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## Walking on thin ice



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A team of 15 firefighters rescued two men from a hole in the ice Saturday at Field Pond in Harold Parker State Forest. A third fisherman fell in but was able to climb out of the 39-degree water.

## Two fishermen plucked from frigid waters of Field Pond

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Two fishermen who fell through the ice on Field Pond on Saturday didn't have much life left in them when firefighters finally pulled them out of the water.

Fire officials said Monday that one of the men was clinging to a piece of ice floating in the water, while the other man was clinging to the broken, jagged edge of the hole.

"They wouldn't have been able to hold on much longer," said Andover fire Dep. Al Deldotto, who coordinated the rescue with 15 firefighters. "They were losing strength and dexterity in their extremities."

The 39-degree water at that spot was about 8 feet deep. Had they let go or become unconscious, they would



COURTESY PHOTO R. PIERCE

Firefighters used an inflatable rapid response craft to carry gear off the ice after the rescue. Three men were taken to area hospitals for treatment of hypothermia.

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## Flanagan going in a new direction

### Fires long-time Assistant Town Manager Bucuzzo

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Town Manager Andrew Flanagan is wasting no time.

Sworn-in in October, Flanagan has already made his mark on the town by firing Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo earlier this month.

Both Flanagan and Bucuzzo said it was an amicable parting. Flanagan said he will hire another assistant before the May Town Meeting.

While Flanagan refused to get into the specifics of why he let Bucuzzo go, the former assistant town manager had no such misgivings.

"He wants to bring in his own person," Bucuzzo said in an emailed statement. He wants "someone who will wholeheartedly embrace his particular vision and management style. I was part of the previous administration, and what has come to pass in Andover."

Bucuzzo, 51, who earned about \$145,000 a year, served as assistant town manager to Reginald 'Buzz' Stapczynski for nearly 15 years.

Bucuzzo said he holds no animosity toward Flanagan.

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Former Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo

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## School Committee passes \$77M plan

Officials admit budget is unrealistic, 'ambiguous'

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During its meeting last Thursday night, the Andover School Committee unanimously voted on Superintendent Sheldon Berman's initial budget proposal, which was presented to Town Manager Andrew Flanagan last Friday.

The new superintendent's proposal came in at 5.46 percent over last year's budget, but nearly the entire increase is due to contractual salary increases, mandates and special education compliance needs, he said. The budget that presented to the Town Manager totals

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## Town on the hook for Collins Center repairs

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The town's property insurer has ruled the town must pay for the damage to the Collins Center because it happened over a long period of time.

Failure to maintain the Collins Center and fix a series of ongoing roof leaks weakened the material affixed to the exterior causing it to fail.

As a result, the town's insurance policy does not cover the work needed to repair the performing arts center and the town must come up with at least \$2.5 million to pay for the project.

It is one of several school-related projects that are coming in at high dollar amounts this year.

Other projects include replacement of high school's turf field for \$500,000 and a study of whether or not the town needs a media arts center rather than a traditional library.

### Collins Center

In May 2015, a heavy rainstorm caused the front section of the Collins Center facade to fall off. According to an engineer specializing in building envelopes, moisture had been seeping through the building's outer panels for years, causing damage to the base layer of

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## Town sets policy banning drones after Feaster Five fiasco

BY GABRIELLA CRUZ AND BILL KIRK  
Townsman staff

Drones are no longer allowed to be used during big events in Andover like the Feaster Five and Andover Day, Town Manager Andrew Flanagan said last week.

Flanagan sent a memo to the Andover Townsman in response to an inquiry about an investigation the town conducted into a drone crash at the Feaster Five running race on Thanksgiving Day.

In the email, the new town manager outlined the actions taken and the conclusions reached as the

result of an internal investigation by the police department into the incident.

"Moving forward both I and the Police Department will restrict any and all operations of UAS/Drones during Special Events in the community," Flanagan said. "This includes all road races, charity walks, events in the park and any other event that needs Town approval and permit from the Town."

He said the town reported the incident to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which apparently conducted its own investigation, culminating in

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A drone filming the action at the start of the Feaster Five road race fell into the crowd of 10,000 runners, slightly injuring one person. The police chief and town manager have banned all drones from large, outdoor community events.

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have gone underwater and likely under the ice.

"These people are darn lucky they didn't drown," said Fire Chief Michael Mansfield. "They were real close to drowning. If someone hadn't called 911, it would have been a recovery and not a rescue."

### Ice fishing

Three men from Lowell, ages 26, 29 and 32, were out for a day of fishing on the pond, which is owned by the state and is part of Harold Parker State Forest.

A number of others were out on the ice, fishing or enjoying the day walking their dogs.

The three men set up a shack, actually just a tent, and decided to wander off from their spot, Deldotto said.

That's when they encountered thin ice near a stream that enters the pond.

"They walked a couple hundred feet away from shack when they fell through," he said. "The area was near a stream. It was iced over, but it was only a couple inches thick, if that."

All three of them plunged through the ice, with one of the men able to extricate himself.

The other two, however, couldn't get out.



Firefighters haul one of the fishermen who fell through thin ice across Field Pond to an ambulance waiting on shore.

COURTESY PHOTO R. PIERCE

A witness to the accident, another ice-fisherman, immediately called 911. The call came in about 1:15 p.m.

### Rescue team

Firefighters deployed their ice rescue team, consisting of two men in survival suits, an inflatable rapid-deployment craft used

to haul gear and victims, four more men handling ropes for safety and recovery, another four EMTs and a number of support personnel, Deldotto said.

At first, when they arrived at the launch point off Harold Parker Road, they couldn't even see the victims. The pond is fairly

large and the victims, who were still in the water, were low on the field of vision.

Mansfield said it wasn't until the firefighters got out on the ice and people started waving them over that they actually found their location.

"It was pretty extreme circumstances," he said. "They

were quite a ways out on the ice."

Deldotto said one of the men who had been able to get out was waiting on the ice near the hole, but the other two were in tough shape.

"They were bad," he said. "They were definitely hypothermic. They couldn't help themselves. They were disoriented. They had lost dexterity and mobility."

Two firefighters, wearing survival suits, entered the water, tethered to safety ropes, then tied an extra rope onto the victims. Firefighters some distance away then hauled them out of the water and onto the ice.

They began administering first-aid and loaded them onto sleds to haul them off the pond.

In all, the two men were in the water for about 21 minutes before they were hauled out at 1:36 p.m., Deldotto said.

"They were in there for quite a while," Mansfield said.

Two of the men were taken to Lawrence General Hospital and the third to Holy Family in Methuen. They were all treated for hypothermia.

Deldotto said it was an operation they train for every winter on Haggetts Pond.

"We get one (ice incident) every couple years,"

he said. "This was more dramatic. We had to actually put firefighters in the water. The guys did a great job. It's what they train to do and it was a positive outcome, which isn't always guaranteed."

Mansfield agreed, adding, "I'm extremely pleased with the way they responded."

### Clean-up and warning

The firefighters were on scene for about an hour, Deldotto said, which included picking up the tent the three men had set up and gathering all of their gear. They loaded it onto the rapid deployment craft and hauled it off the ice.

Meanwhile, other ice fishermen arriving at the pond that day - and those still on it - were advised to stay off the ice.

"No ice is safe ice," Mansfield said. "Temperatures are fluctuating."

It was 50 degrees on Tuesday and was expected to be in the 40s through the weekend.

"The ice hasn't really had a chance to firm up and get thick enough," he said. "Now, with another warm spell, it's going to weaken what's out there. You just don't know."

Deldotto had praise for the firefighters involved.

"Between the training, equipment, manpower and everything else, it really came together," he said.

## DRONES

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a meeting Jan. 14 at the Burlington office of the agency.

Attending the meeting were Andover High School media teacher Dan Brennan, who operated the drone, Tom Licciardello, chairman of the Feaster Five race which requested the drone, three members of the Andover Police Department, which approved use of the drone at the race, and four FAA officials.

The Feaster Five committee had asked Brennan to film the last couple of races using his drone because everyone loved looking at the aerial videos online.

But during the race last fall, things went awry while runners stood at the starting line. One runner actually captured a video on his

iPhone showing the drone hovering over the crowd, clipping a tree, and plunging into a group of runners.

Yanni Wallingford, an Andover native who was home for the Thanksgiving holiday, was hit by the drone when it crashed.

"Probably about a foot above head level and then ... I put my hand up so it wouldn't hit me in the face," Wallingford said. "It hit my hand."

When the drone hit the ground, several people stomped on it and removed its battery. While Wallingford's injuries were superficial and didn't require medical attention, his father, Steve Wallingford, said his son's injury was a small part of a much bigger issue.

"I think all the attention in the media has missed the big picture," Wallingford said. "It's incredible to me

that anyone would approve flying a drone over a densely packed crowd of people. I'm a retired military pilot, so maybe I'm more sensitive to what can go wrong with things that are flying, but I absolutely question how anyone approved this in what appears to be violation of FAA policy."

At this point, it's not clear if use of the drone violated the law, but it certainly violated some of the recommendations put out by the FAA on the use of drones, in particular that they not be used over large crowds.

Planagan said in his memo: "The Drone was authorized by the Andover Police Department. The same operator and Drone was used in the previous year at the same event and one other running event last year. The operator was conducting his video recording on a voluntary basis for the Feaster Five Association. He wasn't being paid or reimbursed in any way from the organization. This categorized him as a non-governmental pleasure flyer (non-commercial) by the FAA. In this category there are few restrictions

placed on operators by the FAA. The one restriction he did violate was flying the aircraft directly over unprotected people."

While Wallingford's injuries were mild - he needed a Band-Aid at the end of the race - the damage to the drone was more extensive.

High School Principal Conrad said the drone hasn't been used since the Thanksgiving Day incident. Brennan could not be reached for comment.

But Licciardello said the drone was basically destroyed by the people in the crowd.

"When it landed, somebody stomped on it," he said. "The drone suffered much worse injuries (than Wallingford). It will never fly again. We had one cut finger and a deceased drone."

But that was enough for Licciardello to proclaim that the race organizers would never use another drone to film the race.

"We can assure you we will not be deploying drones ever again," Licciardello said, adding that after he told that to the FAA officials during their meeting, they

were relieved. "They said they had been hoping that's what I'd say."

He said the meeting was actually "very cordial" and was not intended to scold or chastise the police department, which OK'd use of the drone, or the Feaster Five organizers, who essentially hired Brennan, but didn't pay him, to operate the drone.

Brennan himself also dodged any kind of disciplinary action, according to Chief Keefe.

Instead, the incident is being used by the FAA as a way to educate people.

"They recognize we weren't doing anything that was intentionally in violation of safety or anything like that," Licciardello said. "But they wanted us to come in and by having us educated about some of the issues of drone flying, the pilot, the police, and me, we'd be good spokespersons. People would be asking us what are some of things you need to be aware of."

An FAA spokesman could not be reached for comment. Brennan did not return emails seeking comment.

The incident has prompted somewhat of a dialogue in town about how drones should be used in the future.

Annie Gilbert, chairwoman of the School Committee who is running for a seat on the Board of Selectmen, noted that given the "explosion in the use of drones, policy and regulation-making is playing catch-up. This is a very interesting question."

Gilbert said she was unaware that Brennan was using school equipment to film the race.

"I was not aware of him using the drone," said Gilbert, who ran the Feaster Five this year. "When I saw the drone going over the starting line, I assumed it was a media thing."

She noted that schools should look at how drones are being used because if something happens, "you are assuming liability."

Conrad said he would be speaking with Brennan about the FAA meeting after which he would like to establish a set of practices, with any kind of "district-wide policy" being made by the School Committee.

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## BUDGET

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\$77.3 million, but both committee members and Berman are adamant that this number is unfeasible.

"I don't see how we can do all of this, but that doesn't make me unwilling to say let's start with this number," committee chairwoman Annie Gilbert said. "We will continue to refine it and bring it down just like we do every year."

Other committee members agreed that although they voted to approve the superintendent's initial recommendation, they

weren't necessarily in favor of the number itself. Many committee members expressed their concern about the size of the initial budget, but Berman assured both the committee and the community that the budget process is ongoing and subject to change in coming months.

"There is ambiguity in these numbers," Berman said to the committee. "We still really have a long way to go."

The budget proposed during the committee's meeting last week was, according to Berman, mainly affected by three variables: an increase in

elementary enrollment numbers, compliance with special education mandates and transitioning the high school to its new schedule.

Almost 15 new full-time employees were included in Berman's proposal, and the new teachers would help the district meet enrollment needs, comply with special education changes and adjust to the new high school schedule. The 15 new employees would be dispersed throughout the district, including about five full-time hires at the elementary schools, just under four full-time hires to comply with special education needs, and nearly six

full-time employees would be needed to transition the high school to its new schedule.

Berman also factored in the feedback garnered from the district's middle school math forum, which he and Assistant Superintendent Nancy Duclos said will not require three new middle school teachers.

Committee members and Berman both reiterated the fact that the number going before the Town Manager is going to change before it is presented at Town Meeting in May. Berman also said that Flanagan understands that the budget is ongoing and that any proposals this far before Town Meeting will be considered preliminary.

"I would just like to remind people that this is really just a starting point in this process," Gilbert said. "By no means is the number we end up with tonight the number that will go to Town Meeting. We are not going to have all the answers tonight."



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the entire facade.

A 10-by-40-foot patch of the outer wall was originally believed to have been ripped off by wind gusts during late-May thunderstorms. The engineer's investigation, however, found that water had been absorbing into the foundation layer of the facade for a number of years and as a result, the outer panels let go from the framing.

According to a letter dated Aug. 17, 2015 from Thomas Donaldson, a representative of the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, the property insurance policy for the Collins Center does not cover the damage caused during the May rainstorm.

In his letter, Donaldson wrote that he asked Kleinfelder Engineers to conduct an inspection of the damage to determine its cause. Based on the report from Kleinfelder, numerous maintenance log entries between 2010 and 2015 for the Collins Center detailed interior roof leaks near where the building's facade was damaged.

"The gypsum board on the exterior of the building was heavily rotted from water damage," Donaldson's letter read. The report from Kleinfelder noted the wet gypsum board as the cause of the building's damage and explained that because of the years of water damage, the remainder of the building's facade had potential to



In this photo from several years ago, a high school student studies in the Andover High School library. In the future, if a study turns into reality, the library's books may be replaced by computers in a media center.

FILE PHOTO

fall off as well.

Because the damage is not covered by the town's property insurance, fixing the building's facade will come straight from the town's general fund. With a price tag of \$2.5 million, it will be one of school department's largest CIP requests for the upcoming fiscal year.

### Football field

Another CIP request that will affect the schools is a

new turf field for Andover High School. The artificial turf on Eugene V. Lovely Memorial Field was installed in 2007 and was given an 8-year warranty and 8-to-10 year lifespan.

"Depending on the amount of use, we can determine how long it will last," said Director of Plant & Facilities Ed Ataide. "In our case, this field is heavily used which is why we are at the eight-year mark

for replacement."

According to Ataide, spring sports teams will be able to use the field. The track will also be resurfaced, but is a separate project that is already funded. A request for the project will go out to bid for the new turf field in the coming weeks, Ataide said.

"Funding for this field project would have to be approved at Town Meeting," Ataide said. "If funding is approved, we will try to get

the work done during the summer, but it will definitely be a very tight schedule to meet fall sports. I don't have a budget number set for the turf project, but estimates are putting it around \$500,000."

Spring sports teams will be able to use the field this year and according to Ataide, the field has not caused any injuries and "is not an immediate safety concern."

### Media Center

After the \$1.95 million new media center was rejected by Town Meeting last year by just six votes, Sen. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover, who is also a former member of the School Committee, put in a state budget request for \$200,000 to pay the cost of a design study for the project so that opponents would have a better idea of the size and scope of the project.

Gov. Charlie Baker vetoed that funding request, along with a request for \$35,000 for improvements at the high school baseball field. The Legislature voted to override that and millions of dollars worth of other vetoes but in most cases, that money has remained in the governor's coffers and has not been released to communities.

Thinking the town was going to get the \$200,000, the school committee's fiscal year 2017 request for the new media center came in at \$1.75 million. After hearing that the study money would no longer be available, they voted to increase the request back up to the original amount - \$1.95 million.

After realizing that the \$200,000 from the state was more than likely never coming to the town, the committee has again changed the request from \$1.95 million -- the amount needed to fund the entire project -- to \$200,000, the amount needed to fund just a design study of the project.

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Flanagan, who let Bucuzzo go on Jan. 15, was asked if an incident or event precipitated the firing. Flanagan said there was no incident or event.

"It was an amicable process that led to him leaving the town and exploring other possibilities," Flanagan said.

The two sides are "preparing a mutually agreeable separation agreement, which will provide for the payment of earned benefits, indemnification, non-disclosure language, etc.," Bucuzzo said.

Flanagan said he hopes to have a new assistant town manager in place by the time of Town Meeting, May 2. In the meantime, the duties of assistant town manager will be apportioned to existing town employees.

It is up to the town manager to hire his assistant. He will involve department heads in the selection of the new hire, he said. The town will post the opening this week.

The assistant town manager's primary duties included a significant role in collective bargaining, in communicating town information on the town's website and helping the town manager and finance director develop the Capital Improvement Plan and operating budget, Flanagan said.

Mary O'Donoghue, chairwoman of the Andover Board of Selectmen, said the town manager told selectmen last week that he had discharged Bucuzzo. O'Donoghue said she had no comment on the action since it was a personnel matter.

Other selectmen, when asked about the removal of Bucuzzo, referred all calls to Flanagan.

Bucuzzo said the town manager had the right to discharge him since he served as an "at will" employee per the terms of his employment.

Bucuzzo said he has been pleased and honored the past 14-plus years — he was hired August 2001 — to serve Andover.

"I will always have fond memories of the wonderful folks who live and work here," Bucuzzo said.

"I also want to wish the new town manager the best of luck as he assumes the baton of responsibility and helps to lead Andover into a bright and prosperous future," he said.

Bucuzzo did not apply for the Andover town manager opening that arose with the retirement of Reginald 'Buzz' Stapczynski, June 30, 2015.

Flanagan was selected as Stapczynski's successor last summer, and began his tenure Oct. 13.

In 2014, Bucuzzo was selected by Dracut town officials to be its new town manager, however, the two sides failed to agree to contract language.



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# Police: AHS student hit administrator with car

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A 16-year-old Andover High School student traded his backpack for handcuffs last Friday afternoon when he was arrested on school property for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and underage

possession of liquor.

According to police, three male students left the high school in the middle of the school day and ran toward the school's parking lot. A school administrator followed the students to the parking lot where they got into a vehicle.

Police said the

administrator called out for the driver to stop, but the 16-year-old driver backed up and "struck the administrator in the hand with the vehicle."

Andover police officers responded to the school and arrested the student who was driving, according to police reports, charging him

with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon for hitting the administrator with his vehicle. The student was also charged with underage possession of liquor when officers searched his vehicle and found containers of beer, police said.

Andover police spokesman

Charles Heseltine said that although the administrator was reportedly struck by the vehicle, no one was reported to have injuries. Heseltine also said that all three students involved are minors, so their names will not be released.

The school's principal Philip Conrad also said

that because the students are underage, he could not comment on the incident or provide the name of the administrator who was involved.

"I can't comment on anything related to student discipline," Conrad said. "The students have privacy rights, so that's all I have right now."

## What's that?

By GABRIELLA CRUZ  
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During a walk on the Deer Jump Reservation trail in Andover Monday, Kieran and Maureen Harney came across something unexpected. At first, the couple couldn't quite make out the animal frozen in the Merrimack River, and thought the bird perched atop it was just a hawk or large fowl.

They raced back to their Inwood Lane home to get a camera, and after taking a closer look with the zoom lens, they realized they'd come across something worth capturing. Partially submerged and frozen in the iced-over river was a deer being picked at by what the couple later identified as a juvenile bald eagle.

"At first, we thought it was a bear or some other animal under the bird," Maureen



A juvenile bald eagle gets a free lunch, courtesy of a dead deer frozen in the ice on the Merrimack River.

said. "After we got a closer look, we realized we'd found

something pretty extraordinary that we thought

residents would be really interested in."

## Acclaimed poet to speak at Phillips Academy

STAFF REPORT

The acclaimed poet Robert Pinsky will be speaking at the Phillips Academy in Andover on Friday, Jan. 29, at 8 p.m. in the Tang Theater in George Washington Hall on Chapel Avenue.

Dr. Pinsky's visit is sponsored by the Jewish Student Union of the academy as part of their annual Jewish Cultural Weekend. His talk is entitled "Jewish Imagination."

Dr. Pinsky is an American poet, essayist, literary critic and translator. From

1997 to 2000, he served an unprecedented three terms as the United States Poet Laureate. He is the author of 19 books, most of which are collections of his poetry.

His published work also includes critically acclaimed translations, including *The Inferno of Dante* and *The Separate Notebooks* by Czesław Miłosz. His translation of *The Inferno of Dante* (1994) was a best-seller, was a Book-of-the-Month-Club Editor's Choice, and received both

the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and the Harold Morton Landon Translation Award. Dr. Pinsky is a professor at Boston University.

Among his other awards and honors are the William Carlos Williams Prize, the Harold Washington Award from the City of Chicago, the Italian Premio Capri, the PEN-Volcker Award and the Korean Manhae Prize. He recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the PEN American Center.

Dr. Pinsky produced *PoemJazz*, a CD of poetry

and jazz with Grammy-winning pianist Laurence Hobgood. He has also performed reading poems with Ben Allison, Bobby Bradford, Vijay Iyer, Mike Manieri, Stan Strickland and other jazz musicians. He also founded *The Favorite Poem Project*, which can be found at [www.favoritepoem.org](http://www.favoritepoem.org).

Dr. Pinsky's appearance at the Phillips Academy is free and open to the public. For more information call Gail Ralston in the school's Chaplaincy office, 978-749-4130.

## Hike Rafton this weekend, Goldsmith on Valentine's Day

STAFF REPORT

The Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS) is sponsoring two upcoming outdoor hikes to encourage everyone to get outside this winter.

The first hike is this Sunday, Jan. 31, from 9:45 a.m. to noon.

It's the 47th annual Snowshoe and Cross-Country Ski Trek at the Harold R. Rafton Reservation.

The hike is free and open to all. Participants should park along High Plain Road, Andover, near the leaf composting site. No registration is needed. Hike if there is no snow. No pets allowed.

If it rains, this event will be canceled. The trek is led by AVIS Land Manager David Dargie and AVIS Ranger Ken Doran. For more information contact



Night hikes at the Goldsmith Reservation are popular, family affairs, as seen by this 2007 photo that ran in the Andover Townsman.

Dargie at 978-996-4475 or [david@dargie.com](mailto:david@dargie.com).

Dargie began taking this trek in 1970 when his father started them. He has completed every one of the 46

hikes. He now is the leader of this annual outing which brings families and individuals together to enjoy one of the nicest reservations in Andover.

### Goldsmith hike

The second hike is Sunday, Feb. 14, from 5:45 to 8 p.m.

This Family Moonlight Snowshoe and Cross-country Ski Trek is at the Goldsmith Woodlands.

Bring a headlamp or flashlight and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate around a campfire in the woods. Park in front of 491 South Main St., Andover, at the Goldsmith Woodlands entrance.

No registration is needed. The hike is free and open to all. No pets. Hike if no snow.

If it rains this event will be canceled. The Trek is led by AVIS Land Manager David Dargie and AVIS Ranger Ken Doran. For more information contact David Dargie at 978-996-4475 or [david@dargie.com](mailto:david@dargie.com).

## ★ VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK ★

### Cable show producer leads Andover Chroniclers

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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Andover's cable television show, "There's Something About Andover," gets good reviews from Andover seniors who watch the show.

Many say "it's a community show that entertains and informs seniors and other adults" about interesting happenings around town.

Maurice "Moe" Murphy volunteers and produces "There's Something About Andover," with a patient style and is very dedicated to what he does.

"Moe Murphy leads a group I volunteer with, the Andover Chroniclers. I have known Moe for five years. He is a patient teacher, a good person, and dedicated to

what he does," said Champa Bilwakesh of Andover.

The show's upcoming topics are about planning a vacation and self-defense tips for women.

"We have a planning meeting twice a month to plan the show. Ideas for topics are presented by the group at that meeting," Murphy said. "The group has been in existence for close to 16 years."

After 37 years in town, Murphy moved to Methuen in 2010 and still stays in touch with his many friends in Andover. He also volunteers for the Fix-It shop at the Center at Pynchard.

"It's one of our best kept secrets. They will try to fix ANYTHING - and mostly do (small appliances, lamps, furniture). Mo has been a part of that for years also and everyone should know



Maurice "Moe" Murphy, Townsman Volunteer of the Week.

about it," Karen Payne Taylor of the Center wrote in an email.

Murphy said volunteering is often important to preserve - in this case it's the town's informative cable television show for many of

Andover's senior viewers. "Many services would not get done without volunteers. You need to decide if it is something you want to preserve by supporting it - volunteering is one way," Murphy said.

## Police information system still on the fritz

By BILL KIRK  
AND GABRIELLA CRUZ

A plan to switch the town's public safety computers from its own server to a town server left the public - and the media - out of the loop over the weekend and this week.

The public police logs, usually available in the lobby of the Public Safety Center on North Main Street, were not available Monday or Tuesday because it is taking longer than expected to make the server switch.

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said the process was started last Friday at 6 p.m. and was expected to be completed by Monday morning.

However, there were still problems as of Tuesday afternoon and police logs remained unavailable.

A number of problems - particularly with the software that runs the police and fire department incident reporting system and dispatch center - cropped up, delaying completion of the project.

It wasn't for lack of trying, Mansfield said.

Members of the town's information technology department worked Friday night from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. and then came in at 8 a.m.

Saturday and worked all weekend, he said, adding that while most of the system was back up as of around noon Monday, "part of the reporting and dispatch system is still down."

Police spokesman Charles Heseltine said Monday the system would be up no later than Tuesday.

"There is absolutely no issue other than it's taking longer than originally planned," he said. "It may be up today or by tomorrow afternoon. Once completed all entries will be made to the system and the log will be printed."

On Monday, The Eagle-Tribune requested records all major arrests, fires and other incidents deemed of interest to the public and the media. Heseltine was only able to provide arrests.

The town's information

technology director, Paul Puzanghera, who was overseeing the project said it was aimed at integrating the public safety network with the rest of the town.

"Public Safety maintained a small internal networking environment local to the Public Safety center and the two fire substations," he said. "This prevented Public Safety from effectively sharing information with the rest of the town. In the new environment, Public Safety is part of the full townwide network but with special security considerations to isolate private traffic. This provides improved communication, increased bandwidth and full redundancy."

He added, "The purpose of this exercise has been to provide higher levels of computing capacity within the Public Safety environment at a significantly lower cost by eliminating standalone systems and to increase the reliability of all systems by providing a full redundancy across our shared data centers. The town's Information

Technology director, Paul Puzanghera, who was overseeing the server project, said in an email Monday

Mansfield said it took a lot of work, which continues. "Every desktop and electronic device had to be re-set and re-established," he said.

The police and fire departments may be facing another issue in that they are required by state law to provide public access to daily police logs. As of Tuesday afternoon, neither the public nor the media were able to access the logs from Friday night, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Logs for each day are typically made available after the midnight shift ends. The Andover police log is printed out and put in a book in the lobby of the public safety center on North Main Street.

An officer in the dispatch center told an Andover Townsman reporter that incidents were being written on pieces of paper, presumably to be transcribed into the system once it is up and running.

### ■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY GABRIELLA CRUZ

**Editor's note:** The police log starting Friday night through Monday was unavailable due to a computer glitch at the public safety center. Only arrests were available. (See related story, above.)

**TUESDAY, JAN. 19**

A Summer Street resident called police at 9:35 a.m., to report that he had video of a suspect who was looking through vehicles during the previous night.

At 7:33 p.m., a man went to the police station to report that he left his vehicle at the Mobil station on River Road and that it was now gone. At 11:21 p.m., officers found the vehicle's information listed in the department's tow log and informed the owner that his vehicle had been towed.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 21**

At 4:27 p.m., a caller reported to police that he

was jogging on Bailey Road when a black Audi with three youths inside drove by him and threw water at him. The caller was not injured, but requested that an officer check the area. The responding officer found negative results.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 23**

Officers arrested Catherine Barlette, 52, of 19C Esquire Dr., Manchester, Conn., and charged her with shoplifting from Whole Foods on Railroad Avenue.

**MONDAY, JAN. 25**

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield reported there was a fire Monday morning at 10 Wabanacki Way. He said the blaze started in the basement of the home and caused about \$25,000 in damage, mostly from smoke damage. One person was home at the time. Nobody was injured.

### ■ REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

**6 Candida Way:** Reliance RT and Angelo Petrosino to Jeffco Inc., \$315,000

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**4 Colonial Drive, Unit 2B:** Christa and Mark Levesque to Meredith Waldron, \$129,900

**43 Gray Road:** John J. Murphy to David P. and Kathleen A. Strollo, \$512,500

**65 Main St.:** Cumberland Farms Inc. to Blue Hills Fuels LLC, \$466,487

**13 Pinecrest Road:** Timothy S. and Lyssa M. Petter to Shahnaz Gharib and Mehrdad Dephanah, \$525,000

**5 Zambom Terrace:** John J. and Elizabeth R. Lomedico to Anuj and Monalisa Shroff, \$943,000

# Show choir, wooden spoons and Mr. AHS

## Education Notebook

Gabriella Cruz



Andover High School's show choir teams sang in the new year with high honors at this year's Mill City Show Choir Festival.

The competition, which was held in Lowell on Jan. 16, drew 14 groups from across the region and was Andover High's first competition of the year. The school's co-ed team, "From Start to Finish," was third runner up and earned its second-ever gold medal in the Mixed Division. The team also scored two Judges' Awards, one for 'Best Use of Color Scheme,' and the other for 'Quintet Sound,' which earned Rosie DeLuca, Henry Gilbert, Edward Lu, Taejasvi Narayan, and Daniel Webber superlatives for their vocals.

Andover's all-male group, "Back to Bass-ics," was first runner up in the Unisex Division and earned a silver medal. Senior Dylan Millis was also recognized with the esteemed Judges' Award for Best Male Soloist. "Nothin' but Treble," Andover's all-female show choir group, also competed in the Unisex Division and placed third runner up, earning the team a bronze medal.

Following some local competitions and one in Connecticut, the Andover Show Choir teams will travel to Ohio in March for a concert tour and competition. They will then host the New England Show Choir Showdown at the Collins Center on March 19. To purchase tickets for this local competition that will also feature some of the country's top teams, visit [www.showchoirshowdown.com](http://www.showchoirshowdown.com).

### Pike 3rd in regional round of National Science Bowl

Six Andover Pike School students competed Saturday against 25 other middle school teams in the regional round of the Department of Energy's National Science Bowl, hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Out of 25 teams from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, the Pike School's team took third place.

Andrew Fitzgerald, Charles Yang, Estelle Zhu, Max Fan, Nakul Iyer and Vincent Fan made up the team of Andover middle schoolers who participated in the fast-paced question-and-answer event, being tested on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, energy, and math.

The Pike School team won all five preliminary rounds, as well as the quarter-final round. In the semi-final round, they faced the Jonas Clark Middle School team from Lexington, but lost to the eventual champions, who will go on to compete in the nationals in Washington, D.C.

The Andover team then defeated the Academy of Science and Design from Nashua, N.H., to secure its third place title, earning the team a well-deserved trophy.

The National Science Bowl draws more than 14,000 student competitors nationwide each year, and since its first year in 1991, more than 250,000 students have faced off in the National Science Bowl Finals. This year, 48 middle school regions held competitions to determine the regional winner that would go on to compete in the National Finals in Washington, D.C. from April 28 to May 2.

### Mr. AHS Friday night

Six high school juniors will strut their stuff this Friday night in a unique take on the typical beauty pageant.

Andover High School will host its annual Mr. AHS show Friday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m., when six male students compete for the coveted title. The show will have three portions, starting



Andover's co-ed show choir team, "From Start to Finish," on stage during the Mill City Show Choir Festival in Lowell earlier this month.

COURTESY PHOTO



High Plain Elementary fourth- and second-graders decorated wooden spoons to raise money for Project Bread's annual fundraiser to fight hunger.

COURTESY PHOTO

with an introduction of each contestant, a talent segment and finally, a dream-date competition.

Bruce Waters, Thomas Haut, Gabe Levine, Wonee Han, Bryce Corbitt and Raini Hunyh will be the six competitors next Friday and will be practicing their dance moves, speeches and talents all week leading up to the big event.

The show will be judged by teachers and high school administrators who will determine the winner based on each student's passion,

humor and pride.

Tickets are on sale at the high school for \$7 pre-sale and \$10 at the door.

### Decorating spoons

Two classes of students at High Plain Elementary were named the winners of a statewide wooden spoon-decorating competition that raised more than \$15,000 to help fight hunger.

Shannon Siviski's fourth-grade class and their second grade buddies at High Plain were voted as creating the best-decorated spoons and

as the winners, received tickets to the Jordan's Furniture IMAX Theater. Along with the competition, Siviski's students also learned about hunger and how they have the power to make a difference in their community.

"I look forward to the fun and excitement of decorating and selling the spoons, but what's better is knowing my students will take so much away from the experience," Siviski said. "We get to put into practice how to be kind, giving, and thoughtful citizens. It is a

wonderful way to give back to our community."

The competition was sponsored by Project Bread, "the only statewide anti-hunger organization committed providing people of all ages, cultures and walks of life with sustainable, reliable access to nutritious foods," and Jordan's Furniture. The Holiday

Spoons Contest, in its 16th year, requires students to take wooden spoons, decorate them and then sell their spoons. Students then donate the profits to Project Bread programs that help fight hunger.

Jordan's furniture matched all donations from this year's contest, up to \$10,000, and helped contribute to the more than \$15,000 donated to Project Bread. The two winning High Plain classes collected \$600 in spoon sales that were added to this year's total donation. Siviski's fourth grade students learned a lot from their big win and were excited about more than just the opportunity to see a movie for free.

"It teaches us to be kind to each other and help those in need," said Julie M., a fourth grader in Siviski's class. "There were laughs and joyfulness all around us because of the spoons."

### Kindergarten registration

Registration for Andover kindergartners will begin Monday, Feb. 8 and registration packets are available at [www.aps1.net](http://www.aps1.net). Packets will be accepted 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday Feb. 8 through Friday, Feb. 12 at the school where the student will be attending. There will also be extended hours on Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

If parents are unable to submit a registration packet during Registration Week, they are encouraged to contact their student's school office to make a registration appointment.

If parents are unable to download the registration information from the district's website, they can email [ddelorenzo@aps1.net](mailto:ddelorenzo@aps1.net) and a packet will be mailed to their home address.

School Notebook is compiled by Education Reporter Gabriella Cruz. To submit ideas send emails to: [gacruz@andovertownsman.com](mailto:gacruz@andovertownsman.com).



Pike School middle school students Andrew Fitzgerald, Charles Yang, Estelle Zhu, Max Fan, Nakul Iyer and Vincent Fan with their third place trophy at the National Science Bowl Northeast Regional Middle School Competition.

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# Rotary Club accepting new members interested in service

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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If you are looking for a new way to make a difference in this new year, joining the local chapter of The Rotary Club might be just what you are looking for.

For over a century, Rotary Club membership followed a pattern of required weekly lunch meetings and community service. However, in recent years, some clubs including the Rotary Club of Andover, switched to breakfast meetings to give those who

want to serve their community an option.

The Andover Rotary's 2015 Andover Cares movement which raised money and awareness about the opiate crisis, introduced the Club to more people who want to serve. As a result, Andover Rotary has launched a new Service Membership program with fewer meeting requirements, lower membership fees, and a newly added evening meeting option once a month. Service Members will be full members of Andover Rotary and Rotary International and

will have all the benefits of full membership.

Joining the Rotary Club of Andover is easy. Here are the steps:

**Make the commitment to serve:** Rotary International consists of 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs worldwide. Members are leaders in business, the professions and the community. Rotary's motto of "service above self" is channeled through the five avenues of service: club service, vocational service, community service, international service and new generation service.

**Choose your membership level:** Rotary membership has numerous privileges. Regardless of your membership level, you're a "full" Rotarian, with all rights and benefits. You can attend make-up meetings at any of the Rotary clubs around the world, and attend Rotary and Rotary Leadership Institute programs too.

Invoices for full membership dues are sent quarterly by our club treasurer, and are approximately \$270 per quarter or \$1,080 a year.

The Andover Rotary board and club members review

membership applications quickly and in the interim, welcome prospective members to attend club meetings, meet members, and volunteer on our numerous service projects.

Once accepted, new members jump in right away, meet new people, and get engaged. There are numerous committees and opportunities to get involved with.

The Rotary Club of Andover meets most weeks on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 N. Main St., Andover, and one evening meeting per month.

All members are expected to help with service projects for a minimum of 26 hours per year. This can include planning the projects, helping with fundraising, and supporting projects and events that include Citizens who Care Festival, Feaster Five, literacy reading program, Ironstone Farm programs, Lazarus House, Habitat for Humanity, Interact, food drives, Rotoplast, Polio eradication, water project and Polar Plunge.

For more information, or to request an application, call membership chairperson Al Ruthazer at 978-886-7713.

# Andover attorney found guilty of fraudulently laundering \$1M from IRS

STAFF REPORT  
BOSTON – Following a two-week trial, an Andover attorney was convicted Monday of laundering more than \$1 million in fraudulently obtained IRS refund checks through several different bank accounts, including the attorney's trust accounts.

R. David Cohen, 64, was convicted by a federal jury on one count of conspiracy, 14 counts of conversion and receipt of stolen United States property, and one count conspiracy to commit money laundering. U.S. District Court Judge Leo T. Sorokin scheduled sentencing for April 26. He faces a jail term of up to 35

years or more in prison.

The evidence at trial demonstrated a scheme in which individuals filed fraudulent tax returns with fictitious W-2 information, usually a name and Social Security Number of a resident of Puerto Rico, whose residents are not required to file federal income tax returns.

Once the fraudulent returns were accepted by the IRS, refund checks were sent to designated addresses in Lawrence, East Boston, and New York controlled by Cohen's co-conspirators.

Beginning in October 2011, Cohen and his co-conspirators deposited more than 100 fraudulently-obtained tax refund checks totaling more than \$1 million into banks to launder them through Cohen's Interest On Lawyer's Trust

Accounts (IOLTA) as well as through bank accounts in the name of AD Professional Association, Inc.

When questioned by bank officials about the large amount of U.S. Treasury checks Cohen was depositing and negotiating through his IOLTA and personal accounts, Cohen falsely claimed that the payees were his clients. When one bank requested proof concerning one of the IRS refund checks, Cohen provided a fake

participation agreement and affidavit purporting to state that he had the client's authority to deposit her IRS refund check into his IOLTA account.

The charge of conspiracy to convert and receive stolen United States property provides for a sentence of no greater than five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross loss or gain from the offense.

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# Pipeline co. seeks access to Andover properties

By Christian M. Wade  
Statehouse Reporter

The Texas energy company behind a controversial gas pipeline wants the state to force hundreds of homeowners, including those in Andover, to allow workers on their property to conduct pre-construction surveys.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company LLC, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, is asking the state Department of Public Utilities to compel 450 homeowners along the pipeline route — including dozens in the Merrimack Valley — to allow access for land surveys and environmental and archaeological studies.

Documents filed with the state agency list 408 properties it must access for civil and archaeological surveys, 23 for drilling to test soil consistency, and another 18 where it needs to study the project's impact on endangered species and wetlands where they live, such as vernal pools.

Company officials say the surveys are required as part of a review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and homeowners on the list are refusing to allow its workers onto their land.

"Tennessee has in good faith made efforts to obtain survey permission ... including sending at least two letters requesting permission and attempting to discuss the request in person or via telephone," the company wrote to officials in the Department of Public Utilities.

The company's request for help from the state has sparked outrage from pipeline opponents, who view it as a precursor to eminent domain proceedings.

Hundreds of landowners in Massachusetts and New Hampshire have told the company and federal regulators they won't allow workers onto their land for surveys and other testing for the \$5 billion, 421-mile pipeline project.

## Andover homeowners

"I don't want them on my property," said Thomas O'Brien, one of dozens of Andover homeowners who've refused to allow access. "I'm concerned about the impact on the environment and my property values. And the recent studies have shown that we don't need more natural gas. I think the company is resorting to heavy-handed tactics."

David Yachnin, who lives with his family on Ellsworth Road in Andover, has denied numerous company requests, by mail or in-person, to survey his land. He sees a pattern of escalation in Tennessee Gas's latest request, asking the state to force homeowners to allow access to their property.

"They are continually trying to leverage their position that ultimately their federal authority, FERC, will win out, meaning that people like me will give up," Yachnin said.

In FERC, Yachnin was referring to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which is reviewing the pipeline and whose approval the Texas company needs for the pipeline to be built.

Yachnin said FERC has never denied a pipeline



FILE PHOTO

If the path of the pipeline as currently proposed is passed by federal authorities, it will run right through the Nat Smith Reservation, seen here.

request.

FERC's decision won't come until at least 2017, following its establishment of a comprehensive environmental impact statement that addresses noise, pollution, cultural resources and other impacts.

Tennessee Gas has also sought permission from local groups, the Andover Conservation Commission and AVIS — the Andover Village Improvement Society — to survey conservation land.

John Hess, an AVIS trustee, said the gas pipeline company has, at least twice, sought permission to survey the Nat Smith Reservation in western Andover.

"Our board discussed it and agreed to continue to deny permission," he said.

Hess went on to say it would be irresponsible of the state Department of Public Utilities to grant surveying permission for a project that hasn't been approved and for which no need has yet been established.

## Widespread opposition

The pipeline faces opposition from a variety of Massachusetts stakeholders.

"This move by Kinder Morgan is entirely out of line, not just with respect to landowner rights. It's about corporate greed rather than public safety, respect for the environment and real public need," said Cathy Kristofferson, a member of the Massachusetts Pipeline

Awareness Network, a coalition of regional groups that oppose the project.

Local pipeline opponents are looking to Attorney General Maura Healey to intervene by blocking access to their property.

"There's nothing more sacredly American than the rights of people to live in peace and safety within their own homes," said Bob Croce, who heads a pipeline opposition group in Peabody. "If the DPU supports this private company's goal of disturbing these rights, then this will go down as a disgusting example of governmental abuse of power."

Kinder Morgan and its subsidiary want to pump gas from the Marcellus shale region of Pennsylvania, across Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. The pipeline would connect with other proposed lines running through Haverhill, Methuen and Andover.

## Denials unlikely

In a statement, Massachusetts utilities officials pointed out that their agency has the authority to grant pipeline companies access to private land, and it has never denied a request. They will accept written and oral comment from affected property owners but won't hold public hearings.

"To date, the department has not been presented with information or arguments that were sufficient

to deny a pipeline company the opportunity to survey privately owned land," the statement read. "However, any future case would be judged on its own factual record and arguments made during the proceeding."

Homeowners won't be entitled to compensation for the use of their land for surveys, according to the statement, though the agency could impose conditions on the surveying work, and the company would be responsible for any damages to private property.

Resistance from private land owners poses a significant obstacle to the pipeline project. Opponents are digging in for legal challenges.

Several communities — including Andover, Methuen, Peabody and Lynnfield — have passed resolutions opposing the pipeline and are calling on state and federal officials to ban gas pipelines in favor of solar, wind and other renewable energy projects.

Other communities, such as Concord, Deerfield and North Reading, have passed local ordinances banning surveying and other work for the project.

Former Andover Town Manager Reginald 'Buzz' Stapeczynski, upon hearing that the natural gas company wanted to survey town



FILE PHOTO

More than a year ago, interested residents gathered for a series of hikes to walk along the route of the proposed natural gas pipeline.

conservation land last year, for a ruling from the state issued a cease and desist by March 1, when it plans to order requesting the utility company to keep its representatives out of Andover altogether.

Tennessee Gas has asked *Andover Townsman* reporter Terry Date contributed to this report.

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# L'Italien secures \$9K for Andover fire safety

STAFF REPORT

Along with communities in Sen. Barbara L'Italien's district, the Andover Fire Department received just over \$9,000 to fund fire safety education for children, teens and older adults. Through the Student Awareness of Fire Education program, the state legislature provides resources to local fire departments to conduct fire and life safety education programs to grades K-12. Recently, the SAFE program was expanded to support fire prevention and preparedness training for seniors. Since the SAFE program originated 21 years ago,

annual fire-related child deaths have been reduced by 70 percent, according to State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan's office.

The Andover Fire Department will receive \$5,937 for its Student SAFE program, and \$3,115 for its Senior SAFE program. Andover is one of four communities in L'Italien's district to receive grants that totaled \$35,000.

"It's important to note that these programs would not be possible without the continued efforts of our local fire departments in maintaining the highest level of service and professionalism in their cities and towns," L'Italien said.

# Sewing, babysitting and more offered by the DCS

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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There are four half-days of school coming up for Andover's public school students because of professional days for teachers and the town is offering fun programs on these days to keep children occupied.

The Department of Community Services is offering three sewing workshops and one babysitting course during the four early release days that the Andover School System has in place.

The first three workshops are all part of the "Make it SEW Yours Workshop" series during which kids will spend two hours (1:30 to 3:30 p.m.) hand-stitching and trimming special sewing projects. These projects will all be unique to each child's specifications. There is no experience necessary, and each workshop will have a different focus.

The fun starts on Friday, Jan. 29, and the group will make a pair of fleece mittens and a scarf. On Friday, March 11, each registered participant will make a personalized banner to take home, and on Friday, May 13, the kids will design a t-shirt in the program. All three workshops are taught



A group of girls hold onto the dolls they use to learn about baby-sitting at DCS.



Sewing is fun and colorful as these youngsters can attest at a DCS sewing workshop.

by Carrie Midura, of Carrie & Fitz Sewing, who has been sewing professionally and as hobby for 25 years and has taught sewing classes

throughout New England. DCS is also offering two extended sewing programs for kids that run weekly. The first is a "Learn to Sew," a

beginner course that runs for four weeks and will focus on the basics of operating a sewing machine while working on special projects. The second course is "Learn to Sew Together," a beginner sewing program for a parent and child or children. In this program, both parent and child will learn the basics of sewing while creating a matching pair of pajama pants.

DCS is also offering a popular "Safe Babysitting" workshop on Friday, June 3. This program will run from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will give participants all the instruction they need to perform basic first aid, perform choke-saving procedures, handle fire and safety emergencies, and diaper changing and washing procedures. In addition, age appropriate activities will be offered to allow kids to be a well-rounded babysitter upon completion of the course.

"Safe Babysitting" is also being offered once over February Vacation week and once over April Vacation week, on Feb. 17 and April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All these programs require pre-registration and space is limited. Program and registration information can be found at AndoverDCS.com or by calling 978-623-8274.

## ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY

**Friday, Jan. 29**  
**MELMARK NEW ENGLAND'S ADULT DAY PROGRAM OPENS, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.,** The Riverwalk, 280 Merrimack St., North Entrance, Lawrence. The event will include light refreshments, information and tours. Email ekallman@melmarkne.org or call 978-654-4371 if planning to attend. **SUNDAY, JAN. 31**

**ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT, Bach's Magnificat**

in D, Vivaldi's Magnificat and Zelenka's Dixit Dominus, 3 p.m., North Andover High School auditorium, 430 Osgood St. The chorus will be accompanied by a professional orchestra and joined by four soloists: soprano Erika Vogel, mezzo-soprano Emily Marvosh, tenor Stefan Reed, and bass Joseph Hubbard; tickets are \$20 for adults in advance (\$25 at the door) and \$5 for students; group rates are available; the non-audition chorus is open to the entire community, [www.andoverchoralsociety.org](http://www.andoverchoralsociety.org).

**ANDOVER 101, 1 to 2:15 p.m.,** Andover Historical Society,

97 Main St. Residents are invited to discover decidedly unstuffy history of Andover. The program, which is designed to appeal to newcomers and people who have lived in town for years, will give an introduction to key stories that contributed to the Andover of today. From how Andover was founded, to Andover's role in national events, to how local place names came to be, Andover 101 will cover 300 years of Andover's stories in a fun and lively presentation. Historic maps, photographs, and cultural artifacts from Andover's past will illustrate 15 stories about the town. To

register for this free program, go to [www.andover-historical.org/andover-101](http://www.andover-historical.org/andover-101) or call 978-475-2236. Email inquiries to [info@andover-historical.org](mailto:info@andover-historical.org).

**WARD WINTER FUN DAY, noon to 3 p.m.,** Ward Reservation, Prospect Road, Andover. Discover and explore Ward Reservation in Andover and North Andover as The Trustees (The Trustees of Reservations), in partnership with the Andover Trails Committee and Friends of North Andover Trails, host a community-favorite event; enjoy guided hikes throughout the property as well as refreshments by a roaring fire; 12:30 p.m. guided hike to Boston Hill (3 miles); 1 p.m. guided hike to the Judy Trail (3 miles); periodic guided hikes around Holt Hill and the bog (1 mile); parking is available at the reservation entrance on Prospect Road, east of Route 125; follow the signs to the activities; open to the public; free for Trustees members and \$10 per car for nonmembers; 978-356-4351, ext. 4020, email [cshortcliffe@thetrustees.org](mailto:cshortcliffe@thetrustees.org). **NOW THROUGH FEB. 29**

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# Opinion

## Hold off on hands-free law; texting and driving is the issue

It's probably a done deal that by this time next year, it will be illegal to use your cell phone while driving in Massachusetts, unless you have a hands-free device.

The state Senate approved the measure last week, and it now moves on to the House, where it appears to have adequate support.

We're not big fans of this law, at least in its current unilateral application. There is plenty of evidence that shows a correlation between cell phone use and accidents, but studies indicate it's not necessarily people who are talking on their cell phones that is the root of the problem. Rather, it is texting while driving.

Texting is the problem, and it should be the focus of the solution. We have laws in place now to punish drivers who text while driving. Those laws should see stepped-up enforcement.

It's an important distinction to make, because vast numbers of us depend on our cell phones to make phone calls while we are driving. Lawmakers are taking a sledgehammer approach to a problem that could have a much more finely-tuned solution.

Some 14 states now require drivers to have a hands-free device for cell phone use. Among them is Connecticut, one of the first in the nation to pass a hands free law, in 2005. Taking a look at Connecticut's experience is enlightening. Studies from credible organizations such as the National Traffic Safety Administration show that in Connecticut -- and elsewhere -- there is no definitive evidence that hands-free laws have translated into fewer accidents.

A study by the American Journal of Public Health is considered by several law enforcement agencies -- including Connecticut's state police -- as a definitive source on the problems caused by cell phone use. The study points clearly to texting as the root cause of cell phone related accidents.

"Distracted driving is a growing public safety hazard. Specifically, the dramatic rise in texting volume since 2005 appeared to be contributing to an alarming rise in distracted driving fatalities. Legislation enacting texting bans should be paired with effective enforcement to deter drivers from using cell phones while driving," the study's conclusion says.

"Crashes increasingly involved male drivers driving alone in collisions with roadside obstructions in urban areas. By use of multivariate analyses, we predicted that increasing texting volumes resulted in more than 16,000 additional road fatalities from 2001 to 2007."

In 2014, Connecticut, citing the American Journal report, conducted a \$2 million enforcement campaign directed entirely at people who text while driving. After years of experience, Connecticut got it -- it was fishing where the dangerous fish were. Any of us who have seen a person texting while driving would agree. They weave, sometimes brake, and take risks they would not normally take.

Digging deeper into the issue of hands-free laws unearths a great deal of data that runs contrary to commonly-held beliefs. Credible studies have found that talking on a cell phone, whether it be hands-free or hand-held, have the same distraction factors. There's no discernible difference between the two, in terms of accidents.

Many drivers are able to motor along competently while using a hand-held phone. Indeed, many of us would be at a loss if we were unable to use our phone's mapping and navigation apps to get us where we are going. Use of those apps will be banned if the hands-free law passes.

The point to be made here is whether forcing people to give up talking on a hand-held device is actually making the roads safer. It appears it does not. And given the importance we place today on talking on the phone while driving, it seems excessive to take that freedom away from people.

Hands-free devices are the wave of the future, and virtually all new cars are equipped with them. In the Massachusetts Legislature, some senators argued that this wave of new technology will catch up to the problem and make it moot. They suggest we do a better job enforcing our current texting law.

We would agree.

This unilateral approach to solving the texting-while-driving problem isn't going to get to the root of the problem.

## WEB QUESTION

### Last week's question:

MBTA train tracks, including the tracks that run through Andover, are being used to transport crude oil and other chemicals. Do you think using commuter railways to move flammable materials is a good idea?

Yes. The amount of regulations and emergency plans in place make sure that if something goes wrong, it can be contained with minimal fallout. 4 votes, or 17.4%

No. If an empty commuter train can derail in Andover like it did last week and cause transit problems, the possibility of flammable materials spilling will cause bigger problems than late trains. 7 votes, or 30.4%

Yes. Every issue has its pros and cons, but being able to move profitable materials in as many ways as possible benefits the economy more than the potential for accidents could hurt the environment. 9 votes, or 39.1%

No. Transporting cargo other than passengers over commuter rails leaves too many opportunities for delays and cancellations that hinder the tracks' original purpose. 3 votes, or 13%

### This week's question:

The Massachusetts Senate passed a new distracted-driving bill that would ban motorists from using hand-held mobile devices while operating a vehicle. Do you think this is a necessary law for the state?

No. There are so many organizations that warn drivers about the dangers of texting and using a phone while driving. The media has made people very aware of the consequences and as more people realize the dangers, there will be fewer cell phone-related accidents.

Yes. Massachusetts drivers have consistently been categorized as some of the worst in the nation. The more laws passed by the state to change that reputation, the better.

I'm not sure. People use their phones for directions and playing music, so there are times when it's necessary to multitask while driving. But at the same time, it only takes a second to cause an accident and that puts everyone in danger, including the driver.

Yes. If the law saves even one life that would have otherwise been at risk because drivers weren't legally prohibited from using their phones, then it's worth it no matter how inconvenient it may be.



## Don't do this!

This activity - texting and driving - is already illegal in Mass. If a new law goes into effect, it would also be illegal to talk on your phone without a hands-free device. (See editorial.)

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### Math problem is really a planning problem

Editor, Townsman:

The Townsman's recent headline misses the mark: it is not a "math problem," it is a planning problem.

Middle schools and high schools across Massachusetts and the United States have for decades been able to offer math curriculum tracks that enable high school students to take calculus in grade 12 without having to double up math courses, take summer school math, or independently take a math course outside of the regular school system (an "uncomplicated track").

It is my understanding that the current Andover math curriculum does not enable students to take calculus in grade 12 on an uncomplicated track. Thus, to take calculus in grade 12, Andover middle school students entering high school will have to double up math courses, take Summer school math, or independently take a math course outside of the regular school system. The lame excuse offered by the school administration for the complicated track to calculus in grade 12 is that the Massachusetts Department of Education made a math curriculum change in 2011 that resulted in the Andover math curriculum not enabling an uncomplicated track to calculus in grade 12.

A state curriculum change made in 2011 allowed plenty of time for the Andover math curriculum to be adjusted for an uncomplicated track to calculus in grade 12. It is quite clear to me that the school administration failed miserably to meet their responsibility to plan and implement an appropriate math curriculum that would enable an uncomplicated track to calculus in grade 12. Clearly, this is a "planning problem" not a math problem.

While this subject has been discussed at various meetings, not until recently was the planning problem directly reported to parents of affected students. In my opinion, the school administration reporting that has been done to date has been late, poor and incomplete. Furthermore, school administration personnel have refused to fully answer questions about the planning problem. None of the alternatives proposed by the school administration are satisfactory to this parent of an affected student. All of the solutions effectively punish good students and/or shift

cost to the parents.

One of the most disturbing aspects of the current situation is that it appears that none of the school administration personnel responsible for curriculum planning are being held responsible for the planning problem or the late and incomplete direct notice to parents of students affected by the planning problem. The school committee's apparent lack action to hold the school administration accountable is also a significant concern.

A solution for the planning problem should be found that is not punishment for good students, that does not interfere with the opportunity for a full set of high school elective courses, and that does not financially burden the parents of students affected by the planning problem. And the personnel of the school administration responsible for the planning problem should be held responsible and publicly accountable. Offering calculus in grade 12 is one of the hallmarks of a quality high school curriculum and in Andover it should not be complicated.

JOHN MITCHELL  
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### Trump signs in Andover a cause of concern

Editor, Townsman:

I have noticed Trump signs going up in my town -- my educated, upper middle class town -- and I am concerned.

Donald Trump is first and foremost an actor and second a hater. Anyone who claims that America was once great and isn't anymore has some explaining to do. What era does Trump want to go back to? Pre-women's rights? Jim Crow? Or when the first Europeans arrived?

Americans have worked hard -- and are probably working harder than ever, thanks to the Internet -- to have all peoples' voices heard. To say that times

were better when others were oppressed is absurd.

Trump preaches hate. Here's what I'd like to ask Trump supporters: Imagine him speaking to world leaders. Imagine a president who doesn't think he has to answer to anyone. Imagine a president who judges some of us American, others not so much. Imagine the land of the free surrounded by a wall. What does that say about us?

And let's talk about ISIS. If you don't know that ISIS, Al Qaeda and other terror groups kill more Muslims than whites or Europeans, then you need to educate yourselves.

Preventing people from fleeing atrocities is not what we stand for. Hating our neighbor does not make us great. We cannot let fear determine our future. If we do, we stop living.

Hate begets hate.

I am not asking Trump supporters to get behind Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton or any particular candidate. I am asking them to be open to the fact that America is made up of many different kinds of people. I am asking them to meet people who are not like them -- people of different colors and different backgrounds -- and to learn that we are all looking for the same things: a good life, decent work, a nice place to live, friends, and a way for all of us to get along.

For the most part, the media has been irresponsible in its coverage of Trump. They need to start exposing his lies and his hate, and to report the truth instead of trying to get their ratings up.

Let's not turn our backs on each other, and let's not let a billionaire who doesn't understand diplomacy and decent human behavior be the image of our country.

THEA SHAPIRO  
Andover

### Scully will bring 'intelligence, candor' to School Committee

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing to express my support for Shannon Scully for School Committee.

I first met Shannon shortly after she moved to Andover in 2011. I was serving as an officer of the Bancroft PTO, and Shannon consistently attended meetings, impressing us all with her intelligence, her candor, her willingness to work hard, and her drive to improve communication at Bancroft.

When I became PTO President in 2013, Shannon volunteered to be our communications chair. We assumed our roles in late

June, and by the time school resumed in September, Shannon had completely revamped all of our PTO communications. She created a new website, bancroft-ptc.org, which immediately became the information hub for all things Bancroft; she launched a weekly email bulletin - Parent Express, which kept our families informed of PTO news, school news, and community news; she developed our social media presence; and she streamlined all of our avenues of communication and made certain that everyone at Bancroft - administrators, teachers, staff, and parents - all had access to news, calendars, event sign-ups, and more.

This was an enormous undertaking, but what made it more critical was its timing. The new Bancroft was in its final year of construction, and students and staff were enduring some pretty grim building conditions. There were many uncertainties - would the building be ready in time for a late winter or early spring move-in, when would redistricting occur, would there be a playground, how would the traffic patterns change.

Shannon's commitment to communication infused a beleaguered Bancroft community with energy and hope. It helped us all to navigate the uncertainty, and kept us engaged in the process as we prepared to move into the new Bancroft.

In the years since I served as PTO president, I've continued to work very closely with Shannon on a variety of town and school issues. Shannon is relentless in her quest to find, understand and share data and information. She is the person who not only can identify a problem, she offers pragmatic alternatives and solutions and the data to back up her suggestions. At a time when our opinion pages and Facebook forums are filled with hysterical and factually unfounded soundbites, Shannon is a refreshing, and much-needed alternative.

She will lead the charge in improving Andover schools, making decisions based on fact not anecdote. To learn more about Shannon and her campaign I encourage you to visit scullyforandover.org. We all want to see our schools performing at the highest level, and our tax dollars being spent responsibly. With her dedication, drive and intellect, Shannon Scully is an outstanding candidate to lead our school system.

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# Townspeople

## Honored for life-saving, crime-fighting

By BILL KIRK

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It was the start of the Feaster Five on Thanksgiving Day and Andover Firefighters David Eulie and Jameson Lockhart were in the town ambulance, rolling along at the back of the pack to pick up anyone who might twist an ankle or somehow injure themselves along the 5K route.

As they got about 100 yards from the start/finish line on North Main Street, they saw two bystanders waving frantically for the ambulance to stop.

According to Fire Chief Michael Mansfield, Eulie and Lockhart hopped out and found a man on the road having a seizure. The man, who had started running in the race with his wife, had some prior health issues, his wife told the firefighters.

He was able to speak to them briefly, then began seizing again, Mansfield said.

"Then he went into full cardiac arrest," Mansfield said.

Eulie and Lockhart quickly got to work, doing CPR and administering three shocks with the defibrillator. As they worked on him, paramedics from Lawrence General Hospital arrived to offer him additional care and transport him to Lawrence General Hospital.

From there, he was flown by helicopter to a Boston hospital for emergency treatment.

For their life-saving work, Eulie and Lockhart were honored last week by the Exchange Club of Lawrence as Merrimack Valley Firefighters of the Year.

The 2016 Public Safety Awards were given out as part of an annual event at the Wyndham Andover Hotel last Thursday evening. Some 300 people attended the event.

Mansfield said he was proud of the work the firefighters did that day.

"Had they not been there, it would have been a different outcome," he said. "It was a good save. By the time they got him to hospital, he was back to normal."

In fact, Mansfield said, the man, whose name was not available, has already been back to the station a couple of times to thank the two firefighters who saved his life.

### Police honored

In addition to Eulie and Lockhart, Andover detectives Kevin Aufiero and Peter Reming were honored as Police Officers of the Year for investigating and solving a house break involving a 16-year-old victim who was duct-taped to a chair.

On July 31, a man broke into a home on North Main Street. A 16-year-old girl who was home at the time was tied to a chair with duct tape while the man rifled through a purse and stole \$300.

When the girl's mother and brother came home, the man ran out the front door, through some woods, and then allegedly broke into another home on Harding Street, where he changed out of his muddy clothes and stole some new clothes.

Aufiero and Reming tracked the man down through fingerprints and DNA recovered at the Harding Street scene. They also got tips from people who saw the man's image in the media.

According to a Nov. 5 story in the Andover Townsman, "They also learned that stolen items from the Harding Street home could be found at the suspect's mother's residence in Chicopee. With the assistance from the Chicopee Police Department, Andover Police executed a search warrant of the residence and recovered several stolen items, which



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo.

Andover police Det. Peter Reming is congratulated by his family after receiving the Exchange Club of Lawrence Police Officer of the Year award along with Det. Kevin Aufiero. They investigated and solved a house break that involved a 16-year-old girl who was home at the time. The perpetrator was eventually caught. From left, Reming's wife, Jodi; their son, P.J., 12, and their daughters, Caileigh, a junior at Andover High and Carissa, a freshman at the University of New Hampshire. It was the Exchange Club's 54th annual Public Safety Award ceremony, which is sponsored by Wheelabrator of North Andover.



Andover Firefighters/EMTs Jameson Lockhart, left, and David Eulie are congratulated by Andover Fire Chief, Michael Mansfield, right, after they received the Exchange Club of Lawrence Firefighters of the Year awards for saving a man's life during the Annual Feaster Five road race on Thanksgiving Day.



Andover Firefighter/EMT David Eulie is congratulated by his mother, Nancy Eulie, after receiving the Exchange Club of Lawrence Firefighter of the Year award at the 54th annual Public Safety awards put on by the Exchange Club.

were positively identified by the Harding Street resident as the ones taken during the break-in."

Police then issued an arrest warrant for Peter M. Bardzik, 53, who previously lived in Lynn and Everett. The registered sex offender was charged with kidnapping, home invasion, breaking and entering in the daytime with the intent to commit a felony and two counts of larceny from a building.

Police found him at MCI-Concord, where he was serving a prison sentence for an unrelated crime.

As last reported, Bardzik was being held on \$300,000 bail in the Andover case.

Police Chief Patrick Keefe

said the detectives were worthy of the award.

"I greatly appreciated the hard work and tireless effort by Detectives Reming and Aufiero in solving the case which gave comfort to the victims," he said.

### Additional honors

Also honored last week were:

From the Lawrence Fire Department, Lieutenants Matthew Nadeau and Ryan LaValee, as well as firefighters Edward Burke and Jesus Flores;

Lawrence Police Officer Angel Lopez; Lieutenant/EMT Jeffrey Judge, Firefighters/EMTs James White and Matthew Lacolla



Andover Det. Kevin Aufiero is congratulated by his father, Richard, after receiving the Police Officer of the Year award.

of the North Andover Fire Department;

Officer Michael Gilligan, of the North Andover Police Department and State Trooper Kyle Flanagan.

The Exchange Club also recognized Chief Andrew Melnikas of the North

Andover Fire Department and Chief Paul Gallagher of

the North Andover Police Department for their many years of service, as they prepare to retire in 2016.

Wheelabrator North Andover was the principal event sponsor.

The Exchange Club of Lawrence is a chapter of the national service organization focusing upon community service, Americanism, youth, and the prevention of child abuse.

# Influenza returned with a vengeance in December 1918



## Andover Stories

Gail Ralston

Andover Historical Society

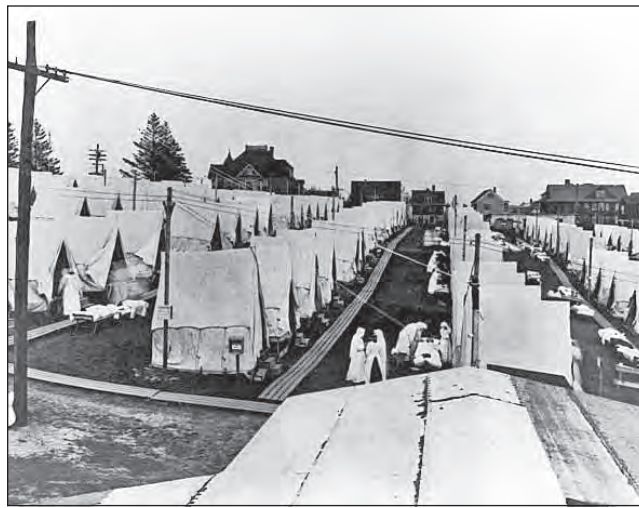
The months of September and October 1918 brought the Spanish Flu epidemic to Andover. But finally, on Oct. 25, due to the declining number of cases, the epidemic ban was removed, and church services were again held, with schools and the library opening shortly thereafter.

As reported in The Townsman, "even though there has not been illness in all families, everybody has been living under such tension that it is hoped now the spirit of good health, sunshine and happiness may take the place of the depressing spirit of sickness."

Vigilance continued, however, to be the primary advice. Helping to "kill" the influenza, outdoor treatment was offered at the military camp established in Lawrence, known as the Emery Hill Base Hospital. Andover's military body, Company H, was called to serve at the hospital, though Andover did not find it necessary to use any of the wards. Though the condition may have seemed chaotic at times, military discipline was applied to caring for the sick. Tents for patients were arranged in "streets" and adjacent homes were pressed into service for supply storage.

A "perfect system" for sterilizing masks being used was described:

"The mask is thrown from the outside of the house through a slit in the wall. It lands in a large kettle of boiling water, then it travels through two more boiling processes until it reaches an electrically heated oven in which it dries in a short



The Emery Hill Base Hospital in Lawrence.

time and is ready for use again."

Back in Andover, "sunshine and happiness" did not return quickly to those families who had lost loved ones. The most notable death from influenza-related pneumonia was Irene Wood Sutcliffe, daughter of textile magnate William Wood. With her husband away on active

duty, Mrs. Sutcliffe had been staying with her parents. It is said that his daughter's death was but one in a series of losses that sent Mr. Wood down a path of unrelenting depression.

The public was also jarred when influenza returned in December. Between 100 and 120 cases and two deaths were reported over two

weeks. Public venues were closed for several days. Public Safety Committee members again went into action, giving help to those in need and issuing a call for "old linens," a needed item that had been used up in the last wave.

Board of Health Chair Dr. Charles Abbott expressed the hope that the coming winter snows would be good germ-killers. And that apparently was what finally put an end to the epidemic of 1918.

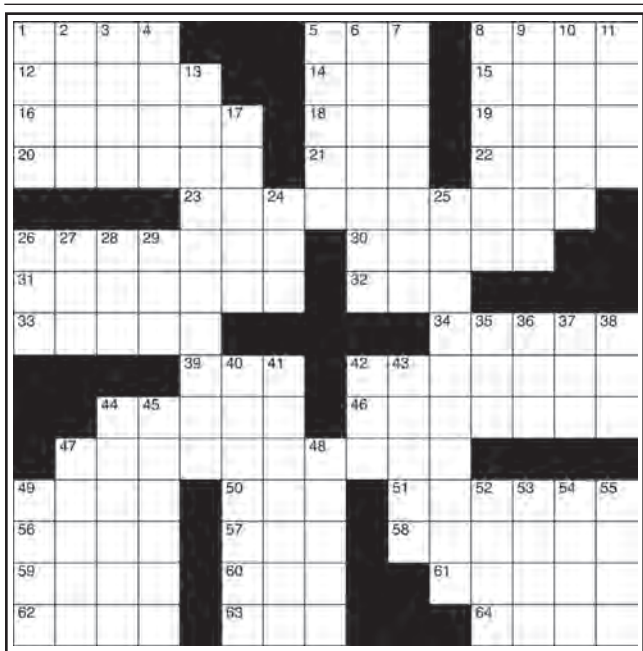
Of course, the threat of influenza never left completely. December of 1943 saw an epidemic of minor diseases, including the flu, with an increase in cases over the previous year. Whooping cough, however, appeared to be the greater threat that year.

In more recent years, Andover has continued to be vigilant and at the forefront of Public Health concerns addressing the yearly arrival of the flu. Joanne Belanger, assistant director

of Public Health, remembers coming to Andover in the 1980s and working with Nurse Mary Hamilton on the flu clinics offered even then. Public awareness of the dangers was ratcheted up during the 2009-10 season with the arrival of the H1N1 pandemic.

Today, the flu clinic program continues to grow, now being broken down into several categories, including family clinics, "over 18" clinics, and "high dose" clinics offered to residents over 65. And though some communities do not routinely provide vaccines for school children, Ms. Belanger is most proud of the support the town provides to "keeping the children healthy." To that end, the department goes into the schools once a year to inoculate students.

Ms. Belanger noted that offering the flu vaccine is one of the top 10 public health milestones in the Public Health Department - "it's what we do." And Andover is certainly healthier for this!



Solution in Classified Section

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Soybean paste
5. Unit of time
8. Watering holes
12. Joint
14. Certified public accountant
15. Mater, one's school
16. Resells tickets
18. Batter's objective
19. Past participle of lie
20. State of Islands
21. Fed
22. Cause cell destruction
23. Daily Show host
26. Diagrammed
30. Cat sounds
31. Most sorry
32. Do wrong
33. Coral reef and lagoon island
34. That (Middle English)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Korean War TV show
2. South American Indian
3. Cape at tip of Denmark
4. A podrida cooking pot
5. Russian sourgrass soup
6. Perfect example
7. Supplier
8. Unhealthy looking
9. Spanish beaches
10. Am. follower of the Mennonite Bishop Amman
11. Well-balanced
13. Outer surface cells
17. Fathers
24. Sun up in New York
25. Dweller above the Mason-Dixon
26. Young women's association
27. Tell on
28. Bustle
29. Poundal

39. Electrically charged atom
42. Nassau is the capital
44. Frogs, toads, tree toads
46. Marjoram
47. Where the Donald lives in NYC
49. Whale ship captain
50. A way to emit sound
51. Comparable
56. Isidor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
57. Businesswoman
58. A way to split up
59. Solo Operatic piece
60. No (Scottish)
61. In a way, tears
62. Bridge breadth
63. Single Lens Reflex
64. Thou \_\_ protest too much
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## Learn local facts, history at Andover 101

By JUDY WAKEFIELD

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Fifteen speakers, 75 minutes, and fun facts galore about the town of Andover are happening at an Andover Historical Society event this Sunday.

"I always get asked about names of things in town ... newcomers always wonder why it's called Dundee Park, where the name Ballardvale came from, things like that," said AHS Director Elaine Clements who didn't want to answer those questions as they will be answered at "Andover 101" on Sunday, Jan. 31.

It's a free, short answer-only type of lively discussion being held at the Society at 97 Main St. from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

"This is not a lecture. It

will be a fun, fast-moving un-stuffy talk with different speakers," Clements said.

About 1,300 Andover newcomers - they moved to town within the last two years - recently received a mailing about the event as Clements said they most likely have lots of questions about Andover

"Andover 101 will give an introduction to the key stories that contributed to the Andover we know today. From how Andover was founded, to Andover's role in national events, to how local place names came to be. Andover 101 will cover 300 years of Andover's stories in a fun and lively presentation," Clements said.

Historic maps, photographs, and cultural artifacts from Andover's past will illustrate the 15 stories



This old post card went out to 1,300 new residents informing them of an informative, upcoming event about the history of Andover.

about Andover.

Register online for this free program at [www.andoverhistorical.org/andover-101](http://www.andoverhistorical.org/andover-101). Or call 978-475-2236 to register by

phone. Email inquiries [info@andoverhistorical.org](mailto:info@andoverhistorical.org). A private Andover 101 program can also be scheduled for a group or club. Call 978-475-2236 for information.

## All Those Years Ago

### Susan McKelliget

#### 100 Years Ago January 28, 1916

A holdup occurred on High Street on Tuesday evening about seven o'clock, when Miss Phoebe A. Berry was pounced upon by a man within a short distance from her home, but her screams frightened him away before he could secure any of her money or other valuables.

A number of local people have attended "The Birth of a Nation" which is being given at Lawrence.

The People's Ice Company has finished harvesting its crop of ice at Pomp's Pond.

Last Friday evening nearly 700 admirers of Scotland's greatest song writer Robert Burns gathered in the town hall and fittingly observed

the 157th anniversary of his birth. The celebration was under the auspices of Clan Johnston, No. 185 O.S.C., and was as successful as these concerts always are.

#### 75 Years Ago January 30, 1941

Monday morning many of the [Free Christian Church] congregation came back to what was their attractive little church. They came through the front door to see a gaping hole in the arched roof at the back of the church, to see the pulpit section nothing but smoldering embers, to see walls blackened by smoke, floors soaked with sooty water. Fire, starting in the basement room, had done in America what bombs have done to churches all over England and the homeland of Bobby Burns. [Scotland]

The campaign for funds for the fighter plane which Andover is to buy with the town of Andover, England, will get under way officially tonight when there will be a meeting of the committee and other interested friends in the town house at 7.

Do you have any friends who would like very much to move to Andover but have found that the rents are well above their means? Rents in general are too high in Andover, and apparently the only reason is that just because the property is in Andover, the landlords feel that the tenants should pay extra. Our tax rate is low, and our rate of assessed valuation is low. Both are lower than any of the surrounding communities and yet it costs more here for rent than it does in those places.

#### 50 Years Ago January 27, 1966

Town Manager Richard Bowen prefaced his budget message to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee, meeting in joint session Tuesday, with the good news that he is recommending continuation of the present \$34 tax rate through this tax year.

The Ballardvale Community Association has provided Memorial Hall Library with a taped recording of a talk by Miss Bessie Punched Goldsmith, Andover octogenarian and a former Townsman reporter. The record of Miss Goldsmith's facts and stories, and the open discussion following her talk, is to be kept also in the files of the community association as an item of historical value.

S. Marcus Sweet, 3 Stinson Road, has announced his candidacy for the office of selectmen.

#### 25 Years Ago January 31, 1991

The Townsman is moving to the Central Business District. The Planning Board Tuesday night approved a site plan for a proposal to construct a 2 1/2 story Colonial style building at 33 Chestnut Street that will be the new home of the Townsman. Construction is scheduled to begin early this spring and the Townsman staff should make the move from its current location, at 89 North Main street sometime in the fall.

A 14-year old Andover girl was slightly injured when she was struck by a car while crossing Shawsheen Road Friday night after a dance at the West Middle School. Jamie Rubin, of 12 Glen Rose Drive, an eighth grader was transported to Lawrence General Hospital after the 9:45 p.m. accident.

We heard a wonderful story about Andover author Mary McGarry Morris the other day. The author of "Released" and recently-released "A Dangerous Woman," she is becoming famous and hitting best-selling lists with her second book.

Susan McKelliget is Board President of the Andover Historical Society.

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# Community

## SIGNATURE OF UNITY



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Local and state officials gather to hold up their Community Compacts after signing them in Methuen City Hall with Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito last Thursday morning. Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, fourth from left, stands next to Selectmen Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue, fifth from left, and Selectman Alex Vispoli, next to O'Donoghue.

### Local officials, lieutenant governor gather to adopt Community Compacts

By GARRIN MARCHETTI  
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In their first year in office, Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito stressed the importance of open collaboration between state and municipal government in order to build a stronger Massachusetts.

One of the initiatives the Baker-Polito administration has used to build up the municipal and state partnership has been Community Compacts, which are agreements that give cities and towns the opportunity to accomplish projects with help from the state government.

On Thursday, officials from several Merrimack Valley communities gathered together to sign their Community Compact agreements alongside Polito during a roughly 45-minute ceremony at Methuen City Hall.

Methuen, North Andover, Andover and Salisbury all signed agreements, which run for two years.

In a Community Compact, municipalities identify self-selected "best practices" they want to implement within their communities. Cities and towns select these practices from a variety of categories, including economic development, financial management and technology, and subcategories within each of those categories.

As part of the partnership, the state agrees to provide assistance to the city or town by providing grants, consulting services or other resources aimed to help each community achieve its chosen practice over the course of the pact.

Addressing the crowd of roughly a dozen state and local officials in the City Hall chambers, Polito confirmed 112 Community Compacts have been signed with the Baker administration, including the four signed Thursday.

"That (Community Compact) number represents hundreds of best practices currently underway in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," Polito said. "Best practices are examples of how we can better serve, how we can be more efficient and how we can be more responsive in today's age."

The idea for the Community Compact initiative resulted from numerous meetings between Polito, the head of Baker's Community Compact Cabinet, and a dozen or so municipal leaders across the state.

One of those leaders was North Andover Town Manager Andrew Maylor, who Polito personally thanked



Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito signs Andover's Community Compact while being watched by O'Donoghue, Flanagan and Vispoli.



Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan made a few remarks in Methuen City Hall before being part of the signing ceremony.



Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito speaks to city and town officials from across Merrimack Valley during a signing ceremony of the Community Compact.

for his "very good insight into the communities of this size and this area of the state" while creating initiative.

In addition to Maylor, Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan and Methuen Mayor Stephen Zanni were at the signing ceremony, along with several members of their community's delegations. There were state leaders present as well, including state Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives and state representatives Diana DiZoglia, Frank Moran and Linda Dean Campbell.

"The governor and lieutenant governor have showed tremendous willingness to partner with

local cities and towns, and it's been a game changer for these communities," Campbell (D-Methuen) said after the ceremony. "This (Community Compact) provides real support to Methuen and the rest of the communities here today in terms of assets and grant."

The best practices identified by the four municipalities represented a specific need for their respective communities. For Methuen, enhancing its ability to communicate with its residents through technology was a desired goal, along with creating a professional development program for city managers and staff.

Technology was also a

point of interest for Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, who would like use online tools to create more transparency for residents inquiring about the town's financial spending and budgeting. Flanagan also wants to develop design guidelines for Andover's Historic Mill District in order to make the area more appealing to commercial developers.

Best practices targeted by North Andover and Salisbury include of a safe-driving plan for senior citizens and a plan to supply and conserve water for summer residents, respectively.

By signing the compacts, leaders of each municipality also agree to pursue

"greater regionalization" in economic development in cooperation with the Merrimack Valley Means Business initiative, which highlights ongoing development projects in the region.

"A lot was said (today) about the importance of working together," Flanagan said later Thursday. "The fact we had four communities in the room was a great reflection for our goals not only as individual communities, but as a whole region."

Since taking office in January 2015, both Baker and Polito have made multiple visits to the Merrimack Valley, spending time in many of the area's cities and towns to learn more about

their needs and goals. The administration's steady presence in the region has been a welcoming sign for local officials.

"In previous (governor) administrations, you would rarely see officials come up to this area," Zanni said. "Lt. Gov. Polito has been to the Merrimack Valley numerous times. For me, that shows commitment from this administration toward working closely with local communities in helping them serve their residents in the best way possible."

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# Healthy foods eatery coming to Andover

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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Prepare to get “revitalized.” While that’s not really a word, it is really an eatery that makes and sells what Revitalite owner Anna Forcan calls “plant-based food” that is “fresh, clean” and free of gluten, dairy products and impurities.

Forcan and her business partner, Kristin Overlock, currently run a kitchen in Methuen that generates some of the food sold at their company’s only retail outlet - located in the Tannery Marketplace in Newburyport.

Now, they are taking the next step by opening another retail outlet - this one at the Andover Village Square on the south end of Main Street. The cafe, which has been in Newburyport for 8 years, is doing very well, she said, adding that Andover seemed like a “good fit” for a second cafe.

“We are so excited to come to Andover,” she said, noting that there are many similarities between the Newburyport and Andover locations. “There’s a vibrant downtown and lots of families. I am happy to be a part of it.”

She said that while the Tannery on Water Street has more than 50 stores and businesses, the style of businesses is similar to those in the Village Square. Both shopping centers have independent book shops and clothing stores, hamburger joints and coffee shops, dessert places and even a farmer’s market.

But at Revitalite, it’s the smoothies, salads, a juice-bar and all things vegetable that bring customers back again and again, Forcan said.

The company will be able to ship to both Newburyport and Andover from its Methuen kitchen operation, where it bottles many of the different kinds of juices sold at the store. Salads and smoothies will be made in Andover.

“We’re in the middle,” she said. “We’ll deliver to both (cafes) our fresh items ... everything is made daily - our

## WHAT’S ON THE MENU AT REVITALITE?

The cafe in Newburyport has many of different kinds of juices, blended and bottled in their Methuen kitchen.

Some, like different types of lemonade or iced tea, go well with the wraps and salads.

Others, however, are for “cleansing.”

Juice cleanses last from 2 to 6 days and are for people who are trying to lose weight or get toxins out of their system.

They also offer nutrition “shots,” such as “Wheatgrass” or “Probiotic” to supplement the juicing diet.

A typical, 3-day cleanse costs about \$168, according to the Revitalite web site, and includes some of the following ingredients each day:

12 oz. each of Green Lemonade, Tropical Green, Bunny Boost, or Minty Melon.

A shot of blue-green algae. Vegan soup - seasonal flavors. Kale salad with whole grains like quinoa.

Raw vegan snack such as kale chips or sprouted grawnola. Raw vegan macaroon (chocolate, vanilla).

The cafe also has more traditional fare, such as wraps, salads, soups, snacks and desserts -- all vegetarian.

As well as a variety of smoothies.

soups, breads, salads, wraps, everything.”

The Andover location will be located in a space that is now vacant, immediately across the courtyard from the Mr. Gelato cafe.

Barry Finegold, co-owner of Andover Village Square, said he and his business partner, John Fenton, are thrilled about the addition of Revitalite.

“We are excited about these people coming in,” he said. “I think it’s going to be an incredible addition to the community. This is the kind of food Tom Brady eats — plant-based stuff. This is the wave of the future. It’s for people into



ABOVE: Revitalite, an organic vegetarian cafe, will be opening up in the Andover Village Square later this year. The shopping center has seen something of a revitalization of its own, with new businesses moving in over the last year or so.

AT LEFT: Revitalite makes a variety of juices as well as salads and kale chips – all healthy alternatives.

a healthy lifestyle.”

A recent story in a Boston publication about New England quarterback Tom Brady’s personal chef highlighted the fact that more and more people are getting into eating vegetarian, or vegan.

Forcan said her company is frequently called by celebrities when they are in the area shooting a film, because they have heard that Revitalite offers the same kind of food

they eat when they are in California.

“We have health-conscious celebrities as clients,” she said, noting they have heard about their company through word-of-mouth. “We would never disclose who they are but they are very particular about the food they eat.”

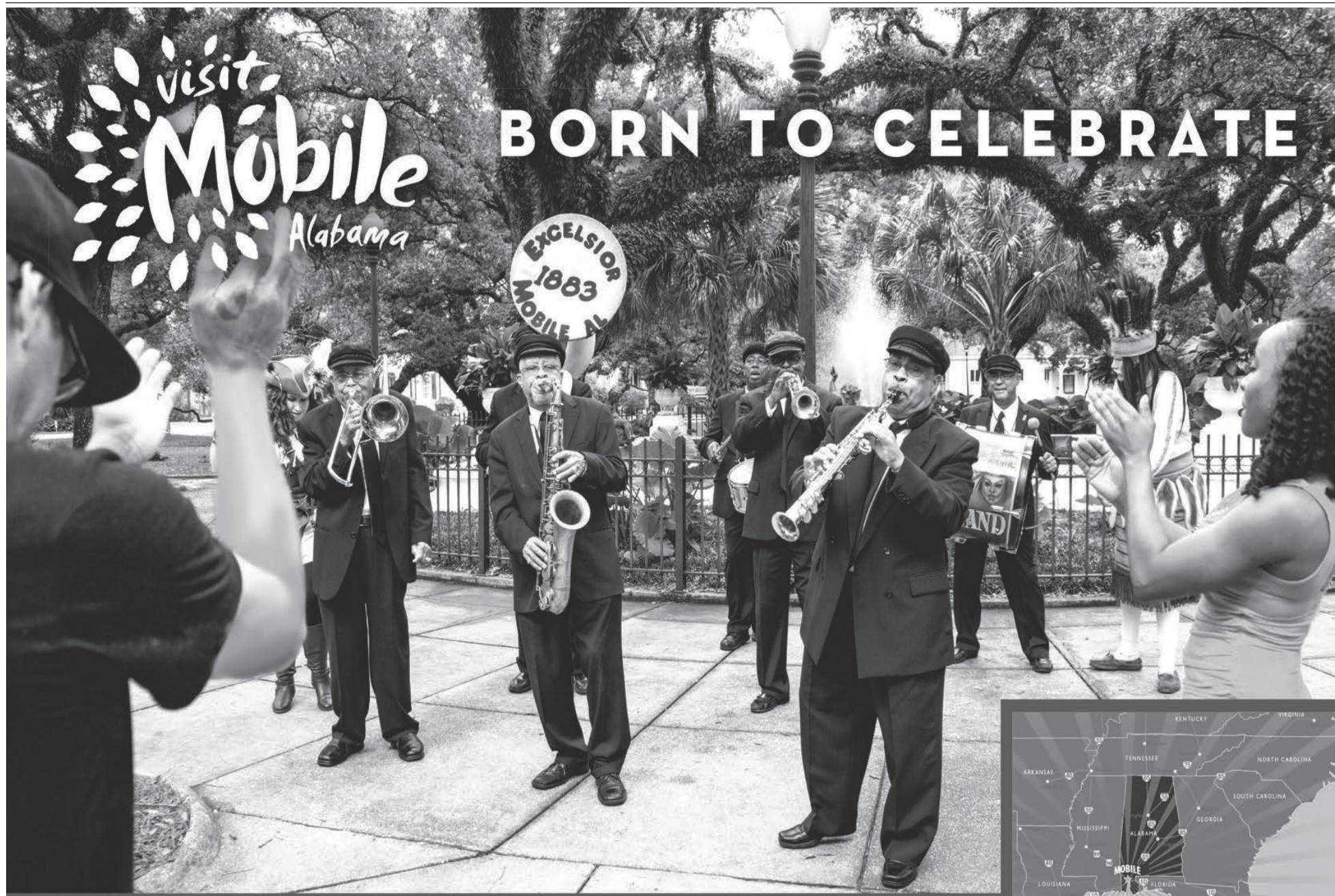
More and more people - not just celebrities and professional athletes - are going this route.

“People in Massachusetts are smart and they care about their health,” she said, adding that she discourages the use of the word “vegan” because it is sometimes associated with an aggressive kind of food proselytizing.

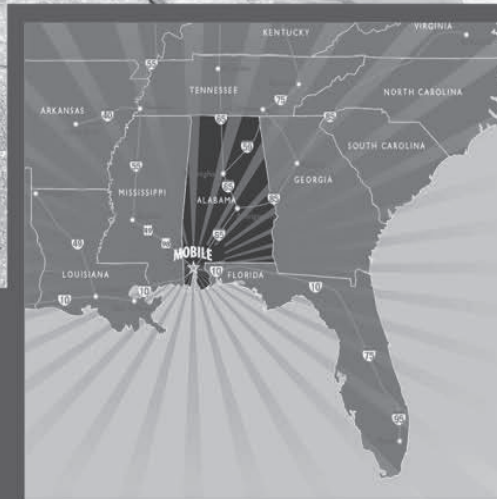
“Very few of our clients are vegan,” she said. “We are all about plant-based, healthy food. Clean food. I’d say 95 to 99 percent of our client base is not vegan. They just want a

healthy meal. Everything is vegetarian, but we don’t get on the soapbox about it.”

While the business partners have signed a lease with Finegold and Fenton, they are still going through the permitting process and expect to open in late May. Plans call for a counter where patrons will order food and about 50 seats for those who want to eat in the cafe.



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# Sports

## LONG AND SHORT



Staff file photo

Steve Schuhwerk continued to show his stellar playmaking ability as red-hot Andover boys hockey won three last week to take over first place in the MVC/DCL Division 2.

### Local Sports Roundup

## Schuhwerk, boys hockey take over first place

### BOYS HOCKEY

Caeden Dillman, Mike Reilly and Brendan Croston each scored a goal and Andover pulled into a tie for first place in the MVC/DCL Division 2 by dealing Chelmsford its second loss of the season, 3-1 last Wednesday. Steve Schuhwerk had two assists and Zach Laramie made 20 saves.

Michael Reilly scored two goals and Zach Laramie continued to dominate with 20 saves as Andover crushed Waltham 4-0 on Saturday. Caeden Dillman and Matthew Belluche each added a goal and Steve Schuhwerk continued to be a playmaker with two assists.

Senior captain Drew Santos made 15 saves for the shutout as Andover blanked North Andover 5-0 last Monday. Steve Schuhwerk scored a goal and had two assists while Tom Devaney, Michael Reilly, Jeff Hunt and Brendan Croston each added single goals for the winners.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Beati heats up

Big man Max Beati scored a career-high 15 points to help Andover roll past Chelmsford 83-60 last Tuesday. E.J. Perry IV scored a team-high 23 points and Devon Beasley had 11 points for the winners.

### WRESTLING

#### Meagher, Marcotte score pins

Pat Meagher scored a pin in just 44 seconds at 152 pounds and Matt Marcotte battled for a pin in 4:42 at 132 pounds to lead Andover to a 43-16 victory over Dracut last Wednesday. Nate Dykstra (126), Matt Stamas (182) and Ryan Surehan (138) also had victories.

### GYMNASTICS

#### McDonald dominates

Kaitlyn McDonald won the bars (9.3), floor exercise (9.2) was second in the vault and took the all-around (36.2) as Andover beat Haverhill 141-129 last Tuesday. Beatrice Ward won the beam, Joe Aronov took the vault and Audrey Tarbox placed second in the all-around.

### SWIMMING

#### Blanch, Shi take two

Max Blanch won the 50 freestyle (23.31), Eric Shi took the 100 butterfly (54.82) and they each swam on the winning 200 medley relay as Andover downed North Andover 106-77 last Tuesday. Zach Beucier won the 200 freestyle, Zach Grover took the 200 IM and Charley Sun won the 100 backstroke for the Warriors.

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Courtesy photos

Soccer player Jeremy Chan has been a pleasant surprise as a key sprinter for the Andover indoor track team this fall. His best event is the 55 meter dash.

## Sprinter Chan, miler Pineault emerge as key contributors for indoor track

By DAVID WILLIS  
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Soccer-loving Jeremy Chan admits that the social aspect of track was a major draw when he decided to go out for the sport just over one year ago.

For Robert Pineault, distance running had been a passion since his youth, and by middle school he was dreaming of starring for the powerhouse Andover High track team.

While the routes may have been different, the outcome has been the same, and the Golden Warriors could not be happier.

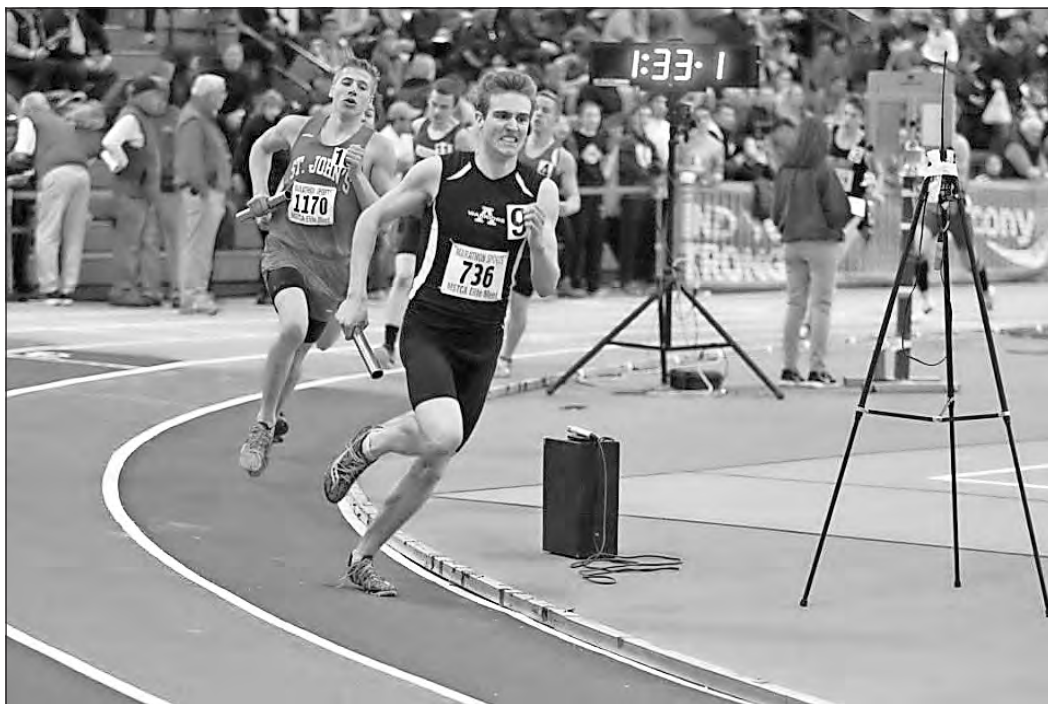
Chan, a junior, has emerged as a top sprinter and senior Pineault a key distance runner for Andover indoor track, which entered the week 5-0 in dual meets and was second at the MSTCA Division 1 Relays while pursuing a repeat of last winter's indoor All-State title.

"It has been amazing," said Chan. "It's been a very good winter and our goal is the same as last year, to win the indoor title and do the same outdoors at All-States."

#### Sprinting standout

Like so many, it was another sport that initially helped lead Chan to track.

"Soccer has always been a passion of mine," said Chan. "I made the varsity soccer team as a sophomore, but I wanted to be faster and in better shape. I didn't have a winter sport, so as a sophomore I decided to go out for winter



Senior Robert Pineault has been a top performer in the mile, 2-mile and 800 for Andover indoor track, which is eyeing another team title.

track. "There was also the social aspect. Since track is a no-cut sport there are hundreds of students on the team. That's something that no other team or academic club can offer. It really separates it."

But while his expectations were initially low, Chan began to show promise on the track last winter. He ran a 7.07 in the 55-meter dash at the MVC Meet and helped the 4x200 run a 1:38.78 at the Freshman/Sophomore meet.

"It really wasn't until late in the season I realized what I might be able to do," he said. "I ran a few good PRs (personal

records) and my teammates were so supportive. The coaches also gave me a lot of chances to see what I could do, and I felt good."

After seeing the benefits of his newfound speed in soccer — he was Andover's No. 2 scorer with four goals — Chan returned to the track this winter with a major goal.

"My main goal was to make the varsity 4x200 relay team," he said. "Andover has such great success in the relays and I really wanted to be a part of it."

Chan made the team, and helped the Warriors take first in the 4x200 at Division

1 Relays. He joined Ray Gorzela, Jeremy Travaglini and Andrew Lucia to run a 1:32.30.

He has also seen individual success. He scored a huge victory in the 55 dash on Jan. 7 with a personal best 6.95 time.

"After I ran that PR and the 4x200 team won at relays I really felt a different pressure," he said. "But I am really enjoying it."

Chan now plans to participate in outdoor track, which he skipped for club soccer last year.

"In track, it's all about staying calm," he said. "You can't

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Associated Press photo

After his brilliant careers at Andover High and Brown, Buddy Farnham spent two seasons in camp and on the practice squad for the New England Patriots.

## Andover Pynchard Hall of Fame Inductee

# Buddy Farnham

By DAVE NICHOLS  
Special to the Andover Townsman

**NOTE:** The Andover-Pynchard Hall of Fame has selected its first class since 2006. Leading up to the April 8 induction, each week the Andover Townsman will take a look at the legends that are being added to the legendary class.

Tickets to the event are \$55 and will be available after February 1 by contacting the athletic office at 978-623-8670.

### BUDDY FARNHAM

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Buddy Farnham joins his

*Playing three sports, Buddy received 11 varsity letters at Andover High, in football, track and field, and lacrosse.*

father Mark and uncles in the Hall of Fame as a member of one of the most dominant athletic families in the history of Andover High School athletics.

Playing three sports, Buddy received 11 varsity letters at Andover High, in football, track and field, and lacrosse.

In football Buddy accumulated a truckload of

individual honors as the team captain, All-Scholastic, Eagle-Tribune All-Star, and team MVP. Just a junior he was the Merrimack Valley Conference Most Valuable Player. Buddy was two-time first team All-State and named to the Super 26 All-Star Team. He held the school record in interceptions, interceptions, touchdowns, receiving yards, all-purpose yards, punt returns, and interception returns. A Shriners All-Star selection Buddy was the game's most valuable player. In the fall of 2005 Farnham was the National Football Hall of Fame's Scholar-Athlete.

In lacrosse Buddy was also team captain and four time

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# It's all downhill from here



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Andover's Kenzie Boynton flies down the hill during Monday's multi-team meet at Ski Bradford.



Staff file photo

No one got a clean shot on Buddy Farnham during his brilliant career at Andover High. A record-setting star in football and lacrosse along with a standout in track, Farnham will be inducted into the Andover-Punchard Hall of Fame on April 8.

## BUDDY: Farnham thrived as a three-sport athlete

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all-league. He was two-time first team all-state and named the MVC's Most Valuable Player. He received a scholarship offer from national power Virginia. Buddy chose to attend Brown University. In football he was a two-time All-American. He received the coveted Bulger Lowe Award which is presented to the best Division 1 player in New

England. The New England sports writers awarded him their Golden Helmet Award as the New England Player of the Year. In 2009 he was also the Ivy League player of the year. Post graduation Buddy played on the New England Patriots practice squad for two seasons and had a brief stint with the Pittsburgh Power and the Orlando Predators.

-Dave Nichols

## ROUNDUP

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### GIRLS HOCKEY

#### Wiley scores three

Callie Wiley notched a hat trick and Andover edged Acton-Boxboro 3-2 last Monday. Shayna D'Urso made 16

saves for the victory.

Krystal Brighton scored a goal but Andover lost to undefeated Methuen/Tewksbury 2-1 on Saturday. Kyra Morissette made 12 saves for the Warriors.

Allison Wright scored a goal, but Andover fell to red-hot

Haverhill 2-1 last Saturday. Jillian Hughes and Krystal Brighton each had an assist on the Warrior goal.

### BOYS SKIING

#### Warriors sweep

Mike Buherer tied for 11th overall in 22.83 as Andover beat Austin Prep 130-5 and Masconomet 78-57 last

Wednesday. **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

#### Heartbreak for Andover

Taylor Landry scored 10 points, but Andover dropped a 49-48 heartbreaker to Methuen on Friday. Jillian Webber continued to surge with 25 points for the Warriors.

## TRACK

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focus on the competition around you. Don't look from side to side. Just look ahead at the track."

#### Passion for distance

For Pineault, nothing is like the feeling of wrapping up a long race. "I feel like the satisfaction after you finish is amazing," said Pineault, who

runs cross country and indoor and outdoor track. "The effort to finish is awesome. I have always loved running."

Pineault joined the Andover track program in middle school, but it was not until high school he felt like he could stand out.

"Freshman year I ran some pretty decent times, especially against Central Catholic," he said. "But it was my sophomore season I started running some good times. It was better than I expected."

His times continued to fall last winter, running a 4:38.89 for fifth in the mile at the MVC Meet, and last spring when he ran a 4:38.11 at the MVCs and was a member of the 4x800.

After an impressive cross country season, he has been at his best this winter. He has taken two victories and a second in the mile, including a personal best 4:39.48, and PRed in the 800 with a 1:59.

Also a Boy Scout that hopes to earn Eagle Scout

status soon, Pineault also hopes for another team title.

"I would love to break 4:30 in the mile," he said. "And I know I want to run in college. But the most important thing is to help the team to another championship."

David Willis is a sports-writer/videographer for The Andover Townsman. Reach him on twitter at @DWillisET

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