decades ago, the Dorchester who would later elder Loscutoff could often become athletic director at be seen sitting on his back Masconomet Regional High porch in recent years, taking in the sights and sounds On Wednesday, Casey of summer while enjoying a

In fact, the back porch players, making sure they for cigars and a walk down

While he acknowledged on those early Celtics teams second chance when other had diminished in their last He arrived in Boston as bluntly, saying if "somebody coaches might not have, meeting, Casey said the mind of "Jungle Jim" was

"He remembered all the

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ndover's solar deal in the hands of the Legislature the financial structure intact, a bill that would expand the important for people to real-town has already taken three. When selectmen nix When selectmen nix

LOCAL

By BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

Andover is still waiting look like.' for the state Legislature to

if the legislation passes so the contracts was reached. town can start saving money.

for the town. "If they take ver's - were put on hold. action in January and keep

approve a bill on solar energy try lobbyists in Massachusetts the proposed increase, and take a lot of work to close the pany working on the deal tion and will be on-line soon, that would enable the town has stalled further action on a inserted other language that gap. But I think it's imperative to save more than \$300,000 a bill that would lift the cap on could change the way solar that we do close the gap." so-called "net-metering cred-Based on recent inaction by its." The credits dictate how Massachusetts. the state House of Represen- much low-cost power National tatives and Senate, however, Grid and other utilities must Bruce Tarr, a member of a power company called Syn- and partly due to politics. it looks like the town will be buy from solar providers and solar bill conference commit- charpha that would let the waiting until at least January sell to their customers. Earlier tee, said late last week that town save \$6 million over 20 rejected by the Board of - and maybe longer - to find out in 2015, the cap for municipal conferees do not have any years from a solar array in Selectmen last April, on slower than anyone wants,"

Once it was reached, all not exchanging proposals. "It's not dead yet," municipal solar projects that said Janet Nicosia, the man-hadn't already been connected 18, Tarr said. "We've had some Legislature lifts the caps. ager of energy and utilities to the power grid - like Ando- informal conversations among

we'll still be a go. But it's hard credits by 100 megawatts - ize the urgency of this matter swings at solar. to tell what the final bill will enough so that Andover's to try to resolve it. That being Nicosia said the first deal the project to another buver Pressure from power indus- The House has balked at differences and it's going to collapsed because the com- That project is under construcpower is bought and sold in

meetings scheduled and are

the members of the confer- approve a bill, it will be a bit- was gun-shy about signing a house News Service was used The state Senate approved ence committee. I think it's ter pill to swallow since the 20-year agreement.

project would be approved. said there are some significant with another solar developer - Worcester State University. "went kaput."

Syncarpha came along with

The second deal was credits had run out. he ran into opposition from had a lot to do with it." If the Legislature fails to Selectman Dan Kowalski, who

second deal, Syncharpha sold Nicosia said.

When the third deal came The delay is bad news another deal, but Selectmen along, also from Syncharpha, for Andover, which made a rejected it, partly because of selectmen were eager to jump Senate Minority Leader deal with a New York-based concerns about the first deal into the solar market, but by the then the net metering

"Government always move Western Massachusetts. But the eve of the town elec- she said. "They wanted to be Syncharpha isn't going to tion. Selectman Brian Major careful. You can't blame any-"We haven't met since" Nov. build the solar array until the approved of the deal, but one for that. But the election

> Material from the Statein this report.

BERMAN

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Eugene, Oregon, and Louisville, Kentucky.

the surface of the things I date would begin. would like to have addressed. investigation."

Process also questioned

with the school districts he haul.' has overseen.

edged this in a letter to the the committee unanimously with six superintendents and leadership and continue the School Committee during voted on Oct. 22 to extend Dr. Berman's work so far has momentum Dr. Berman had which he admitted affilia- Berman's superintendency, been just wonderful." tions with 31 different orga- the agenda listed the item as nizations as a way to make "information only." his connections transparent to the public and the School between "Action Requested" tee voted last week to write an agenda," Teichert said. Costello also supported Ber- and that the feedback the a letter back to Berman "On Oct. 22, the agenda did man, saying any person in a committee had received has

acknowledging and accepting not say that the committee leadership position has made been positive. the appearance of conflict of think you took some people always like. interest.

Others at last week's meetis not enough to even touch search for a long-term candi- Berman's interim super- a positive transition."

"You spoke to the fact that position. It's all information that I we were going to get an think the public should be interim superintendent, and aware of. I hope that this that that was your mission," tee nor Berman responded superintendent was a result and effectively communicate meeting, giving the superinwill be met with a thorough local parent Regina Kelly to comments by parents of Berman's impact on the developments with the com-tendent time edit or revise said. "We entered into this last week, Candace Hall, the district in the short time he munity, among others. knowing that we were taking district's director of human has been here. Several articles published a retired individual and we resources, spoke in defense online and in various news- were going to have him here of Berman and explained lutely say that this was an papers have questioned for a year. There are so many that Solimine's concerns interim position that we Berman's role in a number employed people, not retired, had already been addressed were searching for and of for-profit and non-profit that are looking to move up. I during Berman's vetting that we would reconvene in organizations he has either think it's a disservice to our procedures. started or been involved with. community that we're not A number of them have gone looking for people that are unbelievable transition since working with Dr. Berman, on to enter into contracts going to be here for the long Dr. Berman has been here," we met on Oct. 15 to con-

Berman recently acknowl- Andover parent, said when candidate. I have worked nity to add to the district's

"There is a difference tionably" written.

by surprise."

intendency to a long-term

Hall said. "We went through sider our options up to that Jeanne Teichert, another the pros and cons of each point. We saw an opportu-

Hall said the articles Soli-

the letter, as a way to avoid would be taking a vote. I decisions that people don't

ing were more frustrated multiple planning meetings leadership position," Costello thrilled to have a superinemails that included links cess used to extend Berman's last two months to prepare both candidates and found affiliations Dr. Berman has." to articles written in both superintendency. Several for negotiations with Ber- positives and negatives parents said when Berman man regarding his contract. about both. I've worked with mine said. "Three minutes his interim term was over, a voted in October to extend think this, though, has been were listed and included superintendent."

> tee's decision to change ately challenged, promis- concerns and the committee Support from town, union course from the original plan ing collaboratively work to agreed to vote on Berman's While neither the commit- of hiring a different, full-time enhance the district's morale goals at their next month's

"Last spring, we did absothe fall and conduct a full "It has been almost an search," Gilbert said. "After started."

Gilbert also said the conmine referenced were "ques- cerns brought forward at the meeting last Thursday were President of the Andover the first the committee had Committee. The commit- and "Information Only" on Education Association Kerry heard regarding Dr. Berman

"There is no pure candidistrict, as far as I'm conof superintendents in sur-The committee has had date out there for any type of cerned. Most districts are rounding districts. committee's attention via with the committee's pro- in executive session over the said. "The AEA researched tendent who has the kinds of tendent's goals are online

> Goals and objectives ideas such as ensuring that

Jeanne Teichert addressed

the committee again regard-She added, "his affiliations ing Berman's proposed goals, are in the best interest of the which she compared to those

"Other district's superinfor everybody to see," Teichert said. "These goals are Berman also submitted not measurable and I think was hired in June, the com- Although Berman has been six superintendents, and a draft of his preliminary it's doing a disservice if "I definitely want to be put mittee promised his position with the district for only like all of us, they each have goals for the remainder of the committee can't follow on record saying this," Soli- was temporary and that once five months, the committee strengths and weaknesses. I the school year. Eight goals through with evaluating the

Berman and the commit-Gilbert said the commit- all students are appropri- tee acknowledged Teichert's his submissions.

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Artist Bren Bataclan talks to Bancroft Elementary students in front of the mural they helped

'Smile movement' comes to Bancroft School

By Gabriella Cruz gcruz@andovertownsman.com

Elementary.

assembly on Monday, Nov. the entire school. 16, Bataclan spoke to Banpainting since 2003.

tary Assistant Principal street art. a really powerful lesson." art and became interested too."

bring smiles to faces for dents to create a mural. The his instruction. more than 10 years, and mural was unveiled on Frimost recently, has brought day, Nov. 20, and included trying to spread his mes-"The Smile Movement" the work of students from sage of smiling through givto students at Bancroft all grades with the goal of ing back to the community During a school-wide displaying inspiration for "She thought that tied into

In the summer of 2003, and we all agreed." croft students about his Bataclan began leaving his goal to make people happy paintings in public spaces what he called the "smile through his artwork. Bata-throughout Boston with project," Bataclan has clan also taught students positive messages attached given away paintings in all and staff how to create his like, "Everything will be 50 states and to 70 counsignature cartoon charac- alright," and, "This paint- tries around the world ters, which he has been ing is yours to keep as long leading the small project to as you promise to smile grow into an international "Students came to the at random people more movement. assembly with pens and often." Bataclan hoped to paper and got to draw with create a ripple effect of down the hallways where Bren," Bancroft Elemen- smiles through his free the murals are, they get to

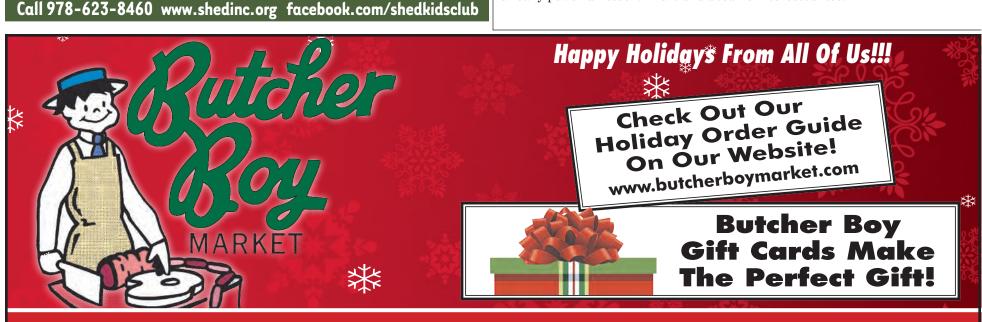
them to turn to their neigh- garten teacher at Bancroft, learned that they can say, bors and just smile. It was bought a piece of Bataclan's 'I can make others smile

Bataclan spent time in his work. Heelan learned working with Bancroft that Bataclan was continu-Kindergartners to create ally working to expand his Through art, Bren Bata- drawings that would later movement and thought clan has been trying to be combined with other stu- Bancroft would benefit from

"Kim knew that Bren was spreading happiness and through art," King said. the culture here at Bancroft

Since his installation of

"When students walk say, 'I learned to draw from Lauren King said. "He told Kim Heelan, a kinder- Bren," King said. "They



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Quiz show team makes it to 'Sweet 16' bracket

EDUCATION

Education Notebook

Gabriella Cruz



After competing with 131 schools from across the state, Andover High School's quiz team earned

one of 16 spots to compete in a televised academic tournament for High School Quiz Show's seventh season.

In Andover's first year participating in the competition, the high school's team of six scored high enough to move on to the next phase of the competition, which will be filmed in January in front of a studio audience.

On Sunday, Nov. 15, Andover's team met with 130 other high schools at WGBH studios in Brighton for oral quizzes during the qualifying event called "Super Sunday."

The questions for the qualifying event as well as the live tournament align with state high school curriculum standards and include questions ence, math, general knowledge and current events.

The winner of the singleelimination, bracketed tour- provide more opportunities nament will be crowned the for its staff and students. state champion and will go Governor's Cup Challenge.

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6 p.m., on WGBH 2, and the Marketing. Governor's Cup Challenge will be produced and hosted Joy Arcolano as an artistby NHPTV.

Andover School of Montessori Grants

the school plans to use to tific knowledge through the a spring performance.

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about literature, history, sci- Andover High School students who made the quiz show team are, left to right: Ajay Ananthakrishnan, Ayan Chowdhury, Reetahan Mukhopadhyay, Frank Cai, Lily Tavares and Alex Martin. Standing at the end on the right is math teacher Alan Hibino.

With a \$1,500 grant from on to compete against New the Roger M. and Michelle S. Hampshire Public Television's Marino Foundation, the school Granite State Challenge win- plans to purchase "Engineerner in the fourth annual intering is Elementary" kits for elestate quiz show face-off, the mentary students to enhance STEM curriculum. The kits The tournament, hosted by were developed by Boston's

"The Engineering is Elesori philosophy," said Michelle The seventh season will Finno, the school's Director of premiere Saturday, Feb. 6 at Enrollment Management and

The school will also host in-residence using a \$5,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Society. The "Stu-Scholars" grant will allow This fall, the Andover Arcolano to work with upper-



dents and Teachers Working Students in the Shawsheen Preschool Program don costumes as they prepare to enjoy a with Artists, Scientists and Thanksgiving-inspired feast. Sitting at the table are, left to right, Joshua Stepper, Tyler Irvin and Sophia Chavez.

School of Montessori received elementary students to focus arts," Finno said. The work For the sixth consecu- Health Services project email Gabriella Cruz at

\$11,500 in grant money that on "self-expression of scien-students do will culminate in tive year, Andover Public awarded the School of gcruz@andovertownsman. Schools' Essential School Montessori's nursing office com or call 978-691-8732.

a \$5,000 grant. This grant money will be used for nursing professional development, substitute nurses and other school health expenses.

"Grants enrich the learning experiences that we can provide for our children," Finno said. "Grant research and writing is a timely endeavor, and I am grateful to all those who helped Andover School of Montessori secure these funds."

Shawsheen Pre-K **Feast**

Dressed as either turkeys, pilgrims or Native Americans, Shawsheen preschoolers joined together for a Thanksgiving feast full of snacks, song and Thanksgivinginspired costumes.

Each of the pre-k program's three classes was assigned a costume theme and spent time before their feast creating pilgrim hats and bonnets, Native American headdresses or turkey feathers out of construction paper, yarn and glitter. The classes then sat down to enjoy a friendship fruit salad and popcorn.

Carol Green, one of the preschool teachers, said that each class brought in one kind of fruit for the

The three classes then worked together to combine their selections into one big friendship fruit salad. Green said the students also sang some Thanksgiving songs.

"The students worked together to make the food they shared for the feast," Green said. "Everyone joined together to sing their favorite Thanksgiving songs. And you wouldn't believe how many Thanksgiving songs there are!"

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ON CAMPUS

Benzi Edelson, an honor roll student, graduated from the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn., in May. Edelson was co-captain of the wrestling team and co-president of the Jewish Student Union. He played percussion in the Jazz **Improvisation** Ensemble and his work in drawing and printmaking was featured in student art exhibits. Edelson was a member of the boys varsity soccer team, and served as a dorm prefect and resident assistant. He culminated his senior year with a project titled, "Senior EP Project."

Jennifer Henry, Kristian Moody, Leslie Perez, Shane Totten, and Emily Wivell, all earned a place on the spring 2015 dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

Lucas Henry Christopherson, Sarah Haley Kanell, and Theodore Petersen Sorota, were named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

Nine local residents were named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. They include: Kaitlyn M. Beaumont, Brigid R. Donovan, Rachel C. Doolan, John P. Gaffney, Madeline M. Hunt, Alexis C. Latsey, Timothy J. Leeman, Holly A. Mulkern, and Thomas J. Suglia.

The following local residents graduated from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H.: Rachel C. Doolan, Bachelor of Arts in Spanish; John Patrick Gaffney, Bachelor of Arts in politics; Andrew D. Lebowitz, Bachelor of Arts in business; Holly A. Mulkern, Bachelor of Science in nursing; and Kendall C. Wipff, Bachelor of Arts in communication.

The following UMass Dartmouth students were named to the 2015 spring dean's list: Romy Abouhamad, Connor Gaffney, Christopher Laquidara, April Mo, Matthew Naiarian, and David Ortiz.

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Kirk takes job as Editor of the Andover Townsman

By Garrin Marchetti gmarchetti@northofboston.com



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the last several months.

publishes the Townsman, said Bill Kirk, a veteran and the important editing position. Kirk said he was excited for his awards at the New England the Tribune, and about 200

The Andover together for many years, and to continuing the newspaper's tion awards banquet in Boston. country. I am thrilled to have him take role as a "major part of the The the top job at the Townsman," Andover community." Andreas said. "He's smart, he's bune, was dedicated, and he's a seasoned in Andover over the years, but eral news. He also received a began his career as a reporter groups to inform them of the named the local journalist who under- the Townsman has always merit award from the Envi- at the Gloucester Daily Times Townsman's current and ongoeditor of the community."

on Dec. 1 after had served as the assistant edi- what's going on, and I see us age of Solarize Andover, a city editor of the Salem News that we are devoted to this serving as interim editor for tor of the Townsman, the sister continuing to do what we've community group dedicated and Statehouse bureau chief community and covering it," In a statement released has also worked for the paper and ears of the taxpayers of for Andover residents and Group. last Friday, Karen Andreas, as a reporter, writing compel- Andover." regional publisher of North of ling news and feature stories

Boston Media Group, which on a variety of topics.

Kirk was the right person for man's office at 33 Chesnut St., February, when he won two which owns the Townsman, bune and the Townsman.

He won a second-place stands what is important to a been here," Kirk said. "We are ronmental Protection Agency and later worked at the forin our 128th year (of publica- Region 1 (New England) back mer Peabody and Beverly For the last two years, Kirk tion). People come to us to see in May for his ongoing cover- Times. He went on to serve as our resources are strong and publication of the Tribune. He always done: serve as the eyes to securing solar electricity for the North of Boston Media Kirk said. "(Andover) is a businesses. He has won back-Kirk has been honored to-back Reporter of the Year as night copy desk editor, and ries here."

numerous times for his work awards from Community later worked as a business edi-Speaking from the Towns- as a reporter, including last Newspapers Holdings Inc., tor and a reporter for the Tri-

Kirk said he would like to "Bill and I have worked new role and looked forward Newspaper and Press Associa- other newspapers across the expand the Townsman's presence on social media, which he After graduating from said has become a great source award for government report- American University with a of news-gathering, as well has "There's been a lot of change ing and a third-place for gendegree in journalism, Kirk reaching out to community

"We want to let people know really interesting community, He joined The Eagle-Tribune and there are a lot of great sto-

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"Last year I ran



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ence of my life," said Andover nity overcome obstacles I have LeTip networking native Julie Zavrl in a press never dealt with, and hopefully meetings release. "I had the biggest never will. I was amazed at the smile on my face from start to generosity of my supporters; I

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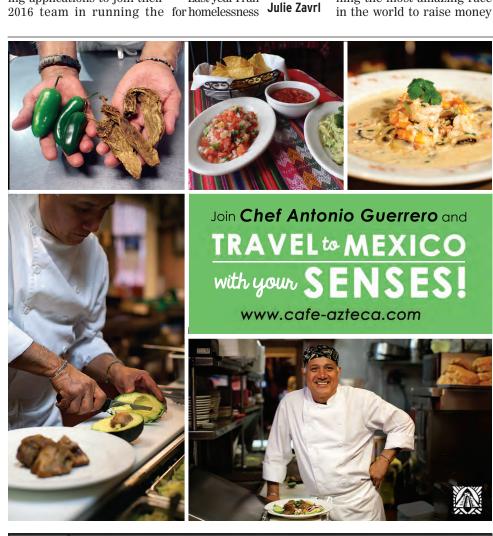
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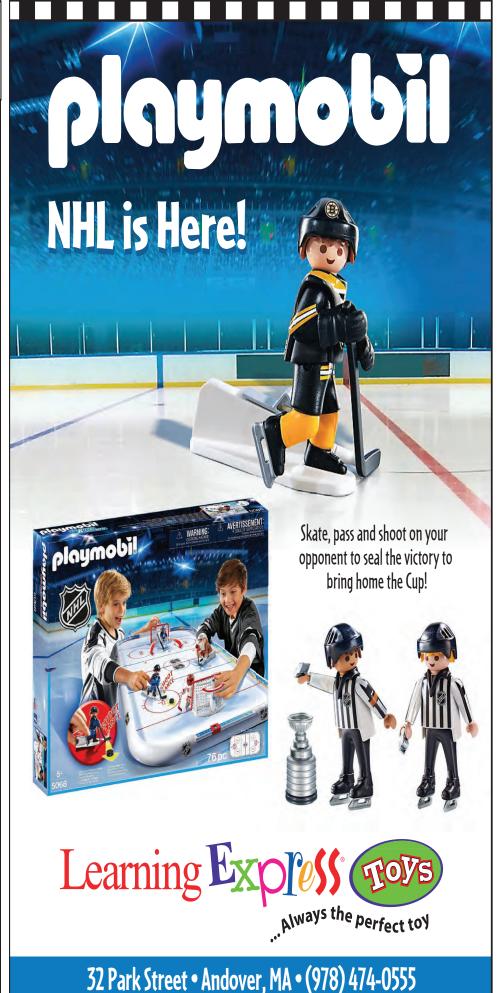


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Opinion

More questions about interim superintendent

Thanks to the internet, there's a lot of misinformation out there these days that masquerades as the truth. When questions about interim school superintendent Sheldon Berman are raised, either by this newspaper or by local residents, the answer seems to be to blame the internet.

When Berman was hired initially over the summer, School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert cautioned that there was a lot written about Berman on blogs and other information sources that were either discredited or revealed to be people with personal vendettas.

She said she and other members of the School Committee, along with the Human Resources department, had carefully vetted Berman. They found that he was a good fit for the district as an interim superintendent. As time went on, however, they found that he would be a good, permanent superintendent, as well. Now, they want to sign him to a long-term contract.

Aside from the fact that the School Committee appears to be going back on its word - to keep on Berman as an interim superintendent while conducting an exhaustive search for a replacement for former Superintendent Marinel McGrath there are other issues being raised about him and the process of hiring him.

For example, he has dozens of affiliations with private, public, for-profit and non-profit organizations. 31 to be exact, according to a letter he wrote to the School Committee revealing his affiliations. This alone is not a problem. Many school and town officials belong to professional organizations and serve as board members on non-profits. But Berman takes it one step farther.

He has started companies that are heavily involved in the very work he does as a superintendent. His wife even worked for one of them. In Hudson, $\bar{\mbox{Mass.}}$, where he was superintendent for 14 years, the district contracted with VHS, an online learning company started by Berman.

The same thing happened in Louisville, Kentucky and again in Eugene, Oregon. Both of those districts signed on with VHS while he was the superintendent.

There doesn't appear to be anything wrong with that. But as one letter-writer said on this editorial page, "where there's

Berman says he did not get paid for the work he did with VHS. The company itself, which started as a for-profit and evolved into a non-profit, did benefit from these contracts, obviously. People who work for the company got paid. According to IRS filings, some of them got paid very well -- into the six-figures.

Again, however, that's not to say that Berman got paid. Just his friends and colleagues.

More recently, Berman was elected as Chairman of the Board at the Center for Applied Special Technology, or CAST, at the end of October. Again, it is an unpaid position. The organization benefits from his expertise as a superintendent, of course, as well as any contracts that he can steer its way.

CAST conducts a variety of online learning courses, similar in kind to the ones VHS offers.

Clearly, the School Committee likes Berman. He seems to like Andover. Many people who have worked with him seem to like him very much. Even the teachers' union likes him.

But it's not enough to like someone when you are going to pay him a quarter-million dollars a year to oversee the largest budget in town with the most employees affecting the singlelargest group of town residents - students and their parents. This person has a far-reaching impact. He is also beholden to the taxpayers, who, through the School Committee, get to decide whether they like him or not. If they don't like him, presumably they vote at the next election for someone else to be on the School Committee.

Of course it doesn't work that way. Few people run for School Committee. Those who get on the committee tend to stay on the committee. (Which is an editorial for another day.)

The most important thing here is that the School Committee and the Human Resources department have a full and open vetting process of Berman. It is not enough for him to write a letter stating his affiliations or for the School Committee to conduct a vetting process for an interim superintendent only to find out they are hiring him as permanent superintendent. The vetting process should be completely different for a full-time, permanent superintendent than it would be for an interim position.

Since it doesn't appear they have done that kind of vetting, they should put his hiring on hold until they do and then have a series of public hearings to discuss their findings and let people comment on them. If, after all that, Berman still comes up as the best candidate, then at least the taxpayers will know the School Committee and the town did everything in its power to find the best, possible educator for the job.

WEB QUESTION

This week's question:

It's been a warm December so far, with temperatures staying near the 40s, 50s and even 60s some days. What do you think that means for the rest of New England's winter?

A. The first few months of 2016 are going to be brutal. The snow's coming, it's just a matter of when.

B. It'll stay a warm winter. If I say it enough times, it will come true, right? Besides, El Nino's current track will bring us warm weather all

C. The amount of acorns that fell on my lawn this year was outrageous. If the Farmer's Almanac is right, lots of acorns means lots of snow. **D.** New England weather is bipolar to begin with - no matter what the

prediction is, the weather will do the opposite. Meanwhile, meteorologists will continue to get paid even when they are wrong 50 percent of the time.

Last week's question:

Should Black Friday be banned?

Yes. I think people should be allowed to choose what they do with their holidays. 54.5%

No. It takes away from a national tradition of reflecting on what you're thankful for and teaches kids the wrong lessons about Thanksgiving. 9.1% Yes. It can also be a tradition to shop on Black Friday with your family; traditions are all relative! 9.1%

No. It's not fair to the workers that have to give up time with their own families. 27.3%

Fire Chief C. Edward Buchan - Like Father, Like Son, Like Neighbor



Andover Stories

Bess Liponis

Andover Historical Society C. Edward Buchan was destined to follow in the foot- Service Club and Andover be a firefighter but also to family's favor, however, stating steps of his father, Charles S. Post 8 of the American Legion. serve as Fire Chief. Later, Fire that because the tapper was in Buchan, for a career with the For 10 years, the Chief was a Chief Harold Hayes recalled, his home, he was "always on Andover Fire Department. loyal volunteer for the town's Charles Buchan, one of Ando- Infantile Paralysis Drive. ver's outstanding businessbusiness and later as Ando-door to the Buchan's home the fires.' Fire Department.

in Haverhill, conducted by the and his two older sisters. state. He became a well-known prevention.

School Committee

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Education data

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To the editor:

needs to start asking

in the Chief's house as well as the fire stations.

be a good citizen and good than that." neighbor. His town affilia-

ver's first full-time Fire Chief, on Central Street. That boy's

he would wander over to had responded." Edward was appointed help. Townsman columnist

tions included the Andover that boy grew up not only to benefit. The court ruled in his "I used to hear that tapper the job." sounding both day and night

When Harold saw Chief one off River Road and one on he was always fair. " authority on fire control and Buchan working in his yard, South Main Street, to which he

Chief following the death of Bill Dalton tells the story: tapper – so much a part of great neighbor and a person his father and quickly earned "They talked as they worked the Chief's life – played a part of great character. I was in awe the reputation of fairness and together and sometimes in Chief Buchan's untimely of him." And so, it seems, was dedication. His dedication the chief would mention his death. After the Chief had the Town of Andover.

extended to installing a "tap-fireman experiences and signed out from the station, he per" (fire alarm signaling Harold would listen intently. was in the family home relaxdevice) in a closet in his home. Sometimes the chief would ing in a chair when the tapper Whenever a fire alarm box ask Harold what he wanted sounded and really startled was pulled anywhere in the to be when he grew up and him - to the point where he town, that tapper would sound Harold would answer that he suffered a heart attack and wanted to be a fireman. The died. The insurance company Chief would say, "No, you contended that he was not "on The Chief also proved to should do something other the job" since technically he had signed out of the station, But the die was cast, and hence not entitled to any death

To hear Fire Chief Hayes His kindness as a neighbor and would watch the chief later speak of Fire Chief men for many years, making came with his influence on drive his chief's car, a 1940 red Buchan, the words "highly his name first in the furniture a young boy who lived next Ford with a red light on top, to respected," and "much loved by the citizens of Andover as According to the Andover well as by the members of the died in 1936. At that time, son name was Harold Hayes. Har- Townsman of May 19, 1955, fire department" are spoken. Edward was already on the old didn't remember his father Fire Chief Buchan, on the day "He was a very good and humwell because his father had of his death, had already "put ble person. According to the In 1934 and 1935 Edward died when Harold was 5, leav- in a full day at the fire station members of the fire departattended firefighting school ing his mother to raise Harold Saturday. He went off duty at 6 ment I have known over the p.m. following two brushfires, years who worked with him,

Chief Hayes' respect and admiration for Chief Buchan Sadly, as the story goes, the are clear: "I knew him as a

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR past decades and compared up in arms over this, as they That people tolerate this

another example of how the during the current school and for a fee! Andover School Committee, year but also demonstrates in its continued catering to an attitude of arrogance governance requires electing honest vetting the members of the educa- toward the parents in town School Committee members tion-industrial complex, has by reneging on the promise who are unafraid to ask the process' for lost its way over the past that parents would play a hard questions that always superintendent decade and is failing the chil- role in the superintendent need to be asked of school selection process, just as the administrators to root out Here is the inconvenient selectmen enabled residents of them the inconvenient Editor, Townsman: truth current members of to play an important role in truths bureaucrats always tenure. MCAS scores in sci- superficialities given that it will stand up to the powers Berman. ence have trended down at is about to offer a multiyear that be in the educationtwo grade levels (and no one contract to someone who industrial complex. Sadly, Berman, he does appear very question: "Why?"). Andover here in Andover since he's "why" of the downfall of among the top 10 Massachu- ful of months.

ing the 1980s, has fallen so School Committee has now tem governance far it is now not even rated been found to have been in the top 80. SAT scores sig- $\,$ as leep at the wheel when nificantly trail those in the the mathematics curricula school systems we always at our middle schools were compare ourselves to, such dumbed down several years Feaster Five an as Acton, Belmont, Arlington ago by School Department and Westford. And results on staff who cut offering alge-Advanced Placement exams bra to mathematically qualihave trended down over at $\,$ fied eighth-graders (as just $\,$ Editor, Townsman: least the past eight years about all other towns nationand are significantly lower wide offer their eighth-gradthese other school systems, for decades), which had ries about the Thanksgiving governance. according to Department of enabled Andover's middle- traditions in the town, espe-And yet the Andover be able to take calculus in Five. School Department spends their senior year without ents have finally started to It is now asking families of the event. express displeasure with the today's middle-schoolers to ure to hold anyone account- mer-school version of this noon, because you can't. able for the negative trends course that, in the past, their Andover school system in course scores of parents are starts.

to other school departments should be. The School Com- huge imposition is a benefit that manage to achieve more mittee has been lavishing all to the town that is totally kinds of automatic pay raises ignored. People who put up So extending the contract on staff over the past several with the Feaster 5 should be of someone found as the years while asleep at the recognized for their contri-The Eagle-Tribune's result of a quick search for wheel as a core part of the bution to the town. They are page one article last Friday an interim superintendent middle-school mathematics the true heroes of the event. (Andover Townsman page not only short-circuits the curriculum was gutted and one Thursday, Dec. 10) "Par-School Committee's public now offers what will be a ents question decision on promise to conduct a dili- watered-down version of the superintendent," describes gent, comprehensive search course, during the summer,

Good school department Town needs 'open,

'enormous inconvenience'

over \$2,000 per student per having to double up in math downtown from the inceptoday, we are concerned that year MORE than these other courses during either their tion of the event, the people ..."where there is smoke, school departments spend sophomore or junior year. who are enthused about the there is fire." per student per year, accord- And the School Committee's event have no idea about the

School Committee over the pay hundreds of dollars in any distance to get to your complete the proper vetting committee's trail of broken fees to enable their kids to Thanksgiving event, you bet-procedures before a final, promises and continued fail- take an abbreviated sum- ter not need to leave before longer term, binding con-

All access is blockaded by compared to levels of student eighth grade as a standard side the circle the race runs choice for superintendent. academic achievement in the part of the curriculum. Of around your house before it

Jim Taggart

9 Adam Drive Hudson, N.H.

As current and long-time the School Committee want the recent town manager like to bury, who will hold (22-years-plus) Andover to bury: The level of aca- search and interview pro- the School Department's residents and taxpayers, I demic achievement in the cess. It also illustrates how highly-paid administrators read with interest the page 1 Andover school system has easily the current School accountable for measurable article regarding the interim trended down during their Committee gets swayed by academic results and who superintendent Dr. Sheldon

While we do not know Dr. on the School Committee has was brought in on the quick "Nero fiddles as Rome accomplished in his field and even bothered to ask admin- and has yet to demonstrate burns" is not just a prose we do wish him the best of istrators the all-important any level of accomplishment expression describing the luck in his professional roles.

Having said that, there High, which used to be been on the job only a hand- Rome but aptly describes can be no downside to an our current School Commit- open and honest 'vetting' To top things off, the tee's approach to school sysprocess for a position of such local importance. The Bob Pokress town's taxpayers, whether or Andover not they still have children in Andover schools, continue to support the school system and town budget through tax dollars. Just as important however, is preserving Andover's statewide reputation for a diligent, fair and As a former resident of open decision making pro-Andover, I was struck by the cess regarding matters of than AP exam results in ers and have been doing self-congratulatory news sto- the school system and local

> Based on readily available schoolers to be on a path to cially involving the Feaster articles (from newspapers in Oregon and Kentucky), As someone who lived mentioned in your piece

While we do understand remedy for its failure to even enormous inconvenience it that decision's made with It should therefore come be aware of this curriculum imposes on those who live the best of intentions, may as no surprise that par- change before it happened? within the circumference of not turn out to be perfect, it would seem that the right Should you need to travel thing to do is to diligently tract is extended.

Good luck to the members over the past decade in stu-predecessors in Andover's the race, unless you park of the Andover School Comdent academic achievement schools could take while in your car some where out- mittee in making a solid

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AN ANNUAL TRADITION

Garden Club's wreath-making workshop like a Santa parade very popular

t's not a "Nutcracker" show or a holiday town treelighting or a Santa parade, but the Andover Garden Club's annual holiday wreath and boxwood-tree workshop at South Church, is just as popular as those other holiday events in town.

About half of the club's membership of 90 were at the workshop on Dec. 1 and, unfortunately, there was no room for non-members as the workshop is a favorite holiday season must-go for so many club members.

"Because the size limitations of the hall and the necessity of ordering material in advance it meant that, unfortunately, we couldn't open the event to the general public," said Frances Wheeler, who handles publicity for AGC.

Wheeler said membership stands at 90, and 40 to 50 people attended the workshop and made colorful holiday decorations. Many attendees brought greens from their home and used those greens to decorate wreaths and boxwood trees.

"Yes, it's popular," she said of the workshop. "Some years we have a lecture with a noted floral designer around the holidays, but this workshop always comes back. It's important."

The Andover Garden Club was founded in 1927 and a primary goal is to aid in the beautification of Andover. A member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., the club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region.

The Andover Garden Club welcomes news members, and information about joining is available from AGC membership chairs Anne Collins (978-681-8052, collinsak14@ verizon.net) and Donna Rudolph (978-475-7165, dlabsuper49@aol.com).



Maria Shapiro works on her boxwood tree at the Andover Garden Club's annual workshop at South Church on Dec. 1.



This boxwood tree is decorated with cardinals, frosted pine cones, berries, candy canes and an angel.



Some members of the Garden Club worked on wreaths during the annual workshop.



Joyce Domingue works on her wreath while other Garden Club members tackle projects in the background.



This close-up reveals some of the different materials that went into wreath-making at the annual event.



Organizers Sandra Clevesy and Barabara Kurth at the Andover Garden Club annual wreath and boxwood tree workshop at South Church.

ANDOVER **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

DECEMBER FRIDAY, DEC. 11

MESSIAH CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. The Phillips Academy Music Department will sponsor its 28th annual holiday concert featuring excerpts from Handel's oratorio, Messiah; this concert will benefit the Neighbors in Need food pantry and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; the program, under the direction of Christopher Walter, will feature the Phillips Academy Community Chorus and the Academy Chamber Players; soloists will be Shannon Canavin, soprano, Krista River, mezzo-soprano, Eric Christopher Perry, tenor, and David Tinervia, bass-baritone; \$5 for general admission, senior citizens and students may be admitted with a donation of nonperishable or canned food; 978-749-4260, email music@andover.edu.

ADVENT EVENING CONCERT, 7:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover. Celtic musicians, singer Michael O'Leary and harper Carol McIntyre, will present an evening of Celtic spirituality and music to mark the Advent season and the coming of the Light; a freewill offering will be taken to benefit the musicians; 978-475-4059, email info@faithandover.org.

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, DEC. 11 TO 13

"A NIGHT OF HOPE: A CHRISTMAS CABARET," 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, ACT Theater Company, 1632 Osgood St., Suite 102, North Andover. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for students and seniors; ACT is sponsoring a food drive to benefit Emmaus House in Haverhill; audience members are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to the show; www.acttheatercompany.com.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

12TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT, 1 p.m., Danvers High School auditorium, 60 Cabot Road. Presented by International Cars, Ltd. and Honda North; the program will feature the Hillyer Festival Orchestra, soprano Erin Smith, and sing-a-longs; this year's concert will benefit the Colleen E. Ritzer Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Danvers High School Falcon Band, and the In Control Family Foundation: \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors (60 and over), \$10 for high school and middle school students, free for children 12 and under; www.ticketstage. com/CRMSF.

ANNUAL HANUKAH CELEBRA-TION, 2 p.m. at Osgood Landing, 1580 Osgood St., North Andover. Performing puppets, latkes, and Hanukkah treats will highlight this year's Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation's annual First Light celebration; ventriloquist Jonathan Geffner, along with his madcap puppets, will perform "Maccabee Mishegoss!"; \$15 for adults, \$9 for seniors (over

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Andover synchro-skater makes top team

By Judy Wakefield

ons and four-

time World Bronze medalists and compete at the senior level The team is

again named as one of the **Leah Gens** Team USA to

represent the event.

in Shanghai, China and the in Moves-in-the-field, Free- Haydenettes.

World Championship in style and Pattern Dance. Budapest, Hungry (qualifi-Leah Gens, a senior at cation pending). In addition, and lots of hard work - lit-Andover High School, has the team will be participat- erally blood, sweat, tears been accepted to the elite Syning in local competitions and and bruises took place. I chronized Skating Team, the shows prior to the National am grateful for the oppor-Haydenettes. The Haydenettes Championship in Karama-tunities and support from are 23-time National Champi- zoo, Mich., where the world coaches, fellow skaters,

teams will be selected. appeared at a Jimmy Fund Caem Gens said in a press benefit. On Dec 1, the team release. skated at the Bryant Park in New York City for a tree accomplished skaters from lighting ceremony. They around the nation. There may also exhibit at the 2016 are only two skaters who World Figure Skate Cham- are native of Massachupionship in Boston in March settes out of 20 this season.

Leah has been skating on year's team are from other country at international com- various teams of Hayden states and are attending petitions. They are assigned Synchronized Skating Merrimack College. to compete at the inaugural based in Lexington. This Synchro event at the Grand is her seventh season. For of Birmingham, Mich., 2nd Prix Final in Barcelona, Spain the past two seasons, she year on Haydenettes; River in December. There are only was a member of Lexettes, Kynoch of Easton, Conn., five teams from the world Hayden's Junior team and 5th year; Hannah Stodola, invited to compete at this competed Internationally. Appleton, Wisc., 1st On the way to rise from year; Andy Gottfried, The Havdenettes will Juvenile Team Mini Mates Olmsted Falls, Ohio, 1st compete at Leon Lurje Tro- to Senior Team Hayden- year; Ashley Tomich, West phy in Goteberg, Sweden in ettes, she also has accom- Caldwell, N.J., 3rd year. This January, Shanghai Trophy plished triple Gold medals is Leah's first year on the

"It has been a long road Andover schools and Last September, they teachers," her mother

Haydenettes attract Five other skaters on this

They are: Sharon Neff



The Haydenettes are pictured at their summer boot camp at Waterville Valley, N.H., in August. AHS senior Leah Gens is in the front row, far left.

All Those Years Ago

TOWNSBEAT

Susan McKelliget

Andover Historical Society

100 Years Ago December 10, 1915

visited the Town Farm last general lines. Friday. The matron, Mrs. said "Yes, Mrs. Swanton is will not last long. always kind and we have plenty of everything to make us comfortable.'

The good work that has ing nurse in Andover during land of Christmas lights on

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30. Greek portico

33. Electric battery

37. Vapor density

3. Repeated

4. Hungers

8. More parched

10. Negative ions

11. Top

13. Dekalitre

21. Gentlemen

26. Bright stars

27. Codfish genus

25. A citizen of Chile

31. Extremely unrefined

19. Imitate

24. Dawn

38. Radioactivity unit

CLUES DOWN

5 School of Business LICB

9. Medieval merchant guild

12. One of the Gershwins

6. Bobby __, NHL champ

2. 200 island Pacific nation (alt. sp.)

1. Exclamation of praise

31. Bureau

15. A small sharp knife

16. Frogs, toads, tree toads

the past seven years has led December 21 when the broththe officers and directors of ers will have completed the the Anti-Tuberculosis Soci- extensive decorations that ety to a belief that much attract pilgrims from miles Twenty-one members of tion and thereby being able is planning to add even more be wounded in combat in the

Swanton, welcomed the the season descended on complete picture. party and showed them the Andover Wednesday, the building which was a model fall amounting to about four Punchard football players ton, D.C. of cleanliness and order. In inches. Old citizens say there and the severe colds of three talking with some for the old is very little frost on the others show plainly that the eration by the legislature in ladies who appear happy in ground at the present time authorities of Punchard and 1966 is a bill which would their pleasant rooms, they and that probably the snow Johnson high have a very raise the minimum salary tendent of Andover's public Georgian-style inn was con-

75 Years Ago December 12, 1940

The Franciscan Seminary been performed by the visit- will again become a Fairy-

Solution in Classified Section

39. Strive to equal or match

43. Highest in degree or quality

42. Carrier's invention

44. Female horses

50. Actress Lupino

51. Supporting structures

59. Capital of Zimbabwe

58. Indian founder of Sikhism

60. Woman of charm and good looks

65. Draft animal in desert regions

66. Unaccented syllable verse

67. Fail to keep pace

32. Diacritical mark

34. Correspondences

35. Indicates position

40. 12th Greek letter

48. In a way, imputes

52. Hydroxyls + 2C

54. Vegetable shrubs

62. Pakistani rupee

63. American time

56. South African village

59. First Chinese dynasty

57. Monetary unit of D.R. Congo

60. Divides evenly into (Math)

61. Household god (Roman)

53. Follows sigma

41. Capable of being eliminated

36. Small cup

47. Rechristen

69. Moss stalks

68. Sheath or shirtwaist

70. __ Lilly, drug company

41. Cologne

46. Serbian

49. Publicity

55 Johs

64. Order

the safety of our children \$5,000!

insisted that they go out there and play football.

50 Years Ago **December 9, 1965**

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more can be accomplished around. Although past years Poremba, son of Mrs. Marie Voting "Yes" were Chairman by enlarging the organiza- improvement, Father Costa is the first Andover man to and Paul W. Cronin. The serious injuries to two ter Reed hospital, Washing- March.

Already filed for consid-

sion late Friday afternoon, that balances and another was moved to 80 Bartlet St.

the Board of Selectmen con- that includes all the services Army Sgt. Joseph C. White Jr. in a voice vote 3-2. should have.

25 Years Ago December 13, 1990

poor scale of values. With for public school teachers to schools for the past 22 years, structed in 1930. In 1929 the snow covering a hard play- \$5,500. The Commonwealth has some parting advice for trustees decided to replace ing surface, with boys in poor has yet to come through Andover: Don't second guess the original inn which dates condition because of inactiv- with any substantial aid in what people want or are back to 1828 with one of a ity due to bad weather these support of last year's legisla- willing to pay for services. more modern construction. people to whom we entrust tion putting the minimum at According to Dr. Seifert, the The wooden wing addition Meeting in a special ses- draw up two budgets—one house portion of the complex

firmed its granting of a pack-committee members believe age store license to John B. a progressive school system

Andover is home to the for the health of the town have left little room for Mitchell, 44 Red Spring Road Philip K. Allen, Roger Collins biggest Christmas tree in the state, according to officials Mrs. Richard H. (Barbara at Brickstone Properties, the the Andover Mother's club to extend the work on more lights and to make some Vietnam War. His mother G.) Moody, a member of the business that bought and slight changes in the crib to was notified two weeks ago School Committee since 1963, decorated the 53-foot Doug-The first snowstorm of add to the effulgence of the of his injury and his transfer has announced her decision las fir that now stands on from the combat zone to Wal- to stand for re-election in the York Street office's front lawn.

> The Andover Inn, located on the campus of Phillips Academy, is celebrating its Kenneth Seifert, superin- 60th birthday this year. This School Committee should was removed and the Stowe

Young Frankenstein' was monstrously entertaining

STAFF REPORT

The St. John's Preparatory School's fall musical was reviewed by students and staff as a zany hit.

The Danvers school's Drama Guild likes to surprise its audiences and is known to never settle for the ordinary. The Prep has performed a wide range of shows from the controversial drama — "The Laramie Project" in 2012, to Monty Python's riotous "Spamalot" in 2014.

This year, the young actors staged "Young Frankenstein," a comedy masterpiece based on the Mel Brooks film.

"After the success of 'Spamalot,' 'Young Frankenstein' seemed like the right way to follow up," said Alicia Greenwood, drama teacher at St. John's and director of the show. "I'm a huge fan of the movie, and Mel Brooks's fans will be pleased with what we've done."

"Young Frankenstein," from the creators of the Broadway sensation "The Producers," is a wickedly inspired re-imagining of



Photo courtesy of mrdrew photography

St. John's Preparatory School's Drama Guild recently staged "Young Frankenstein." Senior Joe Straceski of Andover played The Monster, and is pictured here on a table as he gets ready to come to life.

the Frankenstein legend. The story follows bright young Dr. Frankenstein as he attempts to complete his grandfather's masterwork and bring a corpse to life. "Young Frankenstein" has provided the kind of learning opportunities and challenge the Prep is

known for in its theater arts program.

"I always ask a lot of my students, and Young Frank was a huge undertaking," Greenwood said. "Once again, my students rose to the occasion giving us their very best work. I'm always so impressed with their

commitment and love for their craft."

"The Monster" role was played by Joe Straceski of Andover, a senior, while Frank Straceski, also a senior from Andover, was in the ensemble.

The show performed to sold-out audiences Dec. 4-6.

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and Music Department; tra- andover.edu. ditional Christmas readings

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BALL, 7 to 10 the Andover Bookstore.

will be heard and familiar p.m., Crystal Ballroom, Town ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT, 4 Christmas carols from vari- House, 20 Main St., Andover. p.m., North Parish Church, ous traditions and cultures Hosted by the Andover 190 Academy Road, North will be sung and played; fea- Senior Community Friends; Andover. Performers will 70), \$5 for ages 6 to 17, and free tures the Fidelio Society and D.B.'s Orchestra will provide include the church's adult for children 5 and under; www. the Academy Chorus under the music; complimentary and youth vocal choirs and the direction of Christopher soda refreshments will be bell choir as well as sev-

The Center at Punchard or at handicap accessible; www.

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Townspeople

Wood Hill Middle puts on Shrek Jr. play

By Gabriella Cruz gcruz@andovertownsman.com

Wood Hill Middle School students will be putting on their rendition of Shrek the Musical, Jr. with performances Friday, Dec. 18 and Saturday, Dec. 19. Seventh grade social studies teacher Katie Rey has been working with students over the past few weeks with the help of four student directors.

Jenny McNaughton, 14, Kelley Carzo, 14, Brooke Fleming, 14, and Caroline Fraser, 13, are all eighth graders at Wood Hill and have been leading the student actors during rehearsals. All four girls said the best part of their responsibility has been the role they've played offstage.

"Getting to help the kids who are younger than us is my favorite part," Carzo said. "A lot of them haven't been in a play before. Seeing them in the hallways or outside of school is really cool because they kind of look up to us."

This will be Fleming's third year participating in the school's annual play and she said she still remembers her first audition when she was in sixth grade.

"I was so nervous for my first audition and I was going over lines for days," Fleming said. "Mrs. Rey made me feel comfortable and forget that I was nervous right when auditions ter -- the good kind!"

All four student ing them succeed.



GABRIELLA CRUZ/ Staff photo

Katie Rey, a seventh grade social studies teacher at Wood Hill Middle School, looks on during the cast's rehearsal of Shrek the Musical, Jr.

started. She is so funny and directors said that being in makes it fun. She's a charac- in second to being their for up to the student directors," feeling."

younger students and help- Fleming said. "It's bigger than just a play because the the Musical, Jr. will be on 19 at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are 14.

"Every year I've been younger kids look up to us Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m., in \$10 in advance or \$12 at the whatever we're doing, she the spotlight onstage comes doing plays, I always look and that's a seriously cool the Wood Hill Middle School door and can be purchased

auditorium. Two more shows in the school's cafeteria after Opening night for Shrek will go on on Saturday, Dec. school starting Monday, Dec.

St. Augustine's Youth Ministry helps out

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, more than 140 teens and adults from St. Augustine Parish's Youth Ministry served at 13 different work sites throughout the Merrimack Valley and in Boston.

Collectively, they performed 375 hours of service on what is called "UNITAS Serving Saturday," according to Katie LeBlanc, Youth Ministry Coordinator. UNI-TAS is Latin for unity and represents the theme of the regular service opportunities at the church.

This day "of giving back" was organized by LeBlanc as part of the Youth Ministry's ongoing mission. Adult volunteers traveled with small groups of teens to each site to perform a variety of tasks including cooking, serving meals in shelters, sorting whatever need to be sorted from clothing to bottles of soda, cleaning both indoor and outdoor areas, decorating for Christmas at shelters, assembling cots and rosary bracelets to give to experience of mission. much more. Some teens various organizations. also helped put together a



This group, which served at the food bank at Emmaus House in Haverhill, included, left to right: Jose Bernal, Emily Abbott, Maureen Abbott, Tony Bielecki, Isabel Bernal, Delaney Fisher, Elvena Bielecki, Sophia White and Kelsey Roy.

large mailing of newsletters with Mass celebrated by Lazarus House, Lowell House, Boston Rescue Missent to prisoners while oth- Fr. Tony Burrascano OSA. Transitional Living Cen- sion, the Pine Street Inn

The day began at 8 a.m. Community Giving Tree, Catholic Academy, Emmaus ers spent time assembling He talked about his own ter, Habitat for Humanity's and Ironstone Farm.

Re-Store, L'Arche Ireni-Work sites included the con, CorUnum, Lawrence

Local congregation displays "Black Lives Matter" flag

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, located at 6 Locke St., displayed a "Black Lives Matter" flag by its door on Sunday, Nov. 29, in a brief ceremony

during the worship service. "Last year, we had several worship services related to issues that have been raised by the Black Lives Matter movement," said the pastor, Rev. M. Lara Hoke. "This year, our worship services have focused on anti-racism about once a month, including recent themes of immigration and white privilege. We asked congregants what they Black Lives Matter flag, and anti-racism causes. the only reservation I heard was: 'Are we doing enough might associate the Black Service, and I appreciate how we are hanging the flag in

more anti-racist work."



A 'Black Lives Matter' flag was hung at the Unitarian thought of displaying a Universalist Church on Locke Street to show its support of

anti-racism work to be wor- Lives Matter movement with incredibly hard and danger- solidarity with the LGBTQ thy of hanging the flag?' So, being anti-law enforcement. ous that job can be. Black community. "I don't feel that way at Lives Matter, among other solidarity with those in the all," Hoke said. "I did crimithings, is about trying to this flag are visible remindmovement, and as a pledge nal investigations for three make police more aware of ers of our commitment to that we will continue to do years when I was in the Navy racism in their work. We all social justice and equitable as a special agent with the have to be aware of racism treatment for all," Mulvey She said some people Naval Criminal Investigative in our work, but with police said in a press release.

work it's a matter of life and death, literally."

Richard Hudak, president of the congregation, said, "to many, the slogan 'Black Lives Matter' also represents awareness of the many ways institutional racism constrains the life chances of people of color. The congregation's desire is to continue to raise that awareness."

Nancy Mulvey, a member of the congregation for 45 years, believes that Black Lives Matter reflects the principles of the congregation and the Unitarian Universalist denomination, and their commitment to social justice. Mulvey notes that the congregation has hung a rainbow for years in

Our rainbow flag and now

■ BOOMERVENTURE

BoomerVenture has through Feb. 11, 7:15 p.m. a variety of programs Take part in an active designed to meet the practice of flowing posneeds of the broadest pos-tures with 15 minutes of sible range of Andover's meditation; Sheila Wescott 50-plus residents. Here are is the instructor; \$54. some of the fall offerings Belly Dancing: Thursdays in store for the campus at through Feb. 11, 6 p.m. The Center at Punchard, 30 Learn basic moves from

Exercise and Wellness p.m. Connect mindfulness muscles; dance off calowith one's "everyday life" ries; suitable for women of in a very real and practical all body types and fitness way; \$5.

Reflexology with Uli Kapp: Thursdays, 6 p.m. By

cool down, with instructor, required. Denise Boucher; \$60.50

instructor; \$49.50.

Serenity Yoga: Thursdays completed online as well.

Whittier Court, Andover: fast and fiery to slow and smooth; improve flexibil-Everyday Mindfulness with ity and increase self-con-Chip Carter: Thursdays, 6:30 fidence while working all

> levels; \$54. Films

Screening Room: Awardadvance appointment only; winning, independent films \$1 per minute, in 15-minute are shown every Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m.

Energize with Exercise: All events are held at Mondays through Feb. 8, The Center at Punchard 3:30 p.m. Fun aerobics and and are open to the comweight training workout, munity. Space is limending with a meditative ited and registration is

The Center is open 8 a.m. Zumba Toning: Thursday to 4 p.m. Monday through through Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m. Friday. Call 978-623-8321 Combine weight training for information or visit and cardio-fitness while www.andoverseniorcenter. dancing; Nancy Ryan is the org for complete listings. Registration can now be

Looking for volunteers!

Townsman to highlight hard-working, non-paid people of Andover

The Andover Townsman or sports team. It could men. And women. And in something unique to even kids, for that matter. Andover - an AVIS prop-Next month the news- erty caretaker.

feature, "Volunteer of the Week.'

capacity to make Andover a better place to live. who takes up their own, meetings that help govern photo.

the town.

reading at a local school.

is looking for a few good be a coach, a referee or,

paper is launching a new If you'd like to nominate someone, send an email to Bill Kirk, editor of the the The idea is to celebrate Andover Townsman, at the many people who bkirk@andovertownsman. volunteer in town in any com. Or call 978-623-8733.

If you already have the information about the It can be a member of person, send that along a board or commission with a photo. If not, let us know and we can conduct personal time attending the interview and take a

We basically need to Or it could be a senior know the following: Name, citizen who helps out by age, volunteer position, why they volunteer, how It could be a student long they have volunvolunteering at a soup teered, what they like about it and what they get Or a parent pitching out of it. So, let us know! in at their child's school, We want to celebrate Cub Scout troop, church volunteers!

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER AT **PUNCHARD**

(The Center), 30 Whittier Richard Padova, Global Stud-Court, Andover, has lots of ies Department at NECC, for activities and programs on "When the Candidates Come

highlights:

plus parts for non-seniors/ Hampshire's primary; \$4. nonresidents.

will be offered.

Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m. Following a welcome; free. breakfast of Eggs Benedict and more to set the festive Tuesdays through Feb. 9, 9 atmosphere, the Sunrise Sing- a.m. Get an aerobic workout ers will perform "Sounds of in a low-stress, low-impact the Season." Look for a spe-environment. Transportation cial guest appearance from from The Center is suggested Senior Connections Adult Day (\$2 donation) as parking is Program with the Rhythm- very limited. The bus leaves Aire's Tambourine Band; \$4 at 8:30 a.m. sharp and must be by advance ticket only.

Friday Speaker Series: Friday, calling Carol; \$48.

The Center at Punchard Dec. 18, 8:30 a.m. Join Professor Calling: New Hampshire's Here are some of the First-In-The-Nation Presidential Primary." Padova will take The Fix-It Shop: Monday, Dec. a look at the well-known and 21, 1 to 3 p.m. The handy team not-so-well-known presidential will do their best to fix small candidates who have traipsed appliances, chairs, or lamps. through New Hampshire over The cost is \$4 plus parts for the years. Next February will seniors (ID required); \$10 mark the 100th year of New

Knit, Purl, Repeat! You Too Can Healthy Living Tidbits with Art Knit!: Wednesdays through McDermott: Friday, Dec. 11, 9:30 Feb. 10, 1 p.m. This class is a.m. The topic will be "The designed for anyone who has Psychology of Aging." Dive never picked up a pair of knitinto the aging mindset and ting needles. Learn how to cast learn tips to use the power on, work knit and purl stitches, of one's thought process and cast off and pattern reading at attitudes to keep young, live a basic level. Be ready to knit longer and promote positive a scarf in no time for the holichanges. A healthy breakfast days. Bring yarn or select a skein from The Center. Expe-Annual Holiday Concert: Monday, rienced knitters are always

> Water Workout at Edgewood: reserved by noon Monday by

Fireside chat

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

From left, Billy Wang and Nick Toldalagi, both 15, and Katie Hartzell, 16, sit around the fire pit located in the courtyard at Andover Village Square. Every Friday a jazz band plays outside.

■ TOWN BRIEFS

Merrimack Valley YMCA launches annual campaign

The Merrimack Valley Road, Andover.

The keynote speaker, Sal businesses, government and outside is allowed. nonprofit organizations can have when everyone works vide the music. together to strengthen the community. All are welcome person and \$25 per couple. At to enjoy a complimentary breakfast.

For more information or to impact16 or call Kate Rozzi at 978-725-6681, ext. 130.

Ballroom dancing event celebrates holidays

YMCA will kick off its 2016 room at the Town House annual campaign IMPACT16 Holiday Ball, hosted by the on Thursday, Dec. 10, from Andover Senior Community House at 20 Main St.

Lupoli, will speak of the sig-refreshments will be served. it costs to train a chorister. nificant impact individuals, No food or drink from the The rest of the money comes American Training

Advance tickets are \$15 per \$15 per person.

Andover Bookstore.

are sponsoring the Ball.

The annual Crystal Ball- TCNE's annual citrus fundraiser planned

The Treble Chorus of New up. 8 to 10 a.m. at the Andover Friends, is Sunday, Dec. 13 England (TCNE) is committed Wyndham, 123 Old River from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Town to providing the best music tact Anna Choi, TCNE admin-Friday, at any of the three at 781-790-6461. Complimentary soda covers a small portion of what treblechorusne.org. from ticket sales, donations accepting donations D.B.'s Orchestra will pro- and fundraisers. The Citrus Sale is one of TCNE's biggest for annual coat drive fundraisers of the year.

Atria Marland Place, Ash-taken through Friday, Dec. 11 harsh winter. This year's goal Lutheran Church on South land Farm and Brightview and the fruit will be delivered is to collect even more coats Main Street in Andover. staff will arrange a time and Anton's Coat Drive. date for orders to be picked

Help keep the community The grapefruits and oranges warm by donating coats and Andover Chess Club the door, the ticket price is are from the Indian River Val- jackets to American Train-

on Dec. 19. Pay with either and jackets. All donations will cash or check. Make checks be distributed to those in need meets on Friday nights from payable to TCNE. The TCNE through this program and 7 to 9 p.m.

education possible. Tuition istrator, at tenemanager@ American Training locations: 6 Campanelli Drive, Andover; school Screenings 150 Industrial Ave., Lowinginc.com/coatdrive2015.

The club has a new meet- to schedule an appointment. lev area of Florida. Oranges ing's annual Coat Drive. Last ing place. It now meets at Tickets may be purchased are \$30 for small boxes, \$47 for year more than 100 coats were St. Augustine's Center for register, visit myymca.org/ at The Center at Punchard large boxes and grapefruits collected and thus, more than Education and Ministry at Town Briefs, email towns-— the senior center — or the are \$28 for small boxes, \$44 100 community members 35 Essex St. in Andover. The man@andovertownsman. for large boxes. Orders will be were kept warm through the club formerly met at Faith com.

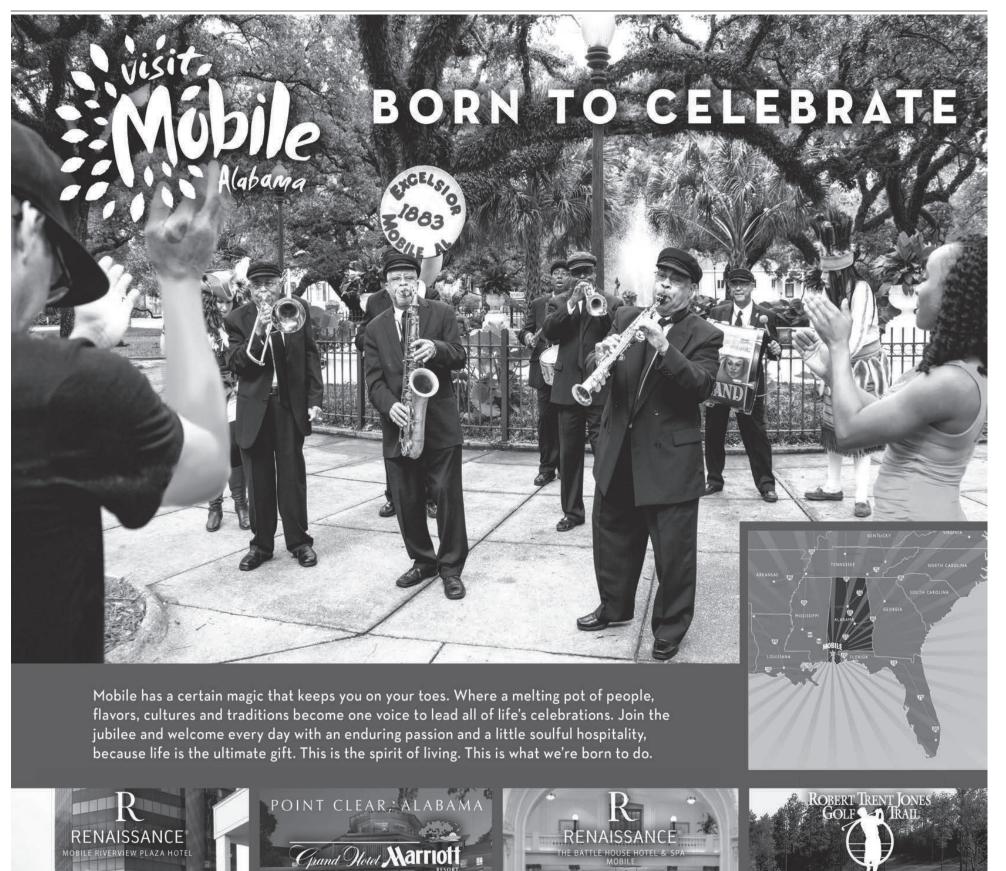
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If you have questions, Donations can be made now go to and overchessclub@ through Feb. 1, from 8 a.m. to gmail.com or call club advi-To place a citrus order, con- 4:30 p.m., Monday through sor Mike Henroid of Andover

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Sports

Bolduc takes over as Andover wrestling coach

By Dave Dyer Staff writer

ANDOVER — Mike Bolduc has never been one to shy away from a challenge. and he is thrilled for his newest endeavor.

Bolduc recently began his first season as the head wrestling coach at Andover High, which has struggled to compete in the mighty Merrimack Valley Conference.

He succeeds Brian Caldwell, who resigned for work/personal reasons after the Warriors went 5-20 last year and 1-23 the year before.

"Just getting back on the mat excites me," said Bolduc, who is also the head boys soccer coach at Central Catholic. "I think we can be competitive, but it'll take two or three years. The MVC is so tough."

The energetic Bolduc, 50, certainly has the background to succeed. He coached as an assistant at Methuen for 10 years, was highly successful at Salem (N.H.) for five vears and then helped grow the program in four years at Malden Catholic.

At Salem, he developed one of the strongest teams streak. in New England. In 2002, the in New England and, at the



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Bolduc, seen here during his tenure as a Malden Catholic coach, embraces his new challenge as head wrestling coach at Andover High School.

That Salem team eventu- Mike Shaw. Blue Devils finished second ally placed first in New Eng-34-33 victory over New Eng- he left the team for the Army land superpower Timberlane, Reserves, training units snapping a 49-meet winning headed to war. He handed service, Bolduc took over at lic in 2011 because of other coaching and I'm ready for

Year.

develop All-State champi- from the military last year. For his deference to his ons Kyle and Devin Visconti land but Bolduc wasn't at the military obligations, Bolduc while building the numbers military, I wasn't sure about cessful. That's our goal." start of the 2002-03 season, helm at the end. After lead- was named the Eagle-Tri- up from 19 to 32 and — at coaching," said Bolduc, who he led Salem to a memorable ing the team to a 10-0 record, bune 2003 Sportsman of the time — setting a school currently works for the Andover opens up against

record for wins at 14.

Department of Defense in his former team, Malden After returning from active Bolduc left Malden Catho-Boston. "But I've enjoyed Catholic.

Among the changes Bolduc has already set in place is moving the practice and meet location from the distant Wood Hill Middle School to the new Andover Youth Services facility in the center of town

"I'd prefer to be in the high school, but this is better than where they were," said Bolduc. "It will have an advantage as we try to build the youth program.'

Andover is expected to return 15 wrestlers from last year and Bolduc is hoping to add 8-15 more. That would be a start.

"It's going to take some time," said Bolduc. "Like a lot of sports, a lot of success is because of the culture vou build. If I can get that going, and have the kids work a little more before and after the season, we can do it.

"The problem at first will be coaching different levels. We'll have a few (wrestlers) with good experience, some with a little experience and others will have no experience. We'll have to coach all three and tend to them all.

"Andover is pretty successful in just about every sport. the team off to his assistant, Malden Catholic and helped obligations but he retired It's got a lot of great athletes. If we can get a few and build "After retiring from the on that, we can also be suc-

Interestingly enough,

Changing sides Andover hockey great Oteri, 23, hired as Methuen coach

By David Willis dwillis@eagletribune.com

Sarah Oteri made her leg- 2 quarterfinals. end in an Andover High jersey,



becoming

ning her coaching

Now, for the first time, the Golden War- High (class of 2010), Oteri rior legend (AHS class of 2010) will be wearing another color ing 35 in her All-Scholaswhen she sees Andover High tic senior season. Also an take the ice this winter.

has been hired as head coach four seasons and was a star as for the Methuen-Tewksbury a field hockey player. girls varsity hockey team. The 23-year-old Methuen High English teacher kicked off the preseason this week.

"(Methuen athletic direcopportunity."

sensation Amanda Conway, who scored a state record (boys and girls) 86 goals last winter, they advanced to the Division

one of the Weymouth. "She has a wealth most dan- of experience in the game, was gerous scor- a terrific player and is going ers in state to be a great role model for girls hockey the girls. It is also a plus she teaches in the school. We are then begin- very lucky to have Sarah."

While she has just one year of coaching experience, Oteri's name career at her is well known around the Massahome school. chusetts girls hockey world.

the roof."

Following her senior season, tor) Jim (Weymouth) came Oteri moved on to UMassto me and told me that his Amherst, where she played for girls hockey coach was leav- the club women's hockey team. ing, and wanted to offer me She led the team in scoring all the position," said Oteri. "I four seasons, and as a senior did a lot of research, and I was was named American College more than thrilled to have the Hockey Association secondteam All-American.

The "Red Rangers" finished Her greatest honor came in a wonderful experience." 15-4-1 last winter, its third as a 2013, when she represented varsity program. Led by senior her country in 2013, when she in 2014, Oteri began a one-year ton. With just weeks before the of energy," she said. "The kids



"We are thrilled to have Sarah as our new coach," said

A four-year star for Andover scored 92 career goals, includ-All-Scholastic as a junior, she Oteri, a former All-Scholastic, led Andover High in scoring all

> Then-Andover girls hockey in Trentino, Italy. coach Phil Rowley said at the time: "Her hockey IQ is through



TIM JEAN/Staff file photo

Sarah Oteri became a superstar as a dynamic scorer for Andover High. After a year as an assistant for the Golden Warriors, Oteri has been hired as head hockey coach at Methuen.

The team, which also

what an honor that was," said winter." Oteri. "It is like the college Olympics. To wear the Team on the way when Methuen/ opportunity to lead the squad, USA jersey and travel with the Tewksbury head coach Ari-

for the 26th Winter World Uni- education at Merrimack Col- diately thought of first-year learn. I feel very comfortable versity Games (or Universiade) lege. She was also hired as JV teacher Oteri. coach for Andover.

But a new opportunity was team was amazing. It was such anna Rigano stepped down Andover High in January. after two seasons in November After graduating from UMass to take the head job at Lexing- gram (fourth season) with lots him on twitter at @DWillisET

earned her a spot on Team USA Master's degree program in preseason, Weymouth imme- are very excited to play and

"Coaching is something I ning of the year and I remem- think my age will be an issue. included players from NCAA always knew I wanted to purbered she was a hockey star I know I have to keep learning, Division 1 programs such as sue," she said. "I had a great and had coached at Andover," and I am excited to do it with the University of Minnesota experience working with the said Weymouth. "I asked her to this group. and Ohio State, won the bronze Andover coaches. I learned come to my office to talk, and it a lot. I was very happy to be has worked out great. The girls Andover. I know a lot of the kids "I cannot even put into words heading back to Andover this are in awe of her background and parents. But I am a Red and she is a great leader."

> Oteri is thrilled to have the about it." including a matchup with

with my coaching ability and "I had met Sarah at the begin- hockey knowledge, and I don't

> "It will be strange facing Ranger now, and I am excited

David Willis is a sportswriter/videographer for The "Methuen is a young pro- Andover Townsman. Reach

PeeWee 3 won the trophy at the recent Vermont tournament



The Andover PeeWee 3 hockey team competed in the Green Mountain Avalanche Tournament at Jay Peak, Vt., last month and played three games to get to the championship game, where they won the tournament. The team defeated Springfield 1 in the championship game. Pictured are, front row: Stevie Williams, Jacob Accardi, Max Todisco, Drew Wachtel, Will Moriarty, Tyler Ferro, Danny Saunders and Tyler Neal. Second row: Brendan Carroll, Matt Haney, Kody Dicredico, Nate Quail, Jack Walsh, Terry Morrissey and Shea Frost. Not pictured is Arnav Bhakta. Head coach is Steve Neal. Assistant coaches are Ken Dicredico, Derek Wachtel and Matt Quail.

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Library decorations are a must-see

By Judy Wakefield jwakefield@andovertownsman.com

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Now that the town's public library has an outdoor patio, holiday decorating has been stepped up outside the building and like a good book, it's hard to take your eyes off the elegance of all those white lights that are shining there during this holiday season.

Memorial Hall Library at 2 North Main St., at the corner of Essex Street, is a noticeable downtown corner this year. While the magnolia tree located in the front of the building is usually lit up, there are a lot more lights around the building this year than usual.

"We always decorate but this year is different. We have the patio now and we went out to bid and asked for proposals to decorate," said Susan Katzenstein, assistant library director. "I'm a gardener and it looks just lovely."

Boxes and wreaths on the patio have been decorated with greens and red ribbon while several trees have white lights.

Samantha's Garden, located on Tewksbury Street in Andover, submitted the winning, \$1,200 bid and Katzenstein said the library staff is thrilled with the work.

The decorating just happened last week so there have been no comments from library patrons - yet - she said.

Samantha's Garden is no stranger to decorating downtown as the company decorates around traffic lights.

"It's much more exciting this year ... it is very sophisticated," she said.



Samantha's **Gardens** decorates the trees outside the Andover **Memorial Hall** Library for the holidays earlier this month.

> RYAN HUTTON/ Staff photos



In what looks like a scene from "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," a worker from Samantha's Gardens tries to pull a broken bulb out of a string of holiday lights.



A member of the crew from Samantha's Gardens carefully threads a string of lights through the branches of a tree outside the library.



Strings of lights in plastic bins had to be untangled before they could be hung up outside the library.



when decorating. Here, a box of bulbs is at the ready while a crew from Samantha's Gardens strings lights up outside the library recently.

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Memorial Hall Library has ideas for opportunities to through multiple neighbor- Shawsheen River Greenway at www.mhl.org/eventcal- Room. The goal of participata lot of programs and activi- create a more accessible hoods and helping the com- Task Force. Here are some of the McMann of Groundwork goals of riverfront restora- Hall Library include: featured programs on the Lawrence will describe tion and neighborhood revi- Discover Your Past Genealogy Thursday, Dec. 10, 10 to 11:30 ing expansion of awareness Shawsheen River Greenway: the Spicket River Greenway, a collaboration of Memo- a.m. Everyone is welcome. "Tips and Tricks You Need to pating in a conversation that Attend a community bracelet" of green spaces Andover/North Andover, predetermined topic to dis-this free group to expand and community with others. workshop on Thursday, and walking paths connect- Andover Historical Society, cuss. Participants will learn one's network of business For more information, visit

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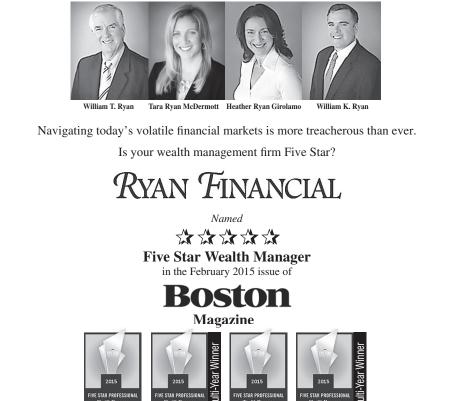


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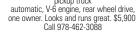
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■ REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

transfers were recorded and Laura E. Ali, \$869,000 recently in town:

and Judith A. Piscione to \$249,000 Douglas E. and Linda Mesler, \$1,010,000

thy and Rory Dugan to Bran- Dhara Satija, \$395,000 don G. Cummings, \$221,500

28 Cuba St.: Joseph F. Guer-19 Abbot St.: David W. Palmer son to Brittany R. Mahoney, and Weili Zhao, \$666,000

16 Balmoral St., Unit 104: Timo- Kim to Dhruv Y. Manek and sen, \$542,000

4 Charles Circle: Wayne T. and J. and Kate R. Bargnesi to Murphy, \$457,500

The following real estate Valerie H. Samuels to Imran Charles V. and Meghan D. Leitao, \$470,000

> 3 Fossen Way: Ira J. and Mir- L. Dowling, \$460,000 rera FT and Joyce M. Ander- iam Rosenberg to Jack Guo

195 Haggetts Pond Road: Theo- \$1,600,000 18 Dale St., Unit 4B: Samuel G. dore D. and Mary E. Witman

18 lvy Lane: Sharon and Sagi \$12,000,000 **3 Dartmouth Road:** Anthony Shechter to Deborah and Brian

Keith Morrison and Gabriella

3 MacKenzie Court: Belmont SB Loconte to Charles P. Fotopouto Claire W. and Ricky C. Lam,

500 Minuteman Road, Unit Wainwright and Andrea W. to Joathan J. and Lacey E. Jen- 500: MHF Andover 3 LLC M. and Michael Faris, \$966,700 to Lixi Hospitality Andover,

Hebeisen to Andrew J. Lynch \$800,000

22 Linda Road: Leona Cresey to and Lauren A. Ryan, \$476,000 Sylvester Jr. Est. and Frank Construction Inc., \$412,000

> los, \$1,500,000 and Judith A. Cronin to Anne \$680,000

28 Riverina Road: Rhonda Aceto and Catherine Iasiello, Moon, \$576,500

77 Summer St.: Eugene J. and 294 South Main St.: Richard Bridget E. Doran to Belford

7 Tiffany Lane: Valerio and Kimberly M. Iannalfo to Ste-2 Shadow Lane: Timothy N. phen and Colleen McLaughlin,

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